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PEALS AND "THE RINGING WORLD"

By RICHARD SPEED

EVERY week four or five pages of "The Ringing World" are devoted to the publication of peal reports, and it is generally agreed, particularly amongst peal ringers, that the reporting of peals is an important function of our newspaper.

We are frequently reminded both at Central Council meetings and in these columns that peal ringers are backward at making donations, are publicity seekers and so on. It is perhaps worth remembering that, as a group, peal ringers are amongst the best supporters of the paper in that many of them actually buy it for themselves as opposed to looking at the tower copy!

At two recent meetings of "The Ringing World" committee the publication of peals has been discussed with a view to releasing more space for the publication of other items and also reducing the considerable editorial effort involved in putting peals into a standard form for publication. A number of suggestions were made, and it was concluded that it would be well worth setting these before th Exercise for discussion in these columns with a view o bringing peal publications more in line with present-day equirements.

In considering how peals should be published, the interest of the reader is more important than the gratification of the performer. A well-known tenor basher always used to arrange the reports of his peals so that the weight of the tenor appeared centrally above the list of performers! This sort of thing seems quite pointless; what is important is that the ordinary reader shall know what was rung, when, and by whom, together with any details of interest. Completeness is important, I suppose, so that the collectors of facts and figures may compile their annual lists, Canon Felstead can keep his records up to date, and future historians will have material to study.

The layout of peals today only differs in minor respects from that used in early issues of "The Bell News" and is a direct copy from early peal boards. No better arrangement has ever been seriously suggested to my knowledge. The only alternative that comes to mind is that used for quarter peals; this has been used for peals in the Middlesex reports for some years and, to my mind, is most difficult to follow in that the salient points do not stand out at all. Any suggestions in this area would be most interesting.

When the content of the reports is considered, there seems little doubt that we want to know when and where the peal was rung and how long it took. The dedication of the church is often necessary especially in the London area where successive editions of Dove's Guide add to the confusion.

When we come to the details of what has been rung, we need to know how many changes were rung on how many bells and, if in one method, what it was. With multi-method peals the situation is not so simple: Let us suppose a peal of Major is rung in one method but using two different sorts of bob, it would be published (the editor cannot adjudicate on technical matters), and there is just a chance that Mr. Ayre will notice and throw it out in his annual report. Should, however, a Doubles band do this, not only would Mr. Ayre unhesitatingly (and correctly!) accept it, but the band would be credited with having rung a method and a variation. Should this Doubles band be good at reversing methods they will find that the reversed bobbed leads will now be dignified with the title of "methods." The same kind of thing happens in more subtle ways in Minor and Major. A great deal of multi-method ringing is a "fiddle," and I fail to see why a lot of space should be used on the details of this sort of thing. It is not easy to suggest any firm rules to combat them

In Doubles it is agreed (I hope!) which are methods and which variations, and one possibility is to list only methods by name and merely say how many variations have been rung.

Another possibility, which may apply more to Minor and Major, is to list the methods by their C.C. numbers.

Probably the simplest solution is to limit the space available for the details of the methods to, say, four lines, the only exceptions being for records or where the band is prepared to pay for the extra space.

It is worth remembering that the number of people interested in the precise details of multi-method peals, especially where these are outside the normal run of methods, is very small.

The next item is the weight of the tenor. Except in odd instances this information is redundant; Dove is generally available. The Victorian myth that a tenor of a particular weight should be rung at a particular pace has been destroyed—today the optimum rate is dictated by the "hairiness" of both the tenor and its ringer. I would suggest the tenor weight only be published in special cases.

I don't think anyone would disagree with names of the ringers being included; without them the full publicity impact would be lost. However, when we come to the footnotes much could be done. In my opinion there are far too many. Things like "First peal in the method on an inside bell" should never appear. Also "First peal of Major" and "First peal on eight bells" should not appear as footnotes in the same peal. Many footnotes stating that a peal was rung for a particular event are just lies; it has always seemed to me that a band should know what they are ringing for before they start!

Let us be honest, most peals are rung because the band wants to ring them; **significant** points of progress by ringers or historic interest should be noted—no more.

Given some discipline in the use of footnotes, the range becomes fairly small and the kind of abbreviation used in the K.C.A. reports becomes possible. A standard range

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Wilfred Williams' Peal Tour of East Anglia, 1968

PEAL tours are strongly to be recommended. That is the conclusion you are likely to reach if you have the sort of company and bells and ringing that have become characteristic of Wilfred's tours. It is proved by the fact that most of the party come regularly every year. One can begin to analyse some of the underlying reasons for this. We all know each other—perhaps in some cases too well! We know each other's idiosyncrasies (WHO was on the seventh?=Slow again!) We can also laugh at each other. And in these ways it is probably easier to achieve good ringing, as well as the maximum of entertainment, when we relax after ringing.

Pat Cannon certainly helped us—every moment of the day—to be entertained! Jim Pipe proved himself to be an entertaining raconteur, and Bill "T-Ball" delighted us with his "ballads of Whitechapel". With all this and ringing too it was fortunate that we were equipped with two tape-recorders — another thing which we thoroughly recommend.

The advance party assembled on Friday, August 23rd, at Witham. (Incidentally, the writer apologises for the lateness of this report, which is due to circumstances beyond his control.) After a night at the White Hart, the opening team rang 6-spliced at Great Waltham. They were subsequently rewarded by Phil and Sue Rothera with a repast which almost surpassed even Peter Border's gargantuan requirements!

THE CHAPLAIN

With comings and goings, some 20 ringers from east, west, north and south took part in the tour. There is no prize for guessing what the letters WWC stand for. They happened to be the index number of Mr. Williams' car. They could, of course, stand for Wilfred's Chaplain (alias "his reverence", alias "his wash-up the bash-up of Leeds"). This gentleman in fact answers to the name of Giles. With his arrival at Chelmsford on the Saturday afternoon the party was almost complete, and we rang a peal of Cambridge Maximus at the Cathedral.

Later that night we arrived at our first main H.Q.—the Crown and Anchor, Ipswich, in the land of the Pipes. This tour was indeed a Pipe-dream come true. George did most of the organising: we were more than satisfied with his arrangements and very grateful—not least for the elaborate indoor barbecue which George and Diana laid on for us at their very pleasant home in Ipswich on the Monday night.

Sunday mornings we always take as an opportunity for service ringing. We started at the 12 at St. Mary-le-Tower, where George Symonds was his usual happy self, and we went on to the eight at St. Margaret's, where we found Charlie Sedgley, amongst others. Some of us fitted in St. Clement's in between —a good, heavy six in Ipswich. Norman Harding joined us in the afternoon for a brisk peal of London at Horringer — perhaps too brisk for a lazy sunny afternoon in the country. Anyway, we were able to make Elveden in time to hear the other band bringing round Bristol. It was most unfortunate that at this early stage of the tour Stan Mason had become "hors de combat"—but only as far as ringing was concerned. He still had us all taped, as befits one of senior rank! With medical and other encouragement we had him ringing again before the end of the tour.

40 YEARS AFTER

Monday saw us at Lavenham. A well-known ringer ("don't you wish you could ring like me?") soon had the famous Miles Graye tenor growling away as he turned it in to Rutland, showing us some of that skill of his. Well, after all, Pat had something to celebrate (let alone talk about) because it was 40 years to the day since he and Jim Pipe first met. Lavenham Churchyard is furnished with armchairs (albeit not by Parker-Knoll) so that some of us could listen to the peal in comfort! But there was even better comfort across the road, in another sense. We adjourned there and gave the hero a round of applause when he eventually came over.

We had acoustical difficulties (amongst others) at Bury St. Edmunds, and after a while there was a shattering bang as a wooden shutter fell on its face in the ringing room! However, we succeeded in ringing the first of three peals of London Royal.

Our consultant bellhanger stumbled into breakfast on Tuesday (while Peter was busily ordering everything that could be ordered!), peered at his programme for the day, and was heard to say: "Eye, Eye, what's Diss?" Eye is a recent Mears job and is definitely a success—including the new tenor. A good peal of Bristol was scored. After a taste of "Adnam's" we learnt of the tragedy of Princess Marina's death. We had planned to ring London, but instead we helped Bert Harrison with the muffles and rang a peal of Stedman Triples half-muffled in memory of Her Royal Highness on this fine eight. Our arrival must have been anticipated. A notice was placed by the church porch, which read: "Please keep off the flower BORDER."

CLERICAL RINGERS

In the evening Pat persuaded Ralph Edwards to take a carload to the practice at Stowmarket, where we were warmly welcomed by the Vicar (the Rev. A. A. Muxlow) and his curate and their wives, who are all ringers, as well as by the tower captain, who is doing a great job with the band here. It may have been the effect of a little Irish waitress, but the Berni Steak Bar in Ipswich was the scene of a display of remarkable frankness by Arthur Patrick Cannon. He actually said: "I know I'm a b—— awful ringer."

The next day we brought our total of peals to ten out of ten, with 8-spliced at Debenham and Pudsey Royal at Beccles. Anyone who has not yet sampled the bells of Norfolk and Suffolk has many treats in store. Amongst them are the lovely old ten at Beccles—bells of character.

It was now time to move to our next H.Q. —the Bell at Norwich. On the Thursday morning we went to Wymondham Abbey, where we met Harry Tooke. This new Mears ten is a vast improvement on the old eight. Owing to the concrete floor under the bells their music is better heard outside than in. Here we rang the second peal of London Royal. There was no difficulty about hearing the excellent eight at Wilby (Suffolk) in the afternoon. Conductors need to be in good voice in this tower!

SUPERSTITIOUS!

It was Friday and it was our thirteenth attempt and we lost. But we are not superstitious, and although Roger Baldwin's 5,184 of London with singles at 3rds and 5ths ("R.W.", page 960) proved elusive at North Elmham, we tried again at Dereham in the evening and scored. Here is another excellent eight. And the Phœnix was handy to meet a few trusty Norfolk ringers afterwards.

Our only other failure came on Saturday morning. As Wilfred would say, the trouble was mental rather than physical. We lost Stedman on the handy little eight at Hethersett. So while the other band, joined by Ann Fellows, completed a good peal of Bristol at Hingham, we attended to dominoes, darts and crib up the road.

Yarmouth is the resort that has Everything —including a very fine 12. The Bank Holiday crowds were entertained (at no extra cost) with a good peal of Cambridge Maximus. We enjoyed seeing Peter Newstead again and meeting the Vicar.

The writer of this saga found himself at church on the Sunday morning at the village of Elsing. The Rev. Kenneth Hoare (the rector) is a ringer. Unfortunately his five bells are out of order, but he told me that he has a unique claim—to be the first-ever rector to have kept Pat Cannon in order (at Betchworth)! The main party rang for service at St. Peter Mancroft. These bells are the pride and joy of "a fine city". Ringers who visit Norwich are strongly recommended to go and see the new west window at Mancroft (see "R.W.", page 651), which is best seen through binoculars from ground level.

We accomplished our third peal of London Royal at King's Lynn, which was Peter Border's 50th peal of London No. 3. Norman Harding asked us to stay and ring for service, and we rang some Stedman. Peter left us after due celebrations at the Duke's Head.

TENNIS AND RINGING

Our final H.Q. was the White Hart at Spalding. This Lincolnshire town has a number of attractions, including a hard tennis court, not to mention a good Sam Smith's house by the river! On the Bank Holiday morning, while others were efficiently ringing a peal at Pinchbeck, Wilfred himself and David Rothera exercised themselves at tennis, under the watchful eyes of Leslie Barry, Ken Hesketh and the writer, who were working out their handicaps on the putting green. The rain conveniently held off until we had finished!

Boston Stump is a very tall tower. Climb it and see! Regretfully, we did not produce our best performance for this the last peal of the tour. Perhaps we had been thinking London so much in the last few days that Cambridge had become a foreign language! We certainly underestimated the job of striking these bells. We had less difficulty in coping with the good fare provided at the White Hart in Boston.

Our tale is told—or most of it. We agreed generally that we had had as good a tour as ever. And we scored 18 out of 20 peals. Thank you, Wilfred, for the usual efficient management. Thank you, George and Norman, for arranging towers for us. And thank you all the kind incumbents, tower captains and others who made us so welcome! Even the Weather Man deserves a vote of thanks for a more or less favourable performance!

Finally, it would not be fair to withhold from readers the incident which took place on the last night in Spalding. Bellringers are incorrigible—they never know how to behave, not even the reverend ones! The writer, being about the last to bed, attempted to locate a light switch in the dark. He succeeded. He depressed what proved to be the evacuation switch, and for a brief moment sounded the fire alarm bell all over the hotel. No one took any notice, of course. Somebody must have warned the residents that there were bellringers in the house.

G. C. G.

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Pre-Reformation Bell Augments Somerset Tower to Six

THE Lord Bishop of Bath and Wells (the Rt. Rev. Edward D. Henderson) dedicated the new treble at SS. Peter and Paul's, Odcombe, on December 12th, in the presence of a large congregation. The Rector (the Rev. A. C. Dean) conducted the service and Mrs. Eglen was organist.

Due to the generosity of an anonymous donor, a pre-Reformation bell of 2¼ cwt. has been acquired to augment the existing ring to six. This has meant many months of correspondence, planning and hard work, and credit for this fine achievement is mainly due to Reg Guppy and his band of willing workers.

At the dedication ceremony the bell rope was handed to the Bishop by the oldest member of the P.C.C., Mr. Groves, who was accompanied by the churchwardens, Messrs. Dunford and Connolly. The bell was dedicated to the memory of one of Odcombe's most famous sons, Thomas Coryate.

The ringers at Odcombe are members of the Ilchester Branch, and officials of the Branch present were Rev. C. J. B. Marshall, chairman; Mr. Gordon Rendell, Ringing Master; Mr. E. T. Paul Field, assistant Ringing Master; Mrs. E. Legget, secretary; Mr. Reg Guppy, tower master. Ringing members from Odcombe and Montacute were also present.

Touches were rung on the bells before and after the service, and refreshments, organised by Mrs. Haine and helpers, served in the schoolroom.

BEHIND THE SCENES

Mr. R. F. Chedzoy, in a tribute to the many, in addition to the Rector and tower captain, who helped in this successful venture, mentioned Mr. Tom Gray, the blacksmith, who made various alterations without charge; the Whitechapel Foundry, for being so helpful; Raymond Bros. who gave the hardwood to make new bosses for the ropes; builders who helped with hoisting equipment; Messrs. Nicol, rope manufacturers; Mr. Harry Sanger, for advice in making the ringing chamber soundproof; the ladies who clean the church; the anonymous donor (our heartfelt gratitude).

Friday is the practice night at Odcombe and visiting bands will be welcomed both by the Rector and Mr. Reg Guppy.

Mr. Reg Guppy, captain of Odcombe tower, welcomes the new bell. Among the admiring onlookers is the Rector, the Rev. A. C. Dean.

THE ODCOMBE TREBLE

This story I've been asked to tell is one of inspiration,
for Odcombe which 'til now had five has had an augmentation.
The mainstay of this worthy task and to whom the credit's due?
Reg Guppy who took the job in hand and showed what he could do.

Reg used to live at Montacute and sadly to our loss,
he moved away to Odcombe and was made their Tower Boss.
With his band of willing helpers who gave up many nights,
they cleaned off grease and swept up dirt while Bill installed some lights.

In the north east corner, opposite the door,
an empty bell pit tantalised and asked for just one more.
Then Reg found that this thing of his which started as a whim
became a great obsession and took control of him

He rang up old Bill Osborne and Harry Sanger too
and said: "I want a treble bell, do you know one that will do?"
From Podimore to Upton he pandered to this thing
and then he heard at Raddington there was a disused ring

So he and Alan Richards, the latter armed with cornet,
shot off down to Raddington as if chased by a hornet.
"A cornet? What's that for?" you say, and others might agree,
but Reg knows what he's doing, so just you wait and see.

They took it up to Odcombe and ran up through the scale,
so now to get the note they want, they simply cannot fail.
The four bells stand neglected, a sad, depressing sight,
the treble's note is much too high, the second seems just right.

So Reg chalks Odcombe on it, to show he's staked his claim,
and now the pair, both full of hope, head homeward once again.
A faculty is next obtained, the wait makes Reg annoyed,
but while he waits he wastes no time, his team is redeployed.

Odcombe's five are noisy and to reduce the din
they paint up wood and girders and put a ceiling in.
The faculty is through at last and all things seem in order,
so off we go to Raddington, this time with tape-recorder

On the tape were Odcombe bells, struck as neat as could be done
with lump hammer on upturned bells, with space 'twixt five and one.
The little bell at Raddington was recorded in this space
and when played back it did appear 'twas made to fit the place

Bill Shaw and Alan Richards, Jack Farthing, Reg and I
loaded bell on piano trucks and with rope did safely tie.
For we had to haul up one-in-four across a muddy hill
and when we reached the top at last, each one had had his fill.

Mr. Hughes is next in line for his advice to lend
and says that he from Whitechapel will wheel and clapper send.
Roland Chedzoy drills the crown and fastens on the stock
and bell is hoisted into place with borrowed pulley block.

Self-aligning bearings now bring the bell alive
and now the bells of Odcombe are no longer only five.
The wheel is fixed, the clapper too, the ground pulley aligned,
the bearings tested carefully to see that they don't bind.

Next the stay and slider, oh dear, oh what a shock,
it won't go by reduction gears, we'll have to move the clock.
It's finished, all in order, except for decoration
and we are told December twelfth is the day of dedication.

Reg and Roland back again, with timber, lamps and rug,
they panel up the damp stone walls and make it nice and snug.
Now the day of dedication for their new treble bell
by none less than our Bishop, Edward Bath et Well.

So hats off to you Reg, here's gratitude sincere,
I'm sure I speak for all of us who come from far and near.
May you always be remembered, not for your other tricks,
but as the chap who went from Montacute and made Odcombe's five a six.

I often wonder to myself how long we'll have to wait
before we hear he's off again to make his six an eight.

GORDON W. RENDELL.

Letters

SWAYING TOWERS

Dear Sir,—In the "R.W." of December 6th (page 950) it was asked whether anyone in authority could give information on tower sway. Quite possibly one of the bellfounders may have replied by now. It occurs to me we have in Guildford Guild library one of the **only three** photostat copies extant of the late E. H. Lewis' monograph on "Towers and Forces" (the Central Council has one too). Only an engineer or architect could understand it and there is no such simple answer as "not more than six!"; but if your correspondent, or an expert in engineering and maths, wishes to borrow it I could lend it. I know my uncle looked on it as a precious possession of the library and the most complete and authoritative research on this subject by the greatest expert then living.—Yours sincerely,

YVONNE L. ELOIE.

109, Grange Road,
Guildford.

Note.—We have been promised an answer to this difficult question by an authority on the subject.—Ed.

ST. PAUL'S, WARRINGTON

Dear Sir,—Can anyone tell me about the bells of St. Paul's Church, Warrington? In Dove's it says there is a ring of six, about 7 cwt. There is no suggestion about the bells being unringable or chimed. A fellow ringer who works in Warrington does not know about the bells and the Lancashire Association report is not helpful. Is there a resident band there? I feel inquisitive.—Yours faithfully,

MICHAEL HAIGHTON.

Nantwich, Cheshire

WHICH OF THE SEVEN SINS?

Dear Sir,—You may be interested in the attached gem in the current issue of the parish magazine of a Dorset country parish, recording a full peal of GRANDSIN TRIPLES. Perhaps the sin was connected with the fact that there is a ring of only six bells in the tower.—Yours sincerely,

GEORGE MASSEY.

Frome, Som.

GABRIEL LINDOFF

Dear Sir,—Mr. E. C. Shepherd's article on Gabriel Lindoff is (like all his writings) of the greatest interest. I wonder if I might venture one or two comments. He does not mention —perhaps because he felt the reason to be one that Mr. Lindoff would not have wished to be discussed—that the latter rang his early peals under the name of Gabriel Baxter. But I seem to recall some time or other seeing the report of a peal rung in the late 1880s with a footnote saying that it was the first Lindoff had rung under the name by which he will always be remembered. Is there anyone now living who knows the story behind this?

As Mr. Shepherd says, it is difficult to find where Lindoff put a figure wrong. It is with no disrespect to his memory, but merely to show that he was human, that I mention the one false composition of his that I can recall. Sadly, it would have been a record length—18,240 Kent Treble Bob, which Lindoff himself called (I think from a Lancashire tenor) about 1922. This, I believe, remains the longest false peal yet rung.

Incidentally, I also think that just as the 15,312 Cambridge Maximus was Mr. Lindoff's first in that method, so was the 14,112 his first peal of London.—Yours faithfully,

E. A. BARNETT.

Crayford, Kent.

PEALS AND "THE RINGING WORLD"

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of footnotes is used and listed at the head of the peal columns each week. For example:

a first peal
b first peal in method
c first peal on number of bells
d first peal as conductor
etc.

Only special footnotes would be printed after each peal. In a similar fashion the conductor could be indicated by putting (C) or (Con) after his name. The symbol (C 2) might be useful!

The composer's name gives a fair indication of what was rung. A peal of Rutland composed by C. W. Roberts is very different from one by G. Baker. Recently a hoax peal was detected simply by the composer's name.

A final point: periodically peals are published with only one ringer per line. I don't think any of these can be justified. Which lodge, college or band a ringer belongs to is of very little concern to most readers and usually has nothing to do with ringing. I would suggest that the names of the ringers in peals of Doubles and Minor go on three lines, Triples and Major on four lines and so on. If any detail can be fitted in at the cost of Christian names well and good.

In conclusion I must emphasise that what has been said is in many cases deliberately provocative to encourage discussion and most certainly does not represent the views of "The Ringing World" committee or even necessarily of myself.

EAST GRINSTEAD & DISTRICT GUILD

The Guild meeting at Horsham on December 14th was attended by 26 members. Ringing preceded tea in the Tudor Cafe and then came the service, conducted by the Curate (the Rev. Mr. Crick), who in his address told of his own experiences as a learner.

The meeting was held in the ringing room. Mr. E. Ladd announced that he had still five or six tickets for the dinner on January 11th, which would start at 6 p.m. for 6.30 p.m. because of the long journey home for some of the members.

Regarding the A.G.M. on March 8th, Cuckfield had been suggested as the meeting place, but catering difficulties were reported. Members resolved that if no arrangements could be made Speldhurst should be the first choice and Tonbridge the second.

It was agreed to increase the insurance premium on the peal book and library to £2 10s., which would provide full cover. Only opposition was from the treasurer, who stated that this year the Guild would be run at a loss.

Members stood in silence in memory of Mr. J. Weller, who had died suddenly the previous Monday. Representatives of the Guild attended the funeral service.

One new member was elected, and the vote of thanks included the name of Mr. T. Fox, who had made all the local arrangements.

OBITUARY

MR. F. T. BINDLEY

The death on December 8th of Mr. Frederick Thomas Bindley, tower master of Thurcaston, at the age of 77, is a great loss to the tower and Leicester Diocesan Guild.

"Fred" came to Thurcaston from Belton, Rutland, and became tower master of All Saints' and remained so for over 20 years. After the war years he began the uphill task of forming a band. His love for bells and bellringing was infectious and for years the belfry has been filled with the young voices of Fred's learners. Always there were many youngsters, for Fred had the time, patience and kindliness to which children responded.

The District meeting on December 8th, which Fred had helped to arrange, went on as planned, as we knew this is what he would have wished. The atmosphere was not gloomy: there was an air of thanksgiving and pleasure at having had the privilege of knowing a good man. The Rector paid tribute to Fred in church and the chairman of the District summed up all our feelings at the meeting when she said: "We all loved him." B. S. P.

MISS E. K. DAY

The death occurred on December 4th of Miss Ella Kate Day, aged 84, of Red Cottage, Backshorne Lane, Eye, Suffolk. A gentle, kind, Victorian-like lady, she was the daughter of Frederick Day, the well-known bell hanger. For 30 years she was senior mistress of Eye Primary School. Ella's brother, Hubert, who died in 1952, was the last of the firm to do any bell work.

MR. RAYMOND HICKS

On December 16th the bells of St. Edward's Church, Stow-on-the-Wold, were rung muffled as a last tribute and mark of respect to the late Mr. Raymond Hicks, a former bellringer and one-time secretary of the Stow-on-the-Wold Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association. One of his achievements was taking part in a peal of Bob Major at Stow on November 26th, 1930.

The Stow-in-the-Wold bellringers' tribute was a quarter peal of 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, conducted by Mr. L. C. Dowdeswell, the secretary of the Stow-on-the-Wold Branch.

The band was: A. Ewins 1, G. R. Harper 2, V. W. Rigg 3, L. Joynes 4, L. C. Dowdeswell (cond.) 5, P. Clifford 6.

JOINT MEETING IN LONDON

A variation in the list of towers which was made available for ringing evidently added interest to the popular annual joint meeting between the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths and the Middlesex County Association. This established "first Saturday in December" gathering was again well supported, and the bells at the four churches—Southwark Cathedral (12), St. George-in-the-Borough (8), St. Margaret's, Westminster (10) and St. Mary's, Lambeth (8)—were kept going to a variety of methods within the allotted times.

As the Association were hosts this year, the Master, Mr. W. S. Deason, extended a warm welcome to all Cumberlands and visitors, and in reply Mr. D. Beresford, Master of the Society, spoke of their appreciation and added congratulations to the Association's secretary on achieving his 1,000th peal and also his 500th for the Association.

A generous tea was provided by some lady "friends of the Exercise" and was much enjoyed. Thanks were also accorded to the various incumbents and tower keepers and to the other helpers for an interesting afternoon and evening. T. J. L.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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TECHNICAL

Extent of Surprise Major: Composition of 40,320 Derwent S.M.

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By RODERICK W. PIPE

INTRODUCTION

THE following article traces the stages in the development of the extent of Derwent Surprise Major. The author believes that this is the first time that a composition for the extent of Surprise Major has been published, and that it is therefore of more than passing interest. The article should be understood by those with an average grasp of composition.

PRELIMINARIES

The first step is to determine the falseness of the method, i.e., to find those leads that are false against the first lead of the plain course (Here it should be stated that we shall, in the main, only consider positive lead heads.) These are: 4623875, 4528376, 4328675.

We now examine the properties of these false leads by applying the rule that a false lead transposed by a false lead gives a "true" lead, that a true lead transposed by a false lead gives a false lead, and so on. In this way we construct a set of true leads (T), and a set of false leads (F), as follows:—

T	F
2345678	4623875
2846573	4528376
2643578	4328675
2845376	4526873
2645873	4826375
2546378	4325876
2348576	4523678
2843675	4628573
2548673	4823576
2346875	4625378
2648375	4825673
2543876	4326578

Thus we see that the one set of 12 leads is false only against the other set of 12, and against none other. This indicates that the extent is feasible.

If we examine the sets, the nature of their construction is clear: fix any three bells in positions 2, 4 and 7; the 12 leads are formed by the permutation of the remaining four bells around these three; the complementary set of 12 is formed by reversing the bells in positions 2 and 4, retaining the same bell in position 7 and permuting the remaining four bells again.

Now, there are 2,520 leads available for selection, so that on the basis of the sets above we can group them into 105 sets of 12 (1,260 leads), alongside the 105 complementary sets. The 1,260 leads are the required number for the extent. Apart from being forced to include the set of 12 which contains rounds, in the remaining 104 cases we can choose either a set or its complement, giving a possible 2^{104} different ways of selecting the 1,260 leads. The problem is therefore one of finding a set of 1,260 that can be joined by bobs and singles.

THE BASIC BLOCK OF 10 LEADS

First we note that it is not possible to produce the extent from complete courses. For since we have 2345678 and 2648375, we would also have, from their plain courses, 5738264 and 3452768, and these are in complementary sets. So we must seek a basic block other than a plain course.

The solution is remarkably simple. Consider the touch produced by calling a single at every lead. Since the lead heads are alternatively positive and negative, we transpose the negative ones by 4628375 to obtain the positive equivalent

Lead Heads	Positive Rows
2345678	2345678
4623857	2847653
2846735	2846735
4728563	2543768
2547386	2547386
4325678	2648375
2643857	2643857
4826735	2745836
2748563	2748563
4527386	2346587

We see that we have succeeded in fixing the bells in positions 2 and 4, but that over the bell in position 7 we have no control. In fact, in this set of 10 we have two leads from each of five sets of 12 leads (These five sets may be defined by the leads: 2345678, 2743658, 2547638, 2345867, 2345786.) However, if we are prepared to broaden our original sets of 12 leads into sets of 60 leads, defined only by the bells in positions 2 and 4 (the other five bells each in turn occupying position 7), then we can construct these sets of 60 from six of the blocks of 10 (defined by the six leads: 2345678, 2546378, 2643578, 2347568, 2547638, 2647358). This will be the basis of the composition.

LINKING THE SETS

It still remains to be shown how these sets of 10 can be linked. Suppose we omit the first single: we get the lead 4263857. Now call nine successive singles to complete a new set of 10 with 4 and 6 in positions 2 and 4: this gives 6345278. A plain lead now brings up 4623857, the very lead obtained by calling the single initially. **Thus we form the rule that by omitting a single, calling nine successive singles, followed by a plain lead, we introduce a new block of 10, and return to the same place again in the original block.** This is analogous to, say, Plain Bob Major, where, by calling two singles at Wrong, we introduce a complete new course, and return to the plain course at the same place as we left.

We now have a means of linking together the required 126 sets of 10, so it is desirable to do it in a systematic rather than a haphazard way. The factors of 126 are 2, 3, 3 and 7: a 3×3 part is probably the most feasible, if only because of the difficulties likely to be experienced in engineering the appropriate part ends for the other factors. A 3×3 part can be achieved by transposing 2, 3 and 4 every part, and 6, 7 and 8 every third part. Each part will thus contain 14 sets of 10 leads; these we shall now choose, denoting each set by one of its member leads.

A 2345678 B 2547638 C 5427386 D 5426837
E 2563847 F 2563478 G 2567483 H 2567834
I 2568437 J 2567348 K 6253847 L 6258437
M 6584327 N 6587423

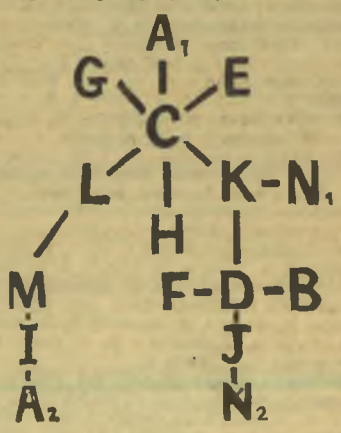
Each of these sets can be linked to at least one other set, and usually more, so that joining them up is comparatively easy. The remaining difficulty is to transpose 2, 3 and 4 (and 6, 7, 8) to give the appropriate part-ends. This is solved by splitting A into two parts, A_1 and A_2:

A_1		A_2	
2345678		4325678	
4623857	S	2643857	S
2846735	S	4826735	S
4728563	S	2748563	S
2547386	S	4527386	S
4235678	P	2435678	P

Bearing in mind the interchangeability of 2, 3 and 4, we thus have two sets of five leads, each of which is a round block. In the same way we can partition one of the blocks where 6, 7 and 8 are similarly involved, say N, into N_1 and N_2. In each case the plain lead can be left as it is or can be bobbed, to give the required part-end.

THE COMPOSITION

The manner in which the blocks are now linked is shown in the diagram below. Each link is 2-way, i.e., A_1 leads into C, from which many other sets lead off and eventually return to C and thence back to A_1.



The actual calls are as follows (the numbers denote consecutive singles, commas are plain leads and B the bob):

3 . 1 , 9 . .	5286734
8 . 8 , 8 . 2 .	4325786
1 . . , . . 9 , 2 , 3 . . , 9 . 1 .	4578236
6 . 1 . * 2 . 2 . 1 .	4572386
9 . 4 . 2 .	7586234
3 . . 2 . . 9 . 1 . B	4235678

* Bob here every third part.

DISCUSSION

Although in developing the composition the intention has been to make it as simple as possible, it is still a fearsome task for a conductor, equivalent to, say, calling Holt's Original several times over. Further investigation into the possibilities of a seven-part, or of some basic block other than this one of 10 singles, may hold some promise of making things easier.

Another alternative would be to find other methods (and therefore different basic blocks), but this is less likely to be rewarding owing to the restriction that the false leads of the method **must** generate true and false sets of equal size. Cray is one such method, but does not appear to offer any real alternative in this respect.

I have used Derwent as the example here because it was the method for which I first developed the extent, my attention being drawn to its possibilities by Mr. Peter Border. Since then I have found a number of other methods which go to the above composition, their characteristic being that bells 2 and 4 do the same work as in Derwent. This was partly inspired by the fact that Derwent is too static and regular, and therefore more likely to cause mistakes in a long length. Already a band is planning to use one of these methods in an attempt on the extent some time in 1969.

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CHERITON, KENT.—On Aug. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sylvia Knight 1, Anne Barber 2, B. C. Johnson 3, R. A. Birch (cond.) 4, H. Deacon 5, L. Garroway 6, C. E. J. Wylde 7, P. Richardson 8.

MERSHAM, KENT.—On Aug. 31st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Anne Barber 1, Sylvia Knight 2, K. Butler 3, R. A. Birch 4, A. P. S. Berry 5, H. Deacon 6, P. Richardson 7, B. Johnson (cond.) 8.

WYE, KENT.—On Aug. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Sylvia Knight 1, C. P. Sinden 2, R. A. Birch 3, B. Johnson 4, H. Deacon 5, K. Butler (first Triples as cond.) 6, C. J. E. Wylde 7, A. P. S. Berry 8.

ASHFORD, KENT.—On Aug. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Margaret Jones 1, Brenda Davies 2, L. Garroway 3, R. A. Birch 4, K. Butler 5, C. J. E. Wylde (cond.) 6, H. Deacon 7, J. Wood 8.

FOLKESTONE, KENT.—On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sylvia Knight 1, G. L. Webb 2, R. A. Birch 3, L. Mannering 4, B. Johnson 5, O. Deacon 6, A. P. S. Berry (cond.) 7, P. C. Sinden 8.

HYTHE, KENT.—On Sept. 1st, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Anne Barber 1, K. Butler 2, R. A. Birch 3, P. C. Sinden 4, A. P. S. Berry 5, N. J. Davies (cond.) 6, B. Johnson 7, D. C. Manger 8.

LYDD, KENT.—On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Lydia Terry 1, R. A. Birch 2, D. C. Manger 3, P. C. Sinden 4, H. Deacon 5, N. J. Davies (cond.) 6, B. Johnson 7, S. Phelips 8.

NEW ROMNEY, KENT.—On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Anne Barber 1, A. P. S. Berry 2, R. A. Birch 3, K. Butler 4, B. Johnson 5, H. Deacon 6, D. C. Manger (cond.) 7, P. C. Sinden 8.

APPLEDORE, KENT.—On Sept. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: K. Butler 1, P. Staples 2, R. A. Birch 3, C. J. E. Wylde 4, H. Deacon 5, P. C. Sinden 6, B. Johnson (cond.) 7, E. Wylde 8.

ROLVENDEN, KENT.—On Sept. 2nd, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: B. Johnson 1, P. C. Sinden 2, C. J. E. Wylde 3, R. A. Birch 4, H. Deacon 5, D. C. Manger 6, K. Butler (cond.) 7, P. Staples 8.

BENENDEN, KENT.—On Sept. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. A. Birch 1, K. Butler 2, P. Staples 3, H. Deacon 4, B. Johnson 5, D. C. Manger (cond.) 6, C. J. E. Wylde 7, P. C. Sinden 8.

ABERDARE, GLAM.—On Oct. 20th, 1,320 St. Simon's Doubles: J. Clatworthy (cond.) 3, D. L. Kerley 4, D. C. Dabb 5, G. E. Kerley 6, D. G. Kerley 7, L. R. Scott 8. First in method by all. Also on Nov. 3rd, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: J. Clatworthy (cond.) 1, D. L. Kerley 3, E. J. Evans 4, D. C. Dabb 5, D. Evans 6, G. E. Kerley 7, L. R. Scott 8.

ABINGDON, BERKS.—At St. Nicholas' Church, on Dec. 2nd, 1,280 Bob Doubles: A. K. P. Poole (cond.) 1, C. A. Alford 2, T. R. Garrett 3, J. R. Rowson 4, D. C. Henderson 5, M. P. Stevens 6. For Confirmation service held in Abingdon School Chapel the previous day.—At St. Helen's Church (back six), on Dec. 10th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Corinne M. Dickson 1, L. P. Halling 2, D. C. Henderson 3, J. R. Poole 4, J. R. Rowson 5, A. K. P. Poole (cond.) 6. For Abingdon School carol service. Both rung by the Abingdon School Society.

ALDGATE, LONDON.—At St. Botolph's Church, on Nov. 24th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Val Hayward 1, Wendy Wallace 2, R. Rayfield 3, E. Godfrey 4, A. H. Long 5, K. Burgess 6, K. Game 7, R. A. Grant (first Major as cond.) 8.

BARROW GURNEY, SOM.—On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Cambridge S. Major: W. S. Rice 1, J. S. Walton 2, Anne Kingcott (first Major) 3, Brenda Boyce 4, P. J. England (cond.) 5, I. Sheppard 6, R. W. Rice 7, E. T. Skipsey 8.

BASILDON, ESSEX.—At Barstable School, on Nov. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles "in hand": G. Gray (aged 13) 1–2, G. Lucas (cond.) 3–4, G. Mason (12, first quarter attempt) 5–6. By the Barstable School Society.

BASLOW, DERBYS.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Foster 1, M. E. Hearnshaw 2, G. W. Hawksworth 3, L. Udall 4, T. Wylie (cond.) 5, P. Attwood 6. For Harvest Evensong.

BENDIGO, AUSTRALIA.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Monica Martin 1, W. Wilson 2, T. Wilson 3, W. Robertson 4, J. Martin (cond.) 5, C. Rayner 6. For the visit of the Archbishop of Melbourne (Dr. Frank Woods) for the 100th anniversary of the dedication of the church.

BISHOP'S SUTTON, HANTS.—On Dec. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. J. M. Bavin 1, R. R. Crook 2, R. J. Latham 3, A. M. Donaldson 4, A. J. Mason (cond.) 5. Rung by the Winchester College Society for the wedding of Carolyn Hamblin and Simon Temple Meller.

QUARTER PEALS

BISHOPSTOKE, HANTS.—On Dec. 8th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): A. Guille (14) 1, R. Le Marechal (15) 2, J. Hallett (15) 3, T. J. Frodsham 4, J. Colliss (cond., 17) 5, M. Anstee (14) 6.

BRAUNSTON, RUTLAND.—On Dec. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. Atton 1, Cynthia E. Barnett 2, J. A. Ellis 3, R. J. Chantler 4, J. G. Beadman 5, C. J. Groome (cond.) 6.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At the Church of St. Nicolas of Myra, on Nov. 12th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Caroline Mackie 1, N. Chatworthy (first away from cover) 2, T. Williams 3, Susan Hopkin (first "inside") 4, B. Read 5, D. Nibbs (cond.) 6. Also on Dec. 8th, 1,288 Yorkshire S. Royal: P. Morris 1, A. P. Foster (cond.) 2, Susan Davis 3, Peggy Taylor 4, Caroline Mackie 5, R. Stilwell 6, D. Nibbs 7, T. Williams 8, M. Loveday 9, R. Newton 10. First of Yorkshire Royal for all. For patronal festival. Also on Dec. 11th, 1,264 Pl. Bob Major: Janet M. King (first Major) 1, Caroline Mackie 2, Susan Hopkin (first Major) 3, B. J. Read (first Major as cond.) 4, M. S. Loveday 5, P. Morris 6, T. G. Williams 7, D. L. Nibbs 8. By Sussex University Guild.

CADOXTON, GLAM.—On Dec. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. K. Critchlow (first quarter) 1, Miss S. Evans 2, Miss S. Jackson (cond.) 3, W. P. Nash 4, D. J. Leech 5, L. Hanney 6. Believed to be the first quarter peal for the University College of Swansea Society of Bell Ringers.

CASTLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Dodd 1, Mrs. M. Moore 2, H. Moore 3, J. Green 4, M. Brown (first quarter) 5, F. Roper (cond.) 6.

CATHERINGTON, HANTS.—On Dec. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. W. T. Slack 1, T. M. Evans 2, R. R. Crook (first "inside") 3, S. M. Jack 4, A. J. Mason (cond.) 5, A. M. Donaldson 6. Rung by the Winchester College Society as a farewell to Michael Evans on his last day at Winchester College.

DUNCHURCH, WARKS.—On Dec. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): J. H. Burr 1, D. E. Wearing 2, Joan Regan 3, P. H. Barnwell 4, M. R. Bennett (cond.) 5, J. H. Holden 6. First quarter 1, 2. For Advent Sunday, and to mark 50 years' service by P. H. Barnwell as ringer and chorister at Dunchurch.

EVERCREECH, SOM.—On Dec. 6th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: G. Salmon (cond.) 1, R. Beck 2, H. J. Sanger 3, E. Naylor 4, D. Mackay 5, S. Lucas 6, J. Dunford 7, V. Savage 8, E. Chivers 9, I. Whitehead 10.

HARTLEBURY, WORCS.—On Dec. 8th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Angela M. Key 1, Mrs. E. M. Key 2, Lucy A. Key 3, Pamela Key 4, B. G. Key (cond.) 5, L. Smith 6, A. W. Glazzard 7, P. J. Key 8. For Evensong by the local band.

HEENE, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. P. Wood 1, Brenda Cox 2, C. Chappell 3, H. C. Weaver 4, G. R. Hills 5, H. D. Butler 6, C. J. Champion (cond.) 7, R. M. Cox 8. A compliment to Norman J. Smith, inducted to Chidham the following day, and "Bon voyage" to G. R. Hills on his first ship. Also on Dec. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ann Pearson (first quarter attempt) 1, R. P. Wood 2, H. C. Weaver 3, C. J. Champion 4, C. Chappell 5, H. D. Butler 6, R. M. Cox (cond.) 7, J. Weaver 8.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.—At St. Matthew's Church, on Dec. 8th, 1,260 Minor (Cambridge S., Pl. Bob): R. C. Kersey 1, Sheila Hancock 2, Margaret Newby 3, B. Aldous 4, C. Taylor 5, C. Aldous (cond.) 6. Rung as a compliment to the conductor to mark his 50 years of ringing in this church.

LAMERTON, CORNWALL.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. J. Boucher 1, D. Garvie 2, T. Hillman (first "inside") 3, W. C. Boucher (cond.) 4, A. J. Sandy 5, L. Cundy 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to ringer of 5.

LITTLE BADDOW, ESSEX.—On Aug. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. Read (first quarter) 1, Wendy E. Rathbone 2, Edna M. Cooper 3, P. K. English 4, C. K. Cooper (cond.) 5. A birthday compliment to S. N. Thompson and the conductor.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On Dec. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Taylor 1, Elizabeth A. Todd 2, R. J. Elliott 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, B. Butcher 6. At Evensong, an engagement compliment to Richard Hough and Jane Cook.

OTLEY, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 20th, 1,440 Minor (St. Clement's, Double Oxford): H. J. Wightman 1, Dorothy Durrant 2, Barbara Clift 3, J. M. Lawrence 4, L. P. Brain 5, H. W. Eggiestone (cond.) 6. Rung in honour of the 40th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Wightman.

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Ebbe, on Dec. 8th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. T. G. Collett 1, A. R. Pink 2, D. K. Adkins 3, P. Pearce 4, C. Coles 5, R. A. Post 6, P. H. Mackie 7, P. J. Heritage (cond.) 8.

PANGBOURNE, BERKS.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: A. J. Burt 1, Mrs. A. D. Smith (first as cond.) 2, F. D. Wesley 3, F. Brooks 4, A. D. Smith 5, Mrs. B. Robinson 6. Rung after the wedding of Miss G. E. Davies and Mr. M. F. Waller.

ROTHWELL, W. YORKS.—At 5, Copley Lane, Robin Hood, on Dec. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Stella M. Brown (first quarter) 1–2, R. Brown (cond.) 3–4, E. G. Cox (first quarter "in hand") 5–6.

SAPCOTE, LEICS.—On Dec. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. M. Brown 1, Alison Butterfield (first "inside") 2, R. Hope (first quarter) 3, R. W. Smith 4, L. Watkins 5, M. E. Brown (cond.) 6. Rung after Matins.

STAFFORD.—On Dec. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. J. Warrilow 1, K. Daniels (first "inside") 2, Ruth A. E. Fairbrother 3, Jennifer M. Beech 4, F. Beech 5, R. A. Partridge 6, E. R. Fairbrother (first in method as cond.) 7, N. R. Holland 8. For Evensong.

STOULTON, WORCS.—At the Campanile, on Dec. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. A. Jopp 1, P. Jopp 2, Mrs. A. A. Jopp 3, G. Morris 4, G. Bagley 5, A. Jopp (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to ringer of 1.

STOWE, BUCKS.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: R. W. Yates (cond.) 1, W. Lanyon 2, P. Lankester 3, W. A. Yates (cond.) 4, J. Thorogood 5. First of Stedman by local band.

THURCASTON, LEICS.—On Dec. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. I. Kendrick 1, J. Preston 2, F. W. Faulkner 3, M. R. A. Kirk 4, J. M. Morley 5, C. J. Mobbs 6, B. S. Payne (cond.) 7, J. Hunting 8. Rung with the bells open as a thanksgiving for the life and work of Frederick Thomas Bindley, Master of this tower, who died on December 8th.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On Dec. 8th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: Susan F. Thomas (first Stedman) 1, R. J. Chapman 2, Glynis E. Perry 3, R. E. J. Dennis 4, D. Hawkins 5, G. H. Walker (first Stedman Caters) 6, J. E. Murfitt 7, H. H. N. Duncan 8, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 9, M. C. Austin 10. For Matins.

WELLS, SOM.—On Dec. 1st, at the Cathedral, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: R. Salisbury 1, M. Whiteley 2, Rev. J. Tomsett 3, Miss S. Hallett 4, A. Whiteley 5, M. Bartlett 6, C. Jenkins 7, G. Salmon (cond.) 8, C. Wainwright 9. First Major 1, 2, 5. For Evensong on Advent Sunday and the Feast of St. Andrew. Rung after meeting short for Caters.

WESTHAM, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 4th, 1,300 Doubles (four methods): G. Welch (first away from cover) 1, Jane Mason 2, Christine Baldock 3, A. Baldock (cond.) 4, Susan Harrison ("circled the tower") 5, R. Funnell 6. First in four methods 2, 5. Rung prior to a recital of music.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. W. Yates 1, W. Lanyon 2, P. Lankester 3, R. A. Vickers 4, J. Thorogood 5, W. A. Yates 6, G. E. Green (cond.) 7, F. Pateman 8. First Triples 2 and 3.

WILTON, WILTS.—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Audley G. Trimby 1, R. Casley 2, A. Newman 3, Helen A. Haines 4, R. Haines (cond.) 5, J. Kiddle 6. An 80th birthday compliment to Mr. John Kiddle, the ringer of 6.

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON.—On Nov. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Barr 1, Linda Cull 2, D. A. Wills 3, H. L. Crisp 4, G. T. West 5, F. D. Mack (cond.) 6, A. F. Knight 7. Also on Dec. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: C. Barr 1, G. T. West 2, F. D. Mack (cond.) 3, H. L. Crisp 4, F. W. Williams 5, W. J. Harvey 6, D. A. Wills 7, A. E. Knight 8. Both for Evensong.

WOODBOROUGH, NOTTS.—On Dec. 14th, 1,240 Pl. Bob Minimus: J. D. Scott (first quarter) 1, Joan Carter (first Minimus) 2, Pat M. Hayward (first quarter) 3, P. L. R. Hayward (first as cond.) 4. Also the same day, 1,344 Minimus (two methods): P. R. Wilde (first Minimus) 1, P. L. R. Hayward 2, Joan Carter 3, W. G. Marsh (cond.) 4.

WOODCHURCH, KENT.—On Dec. 9th, 1,260 Doubles (seven meth./var.): P. Thomas 1, Sylvia Knight 2, H. Deacon 3, J. Hemsley 4, B. Johnson (cond.) 5, H. Wilkinson (first quarter) 6.

WORCESTER.—On Nov. 29th, at the Cathedral, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: R. W. Repton (first on ten) 1, Miss R. Tailby 2, D. R. Morris 3, S. T. Holt 4, D. R. Sayers 5, P. Cattermole 6, D. Beacham (cond.) 7, J. J. Stanier 8, D. G. Franklin 9, F. C. Pugh 10. Annual quarter peal: in memoriam Archdeacon Goodman.

St. Katharine's Church, Merstham

Inadvertently, when the story of St. Katharine's Church, Merstham, appeared in the issue of June 7th, another picture was published on the cover. We are now endeavouring to make amends for the error, a beautiful picture having been procured for us by Mrs. Oatway, with permission of the East Surrey Newspapers Ltd.

This 13th century church is on the Pilgrims' Way, and it is not surprising that its oldest bell dates from 1380, being cast by William Barford, of London. This is now the fifth. Another old bell is the present sixth, cast by Robert Mot in 1597. With the addition of two Eldridge bells in 1640 and in 1774 a fine-toned bell from Pack and Chapman, Merstham had a ring of five.

The old five did duty until 1901, when Messrs. Mears and Stainbank overhauled the ring and added a new treble. The augmentation to eight was in 1964, two parishioners giving the extra bells. Then it was decided to rehang the bells lower in the shingled spire and ring from the ground floor.

It is to be hoped that such an historic treasure of church architecture with sweet-sounding bells will long continue to attract visitors seeking relaxation away from urban surroundings.

CORRECTIONS & AMENDMENTS

Duplicate peal reports.—Ashton-under-Lyne (August 13th), pages 872 and 892; Brinklow (October 2nd), pages 872 and 971.

Corrections to Andover peal (page 994) footnote. The two trebles were given to Highclere in 1928 by Canon Dunlop, a former rector of that parish.

The last course of the composition of Bob Royal on page 920 should read twice Wrong and Home and not Single Wrong and Home as published.

Mr. G Dodd points out that omissions from his letter on Wonston necessitate a correction. It was not Southampton University Guild that lost a peal through lack of oil but a band from the Southampton area.

LATE NEWS

NEW RECORD HANDBELL PEAL

The handbell long length peal of 15,160 Oxford Treble Bob Royal at Marple on December 21st was successful. The umpire, Mr. Giles B. Thompson, gives the time as 7 hours 43 minutes, and concludes: "Another record firmly established." His report in full will appear later.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The two new trebles at St. Alphege's, Solihull, cast by John Taylor and Co., will be dedicated on February 1st. This will mean another ring of 12 for the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham.

The first peal in a new method called Yass Surprise Major was rung at Overseale on December 3rd. In the band was the Rev. M. C. C. Melville, who took part in a peal of Minor at Yass, New South Wales, during Great Adventure II in 1965.

The first peal of Royal rung on the new ring of ten at Edington Priory, Wilts, gave pleasure to all the band, but especially to the ringers of 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9, who each took part in one of the only two peals rung on the old six. Geoff Dodd, who organised all three peals, rang in both peals of Minor. Taylors are to be congratulated on making an excellent job of the augmentation, the "go" being perfect.

A well-struck peal of Lincolnshire Surprise Major was rung on the back eight at All Saints', Maidstone, on December 7th, after the band had met short for Royal. Paul Smith is to be complimented on the splendid job he made in turning in the 32 cwt. tenor. All agreed afterwards to forgive the sleeping partner for not arriving in time, although he failed to forgive the organiser for not answering his frantic bangs on the belfry door whilst the band were adjusting their ropes prior to the peal.

Practices at St. Mary's Cathedral, Great Western Road, Glasgow, are now held on Tuesdays.

The Rev. Ernest G. Orland, Master of the Peterborough Guild, has rung 100 peals for the Guild.

On November 27th the first peals were rung in two Cornish towers—Laneast and Lesnewth. Alan Carveth conducted both attempts.

Two Evercreech lads—Stephen Lucas and John Dunford—rang particularly well in their first peal, one of Stedman Caters, at Evercreech on December 14th.

Mr. Robert B. Smith has completed 100 peals each of Minor, Major, Royal and Maximus. The last to be completed was Minor at Chelford, Cheshire, on November 30th.

The band who rang the first peal on the bells of St. Mary's, Wavendon, send their best wishes to Canon C. E. Wigg, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, who rang in the peal. It was through his efforts that this derelict ring of five was recast into six and rehung.

Miss Shelagh R. Collins spent Christmas with her mother in King's Lynn General Hospital. Her many friends will be sorry to learn that she is undergoing an operation and is likely to be away from ringing for a month. We wish them both a speedy recovery.

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ROMANCE COMES TO HORNCHURCH

Romance has come to Hornchurch, an hitherto unromantic tower, with the marriage on November 23rd of two members, Mr. Peter Cecil, son of Mr. George Cecil, a past master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and Miss Angela Walker.

The bride, who comes from the Chelmsford District, learned to ring at Galleywood, being taught by Messrs. Barrett and Bartholomew.

The Vicar, the Rev. Richard Watson, officiated and the reception was held at West Lodge, Upminster.

Our correspondent (just a male) writes: "We will not bore our readers with the usual details in wedding reports, but suffice it to say Angela looked radiant and happy, and it is our wish that the radiance and happiness shown on their wedding day will go with them throughout the years ahead."

A LADY "COMPLETES THE CIRCLE"

It is unusual to record that a lady ringer has "completed the circle". Miss Doris Colgate, by ringing the 16 cwt. tenor at Sevenoaks to a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major on December 7th, achieved a long-standing ambition.

She had rung peals on the front seven of the old ring, but due to the restriction on peal ringing before the restoration of the bells she was unable to "polish off" the tenor. The new bells were completed in June, 1966, and so in two-and-a-half years she has rung peals on all eight bells.

Miss Colgate is secretary of the Ladies' Guild and has rung at the back end in various peals and attempts for the Guild. The conductor reports that in the Sevenoaks peal she rang the tenor in fine style.

SUDBURY'S £70,000 SCHEME

Sudbury Parochial Church Council has approved of a full restoration scheme to the tower of St. Peter's Church and the rehanging of the bells. It is expected to cost £70,000, including restoration of other parts of St. Peter's, the restoration of St. Gregory's Church and making provision for rising cost. The work on St. Peter's is to be given priority.

The Rector (Rev. P. Hollis) commented that he was particularly pleased that the programme made provision for the replacement of St. Peter's bells, as it was a great shame that at the moment Sudbury did not have a ring of bells that could be rung in safety.

COLLEGE YOUTHS' DINNER—A CORRECTION

It has been pointed out to us that our report of the speech of Mr. E. A. Barnett at the College Youths' dinner—our issue of November 15th, 1968, page 884—is inaccurate.

Mr. Barnett referred first to his association with the Master in pre-war days, when most of their Saturday afternoons were taken up with peal attempts. He went on to refer to his long acquaintance with the secretary of the Society, Mr. J. G. A. Prior. Mr. Prior was a keen ringer at an early age and in 1931 rang the tenor at Quex Park to his first 12-bell peal and later that year rang the 50 cwt. tenor at Southwark to a peal, although only 18 years of age, being at that time the youngest to ring that bell to a peal.

ASHFORD DISTRICT'S QUARTER PEAL WEEK-END

The long autumn week-end was taken as an opportunity by the Ashford District of the Kent County Association to attempt quarter peals in all 14 8-bell towers in the District.

Under the inspiration of Brian Johnson, permission was obtained to ring at all the towers, and 21 ringers were pressed into service—some for one attempt and some to stand in them all.

The Saturday started shakily with a false start at Cheriton, but the second attempt fared better. Mersham provided a mediocre 1,264 Bob Major, but at Wye and Ashford the ringing was much improved. The evening's attempt at Tenterden (Kent's heaviest eight) provided some really first-class Stedman, only to be baulked by a miscall in the last course—a great disappointment to everyone, including those listening.

Sunday's start at Folkestone was uneventful, but the afternoon attempt for Kent at Hythe was enlivened by the tenor rope first becoming untucked and then dislodging the ringer's spectacles. This did not help with the standard of ringing but the attempt was successful.

The remaining two on Sunday and Monday's first three attempts were quite uneventful, but when failure came again at Frittenden it was realised that people were now rather tired. Biddenden, the last tower, was never really in with a chance.

A tally of 11 out of 14 was quite a high percentage and everyone agreed it was a most worthwhile venture. Sincere thanks to Brian Johnson, the organiser, and to all incumbents who so willingly gave permission for us to ring.

RINGING, THEATRE AND LIGHTS OF LONDON

Longparish, Hants, ringers and friends had a first-rate day on December 14th with ringing, the theatre and Christmas decorations in London.

En route there was ringing at St. Mary's and St. Andrew's, Uxbridge, Hillingdon and Ruislip. St. Andrew's, Uxbridge, was a last-minute tower. Harefield had been planned, but the incumbent did not acknowledge our letters and future correspondence will be addressed to the local captain.

The final tower was St. Giles-in-the-Field, London, where a good half course of Cambridge Major was rung, with the assistance of the gentleman who met us. The enjoyable day was finished off by seeing Agatha Christie's play "The Mousetrap", now in its 17th year, followed by the lights of Regent Street on the way home.

Thanks go to Frank Tonge, the organiser. We plan a further visit next year, with hopes of ringing at Harefield in 1969. G. D.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The Northern District met at St. Ippolyts on December 7th. The bells were raised at 5.30 but little was achieved until about 6.00. London, Norwich, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob were among methods successfully brought round, but mixed Kent and Oxford would not go.

Although attendance was relatively poor, many people benefited from ringing during the evening.

The next meeting is the District A.G.M. at Hitchin on January 4th.

SHINFIELD BELLS RING OUT AGAIN

The six bells at Shinfield, Berks, have been chimed only for the past 40 years, because of fears for the safety of the red brick tower, as several cracks on the inside gave cause for alarm in the early part of this century.

It was therefore with some pleasure that a band of enthusiasts from Highclere, after negotiating with Mr. Higgs, the churchwarden, and the Rev. Mr. Fryer, the Rector, were invited to meet the architect in January to try the bells and see what effect ringing them would have on the tower.

The bells had been well looked after and after oiling went quite well. The architect seemed satisfied but preferred to make more tests before allowing general ringing.

The next visit was on May 19th, and this had given the architect time to cement glass slides over all visible cracks, and a constant check was kept on these throughout the ringing of the quarter peal. At least 50 listeners lined the church wall, the attempt having been well publicised.

Another visit on July 24th to fix the offending treble pulley was not so successful, as only 360 changes had been rung before the treble rope slipped wheel. A search was made for a similar pulley and on December 1st we fixed it and had permission to attempt a peal, as none of the glass slides had been broken by previous ringing.

The attempt was published in "The Berkshire Chronicle" and some ringers from Reading and neighbourhood were present. We had an opportunity of listening to the bells while they rang three leads of Bob Minor. With their good wishes the peal was started. There were only a few anxious moments and the first peal on the bells was brought round in 2 hours and 57 minutes.

The Rector was there to see the finish and among those listening outside were Mr. A. Diserens and one of his sons. Tea was laid on for us and was most welcome. Service ringing and churchgoing followed, and so ended an enjoyable day. We were thanked for our ringing by the Rector, who really appreciated the peal.

It is now planned to start a local band. Help has been offered and we wish them well. With the enthusiasm of the Rector and Mr. Higgs behind them they cannot but succeed. Thank you, Shinfield. We enjoyed doing it.

G. D.

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Mr. C. Dalton writes that Shinfield has had a ring of six since 1730 and the six bells are hung in an oak frame. The treble was cast in 1730 by John Waylet (itinerant): the second, third and fifth by Henry Knight (Reading), 1664; the fourth by Henry Bagley, 1722 (recast), probably cast at Reading; the tenor, Thomas Mears (Whitechapel), 1803 (recast). The tower was condemned for further ringing in 1928.

THE CAMPINGOLOGISTS' PEAL WEEK

ALL PEALS RUNG FOR THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WITNEY, Oxon.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
On Sat., Aug. 3, 1968, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

Kenneth R. Davenport	Treble	Cecil T. Clarke	5
Ian Friend	2	Len Goodall	6
F. Hector Bennett	3	Raymond J. Ballard	7
Brian J. Wylde	4	John Robinson	Tenor

Composed by R. J. Parker. Conducted by Raymond J. Ballard.

ALDERMASTON, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sun., Aug. 4, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in G

F. Hector Bennett	Treble	Ian Friend	5
Richard Wilcox	2	Raymond J. Ballard	6
Stephen T. Yates	3	Philip G. K. Davies	7
Edward R. Fairbrother	4	Len Goodall	Tenor

Composed by W. Barton. Conducted by Philip G. K. Davies.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Miss Audrey Powell.

HUGHENDEN, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Wed., Aug. 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in F.

Cecil T. Clarke	Treble	Allan Tubb	5
Stephen T. Yates	2	F. John Nelson	6
Edward R. Fairbrother	3	Philip G. K. Davies	7
Richard Wilcox	4	John Robinson	Tenor

Composed by Philip G. K. Davies. Conducted by F. John Nelson.

BURFORD, Oxon.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
On Thurs., Aug. 8, 1968, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, being 1,440 Yorkshire, 1,280 each Cambridge and Lincolnshire, and 1,120 Rutland; with 69 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. in E.

Cecil T. Clarke	Treble	Kenneth R. Davenport	5
John Robinson	2	F. John Nelson	6
*Edward R. Fairbrother	3	Len Goodall	7
Allan Tubb	4	Brian J. Wylde	Tenor

Composed by Philip G. K. Davies. Conducted by F. John Nelson.
* First peal of spliced.

DORCHESTER, Oxon.—At the Abbey Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Fri., Aug. 9, 1968, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Brian J. Wylde	Treble	Philip G. K. Davies	5
*Stephen T. Yates	2	Kenneth R. Davenport	6
Len Goodall	3	John Robinson	7
F. Hector Bennett	4	Ian Friend	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Len Goodall.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 16 cwt. in E.

HOOK NORTON, Oxon.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Aug. 10, 1968, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in E.

Richard Wilcox	Treble	Kenneth R. Davenport	5
F. Hector Bennett	2	Len Goodall	6
Stephen T. Yates	3	Philip G. K. Davies	7
Ian Friend	4	Brian J. Wylde	Tenor

Composed by E. Barnett, sen. Conducted by Len Goodall.

OTHER PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DITCHEAT, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Sat., Oct. 19, 1968, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 4 lb.

Elisabeth A. G. Bowden	Treble	Patrick J. Bird	5
Arthur H. Reed	2	Allan Tubb	6
David J. Orledge	3	Edgar T. Skipsey	7
Richard J. Bowden	4	Rev. Roger O. Fry	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Rev. Roger O. Fry.

CLAPTON-IN-GORDANO, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Wed., Dec. 4, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 6000 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being ten six-scores (different callings), each with treble, 2, 3, 4 and 5 as plain hunt bell. Tenor 10 cwt.

Marjorie Legg	Treble	*‡John Brain	4
*Geoffrey Hebden	2	†George Prescott	5
†Sidney G. Smith	3	*John Baker	Tenor

Conducted by George Prescott.
* Most changes to a peal. † 50th peal together. ‡ First of Grandsire Doubles—now rung Grandsire from Doubles to Cinques.

COSSINGTON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
On Sat., Dec. 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent Kent Treble Bob and three extents each of Rev. Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr.

Mrs. Brenda Bindon	Treble	Leslie H. Arscott	4
*Mrs. Hillary Rose	2	Robert Parker	5
Mrs. D. Lesley Parker	3	Raymond F. Arscott	Tenor

Conducted by Raymond F. Arscott.
* First peal. First in these three methods by all the band.

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.

EVESHAM, Worcestershire.—At the Bell Tower.
On Sat., Dec. 7, 1968, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 35 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in C sharp.

*Angela Newing	Treble	John T. Parsons	7
Mandi McCallion	2	Antony R. Kench	8
Diane M. Bridle	3	Ian C. Maycock	9
Patrick J. Bird	4	Brian J. Wylde	10
John C. Baldwin	5	Frank D. Mack	11
Michael J. Platt	6	Tudor P. Edwards	Tenor

Composed by Peter Border. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.
* First peal of Maximus. First of Cambridge Maximus for the Society.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MOTTRAM-IN-LONGDENDALE, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Oct. 19, 1968, in 3 Hours.
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in F.

Ronald Andrew	Treble	C. Kenneth Lewis	5
Derek Yates	2	William H. Dowse	6
Frank Osbaldiston	3	Ian M. Holland	7
Basil Jones	4	Michael W. Crowder	Tenor

Composed by Frederick Dench. Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.

KIDSGROVE, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.
On Thurs., Oct. 31, 1968, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, being 1,312 Bristol and 1,280 each London, Cambridge and Superlative; with all the work of each method for every bell; 113 changes of method. Tenor 11 cwt. 4 lb.

Felicity Ashford	Treble	C. Kenneth Lewis	5
Norman Sherratt	2	Raymond J. Ballard	6
Charles A. S. Webb	3	Roy Worrall	7
John Hall	4	Jeffrey Brannan	Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

*Peter Broadbent	Treble	Derek F. Yates	5
†John A. Creer	2	Christopher Movley	6
Christine Andrew	3	Bernard F. L. Groves	7
Herbert M. Heaton	4	William H. Dowse	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
* First peal. † First "inside".

WILMSLOW, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.
On Wed., Oct. 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Consisting of one extent Kent T.B. and two each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

Rev. Chris J. Rees	Treble	Peter Oliver	4
David Vincent	2	Denis Mottershead	5
Stuart Coutts	3	Neil D. Lomas	Tenor

Conducted by Neil D. Lomas.
Rung as a farewell to Canon E. D. Reeman, who is retiring after 22 years as Rector of this parish.

KNUTSFORD, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
On Sun., Nov. 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In three methods, being two extents Oxford Treble Bob, two Kent Treble Bob, three Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

Norman Hough	Treble	Michael Thomson	4
Roger Green	2	C. Kenneth Lewis	5
Harry W. Howard	3	*Christopher J. Jones	Tenor

Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.
* 100th peal.
Rung to welcome the Rev. J. B. Wooldridge as Vicar, instituted on November 15th.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
WISTASTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Dec. 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb. in B.

Gordon K. Green	Treble	Harry W. Howard	4
Roland W. Morant	2	Geoffrey A. Edwards	5
*John R. Scott	3	*Frank R. Morton	Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.
* 175th peal together
Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter, Sarah Helen, to Diana and Christopher Jones, of Knutsford, on November 22nd, 1968.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
WEEDON BEC, Northamptonshire.—At the Royal Foundation Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Dec. 7, 1968 in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

John F. Thorne	Treble	Brian R. Danby	5
*J. Susan Smith	2	John K. Foot	6
*David P. Crawley	3	Geoffrey W. Randall	7
Peter C. Randall	4	David J. Marshall	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Geoffrey W. Randall.
* First peal on eight bells Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in F.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
DUFFIELD, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Alkmund.
On Fri., Nov. 29th, 1968, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Rev. Fred Ross	Treble	Harold Taylor	6
Joseph C. Woolley	2	Bryan Burrows	7
Clive A. Thrower	3	Gordon A. Halls	8
*Rev. R. D. St. John Smith	4	A. Colin Banton	9
*Timothy Wylie	5	Michael J. Fellows	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Gordon A. Halls.
* 25th peal together. Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Paul.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1968, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 28 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in D.

David W. Friend	Treble	Clive A. Thrower	6
Denis R. Carlisle	2	David W. Parkin	7
Gordon A. Halls	3	John K. Smith	8
John V. Chadwick	4	Michael J. Fellows	9
George L. Roobottom	5	Ian Friend	Tenor

Composed by R. A. G. Inglis Conducted by David W. Friend.

LEICESTER.—At the Church of St. John-the-Divine.
On Sat., Dec. 7, 1968, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

John V. Chadwick	Treble	Derek G. Astridge	6
David J. Marshall	2	Gordon A. Halls	7
John S. Dean	3	Denis R. Carlisle	8
John K. Smith	4	A. Colin Banton	9
Clive A. Thrower	5	David W. Friend	Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe. Conducted by David W. Friend.

ASHOVER, Derbyshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Thurs., Dec. 5, 1968, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 10 lb. in E.

Clive A. Thrower	Treble	Gordon A. Halls	5
Timothy Wylie	2	Michael J. Fellows	6
Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith	3	Rev. Frederick Ross	7
Brian L. Burrows	4	David W. Friend	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.

DENBY, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
On Sat., Dec. 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents Kent T.B. and five Plain Bob; each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

Ann M. Smith	Treble	Bernard Greasley	4
Susan E. Davis	2	John S. Harrison	5
Herbert E. Taylor	3	Rev. R. D. St. John Smith	Tenor

Conducted by the Rev. R. D. St. John Smith.
Rung as a farewell compliment to the Rev. J. Tranter, Vicar of Denby, who was leaving for Aston-on-Trent.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
DARLINGTON, Co. Durham.—At the Church of St. Cuthbert.
On Sat., Dec. 7, 1968, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, containing 1,440 Yorkshire, 1,280 each of Cambridge and Lincolnshire, 1,120 Rutland; with 69 changes of method.

Fred Hodgson	Treble	Thomas M. Cox	5
Enid Lawson	2	Ernest Pannell	6
Janet Warwick	3	Thomas Cooke	7
Dennis G. Blows	4	Philip H. Tocock	Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. Davies. Conducted by Philip H. Tocock.
First peal of Spliced Surprise by all except ringers of 2 and 3. First of Surprise as conductor. Tenor 18 cwt. 14 lb.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
GREAT HOLLAND, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Dec. 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15¼ cwt.

Philip J. Rothera	Treble	James L. Towler	5
Josephine A. Quilter	2	Peter G. Brown	6
Kenneth J. Hesketh	3	David E. Rothera	7
Keith W. Brown	4	John G. Gipson	Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. Davies. Conducted by David E. Rothera.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, Essex.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Dec. 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in G sharp.

Susan Rothera	Treble	David E. Rothera	5
Josephine A. Quilter	2	James L. Towler	6
Philip J. Rothera	3	Kenneth J. Hesketh	7
Keith W. Brown	4	Peter G. Brown	Tenor

Composed by Dennis Knox Conducted by Peter G. Brown.

TERLING, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Tues., Nov. 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent of each of the following: London Surprise, York Surprise, Beverley Surprise, Ipswich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's Bob, Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

*Charlotte Sterck	Treble	Keith W. Brown	4
†Josephine A. Quilter	2	Philip J. Rothera	5
James L. Towler	3	Peter G. Brown	Tenor

Conducted by Peter G. Brown.
* First peal. † 75th for the Association.
Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. Rhoda Strutt, O.B.E. (1892–1968), interred in Terling Churchyard this day.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
GREAT BERKHAMSTED, Herts.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Nov. 9, 1968, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Brian J. Woodruffe	Treble	Peter T. Dale	5
John R. Ketteringham	2	John R. Leeming	6
Julia A. Fellows	3	A. Stephen Taylor	7
*Roger D. R. Brown	4	Andrew W. R. Wilby	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 15 cwt.

BENINGTON, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

G. William Critchley	Treble	*Michael R. Worthington	5
Ruth M. Foreman	2	Thomas J. Lock	6
Alick Cutler	3	Dennis Knox	7
Claudia A. Critchley	4	Jack S. Dear	Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by G. William Critchley.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 12 cwt.

BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. James-the-Apostle.
On Thurs., Dec. 5, 1968, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 DOUBLE GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR

Julia A. Fellows	Treble	S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	5
Jonathan S. N. Porter	2	Christopher W. Woolley	6
John R. Southey	3	David E. Rothera	7
Martyn L. J. Jordan	4	Roger Baldwin	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roger Baldwin.
First peal in the method. Tenor 12 cwt 3 qr. 23 lb. in F.

DOUBLE GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR
36—56, 14, 58—58, 36, 14—14, 58, 34—36, 18
i.e 18 18756243, 6ths place bobs.

WINGRAVE, Bucks.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

*Theresa Wright	Treble	Howard Collings	4
Elizabeth M. Emmet	2	Richard G. Ouston	5
†Robert M. F. Preston	3	Francis M. Byrne	Tenor

Conducted by Francis M. Byrne.
* First peal and first attempt. † First "inside". First as conductor.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
CHILHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In five methods, comprising 1,056 Cambridge, 1,024 each of Yorkshire, Lincolnshire and Pudsey, 960 Superlative; with 126 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.
Tenor 19¼ cwt. in E.

Martin L. Howe	Treble	Frank J. Matthews	5
D. Paul Smith	2	Peter S. Muchlinski	6
Michael H. O'Callaghan	3	*Simon A. B. Wigg	7
Peter M. Wilkinson	4	Trevor A. Cross	Tenor

Arranged by E. A. Barnett. Conducted by Simon A. B. Wigg.
* First peal of 5-spliced.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
TUNBRIDGE WELLS, Kent.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Ernest J. Ladd	Treble	Maxwell F. Oakshett	5
Lynn Warner	2	*David Parks	6
*Stephen P. Garner	3	John E. Warner	7
Christopher Bassett	4	John W. Smith	Tenor

Composed by C. K. Lewis. Conducted by John W. Smith.
* First peal. Tenor 14 cwt 3 lb in F sharp.

MAIDSTONE, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Dec. 7, 1968, in 3 Hours and 37 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 32 cwt. in C sharp.

Martin L. Howe	Treble	Michael H. O'Callaghan	5
Alexander Waddington	2	Simon A. B. Wigg	6
Christopher T. Osenton	3	Thomas Cullingworth	7
Peter M. Wilkinson	4	D. Paul Smith	Tenor

Composed by S. Humphrey. Conducted by Simon A. B. Wigg.

SEVENOAKS, Kent.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Dec. 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in F.

Peter R. Butler	Treble	Walter H. Dobbie	5
John R. Ketteringham	2	Philip J. Simmonds	6
Arthur S. Richards	3	Philip A. Corby	7
Richard A. Hunt	4	Doris E. Colgate	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.
The tenor ringer has now "completed the circle".

HAYES, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
On Sat., Nov. 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents in seven methods, viz.: York, London, Ipswich, Bourne, Beverley, Norwich and Cambridge.

Ian H. Oram	Treble	Robin Grant	4
Margaret E. Fort	2	D. Paul Smith	5
Michael H. O'Callaghan	3	Tony Lewis	Tenor

Conducted by Michael H. O'Callaghan.
Rung immediately before the wedding of Mr. Christopher Knox-Johnston to Miss Hilary O'Callaghan, to whom the band extend their very best wishes. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in A.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
MANCHESTER.—At the Town Hall.
On Sat., Nov. 2, 1968, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5042 ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 42 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in B.

Bernard F. L. Groves	Treble	Christopher Movley	7
Christine Andrew	2	Percival W. Cave	8
Edward Jenkins	3	Derek Butterworth	9
Cyril Crosthwaite	4	D. Paul Smith	10
C. Kenneth Lewis	5	Jeffrey Brannan	11
Christopher D. Munday	6	Robert B. Smith	Tenor

Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.

KENDAL, Westmorland.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1968, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in D flat.

Brian Schofield	Treble	Ernest Bennett	6
Derek Yates	2	Basil Jones	7
Edward Jenkins	3	Bernard F. L. Groves	8
Kevin M. Price	4	Frank Osbaldiston	9
C. Kenneth Lewis	5	Robert B. Smith	Tenor

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.

WORSLEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mark.
On Sat., Nov. 9, 1968, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, being 1,312 Bristol and 1,280 each London, Cambridge and Superlative; with all the work of each method for every bell; 113 changes of method. Tenor 24 cwt. 7 lb. in D.

Stuart Bamforth	Treble	Eric J. Gilbert	5
Christine Andrew	2	Basil Jones	6
Keith Walpole	3	Robert B. Smith	7
C. Kenneth Lewis	4	Bernard F. L. Groves	Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.
Rung after meeting short for Royal.

THE LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
SOUTHPORT, Lancashire.—At Christ Church.
On Thurs., Dec. 5, 1968, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in F sharp.

*Helen E. Gilbert	Treble	†A. John Macefield	5
*Patricia A. Jenkins	2	*Martin J. Corry	6
*Susan D. Cowan	3	H. Lyndon Hatfield	7
*John C. Parry	4	‡Harold J. Dobbin	Tenor

Composed by T. Morris. Conducted by H. Lyndon Hatfield.
* First peal of Triples. † First of Triples "inside". ‡ First peal. First of Bob Triples as conductor. First of Bob Triples on the bells.
Rung with the Society's best wishes to Harold Dobbin on reaching his majority.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
ST. BRIDE'S MAJOR, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Bridget.
On Sat., Dec. 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being two 240s and 38 six-scores. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

Thomas T. Yeomans	Treble	Raymond J. Mayle	4
*Paul W. Thomas	2	M. Jack Pryor	5
William T. Petty	3	*Christopher W. Thomas	Tenor

Conducted by William T. Petty.
* First peal.
Rung as a 21st wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. M. Jack Pryor.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
HACKNEY, E.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, Lower Clapton Road.
On Sat., Dec. 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5000 SPLICED MAJOR
Comprising 504 Little Bob, 672 Hereward Bob, 1,808 Double Norwich Court Bob and 2,016 Plain Bob; with 14 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell.
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in F.

Robert C. Woodward	Treble	Philip Bosworth	5
Timothy G. Pett	2	Peter G. Holden	6
Audrey R. Alexander	3	Robin R. Churchill	7
Roger D. Bailey	4	John Pladdys	Tenor

Arranged by Maurice Onions. Conducted by Roger D. Bailey.

THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.
SALFORD, Lancashire.—At the Church of the Sacred Trinity.
On Thurs., Dec. 5, 1968, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation of Middleton's. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

William M. Taylor	Treble	*Wyn Pugh	5
*Christopher J. Baker	2	C. L. Digby Munday	6
*Lynda M. Deebank	3	Peter G. Bellamy-Knights	7
Maris C. Stephenson	4	†Marcus C. W. Sherwood	Tenor

Conducted by C. L. Digby Munday.
* First peal in the method. † First of Major in the method.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
WILLESDEN, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs. Nov. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 REIGATE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A

Frank Reed	Treble	John Hill	5
Joan Beresford	2	G. William Critchley	6
Ruth M. Foreman	3	Dennis Knox	7
Alick Cutler	4	*Thomas J. Lock	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Dennis Knox.
* 500th peal for the Association. First in the method (Corrigan's No. 261).

REIGATE SURPRISE MAJOR
—34.58.14—58—36—14—58—14—18. 8ths place. i.e. 8674523.

HARROW WEALD, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Thurs., Dec. 5, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 MEVAGISSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

Joan Hooton	Treble	H. George Hart	5
Elsie K. Hart	2	G. William Critchley	6
Alick Cutler	3	Frank Reed	7
Claudia A. Critchley	4	Thomas J. Lock	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by G. William Critchley.
First peal in the method by all.

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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
OVERSEALE, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew.
On Tues., Dec. 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 YASS SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in A flat.

Joseph W. Cotton	Treble	John K. Smith	5
Arthur E. Rowley	2	Gordon H. Lane	6
Rev. M. C. C. Melville	3	Frank Chambers	7
Derek P. Jones	4	Roland Beniston	Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. Speed. Conducted by Roland Beniston.
First peal in the method by all the band, and for the Guild.

YASS SURPRISE MAJOR
—38—14—1258—16—14—38—56, 34, 78. I.e. 12. 1573.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
CROMER, Norfolk.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Nov. 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In four methods, being one extent each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, St Clement's and four of Plain Bob.

William H. Holdom	Treble	Frederick C. Gunton	4
Raymond W. Balls	2	Derick W. Pardon	5
Clifford Bird	3	H. William Barrett	Tenor

Conducted by H. William Barrett.
Rung as part of the celebration to mark the recent completion of restoration work to the church, which has been in progress since July, 1942, and for the Annual Gift Day which was held on November 2nd, 1968. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.

(The Colegate Society.)
NORWICH, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. George, Colegate.
On Thurs., Dec. 5, 1968, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
In seven methods, being extents of London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Sandal, College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk and Oxford.
Tenor 9 cwt. 80 lb.

Janet House	Treble	David Cubitt	4
Peter Adcock	2	Geoffrey H. Pullin	5
Carole A. H. Patey	3	David E. House	Tenor

Conducted by David E. House.
Rung to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the birth of John Crome, major artist of the Norwich School, who was for many years a parishioner and lies buried within the church.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
ISLIP, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Fri., Dec. 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 ZANZIBAR SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in G.

Terence J. Hester	Treble	Peter H. Mackie	5
Alan R. Pink	2	William Birmingham	6
Ronald K. Russ	3	Peter J. Heritage	7
Brian W. Hall	4	George W. Holland	Tenor

Composed by Stephen H. Wood. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
First peal in the method.
Rung on the Feast of St. Nicholas.

HURST, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Dec. 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in F

Geoffrey K. Dodd	Treble	*Michael J. Church	5
Beryl R. Simpson	2	*John H. Napper	6
Rowan S. Bradley	3	Ronald F. Diserens	7
Reginald W. Rex	4	A. Patrick Cannon	Tenor

Composed by Michael S. Bruce Conducted by Ronald F. Diserens.
* First peal of Superlative.

CHENIES, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents (standard callings).
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in A flat.

*Patrick E. A. Brentnall	Treble	D. Joseph Goodman	4
Brian M. Barker	2	Keith D. Waples	5
Walter Ayre	3	Peter W. Harper	Tenor

Conducted by Peter W. Harper.
* First peal

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
DAVENTRY, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Sun., Dec. 8, 1968, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 HARPOLE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

Barrie Hendry	Treble	Richard J. Danby	6
Patrick I. Chapman	2	David J. Marshall	7
Barry F. Saunders	3	Graham C. Paul	8
Stanley M. Ruddlesden	4	Alan A. Paul	9
Malcolm J. V. Chown	5	Richard F. B. Speed	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Richard F. B. Speed.
First peal in the method.

HARPOLE SURPRISE ROYAL
mx —30—14—12—30—14—30—16—50—14—30

DESBOROUGH, Northants.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Sat., Dec. 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 ROCKINGHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9¼ cwt. in G sharp.

Alfred Waller	Treble	Barry R. Care	5
J. Malcolm Tyler	2	*Stephen B. Bell	6
Sheila J. Staley	3	Allan R. Jones	7
Richard J. Cowley	4	Murray A. Coleman	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Murray A. Coleman.
* 50th peal 50th as conductor First in the method.

ROCKINGHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
—38—14—58—16—34—1458—36, 14, 78. Group B. f.c.h. b.g.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Nicolas, King's Norton.
On Sat., Dec. 7, 1968, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 17 cwt. 34 lb. in E.

Roderick W. Pipe	Treble	Stephen W. Barton	6
Muriel Reay	2	John N. Lindon	7
J. Alan Ainsworth	3	Raymond Aldington	8
Susan E. Smith	4	Clifford A. Barron	9
Henry H. Fearn	5	Michael A. Jones	Tenor

Composed by Richard A. G. Inglis. Conducted by Clifford A. Barron.
Rung for the Feast of St. Nicholas.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
EDINGTON, Wiltshire.—At the Priory Church of SS. Mary and Katherine and All Saints.
On Sun., Dec. 8, 1968, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 24 cwt. 24 lb. in D.

Reginald W. Rex	Treble	Ronald F. Diserens	6
D. John Hunt	2	David P. Hilling	7
George E. Thoday	3	Geoffrey K. Dodd	8
Robert C. Kippin	4	*A. Patrick Cannon	9
Brian Bladon	5	Ralph G. Edwards	Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.
*1,200th peal First of Royal on the bells.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
SHREWSBURY, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Chad.
On Sat., Dec. 7, 1968, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

M. Cecilia Evans	Treble	Philip J. Evans	5
Reginald H. Newton	2	Frederick G. Beddow	6
Bessie A. Carter	3	Frederick Leech	7
F. Hector Bennett	4	Ernest F. Willcox	Tenor

Composed by Nolan Golden. Conducted by Ernest F. Willcox.
Rung on front eight by Sunday service ringers prior to St. Chad's Dinner.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
REDGRAVE, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
On Sun., Nov. 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In three methods being one extent St. Simon, one Grandsire and 40 Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

Mrs. E. Foreman	Treble	D. Boast	4
T. G. Boast	2	H. Fuller	5
A. W. Foreman	3	A. Driver	Tenor

Conducted by H. Fuller.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
BARNES, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
On Sat., Dec. 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in G.

Leonard Stilwell	Treble	*Walter G. Knight	5
John R. Ketteringham	2	Peter J. Heritage	6
Alan R. Pink	3	William Birmingham	7
Michael Hatchett	4	Frank B. Lufkin	Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. Speed. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* First peal in the method.
Rung for the Feast of St. Nicholas.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
ARUNDEL, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Tues., Nov. 5, 1968, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 ARUNDEL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in E.

John R. Norris	Treble	Stanley G. Ponting	5
Edgar R. Rapley	2	Tom Page	6
David D. Smith	3	Derek E. Sibson	7
Ian Wickens	4	George Francis	Tenor

Composed by John R. Mayne. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
First peal in the method by all the band, and for the Association.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD
SHINFIELD, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sun., Dec. 1, 1968, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

Robert B. Crocker	Treble	Philip G. Taylor	4
Richard Jones	2	Lawrence C. Way	5
Christopher N. Dalton	3	Geoffrey K. Dodd	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.
First peal on the bells, which have been a ring of six since 1730.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
KIDDERMINSTER, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Mary and All Saints.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1968, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

*Morley P. Tobin	Treble	Roderick W. Pipe	7
Geoffrey J. Hemming	2	Terry R. Hampton	8
Muriel Reay	3	†Norman J. Goodman	9
Susan E. Smith	4	Martin D. Fellows	10
Clifford Skidmore	5	Gerald C. Hemming	11
Arthur V. Pearson	6	Michael J. Fellows	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.
* First peal on 12 bells. † 100th of Cambridge Maximus, and 700th peal. Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in D

PERSHORE, Worcestershire.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1968, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5376 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

Harold B. Schofield	Treble	Roderick W. Pipe	5
Ian Lloyd	2	*Robert Edwards	6
Geoffrey J. Hemming	3	Gerald C. Hemming	7
David G. Franklin	4	Arthur C. Hemming	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.
* First peal in the method First in the method on the bells.
A 21st birthday compliment to Stuart Barry Schofield.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Mon., Dec. 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5058 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 4 lb. in F.

Robert Jordan	Treble	*John J. Durham	5
Philip J. Crosthwaite	2	*John P. Ottaway	6
*Linda D. Shaw	3	C. Barrie Dove	7
*Robert A. Beresford	4	Ronald R. Warford	Tenor

Composed by John H. Fielden. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal of Lincolnshire Surprise Major. Fastest on this eight.

CONISBROUGH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Thurs., Dec. 5, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13¾ cwt. in G.

Stuart Armeson	Treble	Roger Smith	5
*Marie Hatswell	2	Roger Harper	6
Sheila Woodward	3	David Nichols	7
Frederick J. Jackson	4	Neil Donovan	Tenor

Composed by N. Golden. Conducted by David Nichols.
* First peal

ILKLEY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Dec. 7, 1968, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in E.

Geoffrey Featherstone	Treble	David Featherstone	5
Stephen R. Munday	2	Colin Bottomley	6
M. F. Digby Burton	3	Barry Sullivan	7
Roger J. Lumley	4	Frederick A. Munday	Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. Speed Conducted by Stephen R. Munday.

KIRK ELLA, E. Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Norwich, London, Wells, Primrose, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge.
Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in F.

Elizabeth Johnson	Treble	Ronald Ducker	4
Ian G. Campbell	2	John N. D. Chaddock	5
Alan H. Bridges	3	Michael Maughan	Tenor

Conducted by Michael Maughan.
Rung on the Patronal Festival.

MARKET WEIGHTON, E. Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in A flat.

Richard S. Starkie	Treble	John H. Taylor	4
Peter C. Randall	2	James Crowther	5
Robert W. Sherriff	3	Geoffrey W. Randall	Tenor

Conducted by Peter C. Randall.

WHIXLEY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of the Ascension.
On Sat., Aug. 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Comprising 42 extents in 43 methods/variations: Two methods, Stedman, Grandsire; 26 variations, Amersham, Sarratt, St. Ignatius, Churchill, Hayford, Chilton, St. Ninian, Horsley, Eynsham, St. Leonard, Lapley, St. John, St Felix, St. Cleer, Elford, Austrey, Shareshill, Ryton, St. Austell, St. Cecilia, St. Jude, St. Laurence, St. Mary, St. Crispin, Old, St. Columb; 15 spliced extents, Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury, with the following: Minster Bob, Reverse St. Bartholomew, All Saints, Reverse St. Sebastian, St. Osmond and St. Remigius with R. St. Julian, St. Simon and St. Nicholas with Reverse Union, St. Martin and Winchendon with St. Faith.
Tenor 5 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in G.

Ronald H. Dove	Treble	*William P. Haskins	3
C. Barrie Dove	2	Ronald J. Snack	4
		*John Potts	Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal in 43 methods/variations.
Rung after meeting short for Minor.

STOKE-NEXT-GUILDFORD, Surrey.—At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist.
On Sun., Dec. 1, 1968, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge, (2) Oxford T.B., (3) Kent T.B., (4) St. Clement's Childwall, Buxton, (5, 6, 7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 7 cwt 14 lb. in B flat.

Geoffrey D. Armitage	Treble	John R. Whitham	4
Annette Bradbury	2	Philip M. Cuckson	5
Maureen J. Carruthers	3	*C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* 300th peal for the Association.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
CAMBRIDGE.—At 4, St. Peter's Terrace, Peterhouse.
On Tues., Dec. 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

D. S. Bishop (Caius) 1–2 *R. A. G. Inglis (Selwyn) 5–6
*A. F. Scholfield (Clare) 3–4 R. H. Youdale (Emma.) 7–8
R. L. Underwood (P'house) 9–10
Arranged and Conducted by Alan Scholfield.
* 50th peal together Tenor size 17 in A.

CAMBRIDGE.—At 4 St. Peter's Terrace, Peterhouse.
On Thurs., Dec. 5, 1968, in 1 Hour and 50 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of Kent T.B. and five of Plain Bob.
Tenor size 17 in A.
M. J. Pickup (Churchill) 1–2 A. T. Winter (Christ's) 3–4
R. L. Underwood (P'house) 5–6
Conducted by Richard Underwood.
First peal in two methods "in hand" by all.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
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CHELTENHAM, Gloucestershire.—At 48, Willersey Road.
On Tues., Dec. 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 9 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5120 REAL REVERSE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 12 in F.

Frances Fairbank	1–2	Hugh N. Evans	5–6
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Alfred Ballard 5–6
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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—Annual meeting at St. Michael with St. Paul's (Broad Street) on Saturday, Jan. 4th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to Mr. J. Hobbs, 21, Hill View Road, Larkhall, Bath. Abbey (10) after meeting.—Alan Lee, Sec 6213

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Annual District meeting, Bromham, Saturday, Jan. 4th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names must be sent to Mr. R. Fowler, 50, Molivers Lane, Bromham, Beds. 6243

HALIFAX ARCHDEACONRY GUILD.—Meeting, Longwood, Jan. 4th. Note changed venue. Bells from 2 p.m. Names for tea to I. Roberts, 48, Raw Nook Road, Salendine Nook, Huddersfield, HD3 3UX. 6260

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Annual meeting, Hitchin, Saturday, Jan. 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Church House. Names for tea to me at 76, Wymondley Road, Hitchin (Tel. 3612).—Mrs. C. A. Agg, Dis. Sec. 6256

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Quarterly meeting, Lamberhurst, Jan. 4th. Ringing 2.30, followed by service, tea, meeting Names for tea to me, Richard Hayes, Forest Cottage, Chiddingstone Heath, Edenbridge. 6211

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. Meeting, Jan. 4th, St. Marie's (8), 3–4.30 p.m., and Ranmoor (10), 6.30–9 p.m. Please send names for tea without fail to the Sec. at 34, Dransfield Road, Sheffield, S10 5RN (Tel.: 305208).—R. Fletcher, Hon. Sec. 6259

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting, St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station), Monday, Jan. 6th, at 7 p.m. 6254

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Evening practice, Long Sutton, Tuesday, Jan 7th. Bells (8) available 7–9 p.m. 6267

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Sutton (6), Jan. 11th. Bells 2.30–8.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in British Legion H.Q. Names for tea to Mr. C. Robinson, 22, Lime Tree Avenue, Sutton, by previous Thursday. Don't forget open practice at Holy Trinity, Hull, Jan. 13th, 7.30–9 p.m.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Annual Branch meeting, St. Mary-within-the-Walls, Chester, Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. C. H. Sibley, 35, Appleyards Lane, Chester, CH4 7DR, **not later than Wednesday, Jan 8th, certain.** 6265

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Michael's (12), Saturday, Jan. 11th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, nearby cafés. Business meeting at Savage Chapel, 6 p.m. Bells afterwards till 9 p.m. 6277

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Barlborough, Jan. 11th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea **without fail, please,** to Mr. A. Ashby, 76, Boughton Lane, Clowne, Chesterfield.—M. Phipps, Sec. 6269

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells: St. Andrew's (8), 3–4.15 p.m.; St. Bene't's (6), 3–4.15 p.m. Service, St. Andrew's, 4.15 p.m. Roman Catholic (8) 5–6 p.m. Tea, St. Andrew's Hall, Emanuel Street, 6 p.m., followed by business meeting. Ringing, St. Andrew's, 7.30 p.m.—B. Pratt, Dis. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—New South West District.—A.G.M., Leytonstone, Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Further ringing after meeting. Names for tea to Mr. C. E. Willmington, 79, Wallwood Road, Leytonstone, E.11.—P. W. Saltmarsh, Hon. Gen. Sec. 6220

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Eastern District.—The annual general meeting will be held at Maldon on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Ringing 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to I. R. Panton, 140, Broomfield Road, Chelmsford. 6236

HEREFORD GUILD.—Bromyard District.—Annual District meeting, Jan. 11th, Bromyard. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, to R. L. Price, 18, New Road, Bromyard, by Thursday. 6250

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting, Leeds, on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to C. A. Tester, 18, Maxwell Drive, Allington Park, Maidstone. 6253

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Annual general meeting will be held at Syston on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Rickaby, 1044, Melton Road, Syston, not later than Wednesday, Jan. 1st. 6271

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Annual general meeting at Fulney, Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea (at Springfields) 5 p.m. Names for tea must be sent to R. C. Noon, Esq., 13, Pennygate, Spalding, Lincs, by Tuesday previous. 6268

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Branch.—Annual meeting, Heckington, Jan. 11th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to Mr. P. Cole, 9, Cameron Street, Heckington, Sleaford, Lincs (Tel.: Heck. 436), by previous Wednesday.—G. R. P 6242

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Annual meeting, Monmouth, Jan. 11th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Jan. 6th.—J. S. King, The Cedar Tiles, High Beech Lane, Chepstow. 6262

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Nomination meeting, Saturday, Jan. 11th, St. Mary's, Putney, 3–4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting, Fulham Parish Hall, Fulham Palace Road, 5 p.m. Ringing, All Saints', Fulham, after meeting. Both churches adjacent to Putney Bridge.—Miss V. E. Dupre, Hon. Sec. Diary note: Annual dinner, Feb. 22nd. 6261

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A.G.M., Desborough, Jan. 11th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to D. Loake, 132, Pioneer Avenue, by Tuesday previous. All welcome.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Annual meeting, Wyke Regis, Jan. 11th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4. Names for tea to Mr. G. I. W. Abbott, 36, Williams Avenue, Wyke Regis, Weymouth, by Wednesday previous. 6246

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Ringing meeting, Lakenheath (6), Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells 2.30–9 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting follow. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. E. Peachey, 150, High Street, Lakenheath, near Mildenhall, Suffolk. 6113

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Practice meeting, Northowram (8), Saturday, Jan. 11th, 6–9 p.m. All welcome, especially learners.—Maurice Thurmott, Ringing Master. 6266

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—New Southern District.—A.G.M., Rayleigh, Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Further ringing after the meeting. Names for tea to G. Eve, 8, Crossfield Road, Southend-on-Sea.—P. W. Saltmarsh, Hon. Gen. Sec. 6248

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—A.G.M., Jan. 18th, All Saints' (6), Shrub End, Colchester. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Also open, St. Peter's (8), 7–9 p.m. Tea. Names, please, to Mr. D. Cobb, All Saints' Vicarage, Shrub End Road, Colchester. 6300

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Annual meeting, Jan. 18th, St. Nicolas', Guildford. Bells 3 p.m. and evening. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Numbers for tea to Miss Elpie, 109, Grange Road, Guildford, by Wednesday, 15th, please.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting, Lydd, Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea for those who notify Miss L. P. M. Terry, 12, Eastern Road, Lydd, by Thursday, Jan. 16th.—A. P. S. B. 6272

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Lindsey Branch.—Annual meeting at Gainsborough, Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells 2 p.m. Tea 4 p.m. for those who notify me by previous Tuesday. Service 5.30. Ringing after until 8 p.m. Special method: Double Norwich.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough (Tel. 2623). 6263

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY. Meeting, Walsall, Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells (12) available 3–4.25 p.m. and after tea. Committee meeting 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Names for latter, please, to Mr. G. W. Hughes, 3, Delves Road, Walsall, Staffs (Tel.: Wal. 29046), by Jan. 16th.—C.M.S., Hon. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—There will be a general meeting at Beverley on January 18th. General committee meeting in the Minster at 3 p.m. Service in the Minster at 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in St. Mary's Church Hall, Tiger Lane. Please send names for tea to Mr. J. N. D. Chaddock, 48, Westwood Road, Beverley, by the previous Wednesday. Please note: tea tickets will be distributed on January 18th to those who have booked. Business meeting after tea. Central Council representatives will be elected. Ringing arrangements: Holme-on-Spalding Moor (6), 10–11 a.m.; Market Weighton (6), 10.45–11.45 a.m.; Pocklington (8), 11.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m.; Walkington (6), 2–3.45 p.m. and 6.30–8.30 p.m.; Beverley Minster (10), 2–4.15 p.m.; Beverley St. Mary's (10), 6.30–9 p.m.—W. F. Moreton, Hon. Gen. Sec. 6221

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BIRTH

PURNELL.—To David and Audrey, on December 18th, 1968, at the New Maternity Hospital, Birmingham, a second daughter, Rachel Elizabeth, sister for Helen. 6279

ENGAGEMENT

RANDALL—SMITH.—The engagement is announced between Geoffrey William, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Randall, of Warwick, and Jennifer Susan, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Smith, also of Warwick.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

CHRISTOPHER J. EASTON is now living at 39, Clarendon Road, Leeds, 2. No telephone. Ringers welcome to call during evening but advance warning appreciated because of study and ringing commitments. 6363

NEW YEAR'S GREETING

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. SONE.—Best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year to all our ringing friends. A special thank you to all who sent us their good wishes this year. 6295

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KETTERINGHAM.—The home telephone number of John R. Ketteringham is now 01-727 9941. 6283

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—There will be **no** meeting at All Saints', Wigan, on January 4th. Instead there will be a joint meeting with the Liverpool Branch at St. Nicholas', Pierhead, on Saturday, Jan. 11th—see Liverpool Branch notice for details.—C. D'Aeth, Hon. Sec. 6289

MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch practices: Monksilver (5), Saturday, Jan. 4th, 6.30 p.m.; Minehead (10), Saturday, Jan. 18th, 7 p.m.—E. R. T. B. 6292

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kington District.—A.G.M., Saturday, Jan. 4th, at Eardisland. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to L. Mainwaring, Eardisland. 6293

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—A.G.M. at Islip, Jan. 4th. Names for tea to secretary. All welcome. 6285

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Annual meeting, Shepton Mallet, Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea, please.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 6290

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bigleswade District.—Annual meeting will be held at Clifton (8) on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Further ringing in evening. A sincere welcome to all.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Social meeting at Chester-le-Street, Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells from 2 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by social evening. Names for tea to D. A. Bayles, 12, Crichton Avenue, Chester-le-Street, in good time, please. 6286

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Meeting at St. Mark's, Swindon (8), Jan. 11th, 3 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.—C. A. New, Branch Sec. 6282

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Preston by Wingham (5), Jan. 11th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. B. Keeler, The Bear Inn, Market Place, Faversham, Kent, not later than Jan. 7th.—J. B. K. 6296

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, Jan. 11th, Kirkby-in-Furness. **Please note change of tower.** Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. N. Newby, Low Beckside, Kirkby-in-Furness.—T. F. Metcalfe. 6281

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting, Liverpool Parish Church, Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells (12) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss M. E. White, Mildmay, Blackburne Place, Liverpool, 8.—G. K. A. 6287

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Meeting, St. John's, Preston, Saturday, Jan. 11th. Names for tea, please, to Mr. C. Crossthwaite, 14, Southern Avenue, Frenchwood, Preston, by Wednesday, 8th.—L. Walmsley. 6280

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Annual general meeting, Daventry, Saturday, Jan. 11th. Important—names for tea to Mr. H. Johnson, Greenford, Badby Road West, Daventry, by Monday previous.—Mrs. Webb, Sec. 6288

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Annual meeting, Bingham, Jan. 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea to W. L. Exton, St. Ouens, Whatton, by Wednesday previous.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—A.G.M. and joint meeting with the N.W. District of the Ladies' Guild at Manchester Town Hall on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells (12) available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. (cafes nearby). Business meeting in the Town Hall 6 p.m. Ringing after business meeting until 9 p.m.—A. Ward, Branch Sec. 6298

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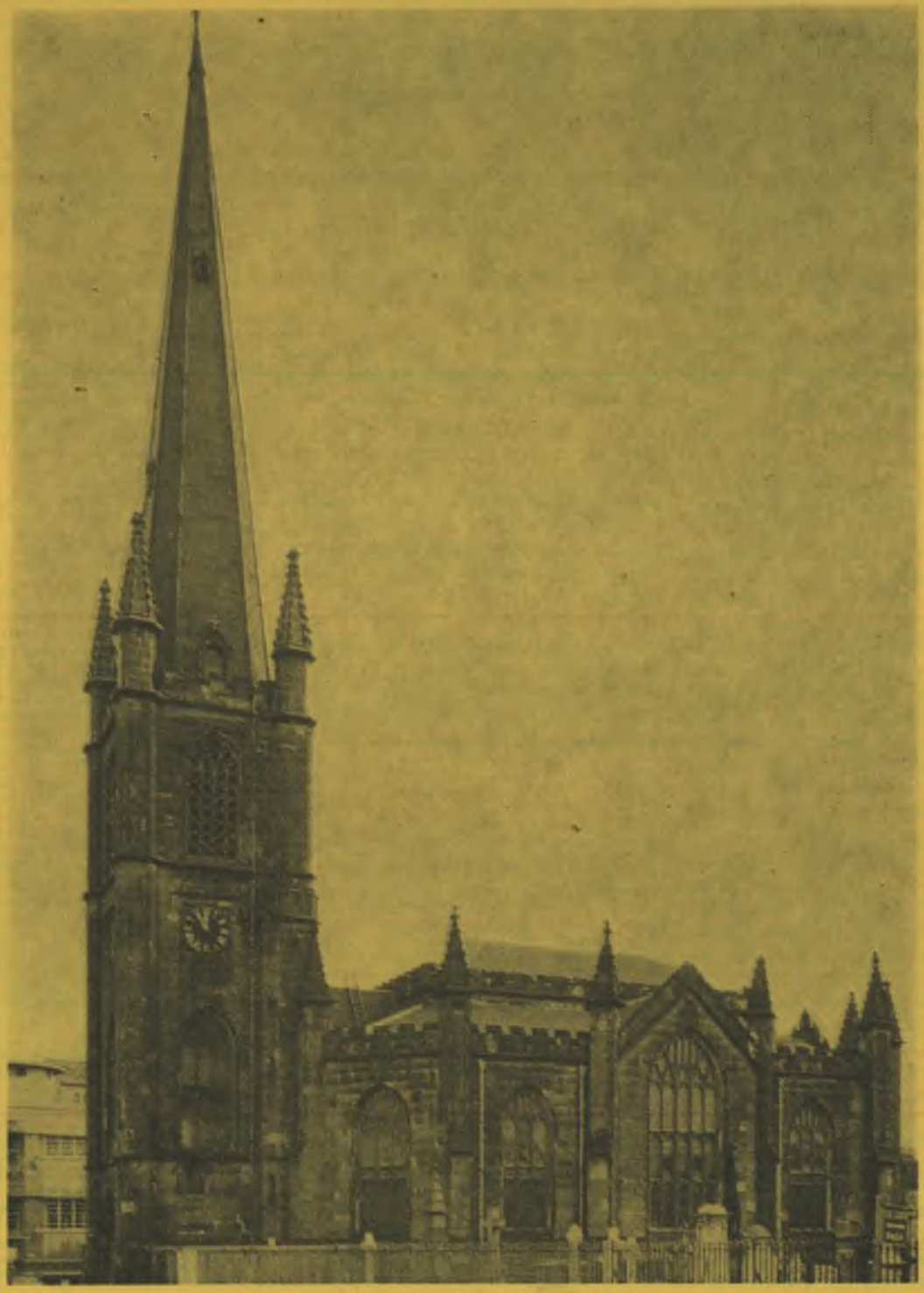

THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS, DUDLEY

OUR COVER PICTURE

DUDLEY PARISH CHURCH

THE Parish Church of St. Thomas, Top Church, as it is affectionately known, was dedicated in 1818 and thus we celebrated its 150th birthday last year. It is built of Tixell Stone, and over the years the grime of the local industries has taken its toll on the stonework and the colour is now a dirty grey. The exterior of the church is well proportioned and its beautiful spire rises in a striking manner 175 feet from the summit of the High Street. On its commanding site, 750 feet above sea-level, the spire can be seen from almost every point in the surrounding country and even from the Clee and the Malvern Hills 35 miles away. In 1966, after a heavy rainstorm whilst ringing in the New Year, water was running down the walls of the ringing room, and after inspection by a firm of steeplejacks all ringing was stopped as the spire was found to be in a dangerous condition.

An estimate of £2,500 was received for this work and this was put in hand immediately, and the bells rang out once more. Some months later the tie rods which hold the spire together were found to be corroded through, thus making the spire in danger of collapse. Again all ringing ceased until this work was done, and we were first able to ring for the induction of the new Vicar, the Rev. E. Efemey. As if our troubles weren't enough considerable movement was now taking place in the original timber bell frame, and a firm of bell hangers was called in and the worst was soon realised—the wooden beams supporting the bell frame were rotten and so the whole frame has to be replaced.

The bells are a ring of ten by T. Mears of London, 1818, with a tenor of 20 cwt. in E flat. The back eight are on one level with the two trebles above. This is very unsatisfactory as the two trebles cannot be heard in the ringing chamber when all the bells are going. The proposed scheme for rehanging them is as follows: The whole ring rehung in a steel frame with the four trebles recast so that all the bells can then be hung in one level. As the tenor bell is light for its weight it would be a splendid opportunity to have all the bells recast, but this will not be possible owing to the cost. The bells all bear the name T. Mears, London, 1818, and some of them have further inscriptions as follows:

Treble: "Thomas Bunn caused me to be made."

No. 5: William, Viscount Dudley and Ward. "To Doomesday may the name descend Dudley and the poor man's friend."

No. 6: "Ring and bid thee cry Georgius Rex 3rd England thy Sovereign's name. God save the King."

No. 9: "The Foundation Stone of this Church laid by the Bishop of the Diocese, October 25th, 1816. William Brookes, Architect."

Tenor: "Edward Guest, Tom Hill, Churchwardens, William Viscount Dudley and Ward, Patron, Luke Booker, LL.D., Vicar."

The church's finances have been very severely taxed, as in addition to the necessary work on the spire the whole building has had to be rewired, the side windows in the church replaced, the floor replaced, central heating system renewed and considerable repairs done to the organ. An appeal has been running recently for further necessary renovations and in particular for the bells, and any donation towards the proposal will be gratefully received and acknowledged.

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For peals, special forms are available on application, and we hope that eventually all peal copy will be on these forms, with names in block letters.

Quarter peal copy is very bad. Very few correspondents follow the style used in the journal, viz.: Name of town or village and county; date; church dedication only if there is another with bells in town; name of ringer (followed in brackets by any footnote, i.e., first quarter, or conductor); number of bell; finally, very brief footnote. Have a "Ringing World" in front of you when you type or write your report. Each quarter, unless in the same tower, on a separate sheet.

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Looted Mission Bell Going Home After 25 Years

AN old Mission bell "borrowed" from a New Guinea jungle Mission at the end of the Pacific war has been flown back to its home by QANTAS Airways—accompanied by sighs of relief from United States Service departments.

The bell a grandly-inscribed six hundredweight, was presented in 1903 to a Lutheran chapel in the tiny New Guinea village of Nasingelatu by some Lutherans in Germany. And it stayed there, happily enough, for 40 years, surviving even the Japanese occupation.

The the United States, during its Central Pacific campaign, set up a huge base near the village where the proud bell hung. When the Americans returned home from the war the Mission bell vanished.

The bell, with its fine, solid looks and its lusty tone, was greatly missed by the missionaries and the villagers at first, but over a quarter of a century it faded gradually from people's minds.

And then came the day when a bored prisoner, languishing in a rehabilitation centre in America's Alameda County, decided to while away some hours by translating the ornate German inscriptions on a bell hanging prominently in the prison compound. To his amazement (and probable delight) he realised that the bell which for years had summoned the prison worshippers to church was a "hot" one.

Determined that justice should be done, the prisoner (name undisclosed) wrote to the Bishop of the Lutheran Church in New Guinea, saying: "I think you've lost something and I know exactly where it is." The Bishop (the Rt. Rev. John Kuder) did not take long to act. In an epistle to the Secretary of the U.S. Defence Department at the Pentagon he thundered: "That enemy troops would pillage and loot is understandable, but this is not expected of friendly troops and allies."

Faces of certain rear admirals, sheriffs and other assorted officials (not to mention the Secretary of Defence) turned suddenly red. But equally suddenly they acted to right the 25-year-old wrong. QANTAS, the Australian airline, was asked by the Service people to take the bell back across the Pacific to its rightful home in New Guinea.

Then the Lutheran Church in Germany heard about the adventures of their bell, and asked if it could first be sent to Frankfurt for rededication before returning to the jungle chapel. So QANTAS has flown it from the U.S.A. to Germany via London, and then to New Guinea.

The bell, and a plaque from U.S. Lutherans, left London for Frankfurt on flight QF 740 on Saturday, December 21st, and was due to reach Sydney on December 28th also on QF 740 after rededication ceremonies. From Sydney, QANTAS will fly the Mission bell to Port Moresby in New Guinea, and then it is just a day's journey by four-wheel-drive truck to Nasingelatu . . . its final and proper resting place.

THE MISSION BELL.—It is pictured in the QANTAS Airways San Francisco Office, and the plaque hanging from it was presented by the Lutheran Church in America. The Hebrew letters spelling "PEACE" are on the fish which is depicted on the plaque.

Left to right: Lieut. Commander Stanley Williams, U.S. Navy; Mr. Don Maitland, QANTAS Manager, U.S.A. and Canada; Mr. Roy Burnston, of the Lutheran Church.

REVIEW

BELLS AND BELLFOUNDING — By Edgar C. Shepherd

THE facsimile reproduction of books is not nowadays very common except, perhaps, in connoisseur and book-collecting circles. The cost of such work is, of course, against it, and the demand from the general public very small. So, much as some of us would like facsimiles of "Tintinnalogia" or other ancient works, we have to be content with an ordinary reprint of the text, and this, for practical purposes, is sufficient for most needs.

Nevertheless, the exact copy of the original in its contemporary type and form has an interest and an instructional value not provided by a modern reprint, for it may shed much light on the social conditions of its day and the circumstances in which is was produced. The quaint and somewhat crude type of an edition of the Hymns of Isaac Watts, produced for the common masses, is in contrast with the magnificent engraving of the same age; the inspired facsimile process of William Blake reveals to us a manful overcoming of the difficulties of publishing; and to peruse the trench magazine produced on an abandoned machine in a cellar beneath the shell-battered ruins of Ypres is to marvel at the hilarity of men in the presence of death and wrestling with a shortage of type.

The facsimile edition of **"Bells and Bellfounding"**, now appearing, has nothing of the quaintly humorous or of high art, is not in tune with heroic endeavour, and shows us no particular development of typography in its own time. Yet it is, in its way, a reflection of its own age. It is quietly pleasant and has a serenity that belongs to the days when life moved more slowly, where actions and decisions were more carefully considered, and when there was time to give more leisured attention to the production of something permanently tasteful.

The first edition of the book appeared in 1879 in Bristol, printed by J. W. Arrowsmith, 11, Quay Street. It bore the sub-title "A Practical Treatise on Church Bells", the author's name was given as "X-Y-Z", and the whole work was put out by the Bristol bellfounders Llewellyn and James. The foreword by John Llewellyn, junior, dedicated the book to George Edwards, then in his third year as Mayor of the city. The firm was established round about 1851 and, so Mr. F. Sharpe tells us, cast more bells than any other post-Reformation founders. Their bells are found chiefly in the Bristol area, but examples are also found in Oxfordshire, Warwickshire and in Wales.

The book opens with a searching inquiry into the theory of sound and its relation to bells. Noting that this was written 18 years before Canon Simpson formulated his theories, the student will find it entertaining and instructive to compare the paragraphs on overtones with Simpson's rulings. A term probably new to most of us is "clang-tint", used in reference to differing qualities of tone, and the long clef on page 11 should arrest the musician. There follow chapters on the bellfounder's art, clappers and bell hanging (the theory of clapper swing is worthy of note) and rules for arranging rings of bells. Here the writer formulated scales of weights suitable for rings of 4, 5, 6, 8 and 10. The downright proclamation that "the number of bells in a ring should not exceed ten" is of interest, especially as the author later praises the 12 at Redcliffe; and the statement "The belfry windows should be large and the bells fixed above the cills" may not fit in with modern ideas!

The final chapter describes the bells of Bristol, and here many will pause and reflect sadly, for we find notes on treasures lost through Hitler's madness — St. Nicholas', St. Peter's (bells said to be sadly in need of rehanging), St. Mary-le-Port ("where the harmonics of the trebles are so disagreeably audible"), Temple Church ("the seventh and the tenor are cracked") and St. Andrew's, Clifton. Those who knew the vanished bells will be able to confirm or contradict these judgments of 1879. The incomparable St. Mary Redcliffe is described as having "one of the heaviest and finest rings of 12 in England", and this chapter also reveals that "belonging to St. Werburgh's tower recently removed from Corn Street and now in course of re-erection in Mina Road is a light ring of six". The absence of commas makes this sentence a trifle ambiguous, but if it really means that the tower was moved and rebuilt elsewhere, then we have here the record of an unusual event.

"Bells and Bellfounding" is thus given to us in facsimile, printed on Abbey Mills antique laid paper, and its pleasant type and slightly archaic headings make it very attractive to handle. It is well written and easy to read, except perhaps for the technical passages, and even these are not overwhelmingly formidable. They need careful attention, but they will provide much entertainment and matter for speculation for the moderate student.

TELLING THE PUBLIC

An Example from Edmonton that might well be Copied

Mr. T. G. Hawkins has prepared for the congregation and friends of All Saints' Church, Edmonton, an interesting pamphlet designed to educate the public in the bells of their parish church and bellringing. We print it in the hope that the latter part can be used with advantage in other churches who desire a closer understanding between the people and the belfry.

THE BELLS

"The Certificate and Presentment of the Jury of all the Church goods plate ornaments jewels bells belonging and appertaining to the Church of Edmonton within the County of Middlesex as well contained within the Inventory taken by the King's Majesty's Commissioners as also the other goods belonging to same Church at the present third day of August in the sixth year of the reign of our SOVEREIGN LORD KING EDWARD THE SIXTH by the grace of God King of England, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, and in earth of the Church of England and also of Ireland the Supreme Head.

ITEM four bells, the great bell doth weigh 18 hundred.

ITEM the second bell weigheth 16 hundred.

ITEM the third bell weigheth 14 hundred.

ITEM the fourth bell weigheth 11 hundred."

The boy king died the same year, and in Mary's reign which followed there was little occasion for ringing. So we can imagine how joyfully those big bells boomed out when Elizabeth was crowned Queen!

In 1734 six new bells were cast, probably incorporating metal from the older bells, and these were increased to eight in 1788. In the ringing room there is a large old peal board recording a peal of 5,280 changes rung in that year for the opening of the bells by the Cumberland Youths, a vigorous London ringing society of the time.

In the 1959 restoration, instituted by the then Vicar, the Rev. S. Knight, with his slogan "Bring back the Bells", two of the old eight were recast, the rest quarter-turned and the whole ring overhauled and rehung in a new wooden frame by the Whitechapel Bell Foundry. A schedule of the weight, note and date of each bell hangs in the ringing room.

THE RINGERS

At present we have 12 ringers, and we are always ready to teach willing recruits. Our tower with its ringers is affiliated to the Middlesex County Association of Change Ringers, which arranges monthly practice meetings throughout the county, sometimes including a ringers' service and high tea — Edmonton is a popular venue for this.

The Association is one of some 60 similar County and Diocesan Associations which, together with other Ringing Societies and the University Guilds, are governed by the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers. The Council makes rules and publishes literature for the improvement of ringing in both theory and practice. Perhaps its best known and most appreciated work is the publication of our weekly paper, "The Ringing World", which covers all aspects of ringing in an entertaining and informative way. Dove's "Guide to the Church Bells of Britain" lists 5,400 churches with rings of five or more bells, and the total number of active ringers is well over 40,000.

The authoress Dorothy L. Sayers has said that church bell ringing is "the one loud noise made to the glory of God". This is indeed its main function and ringers should never lose sight of it, but there are other occasions for ringing and these are beautifully set out in the Ringers' Hymn, by H. C. Wilder (No. 496 in the red hymn books, q.v.). We also try to maintain the tradition of ringing on great national occasions—a merry peal for rejoicing, a muffled peal for mourning—and we consider it an honour to ring when the Bishop or a member of the Royal Family visits the parish.

THE HISTORY

Change ringing as now practised in parish churches is first recorded in the early 17th century, but it is thought that some elementary form of it was developed in abbeys and monasteries before the Reformation. That it was flourishing in the latter part of the 17th century is indicated in a book called "Tintinnalogia", by Fabian Stedman, published in 1668. Stedman is called "the father of change ringing" for he travelled widely to encourage the Art, and in 1679 he wrote a second book called "Campanalogia" which included a new principle, now named after him, with such fine qualities that it is as popular today as ever.

From that time until the middle of the 19th century ringing became secularised, and the ringers themselves a "closed shop" whose members were less and less attached to the church whose bells they rang, and more and more attached to the inn next door. That this state of affairs was rectified, ringers again becoming recognised and worthy servants of the Church, was largely due to the efforts of the Rev. F. E. Robinson, Vicar of Drayton, Berks, known as "The Ringing Parson", whose autobiography "Among the Bells" relates how he travelled up and down the country ringing peals at hundreds of churches, endeavouring to establish a high standard of behaviour along with a high standard of change ringing. The Exercise, as it is still called, now numbers many clergymen among its members, and they have their own Guild.

Change ringing has developed remarkably during the present century, and one of its fascinations is that there is no limit to the number and complexity of the methods which can be rung.

LEARNING TO RING

The faculties which you require to become a change ringer are nothing out of the ordinary. They are: the necessary physical skill, not strength, to control a bell—this comes quickly with practice; an ability to memorise the rules of the method, and these are very simple at first; keen eyes for "ropesight", that is, discerning the order in which the ropes rise and fall; good ears to distinguish the note of your own bell and ensure it is striking accurately in place; a determination to do your best, remembering the purpose for which you ring; and above all a team spirit, for you will be a member of a band of which each ringer depends on the others in every change rung.

As in other pursuits, "Practice Makes Perfect", and when you do achieve even moderate proficiency you will have an accomplishment that will give you interest and pleasure for the rest of your life. Moreover, wherever you go where normal ringing takes place you will be made welcome and asked to take part. This wonderful cameraderie means that, however far from home, you can always be among friends.

The recruit is first taught to "handle" a bell —that is, to ring it in a controlled manner— by the instructor and pupil working alone, with the clapper of the bell tied so that there is no monotonous tolling to cause a nuisance, and so that the pupil can take as much time as he needs. Or as she needs, for young ladies have proved themselves quite as competent as youths and are now a large proportion of our numbers. Next he rings his bell, now sounding, with the other ringers in rounds, with the instructor alongside, until he learns to ring after another bell with precision of striking. This is followed by call-changes, when he is required to ring after other bells by turns upon the conductor's instructions, until he becomes alert and confident. Then he is ready to be taught the simple movement known as hunting, which is the basis of all change ringing. "Hunting" is defined in a later paragraph.

HOW THE BELLS ARE RUNG

For change ringing the bells are hung in a special way—they do not just swing from side to side going ding-dong. By means of a large wooden wheel, round which the rope passes, they are swung from the upright position (12 o'clock) through a complete circle to 12 o'clock again, striking once on the way; this movement is known as the handstroke. Then back through a complete circle to the original 12 o'clock position—the backstroke—again striking once on the way.

The ringer can advance or retard the flight of the bell slightly at the 12 o'clock position, and it is this facility which makes change ringing possible. For convenience there is a simple slider-and-stay mechanism which permits the ringer to set the bell at rest in the upright position when the conductor calls "Stand". In this position it is only lightly balanced and easily pulled off—hence the large notice displayed in the ringing room: DANGER. BELLS UP. DO NOT TOUCH THE ROPES. For the same reason no inexperienced person should ever go into the bell chamber when the bells are up, or permit or encourage another to do so.

RINGING THE CHANGES

The bells are numbered from 1, the treble, which has the least weight and highest note, down to the tenor which has the greatest weight and deepest note. Ringing always starts off with "rounds"—that is, down the octave 12345678, 12345678, . . .

By the means of control described above any bell can be caused to strike one place earlier, or one place later, at each change. Example, from rounds to 21345678 or with four pairs changing from rounds to 21.43.65.87. Each bell strikes once only in each change and the regular rhythm is not interrupted. The music thus consists of a series of permutations or changes, which by convention must not be repeated until the bells come back into rounds. The number of permutations is very large, but we do not have to memorise them. Instead, we learn the path of one bell. In the following example the figures are those of the method named after our own tower, and a very musical and pleasant method it is.

EDMONTON BOB MAJOR

12345678
21436587
24163857
42618375
46281357
64823175
46283715
64827351
68472531
86745213
68475123
86741532
87614523
78165432
71856342
17583624
17856342
etc.

The path of the treble is a straight line forwards and backwards, and this is known as Plain Hunting. The paths of the other bells are more complicated.

At the end of the 16 changes shown each working bell picks up the work of another, and so on after each 16 changes until all seven bells have done all of each other's work. This brings the bells back into rounds after 112 changes and is referred to as the Plain Course of the method.

By calling "BOB" the conductor shunts three bells over, and by continuing to call bobs at predetermined places he can keep the changes going for hundreds and indeed thousands of changes before the bells come back into rounds, upon which he calls: "This is all".

Ringing is not confined to pulling ropes in the belfry. Homework can and should be done in learning new methods, and for those who have a mind for it there is endless fascination in working out new callings for longer lengths, and in proving these to ensure no change is repeated. Of course, the conductor has to memorise his callings just as the ringers have to memorise the rules of the methods—music stands are not allowed!

The Young Ringers of Dudley Parish Church

Dudley Parish Church has assembled a keen band of youngsters who are busy learning the Art. From left to right they are:—

Front row: Martin Pearson, Hilary Chilton, Leslie Horne, Roy Russon, Derek Chilton, Nigel Warington and Alun Davies.

Back row: Hugh Montgomery, Lynn Bradley, Andrew Cameron, Janette Chilton, Rachael Morse, Susan Tilley, Lynn Short and Christopher Priestley.

CHRISTMAS DAY BELLS BROADCAST

These 25 minutes on a Christmas morning are looked forward to by so many people, especially ringers and lovers of bells, that I hope the Central Council and the B.B.C. will never think of cutting it out or pruning it. I am sure that they could extend it to advantage, or perhaps repeat the programme, or have one programme as usual on radio and repeat it on TV later in the day. It could well replace some of the "non-Christmassy" stuff put out on TV on the day.

This is how I feel about this year's programme:—

The top item for me was the first on the list—St. John-the-Evangelist's, **Preston**, Lancs (10, 24 cwt. in D). The bells were well struck and a good example to put before anyone who says that he doesn't like a ten. Their richness put their immediate followers, St. Mary's, **Debenham**, Suffolk (8, 21¼ cwt. in E flat), to a disadvantage, I thought, as the bells came over somewhat shrill and they don't really sound like that. Perhaps it was the microphone, or the recording or the presentation of it that gave this effect. The striking was excellent but the speed a bit slow. I say so, not forgetting that I have said many times that too-fast ringing robs bells of their individual beauty.

St. Mary's, **Eling**, Hants (6, 11¼ cwt. in F sharp), bells were nice-toned and the striking was good.

St. Michael and All Angels', **Hughenden**, Bucks (8, 14¼ cwt.) bells rang out well and at good speed—good striking, too. "Dove" shows the tenor to be F. I would say that it is between F and F sharp, but much nearer F sharp.

Then came the bright-sounding bells of St. Cattwg's, **Cadoxton**, Glamorgan (6, 7¼ cwt. in B). They went at a nice speed and the striking was good. But the eight (22¼ cwt. in E flat) at St. James-the-Less's, **Leith**, Midlothian, came through very "woolly". I hope they don't in fact sound like that! One could imagine that someone had accidentally put a cushion over the microphone. Here the striking was very jerky: it was also irregular at St. Mark's, **Dundela**, Belfast (10, 12¼ cwt. in F sharp—for me, too light for ten bells unless struck extremely accurately and kept to the lowest speed at which they can be rung while still being well-managed). These bells could not be heard individually, and therefore, for me, their full beauty was lost. But they rang out well and are, no doubt, a merry bunch.

To sum up the programme as a whole, I would say that it was as good a show as any such presented so far — thanks to all who worked on it and for it.

Like the carols at King's, Cambridge, at 3 p.m. on Christmas Eve annually, it is one of those items I put in my diary some 12 months before and will not miss if I can help it.

CLAUDE RUSH.

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TUNE RINGING AT CHRISTMAS

Ecclesfield Comprehensive School

In October this school, sited just outside the northern boundary of Sheffield, was the host to the third annual rally of handbell tune ringers in Great Britain.

This school must surely be the premier school in the country as regards tune ringing. Mr. G. Mitchell, leader of the Ecclesfield Village Ringers, also leads the ex-Ecclesfield Grammar School Ringers. This team appeared at the school's two main Christmas concerts, using about 60 of the 163 bells at their disposal.

The school also houses the Hunshelf Ringers. The most senior of the teams had appeared at the rally but also took a part in one of the two "Junior School" concerts. Two other Hunshelf teams of younger boys and girls rang at the other "Junior School" concert. The senior Hunshelf team also made two other pre-Christmas performances out of school.

Nevertheless, the school's bellringing on its 226 bells doesn't end here. With six church bellringing pupils and two members of staff as well, the eight bells of Ecclesfield Parish Church were rung for half-an-hour to rounds and call-changes before two end-of-term carol services.

CHRISTMAS BELLS

Dear Sir,—I thought the Christmas bells this year were as splendid as ever—a grand combination. What a pity we cannot get more bells on the air, especially for Sunday morning services.—Yours faithfully.

R. H. MANSELL.

Handsworth, Birmingham.

Letters to the Editor

"MOONRAKERS"

Dear Sir,—Mr. A. T. Weeks' excellent article on the church and bells of St. James', Southbroom, Devizes, will evoke nostalgia among Wiltshiremen in exile and even foreigners like myself, to whom the county will always be a second home, but I was mildly disappointed to find that he had made no mention of the classic fame attached to the Crammer, in that the appellation "Moonraker" as applied to a Wiltshireman is said to have arisen at Southbroom pond.

It has nothing whatever to do with bells, but it is a good story and will bear repeating: it is supposed to illustrate the stupidity of the countryman, whereas it really proves the Wiltshireman's cunning.

In Southbroom pond a keg of smuggled brandy had been hidden, and its owners, at dead of night, were just fishing it up when an excise man rode by. To quiet his suspicions the smugglers pointed to the reflection of the moon on the surface of the pond and explained that they were raking the water for "that gert cheese"; on which the excise man, convinced that Wiltshiremen were even stupider than he had thought, rode away, and up came the keg.—Yours sincerely,

E. G. CAPLE.

Clevedon, Somerset.

WORTHINGTON SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir,—Regarding the report of a peal of Worthington Surprise Major at Stevenage (page 971), I am afraid that no composition of mine will run true to this method, so either my name has been wrongly used or a false composition (as far as this method is concerned) has been rung. Perhaps the conductor could clarify the point.

I have from time to time over the years attempted to compose a peal to this method, since it is one of the more attractive "easy" methods not previously pealed: however, the occurrence of falseness is such that although many methods having similar false course-ends have been successfully provided with true compositions, this one seems to remain "unpealed" (without resorting to singles or parted tenors, neither of which have I investigated).—Yours, etc.,

STEPHEN IVIN.

Woburn Sands,
Bletchley.

INFORMATION WANTED

Dear Sir,—Could you or any of your readers inform me of the dates of your issues in which the late Rev. Wm. C. Pearson recorded accounts of Mr. Theodore Ecclestone, of Crowfield Hall, Suffolk?

He gave ten bells to Stonham Aspal and eight to Coddenham, where there is a brass candelabrum (also his gift in 1741).—Yours truly,

G. E. SYMONDS.

Ipswich.

GOOD OLD WONSTON

Dear Sir,—It was very nice to see such names as "Wonston" and "R. Smith" printed in "The Ringing World". Mr. R. Smith taught me to ring at Wonston back in 1930, and I can assure you I will never be able to thank him enough. If Mr. Smith can now rest in his bed as suggested, I am sure he has done as much for the Exercise as some people who go around peal and tower grabbing.—Yours truly,

T. W. PALMER.

Cholsey, Berks.

BELLS OF ST. GILES', EDINBURGH

Dear Sir,—I had the impression from reading Miss Smith's letter on page 966 that St. Giles' Church, Edinburgh, was, and had been since 1681, practically devoid of bells. Miss Smith and your readers might care to know that on March 18th, 1698, the Town Council of Edinburgh contracted with John Meikle to supply a set of 15 musical bells, and this was later extended so that 23 bells were cast and hung in the crown of the spire.

Most of these bells were dispersed when they were sold by public roup on Saturday, November 22nd, 1890, along with a set of eight large cast steel bells which had been made by Naylor Vickers and Co., Sheffield, the latter being acquired by the authorities of the Archdiocese of St. Andrew's and Edinburgh of the R.C. Church. The press announcement of the sale explains that neither of these sets of bells was now required as they had been replaced by new tubular bells.

Thus St. Giles' had no fewer than three sets of bells between 1700 and 1900. I may add that the tubular bells have also been cleared out and the way is clear for a philanthropist to come forward and donate a ring of swinging bells to this historic church.—Yours faithfully,

R. S. WILSON,
Hon. Secretary,
The Scottish Association.

Edinburgh.

OLD-FASHIONED IN VALUES

Dear Sir,—I enclose a postal order for 15/- which I purchased some time ago, intending to send it to you to cover the increased cost of "The Ringing World". I'm afraid I failed to send it at the time, but having recently discovered it in my wallet I feel I must let you have it now.

This I do very gladly as the "R.W." is still excellent value for 1/- when one considers how few advertisements are included. Frankly, I do not understand how any person can quibble at this modest sum, or indeed for paying 1/- per rope for publication of peals. In these days, when 7/- is needed to buy 1 oz. of tobacco, it appears that the objectors to paying for peals, etc., are pretending to be old-fashioned in their values. They should bring themselves up to date and realise that a few shillings buys nothing—but a lot of shillings put together each week will make a difference to the paper.

Best wishes to all "R.W." staff for 1969—carry on the very good work which at least I appreciate.—Yours faithfully,

A. S. HARRIS.

Stone, Staffs.

GABRIEL LINDOFF

Dear Sir,—It was a pleasure to read Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd's article about the ringing life of Gabriel Lindoff.

In the MSS. and researches of Samuel Slater, of Glemsford, Suffolk (now in the strongroom of Ipswich Library for safe keeping during the war), are several items of ringing by Gabriel Baxter, so there seems to be some early uncertainty of his correct surname.

Referring to his composition of the 14,112 of London Surprise Major rung at King's Norton and W. Pye's quick journey to Essex by train, James Motts, of Ipswich, one of the band, cycled both ways on a "Safety". He told the writer that after a short rest and a pump-up he obtained fresh energy. Really a remarkable feat.—Yours truly,

G. E. SYMONDS.

Ipswich.

ATTRIBUTING COMPOSITIONS

Dear Sir,—I feel I must take exception to Mr. A. G. Craddock's suggestion (page 986) that I was aware that the composition on page 960 had been previously published. I can afford neither the time nor the money to study in books an art which can only be learned by practice.

I have a somewhat hazy memory of producing the arrangement in question at about 2 a.m. after a rather convivial evening, for use later that day. No one recognised the composition either then or later, and as it is accepted that some attribution of composition must be given in peal reports we had little choice in the matter.

This, of course, raises the question of whether there is in fact any point in attributing compositions at all, as anything that one composer can turn out can also be produced by another. Under the present system it is merely a question of who is first, and in view of the confusion and petty dispute which repeatedly arise, would it not be more sensible to drop all attributions?—Yours faithfully,

CHRISTOPHER I. ROWSON.

P.S.—My apologies to the previous composers of this peal.—C. I. R.

SURPRISE MINOR

Dear Sir,—The sixth of the Surprise Minor methods listed by Mr. Bishop on page 966 (—36—14—12—36.14—12.56 i.e. 14 135642) was rung to a 720 at Wath-on-Dearne, Yorkshire, on March 1st, 1931, under the name of Loughborough Surprise. A 720 had previously been rung at Felkirk on December 4th, 1929, as Hexham Surprise.

The method is, of course, 4ths place Surfleet/Hexham. 4ths place Minor methods have a long and honourable history, but it seems to me rather doubtful whether those that are bob lears of other methods as in this case and in several others quoted by Mr. Bishop should be accepted today. Methods such as Duke of York and College Treble Bob cannot, of course, be faulted; if their 4ths place at the lead-end is moved to 2nds or 6ths no valid method is produced.

It would be interesting to know the views of other Minor ringers on this point. If there is anything approaching unanimity, perhaps the whole position could then be officially regularised by the Central Council.—Yours sincerely,

CYRIL A. WRATTEN.

Cheltenham.

EARLY RECOGNITION

Dear Sir,—When bells were heard during the "Listen with Mother" programme recently our 17-month-old daughter bounced up excitedly and pointed out of the window to the parish church where we ring each week before turning back to the wireless.—Yours truly,

Mrs. S. F. HINTON.

Cambridge.

PEAL RECORDS

Dear Sir,—On behalf of those who have the task of keeping peal books and Association records up to date, I would appeal to all peal conductors to submit details of peals immediately after they are rung to "The Ringing World" for publication. This is important throughout the year but particularly so at this time when annual reports, etc., are being prepared. Please do not keep them for a couple of months and then send them up together. Surely 4d. is not a great amount compared with the cost of travelling to a peal, or with the ale drunk afterwards, and it makes the task so very much easier if they are published promptly.—Yours sincerely,

Rumney, Cardiff. M. JACK PRYOR.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Chesterfield District A.G.M.

Despite the bitterly cold weather, over 60 members and friends were present when the A.G.M. of the Chesterfield District was held at Chesterfield on December 14th jointly with the E. Derbys and W. Notts Association. After a short ring on the 25 cwt. ten, housed in the famous "crooked spire", a special ringers' service on the Advent theme was conducted by the senior curate, the Rev. K. Hugo, the lessons being read by ringers from Bolsover, Old Whittington and Killamarsh.

In his opening remarks as chairman of the business meeting, which followed tea in the nearby St. James' Hall, Mr. J. Arkwell said how pleasing it was to see such a good company despite the cold, and welcomed in particular the members of the neighbouring E. Derbys and W. Notts Association. Although some of the District's towers were suffering from lack of recruits, Mr. Arkwell was most gratified to hear that in spite of the numerous counter-attractions the Association's main object of promoting Sunday service ringing was still receiving priority from District members.

Presenting his annual report the District secretary (Mr. M. Phipps) said 1968 had been a most eventful year, for in addition to ten monthly meetings there had been outings to York and Derby, a ringing contest, a District social, and last but by no means least an anniversary dinner to mark their appreciation of Mr. F. Adams (Staveley)—Chesterfield District chairman for 17 years—completing his 60 years as a ringer. With the election of almost another 30 new members, membership of the District continued to flourish and had now exceeded the 130 mark — a record for the Association.

Although meetings had been very good during 1968 the District Ringing Master, Mr. G. Newman, appealed for more competent ringers to attend, as by doing so not only would they improve the standard and/or variety of the ringing but also be of assistance with the learners. Once again quarters had been more popular with members than peals, but he was pleased to see the continued interest in ringing contests, three District towers having competed in the Association's final and one in the Sheffield District's contest.

The election of officers for 1969 resulted in the following: Chairman, Mr. J. Timons (North Wingfield); vice-chairman, Mr. D. Davis (North Wingfield); committee, Mr. G. Newman (Old Whittington), Mrs. D. Davis (North Wingfield); Ringing Master, Mr. D. Peers (Dronfield), and secretary, Mr. M. Phipps (Chesterfield).

After a record number of 15 new members had been admitted to membership of the Association, the meeting was concluded by Mr. D. Davis proposing a comprehensive vote of thanks. Further ringing was enjoyed until 9 p.m.

Next meeting, Barlborough (6), January 11th (provisional). M. P. P.

REAL REVERSE BOB

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Wratten's enquiry (page 990), peals of Reverse Bob Major with the bobs all made from behind were rung at Crayford on November 24th, 1924, and May 28th, 1937. A peal of Real Reverse Bob Royal was rung recently at St. Albans.—Yours sincerely,

E. BARNETT.

10, Kings Close,
Crayford, Kent.

OBITUARY

MR. W. E. SCRIMSHAW

A member of the St. Wilfrid's, Calverley, Yorks, company from 1917–1960, Mr. "Willie" Scrimshaw died on December 15th after a long illness.

His ringing career started in 1917 with the capable Treble Bob company at Calverley, under the leadership of the late Walter Popplewell, and with his quick, lively wit he soon became a popular member of the band. His first peal came in 1926, being a local peal of London Treble Bob Major, and before the ban on tower bell ringing in 1939 he took part in three more, one of these being Double Norwich, conducted by William Barton, of Pudsey.

On the lifting of the ban he returned to a very depleted company at Calverley, the tower having lost its captain, Ringing Master and several other capable ringers. He became responsible for the tower and helped to teach many young people to ring, remaining a member of the new company until 1960, when illness forced his premature retirement.

The bells of St. Wilfrid's were rung half-muffled to his memory on Sunday, December 22nd, and a quarter peal of Treble Bob was successfully brought round. P. M. D.

MRS. J. D. MATTHEWS

On Christmas Eve, Mrs. J. D. Matthews died at the age of 95. She was the widow of J. D. Matthews, late Master of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths until his death in 1933. Although not herself a ringer, her interest was always keen and her passing will be regretted by those who knew her.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

North Dorset Branch

It was a great relief to members of the North Dorset Branch that road conditions on December 14th were favourable. This time last year confusion was caused because the A.G.M. arranged for Gillingham had to be postponed at the last minute, due to snow and ice. This time all was well and some 35 members gathered at Mere for an enjoyable afternoon.

Ringing, in the hands of Ringing Master Mr. T. Bleathman, started at 3 p.m. and included a good proportion of "rounds for the learners", a good omen for the continuity of ringing in the Branch. The Guild Office was taken by Rev. R. N. Longridge (Master of the Guild), assisted by Revs. R. G. Chaffey Moore and R. A. Wells (Branch chairman and vice-chairman), and the address was given by Rev. R. Preston Thomas, Vicar of Mere. Tea afterwards was in the capable hands of Mrs. Paul and her helpers.

At the business meeting the usual reports were given, telling of a fairly active year and a slight increase in membership. One item of note was a handbell peal at Durweston in September, rung by Messrs. C. F. Longridge, J. N. Longridge (conductor) and M. J. Corry, probably the first in the Branch by Branch members since 1940, when one was rung at Mere, conducted by Mr. E. G. Coward.

Another point of interest was that with the close of the year Mr. Jim Ralph would become the third Branch member to complete 60 years of ringing, and he was heartily congratulated.

All the Branch officers were re-elected and several matters were discussed. Later ringing was resumed at Mere and at Gillingham.

M. M. G.

URANGWOT 7 SOLUTION

More Women than Men Entrants

George is very grateful to all those readers who came to his assistance. Unfortunately, they were not unanimous about "urangwot"! However, 24 people were agreed that George's band would be placed to the best advantage as follows:—

Bill 1, Alan 2 Charlie 3, Derek 4, Edward 5 Frank 6.

The 24 names were placed in a hat and the first drawn out and, therefore, the winner of the diary is: Anthony P. Smith, St. Uny's Cottage, Lelant, St. Ives, Cornwall.

Solution

D rings progressively lighter bells in each touch and is readily inserted throughout:

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- - - - - D
- - - - D -
- - - D - -
- - D - - -
- D - - - -
D - - - - -
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The maximum for B lighter than A is five times and will be achieved by having BA on adjacent bells in those five touches. C has to be below D in touch No. 4 but also higher than A in that touch, hence in touch No. 4 - - D C B A. C must also be higher than BA when C rings treble and as this occurs again only in touch No. 1, C is on treble there. C must ring 2nd in one touch and A must ring treble then. The sequence BEF must be obtained for treble ringers in touches 2 to 5, i.e., ABEF or BEFA, but the latter is unacceptable as that would give D on 2nd with A on treble in touch No. 5. So there is established so far—

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C - - - - D                    C - - - - D
A C - - D -   and three more   A C - - D B
B - - D - -   letters may read- B A - D - -
E - D C B A   ily be added to   E F D C B A
F D - - - -   give              F D - - - -
D - - - - -                    D - - - - -
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BA still have to ring 2.3 and this cannot be in the last touch as there E must be lighter. So BA on 2.3 in first touch. F must be lighter than B in four touches. It is already established as not lighter than B in first and third touches and must be lighter than B in the last touch to give FBA as 3.4.5 as F has already rung 2nd. This establishes the position—

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C B A - - D   and the remain-   C B A E F D
A C - - D B   der can be filled  A C E F D B
B A - D - -   in only in one    B A C D E F
E F D C B A   way to satisfy    E F D C B A
F D - - - -   all the condi-    F D B A C E
D E F B A -   tions, viz.:      D E F B A C
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Incidentally, the ladies had a higher proportion of correct solutions among their entries, 77% as against 70% for men. T. SURR.

5,040 HARPOLE SURPRISE ROYAL

By R. F. B. SPEED

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24365	2	in/5	1	2
423658079	1	6/in/5		2
234658790		4/in		2
62354	2		2	2
24356	2	in/5	1	2
35246			1	1
423567089		out/7/9		2
234567890		4 in		2

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HALF PEAL

AUGHTON, LANCS.—On Nov. 25th, 2,520 Grandsire Triples (from Vicar's 6-Part): Caroline Peet 1, S. Livesley 2, Mrs. Mary Perry 3, J. R. Lunham 4, D. R. Jones 5, J. Roebuck 6, W. E. Court (cond.) 7, E Rothwell 8. Longest length 1 and 6.

EXETER COLLEGES GUILD

HEAVITREE, Exeter, DEVON.—On Dec. 8th, 1,968 Plain Bob Major: Linda V. Cull 1, Angela C. Hughes 2, D. J. Atkins 3, P. K. Goodhew 4, M. S. Turner 5, K. A. Hughes 6, G. W. Stevens 7, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 8.

HIGHWEEK, DEVON.—On Dec. 9th, 1,280 Lincolnshire Surprise Major: G. Mudge 1, P. Bill 2, Angela C. Hughes 3, P. K. Goodhew 4, K. A. Hughes 5, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 6, F. D. Mack 7, D. R. Bould 8.

EXETER, DEVON. — At the Cathedral, on Dec. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Angela C. Hughes 1, P. K. Goodhew 2, D. J. Atkins 3, K. A. Hughes 4, C. P. Yates 5, D. R. Bould (cond.) 6, C. D. Yates 7, R. J. Talbot and J. N. Longridge 8.

EXETER, DEVON. — At St. Mark's Church, on Dec. 15th, 1,260 Wreford Imperial Minor: C. L. Barr 1, Linda V. Cull 2, Angela C. Hughes 3, P. K. Goodhew 4, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 5, K. A. Hughes 6.

ADDINGTON, SURREY. — On Dec. 15th, 1,272 London Surprise Minor: E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 1, N Bennett 2, I. Wiltshire 3, Wendy Wallace 4, R. Rayfield 5, C. H. Macve 6. For Evensong and to congratulate Penny Cocks on becoming a Queen's Guide.

ALTON, HANTS.—On Dec. 14th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Triples: Jane Sims (first Triples) 1, Catherine Law (first "inside") 2, R. Corke (first Triples in method) 3, E. Hedger (first Triples in method) 4, B. Fox (first Triples) 5, C. Chennell White 6, R. Finch (first Triples in method and as cond.) 7, A. Kersey 8. Rung to mark the 325th anniversary of the Battle of Alton, fought in St. Lawrence's Church.

ASHWICK, SOM.—On Nov. 25th, 1,440 Primrose, Berwick and Hexham Surprise Minor: J. C. Sheppard 1, W. S. Rice 2, G. Hebden 3, E. T. Skipsey 4, R. W. Rice 5, G. W. Massey (cond.) 6.

AUGHTON, LANCS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. Celia D'Aeth 1, J. R. Lunham 2, Mrs. Mary Perry 3, S. Livesley 4, E. Rothwell 5, W. E. Court 6, D. R. Jones (cond.) 7, H. Moorcroft 8. For Harvest Festival. Also on Nov. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Woodcock 1, Mrs. M. Perry 2, J. R. Lunham 3, D. R. Jones 4, E. Rothwell 5, J. Roebuck 6, W. E. Court (cond.) 7, H. Moorcroft 8.

CHIGWELL ROW, ESSEX.—On Dec. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. R. Mount 1, G. H. Walker 2, L. J. Fox 3, P. W. Dickinson 4, D. A. Tovell 5, K. A. Hughes 6, J. E. Murfitt (first in method as cond.) 7, M. Wareing 8. First Grandsire Triples 4 and 5.

CHOLSEY, BERKS.—On Dec. 13th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Mrs. Eve Hodgson 1, K. W. Johnson 2, W. Rich 3, J. Hodgson 4, G. K. Cook (cond.) 5, P. J. Dye 6. With best wishes to Tom Palmer, in hospital at the time of ringing.

DROITWICH SPA, WORCS. — At St. Peter-de-Witton's Church, on Nov. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Sack 1, I. L. Dollins 2, S. Bridge 3, W. H. Raxter 4, J. L. Clements 5, P. Cattermole (cond.) 6. Rung after Western Branch quarterly peal failure.

EPSOM, SURREY. — At St. Martin's Church, on Dec. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rosemary Astridge 1, J. Aronson (first quarter "inside") 2, M. Harbott 3, W. Parrott 4, S. Mortimore 5, P. Munday 6, Jill Oakshott (arr. and cond.) 7, J. Monton 8.

FAR HEADINGLEY, Leeds, YORKS.—On Dec. 12th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: R. Beresford 1, R. Roberts 2, Mrs. D. Skelton 3, C. Forster 4, J. Durham 5, A. Johnson 6, M. G. Dodson (first as cond.) 7, J. P. Ottaway 8. For Evensong by a Sunday service band.

FORNHAM ST. MARTIN, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 17th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. A. Underwood (cond.) 1, B. R. Wells 2, Sally E. V. Potter (first Minor "inside") 3, B. E. Whiting 4, C. R. Nunn 5, A. G. Feaver 6. The tenor rung throughout without a slider.

GARSTANG, Churchtown, LANCS.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Stokes (first Minor) 1, K. Lewin 2, M. Houghton 3, K. Foster 4, A. White 5, P Coddington (cond.) 6. For the University of Lancaster's Arts Festival.

QUARTER PEALS

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Dec .15th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: P. Archer (first Major) 1, Dorothy Durrant (first in method) 2, Muriel R. Page 3, C. W. Pipe 4, G. R. Goodship 5, L. G. Brett (cond.) 6, E. G. Pearce 7, A. T. Beckwith 8. For Evensong.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTS.—On Nov. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. W. Hazell 1, G. Parsons (first "inside") 2, Judy B. Edwards 3, S. J. Crawley 4 M. A. Jackson 5, A. R. Kench (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on Dec. 22nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. W. Hazell 1, Jacqueline M. Neal 2, G. Parsons (first Major) 3, Judy B. Edwards 4, M. A. Jackson 5, R. Picton 6, S. J. Crawley 7, A. R. Kench (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.—At St. Margaret's Church, on Sept. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Shelagh R. Collins (cond.) 1, S. Garner 2, D. Gagen 3, W. W Cousins 4, R. Newson 5, N. V. Harding 6, C. Cousins tenor covering. For Evensong. Also on Dec. 17th, 1,260 Minor (Cambridge, Plain Bob) on back six: W. W. Cousins 1, R. Newson 2, D. Gagen 3, L. Houghton 4, C. Cousins 5, N. V. Harding (cond.) 6.

KINGSTON UPON THAMES, SURREY. — On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. E. Bulleid 1, B. J. Stone 2, Ann V. Salvage 3, Lesley A. Hawes 4, C. D. Collin (cond.) 5, Anthea S. Bruce 6. Rung for Holy Communion, and as a birthday compliment to the ringer of 1.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Pryke 1, M. T. Symonds (cond.) 2, A. F. Turner 3, A. J. Haynes 4, W. Jarvis 5, C. Curtis 6, L. G. Pryke 7, C. Poulson 8. For the Festival of Carols.

LLANDAFF, GLAM.—At the Cathedral, on Dec. 15th, 1,296 Little Bob Major: Anne Cooke 1, Mary Pryor 2, N. W. H. Simon (cond.) 3, F. W. Corney 4, N. A. James 5, P. A. Williams 6, M. Pilgrim 7, D. S. Bishop 8. For Evensong.

LONDON, W.C.—At St. Clement Danes' Church, on Dec. 15th, 1,287 Stedman Caters: Miss D. E. Colgate 1, M. F. Oakshett 2, Miss J. Qualfe 3, M. H. O'Callaghan 4, J. R. Pratt (cond.) 5, P. J. Simmonds 6, E. J. Ladd 7, D. P. Smith 8, T. Lewis 9, J. W. Smith 10. For Evensong.

MADELEY, SALOP. — On Nov. 9th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: S. W. Illidge 1, A. J. Molindi 2, S. G. Pick 3, D. J. G. Bates 4, P. R. Johnson 5, A. G. Richards 6, C. J. Bennett 7, Gillian Bosworth-Smith (cond.) 8. A compliment to the Rev. A. Lord on the 25th anniversary of his induction to this parish.

MARKET DRAYTON, SALOP. — On Dec. 11th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. B. Bowler (first quarter) 1, Wendy Tyler (first quarter) 2, H. F. White 3, T. Price 4, S. J. Hughes 5, B. Madeley 6, T. White 7, W. H. Tyler (cond.) 8.

MARSTON, OXFORD. — On Dec. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): Catherine Cartlidge (first attempt) 1, R. H. Jones 2, M. R. Bolton (cond.) 3, A. Gammon 4, L. R. Porter 5. For Evensong, and as birthday compliments to ringers and 1 and 5.

MITCHELDEAN, GLOS.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. J. S. King 1, R. Shea 2, R. C. Clench 3, A. Paton 4, M. Kingsley (first in method) 5, D. J. Hughes 6, D. J. King (cond.) 7, D. L. Philips 8.

MONKEN HADLEY, HERTS. — On Dec. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Harriet Platten 1, M. Soper 2, Susan Thompson (first "inside") 3, A. Price 4, C. Ward 5, W. Bradbrook 6, T. Pink (cond.) 7, J. Platten 8. For Confirmation service.

NAILSEA, SOM.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Childs 1, J. Yeates 2, T. Philips 3, L. Derrick (cond.) 4, J. Lott 5, H. Hardwidge (150th quarter) 6. Fifty years together 1 and 4. Rung half-muffled in memory of late tower captain Ted Baker. Also on Nov. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): H. Hardwidge 1, L. Derrick 2, E. Davey (first quarter) 3, C. Kortwright (cond.) 4, J. Lott 5, L. Childs 6.

NANTWICH, CHESHIRE.—On Dec. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. G. Smith 1, S. Newton 2, D. Allman 3, J. E. Brough 4, E. J. Boffey 5, F. Ollier 6, F. Barnard (first as cond.) 7, W. Smith 8. For Evensong, and to celebrate the birth of a granddaughter to J. E. Brough; also for the ordination at Coventry this day of Michael Johnson, former server at Nantwich.

NEMPNETT, SOM.—On Dec. 13th, 1,440 London S.M.: Monica Horseman 1, J. S. Walton (100th quarter and first London S.M.) 2, S. Brown 3, E. T. Lee 4, A. E. Cox 5, M. Heymann (first in method as cond.) 6.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE. — At the Cathedral Church of St. Nicholas, on Nov. 26th, 1,254 Grandsire Cinques: Miss C. H. Telfer 1, J. Berriman 2, A. G. Craddock 3, S. C. Wells 4, J. E. Anderson 5, B. Palmer 6, M. A. Beaumont 7, R. N. Scholes 8, G. S. Deas (cond.) 9, M. E. Johnson 10, J. H. Taylor 11, A. Dempster 12. Also on Dec. 10th, 1,320 Plain Bob Maximus: J. E. Anderson (cond.) 1, Miss C. H. Telfer 2, M. A. Beaumont 3, A. G. Craddock 4, W. A. Thow 5, S. C. Wells 6, D. G. Hall 7, D. Martin 8, D. Cooke 9, J. H. Taylor 10, M. E. Johnson 11, J. Crowther 12.

PETERSFIELD, HANTS. — On Dec. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Amanda Roberts (first Triples) 1, Carol Stacey 2, K. Tipper 3, K. Sansom 4, R. Tipper 5, A. Betsworth 6, B. Walton (cond.) 7, R. Cross 8.

PORTHKERRY, GLAM. — On Dec. 13th, 1,260 Minor (St. Clement's, Double Oxford): H. A. Smart 1, L. J. Malings 2, Mrs. G. D. Horne 3, W. E. Pearce 4, C. Cook (first Minor "inside") 5, D. J. Llewellyn (cond.) 6. A welcome to Rev. W. D. Davies, new Rector, and to Rev. Peter Cobb, recently appointed curate.

PORTSEA, HANTS.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Spliced Grandsire and Stedman Triples: Mrs. R. J. Ball 1, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 2, Mrs. B. M. Hunt 3, L. D. Duguid 4, A. F. W. Burbidge 5, J. A. G. Ball 6, M. S. Bruce 7, E. Treagus 8. First Spliced Triples by all.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Dec. 8th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: P. Sadler 1, R. Tomlin 2, Mrs. J. Hallett 3, F. May 4, J. Laken 5, T. Sharpe 6, A. House 7, M. Hallett (cond.) 8. First in method 3, 5 and 6. For Evensong.

ROCK CROSS, WORCS.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,280 Pl. Bob Major: S. T. Yates 1, S. G. Pick 2, A. J. Molindi 3, A. J. Fletcher 4, Gillian Bosworth-Smith 5, F. Beech 6, C. J. Bennett 7, P. R. Johnson (cond.) 8.

SAWLEY, DERBYS.—On Nov. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Nita Marshall 1, R. G. Newsum 2, W. Barwell 3, J. Harvey 4, A. Humphrey (cond.) 5, D. J. Marshall 6.

STAINES, MIDDX. — At St. Mary's Church, on Nov. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Medway 1, F. G. Rawson 2, L. Stilwell 3, Margaret Wenban 4, F. T. Blagrove 5, A. C. Wenban 6. Rung by Windsor ringers for Evensong.

STEEP, HANTS. — On Dec. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Sansom 1, K. Tipper 2, R. Tipper (first as cond.) 3, D. Hatherly 4, B. Walton 5, R. Cross 6.

STOCKLAND, DEVON. — On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. Salter 1, T. Travers 2, L. Stevens 3, P. Doble 4, D. Salter (cond.) 5, W. Webb 6.

THURLASTON, LEICS.—On Dec. 15th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Julie King 1, Joyce Pickering 2, G. Pickering 3, Jane Tooby 4, M. Millard 5, J. Morris (cond.) 6. A farewell to M. Millard, who is leaving the district.

TRULL, SOM. — On Dec. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Bellhouse 1, E. J. Baker 2, A. F. Ancott 3, D. Adams 4, H. Churchill (cond.) 5, F. Mills 6. Rung to mark the wedding of Mr. B. Vine, a ringer at this church, and Mrs. P. Watts, a former ringer.

WEST CLANDON, SURREY.—On Dec. 17th, 1,280 Cambridge Major: R. D. Mills 1, Gillian Laver (first Surprise) 2, Jill M. May 3, Jill Oakshott 4, D. A. R. May 5, J. A. Laver 6, T. Skilton (first Surprise as cond.) 7, A. P. Cannon 8. All members of the Leatherhead District of the Guildford Guild.

WIGGENHALL, NORFOLK.—On Dec. 22nd, at the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: A. H. Bridges 1, W. W. Cousins (cond.) 2, R. Newson 3, P. J. Gagen 4, D. P. Gagen 5, C. Cousins 6 For carol service.

WINDSOR, BERKS.—At the Parish Church, on May 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples, for the presentation, in the presence of H.M. the Queen, of the Freedom of the Borough to the Brigade of Guards. Also on May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, for the District C.E.M.S. service. Also on Aug 4th, 1,288 Plain Bob Major, for the birthday of H.M. the Queen Mother. Also on Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples, for Evensong. Also on Oct. 27th, 1,312 D.N.C.B. Major: E. S. T. Farr 1, Ann Carpenter 2, Margaret Lewis 3, Margaret Wenban 4, L. Stilwell 5, A. J. Glass 6, A. C. Wenban 7, F. T. Blagrove 8. For Evensong.

WOOD GREEN, LONDON.—On Dec. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. G. Spreadbury (cond.) 1, M. J. Fox (first "inside") 2, B. W. Rhodes 3, W. C. G. Wainwright 4, D. F. Willcocks 5, N. J. Peters 6.

OF FEMININE INTEREST

"I MARRIED A RINGER"

By MARGARET EVANS

I CANNOT say that my introduction to bell-ringing was favourable. My boy friend, an ardent ringer, was notably absent on every Saturday afternoon to ring at weddings, on Sunday evenings for services, Monday evenings for practices and the associated drinking sessions, and Wednesday evenings for the same at another local church. I gradually became faintly antagonistic to these activities, and these feelings increased after we became engaged and he was studying for exams. We both live in a Midlands city, but a long way from a church which has bells, and the church at which he rang was on the other side of the city. Consequently much time and money was wasted by him in travelling. However, he seemed so keen that I decided one Wednesday evening to go with him and see what all the excitement was about

I had never been in a bell tower before, and I learned afterwards that this particular church has a rather curious construction. The ringing chamber is downstairs in the main body of the church and there is no dividing wall between the ringers and congregation. What struck me was that it is impossible to hear the bells from inside. Hence my scarcely-concealed derision to see such an extraordinary medley of people pulling ropes up and down with the utmost concentration when there was nothing to hear. I was told to listen to the bells outside, so I stood in the graveyard thinking other thoughts as the interminable clangour (so it seemed to me who could hear no order in the noise) rang out above me.

Well, that was my first impression of bells and bellringers, and my discontent continued with these activities, although I was finally persuaded by my fiancé to go on a "ringers' outing". This strange phenomenon entailed hareing through the countryside in a mini-coach with an odd assortment of people who talked enthusiastically of "peals", "changes", "methods" and "beer", and who insisted on rushing into each church at every town or village we came to. My interest was confined to the structure of the churches, the presence of brasses, and the cake shop opposite.

We have since married (in a place that has no bells), and my resentment knew no bounds when he spent the first week-end after our honeymoon ringing, only popping in for meals (or so it seemed). I felt very neglected as I washed his shirts and socks. At last I could bear it no longer. I could not dissuade him so I needs must join him.

I trailed across town with him one Monday evening and into the parish church. I found a friendly crowd of people to welcome me and a rather interesting old church tower, plastered with boards recording "peals". When they started ringing the tower shook, and we could all certainly hear the bells. Watching them, I became quite fascinated and began to see some order in the ringing. Previously I had supposed they rang all the bells together and whenever they chose to, but now I saw that they did at least ring them one after the other. There were some girls of about my age who were learning to ring and I felt the urge to "have a go" myself, but did not admit it.

However, I had caught the infectious disease at last and I found myself going the next week. This time I was asked if I was going to join them, and I ventured a hesitant "Yes—perhaps". Unfortunately my (very smug) husband was urged to teach me—a great mistake. Accustomed as I had become to defying his word I could not change my attitude! So another ringer began teaching me instead. This first lesson was in pulling the rope end, which was a task I found rather dissatisfying as it required little effort and I was by now longing to have a good tug at the sally. After ten minutes my lesson was over and I sat watching and chatting to "spare" ringers as the more advanced people rang complicated changes. I was beginning to realise how complicated was the whole procedure, and there were endless questions to ask—"What's a 'bob'?"; "Which is the lightest bell?"; "How do they tie the knot in the ropes?".

The next week I progressed to pulling the sally while my instructor held the tail end. This proved far more difficult than it looked and was shattering to my confidence, especially since I was told not to look up, and I found it impossible to focus on the sally to catch it again unless I did! The third week was catastrophic, resulting in a fight which the bell won. I really could not do anything that week, but I did go up into the bell tower, cobwebby and black, to look at the bells (and the cracked stay). This was a revelation! I had never imagined the size of the bells. My awe was increased as there is no electric light in the belfry and I could only have a shadowy impression of the vast mechanisms by thin torch-light and sense the cold presence of the bells.

In the following weeks I gradually improved and learned more control of the bell, thanks to some excellent teachers. I am now proud to say that I too am "a ringer", having rung in my first rounds. I never thought the day would come when I would wait as keenly for practice nights as does my husband.

QUARTER PEALS

ABSON, GLOS. — On Dec. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. Lynn Angell (first quarter) 1, V. Jones 2, B. Angell 3, J. Ferris 4, H. T. Ferris (cond.) 5, N. Smart 6. To celebrate the christening of Naomi Ruth Angell, daughter of Lynn and Brian, at Wick on December 8th.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX. — On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. P. Myers 1, S. M. Harris 2, D. M. Gough (cond.) 3, R. E. Stillwell 4, M. L. Haigh 5, P. Morris 6. Rung for the confirmees confirmed this evening by the Bishop of Lewes in St. Leonard's Church.

BATHEASTON, SOM.—1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: G. Massey (cond.) 1, J. E. Newman (first of Surprise Major) 2, D. A. Burt 3, A. Lee 4, P. Devrell (first "inside") 5, R. L. Coles 6, R. Baker 7, R. I. Kendrick 8.

BENGEO, HERTS.—On Dec. 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. Jean Woolford 1, J. M. Kemp 2, Lesley Stracey 3, A. M. S. Stracey 4, A. Stracey 5, J. H. Phillips 6, J. A. D. Woolford (first in method as cond.) 7, S. D. Butcher 8. For Confirmation, and to mark the first visit of the Bishop of Hertford.

BEOLEY, WORCS.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Christine V. Salmon (first quarter) 1, C. J. Pickford (first Minor) 2, I. L. Dollins (first Minor) 3, J. C. Barker (first Minor) 4, P. Cattermole (cond.) 5, A. D. Cook 6. Also on the same day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. D. Cook 1, I. L. Dollins 2, Christine V. Salmon (first "inside") 3, J. C. Barker 4, C. J. Pickford 5, P. Cattermole (cond.) 6. Both rung after the failure of a peal.

CAMBRIDGE.—At the Church of St. Andrew-the-Great, on Dec. 11th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. R. N. Lebon 1, M. J. Pickup 2, Marion Kemp 3, D. P. Sturge 4, E. N. Thomas 5, A. F. Scholfield 6.

CAMBRIDGE.—On Dec. 15th, at Great St. Mary's Church, 1,320 Little Bob Maximus: F. E. Haynes (cond.) 1, I. Quinney 2, Hilary Muirhead 3, G. Pearson 4, C. R. F. Muncey 5, J. W. R. Quinney 6, J. H. R. Freeborn 7, J. S. Rank 8, A. Twyman 9, H. C. Foster 10, C. M. P. Johnson 11, V. Nutton 12, N. Smart 6. To celebrate the christening of Naomi Rank, leaving for Kenya.

CASTLE CARY, SOM.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. F. Creed 1, F. Andrews 2, Mrs. L. Sherrell 3, W. Tiley (cond.) 4, K. Laver 5, A. Lawrence 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Mrs. M. Edwards.

CHELSFIELD, KENT. — On Dec. 8th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): I. Parker 1, Felicity Mussell 2, Mary Salmon 3, Ann Blatcher 4, D. C. Manger (cond.) 5, C. C. Rowe 6. The conductor's 100th quarter on the bells. Rung to celebrate the christening of Sally Ann Manger, niece and god-daughter of the conductor.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.—On Dec. 15th, 1,264 Pl. Bob Major: P. R. Everest 1, J. M. Corby 2, M. W. Thompson 3, R. J. Everest 4, E. J. Jenner 5, R. P. Sherlock 6, R. W. H. Hayes (cond.) 7, P. A. Corby 8. For the family service and preceding the baptism of Peter Robert, son of Brian and Betty Jeffrey.

CORRECTIONS & AMENDMENTS

The peal of Grandsire Doubles rung at St. Bride's Major, Glam, on December 7th, was as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Pryor and not for a 21st anniversary as submitted.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Twenty-five quarter peals were rung in Kingston upon Thames Parish Church during 1968.

The Taylors of Cheltenham have registered a quarter of Doubles. Youngest participant was 12-year-old B. H. Taylor, who was ringing his first quarter peal.

A reader inquires concerning handbells by J. Shaw and Sons, of Bradford. There is a set of 17 in his church and he would welcome information.

Mr Fredk. Sharpe, we are happy to say, is recovering. Just before Christmas he climbed a tower and did his first inspection for three months. Over Christmas he rang for five minutes at Caversfield.

Those who knew Mr. F. Bernard Ditcher at Ranmoor, Sheffield, and also as a member of a progressive Surprise peal ringing band in Yorkshire some years ago will be sorry to know that he is in the Edward Hain Memorial Hospital, St. Ives, Cornwall. Mr. Ditcher retired to Cornwall but has not enjoyed good health recently, which necessitated giving up ringing. All will wish him a speedy recovery.

Mr. Frank I. Hairs had the pleasure of ringing a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major with some of his old friends at Tunbridge Wells for his 80th birthday on December 27th.

At Shelford, Nottinghamshire, a peal of Spliced Doubles in 129 different plain methods was rung on December 21st, conducted by Simon Humphrey. This was the greatest number of methods ever rung to a peal of Doubles. Congratulations to all concerned.

The Dulwich Handbell Ringers have again been street-collecting for the Greater London Fund for the Blind, and due to a magnificent anonymous gift of £50 have this year raised the biggest amount ever of £400. The total now handed in over the 22 years is £4,486, writes the leader, Mr. Arthur H. Coombs.

So far we have only received one peal rung in honour and thanksgiving for the safe return of the Apollo 8 crew after their journey to the moon. This was at Stevenage on December 27th, conducted by David L. Gullick. The peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major also marked the 250th anniversary of the first peal in the method.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL BELLS RUNG TO HONOUR ASTRONAUTS

The quarter peal of 1,325 Stedman Cinques rung at St. Paul's Cathedral on Sunday, December 29th, 1968, aroused a good deal of outside interest. It was reported in "The Times", and "The Daily Telegraph" carried a photograph of the ringers, taken during the ringing. It was also mentioned in B.B.C. news broadcasts.

It was the Dean of St. Paul's, the Very Rev. Martin Sullivan, who suggested that the safe return of the American astronauts, Borman, Lovell and Anders, should be honoured by the ringing of the Cathedral bells, thus emphasising the connection that already exists between St. Paul's and American Servicemen in the shape of the American Memorial Chapel at the east end of the Cathedral.

The Dean originally hoped that the bells could be rung immediately the news of the safe "splash-down" was received in the afternoon of Friday, December 27th, but the idea came too late for it to be possible to arrange a band in time. It was therefore suggested to the Dean that special ringing should take place on the Sunday, and the Dean welcomed this idea with enthusiasm. So a band was got together to ring before the 6.30 Evensong, a service for which ringing does not normally take place, and it was agreed that a quarter peal would be a suitable length to ring.

The band stood as follows: R. F. Overington 1, R. G. Cousins 2, W. T. Cook 3, G. W. Critchley 4, M. V. Chilcott (cond.) 5, R. B. Meadows 6, J. Phillips 7, A. R. Paterson 8, P. A. F. Chalk 9, A. J. Phillips 10, J. H. Crampion 11, M. P. Moreton and W. J. Rawlings 12.

Flashes from press photographers' cameras made some of the ringers a bit jumpy at first, but the ringing did not suffer and the quarter peal was brought round in 1 hour 4 minutes. Mention of the ringing was made by the Dean in his sermon during Evensong and information about the quarter peal was passed to the appropriate authorities in the U.S.A.

It was interesting, by the way, to hear on next morning's B.B.C. Radio 4 "South East News" that the ringers belonged to the "Musical Society of College Youths"! W. T. C.

WENTWORTH AT CHRISTMAS

The Wentworth and District Handbell Ringers toured their village on December 21st, and by ringing a number of carols on 21 of the Hunshelf set of bells raised £13 7s. 2d., this sum being divided between the church's Belfry Fund, Christian Aid and the Hunshelf Handbell Restoration Fund.

NORTHAMPTON HANDBELL RINGERS

Duston C. of E. Primary School, Northampton, has a very promising team of nine-year-old handbell ringers. They have been trained by Mr. B. R. Care, a teacher at the school, who is secretary of the Northampton Branch of the Peterborough Guild.

The B.B.C. broadcast the team twice on December 19th and they also appeared in Eric Roberts' programme "Shire Talk" on Christmas Eve. These young ringers have aroused great interest in the district and there has been a ready demand for their services at carol services in local churches and at old people's Christmas concerts.

LINCOLNSHIRE EVENING INSTITUTE CLASS

As a direct result of the popularity of the ringing schools organised by the Central and Southern Branches of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, under the auspices of the Kesteven Education Authority, the Authority was anxious to follow them upon a more regular basis in an evening institute class.

It was felt that the most appropriate subject of such a class would be double-handed change-ringing "in hand". The first term of this course has now been completed, and as a result there is now a group of handbell ringers who have had the opportunity to progress more readily than would have otherwise been possible. Although one person was the official tutor, other handbell enthusiasts in the area came along as voluntary helpers, thus enabling two or three groups to function (in different classrooms!) at the same time.

Of the ten people who originally enrolled, one member (a music teacher who quite clearly did not realise what she had let herself in for) has dropped out: and of the rest, two have rung a peal of Bob Minor "in hand", three have rung a number of 720s of Bob Minor, three have rung assorted touches of Bob Minor and one—previously a non-ringer—has mastered all three positions to be found in Bob Minor. Besides this main theme of Bob Minor some members also tackled touches of Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major and Reverse and Double Bob Minor.

We have now reached the stage where members need rather more concentrated spans of ringing time, so we are hoping to take them further at a more individual rate, which means that unless ten new members enrol for the next term the course will not be held again until possibly another year. M. A. P.

PLEASANT GESTURE FROM OVERTON

It was a kind thought of the ringers at Overton, Hants, to insist on the Rector, Canon Eric Sanders, being the conductor of the first quarter peal on their bells since they were overhauled by the Whitechapel Foundry and the 4th and 5th recast. The Rector had taken the lead in the Church Council's decision to undertake the work at a cost of over £1,000. The ringers themselves have done much to help raise the money. Their last effort, with the church choir, was a carol singing evening. This brought in over £21 and only £4 is now left of the debt.

OUR CHRISTMAS CROSSWORD

The first correct solution opened of our Christmas Crossword was submitted by Mr. G. Edmands, 180, Coventry Road, Nuneaton, Warks. He has been awarded a "Ringers' Diary and Notebook".

The correct solution is as follows:—

Across.—1, Transfiguration. 9, Section. 10, Convert. 11, Snap. 12, Gravitates. 13, Laggard. 15, Retrace. 17, Calls it. 19, Ordinal. 20, Liberators. 22, Russ. 25, A gallon. 26, Earache. 27, Durham Cathedral.

Down.—1, Tests. 2, Archangel. 3, Ship. 4, Ignored. 5, Uncover. 6, Annotated. 7, Inert. 8, Notes well. 13, Local band. 14, Australia. 16, Announcer. 18, Titanic. 19, Our feet. 21, Blair. 23, Swell. 24, True.

SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD'S HOME

Sir Arthur Heywood's home at Springwood, five miles north of Derby, has been disposed of by Frank Innes for £45,000, including furnishings. It has been in possession of General Motors (Vauxhall) since 1966.

Sir Arthur, the founder of the Central Council, who died in 1916, was a great railway enthusiast. He owned two estates and equipped both with railways, including tunnels, cuttings and embankments. The track has gone from the remaining six acres of Springwood but the cuttings and clearings remain.

A 10-YEAR-OLD'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Ten-year-old Paul Jopp, of Stoulton, Worcs, is able to surpass Richard Baker's record of towers visited, his total being 159. But then Paul first rang a bell at the age of 4½ years, and his first peal of Plain Bob Minor "inside" at 8. When he was nine he rang a quarter of London Surprise Minor on the second, and is now ringing Yorkshire and London Surprise Major and has conducted several quarter peals of Doubles. Congratulations on a breathtaking record!

THE DISTRICT MEETING CONTEST

The District meeting contest, prepared by Miss Elizabeth M. Barber, proved very popular.

The correct solution: A=6, B=3, C=8, D=2, E=4, F=1, G=9, H=5, I=7.

The first correct solution opened on December 31st was submitted by Mrs. A. F. Godley, St. Francis Cottage, Yetminster, Sherborne, Dorset, who has been awarded a prize of 10/-.

Other entries commended were: D. W. Grimwood, Faversham, Kent; J. Harvey, Breaston, Derby; Mrs. M. Chapman, Congresbury, Bristol; John Norris, Langley Green, Crawley, Sussex.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The light six at Amwell and the pleasing eight at Broxbourne were chosen for the Eastern District's December meeting. Ringing commenced at Amwell at 3 p.m. and a fair selection of methods was rung in spite of rather poor support from District members.

Evening ringing took place at Broxbourne, together with a short business meeting in the tower. Some good ringing took place after the meeting until 8.30 p.m., under the direction of Mr. E. Newnham, the District Ringing Master.

The annual District meeting will be held on January 11th at All Saints' and St. Andrew's, Hertford.

5,184 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

By W. ERIC CRITCHLEY

23456	M	W	H	
45236		—	—	RRRRRRLYY
62534	—		—	LYYCYLC
53624		—	—	LLLCLLL
65324			—	RLYCC
36524			—	CYCYLLY
52364		—	—	CCCCR
35264			—	YLYLCLL
23564			—	CYYCCYY

Twice repeated.

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First rung at Halifax on December 21st, 1968.

THE AROUND REUNION

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

WARWICK.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Dec. 14, 1968, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in F.

Peter G. Brown	Treble	John F. Thorne	5
Josephine A. Quilter	2	John K. Foot	6
Ruth M. Border	3	J. Barry Pickup	7
Donald F. Murfet	4	Peter S. Bennett	Tenor

Composed by M. S. Bruce. Conducted by Peter S. Bennett.

DAVENTRY, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Sat., Dec. 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5080 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E flat.

John G. Gipson	Treble	David E. Rothera	6
Tudor P. Edwards	2	Kenneth J. Hesketh	7
Philip J. Rothera	3	James L. Towler	8
Ian C. Maycock	4	Frederick Shallcross	9
John H. Fielden	5	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Peter Border.

TANWORTH-IN-ARDEN, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Sat., Dec. 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5184 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in F sharp.

Maurice C. Hughes	Treble	Ian C. Maycock	5
Hazel A. Mackenzie	2	Peter Border	6
Frederick Shallcross	3	Donald F. Murfet	7
Peter S. Bennett	4	James L. Towler	Tenor

Composed by N. Smith. Conducted by Frederick Shallcross.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
ASTON, Birmingham.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Dec. 14, 1968, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 24 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in D.

Ann E. Fellows	Treble	Tudor P. Edwards	7
Susan Rothera	2	Kenneth J. Hesketh	8
*Josephine A. Quilter	3	John H. Fielden	9
Peter G. Brown	4	John G. Gipson	10
J. Barry Pickup	5	Philip J. Rothera	11
David E. Rothera	6	†John F. Thorne	Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.
* First peal of Stedman Cinques. † First on 12 bells.

OTHER PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Martin.
On Sat., Dec. 7, 1968, in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5042 PRITTLEWELL SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 36 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in C.

George E. Fearn	Treble	David E. House	7
Frank C. Price	2	Peter Border	8
David P. Hilling	3	John A. Anderson	9
Alan R. Patterson	4	Trevor N. J. Bailey	10
Andrew N. Stubbs	5	Michael P. Moreton	11
Brian Bladon	6	Noel J. Discrens	Tenor

Conducted by David P. Hilling.

WOLVERHAMPTON, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Dec. 14, 1968, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 33 cwt.

Henry H. Fearn	Treble	John S. Mason	7
George E. Fearn	2	George E. Thoday	8
Roderick W. Pipe	3	John A. Anderson	9
J. Alan Ainsworth	4	Clifford A. Barron	10
Antony R. Kench	5	Ralph G. Edwards	11
Basil Jones	6	Wilfred Williams	Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe. Conducted by Wilfred Williams.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
EVERCREECH, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Dec. 14, 1968, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt.

Gwilym Salmon	Treble	*Stephen Lucas	6
Ronald G. Beck	2	*John Dunford	7
Henry J. Sanger	3	David Mackay	8
Philip Jones	4	Edward J. Chivers	9
Eric Naylor	5	Victor G. Savage	Tenor

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Gwilym Salmon.
* First peal. First of Stedman Caters as conductor.

BANWELL, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1968, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 4 lb. in D.

Monica E. Horseman	Treble	Roy W. Rice	5
Margaret E. L. Chapman	2	*Geoffrey Hebden	6
*John S. Walton	3	David J. Orledge	7
Walter S. Rice	4	Peter J. England	Tenor

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley.
Conducted by Margaret E. L. Chapman.
* First peal in the method.
Rung on the Patronal Festival.

CHEWTON MENDIP, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Sat., Dec. 7, 1968, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 GAINSBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in D.

Roger I. Kendrick	Treble	David J. Orledge	5
*Peter J. England	2	Roy W. Rice	6
Geoffrey Hebden	3	‡Raymond E. J. Baker	7
*†Walter S. Rice	4	‡George W. Massey	Tenor

Composed by Ernest W. Tipler. Conducted by George W. Massey.
* 25th peal together. † 50th for Association. ‡ 25th peal together. First in the method on the bells, for the Association, and by all the band except the conductor.

NEMPNETT THRUBWELL, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
On Mon., Oct. 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of York, Durham, Wells, London, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge. Tenor 9 cwt. in G.

Roy W. Rice	Treble	†John Sheppard	4
*Geoffrey Hebden	2	Edgar T. Skipsey	5
Walter S. Rice	3	George W. Massey	Tenor

Conducted by George W. Massey.
* First peal of Surprise Minor "inside". † First of seven Surprise Minor.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WOBURN, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Dec. 14, 1968, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in D.

Claudia A. Critchley	Treble	*David Redfearn	5
Julia A. Fellows	2	Christopher H. Rogers	6
S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	3	Roger Baldwin	7
G. William Critchley	4	John R. Mayne	Tenor

Composed by Ian M. Holland. Conducted by John R. Mayne.
* First peal in the method.
Rung to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the dedication of this church.

BEDFORD.—At the Church of St. Paul.
On Mon., Dec. 16, 1968, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in D.

Avril Ivin	Treble	Robert L. Piron	5
*Jill Orme	2	Keith H. Fleming	6
†Charlotte M. Harris	3	C. Michael Orme	7
Anthony H. Smith	4	Stephen Ivin	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Stephen Ivin.
* First peal "inside". † First in the method.

STOTFOLD, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In ten methods: (1) London and Wells, (2) Durham and York, (3) Cambridge and Ipswich, (4) Norwich, (5) Cunecastre, (6) Rossendale, (7) Stamford. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 lb. in G.

Avril Ivin	Treble	Keith H. Fleming	4
Linda Ellison	2	C. Michael Orme	5
Anthony H. Smith	3	Stephen Ivin	Tenor

Conducted by Stephen Ivin.

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of SS. Philip and Jacob.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

*Clare Jarvis	Treble	†Ivor Newell	5
Lydia M. Barnett	2	Andrew N. Brock	6
Mandi McCallion	3	Anthony J. Cox	7
Colin C. Monson	4	Michael J. Platt	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Michael J. Platt.
* First peal. † First of Major. First on eight bells as conductor.
Rung in appreciation of Dr. G. Hudson's services as president of the Society.

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.
KNOWLE, Bristol.—At the Church of the Holy Nativity.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1968, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5088 ST. CLEMENT'S BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in G.

*Katharina Newman	Treble	Colin C. Monson	5
Patrick J. Bird	2	Ivor Newell	6
Mandi McCallion	3	Anthony J. Cox	7
Michael J. Platt	4	Paul N. Murgatroyd	Tenor

Composed by H. W. Wilde (C.C.C. 16).
Conducted by Anthony J. Cox.
* First peal on eight bells.
Rung half-muffled in memory of Edward Feltham, donor of the tower and bells

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THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1968, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 26 cwt.

Margaret Wright	Treble	Raymond Ballard	7
Derek F. Yates	2	†John Hall	8
Christine Andrew	3	David Danby	9
Gerald Parsons	4	David J. Midgeley	10
Harold Dowler	5	Roy Worrall	11
*Michael Wilshaw	6	Jeffrey Brannan	Tenor

Composed by Peter Border. Conducted by Jeffrey Brannan.
* First 12-bell peal. † First 12-bell peal and first of Cambridge.

GAWSWORTH, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Fri., Nov. 8, 1968, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Composition 27 course block reduced. Tenor 12 cwt.

Geoffrey A. Edwards	Treble	William H. Dowse	5
Christine Andrew	2	*Gerald Moorhouse	6
*Roy Worrall	3	Frank R. Morton	7
*Derek F. Yates	4	Jeffrey Brannan	Tenor

Conducted by Jeffrey Brannan.
* First peal in the method.

CHELFORD, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist.
On Tues., Nov. 12, 1968, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
In 27 methods: (1) London Surprise; (2) Crowland, Combermere, Vale Royal, St. Werburgh and Abbeyville Delight; (3) Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby and Braintree Delight; (4) College Exercise, Norbury, Ockley, Duke of Norfolk and Morning Star Treble Bob; (5) Willesden Newdigate, College Bob IV, Old Oxford and Marple Delight; (6) Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston and Oxford Treble Bob; (7) Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 8½ cwt.

David Vincent	Treble	Timothy Wylie	4
Sidney Hough	2	Geoffrey Gardner	5
Ernest Pimlott	3	Denis Mottershead	Tenor

Conducted by Denis Mottershead.

CHELFORD, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents (four different callings). Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.

Brian Schofield	Treble	‡Gerald Moorhouse	4
*Gerald Cooper	2	Ronald F. Andrew	5
†Robert B. Smith	3	Arthur E. Whiting	Tenor

Conducted by Robert B. Smith.
* First peal "inside". † 100th of Minor. ‡ First of Minor on tower bells.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
PACKWOOD, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Wed., Nov. 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in B flat.

Maurice C. Hughes	Treble	*Derek Walters	5
Ian C. Maycock	2	†David Baker	6
Peter J. Randall	3	Frederick Shallcross	7
Geoffrey Randall	4	Ruth M. Havard	Tenor

Conducted by Frederick Shallcross.
* First peal of Cambridge. † First of Major "inside".

COLESHILL, Warwickshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Nov 30, 1968 in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

Ernest J. Gower	Treble	Ian C. Maycock	5
Clare F. Dolphin	2	L. Michael Callow	6
Leonard Trevor	3	Brian Harris	7
Ian D. Thompson	4	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed by Nathan J. Pitstow. Conducted by Peter Border.

STUDLEY, Warwickshire.—At the Church of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
On Sat., Dec. 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in eight methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge, Beverley, Surfleet Surprise; (2) Double Oxford Bob; (3) Oxford Treble Bob; (4) St. Clement's Bob; (5) Kent Treble Bob; (6) Cambridge Surprise; (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in G.

Christopher J. Baker	Treble	Robert W. Sherriff	4
Delphine E. L. Holman	2	John K. Foot	5
*Hugh J. Baker	3	Peter C. Randall	Tenor

Conducted by Peter C. Randall.
* Most methods to a peal.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
HOPE, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1968, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F sharp.

David Vincent	Treble	Herbert E. Taylor	5
Joyce Gardner	2	Timothy Wylie	6
Rev. R. D. St. John Smith	3	Sidney Hough	7
*Graham A. Newman	4	Geoffrey R. Gardner	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard Conducted by Timothy Wylie.
* First peal on eight bells. First on eight bells as conductor.
A 72nd birthday compliment to David Vincent.

BOLSOVER, Derbyshire.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Lawrence.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in G.

Susan E. Davis	Treble	John D. Arkwell	5
Thelma E. Staples	2	Graham A. Newman	6
*Valerie Walton	3	Dennis Cooper	7
Timothy Wylie	4	Malcolm P. Phipps	Tenor

Composed by J. E. Burton. Conducted by Timothy Wylie.
* First peal on eight bells.

BASLOW, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Anne.
On Fri., Dec. 13, 1968, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in A sharp.

*J. Edward Dakin	Treble	Rev. R. D. St. John Smith	4
Ann M. Smith	2	Timothy Wylie	5
Susan E. Davis	3	Graham A. Newman	Tenor

Conducted by Timothy Wylie.
* First peal.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Dec. 14, 1968, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS
Tenor 37 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in D flat.

John E. Anderson	Treble	*Malcolm E. Johnson	7
Enid Lawson	2	*Adrian Dempster	8
*Stephen C. Wells	3	John H. Taylor	9
*Christine H. Telfer	4	George S. Deas	10
Ann Lawson	5	Michael Maughan	11
James Crowther	6	Eric N. Harrison	Tenor

Composed by J. Reeves. Conducted by George S. Deas.
* First peal on 12 bells. First on 12 bells as conductor.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
MELDRETH, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Thurs., Dec. 12, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr.

Frank Harper	Treble	Kenneth J. Hesketh	5
*Jean Sanderson	2	Alan F. Scholfield	6
Donald F. Murfet	3	David E. Rothera	7
Frank E. Haynes	4	John G. Gipson	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by John G. Gipson.
* First peal of Cambridge.
An engagement compliment to Richard Hough and Jane Cook.

TRUMPINGTON, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Michael.
On Tues. Dec. 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In five methods, comprising 1,152 Bristol and Yorkshire, 960 Cambridge and Lincolnshire and 864 Rutland; with 74 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.
Tenor 10 cwt 2 qr. 22 lb. in G.

Allen Twyman	Treble	Alan F. Scholfield	5
Vivian Nutton	2	John G. Gipson	6
Donald F. Murfet	3	Kenneth J. Hesketh	7
Geoffrey Pearson	4	John S. Rank	Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. Davies. Conducted by John S. Rank.
Rung with the best wishes of the band to John Rank, who is leaving Cambridge to take up a teaching post in East Africa.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
MALDON, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Wed., Dec. 4, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

*John C. Walters	Treble	Yvonne A. Murray	5
†George E. Thoday	2	Frank B. Lufkin	6
John Clarke	3	James L. Towler	7
Peter G. Pitt	4	Walter Arnold	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Barker. Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
* First peal. † 100th for the Association. Tenor 12½ cwt.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
LONGNEY, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Laurence.
On Sun., Dec. 8, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-Part (7th observation). Tenor 11 cwt.

*Frances Fairbank	Treble	Peter Rowe	5
*I. E. Margaret Manby	2	*†Malcolm A. Maggs	6
*Michael J. Mulvey	3	Cyril A. Wratten	7
Ivor Goulter	4	Leonard C. Edwards	Tenor

Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.
* First peal in the method. † First on eight bells.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
BISHOP'S STORTFORD, Herts.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1968, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES

Eric S. White	Treble	Peter Warboys	5
Kenneth Westwood	2	Albert E. Richardson	6
*Peter J. Glazebrook	3	David H. Kingston	7
*Peter Chappell	4	Thomas Camp	Tenor

Composed by Edward F. P. Bryant. Conducted by David H. Kingston.
* First peal First in the method by all the band. Tenor 17 cwt.

BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. James-the-Apostle.
On Tues., Nov. 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 XANTHUS SURPRISE MAJOR
29-course block reduced. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

John R. Ketteringham	Treble	Christopher W. Woolley	5
Peter G. Holden	2	Andrew W. R. Wilby	6
*Maureen J. Carruthers	3	*†Timothy G. Pett	7
Keith J. Walpole	4	Martyn L. J. Jordan	Tenor

Conducted by Timothy G. Pett.
* 25th peal together. † 200th peal. First in the method by all the band.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
CHERITON, Kent.—At the Church of St. Martin.
On Sat., Nov 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

*Anne Barber	Treble	Richard A. Birch	5
†Pamela A. Court	2	John A. Hemsley	6
P. Charles Sinden	3	*Hubert D. Deacon	7
Nicholas J. Davies	4	Brian C. Johnson	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Brian C. Johnson.
* First peal of Major. † First peal. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.

WESTERHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
On Sat., Dec. 14, 1968, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 23 cwt. 17 lb. in E flat.

Andrew J. Corby	Treble	Nigel Thomson	5
Doris E. Colgate	2	Philip A. Corby	6
Robert W. Waterhouse	3	Stewart F. W. Kimber	7
Robin J. Lee	4	Robert P. Sherlock	Tenor

Conducted by Philip A. Corby.
Rung with the bells half-muffled to the respected memory of John O. Weller, of Westerham, who died on December 9th, 1968.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
WORSLEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mark.
On Mon., Dec. 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 ALDENHAM SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 24 cwt.

Maris C. Stephenson	Treble	C. L. Digby Munday	6
*F. Charles Hobson	2	†Edward Jenkins	7
*Margaret Wright	3	*Michael D. Fishwick	8
†Christine Andrew	4	*Richard S. Starkie	9
†Christopher M. Movley	5	†Jeffrey Brannan	Tenor

Composed by W. E. Critchley.
Arranged and Conducted by Jeffrey Brannan.
* First peal of Aldenham. † Have now rung Aldenham from Major to Maximus. First of Aldenham Royal for all the band.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Wed., Nov. 20, 1968, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In eight methods, being 1,120 Rutland, 896 Yorkshire, 672 Cambridge and Lincolnshire, 576 Bristol, 448 Pudsey and Superlative, 224 London; with 108 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

Edward Jenkins	Treble	Christopher L. D. Munday	5
*Margaret Wright	2	Michael D. Fishwick	6
†Christopher M. Movley	3	Jeffrey Brannan	7
Richard S. Starkie	4	Derek Butterworth	Tenor

Composed by Richard J. Parker. Conducted by Jeffrey Brannan.
* First peal of spliced. † 50th peal.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
LEICESTER.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Martin.
On Mon., Dec. 9, 1968, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

David F. Moore	Treble	Burley Morris	6
George Massey	2	*David C. Massey	7
Derek Tranter	3	Herrick B. Bowley	8
Shirley Burton	4	William J. Root	9
Jack P. Kesterton	5	Murray A. Coleman	Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Herrick B. Bowley.
* First peal of Yorkshire Royal.
Rung with the best wishes of the band to Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Burton, who set sail to South Africa on December 30th for three months' holiday. Tenor 25 cwt. 20 lb. in D

LEICESTER.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Thurs., Dec. 5, 1968, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in A.

K. Paul Gilliver	Treble	David F. Moore	5
Tony R. Natt	2	David G. Massey	6
Robin A. Gilliver	3	A. Maxwell Lindsey	7
W. Ernest Rawson	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Arranged by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.

COLE-ORTON, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
On Wed. Dec. 11, 1968, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in G.

R. Kingsley Mason	Treble	Robin A. Gilliver	5
*A. Richard C. Harris	2	K. Paul Gilliver	6
Martin Green	3	R. Brian Mills	7
W. Ernest Rawson	4	Howard C. Palmer	Tenor

Composed by William Barton. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
* First peal of Lincolnshire Surprise Major.

HARROW WEALD, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Dec. 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 WORDSWORTH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.

Frank Reed	Treble	Philip A. Mason	5
Joan Hooton	2	David F. Moore	6
Monica M. Jelley	3	Malcolm E. Wade	7
Dorothy Mason	4	John M. Jelley	Tenor

Conducted by John M. Jelley.
First peal in the method by all the band, and for the Guild.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
GRANTHAM, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Wulfram.
On Sat., Dec. 14, 1968, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 32 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in C sharp.

*David E. Leafe	Treble	Roland W. Morant	6
Denis A. Frith	2	Thomas A. Relf	7
*Susan Aveyard	3	Peter A. Slight	8
Frederick W. Pinchbeck	4	Brian Buttery	9
Christopher S. Nokes	5	Vaughan P. Evans	Tenor

Composed by J. Carter. Conducted by Peter A. Slight.
* First peal of Caters. First of Caters as conductor.

BARROW-ON-HUMBER, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Dec. 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in F.

Ronald Chafer	Treble	Geoffrey R. Parker	5
C. Aubrey Harrison	2	George E. Feirn	6
Jack L. Millhouse	3	Harold Judd	7
Melvyn A. Rose	4	Michael W. Crowder	Tenor

Composed by H. Dains. Conducted by Michael W. Crowder.

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THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
LLANDAFF, Glamorgan.—At the Cathedral Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1968, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. in E.

Nicholas W. H. Simon	Treble	Nevil A. James	6
*Anne C. Cooke	2	Michael Pilgrim	7
Christopher Ricketts	3	Paul A. Williams	8
†John Barton Plumb	4	Stephen Fenwick	9
†John W. Bull	5	Alexander E. Marsh	Tenor

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Nicholas W. H. Simon.
* First peal "inside". † First of Grandsire Caters.

LLANDAFF, Glamorgan.—At the Cathedral Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Wed., Dec. 18, 1968, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GLENFIELD SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr.

Christopher Ricketts	Treble	*Stephen Fenwick	6
Alexander E. Marsh	2	*Paul A. Williams	7
David J. Llewellyn	3	Richard L. Underwood	8
Tudor P. Edwards	4	David S. Bishop	9
Nicholas W. H. Simon	5	Peter S. Bennett	Tenor

Conducted by Nicholas W. H. Simon.
* First peal of Surprise Royal. First in the method for all the band, and in Wales.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
ASSOCIATION OFFICERS' PEAL
ISLEWORTH, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Sir A. P. Heywood's transposition of Thurstans' Four-Part.
Tenor 16 cwt. 24 lb. in E.

Mrs. O. L. Rogers (C.C. Representative)	Treble	C. M. Meyer (Dep. Master)	5
Veronica E. Dupre (General Secretary)	2	W. G. Wilson (Treasurer and Librarian)	6
D. A. Hewitt (Trustee)	3	H. W. Rogers (Master)	7
L. C. Way (Steward)	4	J. H. Lott (Asst. Sec.)	Tenor

Conducted by Harold W. Rogers.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
CITY OF LONDON.—At the Church of St. Olave, Hart Street.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1968, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5168 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in G.

John Pladdys	Treble	*Peter G. Holden	5
*Maureen J. Carruthers	2	*Robert C. Woodward	6
*Audrey R. Alexander	3	†Timothy G. Pett	7
*Philip Bosworth	4	Roger D. Bailey	Tenor

Composed by Roger D. Bailey. Conducted by Timothy G. Pett.
* First peal in the method. † 50th for the Society. Roger D. Bailey has now "circled the tower" to peals.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
TWICKENHAM, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Hallows.
On Sat., Nov. 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
H. Johnson's variation. Tenor 19¼ cwt.

Leonard Stilwell	Treble	Norman F. Edwards	5
Olive L. Rogers	2	Robert Wiggins	6
Alan Flood	3	Harold W. Rogers	7
Norman Summerhayes	4	Frank T. Blagrove	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Frank T. Blagrove.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

STAINES, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Peter
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
J. Washbrook's variation reversed. Tenor 15 cwt.

Monica Blagrove	Treble	Ronald K. Russ	5
David C. Brown	2	William Birmingham	6
Robert Wiggins	3	William S. Deason	7
Leonard Stilwell	4	Frank T. Blagrove	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Frank T. Blagrove.

SHOREDITCH, London, E.—At the Church of St. Leonard.
On Sat., Dec. 7, 1968, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in G.

Jane Foster	Treble	Alan J. Frost	5
Joan Beresford	2	Derek E. Sibson	6
Edgar R. Rapley	3	John C. Slater	7
Christopher P. Starbuck	4	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
First peal on the light eight.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
GARVESTON, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Thurs., Nov. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

Carol Patey	Treble	Barbara M. Payne	4
*Henry Tinsey	2	Geoffrey H. Pullin	5
†Stephen Reynolds	3	Peter Adcock	Tenor

Conducted by Peter Adcock.
* First peal since 1930. † First peal attempt.
Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. B. J. Hammond.

NORTON SUBCOURSE, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Fri., Dec. 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In five methods, being one 720 each of Double Court, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise and three of Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 43 lb. in G.

Mrs. Christine M. Clarke	Treble	John M. Clarke	4
Norman P. J. Cossey	2	Frederick C. Gunton	5
James W. Forder	3	H. William Barrett	Tenor

Conducted by H. William Barrett.
Rung half-muffled in memory of Godfrey ("Smoker") Walpole, Master of the Norton ringers for 36 years, who died on November 29th, 1968.

MULBARTON, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalen.
On Sat., Dec. 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In three methods, being two extents each of Double Oxford and St. Clement's, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8¼ cwt. in A flat.

Ian B. Lowther	Treble	Wilfred G. Saunders	4
Leslie F. Bailey	2	Frank C. J. Arnold	5
Henry Tooke	3	Thomas E. Spight	Tenor

Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.
Rung in memory of Godfrey G. Walpole, of Norton Subcourse, who had been a member of this Association since 1921.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
COOKHAM, Berkshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Dec. 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's transposition. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

Leonard Stilwell	Treble	*Thomas H. Tocock	5
*James R. A. Muller	2	William H. Jackson	6
*David C. Brown	3	David P. Hilling	7
William Birmingham	4	Kenneth Tuck	Tenor

Conducted by David P. Hilling.
* First peal of Stedman.
Rung with best wishes to Bill and Heather Jackson prior to their departure to Canada at the end of the month.

(North Bucks Branch.)
WAVENDON, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Fri., Nov. 22, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr.

Malcolm G. Hooton	Treble	*Richard Haseldine	4
*Andrew Haseldine	2	Canon C. E. Wigg	5
Barry R. Eglesfield	3	George E. Green	Tenor

Conducted by George E. Green.
* First peal. First on the bells.
Rung to the glory of God, and as a farewell to Canon C. E. Wigg.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
MOULTON, Northants.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in F.

*Rev. Ernest G. Orland	Treble	‡J. Malcolm Tyler	5
Alan A. Paul	2	Barrie Hendry	6
†Raymond Henman	3	†Allan R. Jones	7
Barry R. Care	4	Graham C. Paul	Tenor

Composed by Chas. J. Sedgley (No. 8). Conducted by Barrie Hendry.
* 100th peal for the Guild. † First of Surprise Major. ‡ First of Cambridge Surprise Major.

HARLESTONE, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1968, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven extents in seven methods, viz.: (1) Morning Star, (2) Ockley, (3) Duke of Norfolk, (4) Kent, (5) Norbury, (6) College Exercise, (7) Oxford. Tenor 20 cwt. 9 lb.

Kilby R. Holtom	Treble	Alan A. Paul	4
Stephen B. Bell	2	Barrie Hendry	5
Barry R. Care	3	Graham C. Paul	Tenor

Conducted by Barrie Hendry.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
ASKERSWELL, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Dec. 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in G sharp.

Timothy F. Collins	Treble	Roderick A. Bryant	4
Mary E. Elmes	2	Ross G. W. Robertson	5
Frances J. N. Brown	3	*Graham W. Elmes	Tenor

Conducted by Timothy F. Collins.
* First peal of Plain Bob Minor, completing the family from Minor to Maximus.

THE SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.
HEYDOUR, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sun., Dec. 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in F sharp.

Jack L. Millhouse	Treble	*Richard L. Underwood	5
*Gillian Radley	2	Richard A. G. Inglis	6
*Aidan C. A. Hopkins	3	Richard H. Youdale	7
R. Brian Mills	4	Robert E. J. Dennis	Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* First peal of London Surprise.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
NOTTINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Dec. 14, 1968, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in E flat.

Sheila M. Anthony	Treble	*William L. Exton	7
Richard A. G. Inglis	2	Alan F. Scholfield	8
*R. Brian Mills	3	Simon Humphrey	9
Robert E. J. Dennis	4	Rev. Frederick Ross	10
Geoffrey W. Randall	5	†Richard H. Youdale	11
Richard L. Underwood	6	George A. Dawson	Tenor

Composed by A. S. Hudson. Conducted by Richard Inglis.
* 50th peal together. † 100th peal.

NOTTINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Dec. 14, 1968, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

R. Brian Mills	Treble	Robert E. J. Dennis	6
Sheila M. Anthony	2	George A. Dawson	7
*Richard L. Underwood	3	Alan F. Scholfield	8
*Richard H. Youdale	4	Geoffrey W. Randall	9
Simon Humphrey	5	Richard A. G. Inglis	Tenor

Composed by G. B. Thompson. Conducted by Richard Inglis.
* 25th peal together. Tenor 35 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in C sharp.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
BLITHFIELD, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Leonard.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Frederick R. Wiggin	Treble	Jennifer M. Beech	4
*Andrew R. Wiggin	2	Roy K. Mowforth	5
Edward R. Fairbrother	3	Frank Beech	Tenor

Conducted by Frank Beech.
* First peal "inside". Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in A.

ALDRIDGE, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
On Sat., Dec. 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents: (1) Oxford T.B., (2 and 3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Kent T.B., (5) St. Clement's, (6 and 7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 6 lb. in A.

*Sylvia Leadbeater	Treble	J. Dennis Holden	4
P. George Golder	2	Stephen T. Yates	5
Clive M. Smith	3	Philip G. K. Davies	Tenor

Conducted by Philip G. K. Davies.
* First peal.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
BREDFIELD, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Dec. 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being one extent each of London, York, Netherseale, Bourne, Ipswich, Norwich and Cambridge Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in G.

W. Keith Whittell	Treble	Neville F. Whittell	4
Roger L. K. Whittell	2	Alan R. Andrews	5
Jennifer M. Andrews	3	Edward E. Davey	Tenor

Conducted by Alan R. Andrews.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
ARUNDEL, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Dec. 7, 1968, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in E.

Iain M. Davey	Treble	Ian Wickens	5
Judith M. Corby	2	Richard Hayes	6
Valerie J. Howard	3	David D. Smith	7
Derek Slater	4	John A. Howard	Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe. Conducted by Richard Hayes.

PAGHAM, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Thomas-à-Becket.
On Sat., Dec. 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being eight extents each of St. Simon, St. Martin, Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob, and ten of Grandsire. Tenor 7½ cwt.

*Patricia Clark	Treble	Michael J. Wake	3
Susan M. Wills	2	Patrick M. Wills	4
Robert Wake	Tenor		

Conducted by Robert Wake.
* First peal. Believed to be the first on the bells.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
STOKE CLIMSLAND, Cornwall.—At the Parish Church.
On Sat., Dec. 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-Part (7th obs.) Tenor 14 cwt.

G. William Critchley	Treble	Timothy J. Bell	5
Alan Carveth	2	Wilfred C. Boucher	6
Claudia A. Critchley	3	Anthony J. Davidson	7
George E. Mudge	4	Anthony Locke	Tenor

Conducted by Anthony J. Davidson.
A compliment to Canon L. M. Andrews, Rector of Stoke Climsland for 47 years, to mark his recent retirement.

LANEAST, Cornwall.—At the Church of SS. Sidwell and Gulvat.
On Wed., Nov. 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being six extents each of Stedman, Plain Bob, Norfolk, April Day, Kennington, Rev. Canterbury and Grandsire. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

D. Roy Bould	Treble	Timothy J. Bell	4
George E. Mudge	2	Anthony J. Davidson	5
Alan Carveth	3	Canon A. S. Roberts	Tenor

Conducted by Alan Carveth.
First peal on the bells.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
WORCESTER.—At the Cathedral Church of Christ and the Blessed Virgin Mary.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1968, in 4 Hours and 5 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

F. John Nelson	Treble	Derek Butterworth	7
John Robinson	2	Richard E. Price	8
Philip G. K. Davies	3	John R. Mayne	9
J. Henry Fielden	4	E. Alan Jacques	10
Charles A. S. Webb	5	Neil D. Lomas	11
Alan J. Frost	6	Denis Mottershead	Tenor

Conducted by Denis Mottershead.
First peal in the method on the bells. Tenor 49½ cwt.

BEWDLEY, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Anne.
On Sat., Dec. 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

*John G. Barker	Treble	†Peter J. Brown	5
M. Irene Brown	2	‡Michael J. Fellows	6
Geoffrey J. Hemming	3	Gerald C. Hemming	7
Morley P. Tobin	4	Martin D. Fellows	Tenor

Composed by Henry W. Wilde. Conducted by Martin D. Fellows.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First in the method. ‡ 500th peal (aged 21). First on the bells since 1929. Believed to be the first of Major on the bells. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in E.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. Bow on their 40th wedding anniversary; also a 21st birthday compliment to M. J. Fellows.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
EPWORTH, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Dec. 14, 1968, in 3 Hours.
A PEAL OF 5184 LINDUM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 16 lb. in F.

Stuart Armeson	Treble	Neil Donovan	5
Ian G. Campbell	2	Ian North	6
Patricia Lockwood	3	David Nichols	7
Rev. Giles C. Galley	4	Richard E. Price	Tenor

Composed by John R. Mayne. Conducted by Richard E. Price.
First peal in method by all except ringers of fifth and tenor.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
NOTTINGHAM.—At St. Peter's Rectory.
On Fri., Dec. 13, 1968, in 1 Hour and 40 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
R. H. Youdale (Emmanuel) 1–2 | R. A. G. Inglis (Selwyn) 3–4
R. L. Underwood (Peterhouse) (cond.) 5–6

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
HARPENDEN, Hertfordshire.—At 81, Overstone Road.
On Wed., Sept. 25, 1968, in 2 Hours and 6 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Susan D. Cowan	1–2	Brian J. Woodruffe	5–6
Julia A. Fellows	3–4	Roger D. R. Brown	7–8

Arranged and Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.
First peal of Major in the method by all.

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

HILLS.—The address of P.C. 674Y James M. Hills is now Room 36, Elizabeth House, Winchester Place, Highgate, London, N.6. Telephone: 01-340 7802. 6321

HAPPY NEW YEAR

To all my bellringing friends over Britain from ROBIN WINCKWORTH (Sussex County Association). Silver Link Grange, Shaftesbury Road, Woking, Surrey. Assistance in bellringing would be greatly appreciated. 6307

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TOWER ARRANGEMENTS

TITCHFIELD, HANTS.—Ringing on the first Sunday of each month will be at 6 p.m. only. Ringing on other Sundays remains at 10.30 a.m. 6331

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—Will visitors please note that ringing on the third Saturday of each month will no longer take the form of an open practice. 6334

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OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

The Annual Dinner and Rave-Up will be held on Saturday, February 1st, in Jesus College (price 32/6). Twelve towers open from 12 noon. Inquiries to Philip West, Magdalen College, Oxford. 6255

RINGWOOD, HANTS.—The Church of SS. Peter and Paul. All future communications to tower secretary: Mr. F. E. Collins, 82, Northfield Road, Ringwood, Hants, BH24 1ST.

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY

ANNUAL DINNER

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CANCELLED

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting due to be held on Saturday, Jan. 11th, is CANCELLED.—R. Wake, Div. Hon. Sec. 6328

MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Annual meeting, Shepton Mallet, Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea, please.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 6290

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Annual meeting will be held at Clifton (8) on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Further ringing in evening. A sincere welcome to all.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Annual Branch meeting, St. Mary-within-the-Walls, Chester, Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. C. H. Sibley, 35, Appleyards Lane, Chester, CH4 7DR. 6265

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Michael's (12), Saturday, Jan. 11th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, nearby cafés. Business meeting at Savage Chapel, 6 p.m. Bells afterwards till 9 p.m. 6277

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Barlborough, Jan. 11th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea **without fail, please**, to Mr. A. Ashby, 76, Boughton Lane, Clowne, Chesterfield.—M. Phipps, Sec. 6269

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Mid-Devon Branch.—A.G.M., Dartmouth, on Saturday, Jan. 11th. St. Petrox's, 2.30–3.30; St. Saviour's, 3–4.30, followed by service. Tea at Bay Tree Café, Fairfax Place, Dartmouth, at 5, followed by meeting. Townstal after. Names for tea, ring Brixham 4678 before 1 p.m., Saturday.—R. F. S. 6319

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Social meeting at Chester-le-Street, Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells from 2 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by social evening. Names for tea to D. A. Bayles, 12, Crichton Avenue, Chester-le-Street, in good time, please. 6286

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells: St. Andrew's (8), 3–4.15 p.m.; St. Bene't's (6), 3–4.15 p.m. Service, St. Andrew's, 4.15 p.m. Roman Catholic (8) 5–6 p.m. Tea, St. Andrew's Hall, Emanuel Street, 6 p.m., followed by business meeting. Ringing, St. Andrew's, 7.30 p.m.—B. Pratt, Dis. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—New South West District.—A.G.M., Leytonstone, Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Further ringing after meeting. Names for tea to Mr. C. E. Willmington, 79, Wallwood Road, Leytonstone, E.11.—P. W. Saltmarsh, Hon. Gen. Sec. 6220

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Eastern District.—The annual general meeting will be held at Maldon on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Ringing 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to I. R. Panton, 140, Broomfield Road, Chelmsford. 6236

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, Jan. 11th, Stone (6), 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Rev. A. E. King, The Vicarage, Stone, Berkeley, Glos. Tel.: Falfield 277. 6308

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 11th, Hertford. Bells, All Saints' (10), 3 to 4.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., St. John's Hall, followed by meeting. Evening ringing, All Saints' and St. Andrew's (8), until 8.45 p.m. Names for tea to me, 55, North Road, Hertford.—Peter F. M. Searles, Dis. Sec. 6324

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting, Leeds, on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to C. A. Tester, 18, Maxwell Drive, Allington Park, Maidstone. 6253

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Preston by Wingham (5), Jan 11th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. B. Keeler, The Bear Inn, Market Place, Faversham, Kent.—J. B. K. 6296

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Annual general meeting at Quorn (8), Saturday, Jan. 11th. Ringing 3.30 p.m. (please note change of time, due to wedding). Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting after tea and further ringing till 8 p.m. Everyone welcome. 6314

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Annual general meeting at Fulney, Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea (at Springfields) 5 p.m. Names for tea must be sent to R. C. Noon, Esq., 13, Pennygate, Spalding, Lincs. 6268

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Annual meeting, Monmouth, Jan. 11th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please.—J. S. King, The Cedar Tiles, High Beech Lane, Chepstow. 6262

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Nomination meeting, Saturday, Jan. 11th, St. Mary's, Putney, 3–4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting, Fulham Parish Hall, Fulham Palace Road, 5 p.m. Ringing, All Saints', Fulham, after meeting. Both churches adjacent to Putney Bridge.—Miss V. E. Dupré, Hon. Sec. Diary note: Annual dinner, Feb. 22nd. 6261

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berks Branch.—Monthly practice, Brightwell (8), Saturday, Jan. 11th, 6.30 p.m. Membership subscriptions for 1969 (5/-) now due.—C. Corderoy 6317

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Annual meeting, Bingham, Jan. 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea to W. L. Exton, St. Ouens, Whatton.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Ringing meeting, Lakenheath (6), Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells 2.30–9 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting follow. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. E. Peachey, 150, High Street, Lakenheath, near Mildenhall, Suffolk. 6113

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Practice meeting, Northowram (8), Saturday, Jan. 11th, 6–9 p.m. All welcome, especially learners.—Maurice Thurmott, Ringing Master. 6266

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Evening meeting, Willesden, Tuesday, Jan. 14th. Bells from 7.30 p.m.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 6332

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The A.G.M. will be held at St. Mary's, Barnsley (8), Saturday, Jan. 18th. Names for tea to Mr. Carbutt, 14, Rectory Way, Monkbretton. All friends and ringers welcome. 6338

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Glaston Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Cuthbert's, Wells, Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea, please.—P. Hull, Hon. Sec., Dinder, Wells. 6299

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Annual meeting, Crewe, Jan. 18th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to W. Kerr, 107, Moreton Road, Crewe, Cheshire, by Jan. 15th. 6337

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Annual meeting, Jan. 18th. Walsoken bells 2.30 p.m. Meeting, St. Peter's Church Hall, Wisbech, 3.30. Service 5. Tea 5.30. St. Peter's bells (10) 6.30 p.m.—J. E. Fox, Dis. Sec. 6335

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—New Southern District.—A.G.M., Rayleigh, Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Further ringing after the meeting. Names for tea to G. Eve, 8, Crossfield Road, Southend-on-Sea.—P. W. Saltmarsh, Hon. Gen. Sec. 6248

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—A.G.M., Jan. 18th, All Saints' (6), Shrub End, Colchester. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Also open, St. Peter's (8), 7–9 p.m. Tea. Names, please, to Mr. D. Cobb, All Saints' Vicarage, Shrub End Road, Colchester. 6300

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Meeting, Meysey Hampton (6), Saturday, Jan. 18th, 5.30 to 8.30 p.m.—J. Pearse, Branch Sec. 6301

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Randwick (6), Jan. 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea to P. Screen, 22, Springfield, Hardwicke, Gloucester, GL2 6PX, by Tuesday, 14th. 6320

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Annual meeting, Jan. 18th, St. Nicolas', Guildford. Bells 3 p.m. and evening. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Numbers for tea to Miss Eloie, 109, Grange Road, Guildford, by Wednesday, 15th, please.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Bishop's Stortford District.—Annual general meeting, St. Michael's, Bishop's Stortford, on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., and business meeting, Infants' School Council Room, Apton Road. Evening ringing, St. Michael's and Thorley (6), if required. Names for tea to K. Westwood, 85, Waytemore Road, Bishop's Stortford. 6326

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Annual meeting, Jan. 18th, St. Peter's, St. Albans, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in St. Peter's Institute 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to K. J. Darvill, 49, Station Road, Harpenden (Tel. 3470).—R. E. Hardy, Dis. Sec. 6309

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting, Lydd, Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea for those who notify Miss L. P. M. Terry, 12, Eastern Road, Lydd, by Thursday, Jan. 16th.—A. P. S. B. 6272

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting, Rainham, on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Special method, Rutland. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. F. J. Cheal, 49, Ivy Street, Rainham, by previous Wednesday.—T. Barton. 6318

LADIES' GUILD.—N.W. District.—A.G.M. and joint meeting with the Manchester Branch at Manchester Town Hall on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells (12) available from 3 p.m. Business meeting in the Town Hall at 4. Tea 5 p.m. (cafés nearby). Ringing in the evening until 9 p.m.—C. Andrew, Dis. Sec. 6297

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Annual meeting, Melton Mowbray, Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells (10) 3 o'clock. Service 4.45. Tea and meeting 5.30. Names to Mrs. D. Day, 109, Thorpe Road (Tel. 5311), by 15th.—J. H. Cook, Dis. Sec. 6302

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Lindsey Branch.—Annual meeting at Gainsborough, Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells 2 p.m. Tea 4 p.m. for those who notify me by previous Tuesday. Service 5.30. Ringing after until 8 p.m. Special method: Double Norwich.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough (Tel. 2623). 6263

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—First practice of 1969, Kidlington (8), Saturday, Jan. 18th, at 7 p.m.—E. R. Venn, Hon. Sec. 6312

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Culworth Branch.—Annual meeting, Kings Sutton, Saturday, Jan. 18th. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Barber, Ivy Cottage, Astrop, Kings Sutton, Banbury, by Tuesday.—A. E. R. Walker, Sec. 6325

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting on Saturday, Jan. 18th, Chilton Foliat, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names, please, to Miss H. Jones, High Green, Windmill Close, Aldbourne, Wilts, by Tuesday, 14th. 6311

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Annual general meeting, Newark, Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to F. W. Midwinter, 70, Valley Prospect, by Wednesday previous.—D. J. T 6327

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY. Meeting, Walsall, Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells (12) available 3–4.25 p.m. and after tea. Committee meeting 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Names for latter, please, to Mr. G. W. Hughes, 3, Delves Road, Walsall, Staffs (Tel.: Wal. 29046), by Jan. 16th.—C.M.S., Hon. Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Annual District meeting, Saturday, Jan. 18th, Redhill. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Parish Hall (corner of Brighton Road and Earlswood Road). Names for tea to A. Streeter, 7, Park Cottages, Park Road, Nutfield (Tel. Nutfield Ridge 3394).—K. G. Game, Dis. Sec. 6315

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—Annual meeting, Alton, Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in Assembly Rooms. Business meeting follows. Ringing after meeting. It is essential to notify for tea C. E. Bassett, 85, Brook Lane, Warsash, Southampton, SO3 6FE (Tel. Lock Heath 2404), by Jan. 12th. 6333

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Amblecote (8), Saturday, Jan. 18th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15, followed by tea (approx. 5 p.m.) and business. Names for tea to Mr. H. G. Watson, 37, Corbett Crescent, Amblecote, please.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., 17, Ham Lane, Pedmore, Stourbridge, Worcs. 6360

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—There will be a general meeting at Beverley on January 18th. General committee meeting in the Minster at 3 p.m. Service in the Minster at 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in St. Mary's Church Hall, Tiger Lane. Please send names for tea to Mr. J. N. D. Chaddock, 48, Westwood Road, Beverley, by the previous Wednesday. Please note: tea tickets will be distributed on January 18th to those who have booked. Business meeting after tea. Central Council representatives will be elected. Ringing arrangements: Holme-on-Spalding Moor (6), 10–11 a.m.; Market Weighton (6), 10.45–11.45 a.m.; Pocklington (8), 11.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m.; Walkington (6), 2–3.45 p.m. and 6.30–8.30 p.m.; Beverley Minster (10), 2–4.15 p.m.; Beverley St. Mary's (10), 6.30–9 p.m.—W. F. Moreton, Hon. Gen. Sec. 6221

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Annual meeting, Wilton, on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please.—A. H. Reed, 41, George Street, Taunton. 6323

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Annual District meeting, Aldershot (8), Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Hall. Names to Miss S. J. Tate-Mitchell, 121, Roberts Road, Aldershot (Aldershot 21009).—Mrs. B. R. Simpson, Dis. Sec. 6336

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Quarterly meeting, West Wickham, Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Miss M. R. Andrews, 43, Wansunt Road, Bexley, by Wednesday, 22nd. 6329

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Annual general meeting, Basingstoke, Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells (both towers) 2.30 p.m. Service (St. Michael's) 4.30. Tea (Church Cottage) 5.15 p.m. Numbers for tea to J. J. Hill, 67, Oakridge Road, Basingstoke, by Tuesday, Jan. 21st, please. 6316

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SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS
ANNUAL DINNER
Saturday, February 1st
At Church House, Westminster.
Tickets (price 30/-) from D. E. Sibson, 15, Garden Royal, Kersfield Road, S.W.15.

CANCELLED

The Shropshire Association meeting, provisionally fixed to be held at Whitchurch, Salop, on Sat., Jan. 11th, is CANCELLED. Next meeting in February at Shrewsbury. 6347

MEETINGS

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Annual general meeting at Oatlands Park, Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea for those who notify Mr. B. Rogers, 27, Garrick Close, Walton-on-Thames ('phone: Walton 24669). 6330

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ross District.—Annual District meeting, Jan. 11th, Ross. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow at Central Café.—J. J. Webb, Dis. Sec. 6342

LADIES' GUILD.—Sussex District.—A.G.M., Saturday, Jan. 11th, Southover (10). Ringing 3–5 and 6–8 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea. 6340

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Surprise Royal practice, Hillingdon, Monday, Jan. 13th, 7.45 p.m.—M. J. Palmer. 6344

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Meeting, Swindon Village (5), Monday, Jan. 13th, 7.30 p.m. 6341

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Branch.—Practice meeting, Publow (6), Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells available 5 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 6345

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Huntingdon District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells: Godmanchester, 2.45–3.45; All Saints', Huntingdon, 3.45–4.15. Service, A.S., 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. All Saints' and St. Mary's, Huntingdon, bells available afterwards.—Michael J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 6348

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Saturday, January 18th
Aldgate (8), 2.45–3.45: St. Andrew's, Holborn (8), 4–5. Tea at St. Martin-in-the-Fields 5.15, followed by meeting. Names for tea to D. E. Sibson, 15, Garden Royal, Kersfield Road, S.W.15. 6351

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Annual meeting, Jan. 18th, Market Harborough. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., Grammar School.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 6339

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Social and practice meeting, Hurstpierpoint (8), Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Social after ringing. Names for tea and social to Peter D. Hepburn, 33a, Hassocks Road, Hurstpierpoint, Sussex. 6353

MORE PEALS

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
TODDINGTON, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sun., Aug. 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 6½ cwt.

Maurice Ingram	Treble	†Richard Tibbles	4
Anna Sadowska	2	†Roger Liddell	5
*Roman Sadowska	3	Peter S. Robertson	Tenor

Conducted by Peter S. Robertson.
* First peal attempt. † First of Minor. First of Minor as conductor.

NETHERTON, Dudley, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Dec. 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Arranged by Henry Johnson. Tenor 13 cwt, 3 lb. in F sharp.

Morley P. Tobin	Treble	Christopher Lees	5
M. Irene Brown	2	Stephen W. Barton	6
Margaret Swain	3	Robert Edwards	7
Clifford Skidmore	4	Michael J. Fellows	Tenor

Composed by Charles Middleton. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
MARPLE, Cheshire.—At 6, Ashwood Crescent.
On Thurs., Dec. 5, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS
Tenor size 15 in C.

Bernard F. L. Groves	1–2	Robert B. Smith	7–8
C. Kenneth Lewis	3–4	J. David Atkinson	9–10
Gerald Moorhouse	5–6	John W. Gander	11–12

Composed by Robert B. Smith. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Pryor, of Cardiff, and a birthday compliment to May Smith

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At 40, Ridge Crescent.
On Thurs., Dec. 12, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL
In four methods, comprising 3,360 Rutland, 720 Cambridge and 480 each of Lincolnshire and Yorkshire: with 84 changes of method.
Tenor size 15 in C.

Alan McFall	1–2	Bernard F. L. Groves	5–6
Neil Bennett	3–4	Robert B. Smith	7–8
Gerald Moorhouse	9–10		

Composed and Conducted by Robert B. Smith.
First peal of Spliced Surprise Royal in four methods on handbells for the Guild, and by all the band except the conductor. First of Royal in four methods as conductor

AUDLEM, Cheshire.—At Churchfields.
On Fri., Nov. 22, 1968, in 1 Hour and 44 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor size 18 in G.

Geoffrey A. Edwards	1–2	John R. Scott	3–4
Frank R. Morton (cond.)	5–6		

(Wirral Branch.)
BROMBOROUGH, Cheshire.—At 35, Croft Avenue.
On Sat., Dec. 7, 1968, in 1 Hour and 47 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents Tenor size 13 in E.

N. David Lane	1–2	Eric J. Gilbert (cond.)	3–4
*Robert Peers	5–6		

* Completes peals of Plain Bob from Minor to Maximus on handbells.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
HARPENDEN, Hertfordshire.—At 81, Overstone Road.
On Mon., Sept. 30, 1968, in 1 Hour and 58 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Susan D. Cowan	1–2	Roger D. R. Brown	5–6
Julia A. Fellows	3–4	Brian J. Woodruffe	7–8

Composed and Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire.—At 114, Park Street Lane.
On Mon., Dec. 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 30 methods, comprising 320 each of Eastcote and London, and 160 each of Acton, Aldenham, Ashtead, Berkshire, Bristol, Cambridge, Dublin, Ealing, Elford, Hereford, Highgate, Hitchin, Langley, Leatherhead, Lincolnshire, Lindum, Northwood, Painswick, Pudsey, Radlett, Rutland, Shoreditch, Superlative, Uxbridge, Watford, Wembley, Yeading and Yorkshire: with 159 changes of method. Tenor size 13 in E.

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

Composed and Conducted by John R. Mayne.
This is the greatest number of methods yet rung in a peal of Surprise Major on handbells.

ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire.—At 114, Park Street Lane.
On Mon., Dec. 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, comprising 1,280 each of Bristol and Superlative, 1,248 of Cambridge and 1,216 of London: with 105 changes of method. All the bells do all the work of each method.
Tenor size 18 in G

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	1–2	Roger Baldwin	5–6
Christopher W. Woolley	3–4	John R. Mayne	7–8

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by John R. Mayne.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
LEICESTER.—At The Wayside, 150, Narborough Road South.
On Wed., Dec. 4, 1968, in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C

*David F. Moore	1–2	Alfred Ballard	5–6
Robert B. Smith	3–4	Peter J. Staniforth	7–8

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff (C.C.C. No. 15).
Conducted by Robert B. Smith.
* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise on handbells.

BENENDEN, KENT.—On Dec. 15th, 1,296 Little Bob Major: Anne Barber 1, Pamela Court 2, O. Webster 3, P. C. Sinden 4, R. Lebon 5, J. Hemsley 6, A. P. S. Berry 7, B. Johnson (cond.) 8. First of Little Bob Major 2, 3, 5, 6. Rung after Evensong.

BERRY POMEROY, DEVON.—On Dec. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Tuckett (first away from tenor) 1, R. J. Talbot 2, R. J. Edden 3, R. F. Shepperd (first as cond.) 4, D. J. Roberts 5, G. J. L. Read 6, G. J. Roberts 7, J. C. Gent (first quarter) 8.

BROADCLYST, DEVON. — On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): W. Ware (cond.) 1, H. Ransom 2, W. J. Ransom 3, J. R. Hutchings 4, W. E. Richards 5, R. Alan (first quarter) 6, F. S. Dawn 7, Insp. H. Blamey 8. A wedding tribute to the daughter of Mr. W. J. Ransom, married this day.

BURTON-IN-LONSDALE, W. YORKS.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Whalley 1, A. Capstick 2, J. Bagnall 3, S. Anderton 4, W. Wall 5, K. M. Price (cond.) 6.

CHAWTON, HANTS.—On Dec. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. J. Latham 1, R. J. M. Bavin (first quarter "inside") 2, A. M. Donaldson 3, Anne Donaldson (first quarter) 4, A. J. Mason (cond.) 5, R. R. Crook 6. Rung by the Winchester College Society.

CLEATOR MOOR, CUMBERLAND. — On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: G. Eilbeck 1, J. Brown 2, Vera Bell 3, Mary Dodd 4, G. Tembey (cond.) 5, J. Robinson 6.

DENHAM, BUCKS.—On Nov. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods, 7, 6, 8 covering): R. Medway 1, E. G. Swift 2, Miss S. Udell 3, B. C. Collins (cond.) 4, B. Pocock 5, P. Wootton 6, S. Lilley 7, H. Bell 8. For Evensong.

GOSPEL OAK, N.W.—On Dec. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. J. Gazeley 1, Sara K. D. Woolley 2, Dianne Gazeley 3, Dorothea M. Robotham 4, W. G. Knight 5, B. S. Watson (cond.) 6. For Matins.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTS.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. W. Hazell 1, G. Parsons (first "inside") 2, A. R. Kench (cond.) 3, Miss J. B. Edwards 4, M. A. Jackson 5, S. J. Crawley 6. For Evensong.

HIGHCLERE, HANTS.—On Dec. 9th, 1,440 London Surprise Minor: D. Goss 1, M. Goss 2, P. Furness 3, P. Taylor 4, R. Crocker 5, G. K. Dodd (cond.) 6. First quarter of London Surprise Minor by all except the conductor. First on the bells, and by Andover District members. Rung by the Sunday service band.

QUARTER PEALS

HIGH HALDEN, KENT.—On Dec. 8th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: P. Thomas 1, J. Hemsley 2, P. C. Sinden 3, H. Deacon 4, R. A. Birch 5, B. Johnson (cond.) 6.

HINTLESHAM, SUFFOLK. — On Dec. 8th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): M. Bewley (first on working bell) 1, Jennifer M. Andrews 2, N. F. Whittell (cond.) 3, A. R. Walters 4, R. J. Southgate 5, F. W. Mussett 6.

HINTON, DORSET.—1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: A. J. Paulley 1, Susan M. Corry 2, A. B. Corry (first "inside") 3, B. R. Jeans 4, T. Bleathman 5, M. J. Corry 6. For Harvest Festival.

HOLME LACEY, HEREFORDS.—On March 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. L. Hughes (cond.) 1, Gillian Sims 2, F. Read 3, P. Sell 4, A. Wingate 5, T. Wood 6, M. Sherwood 7, T. Plows 8. Also on October 11th, Plain Bob Major: T. Plows 1, Mrs. Pannel 2, R. Powell 3, M. Powell 4, P. L. Hughes 5, T. Wood 6, A. Wingate 7, A. Semken (cond.) 8. For Harvest Festival. Also on Oct. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Sherwood 1, L. Walters 2, D. Price 3, C. Biggs 4, P. L. Hughes 5, P. Sell 6, J. Clements (cond.) 7, T. Wood 8.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Bartholomew 1, S. Penfold 2, Joan M. Peacock 3, W. Barrett 4, F. G. Richardson 5, J. Fowler 6, F. V. Gant (cond.) 7, G. C. M. Pain 8. Rung with the best wishes of the band immediately after the wedding of Miss Angela Walker to Mr. Peter Cecil. A. Bartholomew and W. Barrett are from Galleywood and taught the bride to ring.

MALVERN LINK, WORCS.—On Dec. 8th, 1,250 Cambridge Surprise Major: E. Barber 1, E. Rose 2, Mrs. M. Wood 3, P. Wood 4, G. Edwards 5, G. Bagley 6, J. Clements 7, G. Morris (cond.) 8. First of Surprise 2, 5 and 6.

NAILSEA, SOM. — On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): W. Neath 1, L. Derrick (cond.) 2, D. Pearce 3, C. Kortwright 4, H. Hardwidge 5, L. Childs 6.

NETTLEHAM, LINCS.—On Dec. 8th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minor: W. Booth (first Minor) 1, H. Jefferey 2, Mrs. S. Sinden 3, Miss G. Radley 4, G. R. Parker (cond.) 5, M. Sinden 6. For Evensong.

PEMBROKE.—On Nov. 24th, 1,260 Doubles in 11 meth./var./spliced compositions: N. C. Rogers 1, Betty M. Rogers 2, S. P. Rogers (cond.) 3, A. R. Trickett 4, P. C. Rogers 5, I. Russant 6. For Evensong. Also on Dec. 8th, 1,260 Doubles in four meth./var.: N. C. Rogers 1, Betty M. Rogers 2, A. Lingard 3, S. P. Rogers 4, P. C. Rogers (cond.) 5, P. F. Kraus 6. For Evensong.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.—1,280 Oxford Treble Bob Major: G. Wood 1, Wendy S. Austin 2, G. Kenward 3, F. Dadson 4, G. A. Naylor (cond.) 5, J. Clark 6, L. Mitchell 7, B. Jemmett 8. First Oxford T.B. Major for all except 3rd and 5th ringers. For Evensong.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On Dec. 16th, 1,280 Yorkshire S. Major: F. R. Scott 1, S. Hare 2, Rosamund Brown 3, G. R. Shedden 4, W. R. Hare 5, D. C. Brown 6, W. Birmingham 7, P. Hilling (cond.) 8. First quarter of Yorkshire S.M. for 2, 3, 5. Rung for the Slough and Eton C.E. Secondary School service of carols and lessons.

SMARDEN, KENT.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (three variations): Shirley Black 1, Sylvia Knight 2, A. Bourner 3, H. Deacon 4, B. Johnson (cond.) 5, J. Bennett (first quarter) 6. Also on Nov. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Yvonne Antwiss (first Minor) 1, H. Deacon 2, A. Bourner 3, J. Hemsley 4, D. Manger 5, B. Johnson (cond.) 6. Also on Dec. 12th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. Hemsley 1, Margaret Jones 2, Pamela Court 3, P. Staples 4, O. Webster 5, B. Johnson (cond.) 6. First of Kent 2 and 5.

SOUTH CROYDON, SURREY. — At St. Peter's Church, on Dec. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Hilda Oatway 1, Violet Potter 2, Pam Wakeling 3, E. W. Razzell 4, W. G. Brownett 5, W. F. Oatway (cond.) 6, J. McKinistrie 7, E. W. Vowles 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Jack Adcock, a member of the local band.

SOUTHWARK, S.E.—At the Cathedral, on Dec. 15th, 1,346 Cambridge Surprise Maximus: M. T. Spraekling 1, P. N. Felton 2, Olive L. Rogers 3, Deborah Bishop 4, L. C. Way 5, A. S. Bishop 6, J. R. Pratt 7, W. G. Wilson 8, C. M. Meyer 9, C. T. Richards 10, J. W. Smith 11, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 12. For the "Southwark Ordination Course" Evensong.

STEEP, HANTS. — On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (Kennington, Tichbourne, Derwent, April Day, Plain): M. Cass 1, Mary Sutcliffe 2, D. Cooper (first "inside") 3, Jennifer Quaife 4, W. Williams (cond.) 5, B. Fry 6. Most methods for all except the conductor. Rung for the baptism of Oliver James Ryder and as a wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Bruce.

STOCKBRIDGE, HANTS. — On Nov. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. R. Crook 1, A. M. Donaldson (first Plain Bob) 2, R. J. Latham 3, R. W. T. Slack (first Plain Bob as cond.) 4, A. J. Mason 5, R. J. M. Bavin 6. By the Winchester College Society.

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a: 34—36.14—12—36—12—3 6ths
b: 34—36.14—12—36.12—12.3 6ths
c: 34—36.14—12—1236—12—3 6ths

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S=Sandiacre
X=Chester-le-Street, Sleaford, Grantham, Bangor, Orsett or Upshire

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The last meeting of 1968 was held at St. Stephen's, St. Albans, the ground floor six being rung to a variety of methods, under the direction of Mr. Andrew W. R. Wilby. A short high speed service was held, led by the Rev. A. Hart-Synnot, and then everyone ambled down the road to the Cavalier Hall for tea. "The Rev.", as he is known, took the chair for the business meeting. Apologies for absence were received from Mr. Gerald Penney, who had 'flu and had to return home.

The secretary spoke for a while about the next meeting, which will be the A.D.M. at St. Peter's, St. Albans, on Jan. 18th. After complaints last year that the election of officers was too hurried, it is proposed this year to elect all officers singly. All District members should think of nominations for the jobs before the meeting. Officers at present not wishing to continue are Mr. Gerald Penney as Ringing Master, Miss Julia Fellows as "Ringing World" representative and Mr. Roger Brown and Miss Julia Fellows on the committee. Also Mr. Gerald Penney is now automatically on the general committee as peal secretary, which leaves another general committee vacancy. It would help if nominations could be given in advance to the secretary.

A vote of thanks went to "The Rev." for the use of the bells and the service, to Bob Hardy for playing the piano during the service, and to the St. Stephen's band for the tea.

Evening ringing continued until 8 p.m.

J. A. F.

COMPOSITIONS

5,040 TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS
(for handbells)
By ROBERT B. SMITH

23456	M	W	H
42356			1
42563	2	2	1
63254	1	2	2
54632	2	1	
32465	1	2	2
34625		1	2
23645		1	
23456	2	2	1

3–4 course between the Middle and Wrong in each course.

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(four methods)
By ROBERT B. SMITH

2345678	M	1½	W	H	Methods
5243687		S	—		R C R
3542687			—		R C R
4235687			—	—	R C R
6325487	—			—	R Li R
2635487				—	R Li R
3526487			—	—	R Y R
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S				S	537426
		2S	S		274536
				S	567423
S		2S	S		274563
S	S			S	573462
S		2S	S		634572
				S	523467
S		2S	S		634527
S				S	537462
S		2S	S		674532
S	S			S	572436
(S)		2S	S		324576

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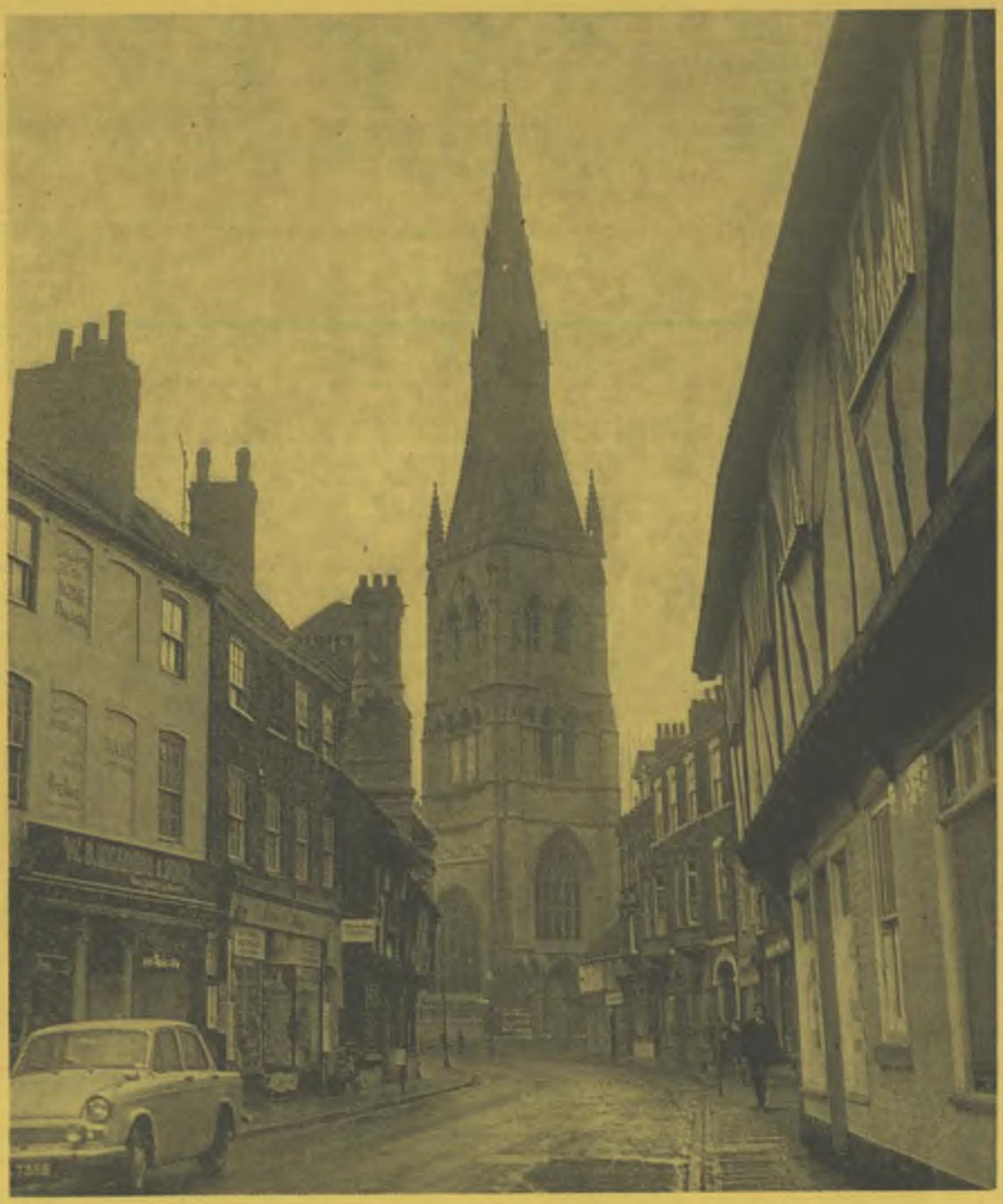

The Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Newark, Notts.

OUR COVER PICTURE

St. Mary Magdalene, Newark

By G. A. DAWSON

DESCRIBED as being among the grandest parish churches of England, much could be written about Newark Parish Church. We must however restrict our attention to the tower and more especially the bells of this magnificent place of worship, dedicated to St. Mary Magdalene.

The tower, soaring 252 feet high, was started about 1230 but not completed until about 1320-30, when the final stages of the tower and octagonal spire were added. It is inconceivable that such a tower did not hold bells from its earliest times, but no details survive to tell us of them.

The earliest note found is in 1534 when new "bell strings" cost 4d. Though there is no trace of the Inventory of Church Goods taken at Newark in 1552 it seems certain there were five bells here. These bells were to remain in the tower for another century, for it was not until 1646 that the bells were augmented to six. Between these dates, however, the bells received a good deal of attention.

1626
Paid for takinge upp foure bells the 26th day of Februarie and for sixe pot stucks, four bushes iijs vi d.

In 1628–9 a large amount of money appears to have been spent on the bells, which were rehung and the fourth bell was recast:

To William Whitton for a tree to make yokes for the bells xs iiij d.
[Yokes—Headstocks?]
For leadinge the same into the Church Porch viij d.
To Hughe Wilson for making stayes for the bell wheeles
To William Wragg and the bell founder for removinge the bells iiijs iiij d.
At the castinge of the 4th bell x iiijs vj d.
To William Wragg by bill iij li.
To the Bellfounder xli s.
1629
To the workeman and for ale and bread at the gettinge the fourth bell home viij d.
To Xpofer Eyre for the Carriage and the Bell xviij d.
For Bread and drink at the pulling upp of the bell frame xij d.
To Goodman Wragg for his worke vijli. xiiijs.

All of this tells us that the bells were rehung in a new frame—the payments to the Wraggs support this—and one bell (the 4th) was recast. The founder, although not mentioned, was in all probability George Oldfield I of Nottingham. Several generations of the family of Wragg, who were all carpenters, were involved in rehanging the bells. They were a local family. Ten years later saw the rehanging of the 2nd bell:

Paid to the Maples of Norwell for taking up the bell and putting in brasses ijs vi d.
Paid to George Oldfield in exchange of ye Brasse ijs iiij d.

Three years after, in 1642, the 5th bell received the same treatment:

To William Taylor for going twice to Nott with and for the 5 bell brasses
For casting of the brasses and new mettle xxjs iiijd.
For the 5th bell wheels and carriage xx iiij s.

It seems that bellfounders did quite a lot of trade in manufacturing brass bearings for bells, the lower standard of hanging techniques, etc., would seem to provide them with regular employment in this field.

Although not directly mentioned, the augmentation took place between 1646–56, though more likely at the earlier date. No mention is made of this event in the Parish Accounts, so a benefactor must have given the bell and all costs associated with it, thus there being no cost to the parish.

These six bells cannot have been very tuneful, as George Oldfield came from Nottingham to attend to them in 1658:

Paid Mr. Oldfield for ye chipping of two bells as by bill ijs
Paid Henrie Goddard for grinding Mr. Oldfields tools and then spent upon Mr. Oldfield iiijs. vjd.
Paid Rag [Wragg, no doubt] for mending ye bells by bill vij li xvijs viijd.
Paid him more for turning the great bell vs.

For £7 17s. 8d. quite a lot of work must have been done to the bells and fittings—presumably many alterations were made. The last item is unusual—turning (presumably quarter turning) the bell. This would, I think, suggest an old bell, probably cast prior to 1552. Its life, however, was near to its close, for in 1680–1 it was recast by William Noone of Nottingham. (This William Noone appears to have been the founder in charge of the Oldfield foundry between the time of the death of George Oldfield and when his grandson George II succeeded to the foundry. He was a cousin of the Oldfields.)

Paid for the bells as by bill iiij li iiijs
Spent with Mr. Noone about the bell ijs
Paid for horse hire to Nottingham about the bell vjs
Spent with Mr. Noone the second time xviijd
Spent with Raggs the Carpenters ijs ij
Paid to Raggs per worke xiij li xs

Evidently the bell came from Nottingham down the River Trent, for there are a series of payments for refreshments when unloading the bell from the boat, putting it upon a wagon and taking it up to the church.

Also
Spent when the bell was drawn up into the steeple iij s
Spent with the bellhangers xij d
Spent with the Bellhangers when the bell was drawn up into the steeple iijs viijd

Finally there is the bill for recasting the bell.

Paid to Mr. Noone as by Bill xijli xvs viijd.

In 1712 the bells were recast by Abraham Rudhall of Gloucester and augmented to eight. A board hanging in the belfry states that Brid.-Gen. Sir Richard Sutton gave £200 to the cost of this work. The inscriptions on most of Rudhall's bells have been preserved in Brown's Annals of Newark:

Treble: Ex Dono Hon Brigadier Sutton. A.R. 1713.
2nd: As Treble.
3rd: Lost.
4th: Brave Sutton Rais'd us to declare, the joys of peace the end of war.
5th: If Suttons praises we could speak, much sweeter echoes we would make.
6th: Whilst here we're loud in Suttons fame, what place rings not of his bright name. Ely Stanstead, Vicar, 1713.
7th: Arma Virquino. Cano. Richard Read, Richard Handing, Churchwardens. Abraham Rudhall of Gloucester Cast us all Anno Domini 1713.
Tenor: Multi cum fuimus nos resonare fecit honor us Brigadier Sutton 1713, Soloman Bettinson Mayor Joseph Morris Churchwarden.

Brown was very thorough, for he also gives the weights of these bells down to the last ounce:

	cwts.	qrs.	lbs.	ozs.
Treble:	7	0	1	0
2nd:	7	0	26	0
3rd:	7	0	26	—
4th:	10	1	0	0
5th:	13	3	1	10
6th:	15	1	11	10
7th:	20	1	7	7
Tenor:	28	1	7	7

These bells did good service, for it was not until 1775 that any major attention was necessary. The third bell was damaged and recast by Pack and Chapman of London. The inscription they put upon this bell was of their usual form:

PACK AND CHAPMAN, LONDON, FECIT, 1775.

1821 saw the recasting of the tenor by Taylors, then at St. Neots, Huntingdonshire. The inscription they placed on this tenor was:

I TO CHURCH THE LIVING CALL AND TO THE GRAVE DO SUMMON ALL TAYLOR AND SON, ST. NEOTS, FECIT 1821.

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Newark Bells—continued

In 1842 the decision was taken to have a new ring of bells, and the work was entrusted to John Taylor, then recently moved to Loughborough from St. Neots and Oxford. An account of events at this time occurs in Brown's Newark and from this I quote at some length:

"In 1842 the old peal of bells were recast and converted (with additional metal) with a peal of ten. The great bell of the old eight was taken down on Saturday February 19 1842. The remainder of the peal and frames were taken down during eight days —viz. from March 7th to the 15th, six men being employed. The new bells arrived by boat on Monday, April 25th 1842, and were met by the ringers at the top Roving. Having got on board, they rang a peal on the hand-bells until they came to 'Huddlestone Top Wharf' Mill Gate, where many people came to see the bells. The Notts Society of change ringers were appointed by the churchwardens of Newark to open the new peal, and on Wednesday week, May 25, they assembled at Newark for that purpose. The bells were raised at eight o'clock in the morning, and 600 changes were rung. The Sheffield Change Ringers then raised the bells, and after accomplishing nearly the same number of changes, they disisted. The bells were then oiled, and short peals were rung at intervals during the day. The Nottinghamshire ringers pronounced the bells at Averham to be the finest peal of six in the county, having rung a peal of 720 'Kent or Treble Bob' on their return home. At Newark, on the evening of Wednesday, their performances on the hand-bells gained them very great repute. On the hoisting of the bells into their places in the tower they were each of them named by parties who were present."

The inscriptions placed on these bells are:

Treble: J. Taylor & Son, Founders Loughbro 1842 OS MEUM ANNUNCIABIA LAUDAM NUAM MDCCCXLII.

2nd: PEACE ON EARTH, GOODWILL TOWARD MEN—John Corby Sexton 1842.

3rd: J. Taylor Fecit 1842. A VOICE FROM THE TEMPLE, A VOICE FROM THE LORD.

4th: J. Taylor Founder Loughbro 1842.

5th: J. Taylor Founder Lobro 1842.

6th: HOLINESS UNTO THE LORD—J. Taylor Founder Loughbro March 1842.

7th: This peal was recast and augmented into ten bells by voluntary subscription in the year of Our Salvation 1842 TO THE GLORY OF GOD—J. G. Bussell, Vicar, J. Branston, W. Hall, G. Ingleden & S. Bentley Churchwardens.

8th: FEAR GOD HONOUR THE KING—John Taylor Founder Loughbro 1842.

9th: DEO ET ECCLESIAE—John Taylor Bell Founder Oxford and Loughbro 1842.

Tenor: CALL A SOLEMN ASSEMBLY JOHN Taylor Bellfounder Oxford and Loughborough 1842 Late of St. Neots and Bideford Devon.

The weights of the bells are:

Treble:	5-2-6	6th:	9-3-17
2nd:	6-1-5	7th:	12-3-16
3rd:	7-2-13	8th:	15-1-8
4th:	8-1-8	9th:	19-3-26
5th:	7-2-15	Tenor:	31-1-11

These bells were the first complete ring of ten bells cast by John Taylor—the original specification in his own handwriting is still in the Loughborough Foundry records.

The frame for the bells was made of wood brought from Bosworth Field. Six trees were felled for the purpose, and whilst sawing these beams the workmen encountered an obstruction, which was found to be a bullet supposed to have been lodged in the tree in the Battle of Bosworth Field in 1485.

However, these bells were not a complete success for, according to Brown's "Newark," the two trebles were removed and replaced in 1846. This was on account of one being cracked and one out of tune.

The present 2nd bell now bears the inscription:

BE SURE YOUR SIN WILL FIND YOU OUT.

an obvious inference to it being previously cracked.

Recent work on these bells has been in 1913 when Mears and Stainbank rehung the bells in a new metal frame. In 1953/4 the bells were rehung in the metal frame on new fittings and ball bearings.

RINGERS AND RINGING

Payments to ringers feature regularly in the Churchwardens' Accounts and from these we see that up to 1663 the five ringers were paid eight shillings per year. Special occasions rise to extra payments; for example, they were paid three shillings and fourpence on November 5th each year. In 1722 they were given a "rise" in wages to five shillings.

In the Archdeaconry of Nottingham Court, Act books for 1635 one "Richarde Shawe of Newarke" was summoned "for brawlinge in the church yarde with Robert Buckley, one of the Church Wardens." It was alleged "that he being a common and hired ringer of the towne of Newarke did last summer desire (of) the Church Warden (leave) to goe home whiles he put another in his place of Ringing and the Churchwarden refusing to lett him goe home he did say to him as followeth in the church porth there Vizt 'I pray Mr. Churchwarden be good in your office you know not how long you shall stay in it.'" Shaw pleaded not guilty to this offence and was eventually dismissed with a warning. Ringers' relations with the clergy have not always been so bad; Jim Raithby, the current captain, is also one of the four churchwardens this year.

The Civil War, with its many events around the Midlands, gave occasion for many payments: for instance:

1642, July 12: To the ringers for ringing at his Maties going to Lincoln.	xi. s.
1643: To the ringers at the Queenes coming to Towne by Mr. Maiors appointment.	VS.
1645: For ringing at ye taking of Leicester by Mr Maiors command	ij. s. vjd.

Leicester ringers evidently had the last say though, for on May 7th, 1946, St. Martin's ringers were paid 2s. 6d. when "New-worke was surrendered up unto Parliament."

Although eight by 1712, the first peal had to wait until 1773, when on August 9th William Doubleday Crofts took his band of Sherwood Youths to ring a peal of 5,040 Grandsire Triples in three hours and nineteen minutes.

A local band has been here from very early on, but it seems unlikely that they were competent change ringers as they never attempted to ring a peal on the bells. It is possible that, then as now, the bells were of difficult "go." Anyway, the ringers, if not change ringers, were keen to learn, for they are among the list of subscribers to Clavis Campanologia in 1787. In connection with the "go" of the bells, it is noted that when the ringers were ringing to celebrate the victory at Waterloo they "rang 8 yards of the Church steeple down by their great endeavours"!

Upon the wall of the tower is painted the names of the Sextons of the church. It seems reasonable to equate this office with the present-day tower captain, especially when one considers the ringers' orders which are also painted on this wall:

Wm Palfreyman 1721
Thomas Hinchley 1725
J. Chapman 1761
John Corby 1775
John Corby January 1 1796.
Esther Corby Sexton 9th Oct. 1838
Joseph S. Baxter Sexton 27th March 1874
Charles H. Newbald Master 1896–1909
E. C. Thrale 1909–1949
J. W. Raithby 1949–

If you a hindrance to be ringers be,
Twopence for it must be ye sextons fee;
With hat or spurs on don't begin to ring;
Twopence you forfeit if you touch a string;
Don't swear nor curse, shun these stumbling blocks.
The law gives twelvepence or else to the stocks;
Who brawls or wrangles whom ye major part;
Finds to be guilty shall pay his quart.
Who rings an hour bell, be it night or day,
If he o'erthrows he shall his sixpence pay.

One other peal was rung on the old bells. This occurred on May 16th, 1816, when Holt's peal of 5,040 Grandsire Triples was rung in 3 hours 15 minutes. A peal

Peals on the new ten bells were equally few, and it is not until May 20th, 1897, that the St. Peter at Arches Society of the tower of that name at Lincoln came to ring 5,003 changes of Grandsire Caters conducted by Gabriel Lindoff. This occasion seems to have had some effect on the Newark band, for in 1913, after the bells had been rehung in a new metal frame, the first all-local peal is recorded. This was 5,040 Grandsire Triples rung on May 12th, 1913, in 3 hours 19 minutes.

Since 1960 no less than eight peals have been rung:

April 18th, 1960: 5,079 Stedman Caters in 3 hrs. 35 mins. Southwell D.G.

April 3rd, 1961: 5,040 Cambridge S. Royal in 3 hrs. 10 mins. Southwell D.G.

April 23rd, 1962: 5,019 Stedman Caters in 3 hrs. 15 mins. Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.

April 15th, 1963: 5,040 Cambridge S. Royal in 3 hrs. 28 mins. Southwell D.G.

August 26th, 1964: 5,040 Plain Bob Minor (light 6) in 2 hrs. 50 mins. Southwell D.G.

April 19th, 1965: 5,007 Stedman Caters in 3 hrs. 15 mins. Southwell D.G.

December 26th, 1966: 5,040 Plain Bob Royal in 3 hrs. 32 mins. Southwell D.G.

April 15th, 1968: 5,040 Cambridge S. Royal in 3 hrs. 35 mins. Yorkshire Association.

The bells have long been known as being of difficult "go", especially the tenor, which has been the downfall of many aspiring "tenor-kings," and the only four people to turn this bell in are Peter Border, Pat Cannon, John Pratchett and Richard Price.

Peal ringing, of course, is but a small part of ringing and the local band have a fine tradition of continuity of ringing: the only time this century the bells have not been rung has been when essential repairs have been done and during the last war when, of course, ringing was compulsorily curtailed. Let us hope that the great traditions will continue for many years to come.

DO IT YOURSELF

Rehanging Whatton Bells in An Eight Bell Frame

READERS of this journal will perhaps recall that the issue of November 11th, 1966, carried an article on the rehanging of the six bells on ball bearings in the existing frame by the local ringers at the Church of St. John of Beverley, Whatton-in-the-Vale.

The first peal on the rehung bells on December 31st, 1966, carried the footnote, "Rung to mark the completion of the first stage of the bell restoration." The first stage, because it has always been the ringers' intention that these bells should and will be augmented to make a good ring of eight.

During 1967 work went on raising money towards the project, and by the end of the year sufficient was in hand (approx. £250) to start the second stage, the rearrangement and augmentation of the frame to make it an eight bell frame.

The existing substantial iron frame was installed by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston of Croydon in 1913. It consists of four bells swinging north-south and two bells swinging east-west. Nos. 1 and 4 are roped on the south side adjacent to the tenors, and Nos. 2 and 3 are roped at the opposite end, whilst the two tenors swing in and out. A small passageway was left down the north side some 2ft. 7½in. wide. The whole frame being carried on three 14in. by 8in. R.S.J.s running from east to west.

There were several major problems to be overcome, and it was a rather worried Paul Taylor who met us in the tower on St. Paul's Day (January 25th), 1968. His opening remark, "I don't think we can get them in," did nothing to dispel our fears.

A few hours and many measurements later it was a rather relieved party that sat down to lunch at a local hostel.

MAJOR DIFFICULTIES

(1) It would be necessary to shift the existing bells Nos. 3 and 4 nearer to the tenors to increase the width of the existing gangway to allow the existing trebles to be moved into the gangway (and so swing east-west as per the tenors) to leave the existing treble pits free for the new bells.

(2) The new pits must straddle one of the existing 14in. by 8in. R.S.J.s.

(3) There is no intermediate room between the ringing chamber and the belfry, and so the ropes must fall straight from the wheels into the resultant circle.

(4) The existing belfry floor/ringing room ceiling consists of 1½in. boards on 14in. by 10in. oak beams running east-west, carried on 14in. by 10in. oak beams running north-south, the plastered ceiling being fixed to boards below the upper beams, the intermediate space being filled with insulation material. Only one of the present ropes passes through an oak beam and it was hoped that the rearrangement could be carried out with the minimum of beam drilling.

(5) It is not possible to use the existing hatchways without first moving bells Nos. 2 and 3 out of the way.

It was finally resolved that by reducing the existing pits Nos. 1 to 4 by 18ins., Nos. 4 and 3 at the south end, No. 2 by 9ins. at each end, and No. 1 by 18ins. at the north end, by interchanging the bearing seats of Nos. 1 and 2 on the intermediate side frame, the installation of two new pits along the north wall to carry the existing trebles, it would be possible to get the bells in all on one level. The new position for the existing treble to be such that the rope would fall down the 2nd ropehole; this would result in only three new holes to be cut for the existing bells and one additional hole for the new second bell, and all oak beams would be avoided except for the 4th bell, this being unavoidable. This appeared to solve the majority of the problems as seen at that time.

MEASUREMENTS NOT CORRECT

A few weeks later the proposed plans for rechecking were received from Messrs. Taylors. Snag No. 1, they did not appear to fit, feverish remeasuring: it was then discovered that the tower which appears to be almost square, 16ft. 10in. (east-west) by 16ft. 2in. (north-south), is in fact not correct; the east-west measurement is some 6in. less at the north side to that of the south side.

Left to right: David Clarke, Tom Goodwin, Tom Greasley and W. L. Exton. [By courtesy of "Newark Advertiser"

The proposed R.S.J.s to be provided from the existing 14in. by 8in. R.S.J. into the north wall, to carry the proposed east-west R.S.J.s, below the new side frames caused some concern. It was discovered that these would raise the bells some 1ft. 4in. above the existing frame (acceptable from a sound point of view), but it would bring the bells up and dangerously near the spring of the spire arches.

It was obvious that guesswork at this stage was not acceeptable: a small wood model was made to test the amount of space available. Back to Taylors, more discussion, and it was finally agreed that a small reduction in the R.S.J.s and the use of 2ft. 3in. side frames instead of 2ft. 9in. side frames as per the existing, clearance of the tower walls would be obtained and it would also bring the bells down to only 8ins. above the existing.

Plans amended, rechecked and other problems solved, plans re-amended, and finally agreement.

The final plans were submitted to the church architect, who met us on site, and made his recommendations, the main one being that the louvres on the north wall into which the new R.S.J.s were to be inserted should be bricked up to a height of 4ft. 6in. to add strength to the wall adjacent to the R.S.J.s.

These being agreed the necessary faculty was applied for and granted. Time had passed and it was now late summer, and the order was placed with Messrs. Taylors for the framework with the hope of completing the work before the winter weather arrived.

HEAVY WORK

Meantime work started at our end with the drilling of the existing side frames and R.S.J.s, where possible, and the loosening, oiling and retightening of all the nuts and bolts to be removed later. The holes to receive the new R.S.J.s were made in the north wall. Incidentally, these were made by drilling all round the proposed hole with a large masonry drill and finally chiselling out the remainder.

During the week commencing October 28th the heavy work started in earnest; on Monday we carried no less than 300 bricks up the spiral staircase and up the belfry ladder to the belfry. (Just over 1 ton.)

On Friday morning the lorry arrived from Messrs. Taylors loaded with R.S.J.s, side frames, miscellaneous ironwork, nuts and bolts, etc., and by lunch time this was unloaded and the smaller items carried up into the ringing chamber. By Friday night the complete ironwork (except the four side frames) was packed on the belfry floor below the bells in such a way that it was in its correct place for later assembly

Saturday, November 2nd, we had a visiting band of ringers from Quorn, and on Sunday we rang for service for the last time (with nearly 2 tons of equipment now laid out on the floor above our heads).

Monday the work started in earnest. The wheels and clappers were removed from the front four bells. Bells Nos. 3 and 4 were blocked up in their pits by the use of timbers placed longitudinally along the pits, and the use of packing up to the bell mouths. The headstocks were then removed, the side frames at the east end and between the two bells were removed, shortened, the R.S.J.s redrilled, the side frames were then refixed in their new positions.

By the use of a 2½in. auger, kindly lent by Messrs. Taylors, a new rope hole was cut through the 14in. oak beam for the fourth bell. (Two nights work.)

HOISTING TACKLE

It was while shifting the fourth bell to its new position that a second major snag was encountered—it nearly slipped whilst being moved along the timbers. It was then decided that we should install some hoisting tackle, and this was soon to prove extremely useful in many ways, e.g., we did not have to remove the headstocks from the two trebles but shifted them complete with the tackle.

The fourth bell was then rehung in its new position, the headstock refixed, the wheel replaced and the clapper inserted. "Dangerously near the tenor," and these doubts were only overcome by swinging the bell frame high and checking that there was indeed 3in. clear between the clapper flight and the end of the frame. Sigh of relief! [Continued next page

Universities Association Life Membership — 5s.

FOR more than 25 years the life membership fee of the Universities Association has been a humble shilling. It is now to be five shillings. The hon. secretary, the Rev. M. C. C. Melville, pointed out at the annual meeting held at the Windsor Hotel, Lancaster Gate, London, on January 4th, that such a low subscription could not meet the 4d. post.

Income is derived from recruiting undergraduates, and it was stated that an average of 40 new members joined each year. The low subscription was only possible by the two main events—the week's tour and the annual dinner—meeting administrative expenses connected with these events.

The matter was very thoroughly debated before being accepted.

Mr. G. Dodds suggested that an approach for membership be made to the Northern Universities which held joint meetings, and it was mentioned that there was a movement to establish similar meetings for Southern Universities. The idea was put forward of the U.A. having two branches—North and South.

The president (Mr. Paul Taylor), who presided, thought the best approach would be informally, and to this the meeting agreed.

The 1968 tour, centred on Cardiff, proved very successful and resulted in a profit of £5 9s. 4d. A donation of 5/- to every tower visited was received with thanks by the hon. treasurer of the Llandaff and Monmouth Association. Individual donations were sent to the Gloucestershire towers visited.

Officers elected were: President, Mr. Paul L. Taylor; vice-president, Mr. D. A. Bayles; hon. secretary and C.C. representative, the Rev. M. C. C. Melville; hon. auditor, Mr. J. Seager.

The 1969 week will be held at York towards the end of August. The secretary reported that a minimum attendance of 40 was necessary and so far 25 names had been received. The programme had been drafted by Mr. Wilfrid Moreton and Mr. E. Hudson was present to answer questions. Next year's annual dinner will be held at Derby, Miss Phyllis Holborn undertaking local arrangements.

Thanks were expressed to Mr. Jim Prior for arranging the ringing in London, and also to incumbents and tower captains.

THE DINNER

The president, who was accompanied by Mrs. Taylor, presided at the dinner, which had a happy air of informality. The meal was well chosen and well served.

The main toast, "Continued prosperity of the Universities Association", was proposed by Mr. Andrew Stubbs, Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths. He said his association with the U.A. dated back to his Oxford days and he paid his shilling in 1958. He rang a peal for the U.A. at Wisbech in 1959, and another peal a year later which the U.A. decided not to accept.

As to the reason for the U.A., it was the means by which members of different universities could ring together, but he thought that in these days its main use might be in assisting in the formation of local societies. A lot of hard things had been said about non-territorial Associations, and many maintained that there was no room for such bodies. This was certainly not true of the University Societies. In their own towns they performed a great function in service ringing. It was so, to his knowledge, in Oxford, Cambridge, Bristol and London.

The reply was by the hon. secretary, and Mr. Melville said it was by tradition a brief résumé of the year's activities. In their matrimonial activities they were not doing too badly. He had looked this up in the register of members. Where the maiden name began with "M" there was the greatest chance of marrying a ringer from the U.A.!

FROM 36 UNIVERSITIES

As a result of the triennial census they had 320 active or semi-active members, and those 320 represented 36 universities throughout the world. The summer tour at Cardiff was very successful — good towers, good company and good accommodation. The coming tour was at York, and he hoped a good number of members would be present. Their peals were not very frequent, but he was told that up to October there had been five—three Minor, one 4-spliced and one London Major.

Miss Marie Cross had given up being their Central Council representative, having held that office for 25 years. She had served on three different committees and was convener of the one that produced "The Beginner's Handbook". On behalf of the Society he thanked her for her work on the Council.

The concluding toast, "The Visitors, Kindred Societies and 'The Ringing World'", was proposed by Mr. Richard Speed. He commented that the area of territorial Societies in London was an absolute shambles and many members had to belong to two or three Societies if they did any peal ringing in that area.

As to "The Ringing World", in the early days it was a very slender publication and there were few letters and little criticism. Things were now different: criticism showed that people were interested; it was a way which led to improvement.

The editor replied and thanked the readers for their generosity. "No one," he said, "could regard ringers as mean." He appealed for typewritten copy and asked for quarter peal copy to be submitted in the paper's style. More than 60 per cent. needed correcting and a large number were rewritten.

Among those present was Mr. Geoffrey Armitage, who was in Rhodesia and South Africa, and while in Prague was arrested but escaped.

REHANGING WHATTON BELLS—continued

The second bell was then packed up and the side frame between the 2nd and 3rd shortened and refixed and bell No. 3 rehung. Snag: the rope would hit the crossbrace below the frame, cut out a small section.

More snags; the end gates of Nos. 1 to 4 must be refixed before the new R.S.J.s could be bolted into position, otherwise it would not be possible to insert the new gate end feet spacer.

Finally both the second and the treble bells were put in the existing second pit, the side frames reduced, the new drillings for the gate end feet made. The new R.S.J.s were then fixed into the wall and to the existing 14in. by 8in. R.S.J., the new longitudinal R.S.J.s placed in position, the two bells moved into the new treble space, and the existing gate ends replaced.

MORE SNAGS

The new side frames were then carried, yes, carried, up the spiral stair case and finally hoisted into the belfry. These being fixed, the existing trebles were rehung in their new places. More snags; the bells had to be roped on the opposite side to that on which they were previously roped, new stays would be required which must be offset towards the wheel by 5ins., and the sallies go through the rope rollers on to the wheel and the new rollers were not wide enough to allow the sally through

The first problem was solved locally: the tops of the wheels being turned round and by a bit of carpentry work they were made to fit the opposite way. A telephone call to Taylors and the other two problems were solved, two new pulleys were made and two stays cut by lunch time.

These fixed, it only remained to cut new rope holes through the floor/ceiling; more snags and a layer of concrete, fortunately soft concrete, between the floor and ceiling; these were finally overcome, and the new ropes now descend through the floor in a length of Marley 2½in. rainwater down pipe, held by a wooden boss at both top and bottom.

The R.S.J.s were concreted into the wall and the louvres bricked up, more lifting and carrying, the concrete and cement being mixed downstairs and carried up by bucket.

RINGING FOR CHRISTMAS

Finally, on Sunday, December 22nd, the bells once again rang out for service, and following carol singing they again rang for Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve.

The noise in the ringing chamber is at present very loud, as there remains much work yet to do. The new framework to paint, the existing frame to repaint, a new hole to be cut for the new second, the new treble hole to be made, existing holes to be plugged and insulated, a new trap door to make and fix, etc

What have we learned by our experience? We are all now a great deal more aware of the problems involved in bellhanging; we probably discovered things that bellhangers have known about for years. We also learned that nothing is impossible: it probably takes a little longer to perform, and to every question there must be an answer, the problem being where to look for it.

To anyone contemplating work of this nature, we would say have a go, but call in the bellhangers at a very early stage and discuss with them the whole problem; we have always found they are only too willing to help. Finally, don't expect to do in a few nights the work that takes two competent bellhangers several days.

What of the future? Towards the cost of our two trebles (estimated cost delivered to the church door £705) we have so far raised well over £200, and to prove our faith we have left the hoisting tackle in position ready for the day we lift the two bells into the tower.

It would certainly be incomplete to finish without a reference to Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., and in particular to Mr. Paul Taylor for his encouragement and help during the past year. We express our thanks to all those who have helped us in any way, and in particular all the ringers and friends who have enthusiastically supported our fund raising efforts.

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Letters to the Editor

RINGING IN YORKSHIRE

Dear Sir,—May I comment on two points in Mr. J. Burgess' letter (December 27th). Where "up North" is striking getting worse? I am fortunate enough to attend meetings in most parts of Yorkshire and think that the standard of striking is better, generally, than 10 to 15 years ago. Are there opinions from any other Northern Counties? On what basis does Mr. Burgess make his generalisation? I agree entirely with his liking for good striking.

The implication of the second part of Mr. Burgess' letter is that ringers should limit themselves to a very small number of methods. Now I agree that good striking should come before the ability to ring a lot of methods, but if someone can strike Oxford, say, really well, there is no reason why he cannot strike Cambridge or Beverley just as well. If he cannot strike Oxford after a year or two, because he does not care, or because his tutor does not care, or just because he cannot, is there any point in refusing to let him ring something else? This is not a rhetorical question.—Yours sincerely,

WILFRID F. MORETON.

Wakefield.

BAD PROPAGANDA

Dear Sir,—It is not often that I feel compelled to write letters of complaint or argument, but after seeing the B.B.C. T.V. programme "Blue Peter" on the evening of Monday, December 30th, I felt obliged to.

I was shocked by the film shown in a feature about bellringing. I did not catch the name of the tower, but from my Dove's it would appear to have been Kingston upon Thames.

I myself have taught many ringers, but I would never allow anyone full control of any stroke at their first attempt.

It would appear that Mr. Noakes was taken off his feet by the rope at backstroke, his tutor having no control over this at all. No doubt Mr. Noakes had some practice beforehand, but this was not apparent in the film.

After some rounds had been rung, the tenor was lowered and Mr. Noakes was allowed to swing up and down on the rope, whilst flaying his feet about within inches of ropes of bells which were apparently still up. At a time when safety in the tower has been before the general public, I would have thought that greater care could have been used in the making of this film.

I am in no way blaming the tower captain, as he would obviously have taken precautions, e.g., giving Mr. Noakes some instruction previous to the film and lowering the rest of the bells before allowing him to cavort around on the tenor in pretence of chiming it. Surely the Central Council representatives are here for the precise purpose of stopping false appearances to the public of the art of bellringing.

I understand that this film has been shown previously and I obviously missed it or I would have written before. How it came to be shown again I cannot understand: maybe the Central Council was never informed of the making or showing of this film, in which case someone ought to ask the television companies for greater co-operation.—Yours faithfully,

C. R. JENKINS.

Wells, Somerset.

FOREIGN BELLS

Dear Sir,—I was much interested in the article on page 990 on the chiming bells of Sittingbourne R.C. Church, and the parish priest was very co-operative when I called on January 1st to see them. As your correspondent states, they are a chime of eight with a tenor of 3 cwt. in E, $23\frac{3}{16}$ inches in diameter. The treble weighs about $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt. and is 15 inches in diameter. The bells are maiden castings and are not tuned diatonically: in descending order their strike notes appear to be C sharp, B, A sharp, A, G sharp, G, F sharp and E. The chime is therefore one of six in E with semitones between the second and third and the fourth and fifth. All the bells have French-type "anses" or canons, while the double border of intertwined leaves is interwoven with cherubs. All the bells have an external hammer held off by a spring (not only on the tenor), three having two hammers and two having three—not an unusual feature in continental carillons. Your correspondent makes rather a barbarous reading of the inscription on the waist of each bell which should read: ME FUDIT LOVANII FELIX VANAERSCHODT, to which is added the date 1905 on the tenor. The translation is "Felix van Aerschodt cast me at Louvain (1905)." Felix van Aerschodt was the last of a line of founders of that name, the most notable of whom was Severin van Aerschodt, who cast a ring of eight with a bourdon for St. Augustine's, Kilburn (one since recast), a very light eight for The Lye, Worcester, and the former 37-bell carillon at St. Nicholas', Aberdeen, since recast by Gillett and Johnston as the van Aerschodt bells were very poor (as also are the Sittinghourne ones, of which only four are in use). The writer suspects that the Cattistock and Eaton Hall carillons and the eleven Belgian bells at Lerwick, Shetland, and five at Lower Beeding may be from this foundry.

The foundry originated in 1506 at Malines (Mechlin) with the van den Ghein family, several of whose later single bells are to be found in Scotland, and it later moved to Louvain (Leuven) where the last master founder, Felix van Aerschodt, died.

Much of this information is due to Mr. Ranald Clouston's researches ("Church and Other Bells of Aberdeenshire," 1961), and to information on page 190 of the current issue of "Dove." Mr. Dove's excellent list is, however, incomplete: there is a complete ring of eight, tenor 19 cwt. 27 lb., in St. Peter Port town church, Guernsey, hung with complete hanging gear, from the foundry of Cornille Havard of Villedieu in France (1913), and complete chimes or rings of three bells at Torteval, St. Saviour, and St. Martin in the same island, together with two out of four at Forest (a delightful little ring) and two of the magnificent swinging chime of three at St. Pierre-du-Bois, which have been most judiciously restored by Whitechapel.

I trust this will be of interest.—Yours faithfully,

D. L. CAWLEY.

Whitstable, Kent.

COLLEGE YOUTH AND COUNSEL

Dear Sir,—Mr. W. T. Cook's version of the exchanges between Counsel and a ringer during the libel case over Big Ben differs somewhat from the one I have read. This related not to the Lord Mayor's Show but to length of membership of the College Youths and went something like this:

Counsel: You are a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths?

Ringer: Yes, sir.

Counsel: I believe the Society was founded in 1637?

Ringer: Yes, sir.

Counsel: And have you been a member of the Society from that date?

Ringer: Yes, sir.

I do not claim verbatim accuracy but believe this to be quite authentic. Perhaps "Cheshire Delight" will be able to give us the exact words in his promised article on "Stainbank v. Beckett."—Your faithfully.

E. A. BARNETT.

Dartford, Kent.

AMONG THE UNRINGABLES IN SOMERSET

Dear Sir,—The information below was gathered on a ringing trip into Somerset on Boxing Day last year and may be of interest to ringers who enjoy ringing at four-bell towers. Whitelackington bells are now unringable as the tower is unsafe. Beercrowcombe's are also unringable; from the state of the ropes they appear to have at least two broken stays as the rope ends on two of the bells are the only parts of the ropes that appear just below the ceiling. Isle Abbots' bells, which incidentally do not appear in Dove's, are also unringable, there are no ropes on them and the tower is very unsafe. Isle Brewers' are also unringable.

The five-bell tower at Chaffcombe, which appears in Doves as ringable, is in fact semi-unringable. We managed about five minutes on them, but would not ring for any longer as there is considerable frame movement and the fourth bell is loose. Dowlish Wake's are now in a ringable state. There was the misfortune of the clock weight falling down, but this is all right and the bells are back in commission

I hope this information is useful to the tower grabber or "visitor" in more refined circles.—Yours faithfully.

M. J. HILLER.

THE CRACK IN THE WALL

Dear Sir,—Re Mr. Miller's letter (page 986). I think the tower mentioned should be Northwold (8), and the cracked tower was probably the neighbouring tower of Oxborough (6).

Over 50 years ago one of the ringers at Oxborough came to live at Downham Market and joined the local band, later teaching me to ring.

Many times he told me how this crack opened and closed during ringing and daylight could be seen: it was possible to put one's fingers in and out of the crack.

Oxborough tower collapsed nearly 20 years ago and rumour was that the bells were rung a few days previously. However, I have never heard of any ringers who admitted this.—Yours faithfully,

E. H. MASTIN.

Downham Market, Norfolk.

P.S.—He was the last ready-made ringer to come and live at Downham Market.—E. H. M.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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Handbells Honour Australia's Giant Gift Pudding

Again the young team of handbell ringers from Feltham, under the leadership of Mr. C. T. Richards, rang "Waltzing Matilda" at Australia House on December 9th when a huge Christmas pudding, weighing 160 lbs., was presented to the Lord Mayor of London from the people of Australia.

Girls have been introduced into the team with the schools' reorganisation on comprehensive lines, and within five weeks the team won a merit certificate at the Hounslow Festival. In our picture from left to right are: T. Jenno, M. Baker, A. Sebbage, J. Piper, M. Lamb, C. Fletcher, D. Raggett, C. Northrop.

Wimborne's Questions to Salisbury Guild

The Wimborne Branch A.G.M. was held on January 4th at Wimborne Minster. Bells available before the service were at Sturminster Marshall and Corfe Mullen: due to repairs at Wimborne the Minster bells could not be rung. The Vicar, the Rev. D. J. Strickland, conducted the Guild service and preached an interesting sermon on team spirit.

After an excellent tea 36 members settled down to the meeting, together with visitors from Ringwood, Hants, St. Neots, Hunts, Stotfield, Beds, and Martock, Somerset.

After 20 years as Branch Chairman, Mr. L. J. Lockyer resigned from office. The Master of the Guild, the Rev. R. N. Longridge, thanked him for all his work for the Branch and Guild, and then Mr. I. Davis of Poole presented Mr. Lockyer with a book and gift token as a mark of appreciation from the Branch.

Officers elected for 1969 were: Chairman, Mr. D. R. Fuller (Swanage); Vice-chairman, Mr. H. Mitchell (Bournemouth St. John's); Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. J. A. Robertson (Wareham); Ringing Masters, G. W. Elmes (Wareham) and R. G. W. Robertson (Wareham); Committee members, J. I. P. Davis (Poole) and H. I. Pitman (Canford).

In her report the secretary stated that the Branch now had 108 members and she welcomed three new towers to the Guild—Morden, Spetisbury and Witchampton. Meetings had been reasonably well attended and they had held joint meetings with two neighbouring Branches. A successful outing had been arranged to the Newbury area, but the dinner had to be cancelled due to lack of support. The Branch were hosts to the Guild in May and it was hoped they had enjoyed themselves. Seventeen quarter peals had been rung during the year and one local peal of Bob Major at Wareham. Two Branch towers, Wimborne and Wareham, had featured on "Ringing World" covers.

The Branch outing this year is to be held to coincide with the Guild A.G.M. at Calne. Also a skittles evening has been arranged for February 13th. Quarterly meetings for 1969 as follows: April 19th, Wareham, followed by dinner at Red Lion: July 19th, Swanage and Kingston: October 18th, Wimborne.

The following three proposals were to be sent to the Guild Committee for discussion at the Guild A.G.M.:

(1) A reorganisation of Central Council representatives from the Guild, namely, that the Guild be divided into four territorial regions, 2 Wilts and 2 Dorset, and that these regions each elect their own representative.

(2) All officers of the Guild should be elected individually at the A.G.M. The Branch regrets the omission of the election of a new Central Council Representative from the agenda of the last Guild A.G.M.

(3) The Guild undertakes an examination and revision of its rules to bring them up to date.

OBITUARY

MR. TOM TEBBUTT

A faithful servant of the Northampton Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild and a Central Council representative between 1927 and 1939 died on December 11th at Moulton, Northampton, in the person of Mr Tom Tebbutt. He was 82 years of age.

Tom had been a ringer for over 65 years, and in his younger days was a prominent peal ringer in Northamptonshire, cycling many miles on such expeditions. He rang his first peal at St. Edmund's Church, Northampton, on December 13th 1907.

He held many offices in the Peterborough Guild including that of secretary to the Northampton Branch and also for over 10 years tower secretary at Moulton. The bells of this church were rung half-muffled to his memory and the tribute of the Guild was an officers' peal rung half-muffled at Moulton on December 21st B. R. C.

ST. DAVID'S GUILD

The quarterly meeting of the St. David's Diocesan Guild was held at Llanstephan on December 14th, members from Burry Port, Cardigan, Carmarthen, Llanbadarn Fawr, Llanelly, Llanstephan, Pembroke and Tenby being present.

Ringing commenced at 2.30 p.m. followed by the service conducted by the Vicar of Llanstephan, Rev. J. S. Marcus Davies. Tea was afterwards served in a local cafe.

A short business meeting was then held in the church, the Ringing Master taking the chair in the absence of the Master, and the opening and closing prayers were read by Mr. J. Morgan, Cardigan.

It was agreed to send a donation of £10 to Llandyssul towards the cost of rehanging the bells. Congratulations were offered to four pupils of Burry Port Secondary Modern School who, with the Burry Port captain (Mr. W. P. E. Sage), rang the bells for the school Carol Service which was held in their church on December 13th.

Mrs. J. Thomas, Cardigan, proposed a vote of thanks to the incumbent for the use of his bells and for conducting the service and to the parish for providing the tea.

Next meeting jointly with the Swansea and Brecon Guild on March 8th at Gorseinon.

B. M. R.

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HALF PEALS

BLACKBURN, LANCS.—At St. Michael's Church, on Nov. 23rd, 2,520 Grandsire Doubles: F. Robinson 1, J. Pickup 2, J. T. Parsons (cond.) 3, F. C. West 4, P. S. Woods 5, M. Hill 6.

NAILSEA, SOM. — On Dec. 26th, 2,520 Doubles (two methods): D. Wallis 1, L. Derrick (cond.) 2, J. Lott 3, C. Kortwright 4, W. Neath 5, H. Hardwidge 6.

DATE TOUCHES

BACKWELL, SOM. — On Dec. 27th, 1,968 Plain Bob Major: J. Lott 1, Monica Horseman 2, A. Cox 3, W. Rice 4, P. England 5, R. Rice 6, S. Brown 7, M. Horseman (cond.) 8.

KEYNSHAM, SOM. — On Dec. 28th, 1,968 Plain Bob Major: Miss N. Bissicks 1, T. W. Harris 2, D. J. Buckland 3, F. C. Mogford 4, R. Hillman 5, E. C. Williams 6, R. M. Virgin 7, J. W. Owen (cond.) 8. First date touch for all except conductor. First date touch on the bells.

OXFORD. — At the Church of St. Ebbe, on Dec. 29th, 1,968 Plain Bob Major: V. Fox 1, R. Jones 2, C Woodward 3, D. Woodward 4, C. Coles 5, B. Gray 6, M. Journeaux 7, C. Holloway (cond.) 8. Rung for Evensong, and with the band's best wishes to Mr. C. Coles for his 74th birthday (Dec. 22nd).

SILKSTONE, SOUTH YORKS. — On Dec. 27th, 1,968 Silkstone T.B. Minor (cartwheel): L. W. Carbutt 1, Gail Cater 2, R. Cater 3, P. Charlesworth 4, P. Carbutt (cond.) 5, T. Tarbutt 6. First in method by all. First date touch 2, 3, 4. Also on Dec. 29th, 1,968 Pl. Bob Minor (cartwheel): Elizabeth Scourfield (first "touch") 1, L. W. Carbutt 2, G. Scourfield 3, P. Charlesworth 4, P. Carbutt (cond.) 5, H. Mann 6. For Evensong.

SILVERDALE, STAFFS.—On Dec. 8th, 1,968 Plain Bob Major: P. Gosling 1, Leona Roper 2, Janet Lawson 3, Felicity Ashford 4, M J. Robinson 5, C. J. Morey 6, J. A. Tandy 7, P. W. Gay (cond.) 8. By the University of Keele Society.

ADDINGHAM, YORKS.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: I. Cox 1, W. Pallister (first quarter) 2, P Norman 3, R. Crabtree 4, M. Hillary 5, D. Featherstone (cond.) 6.

ALTON, HANTS.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss A Biddlecombe 1, Mrs. M. Chennell-White 2, E. Hedger (first Major) 3, G. Noakes 4, R. Finch 5, L. Noakes 6, C. Chennell-White 7, R. Corke (cond.) 8. First quarter of Major by a local band for many years. For carol service.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.—On Dec. 26th, 1,344 Yorkshire S.M.: Elizabeth Gibbs (first T.B.) 1, Felicity Hamilton 2, Jill Oakshott 3, P. Blight 4, T. Skilton (first Yorkshire as cond.) 5, R. D. Mills 6, J. C. Davidge 7, P. J. Munday 8

BARKINGSIDE, ESSEX. — On Dec. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jane Steeds (first quarter) 1, Mary Wilkinson 2, Christine Morton (first Grandsire) 3, Deborah Knewstub (first Grandsire) 4, Barbara Shaw 5, Valerie Jones 6, D. Ellisdon (cond.) 7, M. Hollis 8. Thanksgiving for a successful gift day.

BATH, SOM.—At the Church of SS. Michael-with-Paul, on Dec. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss H. M. Mitchell 1, P. J. Devrell (cond.) 2, Miss C. J. Mitchell 3, J. G. Hobbs 4, A. Adams 5, A. Swatton 6, G. J. Hawkins 7, B. Sarll 8. For Evensong, and in thanksgiving for the success of the Apollo 8 moon mission.

BECKENHAM, KENT. — On Dec. 22nd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss P. Palmer 1, J. Dafters 2, J. W. Smith 3, Miss P. Gough 4, Miss F. Cannon 5, D. E. Beach 6, Mrs. C. Shiers 7, S. A. Nicholls 8, P. W. Cave (cond.) 9, I. McLeish 10 For candlelight carol service.

BIDFFORD, DEVON. — On Dec 21st, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles ("in hand"): P. M. Hine 1-2, T. C. Hine (cond.) 3-4, P. E. Hine 5-6

BIRSTWITH, YORKS.—On Dec. 14th, 1,296 Spliced Major (Plain, Little and St. Clement's): R. W. Jones 1, Gillian R. Cleaver 2, L. F. Palmer 3, J. P. Ottaway 4, G. J. Jones 5, M. G. Dodson 6, R. G Green 7, C. Forster (cond.) 8.

BLACKBURN, LANCS.—At the Cathedral, on Dec. 5th, 1,320 Doubles (four methods): Susan Hill (first quarter) 1, J. T. Parsons 2, J. Pilkington (cond.) 3, I Smith 4, P. S. Woods 5, M. Hill 6.

BOLTON, LANCS.—At the Church of The Saviour, on Dec. 30th, 1,260 Minor (Cambridge, Plain Bob): N. T E. Burnett 1, J. E. Andrews (cond.) 2, R. K. Lister 3, D C. Makin-Taylor 4, A. J. Illingworth 5, D. J. Bennett 6.

QUARTER PEALS

BRADPOLE, DORSET. — On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: I. Calvert (first quarter) 1, I. L. Andrews 2, J. Hartung 3, D. B. Ellery 4, M. J. Hiller (cond.) 5, A. D Case 6. For Christmas, and to congratulate Mr. I. L. Andrews on becoming a lay reader.

BRASTED KENT. — On Dec. 29th, 1,272 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: P. R. Everest 1, M. W. Thompson 2, R. J Everest 3, R. P Sherlock 4, F. W. Budgen 5, R. W. H Hayes (cond.) 6

BRIDGERULE, DEVON. — On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. G. Pearce 1, H. Stacey 2, Miss R. A. Collins 3, J. A. Collier 4, Miss J. M. Collins 5, W. J Nurcombe 6 R Collins (cond.) 7, W. R. Hill 8

BRIGSTOCK, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: T. Caskta 1, J. Beasley 2, S. B. Bell 3, K. Clipsom 4, M. Hawkins (cond.) 5. For Midnight Communion.

BUCKLAND, BERKS.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): F. C. Carter 1, C. I. J. Pearce 2, C. R. Miles 3, J. Sawyer 4, D. Leslie (cond.) 5, G. Baxter 6, N. Leslie 7, C. E. Timms 8. An 80th birthday compliment to Mr. G. B. Hooper, ringer, chorister and past churchwarden.

BUCKLAND NEWTON, DORSET.—On Dec. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. L. Mears 1, R. Mears, sen. 2, C. Tidwell 3, P. Board 4, E. Amey (cond.) 5, R. Mears 6.

BURES, SUFFOLK. — On Dec. 28th, 1,256 Little Bob Major: R. A. Knights (first in method) 1, Mrs. L. Mills 2, Mrs. D. Reeve 3, D. J. Reeve 4, B. G. Clampin 5, D. W. Brooks 6, L. D. Mills 7, D. L. Mills (cond.) 8. Rung in honour of the wonderful achievement of the first "lunanauts".

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BURNHAM, BUCKS.—On Dec. 14th, 1,344 Superlative Major: R. E. Stillwell 1, J. R. Norris 2, J. R. Rowson 3, R. H. Newton 4, G. J. N. Colborne 5, M. G. Ingram 6, M. J. Hiller 7, C. I. Rowson (cond.) 8.

CALVERLEY, YORKS.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,272 Kent T.B. Minor: Margaret Reddish 1, Dorothy G. Garnett 2, Joan M. Dawson 3, W. Lee 4, A. C. Driver 5, P. M. Dawson (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of W. E. Scrimshaw.

CAMBORNE, CORNWALL.—On Dec. 16th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Canon A. S. Roberts 1, R. P. Pearce (first Major) 2, A. P. Smith 3, A. Locke 4, F. M. Bowers 5, T. J. Bell 6, C. G. Bryant 7, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 8.

CAVERSHAM, BERKS. — On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Osborne 1, Mrs. P. Lanaghan 2, D. Beaumont (first quarter) 3, T. Lanaghan 4, H. Mitchell 5, S. Osborne 6, R. Harris (cond.) 7, H Osborne 8. For Christmas.

CHARLTON KINGS, GLOS.—On Dec 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor cover): A. Ruck 1, Miss P. Sturdy 2, F. Stephens 3, G. Simmonds 4, J. Spence 5, J. Culley (cond.) 6, N. Drinkwater 8. Rung half-muffled for Holy Innocents' Day.

CHIDDINGSTONE, KENT.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: R. J. Everest 1, J. M. Corby 2, P. R. Everest 3, N. S. Butcher 4, J. R. Palmer 5, M. W. Thompson 6, R. W. H. Hayes (cond.) 7, W. J. Bear 8.

COWBRIDGE, GLAM.—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (6, 7 covering): W. E. Morgan 1, Jean M. Weddell 2, A. W. Thomas 3, J. H. Thomas 4, W. G. Morgan (first quarter as cond.) 5, A. Charles (first quarter) 6, W. J. L. Groom 7, H. V. Woods (first quarter) 8.

CROWAN, CORNWALL. — On Dec. 9th, 1,264 Little Bob Major: Marion L. Lidgey 1, H. Miles 2, Canon A. S. Roberts 3, W. R. Curtis 4, T. J. Bell 5, F M. Bowers 6, A. J. Davidson 7, C. G. Bryant (cond.) 8.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—At St. Saviour's Church, on Dec. 24th, 1,280 Lincolnshire S Major: Betty Percy 1, Christine Baldock 2, Ann Harris 3, Janet Percy 4, H. Reynolds 5, T. Barlow 6, I. Smith 7, A. Baldock (cond.) 8. First in method 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8. 25th together 1, 8. For the Christmas Festival.

EDMONTON, MIDDX. — On Dec. 22nd, 1,344 Grandsire Triples: C. Edwards 1, Beryl Platt 2, Carole Francis 3, Jacquie Hedges 4, Teresa Langdon 5, Trudy Newcombe 6, T. G. Hawkins (cond.) 7, D. Dorrington 8 First on eight 1, 8. For carol service.

FINCHINGFIELD, ESSEX.—On Dec. 27th, 1,272 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: J. Green 1, M. J. Hunter 2, P. Perkins 3, C. Hardy 4, E. J. Roper 5, F. W. J. Roper (cond.) 6. First quarter in the method by all. Rung after the successful termination of the moon flight by the American astronauts.

FLORE, NORTHANTS. — On Dec. 17th, 1,260 Minor (two methods): R. Fonge 1, G. G. H. Cooper 2, Miss J. A. Ashby 3, E. C. Garrett 4, B. R. Danby 5, R. J. Danby (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. Elsie Bannister, who died on December 3rd.

GNOSALL, STAFFS.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Sheila Moulton 1, Valerie Keay 2, A. Foster (first quarter) 3, I. Friend (cond.) 4, R. J. Greenaway 5, J. W. Dyke 6. For the Festival of Christmas.

GORING-ON-THAMES, OXON. — On Oct. 6th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: M. Tull 1, Gale Hodgkinson 2, N. Tull 3, Carol Tull 4, I. Judd 5, W. Irving 6, M. Hodgkinson 7, J. A. Beaumont (cond.) 8.

GOSPEL OAK, LONDON.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Gazeley 1, Sara K. D. Woolley 2, Dianne Gazeley 3, Dorothea M. Robotham 4, A. F. Warren 5, B. C. Watson (cond.) 6. For morning prayer.

HARBURY, WARKS. — On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Carole Couchman (14, first attempt) 1, Jane Hill (16, first "inside") 2, Alison Hill (15, first "inside") 3, C. E. Lawton (14) 4, R. A. Sheasby (20, first as cond.) 5, Jeanne Clarke (first quarter) 6. First Doubles by all. A birthday compliment to Alison Hill.

HARTING, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): K. Tipper 1, B. Walton (cond.) 2, K. Sansom 3, V. Walder (first in four methods) 4, R. Smith (first in four methods) 5, A. Reeves 6.

HARTLEBURY, WORCS.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Angela M. Key 1, Mrs. E. M. Key 2, Lucy A. Key 3, Pamela E. Key 4, B G. Key (cond.) 5, W. Turner 6, A. W. Glazzard 7, P. J. Key 8. For Evensong. Also on Christmas Eve, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: J. Hicks 1, Mrs. E. M. Key 2, Lucy A. Key 3, Pamela E. Key 4, W. Turner 5, B. G. Key (cond.) 6, A. W. Glazzard 7, P. J. Key 8.

QUARTER PEALS

HAWKLEY, HANTS.—On Dec. 26th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: K. Sansom 1, D. Hughes 2, R. Tipper 3, A. Reeves 4, K. Waller 5, D. Hatherly 6, K. Tipper 7, B. Walton (cond.) 8.

HEMPSTEAD, GLOS.—On Dec. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: B. H. Taylor (first quarter, aged 12) 1, C. R. Taylor 2, I. M. Taylor 3, K. R. Taylor 4, E. J. Taylor (cond.) 5, K. C. Taylor 6.

HILLINGDON, MIDDX.—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Royal: J. Sexton 1, F. W. Goodfellow 2, Ruby Millis 3, J. Walters 4, Patricia A. Copas 5, R. K. Russ 6, M. W. Seymour 7, J. Hill 8, M. J. Palmer 9, W. H. Coles (cond.) 10. Rung after carols by candlelight to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the safe return to their native land of Frank Borman, James Lovell and William Anders, American astronauts, after their historic journey into space.

HINTON WALDRIST, BERKS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,500 Doubles (Pl. and Grandsire): F. Trinder 1, A. Cantwell 2, N. Leslie 3, C. R. Miles 4, D. Leslie (cond.) 5, C. E. Timms 6. For Harvest Festival.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On Nov. 8th, 1,440 T.B. Minor (20 methods): P. Slight 1, Mrs. C. Mills 2, S. Humphrey 3, W. Exton 4, D. Frith 5, B. Mills (cond.) 6. Also on Dec. 6th, 1,440 T.B. Minor (44 methods): P. Slight 1, Mrs. C. Mills 2, S. Humphrey 3, W. Exton 4, D. Frith 5, B. Mills (cond.) 6.

HUNTINGDON.—At St. Mary's Church, on Dec. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Jane K. A. Cook 1, Elizabeth A. Burton 2, J. R. Hough (cond.) 3, Jeffrey Binge (first quarter) 4, J. L. Thorogood 5, J. Burton 6. Rung as a compliment to Jane Cook and Richard Hough on their engagement, and for the birth of a son (Mark Anthony) to Lucile and Jerry Peterson.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. N. Lambert (first quarter) 1, P. D. Hepburn 2, J. R. Norris 3, S. W. Brown 4, H. W. Brown (cond.) 5, R. H. Tribe 6. For Evensong.

IPPLEPEN, DEVON.—On Dec. 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. J. Garbett 1, W. Simmonds 2, R. J. Edden 3, J. L. Read 4, G. S. Duncen 5, G. J. Roberts 6, D. J. Roberts (cond.) 7, J. Gent 8. First Stedman 1 (aged 78). 4, 8. Rung to welcome a daughter, Anna Ruth, to ringer of 5.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.—At St. Margaret's Church, on Dec. 22nd, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: P. Whittell 1, E. Bloomfield 2, J. Munnings 3, A. Munnings 4, J. Girt 5, K. Whittell 6, R. Steward 7, J. Blythe (cond.) 8. For carol service.

KEELE, STAFFS.—On Nov. 10th, 1,259 Grandsire Doubles: Christina Salengre 1, Leona Roper 2, P. W. Gay 3, M. J. Robinson (cond.) 4, C. J. Morey 5, P. Gosling 6. Half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday by the University of Keele Society.

CORRECTIONS & AMENDMENTS

MARSKE, N. YORKS

Mr. Peter Sotheran sends us the following corrections to the article on Marske, N. Yorks, Parish Church.

Treble, 3rd and 5th are dated 1868 and were cast by Robert Stainbank, of the Whitechapel Foundry. Second, 4th and tenor were cast by Warner in 1863.

Incidentally, Marske ringing chamber is now quite civilised. Members have completed hanging a false ceiling which has lowered the volume of the bells to a very pleasant level, and have installed electric heating.

NOT PARENT BODY

Our article on Yorkshire Ringing Societies (December 20th, 1968) stated that the Yorkshire Association was "the parent body". This is not the case as the ten geographical Societies/Associations have equal representation on the Joint Council of two members each.

The footnote to the peal at Wareham on November 30th (page 993) should read: "Rung as a tribute to D. W. C. Chant, of Sturminster Marshall, who died on November 7th, 1968."

The peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major at Romsey, conducted by W. T. Perrins, which appeared in "The Ringing World" of December 27th, 1968, was rung on Saturday, November 30th, 1968, in 3 hours and 12 minutes.

184 Year Old Record Broken

ON March 27th, 1784, members of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths rang a peal of 12,000 Oxford Treble Bob Royal at Shoreditch. This had stood as the greatest number of changes to be rung to a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal until December 21st, 1968, when five members of the Chester Diocesan Guild rang 15,160 changes, on handbells, in 7 hours and 43 minutes

Members of the band and the umpire (Giles B. Thompson) assembled at 6, Ashwood Crescent, Marple, before 9.30 on the morning of December 21st. The handbells were tried to make sure that the tape-recorder was picking them up satisfactorily, and the peal commenced at about 9.45 a.m. The bells were called into the tittums position in the first course and remained in this position for approximately four hours. A tape-recording was made of the beginning and end of the tittums section, the ringing being noticably slower in the latter part.

The second half of the peal was in the backstroke position and was as uneventful as the first half had been. Apart from the last course of the peal, members of the band had been most relaxed throughout; perhaps it was the realisation that a most enjoyable day of handbell ringing was about to be concluded! A tape-recording of the end of the peal was made, the ringing at this stage having returned to a speed similar to that at the start of the peal.

The band would like to thank Giles B. Thompson for umpiring, and the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths for their good wishes conveyed through their secretary, Mr. Derek Sibson. R. B. S.

UMPIRE'S REPORT

The band assembled promptly and the usual time was spent in arranging the seating, cushions, microphone, etc., and after a few rounds the peal commenced at 9.43 and proceeded without incident, save for the occasional trip, throughout the day.

The first sample of ringing to be recorded was the ..657089's in the 2nd part. The 3rd part ended (4,640 changes) on the dot of 12 o'clock. The second recording included the ..567089's just before the tenors returned to their plain course position. Between here and the end the fastest and slowest times for a course of 12 leads were noted (13 and 16 minutes respectively).

The progress of the peal may be judged from the accompanying table:

Part	Leads	Time mins.	Part	Leads	Time mins.
1	40	48	6	41	48½
2	38	43	7	38	45½
3	38	44	8	38	47
4	38	47	9	38	49
5	37	48	10	33	41

A slight speeding-up heralded the final part, the peal coming to its close at 5.26 after 7 hours 43 minutes ringing.

With another record firmly established, we were soon deciding what to go for next Christmas and planning a few surprises for 1969.

My grateful thanks to May for feeding us and to the band for another enjoyable day spent listening to good ringing. G. B. T.

KEA, CORNWALL.—On Dec. 8th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Triples: Barbara J. Duck 1, G. F. Dunstan 2, A. Carveth 3, A. Locke 4, T. J. Bell 5, R. P. Pearce 6, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 7, C. J. Dunstan 8.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 15th, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: D. Bowen 1, S. Franklin 2, L. Toseland 3, G. Bush 4, R. Turner 5, S. Robinson 6, J. G. Mitchell (cond.) 7, E. C. Buckby 8, B. Austin 9, J. Mitchell 10.

KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.—On New Year's Eve, 1,260 Doubles (Southrepps, Pl. Bob, half-muffled): B. A. Jones 1, L. G. Smith (cond.) 2, W. Adcock 3, J. Adcock 4, E. J. Sollis 5. First Southrepps for all. First in two methods for all except 5.

LANE END, BUCKS.—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. J. Smith 1, T. Wright 2, C. Hagger 3, C. Meakes 4, R. G. Hazell 5, W. Avery (cond.) 6. For carol service.

LELANT, CORNWALL.—On Dec. 15th, 1,320 Doubles 24 meth./var.): Valerie C. Allen 1, A. P. Smith 2, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 3, T. J. Bell 4, F. M. Bowers 5, Kathryne R. Pearce 6. For the children's carol service.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Another maiden peal conducted by Mr. G. K. Dodd. This time at Winterbourne Whitechurch, Dorset, on December 28th; tenor 12 cwt.

May we repeat again that letters signed Anon. without the name and address of the sender (not necessarily for publication) are ignored.

Considerable satisfaction was felt at the conclusion of the recent peal of Bob Major at East Retford. The conductor, Paul N. Mounsey, used one of his own compositions. His fifteenth birthday falls in this year.

"May I ask why no requests for learners appear in the journal and informing potential recruits where they might apply," writes R. W. Hodgson of 12, Siddons Buildings, Tavistock Street, W.C.2.

Those ringers who have rung 25 or more peals during 1968 are requested to send details of totals rung in tower and hand and the number conducted to Mr. George E. Thoday, 62, Young Street, Cambridge.

It is not necessary when entering our crossword competitions to cut the form out. Results can be sent on separate sheets. For those competitors disturbed by multilating their copy we can supply issues of December 13th at a cheap rate—eightpence post free.

There is a story behind the quarter peal at Bolton on December 30th. Originally a peal was planned, but it took from 2 to 3 hours to replace a broken stay, hence there was no time for a peal attempt. Thanks are due to John Illingworth, Keith Lister and Neil Burnett for such dedicated maintenance.

Congratulations to Miss Judith M. Corby of Sevenoaks on ringing her 200th peal. This was at Chelsfield on Boxing Day.

The second edition of Test Card Books (9d. each) is now available from Miss Elizabeth M. Barber, 5, St. Peter's Close, St. Albans.

Mr. H. Poyner acknowledges the validity of the arguments so concisely expressed by Mr. R. F. B. Speed regarding the authorship of a certain peal of Surprise Major and expresses his regrets to all concerned.

"The Winston Churchill" bell, given in memory of the statesman by an anonymous donor, has been placed in the tower of St. Andrew's, Chinnor Oxon, and will be used as a sanctus bell. The other six bells have been removed from the belfry for recasting.

Miss Rosemary Shearing, a member of the Christchurch Priory band, celebrated her 21st birthday on December 27th. The ringers rang a good quarter peal of Grandsire Triples to mark the occasion on December 28th on the Priory bells before attending a Dinner Dance arranged by Mr. and Mrs. Shearing as a compliment to their daughter. Rosemary received numerous birthday gifts, including a dressing table set from her fellow-ringers.

The handbell ringers of St. Mildred's, Tenterden, Kent, visited public-houses in the town and neighbouring villages on three evenings in the Christmas season, ringing call changes and carols. They collected £19 10s., which will be sent to the Kent County Association for the Blind. This was a record collection by the band, who, since December, 1952, have collected over £177 10s. for the charity.

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DARLINGTON DINNER OF 100 YEARS AGO

At the annual dinner of the St. Cuthbert's, Darlington, ringers on January 4th, the secretary read a report from "The Darlington and Stockton Times" of January 2nd, 1869, of the ringers' dinner in that year.

"The dinner passed of with éclat, and on the whole a pleasant and harmonious evening was spent," said the report. "The old character of bellringing, which none will regret, is evidently dying out, and the belfry, instead of being the scene of disorderly and uproarious proceedings, is now full of respectable gentlemen whose characters are a guarantee against any lingering suspicion which might trouble the minds of some people.

"The St. Cuthbert's belfry is now one of the finest in the North, and from the attention that its members pay to the science of change-ringing, we expect to see their efficiency not only kept up but increased."

In the next week's paper there was reported a request by a Mr. John Hardy, who said he was a member of St. Cuthbert's belfry for upwards of eight years previous to its closing for the restoration of the church (in 1865), and he solemnly denied that any improper conduct, disorderly or uproarious proceedings occurred during his membership!

At this year's dinner there was a special welcome for the Vicar (Canon P. N. Wansey), convalescing after an operation, and congratulations to Major P. H. Tocock on his being awarded the M.B.E. in the New Year Honours list. The captain (Mr. Tom Cooke) thanked the secretary for arranging the dinner, and Lady Starmer for organising the games.

ST. ALBANS GRAMMAR SCHOOL

As it was known that there were several ringers who were pupils of the St. Albans Grammar School for Girls, it was decided to form a school ringing society. When the annual school carol service took place at St. Albans Cathedral on December 17th, all twelve bells were rung in rounds, still with some ringers standing out, and a plain course of Grandsire Triples, although not so well struck, was also rung. The towers represented were the four St. Albans towers, Harpenden and Wheathampstead. Would this be the first "resident" girls' school ringing society able to ring 12 bells? F. D.

60 YEARS AS RINGERS

Two members of the North Dorset Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, Mr. J. Ralph and Mr. Ben Ridout, completed sixty years as ringers this Christmas. Members and friends joined together to honour their achievement on December 21st at St. Andrew's Church, Okeford Fitzpaine. Ringing preceded a service of thanksgiving and then there was tea and an entertainment, which was thoroughly enjoyed. Our congratulations!

LONG PEAL UNSUCCESSFUL

The long peal of Superlative, attempted at Bowdon, Cheshire, on January 4th, was not successful. The standard of ringing was not of the quality required for a record length so the peal was called round at 8,064 changes. It is hoped that the attempt will be made again later this year.

The ringers wish to record their gratitude to Mr. Alan J. Brown and the Vicar of Bowdon for the use of the bells for the attempt and for making arrangements for the ringers to be as comfortable and undisturbed as possible. B. J. W.

ONLY MIDNIGHT PEAL IN CITY

The peal at St. Olave's, Hart Street, London, on New Year's Eve was arranged and rung at the request of the Rector and came round a few minutes before midnight. This tower was the only one in the City of London which observed the tradition of ringing out the old year and ringing in the new.

After the peal the ringers were invited to attend a party which was taking place in the Rectory and we would like to thank the Rector and his wife for the food and drink (especially the soup!) which was, as can be imagined, extremely welcome.

We made our way home at about 2 a.m. on New Year's Day very tired but pleased to have had the privilege of ringing.

As organiser of the peal I would like to thank the band for ringing, especially those who had to travel a considerable distance, particularly Norman Summerhayes, who went out of his way to ensure that three of the ringers reached home safely. J. R. K.

ACTIVITIES AROUND MARKET WEIGHTON

Encouraging progress is being made by pupils from the County Secondary School which provided a team to ring good call changes for the School's Annual Carol Service. The School handbell tune ringing team rendered Christmas carols at the Yorkshire parish churches of Market Weighton and Newbald "Nine Carols" services. Twenty-four bells in 4-part harmony were used. Some pupils are in both tune ringing and change ringing teams. The latter have rung for several services at nearby Nunburnholme in addition to regular service ringing at Market Weighton.

The Evening Institute adult ringing class has survived the first half of the session. Activities have included theory and handbell ringing at the Institute and visits to local towers including Market Weighton, Hutton Cranswick, Pocklington, Holme on Spalding Moor, Nunburnholme and Howden, where the bells have been made available by kindness of local clergy and ringers. On several occasions tower bell ringing and handbell ringing in another part of the church have gone on simultaneously with the more versatile performers exchanging between the two groups.

The Evening Institute class rendered "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" on 23 handbells at the annual local "Festival of Carols" in the County Secondary School Hall.

As most of the class travel in from a good distance transport arrangements are not easy but have so far been successful, largely due to Alan Shingles' welcome help. The organiser of these activities is indebted to "son" John and several of his colleagues in the Beverley and District Society and at St. Mary's, Beverley, for their support. It is hoped in due course to produce a small crop of new members for the Yorkshire Association. N. C.

THREE FIRSTBORNS!

The peal in seven Treble Bob methods rung at Egerton, Kent, on December 30th, was to celebrate the birth of three firstborn sons to three of Egerton ringers: Alun, son of Peter F. T. Smith and Gwen Smith (also a ringer); Mark, son of Peter Haydon Smith; and Simon, son of Michael Yarrow. It also celebrated the recent silver wedding anniversary of the conductor, Alexander Waddington, who taught all the band.

FAWLEY HAVE PLAN OF PROGRESS

It will have been noticed that over the past three months news of the Fawley band's activities have been missing from quarter peal columns and elsewhere. This is the direct result of the unfortunate absence of our tower captain, Mr. L. D. Smith, whose operation, we all much regret, was not an immediate success, and as a result he was retained in hospital for a much longer period. His return to active ringing, albeit still on crutches, has rekindled the enthusiasm of the local band and is a fine example to all tower captains who have full use of their faculties.

The most encouraging item of all has been his plan of progress for members of the band. Our notice board now contains the second of these plans, indicating next quarter peal attempts. Everyone has been given the opportunity over the Christmas to ring or conduct their first quarter, and included an attempt at "Four in a Day." The second plan contains more ambitious attempts, such as London Surprise, and the resultant enthusiasm must be very gratifying.

Yes, we are very pleased to see our tower captain again, and would recommend other tower captains to start 1969 with similar plans of progress. D. C. J.

LADIES SUGGEST A RINGING WEEK-END

At the last meeting of the Central District of the Ladies' Guild a suggestion was made that the next meeting for members and supporters should take the form of a ringing week-end in the Isle of Wight on March 15th–16th.

So, men and boys, get your girl friend members to write to Mrs. J. Hooton, 14, Lammas Gardens, Harrow, so that a count may reveal whether to proceed, to hire a coach, book meals and accommodation. Between 25 and 30 people are needed to make it worth while, and permission must be obtained from towers to ring. How about it?

Other business included the election of the Misses M. Britchford (Cranford), S. Seaton (Bedfont) and L. Evans (Little Missenden) as members and a vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Woodgyer and Miss Britchford and Mr. Davis and Miss Seaton for their help in making the meeting a success. A. H.

A BOURNEMOUTH REUNION

A Christmas-tide reunion of members of the young band who learnt to ring at St. Peter's, Bournemouth, during the latter years of the war was celebrated with a well-struck quarter peal of Stedman Triples there on December 27th. Five of the ringers were former pupils of Arthur V. Davis, who conducted the ringing. Mrs. Marshallsay, who did much to encourage the youngsters in those days, rang the treble on this occasion, and Mr. Gerald Scragg, captain of Christchurch Priory, accepted an invitation to complete the band. Afterwards the party were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Davis at "Bourneheath," Southbourne.

IN RETIREMENT AT TORQUAY

Within two months of his 80th birthday, Mr. Arthur Garbett scored his first of Stedman away from the ten at Ipplepen, Devon. Mr. Garbett came from Broseley, Shropshire, to the Torquay area on retirement in 1958 and has rung over 30 quarter peals in that time. His kindly manner and good humour has enriched the Babbacombe belfry.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

GREINTON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

Trevor E. Marks	Treble	A. F. Keith Prime	4
Mrs. D. Lesley J. Parker	2	Robert Parker	5
Raymond P. Selway	3	William E. Turner	Tenor

Conducted by William E. Turner.

First peal in the tower for 31 years, and of Minor.

A 30th wedding compliment to Mr. R. Sparks (tower captain) and wife; also to mark the induction to the living of Rev. Vere-Hodge.

HIGH LITTLETON, Somerset.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Dec. 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR
In 16 methods, with 69 changes of method, in the following extents: (1) Northumberland, Carlisle, Sandiacre; (2) Chester, Munden, Alnwick, Newcastle; (3) London, Wells, Cunecastre; (4) York, Durham; (5) Surfleet, Beverley; (6) Cambridge, Ipswich; (7) Cambridge, Ipswich. Tenor 6½ cwt.

Robert Perry	Treble	*J. Maggs	4
Ronald G. Beck	2	Adrian P. Beck	5
Edward J. Chivers	3	Robert E. Beck	Tenor

Conducted by Adrian P. Beck.

* First peal of 16-spliced.

HALSE, Somerset.—At the Church of St. James.
On Wed., Dec. 11, 1968, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 34 120s and four 240s (11 different callings). Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr.

Raymond F. Arscott	Treble	Albert W. Knight	4
L. (Tom) Hancock	2	Rodney A. Cross	5
Francis J. Morris	3	Albert H. Smith	Tenor

Conducted by Raymond F. Arscott.

Rung on the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. L. (Tom) Hancock (tower captain) and Mrs. Hancock.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CONGLETON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Fri., Dec. 13, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Derek F. Yates	Treble	John Hall	5
Raymond J. Ballard	2	David J. Midgley	6
Roy Worrall	3	*William H. Dowse	7
Michael Wilshaw	4	Ian M. Holland	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Ian M. Holland.
* 250th peal. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

TUSHINGHAM, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Chad.
On Sat., Dec. 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr.

Geoffrey A. Edwards	Treble	Edward V. Rodenhurst	4
John Ryder	2	John R. Scott	5
*Frank R. Morton	3	Harry W. Howard	Tenor

Conducted by Harry W. Howard.

* 100th peal of Minor on tower bells. Geoffrey A. Edwards has now "circled the tower".

Rung to celebrate the 55th anniversary of the ringer of the fourth's first peal on December 14th, 1913.

DAVENHAM, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.
On Fri., Dec. 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 15 cwt. in E.

Gordon K. Green	Treble	A. Doreen Edwards	4
Geoffrey A. Edwards	2	John R. Scott	5
Harry W. Howard	3	Frank R. Morton	Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the mother of the fourth ringer.

WAVERTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Dec. 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 21 240s. Tenor 8 cwt. 10 lb. in G.

Gordon K. Green	Treble	Geoffrey A. Edwards	4
*Stephen P. Newton	2	John R. Scott	5
Frank R. Morton	3	Thomas P. Barlow	Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.

* First peal of Doubles "inside". This peal contained the maximum number of calls for Grandsire Doubles.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

OLD BRAMPTON, Derbyshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Fri., Dec. 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

*Michael St. John Smith	Treble	Susan E. Davis	4
Ann M. Smith	2	Rev. R. D. St. John Smith	5
*E. Ann Noton	3	Timothy Wylie	Tenor

Conducted by Rev. R. D. St. John Smith. * First peal attempt.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MORPETH, Northumberland.—At the Watch Tower.
On Thurs., Dec. 19, 1968, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
No. 2. Tenor 10 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

*Michael Maughan	Treble	Eric N. Harrison	5
James Crowther	2	‡Michael Poppelston	6
†Colin C. Monson	3	George S. Deas	7
Malcolm E. Johnson	4	John H. Taylor	Tenor

Composed by F. H. Dexter. Conducted by George S. Deas.

* 250th peal. † First of Stedman. ‡ First of Stedman Triples. First of Stedman Triples as conductor.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MELDRETH, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Dec. 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. in F sharp.

John G. Gipson	Treble	George E. Bonham	5
Alan F. Scholfield	2	Jack S. Dear	6
Robert D. Bellamy	3	George E. Thoday	7
Donald F. Murfet	4	Philip Mehew	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Philip Mehew.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

DANBURY, Essex.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in A flat.

George E. Thoday	Treble	Joe E. G. Roast	5
Yvonne A. Murray	2	James L. Towler	6
Peter J. Eves	3	Dennis A. S. Symonds	7
*Keith W. Brown	4	Howard W. Egglestone	Tenor

Composed by Chas. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Howard W. Egglestone.

* First peal in the method.

GREAT BADDOW, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

Joe E. G. Roast	Treble	*Keith W. Brown	5
Howard W. Egglestone	2	Dennis A. S. Symonds	6
*Yvonne A. Murray	3	George E. Thoday	7
Richard J. W. Housden	4	James L. Towler	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by George E. Thoday.

* First peal in the method.

GOLDHANGER, Essex.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Dec. 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5016 TIVERTON LITTLE BOB
Tenor 8¼ cwt.

Vivian A. P. Cross	Treble	Neil V. Avis	5
Yvonne A. Murray	2	Brian J. Vaughan	6
Peter G. Pitt	3	Frank B. Lufkin	7
Bernard W. Fairhead	4	Walter Arnold	Tenor

Composed by Henry Johnson. Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

First peal in the method for the Association.

COLCHESTER, Shrub End, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1968, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In seven methods, viz.: Lightfoot, Wearmouth, London, Wells, Durham, York and Ipswich. Tenor 4 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in E flat.

Keith W. Brown	Treble	*James L. Towler	4
*Yvonne A. Murray	2	George E. Thoday	5
Josephine A. Quilter	3	Peter G. Brown	Tenor

Conducted by George E. Thoday.

* 75th peal together.

LITTLE WALTHAM, Essex.—At the Church of St. Martin.
On Fri., Nov. 29, 1968, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In four methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge, (2) Kent T.B., (3) St. Clement's, (4-7) Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

Sandra J. Turner	Treble	James L. Towler	4
*Ian V. Foster	2	Keith W. Brown	5
Yvonne A. Murray	3	George E. Thoday	Tenor

Conducted by George E. Thoday.

* First peal in four methods "inside".

THORINGTON, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Sat., Dec. 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being one extent each of Norfolk, Rossendale, Primrose, Bourne, Ipswich, Norwich and Cambridge. Tenor 9 cwt. 22 lb. in G.

Eileen S. Button	Treble	Neville F. Whittell	4
Arthur G. Button	2	Alan R. Andrews	5
Jennifer M. Andrews	3	George N. Orman	Tenor

Conducted by Alan R. Andrews.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
STRATTON ST. MARGARET, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Margaret of Antioch.
On Wed., Dec. 18, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 VAUXHALL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in F flat.

Raymond J. C. Hulme	Treble	Lewis F. Cobb	5
Anita D. O'Brien	2	Brian Bladon	6
W. Bertram Kynaston	3	Anthony R. Peake	7
Peter J. Heritage	4	Maurice A. New	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
EDLESBOROUGH, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
On Sat., Dec. 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In seven methods being one extent each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Ipswich, Cambridge and Norwich. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

Walter Ayre	Treble	Peter W. Harper	4
Reginald E. J. Sheppard	2	Brian M. Barker	5
C. Valerie Mills	3	Francis M. Byrne	Tenor

Conducted by Walter Ayre.

APSLEY END, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., Dec. 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In 19 methods, being one extent each of (1) Cambridge, Primrose, Ipswich, Norfolk Bourne, Hull; (2) London, Wells, Cunecastre; (3) Beverley, Berwick, Surfleet, Hexham; (4) Lightfoot, Wearmouth; (5) York, Durham; (6) Netherseale; (7) Norwich. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

*Brian M. Barker	Treble	Augustin V. Good	4
Walter Ayre	2	*Keith Sheppard	5
Reginald E. J. Sheppard	3	Francis M. Byrne	Tenor

Conducted by Walter Ayre.
* First peal in 19 methods.
A 77th birthday compliment to the conductor.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
ERITH, Kent.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
On Fri., Dec. 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

Herbert E. Audsley	Treble	Michael H. O'Callaghan	5
Arthur G. Mason	2	Jeremy R. Pratt	6
Judith M. Corby	3	Tony Lewis	7
Richard Hayes	4	John W. Smith	Tenor

Composed by C. H. Hattersley. Conducted by Herbert E. Audsley.
John W. Smith has "circled the tower" for the second time.
Rung for the 50th anniversary of Arthur G. Mason's first peal of Superlative

LEWISHAM, London.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
On Sat., Dec. 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 GAINSBOROUGH LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

Alan H. Long	Treble	Ronald K. Russ	5
*John R. Ketteringham	2	Robin A. Grant	6
Robin J. Collis	3	Dennis A. Hewitt	7
Geoffrey Bridges	4	John Pladdys	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by John Pladdys.
* 300th peal. First in the method by all the band, and on the bells.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., Dec. 14, 1968, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS
Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in D.

*Ronald F. Andrew	Treble	†Gerald Moorhouse	7
Derek F. Yates	2	*Stuart Bamforth	8
Jeffrey Brannan	3	Christopher M. Movley	9
†Bernard F. L. Groves	4	Robert B. Smith	10
Ian M. Holland	5	Edward Jenkins	11
Margaret Wright	6	†Frank Osbaldiston	Tenor

Composed by C. T. Osenton. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
* First peal on 12. † First of Plain Bob Maximus on tower bells.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Tues., Nov. 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt.

Joyce Gardner	Treble	Edward Jenkins	5
Christine Andrew	2	‡Jeffrey Brannan	6
*Richard S. Starkie	3	Roland W. Morant	7
†David W. Howarth	4	Geoffrey Gardner	Tenor

Composed by J. S. Wilde Conducted by Jeffrey Brannan.
* Has now "circled the tower" to peals. †-First peal in the method.
‡ Has now "circled the tower" as conductor.

HEPTONSTALL, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.
On Sun., Dec. 8, 1968, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

John Meadowcroft	Treble	Michael D. Fishwick	5
Wyn Pugh	2	David W. Howarth	6
Richard S. Starkie	3	Derek Butterworth	7
J. M. Donald Bateman	4	J. Colin Ashworth	Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Derek Butterworth.

RADCLIFFE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sun., Dec. 8, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5120 UXBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

David Makin-Taylor	Treble	*John Illingworth	5
James E. Andrews	2	†R. Keith Lister	6
John P. Partington	3	†John Ashcroft	7
Roy Jolley	4	*Geoffrey Fothergill	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Geoffrey Fothergill.
* 25th peal together. † 25th peal together. First in the method for all the band except the ringer of the third.
Rung as a 20th birthday compliment to David Makin-Taylor.

HELMSHORE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.
On Sun., Dec. 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 THANET SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9½ cwt.

*Roy Jolley	Treble	*Geoffrey Fothergill	5
James E. Andrews	2	David Makin-Taylor	6
Neil T. E. Burnett	3	John A. Illingworth	7
James Cunliffe	4	R. Keith Lister	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by R. Keith Lister.
* 25th peal together. First in the method for all the band, and for the Association.

NEWHEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.
On Sun., Dec. 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 4 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in C sharp.

*John P. Partington	Treble	Christine Andrew	5
Michael J. Platt	2	David W. Howarth	6
Christopher M. Movley	3	Derek Butterworth	7
Janet Lawson	4	*Michael D. Fishwick	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Derek Butterworth.
* 75th peal together

HYDE, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. George.
On Wed., Dec. 18, 1968, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt 11 lb. in E.

Ann C. Hardman	Treble	David W. Howarth	5
Christine Andrew	2	Michael D. Fishwick	6
Arthur F. Lewry	3	Michael J. Platt	7
Trevor N. J. Bailey	4	Neil Bennett	Tenor

Composed by A. F. Lewry. Conducted by Neil Bennett.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Ted Jenkins, of Oldham.

FRIEZLAND, West Yorkshire.—At Christ Church.
On Sat., Nov. 9, 1968, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being three extents of Oxford, two of Kent and one each of Woodbine and Merchants Return. Tenor 15 cwt.

*Andrew Wheeler	Treble	‡Arthur Farrand	4
†Brian D. Holt	2	†Geoffrey Nield	5
*Gordon Rigby	3	Jeffrey Brannan	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey Nield and Jeffrey Brannan.
* First peal. † First of Treble Bob and in more than one method.
‡ First peal for about 20 years.

BROUGHTON-IN-FURNESS, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Sat., Dec. 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 19 lb. in F sharp.

John Bagnall	Treble	William Wall	4
James E. Burles	2	Nicholas M. Newby	5
Alan Capstick	3	Kevin M. Price	Tenor

Conducted by Kevin M. Price.
First peal of Minor in the method on tower bells by all the band.

BOOTLE, Lancashire.—At Christ Church.
On Mon., Dec. 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In three methods, being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

Stanley Livesley	Treble	William E. Court	4
Nigel P. A. Goulding	2	John R. Ridley	5
Jack N. Brown	3	Graham K. Austin	Tenor

Conducted by John R. Ridley.
Rung to mark the Centenary of the County Borough of Bootle, December 30th, 1868, to December 30th, 1968.

THE LEEDS UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

All peals rung for the Tenth Anniversary of the Founding of the Society.

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew, Chapel Allerton. On Wed., Oct. 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in B flat.

Elizabeth J. Campbell	Treble	†Laurence F. Palmer	4
Linda D. Shaw	2	Graham J. Jones	5
*A. Pattie Clapham	3	Christopher Forster	Tenor

Conducted by Christopher Forster.

* First peal. † First of Minor

BIRSTWITH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. James-the-Apostle. On Mon., Oct 28, 1968, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 6080 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G.

Robert A. Beresford	Treble	John P. Ottaway	5
*Elizabeth J. Campbell	2	Graham J. Jones	6
†Robert W. Jones	3	Roger G. Green	7
Michael G. Dodson	4	Christopher Forster	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Christopher Forster.

* First peal "inside" and first of Major. † First peal. Longest length for all the band. and for the Society.

GUISELEY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Oswald. On Wed., Oct. 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr 7 lb. in F.

Linda D. Shaw	Treble	†John P. Ottaway	5
*Robert A. Beresford	2	John J. Durham	6
*Michael G. Dodson	3	Philip J. Crossthwaite	7
*Roger G. Green	4	Christopher Forster	Tenor

Composed by S. Humphrey. Conducted by Christopher Forster.

* First peal of Yorkshire. † First of Surprise Major. First of Surprise as conductor

WRAGBY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and Our Lady. On Mon., Nov. 4, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in G.

*Alison Child	Treble	Michael G. Dodson	4
*Michael L. J. Rollason	2	Philip J. Crossthwaite	5
Richard Roberts	3	Roger G. Green	Tenor

Conducted by Roger G. Green.

* First peal. First as conductor.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

NEWTOWN LINFORD, Leicestershire.—At the Church of All Saints. On Sat., Nov 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents.

*Richard S. Moore	Treble	Ronald D. Hughes	4
†Hilary Watson-Walker	2	*Clive J. Mobbs	5
Mary Barrass	3	David F. Moore	Tenor

Conducted by David F. Moore.

* First peal of Surprise. † First peal.

WHETSTONE, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Peter. On Mon., Dec. 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of Chester, London, Netherseale, Annable's London, Norwich, Beverley and Cambridge.

Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in A.

Martin Green	Treble	Philip A. Mason	4
Monica M. Jelley	2	David F. Moore	5
Dorothy Mason	3	John M. Jelley	Tenor

Conducted by John M. Jelley.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

LINCOLN.—At the Church of St. Giles. On Sat., Oct. 12, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Washbrook's variation of Thurstans' Four-Part.

David Phillipson	Treble	John Walden	5
*Gillian Radley	2	Christopher J. Sharp	6
*Kathleen Fox	3	Peter A. Sharp	7
Jack L. Millhouse	4	*John Parkin	Tenor

Conducted by Peter A. Sharp.

* First peal of Stedman. Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

BURGH-LE-MARSH, Lincs.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul. On Sat., Dec 14, 1968, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in E.

Jack L. Millhouse	Treble	*Aidan C. A. Hopkins	5
*Christopher J. Sharp	2	John R. Ketteringham	6
Geoffrey R. Parker	3	*David Phillipson	7
Geoffrey Bridges	4	Peter A. Sharp	Tenor

Composed by William Barton. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

* First peal of Lincolnshire Surprise.

EAST MARKHAM, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist. On Sat., Dec. 21, 1968, in 3 Hours,

A PEAL OF 5088 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.

Walter Tomlinson	Treble	*David Phillipson	5
Mary C. Poyner	2	*Philip C. Pitchford	6
Beryl N. Reed	3	H Leslie Pask	7
*Christopher J. Sharpe	4	John Freeman	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by John Freeman.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CHEPSTOW, Monmouthshire.—At the Church of St. Mary. On Sat., Nov. 9, 1968, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 19 cwt.

Donald G. Clift	Treble	Peter S. Bennett	6
Nicholas W. H. Simon	2	Tudor P. Edwards	7
Jacqueline S. King	3	David J. Llewellyn	8
Christopher Rickettes	4	David J. King	9
Charles P. Quartley	5	Ralph G. Edwards	Tenor

Composed by R W Pipe. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

NEWPORT, Monmouthshire.—At the Church of All Saints. On Sat., Dec. 7, 1968, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in F.

*Gill J. Colleypriest	Treble	†Stephen Fenwick	5
James Clatworthy	2	John W. Bull	6
Paul S. Reading	3	Paul A. Williams	7
Richard W. Sweet	4	Peter S. Bennett	Tenor

Composed by M. S. Bruce. Conducted by Peter S. Bennett.

* First peal of Surprise. † First of Yorkshire.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

WILLESDEN, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary. On Thurs., Dec. 12, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 INGLEWOOD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

C. Edward Lankester	Treble	Ruth M. Foreman	5
Joan Beresford	2	G. William Critchley	6
Claudia A. Critchley	3	Dennis Knox	7
Alick Cutler	4	*Thomas J. Lock	Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Thomas J. Lock.

* 300th peal on these bells, and has now completed the alphabet in Surprise Major methods rung for the first time First in the method.

INGLEWOOD SURPRISE MAJOR

By S. Burton. No. AX 35.

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THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

NORTON SUBCOURSE, Norfolk.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Margaret. On Thurs., Dec. 12, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Double Court, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B. and two 720s of Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. 43 lb. in G.

A. William Bird	Treble	John M. Clarke	4
Rev. Peter N. Bond	2	Ernest A. Long	5
James W. Forder	3	H. William Barrett	Tenor

Conducted by H. William Barrett.

Rung on the fourth anniversary of the rededication of the bells.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

GUILDFORD, Surrey.—At the Cathedral Church of the Holy Spirit. On Sat., Dec. 14, 1968, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 30½ cwt.

Graham J. N. Colborne	Treble	Malcolm Loveday	6
Ron E. Stillwell	2	Robert H. Newton	7
Caroline Mackie	3	Christopher I. Rowson	8
Anna K. Sadowska	4	Peter H. Mackie	9
Maurice G. Ingram	5	Anthony P. Foster	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Christopher I. Rowson.

ALDERMASTON, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary. On Wed., Dec. 18, 1968, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 DORCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR

*Beryl R. Simpson	Treble	Brian D. Threlfall	5
*Michael D. Church	2	Richard L. Youdale	6
Reginald W. Rex	3	Ronald F. Diserens	7
W. John Couperthwaite	4	Geoffrey K. Dodd	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

* 25th peal together. First in the method by all except the ringers of treble and 2. Tenor 10 cwt.

HUNGERFORD, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Laurence. On Sat., Dec. 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in F.

*Mary Lawrenson	Treble	Robert J. Crocker	5
Rosemary A. Spicer	2	†Michael R. Worthington	6
Rosemary E. White	3	J. Barry Pickup	7
†Peter C. Worthington	4	*David C. Ely	Tenor

Composer unknown. Conducted by J. Barry Pickup.

* First peal. † First of Plain Bob Triples.

Rung for the engagement of Jill Woodward and Eric Horrall.

QUAINTON, Bucks.—At the Church of St. Mary and Holy Cross. On Sat., Nov. 23, 1968, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each of St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place Bob, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Plain Bob St. Simon, St. Martin and Grandsire Doubles. Tenor 19½ cwt.

E. Dennis Poole	Treble	Arthur J. White	3
Roy Woodruff	2	Walter Lee	4
Frank T. Blagrove	Tenor		

Conducted by Frank T. Blagrove.

Rung to mark Stewardship Renewal Campaign at this church.

HINTON WALDRIST, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Margaret. On Mon., Dec. 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 WARKWORTH SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

Bertram J. Coggins	Treble	Peter Pearce	4
Terence J. Hester	2	Brian W. Hall	5
Michael R. Rose	3	D. Kay Adkins	Tenor

Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.

First peal in the method by all the band.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

WHILTON, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew. On Sat., Nov 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

*Hilda M. Collins	Treble	*John S. W. Townley	4
Stanley F. Webb	2	Malcolm J. V. Chown	5
*Iris R. D. Webb	3	*Edward C. Garrett	Tenor

Conducted by Malcolm J. V. Chown.

* First peal in the method.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

WANSFORD, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Mary. On Wed., Dec. 4, 1968, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In nine methods: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Norwich Surprise, (3) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, (4) Double Court, (5) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (6) Single Oxford Bob, (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 3 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

William Smith	Treble	Brian Hill	4
Geoffrey Davis	2	Mrs. P. Ann Smith	5
Alfred Waller	3	John H. Bluff	Tenor

Conducted by John H. Bluff.

First peal in nine methods for all except the conductor.

A farewell peal for Brian Hill

BRAFIELD, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Laurence. On Thurs., Dec. 5, 1968, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one exten of Cambridge Surprise, one of Oxford T.B., two extents of Kent T.B. and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 7 lb.

Philip Jones	Treble	David Morgan	4
*Julian C. Parker	2	Raymond Henman	5
Iestyn G. Morgan	3	Barry R. Care	Tenor

Conducted by Barry R. Care.

* First peal "inside".

NAPTON-ON-THE-HILL, Warks.—At the Church of St. Lawrence. On Sat., Dec. 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in three methods, viz.: (1 and 2) Oxford Treble Bob, (3 and 4) Kent Treble Bob, (5, 6 and 7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 11½ cwt. in F.

Stanley F. Webb	Treble	John S. W. Townley	4
Edward C. Garrett	2	Michael R. Bennett	5
*Michael D. Fiander	3	Peter C. Randall	Tenor

Conducted by Peter C. Randall.

* First peal

WANSFORD, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin. On Sat., Dec. 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In ten methods: (1) Beverley and Surfleet, (2) Norwich, (3) Cambridge, (4) Kent and Oxford, (5) Double and Single Oxford, (6) St. Clement's, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 3 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in E flat.

Raymond H. Daw	Treble	Barry R. Care	4
Stephen B. Bell	2	*Alfred Waller	5
J. Malcolm Tyler	3	*Murray A. Coleman	Tenor

Conducted by Murray A. Coleman.

* First peal in ten methods.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

WATFORD, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary. On Sat., Dec. 21, 1968, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL

In three methods, comprising 1,800 London No. 3, 1,640 Cambridge, 1,600 Yorkshire; with 50 changes of method and all the work of each method for each bell. Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. in E flat.

John R. Pratchett	Treble	Edwin A. Barnett	6
*S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	2	John S. Barnes	7
Ronald F. Diserens	3	Derek E. Sibson	8
Sheila M. Dobbie	4	*Roger Baldwin	9
James A. D. Woolford	5	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Dennis Beresford.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise Royal on tower bells. First of Spliced Surprise Royal by all the band except the ringers of 2 and 9, on the bells, and for the Society.

HYTHE, Kent.—At the Church of St. Leonard. On Sat., Dec. 14, 1968, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 9 lb. in E flat.

Peter Beresford	Treble	Nicholas J. Davies	5
Jane Foster	2	Peter M. Wilkinson	6
Joan Beresford	3	Norman Summerhayes	7
Colin J. E. Wyld	4	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed. Conducted by Dennis Beresford.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

TROWBRIDGE, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. James. On Sat., Dec. 14, 1968, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in D.

Edgar C. Shepherd	Treble	Gilbert H. Harding	6
Mrs. F. A. Penn	2	Robert D. Quartley	7
Charles P. Quartley	3	Frederick S. Slatford	8
Richard J. Gardiner	4	Charles F. Andrews	9
Frank A. Penn	5	Richard H. Johnston	Tenor

Composed by Albert M. Tyler. Conducted by Charles P. Quartley

First peal of Caters as conductor.

Rung as a compliment to Gilbert H. Harding, 61 years a ringer, and Frank A. Penn, for 51 years a ringer.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

GREASLEY, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary. On Fri., Nov. 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5022 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13¼ cwt.

P. Mary Beach	Treble	David R. Chambers	5
*Christine L. J. Mills	2	William L. Exton	6
Thelma E. Staples	3	Simon Humphrey	7
†Donald J. Beach	4	R. Brian Mills	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton.

Arranged and Conducted by Simon Humphrey.

* 50th peal and first of Cambridge S. Major. † First of Surprise "inside"

EAST RETFORD, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Swithun. On Sat., Dec. 14, 1968, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5136 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

*Stephen Knights	Treble	Paul N. Mounsey	5
*Raymond Fanthorpe	2	Harry Poyner	6
Christine M. Wright	3	David Jack	7
*Philip Rogers	4	John A. Coates	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Paul N. Mounsey.

* First peal on eight bells. First of Major as conductor.

Rung as a token of gratitude to Sir Stuart C. Goodwin for his generosity in providing floodlighting for this church.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
HOLME PIERREPONT, Notts.—At the Church of St. Edmund.
On Thurs., Dec. 12, 1968, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being two extents each of Northrepps, Rev. Bartholomew, Fortune, All Saints, Rushall, Marchington, three each of Rev. Canterbury, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, St. Columb, Plain Bob, Kennington, April Day, Seighford, Old. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. in G.

Joyce M. Marsh	Treble	Pamela J. Clifton	3
W. Gordon Marsh	2	Ruth Blackshaw	4

Maurice W. Harrison .. Tenor
Conducted by Ruth Blackshaw.

ORSTON, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Dec. 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

Brian Buswell	Treble	Thomas G. Goodwin	4
*Rosemary Spray	2	*Frederick R. Barber	5
Eva Sheppard	3	*Richard Spray	Tenor

Conducted by Brian Buswell.
* First peal

HOLME PIERREPONT, Notts.—At the Church of St. Edmund.
On Tues., Dec. 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Oxford Bob and six different extents of Plain Bob.

Ruth M. Blackshaw	Treble	W. Gordon Marsh	4
*Pamela J. Clifton	2	Maurice W. Harrison	5
Trevor Kirkman	3	George A. Dawson	Tenor

Conducted by George A. Dawson.
* First peal of Minor. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
FRAMSDEN, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Wed., Dec. 18, 1968, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.
A PEAL OF 5090 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

*Peter Archer	Treble	Walter W. Miller	5
Dorothy Durrant	2	Cecil W. Pipe	6
Muriel R. Page	3	Vernon Bedford	7
Stephen Bedford	4	Leslie G. Brett	Tenor

Composed by Brian D. Price. Conducted by Leslie G. Brett.
* First attempt for a peal of Major. Tenor 16 cwt.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
PUTNEY, London.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
On Fri., Dec. 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F.

*Edward J. Adams	Treble	‡Lawrence C. Way	5
†Rev. Michael Hart	2	†Richard L. Jones	6
†Rosemary J. Cotton	3	†Robin L. Collis	7
‡Alan D. Flood	4	Michael J. Uphill	Tenor

Composed by A. Craven Conducted by Michael J. Uphill.
* First peal attempt. † First of Pudsey. ‡ First of Pudsey Major. First of Pudsey on the bells.
A 21st birthday compliment to the conductor.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
LESNEWTH, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Wed., Nov. 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob, one of Oxford and Kent T.B. and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

Alan Carveth	Treble	Anthony J. Davidson	4
George E. Mudge	2	Canon A. S. Roberts	5
Timothy J. Bell	3	D. Roy Bould	Tenor

Conducted by Alan Carveth.
First peal on the bells

ST. CLEMENT, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Clement.
On Sat., Dec. 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINIMUS
Being 35 extents each of the following six methods: Double Bob, Reverse Court, Double Court, Single Court, Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

F. Malcolm Bowers	Treble	Timothy J. Bell	3
Robert Peel Pearce	2	Anthony J. Davidson	Tenor

First peal on the bells. First of Minimus by all the band, and for the Guild.

LELANT, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Uny.
On Sat., Dec. 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 84 methods/variations in 42 extents: ten methods (St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place, St. Simon, St. Martin, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob, Newark, Antelope, Wollaton and Grandsire) and 74 variations. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in G sharp.

Clive G. Bryant	Treble	Timothy J. Bell	4
Anthony P. Smith	2	F. Malcolm Bowers	5
*Anthony J. Davidson	3	Robert Peel Pearce	Tenor

Conducted by Anthony J. Davidson.
* 100th peal. Most meth./var. by all the band and for the Guild.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
SOUTHAMPTON, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Dec. 14, 1968, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5111 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Richard Weeks	Treble	Thomas H. Francis	6
Maurice J. Butler	2	R. Roger Savory	7
*Susan E. M. Davis	3	Derek C. Jackson	8
*John S. Croft	4	Edward W. Colley	9
†Jeremy D. Cheesman	5	†Patrick A. Harrisson	Tenor

Composed by James Topp.
Arranged and Conducted by R. Roger Savory.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters "inside". † First on ten bells.
Rung as a compliment to the Vicar of St. Mary's, Southampton (Rev. Roy Chamberlain), on the tenth anniversary of his induction to the living. Tenor 21 cwt. 64 lb. in E flat.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
MICKLETON, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.
On Sat., Dec. 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in E.

Peter J. Brown	Treble	*Arthur C. Berry	5
*M. Irene Brown	2	Michael J. Fellows	6
*Morley P. Tobin	3	Robert Edwards	7
Clifford Skidmore	4	Martin D. Fellows	Tenor

Composed by Joseph Pigott. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.
* First peal of Bristol Surprise Major.

NETHERTON, Dudley, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sun., Dec. 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

Michael J. Fellows	Treble	Raymond Smith	5
Margaret Swain	2	Peter J. Brown	6
M. Irene Brown	3	Stephen W. Barton	7
Morley P. Tobin	4	Robert Edwards	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
DRIGHLINGTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Paul.
On Mon., Dec. 16, 1968, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR

Margaret Warford	Treble	John P. Ottaway	5
Robert A. Beresford	2	Ronald R. Warford	6
Michael G. Dodson	3	C. Barrie Dove	7
John J. Durham	4	J. Henry Fielden	Tenor

Composed by W. E. Critchley. Conducted by J. Henry Fielden.
First peal in the method by all except the conductor. First in the method as conductor. Tenor 14 cwt.

CHAPEL ALLERTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew.
On Sat., Dec. 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR
Tenor 7¼ cwt.

Ronald J. Snack	Treble	†Suzanne J. Withers	4
*Graham S. Miller	2	Margaret Warford	5
†Christopher N. Grandidge	3	Ronald R. Warford	Tenor

Conducted by Ronald R. Warford.
* First peal "inside". † First in the method. Ronald J. Snack has now "circled the tower".

HANDBELL PEALS

RECORD PEAL

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
MARPLE, Cheshire.—At 6, Ashwood Crescent.
On Sat., Dec. 21, 1968, in 7 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 15,160 OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 15 in C.

Alan McFall	1–2	Bernard F. L. Groves	5–6
Robert B. Smith	3–4	Gerald Moorhouse	7–8

*Brian J. Woodruffe .. 9–10
Composed and Conducted by Robert B. Smith.
Umpire: Giles B. Thompson.
* 25th peal of 10,000 or more changes.
This is the greatest number of changes ever to be rung to a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal; also the longest peal of Treble Bob Royal to be rung on handbells: also the greatest number of changes to be rung to a peal of Oxford Treble Bob on handbells.

THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.
EDGBASTON, Birmingham.—In the Students' Union Committee Room 4.
On Wed., Dec. 11, 1968, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 12 in G.

John S. Hopwood	1–2	James R. White	5–6
Christopher I. Rowson	3–4	*James W. Belshaw	7–8

Arranged by Christopher I. Rowson. Conducted by James R. White.
* First peal on handbells.
A birthday compliment to the ringer of the tenors.

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BIRTH

SAVORY.—To Roger and Elizabeth, on January 1st, 1969, at Granta, Marchwood, Southampton, a daughter, Rachel Georgina, a sister for Caroline and Richard. 6363

ENGAGEMENT

BAGWORTH—MADGE.—The engagement is announced between Alan Bagworth, of Wimbledon, S.W., and Caroline Madge, of Putney, S.W. 6395

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

HODISTER — LEADBEATER. — Between Remi and Sylvia, at St. Leonard's, Bilston, on Saturday, Feb. 8th, at 12 noon. All friends sincerely welcome to the service and ringing before and after. 6402

DEATH

BUTLER.—On Saturday, Jan. 4th, 1969, Audrey, the beloved wife of Bill and loving mother to Richard, Alison and Elizabeth, passed peacefully to rest after a long and painful illness. Borne cheerfully and with great courage, her life has been an inspiration to us all. 6370

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

ALEXANDER.—The address of Audrey R. Alexander is now 68, Kingsmead Road, Tulse Hill, London, S.W.2. Tel. 01-674 7266 6362

ELDERKIN, Derek and Sarah.—Dept. of Education University College, P.O. Box 30197, Nairobi, Kenya. 6399

HAVARD.—The new address of Ruth E. Havard is 27, Witla Court Road, Rumney, Cardiff. All correspondence very welcome! 6366

TELEPHONE NUMBER

DAVID L. CAWLEY, Tor Bay, Hillview Road, Whitstable.—Please note new 'phone number: WHITSTABLE 5010. 6354

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SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS
ANNUAL DINNER

Saturday, February 1st, at 6.30 for 7 p.m.

At Church House, Westminster

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CHANGE OF PRACTICE NIGHT

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General ringing 6 to 7.30/8 p.m. 6374

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD ANNUAL DINNER AND DANCE

On Friday, February 28th
At Harveys Restaurant, Guildford

7 for 7.30 p.m.

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David Tubbs, 192, London Road, Burpham, Guildford, Surrey. 6387

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21st Annual Dinner to be held at the Mersey Hotel, West Didsbury, on Saturday, March 8th. Tickets (price 25/-) available from Miss E. A. Johnston, 1, Nuneham Avenue, Withington, Manchester, 20. 6386

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MEETINGS

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Evening practice, Cranford, Friday, Jan. 17th, 7.45 p.m. Committee meeting after ringing will be held in vestry.—M. J. Palmer. 6391

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting. St. Nicholas' Church, Coventry, Jan. 18th Bells available from 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. R. G.-H. 6355

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilkeston District.—A.G.M., Heanor, Jan. 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. No service.—W. Barwell, Dis. Sec. 6357

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Annual meeting, Jan. 18th. Walsoken bells 2.30 p.m. Meeting, St. Peter's Church Hall, Wisbech, 3.30. Service 5. Tea 5.30. St. Peter's bells (10) 6.30 p.m.—J. E. Fox, Dis. Sec. 6335

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Huntingdon District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 18th Bells: Godmanchester, 2.45–3.45; All Saints', Huntingdon, 3.45–4.15. Service, A.S., 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. All Saints' and St. Mary's, Huntingdon, bells available afterwards.—Michael J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 6348

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—A.G.M., Jan. 18th, All Saints' (6), Shrub End, Colchester. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Also open, St. Peter's (8), 7–9 p.m. Tea. Names, please, to Mr. D. Cobb, All Saints' Vicarage, Shrub End Road, Colchester. 6300

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Bishop's Stortford District.—Annual general meeting, St. Michael's, Bishop's Stortford, on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., and business meeting, Infants' School Council Room, Apton Road. Evening ringing, St. Michael's and Thorley (6), if required. Names for tea to K. Westwood, 85, Waytemore Road, Bishop's Stortford. 6326

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Annual meeting, Jan. 18th, St. Peter's, St. Albans, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in St. Peter's Institute 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to K. J. Darvill, 49, Station Road, Harpenden (Tel. 3470).—R. E. Hardy, Dis. Sec. 6309

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting, Rainham, on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Special method, Rutland. Names for tea, please, to Mrs F. J. Cheal, 49, Ivy Street, Rainham.—T Barton. 6318

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—Annual general meeting to be held at St. Chad's Church, Poulton-le-Fylde, Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. 6361

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Annual meeting, Rawtenstall, on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting in church foyer. Everybody welcome and a good attendance is requested.—H. Parkinson, Hon. Sec. 6365

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—First practice of 1969, Kidlington (8), Saturday, Jan. 18th, at 7 p.m.—E. R. Venn, Hon. Sec. 6312

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—A.G.M., Saturday, Jan. 18th, Wellingborough (8), 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. Elliott, 5, St. Crispin Avenue, Wellingborough. 6381

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Annual general meeting on Saturday, Jan. 18th at Newark. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15, followed by tea and business meeting.—D. J. T. 6377

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Annual District meeting, Saturday, Jan. 18th, Redhill. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Parish Hall (corner of Brighton Road and Earlswood Road). Names for tea to A. Streeter, 7, Park Cottages, Park Road, Nutfield (Tel. Nutfield Ridge 3394).—K. G. Game, Dis. Sec. 6315

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Social and practice meeting, Hurstpierpoint (8), Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Social after ringing. Names for tea and social to Peter D. Hepburn, 33a, Hassocks Road, Hurstpierpoint, Sussex. 6353

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Amblecote (8), Saturday, Jan. 18th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15, followed by tea (approx. 5 p.m.) and business. Names for tea to Mr. H. G. Watson, 37, Corbett Crescent, Amblecote, please.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., 17, Ham Lane, Pedmore, Stourbridge, Worcs. 6360

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Surprise practice at St. Mary's, Shalford, at 7.45 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 23rd: Yorkshire, Lincolnshire, Pudsey.—F. W. Housden. 6401

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Surprise Major practice at Baldock on Friday, Jan. 24th, 7.30 p.m.—Mrs. C. A. Agg, Dis. Sec. 6388

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Annual meeting, Wilton, on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please.—A. H. Reed, 41, George Street, Taunton. 6323

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Annual meeting, Mark (8), Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Tea names to F. Comer, Poolbridge Farm, Blackford, Wedmore.—M. Legg. 6373

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Annual meeting, Castle Cary, Jan. 25th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—L. McCreadie, Level Lane, Charlton Horethorne, Sherborne, Dorset. 6367

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Annual meeting, Leighton Buzzard, Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells (10) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, followed by business, 5 p.m. Ringing afterwards. Names for tea to P. C. Jackson, 135, Vandyke Road, Leighton Buzzard, Beds, by the 23rd. 6368

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION and DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (Southern District).—Joint meeting, Stockton, Jan. 25th. Ringing 2.30–9 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. E. P. Rock, 513, Yarm Road, Eaglescliffe, Co. Durham, by previous Thursday. 6376

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, Jan. 25th, Doncaster. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. A. Staveley, 151, Wentworth Road, Doncaster. 6379

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—South West Branch.—Annual meeting will be held at Tavistock, Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Evening ringing at Whitchurch (6). Names for tea, please, by 20th.—R. A. Southwood, Branch Sec., 11, Sydney Close, Plympton. 'Phone: Plymouth 36891. 6356

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Annual District meeting, Aldershot (8), Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Hall. Names to Miss S. J. Tate-Mitchell, 121, Roberts Road, Aldershot (Aldershot 21009).—Mrs. B. R. Simpson, Dis. Sec. 6336

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 25th, St. Nicholas', Hereford, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Hereford Cathedral, 6.30–7.30 p.m.; All Saints', Hereford, 7.30–8.30 p.m. Names for tea by 22nd. No names no tea.—M. V. Powell, 21, Ethelstan Crescent, Hereford. 6378

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Quarterly meeting, West Wickham, Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Miss M. R. Andrews, 43, Wansunt Road, Bexley, by Wednesday, 22nd. 6329

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—A.G.M. at St. Mary's, Leigh (8), on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells 2.45 p.m. Tea 5, then business meeting. Evening ringing till 8.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Ashcroft, 645, Leigh Road, Leigh. All welcome.—A. J. I., Branch Sec. 6382

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Annual general meeting, Hinckley, Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. A. Ballard, 128, Leicester Road, Hinckley, Leics. by Wednesday previous.—C. M. Wells, Dis. Sec. 6397

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Annual meeting, Grantham, on Jan. 25th. Bells (10) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mrs. J. R. Holmes, 2, Willow Terrace, Agnes Street, Grantham, by previous Monday.—F. G. Vickers. 6396

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Annual District meeting, Hampton, Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Bells at Sunbury, 7.15–8.30 p.m.—M. J. Palmer.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Saturday, Jan. 25th, Branch committee meeting at Lane End, 3 p.m. Ringing after service and tea until 9 p.m. All welcome.—J. Muller. 6392

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Annual general meeting, Holy Sepulchre, Northampton, Jan. 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to G. Roome, 36, The Fairway, Northampton, by Wednesday previous. 6310

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Martin's, Salisbury, Jan. 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. St. Thomas', 6.45 to 8.30 p.m. Names for tea to G. A. Trimby, 24, West Street, Wilton, by Tuesday, 21st. 6372

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Central District.—Quarterly meeting, Eye (8), Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells 2.30–9 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting follow. Names for tea, please, to Mr. L. E. Last, Hegilsdune, Low Street, Hoxne, Diss, Norfolk. 6383

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Annual District meeting, Egham, Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting in the Church Hall. St. Mary's, Staines, available 3–4.15. Evening ringing at Egham and St. Peter's, Staines, 7–8. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. D. Parsons, 8, The Retreat, Englefield Green, Surrey, by the previous Wednesday.—E. Godfrey, Hon. Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Hellingly (6), Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Further ringing after tea up till 7.30 p.m. Names for tea to me as soon as possible.—G. M. FitzHugh, Hon. Div. Sec. Tel.: Hailsham 3515. 6398

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Annual divisional meeting will be held at Withyham on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting and further ringing. Names for tea to me, please.—Mrs. Jean Osbon, 79, Blount Avenue, East Grinstead. Tel.: E.G. 23815. 6389

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Annual general meeting, Basingstoke, Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells (both towers) 2.30 p.m. Service (St. Michael's) 4.30. Tea (Church Cottage) 5.15 p.m. Numbers for tea to J. J. Hill, 67, Oakridge Road, Basingstoke, by Tuesday, Jan. 21st, please. 6316

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch and Southampton District.—Annual District meeting, Church of the Ascension, Bitterne Park, Southampton, Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells 2.45 p.m. Tea 4.30, followed by meeting. Service 6 p.m. St. Mary's bells available during evening. Names for tea (2/-) to Miss H. Hinton, 20, Monastrey Road, Bitterne Park, Southampton, by Wednesday, Jan. 22nd.—Gilian W. Davis, Acting Hon. Sec. 6394

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Annual general meeting, Leatherhead, Saturday, Feb. 1st, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. A. J. Smith, 25, Filley Field Lane, Fetcham, Leatherhead, by previous Wednesday.—J. P. O. 6393

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Lindsey Branch.—A.G.M., Grimsby, Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells (10) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Own teas at local cafés.—C. A. Harrison. 6384

LATE NOTICES

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

GOSLING, Ernest E.—Address is now 57, Highway Avenue, Maidenhead, Berks. 'Phone: 28287. 6413

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Annual meeting, Jan. 25th, at Fairfield. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. E. Ellison, 70, Kings Road, Fairfield, Buxton. —G. Richardson, Dis. Sec. 6416

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. David's on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5. Meeting 5.30 p.m. St. Petrock's and St. Mark's till 8 p.m.—G. Skinner, Sec. 6410

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Annual District meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 25th, at Sawbridgeworth (8). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea to E. Rochester, 7, Riverfield Lane, Sawbridgeworth, Herts. —G. Blake, Dis. Sec. 6406

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION—Annual District meeting, Hemel Hempstead (8), Jan. 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to A. Kench, 92, Alexandra Road, Hemel Hempstead. 6412

SALISBURY GUILD.—Calne Branch.—A.G.M., Calne, Jan. 25th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. L. Buckeridge, The Grip House, Market Hill, Calne. 6403

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Mansfield District.—Annual meeting, Mansfield (8), Jan. 25th. Bells 3–9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at Grove House, followed by business meeting. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. F. Adcock, 14, Windsor Road, Mansfield, by Wednesday previous.—D. J. Beach, Dis. Sec. 6405

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—N. Notts District.—Annual meeting, Jan. 25th. Ringing at East Retford, 3 to 4.30 p.m., followed by service, tea, business meeting and cinematograph entertainment. More ringing afterwards. Names for tea to H. Poyner, The Old Vicarage, Sturton-le-Steeple, Retford, by Thursday, 23rd. 5409

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Rural Branch.—Practice meeting at Coalpit Heath (6), Monday, Jan. 27th, 7.30 p.m.—N. J. Smart. 6404

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Annual meeting, Sutterton, Feb. 1st. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Stephenson, 15, Park Avenue, Sutterton, Boston, Lincs. by Jan. 27th. 6407

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—A.G.M., Castor, Feb. 1st. Bells 3 p.m. and evening. Service 4.15. Tea, Church Hall. Names to G. Oliver, 12, Thorolds Way, Castor, Peterborough, by Wednesday.—R. Daw. 6408

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Eastern District). JOINT COUNCIL OF YORKSHIRE RINGING SOCIETIES and SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Combined meeting at Howden, Feb. 1st. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea (mod. charge) 5. Names to Mr. E. A. Newham, 31, Pinfold Street, Howden, Goole, before Jan. 30th. Nominations, please, for vice-president of Eastern District, due to resignation of Mr. A. Sheppard.—R. Ducker, M. E. Wilkinson, L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Secs. 6411

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday, January 18th

Aldgate (8), 2.45–3.45; St. Andrew's, Holborn (8), 4–5. Tea at St. Martin-in-the-Fields 5.15, followed by meeting. Names for tea to D. E. Sibson, 15, Garden Royal, Kersfield Road, S.W.15. 6351

QUARTER PEALS

LIMERICK, IRELAND.—At St. Mary's Cathedral, on Dec. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): A. F. Gash (first quarter) 1, G. H. Ellis 2, D. W. Galbraith 3, P. M. Talbot 4, C. W. Galbraith 5, B. A. Brislane 6. For St. Stephen's Day. Also on Dec. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): V. R. McCormack 1, G. H. Ellis 2, D. W. Galbraith 3, C. W. Galbraith 4, P. M. Talbot 5, B. A. Brislane 6. For St. John-the-Evangelist's Day.

LODERS, DORSET.—On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. J. Davis 1, M. Hiller 2, B. Tither 3, Rev. O. L. Willmott 4, J. Davis (cond.) 5, H. Crabb 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss J. Willmott.

LONDON, W.C.—At St. Clement Danes' Church, on Dec. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. Vant 1, Mrs. H. Oatway 2, A. Fulwell 3, A. M. Stacey 4, P. Felton 5, W. Oatway 6, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 7, N. Felton 8. For Matins. Also on Dec. 22nd, 1,282 Cambridge S. Royal: R. Dennis 1, D. Ellisdon 2, Mary Wilkinson 3, Valerie Jones 4, A. Slade 5, D. Cobb 6, K. Warner (cond.) 7, J. Porter 8, J. Slater 9, D. Hewitt 10. First Cambridge S. Royal 3 and 4.

LONGDON, WORCS.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): F. Lawrence 1, L. J. Walters 2, J. Mead 3, E. C. Biggs 4, D. Price (cond.) 5, F. Clarke 6.

LONGWOOD, YORKS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,360 Wragby Delight Minor: A. Lunn 1, S. Williams 2, S. Lunn 3, D. Williams 4, B. Ellis 5, I. Roberts (cond.) 6. For the Midnight Eucharist. Also on Dec. 27th, 1,360 Charlwood Delight Minor, by the same band. Commenced at 5 p.m. to mark the successful conclusion of man's first flight around the moon. Also on Dec. 28th, 1,440 Sandal Treble Bob and Neasden Delight Minor, by the same band. For the wedding of Mr. R. Taylor with Miss P. D. Walker.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICS.—At the Parish Church, on Nov. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mary E. Edwards 1, M. D. Barsby 2, H. Marcon 3, J. Saddington 4, E. C. Weaver 5, J. Lacey 6, R. M. Wilson (cond.) 7, H. W. Myatt 8. For Patronal Festival. Also on Nov. 22nd, at the Bell Foundry Campanile, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Anne Paling (first quarter) 1, G. R. Edwards 2, D. L. Alderton 3, A. E. Clayton 4, C. J. Mobbs 5, R. M. Wilson (cond.) 6.

LYDIARD MILLICENT, WILTS.—1,260 Doubles (four methods): Miss V. Ballard 1, M. J. Stanley 2, R. Hulme 3, M. Sutton 4, L. Cobb 5, E. Sutton 6. For the induction of Rev. M. O. West.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: M. J. Taylor 1, Judith Brooks 2, Elizabeth Todd (cond.) 3, G. J. Neilson 4, B. G. Butcher 5, P. I. Chittenden 6. For Matins. Also on Dec. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (seven methods): M. J. Taylor 1, R. P. Brotherston 2, Elizabeth Todd (cond.) 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. J. Neilson 5, B. G. Butcher 6. On the occasion of the safe return of the astronauts from the moon. Also on Dec. 29th, 1,300 Doubles (five methods): B. G. Butcher 1, M. J. Taylor 2, Elizabeth Todd 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. J. Neilson (cond.) 5, R. Gemmel 6. For Matins.

MALMESBURY, WILTS.—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): J. E. Billings 1, G. Edwards 2, H. G. Blanchard 3, E. Player 4, L. K. Grey 5, Miss S. Blanchard 6, H. E. Blacker (cond.) 7, P. W. Holroyd 8.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICS.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: W. Holmes 1, O. Homewood 2, Mrs. D. Day 3, H. Clayton 4, W. Clamp 5, R. Preston 6, R. Looker 7, J. Day 8, R. Manton (cond.) 9, A. French 10. A birthday compliment to J. H. Cook, secretary of the Melton District.

MILDENHALL, WILTS.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Miss B. C. Read 1, A. G. Keen (cond.) 2, T. A. Palmer 3, Miss M. Bowman (first "inside") 4, Miss A. Toomer 5, C. Barnes 6. To commemorate the 50th anniversary of the 1918 Armistice.

MITCHELDEAN, GLOS.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: R. Smith (first quarter) 1, Miss A. Brain (first "inside") 2, Miss S. Paton 3, Mrs. B. Paton 4, A. A. Paton (cond.) 5, G. Davies 6. For Christmas.

NETTLEHAM, LINCS.—On Dec. 26th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minor: C. Nicoll (first Minor) 1, Mrs. M. Parker 2, Mrs. S. Sinden 3, G. Parker (cond.) 4, M. Sinden 5, J. Millhouse 6.

NETHER HEYFORD, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 20th, 1,440 Minor (London, Cambridge): G. G. H. Cooper 1, Miss J. A. Ashby 2, R. J. Danby 3, B. R. Danby 4, E. C. Garrett 5, M. J. V. Chown (cond.) 6.

NEW ALRESFORD, HANTS.—On Dec. 28th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: L. A. Tremeer 1, Betty J. Daysh 2, Jane Dando (first Surprise) 3, A. J. Mason 4, P. Page 5, B. R. M. Johnson (first Surprise as cond.) 6.

NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Pauline Hopkinson 1, R. Marczak (first quarter) 2, Mrs. D. A. Davis 3, G. Freeman 4, D. A. Davis (cond.) 5, A. Turner 6, A. Sallis 7, J. Timons 8. For Midnight Communion.

OLD ALRESFORD, HANTS.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): Ann Palmer 1, Dorothy M. Huggins 2, Jane Dando 3, J. Huggins 4, A. J. Mason (cond.) 5, J. Hatch 6. To mark the silver jubilee of the ordination to the priesthood of Canon . D. Rudd, and the first Communion of T. Rawlings.

OLDHAM, LANCS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Dec. 29th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: J. Meadowcroft 1, Miss S. M. Fitton (first "inside") 2, Miss J. Lawson 3, D. J. Thomas 4, W. Pugh (cond.) 5, D. W. Howarth 6.

OVERTON, HANTS.—On Dec. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Lynette M. Holbrook 1, Mrs. E. C. Sanders 2, R. Christine Hassell 3, Cynthia M. Kemp 4, J. Marlow 5, M. S. Holbrook 6, Canon E. Sanders (first as cond.) 7, R. G. Hassell 8. First on the bells since rehanging and recasting of 4 and 5, by Sunday service band.

OTTERSHAW, SURREY.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: M. Theobald 1, J. M. Warinton 2, I. Taylor (cond.) 3, R. L. Pashley 4, P. V. W. Feast 5, A. Tanner 6. For midnight service.

PETERSFIELD, HANTS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Carol Stacey 1, R. Tipper 2, A. Reeves 3, D. Hatherly 4, K. Sansom 5, K. Tipper 6, B. Walton (cond.) 7, R. Cross 8. For the first Communion of Christmas.

PIDDLEHINTON, DORSET.—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: R. Mears 1, Mrs. L. Mears 2, R. Mears, sen. 3, P. Board 4, C. Tidwell (cond.) 5, E. Amey 6.

RADSTOCK, SOM.—On Dec. 1st, 1,260 Doubles: R. Thother 1, E. Brown 2, R. Weaver 3, A. Comer 4, F. Carter (cond.) 5, C. Brown 6. For Evensong, and to celebrate the christening the previous Sunday of Jane Elizabeth, adopted daughter of Keith and Brenda Ashman.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On Dec. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. M. Poolman 1, Miss A. Pullen 2, C. Temperton 3, A. Weall 4, D. Heath 5, W. Poolman (cond.) 6, H. Perry (cover) 8. A farewell compliment to the ringer of 3 on his return to Yorkshire.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. C. J. Duff (first quarter) 1, W. E. Cheater 2, Mrs. F. E. Collins 3, E. J. Whitfield 4, D. G. Andrews 5, D. Wilson (cond.) 6, F. E. Collins 7, L. Perrins 8.

STOGUMBER, SOM.—On Dec. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): S. Bryant 1, Miss B. Jarvis 2, W. Smith (cond.) 3, J. Aldridge 4, R. Somerfield 5, P. Watts 6. First in two methods for all the band.

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A CHESHIRE MEMORY

Bread Cast on the Waters

By JOHN P. FIDLER

AS a youngster I used to wonder how far the ripples, caused by a stone thrown in water, travelled, and I was reminded of this when I read "Cheshire Delights's" re-issue of "William Harrison" by Jasper Snowdon, and wondered how many ringers who practised "Spliced" method ringing or even "Cheshire Delight" saw any connection between William Harrison and themselves.

Those who are unacquainted with the topography of North East Cheshire can be excused if they do not fully appreciate William Harrison's achievements. He had not the advantage of the internal combustion engine; shank's pony was his transport, and in those days Mottram would be more isolated than it is today and yet many bands of ringers owed their success to his instruction.

It is the reference to St. George's, Hyde, that is the pointer, for little did Harrison realise what would be the outcome of his instruction there. In my early days it was a treat to ring at Hyde; my maternal grandfather was a native of Hyde, so I suppose it was only natural I should be attracted to the place, but the ringing was something to be remembered, no bad striking there. If the walls of St. George's tower could speak what stories they would tell.

JAMES S. WILDE

I must now refer to James S. Wilde, who might be called Hyde's most outstanding ringer; he seems to have followed William Harrison's example, but before I say any more about Jim Wilde let us go down the lower slopes of the Pennines to Norbury Parish Church where in the last decade of the 19th century the old ringers had been chucked out and a new band formed by some of the senior boys of the Sunday School under the leadership of R. J. Fletcher. Mr. Fletcher was not a ringer but encouraged the youngsters. There is no record who taught them to handle a bell.

Previous to 1896 these young ringers had attempted nothing greater than Bob Doubles, nor had they ever been stirred to ring anything higher. However, the Rev. H. Leigh-Mallory, then of Wilmslow, wrote to the Secretary informing him of the existence of the Chester Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers, and as Hon. Secretary of the Stockport and Bowdon Branch he requested that the ringers should become members of the Guild, which they did in July, 1896. A practice night was arranged and all set to work in real earnest, valuable assistance being given by that well-known companologist Mr. James S. Wilde, of Hyde.

Jim Wilde was a hatter by trade; he would start work somewhere about 6.30 a.m. and finish about 6 p.m. Look what this meant when he had to attend the practices at Norbury; there was no public transport as we know it, horse-drawn trams ran from Stockport to Hazel Grove, but he had to walk to Stockport. Later J.S.W. emigrated to Dunedin, New Zealand, but he never lost touch with Norbury tower.

The first Minor extent by the Norbury ringers was rung for Morning Service on Sunday, September 13th, 1896, the method being Plain Bob. As this was the first Minor extent in which any of the band had taken part, and considering that they had only been in practice two months with the tenor as a working bell, it certainly was a smart performance.

PEAL BOOK RECORDS

Later their efforts were directed to learning Treble Bob methods (here we see Jim Wilde's influence), the first being in the Kent variation, and it was on Sunday morning, February 7th, 1897, that their first extent of this method was successfully brought round. The following is an extract from the Peal Book relative to ringing on that date.

> "February 7th. This date will always be remembered by the band as being the date on which they accomplished their first peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor. The day was Sunday and ringing for Morning Service was commenced at 9.50. Of course, a peal was attempted as usual, but went wrong about 10.10. Another start was made and at 10.30 (the time to stop ringing) the peal was going strong and well. The conductor decided to go on to the end if possible and the peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor was acccomplished seven minutes after service had commenced, notwithstanding the fact that for the last five minutes the irate choirmaster had been pounding on the belfry door for ringing to cease. Positions as follows: Treble, J. Dean; 2, S. Fernley; 3, G. D. Warburton; 4, S. Rutter; 5, A. Fernley; Tenor, J. Shallcross. Conductor: J. Shallcross. Time: 26 minutes."

After this, more difficult methods were practised with successful results, and in addition they had been putting a new pupil through his paces—this was James Fernley, who in years to come was to conduct the first peal of Minor in 35 methods.

The following additional extract from the Peal Book shows their rapid and determined advance:

> "May 28th. Wednesday. On this date another attempt was made for a Date Touch and this time with success. The longest and best peal rung by the band and recorded on the bells was the result. The peal consisted of 1897 changes and was rung in three methods."

Many new methods were gradually acquired, and it was hoped that in 1898 they would ring a complete peal of 5040 changes, but their hopes did not materialise, and no doubt the bad condition of the bells prevented this, but after the rehanging it was successfully acccomplished on May 5th, 1900. By Saturday, May 23rd, 1903, they rang their first peal in 14 methods, which was the first in that number of methods in Cheshire.

In 1911 the Rev. H. Law James discovered that it was possible to ring peals of Minor in large numbers of methods in true 720s. Whereas previously, in the case of the 1903 peals, it was produced in 14 360s, now it was possible to ring the 14 in seven true 720s by "splicing" the methods. This revolutionised the style of ringing at Norbury and so a fresh start had to be made, and by 1914 a peal in 19 methods was rung. This shows they had made rapid progress, and no small amount of indebtedness is due to the Rev. A. T. Beeston for the part he played in the advancement.

War put a temporary end to further development; like other bands of ringers their ranks were depleted by members joining H.M. Forces. Seven in all went from Norbury. Even then the bells were never silenced on a Sunday, as volunteers were forthcoming to keep the bells going. All, with one exception, the late Herbert Williamson, who died of wounds, returned safely and soon took up their positions in the ringing room.

RECORD PEAL OF MINOR

To give the details of the various peals rung until the world's record peal of Minor was accomplished would occupy too much space. The intention had been to ring a peal in 28 methods, but this number was passed and on Tuesday, December 4th, 1923, a peal of 35 methods was rung upon which much comment was passed. The Norbury ringers were warmly praised for their success. In 1925 the writer was persuaded to write a series of articles on the subject of method splicing, which later appeared in book form.

Norbury for many years was a nursery. John Worth, Ken Lewis, Bob Smith and many others benefited by attending the Norbury practices. Jim Fernley was a leader who did not monopolise the conducting and nothing pleased him more than to see a youngster developing as a conductor.

When Law James discovered the way to "splice" methods he had not heard of "Crown Bob," a name not at all familiar to our present "Top People," yet it is splicing in its earliest form. I came across it when helping the Rev. A. T. Beeston in his research into the splicing of the various Treble Bob methods. He had the MS. of two 720s of "Crown Bob" each in seven methods and without "bobs." The lead ends were written out and the names of the various methods appeared against each row of figures.

Snowdon says: "One generation of ringers so quickly succeeds another that in many cases the performances accomplished in one generation are lost sight of by the next," which is as true today as the day it was written, so it is as well, when the occasion arises, to let present-day ringers see what they owe to the pioneers of the past."

I have heard many tower captains bemoan the fact that they have taught ringers to ring who have fallen by the wayside; I have tried to encourage them by saying "You never know the long-term effects of your tuition to those who stuck it." I do not suppose for one moment that when William Harrison was teaching ringers in North Cheshire he gave any thought to the long-term effect, or Jim Wilde, encouraging the Norbury ringers to go for method ringing, not for one moment would realise that at some time in the future a 720 could be rung in unknown numbers of methods. Truly it can be said, "They cast their Bread on the Waters."

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The A.G.M. of the Northern Branch was held at Wymondham on December 14th, over 50 members being present.

The Rev. J. G. Tansley-Thomas conducted the service and gave an interesting address. The organist was Mr. Thrower.

As usual an excellent tea was served at very small cost—thanks should go to the local ringers who made this possible.

The chairman, Mr. G. Sayer, expressed thanks to the Rev. Tansley-Thomas and to all who in some way made the meeting a success.

Election of Officers: Mr. G. Sayer, chairman; Standing Committee, the Rev. W. F. P. Kelly and Mr. G. Pullin; secretary, Mr. C. Bird. Branch Committee, Messrs. P. T. A. Bower, M. A. Frost, T. E. Spight, J. H. Tinsey and W. R. West.

Misses Rosemary Booth and Jane Neale (Drayton), Adrial Walton (Wymondham), Carole A. H. Patey (Norwich) were elected ringing members; Mrs. Hilda Dickerson, Miss Christine Rivett, Tony Hall (Wroxham), Misses Janette Hill, Rosemary Williams (Reepham), probationary members. The following belfry elections were ratified: Messrs. J. H. Fielden, G. Pearson, Phillip Bosworth, J. W. Blackwood, R. Bellamy, W. R. Wilby and Miss Julia A. Fellows.

It was decided to hold meetings in 1969 on March 8th, June 14th and September 6th and the A.B. December 13th.

Members stood in silence as a tribute to the memory of B. J. Hammond, of Barnham Broom, and G. G. Walpole, of Norton Subcourse. Both had passed away recently.

The Association Ringing Master, Mr. P. Adcock, said he hoped it would be possible to hold a Branch Striking Competition prior to the Association Competition. The 10 bells were rung to various methods including rounds to London Surprise, thank to the Association Ringing Master, Mr. Martin Cubitt. C. B.

COMPOSITIONS

5,040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL

By R. B. SMITH

234567890	M	B	W	H
523647089	2	X	2	2
24365	—			2
23645			—	2
42356	2		2	2
26354	—			2
235647890		4/I	—	2
32465	2			2
63425			—	
35426	—			2
23456			—	

First rung at Marple on December 29th, 1968.

5,376 (5,184) SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Arranged by CHRISTOPHER I. ROWSON

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W	M	H	23456	
—	(—)	—	45236	R L C R L Y R C
		—	24536	Y Y L C L Y L
—		—	53246	Y L Y C Y C L
		—	25346	R C R
		—	32546	R C R

Repeated five times with (—) in alternate parts only. Can be shortened to 5,184 by omitting the last two courses of any one part. Contains 120 combination roll-ups with no —82's or —83's. (With respects to Roger Bailey.)

5,040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Arranged by JAMES CLATWORTHY.

W	M	H	23456
S		3	53426
S		2	34256
—	(S)	2	32645
	S	3	52643
	S	—	63245
—	S	3	56234
—		—	23564

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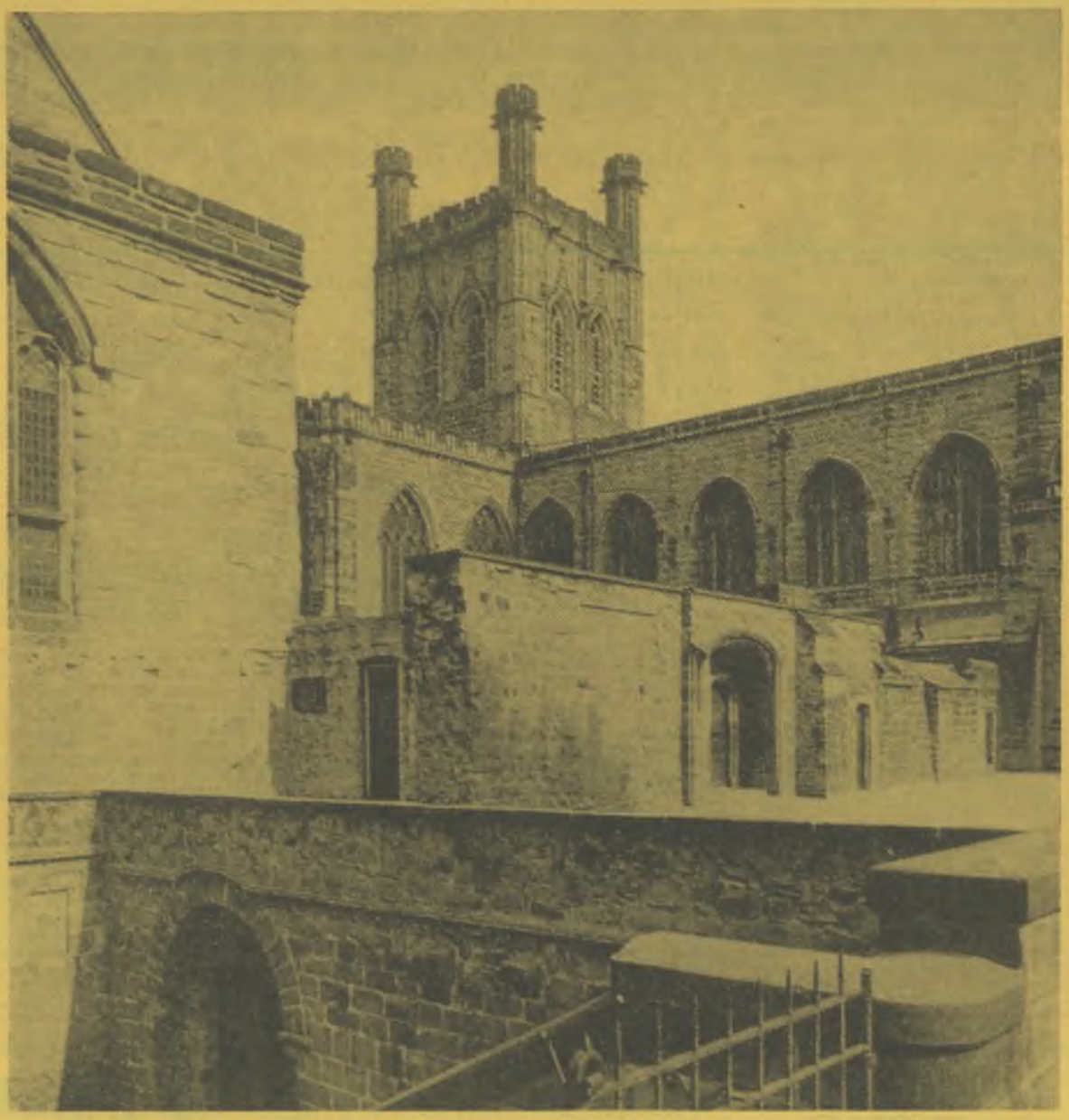

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OUR COVER PICTURE

Chester Cathedral's £300,000 Appeal

By LORD LEVERHULME
Lord Lieutenant of Cheshire

CHESTER CATHEDRAL is a treasure house of historical interest and architectural splendour. As Mother Church of the Diocese it stands for all that is best in worship and music. Once in a lifetime a householder has to dig deep into his pocket to put his own house in structural order. It is the same with a cathedral, and if we do not, the building will start to crumble and we shall be answerable to our grandchildren—for the loss will be theirs.

The many items in the £300,000 appeal range from the repair of an organ of outstanding quality to the reroofing of the Cloisters and the Chapter House, from a large-scale cleaning and preservation of the vaults inside the Tower and North Transept to providing adequate heating in the Refectory and Chapter House, from the releading of stained glass windows to important major repairs to the central tower and its turrets, and other items.

BELL HOUSE SCHEME

Not only must the central tower be extensively restored externally, but the bells which place unnecessary strains on the structure in their present position should be removed from it. The bells are now silent, since, in any case, they need recasting and a new frame. It is ludicrous that city dwellers and visitors are now deprived of hearing and deriving inspiration from the Cathedral bells. They are to be housed in a separate bell-house, whose design was made public last July and has now had approval both by the Royal Fine Arts Commission and the Cathedrals Advisory Committee. An application for planning permission is being made to the authority. The emphasis throughout this whole programme is to prevent a situation arising in the future which might be disastrous and much more expensive to deal with.

It is no small responsibility to look after such a vast building; it is, I believe, the 13th largest cathedral in England. It is, of course, old, and its earliest parts date from the early twelfth century. Antiquity as well as size adds to the problem of maintenance. Like all other mediaeval cathedrals, it is a treasure house of historical interest as well as of architectural splendour. Chester's Cathedral is particularly interesting in the extent of the monastic buildings which still remain. It is also unique in having the only surviving Consistory Court in any English cathedral. The Cathedral stands as living evidence of continuing values. In a changing world, many find comfort in its permanence, and in its continual search, as the Mother Church of the Diocese, for all that is best in worship and music.

WORK TO GO AHEAD IMMEDIATELY

The organ repairs started on January 13th, the day after the launching service, and are being carried out by Rushworth and Dreaper Limited of Liverpool. Some of the work will be done in the Chapter House, some will be taken away. Repairs will take some nine months to complete.

Other work which must be done while the organ repairs are in hand include the repairs to the Organ Case and the Tower ceiling by C. H. Gillam and Sons; the dismantling, lowering and removal of bells from the Central Tower by J. Taylor and Co., Ltd. of Loughborough; the cleaning of the ceiling and stonework in the Central Tower and North Transept by Haswell and Son of Chester; repairs to the balustrade of the Central Tower; the lighting inside the Central Tower by Thomas Wood and Son Limited of Chester; and the preserving and decorating of ceiling by Bellerbys of York.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE BISHOP OF CHESTER

(Right Rev. GERALD A. ELLISON)

On the occasion of the meeting to launch the Appeal for Chester Cathedral I am glad to take this opportunity of commending this work and of thanking all those who, under the leadership of the Lord Lieutenant, have agreed to share the responsibility of raising the funds which are necessary in order to keep this great building in proper condition.

Chester Cathedral has a distinguished history, not least in the last 40 years when, under the leadership of Dean Bennett, it led the movement for the reform of the Cathedrals, changing them from being museums into becoming true mother churches of their dioceses. The name of Chester Cathedral became renowned throughout the Anglican Communion and was a byword for the new life and vitality which came into Cathedral life.

We, in our day, must be true to what we have received. But the burden of keeping the fabric of our great national churches is becoming increasingly heavy, and cannot be borne alone by the capitular bodies which are directly responsible for their spiritual and material welfare. It must be shared by all who care for the well-being of the Church of God and for the heritage of Christian worship and service in which we stand. I am very grateful, therefore, to those who have agreed to work for the Appeal, and I pray that your efforts may be crowned with good success.

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BOWDON'S LONG LENGTH ATTEMPT

Reporting on the unsuccessful attempt for 16,128 Superlative Surprise Major at Bowdon, Cheshire, Mr. Giles B. Thompson, the umpire, writes: Bowdon was a new choice of tower for a long peal; the bells are new and pleasant, there are sound doors and arrangements had been made to lock up the church for the whole day, as the ringing gallery is open to visitors. New ropes had been fitted for the attempt and, as the band made adjustments and secured the ends with string, I busied myself setting up shop in a cosy side chapel.

The peal went into changes at 8.32 a.m. at a rate of about eight minutes per course, which was maintained fairly steadily throughout. The first part-end (18 courses) came up at 10.50 after 2 hours 27 minutes, but the ringing for some reason had not really settled to an even beat.

By noon the second part was half way through and still there was no improvement in the rather unsettled ringing, and so 12 leads from half way the "omit" was left in and the second part-end ran round at 1.10 p.m.—8,032 changes in 4 hours 47 minutes.

We are extremely grateful to the local captain, Mr. Alan Brown, for making the local arrangements and seeing to our every comfort and convenience.

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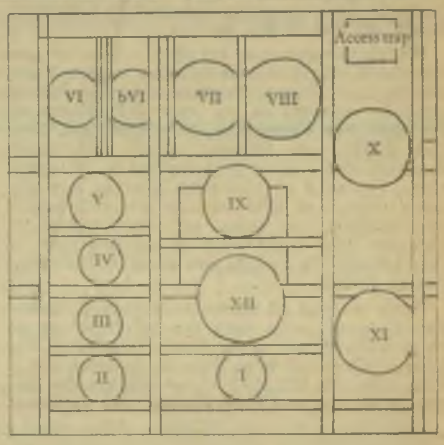
First £100,000 Received Towards Chester Cathedral Appeal

Towards Chester Cathedral's £300,000 appeal for repairs to the fabric and organ and the provision of a bell house and 13 bells, the Dean, the Very Rev. G. W. O. Addleshaw, was in the happy position to announce at the special service in the Cathedral to open the appeal on Sunday, January 12th, the receipt of funds totalling £103,533. The service was attended by city and county dignitaries and by many sponsors of the appeal.

The two illustrations we give are of the proposed new bell house, designed by Mr. George G. Pace, the Cathedral Architect, and the layout of the 13 bells by John Taylor and Co. The Royal Fine Arts Commission and the Cathedral Advisory Committee have both given their approval but permission is still awaited from the Chester Planning Authorities.

Chester Diocesan Guild are enthusiastically supporting the scheme. Work on the bells is among the priorities. In the bell house on the ground floor there is a meeting room for ringers and above that the ringing chamber. A sound chamber separates the belfry from the ringers. The bell house is being built of red Hollington stone and Westmorland slates.

The hon. treasurer of Chester Cathedral Fund is Mr. W. F. S. Moorley, Westminster Bank Ltd., P.O. Box 8, 33, Eastgate Street, Chester, CH1 1XA.



An Up-And-Coming Youngster Who Made the Grade

MICHAEL J. FELLOWS' 500 PEALS AT 21

On Saturday, December 7th, 1968, just four days after his 21st birthday, Michael Fellows rang his 500th peal at Bewdley, Worcestershire, on a heavy-going eight previously pealed 39 years ago.

Michael John Fellows was taught to ring by Mr. Frederick V. Nicholls at St. Thomas's, Stourbridge, in 1957, but after a short while lost interest, and it wasn't until after his brother, Martin D. Fellows (who learnt to ring at the same time), had rung his first peal that Michael once again climbed the belfry steps. This time the bug bit hard.

In the immediate years after this he cycled and hitchhiked thousands of miles to ring peals wherever and as often as possible, usually with his brother, Martin. In 1965 he was, with Martin, co-leading peal ringer with 234 peals between them. An increase in the Worcestershire Association subscription was then rumoured due to the extra printing costs of king size annual reports!

He rang his first peal (Grandsire Doubles) at St. Peter-de-Witten, Droitwich, on November 14th, 1959, while he was still 11 years old. He conducted his first peal (two methods Doubles) in 1961. "The Ringing World" carries a report on him as "an up and coming youngster".

Amongst the peals that he has rung in are three long lengths; also in Mr. George Fearn's 2,000th peal and Peter Border's 1,000th.

M. P. T.

THE LIST

Tower Bell Peals

Doubles. — Grandsire 5 (conducted 3), 2-18 meth. var. 16 (2).

Minor.—Plain Bob 16 (3), 2, 4, 5, 7 methods 8 (1), Cambridge Surprise 5 (3), London Surprise 1, 2 Surprise methods 1.

Triples.—Grandsire 18 (11), Stedman 3 (2), 4-spliced 1.

Major.—Plain Bob 18 (5), Double Norwich C.B. 4, Kent Treble Bob 1.

Surprise Major.—Belgrave 1 (1), Brighton 1, Bristol 8 (3), Cambridge 32 (10), Dorchester 1 (1), Evesham 1, Glasgow 4 (1), Huddersfield 1, Irchester 1, Lincoln 2, Lincolnshire 22 (4), London 39 (21), Macclesfield 1, Morley 1, Nailstone 1, New Cambridge 4 (3), Pudsey 5 (1), Quedgeley 2 (2), Rutland 10 (3), Sedgley 1, Staffordshire 1 (1), Stour 1, Superlative 4 (1), Warwickshire 1 (1), Watford 1, Worcestershire 3 (1), Yorkshire 41 (20).

Spliced.—2 methods 2, 3 methods 3 (1), 4 methods 5 (4), 5 methods 2 (1), 6 methods 1, 7 methods 1, 8 methods 2, 9 methods 2.

Caters.—Stedman 6 (3), Grandsire 1.

Royal.—Plain Bob 3, Kent Treble Bob 1.

Surprise Royal.—Bristol 1, Cambridge 19 (3), Clifton 1, Evesham 1, Lincolnshire 2, London (No. 3) 11, Pudsey 1, Solihull 1, Yorkshire 7.

Cinques.—Stedman 17 (3).

Maximus.—Plain Bob 1.

Surprise Maximus.—Albanian 1, Cambridge 43 (1), Eldon 1, Lambeth 1, Lincolnshire 2, Lindsey 1, Londinium 13 (1), Lyddington 1, Newgate 2, Prittlewell 2, Pudsey 2, Solihull 1, Superlative 12, Yorkshire 6.

Handbell Peals

Doubles.—Grandsire 2 (1), 2 methods 3, 4 methods 1 (1), 5 methods 1 (1), 6 methods 2, 7 methods 1, 8 methods 1 (1).

Minor.—Plain Bob 10 (6), 2 methods 5 (4), 3 methods 1, 4 methods 1 (1), 7 methods 1, 8 methods 2, 9 methods 1, 10 methods 1, Cambridge Surprise 1.

Grand total 500 (136).

This total includes the following long lengths:

11,520 Yorkshire Surprise Major, 16,368 Cambridge Surprise Maximus, 15,699 Stedman Cinques.

SOCIETY OF ROVING RINGERS' 1968 TOUR

LOOKING back on the 1968 tour, which assembled at Chester on August 23rd, "Whizz Kid" writes: "As a whole it was considered a worthy success, and was notable in that many members rang in methods that they had been unable to try before." The tour was under the leadership of John Slater, the party numbering 18. New members welcomed were Audrey Alexander, Liz Duncan and David Wright.

Saturday's ringing was at the two Chester churches of St. Mary's-within and without-the-Walls. Sunday's programme opened with several good touches at Bromborough, ending with three leads of Bristol. The ferry was crossed to Liverpool and after an early lunch came one of the highlights of the tour—Liverpool Cathedral. After everyone had been suitably awe-inspired by the ringing chamber, a band caught hold for rounds, which went surprisingly well, as did the touches of Stedman and Grandsire Cinques which followed. Finally a picked band rang a half course of Cambridge Maximus, with the Master performing solo on the tenor. We came down justifiably pleased with the effort, considering that the band, with the exception of "Fester Foster", were not used to bells of this weight. The day's ringing concluded with the 12 at St. Nicholas' and the night was spent in Liverpool Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A.

We were treated to tea and scones at our first tower, Eccleston, on Monday by the Vicar and helpers. Nearby St. Helens Parish Church bells we regarded as the most difficult ten of the tour, but Cambridge, Yorkshire and London Royal were brought round. We found Runcorn bells, after a picnic lunch, a lumpy ring. The road to Frodsham took us into the countryside, and here the one and only touch of Grandsire was rung, and only because it was the 250th anniversary of the first peal in the method. That night was spent at Delamere Forest Hostel.

Good courses of Surprise, including Pudsey and Glasgow, were rung the next morning at Northwich. Some might have argued that the bells at Chelford were little recompense for a long ride. In Macclesfield we did not do justice to the ten at Christ Church, but redeemed ourselves with Glasgow and Bristol at St. Peter's. Several punctures were incurred on the stony road which led to Rudyard Lake Hostel.

WARNING AGAINST BAD STRIKING

At Leek the next morning the tower captain informed us that he would not tolerate bad striking: we acquitted ourselves with a good touch of Stedman, and an excellent course of London Royal was brought round in masterly style and produced the best 10-bell ringing of the week. After lunch we rang at the colourful and ornate Catholic Church at Cheadle. At Alton, the next tower, was one of the finest eights of the week. The night was spent at the hostel alongside Ilam Church. It resembled an old castle, the dragon of the piece being faithfully represented by the warden. A jovial evening was spent at a distant alehouse, but unfortunately on the return trip a multiple bike crash resulted in cuts and bruises for Liz Foster and David Wright.

Thursday morning dawned cold, and we started at Mayfield, our second 6-bell tower. A long ride brought us to Duffield, where the fast-moving ten did not deter the customary course of Surprise Royal being rung successfully. A steep climb brought us to Winksworth, but in spite of fatigue some good ringing was produced, including 8-spliced. A pleasant evening was spent in Matlock, though beautiful Matlock did not produce an equally beautiful ring of bells, and ringing the next morning culminated in a touch of Caters which fired out when Andrew Slade found the mediæval bell just a little too much.

After ringing on the fine eight at Ashover (9-spliced, including Glasgow), the tiny, weaving road leading to Darley Dale claimed its toll of accidents in the form of cuts and bruises. Darley Dale saw an attempt to ring all spliced touches, including Stedman and Grandsire. The ride to Youlgrave proved to be one of the easiest of the tour, unlike the bells which may be described as a "good old style ring". The hostel at Bakewell provided us with five star accommodation and the best food of the week. A convivial evening followed.

Ringing at Bakewell the following morning included the customary course of Glasgow. Signs that the end of the tour was approaching came in the form of the first of the week-enders. Our portable engineer had now transferred to his mobile workshop/car/warehouse/bicycle store. The feature of the lumpy run to Hathersage was the close escape of the Master from being run down by the aforementioned vehicle. There was much difficulty at Hathersage in finding a pub that did not have notices announcing that they would not serve "persons in walking or camping dress".

The journey to Dore witnessed the only misfortune of the tour (in the last 15 tours), for Fred was knocked off his bike by an accursed motorist and had to be taken away by ambulance, though all the while appealing to the driver to take him for a quick grab at Dove. Everyone appeared at dinner that night with their clothes presenting the usual jarring contrast to the ones they had just shed. Fred rejoined us, suitably stitched up, and we sat down to a good meal, followed by the meeting. It was decided to hold the reunion in Birmingham on the usual last week-end in February.

Sunday began with the ten at Rushmoor, where we joined the locals for service ringing. After a meal at the Sheffield City Centre, afternoon ringing was at St. Marie's and then in the pouring rain we made our way to Rotherham. The ringing here tended to be just a little too fast for the bells, though Stedman Caters was rung well.

Several of the company departed for home the following morning, so we were rather depleted at Dronfield. Fortunately the heavy rain abated in time for the run to Chesterfield where, after a very meagre lunch, we rang on the fine ten. It was difficult to believe that this was the end of the tour. The motorised members quickly dispersed, leaving the cyclists who found a coffee bar nearby where they could pass the half-hour or so before the train departed southwards.

Our thanks are due to incumbents and tower captains who made it possible for us to ring and for making us so welcome.

Devizes Branch A.G.M. Hear of Westbury's Plight

THE annual general meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at St. John's Church, Devizes, on January 4th. Ringing was under the guidance of Branch Ringing Master Mr. N. G. Knee, and the bells of St. James' and St. Mary's churches were also available, ringing being under the respective tower captains.

At 4.30 p.m. all converged on St. John's for the service, which was conducted by the Rector, Rev. W. D. C. Williams, with Mr. Weaver as organist. The lesson was read by Mr. Heath, captain of St. John's.

The curate of St. James' Church, Southbroom, Rev. David King, was a guest at the tea which followed, to which between 50 and 60 sat down. Full justice was done, the meal being served by members of the three ringing bands in Devizes. Tea over, the A.G.M. followed.

Mr. C. F. Andrews, of Melksham, presided at the meeting and called on the company to stand in silent respect to the memory of Mr. W. A. Avery, of Longbridge Deverill, recently deceased.

The secretary (Mr. G. D. Davis) said he had trouble in presenting the accounts as five towers had still to send in their subscriptions. The chairman asked members to help in this matter.

In his report the secretary praised the work of Mr. Eric Hitchins, of Melksham, in his running of the discussions at the monthly meetings, and congratulated the Chirton band on gaining second place in the annual striking competition. He also wished that the first peal on the new ten bells at Edington could have been rung by the local band. The secretary's report and accounts were adopted.

The chairman thanked those members from Steeple Ashton, Westbury and Trowbridge for the hard work which they had done in training the new band of ringers at Edington, and enabling them to ring the bells at the dedication service. He congratulated the band that had rung the first peal at Edington. He went on to express his sorrow at the catastrophe which had overtaken All Saints' Church, Westbury, in the loss of the use of one of the best rings of eight bells in England. He hoped that the work on the church could soon be carried out and that in the future they might again be able to ring at Westbury.

Mr. Andrews was unanimously re-elected chairman, and other officers elected were: Vice-chairman, Mr. A. T. Weeks (Devizes): hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. G. D. Davis (Bradford-on-Avon); Ringing Masters, N. G. Knee and E. E. Norris (Warminster) and R. Purnell (Melksham); hon. auditor, B. Carter (Bradford-on-Avon). Messrs. R. Jones (Longbridge Deverill) and E. Hitchins (Melksham) were elected to the Branch committee.

Eight new members were elected—six from Christ Church, Bradford-on-Avon, and one each from West Lavington and Southbroom (Devizes). The Rev. T. Salisbury, of Urchfont, and the Rev. A. T. Johnson, of Warminster, were confirmed as honorary members. Messrs. H. Sturgess (Devizes) and B. Smith (Chirton) were recommended as life ringing members, for confirmation at the Guild annual festival, at Wootton Bassett in May.

After discussion, it was decided that the charge for teas at monthly meetings should be 2/6 for adults and 1/6 for juveniles. Collections taken at monthly meetings are to be divided equally between the church's fabric fund and Branch funds. Monthly discussions are to be continued and Mr. Hitchins will also give talks on the Plain Bob methods. Two resolutions were put forward for the Guild committee—procedure at the annual festival and a Guild striking competition.

Votes of thanks concluded the meeting and ringing was resumed until 8.15 p.m.

URCHFONT, WILTS.—On Dec. 27th, Pl. Bob and Grandsire Doubles: L. Eves 1, Jennifer Alexander 2, M. Peet (first quarter) 3, G. Eves 4, G. Heath (cond.) 5 W. Alexander 6. Also on Dec. 31st, Grandsire Triples: I. Heath (first Triples) 1, Jennifer Alexander 2, G. Heath 3, G. Eves 4, D. Stone (first Triples) 5, J. Burry 6, W. Alexander (first as cond.) 7, M. Peet (first Triples) 8.

WRINGTON, SOM.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. D. Board (first quarter) 1, Mrs. D. E. Beamish 2, Miss P. A. Kingcott 3, H. Yeates 4, M. M. Collins 5, P. England 6, T. Chapman 7, S. Smith 8, W. H. Kingcott (cond.) 9, M. Board 10. Rung half-muffled to the memory of Lt.-Col. J. M. Lee, churchwarden.

I REMEMBER

TWO REMARKABLE BROTHERS

By the Rev. B. F. SHEPPARD

It has been borne upon me that now is the time to draw the attention of the Exercise to the life and work of two most remarkable brothers who in their day had a profound influence upon ringing in all its aspects, while there are still alive and very active some people who are far more qualified than I to speak of the technical side of their work. It was, however, my privilege to have known and rung with both from 1919 onwards, to have taken part in various Guild weeks of the C.U.G.C.R. and to have rung no less than 16 peals with one or other or with both, the last being in 1938, and I count it a great honour and privilege to have been able to call both of them my personal friends.

The Rev. Henry Law James and the Rev. Edward Bankes James were by birth citizens of Gloucester, born within the limits of the ancient Roman city. H. L. used to remark: "Civis Romānus sum." Who taught them to ring I do not know, but they came up to Cambridge in 1887 to Caius College and immediately joined the C.U.G.C.R., proving of most valuable assistance to the president, the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, conducting between them no less than 30 peals up to 1929 and bringing the Guild into an organisation capable of ringing peals in a number of methods.

H. L. A MINE OF INFORMATION

They were both many-sided in their interests. H. L. had a vast store of antiquarian knowledge and showed great powers of organisation in the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, ably seconded by his parishioner Rupert Richardson. He was a mine of information on many subjects and took a leading part in the investigations into the science of change-ringing. I believe that it was his work that opened the way to the ringing of spliced Surprise, but of this aspect of his work I am not capable of speaking.

When staying at Surfleet Vicarage it was an experience to be remembered to sit in the evening in his upstairs study and listen to the controversies carried on with great animation between the two brothers, one on each side of the hearth, which conversation, needless to say, was entirely above the heads of the young and inexperienced men who listened with awe but, I fear, with very little enlightenment.

Above all, in spite of his many interests, H. L. was a devoted parish priest, and in his long ministry in the parish of Surfleet he won the love and gratitude of his people. The writer well remembers going to Surfleet to preach at his harvest festival one year, and seeing the large congregation from what was not a large parish as numbers go. When he went there as vicar there was no vicarage and he had to live in lodgings till he could manage to erect the delightful house in which he lived till his death. Like his brother, he possessed a certain amount of private means, and he doubtless used these generously in the interests of his parish.

A BLUE FOR CHESS

E. B. was quite a different type of man, though equally gifted in many ways. He spent a great deal of his life as mathematical master at a preparatory school, and a number of his former pupils are still alive to witness to his gifts as a teacher. They enabled him, incidentally, to give a thorough grounding to some of them in the art of conducting and of composition in change-ringing. He was, in addition, a fine chess player, winning his Blue at chess at Cambridge, where he is said to have had afternoon walks with a friend who later became chess champion of England, playing a game of blindfold chess as he went.

In days when there was still much to learn about method construction, he produced two new methods — Little Bob Major and Bristol Surprise—which have become standard methods and which, I believe, opened the door to many later developments. Even in such a well-worn method as Bob Major he produced at short notice a new and original peal—the Barrabool peal—which is printed on page 21 of "A Great Adventure" and was designed to assist a conductor to cope with the distractions which accompanied an attempt to call a peal on board the s.s. Barrabool on the way to Australia. This was the peal, by the way, which the Guild chose to ring half-muffled in his memory after his death and in which the writer was privileged to take part at the Church of St. Andrew-the-Great, Cambridge.

He built at Surfleet a wooden bungalow, known as "The Hut", in which he stayed during school holidays and to which he invited in turn a number of his younger friends. Unfortunately, being myself immersed in parish work, I was never able to take advantage of this, but doubtless there are others who could describe what went on there. When I was able to visit him there in his last days I found that although his memory had failed in most respects he was as clear as a bell on ringing matters and showed me a new 10-bell Surprise method with a clean proof scale.

RINGING STORIES

He had a store of good ringing stories. He told us that his method of bringing a peal attempt to an end when the ringing was below his standards was to hunt up behind to the tenor (he usually rang the seventh) and there stop in spite of all efforts to get him to come down until the nuisance ceased. He also told of the country tower where the band consisted of an old and good ringer whose numerous offspring made up the rest of the band, who was wont in emergencies to cry out: "Dick thou'rt after Tom, Tom thou'rt after Harry, Harry thou'rt after Jim, Jim thou'rt after Will and Will thou'rt after thy Feyther." He also told of the ringer who was far from his proper place and who, when rebuked by the conductor, retorted: "I knows where I be, but I baint there!".

In the days when much interest was devoted to new ideas in the composition of Grandsire Triples, he produced some wonderful-looking peals with asterisks and daggers, enabling him to join up the parts of a peal in a very ingenious manner. I am, I fear, not qualified to say much about this, but I know that I have rung at least one on handbells on the tenors (which he insisted that I should ring because, he said, I set the kind of beat that he liked).

These are but a few of my memories of these two great characters. If my memory has failed me I trust that one or other of their many friends who still survive will write and correct me, and especially that those qualified to write with authority on their technical achievements in composition will fill the gap which I am bound to leave. May they both rest in peace.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association

Frome Branch's Memorable Meeting

There was nothing remarkable in the date, January 11th, nothing special about the venue, Shepton Mallet (8), but this date and this place might well be remembered as the end of an era in this Branch of the Bath and Wells Association. In the most passionate and voluble speech we have yet heard from him, Ted Chivers gave notice that next year he will have completed 20 years as secretary, and this, he said, was long enough for anyone. In giving notice of his intention to retire, Ted laid down one or two guide lines for future secretaries.

For what else will this day be remembered? For many of us it will be the note of utter sadness as we stood in silent tribute with George Massey, remembering his daughter, Frances (aged only 22 years), who had died just two days previously.

The service, conducted by the Rev. L. A. B. White, will be remembered for his pleasure at finding that ringers can also sing, and his chat (as he put it) regarding teamwork.

The business meeting will be remembered by its length—14 items on the agenda—through which the chairman, the Rev. Mr. Durston, steered the 40-odd members with characteristic thoroughness. All retiring officers were returned and 12 new members were elected, further adding to the mystery of where they all go — new members are elected at every meeting, but the numbers attending meetings grow less. The balance sheet will be remembered as containing only 6/- collected for the Belfry Repair Fund during the year, and the collecting box, on being passed round at this meeting, must have shamed members into contributing several times that amount at one meeting. The meeting will also be remembered as the one at which the members axed their summer meeting and decided to amalgamate it with the joint Chew Branch meeting.

The ringing afterwards might be remembered for the very good course of Bristol that concluded a most eventful day. All in all a memorable meeting. M. H.

Bath Branch Receive Harold Parfrey Shield

Over 80 ringers were present at the A.G.M. of the Bath Branch of the Bath and Wells Association, held at St. Michael with St. Paul's on January 4th. The fully choral service was taken by the Rector (Rev. C. Holden) and the secretary read the lessons.

In the Branch report the secretary stated that membership had risen by one to 197 and that all towers were maintaining their Sunday service and practice ringing and had been joined by Swainswick who now have regular ringing. Quarter peal ringing had gained a good increase and the local band at Dunkerton had scored their first.

A member of the Branch has presented a shield to be awarded each year to the winners of the striking competition, and it has been engraved the "Harold Parfrey Shield" in memory of Harold, who was the Branch Ringing Master and who passed away last year. Mrs. Parfrey presented the shield to John Hobbs, a member of the winning team of 1968 (St. Michael with St. Paul's). Mrs. Parfrey was given an ovation by the ringers, not only because she has had the courage to take over the captaincy of Corston but because we are proud to have the president of the Ladies' Guild within our Branch for the first time.

The following were elected to serve during 1969: Chairman, George Hawkins (St. Michael with St. Paul's): vice-chairman, Leslie Taylor (Corston); secretary and treasurer, Alan Lee (Twerton): Ringing Masters, John Owen (Abbey) and Peter Devrell (St. Michael with St. Paul's): striking competition committee, the chairman, the Ringing Masters, Robin Stubbs (Bathwick), Arthur Reed (Abbey). New members elected totalled 17.

The best wishes of the Branch were sent to the Dunkerton tower captain's wife, Mrs. Lucy Butt, who has reached her 90th birthday.

Mr. Naylor said he would like to see the inter-Branch striking competition with the Frome and Chew Branches carried on. A.P.L.

Letters to the Editor

CHRISTMAS BELLS

Dear Sir,—I wonder if when this year's Christmas broadcast is considered a recording could be included from a tower outside the U.K.

At present the programme is confined to the British Isles only, but how enjoyable it would be if we could hear, say, an Australian or a Canadian peal amongst the others. It would broaden the scope of the programme and at the same time emphasise to the listening public that ringing is not restricted to these islands but shared by many of us with common ties far beyond our shores, especially at Christmastide.

There may be difficulties involved in introducing this idea, and one of our own towers will have to be left out, but I am sure it will be well worth the effort if it can be arranged. —Yours sincerely,

JOHN BRAIN.

Backwell, Somerset.

P.S.—How about making a start near home, in any case with a recording from the South of Ireland?—J. B.

Dear Sir,—I also should like to express my appreciation of the Christmas Day bell broadcast: it was, as always, a real joy to anyone who, like myself, lives far away from the sound of bells.

Could we not have a repeat of this programme, and also occasional Sunday ringing—uninterrupted by commentary? — Yours faithfully.

L. K. MARSHALL.

Goathland, Whitby.

UP-AND-COMING YOUNGSTERS

Dear Sir,—I have no wish to belittle the achievements and progress of those fortunate enough to be featured in the Up-and-Coming Youngsters Column. Indeed, I wish them well. However, I feel that "The Ringing World" is contributing to a general lowering of standards when it holds up for our approval someone who has been ringing for as little as nine months.

Many of us have been good enthusiastic youngsters who make really remarkable progress given the right opportunities. At this stage of a ringer's career it is all fun and everything is new and exciting. Later when the opportunities for advanced ringing get rarer and rarer and are replaced more and more by the chores of having to train other learners and to put up with elementary methods and poor striking the story changes. Too often it becomes like the angler's tale of the "one that got away."

If we are going to have an "Up-and-Coming" column, at least let us have featured cases which are more deserving. Let us have articles about those who have progressed in the face of adversity, not those who have had every opportunity thrust their way. It is no achievement to be carried along on the crest of a wave.—Yours faithfully,

G. A. HALLS.

Littleover, Derby.

PEAL COMPOSITION

Dear Sir,—I was interested to learn from Mr. Christopher I. Rowson's letter on page 22 that the originality of a peal composition is so much a matter of who gets there first.

May the Exercise look forward to the early publication of an original one-part peal of Grandsire Triples by Mr. Rowson, to match that of Mr. Holt's?—Yours faithfully.

J. R. NORRIS.

YOUNG AND OLD RINGERS

Dear Sir,—May I, through the courtesy of your columns, comment on Mr. Cribley's article entitled "Greater Control in Younger Hands." Until recently I spent a number of years ringing in the Stroud Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association. I am not an "ageing" male, except in the sense that I am getting older in common with my fellow-ringers. Whilst I fully support the introduction of young people into ringing, there is a danger in ignoring the views of the more mature ringer. Young people grow up into adults, and if the young people now with us stand the test of time they will in due course become old ringers. When this time comes, are they to be written off as ageing persons or will their fund of knowledge and experience be made available to the young of that day? If young people were encouraged to think along these lines, they might have a little more consideration for the views of their older compatriots.

I well remember having the privilege of ringing with a band of older male ringers whilst in the Stroud district. Their ringing was more advanced and better executed than anything that can be produced in that Branch today. Whilst the band was composed mainly of elderly gentlemen when I came to know them, it was apparent that they had rung together from an early age and had themselves been young long before I was born. Whilst not a member of that band, I always found a welcome in their tower, I learned a great deal and I was impressed by a degree of courtesy and consideration which is uncommon today. Alas, that fine band of ringers became depleted through death and enforced retirement. The introduction of more young blood into such a team during its prime might have avoided the subsequent depletion. But the matter was not without difficulty, and in particular the younger members of that band displayed a general lack of responsibility

If old and young ringers could bring themselves to combine more readily, they would be of assistance to each other and the Exercise would be much benefited. My plea is therefore not for all authority to be thrust upon the young, but for young and old to work together to the glory of God. — Yours faithfully

G. H. EDWARDS.

Sherston, Malmesbury.

NON-RINGER COMPOSER

Dear Sir,—How pleased I was to see that a band has at last rung one of Maurice Onion's excellent compositions (see "Ringing World", page 11). Readers might be interested to learn a little more about Maurice, as he is rather a special case.

He has never rung a bell in his life, but as a keen mathematician he is much interested in the problems of composition. Some years ago I explained to him the basic principles and since then he has spent many happy hours with paper and pencil. He has produced several good compositions in the standard methods, but until the peal at Hackney these had remained unrung.—Yours sincerely.

N. C. GOON

Dukinfield, Cheshire.

BOUGHT 1597 BELL IN SCRAPYARD

Dear Sir. — The article on redundant Canterbury bells was of particular interest to me, and I thank Mr. Cawley for the way he has solved a problem that has been with me for 25 years I refer to the Robert Mot bell dated 1597 from the now demolished Church of St. Andrew, which was sold to pay for the recasting of St. Margaret's treble. This is, I think, the bell which now hangs in the tower of the R.C. Church of Our Lady and St. Anne, Caversham, Reading, and it forms the tenor to a part chime of four, and this bell alone is hung for full swinging.

I inspected these bells on November 14th, 1943, in order to let Mr. F. Sharpe have details for his "Church Bells of Berkshire," from which I am now copying them.

Treble: Our Lady of St. Anne 1902/recast by Carrs of Smethwick 1904.

Second: SANTA MARIA ORA PRO NOBIS/cast by Carrs of Smethwick 1904.

Third: (No inscription).

Tenor: †Robertus†Mot†me†fecit, 1597.

The treble and second are canonless maiden castings from the Smethwick foundry of Messrs. Charles Carr and Co.

On the headstock of the third is a cast metal plate inscribed: S. B. Goslin/Founder and Manufacturer/The Bishopsgate Foundry/Art Metal Works/Artillery Lane, Bishopsgate without London. E.

The church treasurer informed me that the 1597 bell came from a scrap metal yard in Canterbury and he was responsible for its purchase.

The connection of S. B. Goslin with the tower and the information received regarding the purchase of the bell seem conclusive.—Yours faithfully,

WILLIAM SIMMONDS.

Torquay.

A CANTERBURY QUERY

Dear Sir,—I was most interested in Mr David Cawley's article in "The Ringing World" of December 27th, and particularly so because I think he could help me with an investigation I am making.

The tenor bell at Willesborough (12 cwt. in F sharp) is inscribed: "GILES MASTERS C. W. Iosephus Hatch me fecit 1623." (Stahlschmidt gives the weight as 14 cwt.)

My query originated from the fact that the date—1623—was earlier than that of the 5th bell which, by the way, I believe to be another interloper—probably from Sevington. Then I discovered that Giles Masters did not live in Willesborough although there was a prominent family of that name in the parish. He was a member of the Henghurst branch, and he lived in Canterbury where he was buried in 1644. He might have been interred at St. Margaret's, although I cannot be sure of that.

I would be most grateful if Mr. Cawley would help me as I wish to find out:

(1) Was Giles Masters a churchwarden at St. Margaret's (or any other Canterbury church) in 1623?

(2) Is there a record of the disposal of the bell I have described from a Canterbury church?

If I had known Mr. Cawley's address I would not have trespassed upon your space but would have written to him direct.—Yours faithfully

W. P. GARNER.

3, Glover Road,
Willesborough,
Ashford, Kent.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
SEE BACK PAGE

Letters—continued

REV. H. LAW JAMES

Dear Sir,—I read with much interest the article on the late Gabriel Lindoff in your issue of December 20th. As far as I can recollect I never had the pleasure of meeting him, but I have known him by name for many years. I rang Stedman Cinques and Caters at Sheffield Cathedral for six years, 1921–1926, under the captaincy of the late William Lomas, who was Hudson's grandson, and I knew and rang with the late Arthur Knights, of Chesterfield.

My reason for writing is to take the strongest exception to the word "cocksure" as applied to my old friend Henry Law James. I can only presume that the author did not know him and his work as I did. I rang a number of peals with him, although he was an old man when I was a young one. I also took part with him in various ringing weeks of the C.U.G.C.R. and know at first hand what an influence he had over the generation of conductors and composers who helped with me to restart the Guild after the 1914 war, including the late Stephen Wood, the late W. H. J. Hooton and the happily still surviving C. W. Woolley.

With the exception of the late Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, Law James was probably the most learned man who ever took up campanology. He excelled in four or five directions, being a very considerable archæologist, as well as doing a wonderful organising work in the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, in which he was most ably helped by the late Rupert Richardson, who lived in his parish. I can only imagine what Rupert's comments would have been had he lived to read this article.

In parenthesis, I would remark that no one could have been "cocksure" with a brother like the late E. Bankes James, who was prepared to take on anyone at any time (including his brother) on questions of composition and who to the best of my knowledge is the only man to produce two standard methods, Bristol Surprise and Little Bob.

In conclusion, I would like to draw attention to the peal of Stedman Triples by Law James which appears on page 59 of the 1938 edition of "Stedman", by the late J. Armiger Trollope.—Yours sincerely,

BERTRAM F. SHEPPARD.

Wellington, Somerset.

ST. AUGUSTINE'S, PENARTH

Dear Sir,—There is a slight inaccuracy in the article about the Llandaff and Monmouth Association (October 18th).

With regard to the section about the self-taught band at Pentre after the First World War it was stated "The last members of this band have recently passed from us . . . ." This is not quite correct since the tower captain at St. Augustine's, Penarth—Mr. W. J. Palmer—is still very much alive and in fact can recall taking part in the peals mentioned very clearly. The records at Pentre will show this.—Yours faithfully,

DEREK A. HERBERT.

St. Augustine's, Penarth

WHERE MOONRAKERS STARTED

Dear Sir,—I am tickled at Mr. Caple's conviction (page 22) that moonrakers originated at Southbroom. Born and bred as I was at Whiteparish, I was assured that the story started at Long Pond there! I realised many years ago that any patriotic Wiltshire village claims the story. Such ponds are as numerous as the trees in which Kings have hidden or beds in which Queens have slept!—Yours sincerely,

HUGH FALKNER.

Swanage.

PEALS AND "THE RINGING WORLD"

Dear Sir,—Richard Speed's leader on January 3rd was well worth reading and I hope it will encourage discussion in the Exercise. Peal "style" was in fact one of the key points that Dennis Beresford and I made in our mock-up of a new look "Ringing World" three years ago. The peals section is, after all, a major one both in extent and interest, since the majority of regular peal ringers take the journal.

The most pleasing layout we found in our research was that adopted by the Lancashire Association in their annual report, with slight modifications. I agree that the quarter peal style adopted by the Middlesex, Norwich and other Associations is not really satisfactory, although one appreciates that economies necessitated this form. The ideal, of course, is a greater saving of space but optimum clarity. Being a Guild officer and connected with the preparation of an annual report, I have appreciated the grouping of peals in Guilds/Associations but, quite honestly, I share the view of a not inconsiderable number of peal ringers that the "old style" had a far better presentation.

Now to deal with the points raised in Mr. Speed's discussion.

(1) Place, county, dedication, date and time taken for the peal would seem to be satisfactory

(2) The method — difficult! One could say that sauce for the Surprise Major ringers (e.g., spliced in *n* Surprise methods) is sauce for the Minor and Doubles men (e.g., multi-Minor and Doubles/Variations). Yes indeed, one could agree that some of the multi-method peals are a fiddle from the nomenclature point of view but to find a common denominator would, I think, be very difficult. Two or three years ago I had the great pleasure of taking part in a 148 method peal of Minor. The purists could argue that these methods all stem from no more than a score of "parents". As for C.C. numbers, not all are numbered and classified and the **average** reader doesn't possess a Collection of Methods publication. It really looks as if a restriction to three or four lines may be the answer with, in the event of running to more than this, the peal styled (for example) A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR IN 100 METHODS, and a footnote "For details of the methods please see page so and so."

(3) Now we come to the tenor weight, to my mind a most important point in the report. I disagree that the information is redundant and neither has the "Victorian myth" been exploded. In fact, in more halcyon days the dictum was that every ring had its own time and compass. It's in the last ten years that we've seen the trend towards estimating a time for a particular weight. And, in lighter vein if I may, the point about speed and heaviness should enable Dick to ring Daventry tenor in 2.40 at least! The tenor weight should be retained.

(4) Something could be done on composers/conductors — these need not take more than one line (present "R.W." style) or two lines for the three or four (?) column "Lancashire report style". In other words, Sir Arthur P. Heywood's transposition of Thomas Thurstans' four part is verbose and unnecessary: "Heywood's Transpn." is surely sufficient. Here the Editor must rely on the good sense and economy of conductors. I don't quite see the logic of the statement on page 4 about composers. After all, Washbrook, Lindoff and Bennett have some good compositions of London; they're just not fashionable at the present time. Today if there aren't three courses of 65s or *x* C.R.U.s the young conductors click their tongues, but some people just don't fancy the 5th in 6ths place, preferring the 3rd musically.

(5) Now footnotes, and here I agree 100 per cent. This is the one area where many people feel that the Editor could use the blue pencil a little more liberally. The code system is ideal provided it does head up the peal columns each week; and what a golden opportunity to abolish for ever that most painful footnote of all, "Fastest peal on the bells."

Summing up: plenty of opportunity for experimentation, smaller but equally clear print, possibly three or even four columns per page. Obviously we don't want a "Dalton's Weekly" effect! The Association title in bolder type, no dividing lateral lines, restriction perhaps on space for multi-method peals but the tenor weight and note included. Footnotes coded.

The resultant style could appear thus (taking the first of the "Other Peals" on page 9):—

BATH & WELLS ASSN.

Ditcheat, Somerset.—St. Mary Magdalene. Sat., Oct. 19, 1968, in 3 hours and 18 minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH C.B. MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. 4 lb.

Elisabeth A. G. Bowden	Treble
Arthur H. Reed	2
David J. Orledge	3
Richard J. Bowden	4
Patrick J. Bird	5
Allan Tubb	6
Edgar T. Skipsey	7
Rev. Roger O. Fry	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Rev. R. O. Fry.

Yours, etc.,

GEORGE W. PIPE.

Ipswich.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

Northern District's New Master

Mr. Frank Roper, of Finchingfield, was elected Ringing Master of the Northern District at the A.G.M. at Halstead on January 4th. He succeeds Mr. R. Lindsell who had held the position for three years. Mr. Roper started his ringing career at Great Finborough in 1932 and joined the Suffolk Guild two years later. He moved to Finchingfield in 1945, where he is the tower Master.

An encouraging report was received on the past year: 18 peals and 42 quarters, including many firsts, had been rung.

Mr. Les Mills appealed for support for the exhibition of bellringing at the "Olde Tyme Rallye" at Sudbury in June, when the Whitechapel Foundry will have its steel-framed open tower on view.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Western District

The last Western District meeting of 1968 was held at All Souls', Haley Hill, on December 14th. Although the weather was cold, the meeting was well attended, with at least 60 members taking part in the ringing.

A hot tea was served in the Parish Hall by the local company. The business meeting followed, presided over by the vice-president, Mr. W. Barton. Ten new members were elected and the next meeting was fixed for March 15th at Skipton.

After the meeting ringing was resumed at Halifax Parish Church. Methods rung on the 12 were Plain Bob and Little Bob and Stedman and Grandsire Cinques. Unfortunately, ringing had to be terminated at 7.45 p.m. because of an organ recital in the church. A. B. S.

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DATE TOUCHES

BAKEWELL, DERBYS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,968 Plain Bob Major (A. F. Lewry): J. D. Arkwell 1, A. M. Smith 2, G. W. Hawksworth 3, S. E. Davis 4, Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith 5, B. Bateman 6, C. L. Bateman 7, T. Wylie (cond.) 8. First date touch by all except conductor.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On Dec. 31st, 1,968 Bob Major: G. Peters 1, Pauline Smith 2, J. Davidge 3, A. H. Smith 4, P. Ford 5, D. James 6, D. Robinson 7, A. J. Smith (cond.) 8.

NORTHLEIGH, OXON.—On Dec. 31st, 1,968 Pl. Bob Minor: E. D. Patching 1, Susan M. Holden 2, Hilary Osborne 3, T. G. Holden 4, J. F. List 5, P. G. Holden (comp. and cond.) 6. Half-muffled for the watch-night service. Also on Jan. 1st, 1,969 Plain Bob Minor: E. D. Patching 1, Susan M. Holden 2, Hilary Osborne 3, T. G. Holden 4, J. F. List 5, P. G. Holden (comp. and cond.) 6, Rung at midnight for the New Year. The first date touch of 1969.

ALDEBURGH, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Ruth Bedford 1, S. Bedford 2, Ruth Woodman 3, V. Bedford 4, P. Bedford (cond.) 5, T. Boast (first quarter) 6.

ALDRIDGE, STAFFS.—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Sylvia Langford (first quarter) 1, N. White 2, J. P. Burton 3, R. Riley 4, J. L. Humphreys 5, S. Arrowsmith 6. For Evensong. Also on Dec. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Cynthia Humphreys 1, Margaret Westwood 2, J. P. Burton 3, M. Allery 4, J. L. Humphreys 5, Daphne Appleby 6. For New Year's service, also a compliment to Margaret Westwood, shortly to be married.

ASHFORD, KENT.—On Dec. 17th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Helen Rowland 1, Margaret Jones 2, R. A. Swift 3, F. G. Hucksteep 4, D. C. Manger 5, N. J. Davies (cond.) 6, R. Swift 7, J. Wood 8. First in method 1, 3. For Confirmation service, when Margaret Clark, a member of the local band, was confirmed.

ASH PRIORS, SOM.—On Dec. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Frances Gadd 1, F. Morris 2, A. W. Knight 3, F. Pike 4, R. A. C. Cross (cond.) 5, A. Cross 6. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Hancock.

BALDERTON, NOTTS.—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. L. Exton (cond.) 1, R. B. Mills 2, D. Phillipson 3, J. Shonfeld 4, C. W. Reed 5, Beryl N. Reed 6, H. Poyner 7, Christine L. J. Mills 8. A wedding compliment to Miss Felicity Dickens and Mr. Peter Brazier.

BARMING, KENT.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Cox 1, Sandra Gunner 2, A. Skinner (cond.) 3, J. Marden 4, W. Manser 5, T. Crocker 6.

BELTON, LINCS.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Elaine Pearson 1, Judith Arsand 2, J. Selby 3, D. Arsand 4, S. A. Selby 5, M. A. Rose (cond.) 6. First Minor 1, 2, 4 and 5. For carol festival.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Dec. 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. G. Spittle 1, Kathleen E. Chilcott 2, R. J. Cook 3, Juliet S. Stoy 4, N. Thomson 5, A. L. Bance 6, S. F. Kimber (cond.) 7, A. G. Clark 8. Also on Dec. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. G. Talbot 1, A. G. Clark 2, P. D. Dawson-Taylor 3, B. J. Stone 4, D. G. Spittle 5, R. C. Stevens 6, S. F. Kimber (cond.) 7, L. A. Reece 8.

BISHOPSTOKE, HANTS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Doubles: A. Guille 1, J. Hallett (cond.) 2, R. Lamerchel 3, J. P. Collins 4, Linda V. Cull 5, T. J. Frodsham 6, Philippa E. Morriss 7, M. Anstee 8. For Christmas. Also on Dec. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. P. Collins 1, Linda V. Cull 2, M. Anstee 3, T. J. Frodsham (cond.) 4, J. C. Hallett 5, A. L. Guille 6. A birthday compliment to Linda V. Cull.

BRISTOL.—At St. Mary Redcliffe, on Dec. 11th, 1,274 St. Clement's and Grandsire Triples: Miss C. Cockin (first quarter) 1, N. P. Hancock 2, Miss J. Murrell 3, R. Sweet 4, W. Adams 5, S. Badman 6, B. F. Hancock (cond.) 7, S. Gillett 8. First by all the band. For Confirmation.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of SS. Philip and Jacob, on Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: B. Martin 1, E. Bowden 2, B. Shackelton 3, R. Bowden 4, D. Powney 5, B. North 6, G. Land 7, W. Gearing 8. For candlelight carol service.

BUDOCK, CORNWALL.—On Dec. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret A. B. Weston (first as cond.) 1, Barbara A. Duck 2, D. Stevens 3, P. Jeans 4, G. W. Riddy (first "inside") 5, W. S. Pryor 6.

BURMARSH, KENT.—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): T. H. Fagg 1, Mrs. M. Watts 2, Miss A. Rayner 3, Mrs. R. Wratten 4, B. Watts (cond.) 5, W. Beaching 6. For Holy Communion.

QUARTER PEALS

CARDIGAN.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: Sally Griffiths (first quarter) 1, Mrs. Jean Thomas 2, A. F. Walters (cond.) 3, Pamela M. Turner 4, D. H. Walters 5, D. J. Morgan (first on tenor) 6. A compliment to the Mayor, Cclr. D. P. Griffiths (tower secretary and Guild auditor), and the Mayoress of Cardigan. Also on Dec. 31st, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: D. P. Griffiths 1, Rosalie Andrews (first quarter) 2, A. F. Waters (cond.) 3, D. E. P. Watkins (first quarter) 4, J. B. Wilson 5, D. J. Morgan 6.

CHIGWELL, ESSEX.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss L. Tibbitts 1, Mrs. J. Sledge 2, G. Walker (cond.) 3, J. Murfitt 4, P. Dickinson 5, T. Willis 6. For carol service. Also on Dec. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss S. Thomas 1, G. Walker 2, Miss L. Grindrod 3, D. Tovell (first Minor) 4, P. Dickinson 5, J. Murfitt (cond.) 6. For Midnight Eucharist.

COLCHESTER (Shrub End), ESSEX.—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. Gibbons (first quarter) 1, P. Schafie 2, D. Cobb (cond.) 3, A. Wright (first "inside") 4, D. Whent 5, C. Coulson 6. For Matins.

COMPTON BISHOP, SOM.—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Betty Goodwin (first quarter) 1, Susan Stott 2, H. Hooper (cond.) 3, A. Peters 4, S. Bendle 5, F. A. Hooper 6. For Matins.

COSGROVE, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): Miss J. Kingston (first quarter) 1, G. Kingston 2, E. J. Lambert 3, R. Woodward 4, E. R. Lambert (cond.) 5, Miss H. Richardson (first quarter) 6. For carol service.

COWBRIDGE, GLAM.—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (6, 7 cover): W. E. Morgan 1, Joan M. Weddell 2, A. W. Thomas 3, J. H. Thomas 4, W. G. Morgan (first as cond.) 5, A. Charles (first quarter) 6, W. J. L. Groom 7, H. V. Woods (first quarter) 8. For the dedication of a memorial clock to the late Harold G. Blick, tower captain and ringer for over 50 years, presented by his widow and family.

CRONDALL, HANTS.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. Jinks 1, R. Reed 2, E. Futcher (first Doubles) 3, Miss A. Rowe 4, J. Collier (cond.) 5, A. Kersey 6. First quarter 1, 2, 4. For carol service.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist: J. Knipe 1, Miss C. Tickner 2, G. Fisher 3, N. G. T. Steere 4, N. Brown 5, R. C. Stevens (cond.) 6, A. Brown 7, M. Parry 8.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Whale 1, Janet Pink 2, R. Fisher 3, B. Osborne 4, C. Hillier (cond.) 5, P. Barrett 6. For carol service.

DUNKERTON, SOM.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Rosemary Gooding (13, first quarter) 1, S. C. Davis 2, T. Barrett (14, first "inside") 3, V. J. Bowring 4, Thelma Kidley (13, first quarter) 5, A. F. Batt 6. Conducted by 2 and 4. First quarter by locally-trained S.S. band. For morning service.

EARDISLEY, HEREFORDS.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: F. R. Harris 1, J. W. Hope 2, H. Istance (first Surprise "inside") 3, M. Turner 4, T. Bound 5, R. A. Hatcher (cond.) 6.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: Pauline Sutton 1, J. M. Hollyman 2, R. J. Everest 3, M. C. May 4, E. J. Jenner 5, P. R. Everest 6, R. P. Sherlock 7, B. E. Jeffrey (cond.) 8.

ELHAM, KENT.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rachel J. Sinden 1, Anne Barber 2, Elizabeth A. Todd 3, Pamela Court 4, G. L. Webb 5, R. A. Birch (cond.) 6, P. C. Sinden 7, J. Hedgcock 8.

EPSOM, SURREY.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,282 Yorkshire Royal: Felicity Hamilton (first T.B. Royal) 1, J. Davidge 2, R. D. Mills 3, Jill Oakshott 4, R. C. Stevens 5, P. Munday 6, N. Thomson 7, T. Skilton (first Surprise Royal) 8, J. Scnofield 9, S. F. Kimber (cond.) 10. First Yorkshire Royal 2, 3, 4 and 6.

FAWLEY, HANTS.—On Dec. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. C. Banks 1, L. D. Smith 2, Catherine A. Roberts 3, Susan V. Banks 4, Elizabeth A. Banks (first Minor as cond.) 5, R. Allinson 6. For Evensong. Also on Dec. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: L. D. Smith 1, Susan V. Banks (first as cond.) 2, Catherine A. Roberts 3, M. G. Wills 4, Elizabeth A. Banks 5, L. V. Smith 6. For the wedding of Susan Allinson to Mr. Roger Arblaster. Also on Dec. 16th, 1,260 Doubles (18 meth./var.): G. W. Murley (first attempt) 1, L. D. Smith 2, Catherine A. Roberts 3, Elizabeth A. Banks 4, D. C. Jackson (cond.) 5, Susan V. Banks 6. Also on Dec. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: L. D. Smith 1, Elizabeth A. Banks 2, Catherine A. Roberts (first as cond.) 3, R. Allinson 4, Susan V. Banks 5, L. V. Smith 6. For Family Communion.

FOLKESTONE, KENT.—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Vivenne M. Dye 1, G. L. Webb 2, Anne Barber 3, Rachel J. Sinden 4, J. Hedgcock 5, P. C. Sinden 6, A. P. S. Berry (cond.) 7, J. F. Welland 8.

FORDHAM, CAMBS.—On Dec. 11th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Miss G. C. M. Carter (first quarter) 1, Mrs. R. J. Palmer 2, C. L. Bell 3, R. J. Palmer 4, M. Brown 5, A. M. Barber (cond.) 6.

GOSFIELD, ESSEX.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: I. Messenger (first quarter) 1, Mrs. M. Moore 2, Miss S. Burdon 3, H. Moore 4, F. Roper 5, R. Threadgold (cond.) 6. Rung for 1969.

GREAT CHEVERELL, WILTS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Sturgess 1, Janet Pink 2, B. Osborne 3, P. Barrett 4, D. Bailey (cond.) 5, R. Whiting 6.

GREENWICH, LONDON.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Long 1, Barbara Leigh 2, Barbara Mayers (first in method) 3, Freda Cannon 4, R. Grant 5, J. Dafters 6, D. Hollis (cond.) 7, J. Machell 8. For Evensong.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: G. Horritt 1, Cecille Forgan (first Triples "inside") 2, Josephine Trigg 3, P. Cranfield 4, R. H. Vigor 5, M. R. Worthington 6, A. R. Agg (cond.) 7, A. W. Gentle 8.

PIDDLETRENTHIDE, DORSET.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire and Pl. Bob Doubles: J. Marshall 1, C. Tidwell 2, P. Board 3, J. Vardy 4, E. Amey (cond.) 5.

PINXTON, NOTTS.—On Christmas Eve, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: B. A. Jones 1, L. G. Smith (first as cond.) 2, W. Adcock (first in method) 3, J. Adcock (first in method) 4, E. J. Sollis (first "inside") 5. First quarter on the bells.

PORTISHEAD, SOM.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. C. Gale 1, R. J. Dale 2, D. J. Gale 3, R. J. Gale 4, A. J. Gould 5, D. Dando 6, Rev. R. O. Fry (cond.) 7, D. R. Hill 8. To herald the Christmas Festival.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: W. L. Weller (cond.) 1, A. V. Corden 2, M. Etherington 3, H. W. Franklin 4, D. Barton 5, R. Heaseman 6. First Stedman Doubles by all the band. For Parish Communion.

RUSHDEN, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: B. Hodgekins 1, Ann Smith 2, S. Hodgekins 3, G. Muncey 4, R. Whitworth 5, T. G. Smith (cond.) 6. For candlelight carol service.

ST. HELENS, LANCS.—At St. Thomas' Church, on Dec. 13th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): F. Latham 1, D. C. Simpson 2, J. Dunbavin 3, R. G. Latham 4, G. K. Austin (cond.) 5, G. H. Hurst 6.

SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX.—On Dec. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Mumford (first quarter) 1, L. Pitstow 2, R. Collins 3, Miss J. Sanderson 4, Miss M. Kemp 5, F. Harper (cond.) 6.

SANDON, ESSEX.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. P. L. Saltmarsh 1, Judy Harrison 2, C. M. J. Saltmarsh 3, P. W. Saltmarsh (cond.) 4, R. J. Harrison 5, D. Jennings 6. First quarter 1, 3. For the Festival of Carols. Also on Dec. 26th, 1,320 Pl. Bob Doubles: Rev. A. J. Abbey (first quarter) 1, Judy Harrison 2, C. M. J. Saltmarsh 3, P. W. Saltmarsh (cond.) 4, R. J. Harrison 5, J. P. L. Saltmarsh 6. For the Feast of St. Stephen.

SCUNTHORPE, LINCS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss F. A. Lacey 1, Mrs. J. E. Finn 2, H. Judd 3, W. Bains 4, J. H. Selby 5, F. T. Lacey 6, F. Lord (cond.) 7, P. R. Lacey 8.

SHELFORD, NOTTS.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,280 Rev. Shipway's Place Bob Doubles: A. Lazzerini 1, Mrs. D. Bradley 2, D. Lazzerini 3, F. Bradley 4, B. Mills (cond.) 5. Also on Nov. 10th, 1,320 St. Gregory Bob Doubles. Also on Nov. 17th, 1,260 New Bob Doubles. Also Nov. 25th, 1,280 Rev. New Bob Doubles. Also on Dec. 1st, 1,280 Rev. Huntapill Bob Doubles. Also on Dec. 8th, 1,260 St. Vedast Bob Doubles. Also on Dec. 15th, 1,280 Rev. St. Vedast Bob Doubles. Also on Dec. 29th, 1,280 St. Julian Bob Doubles. All for Evensong by the same band.

SHRIVENHAM, BERKS.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (6, 7, 8 covering): C. R. Miles 1, R. T. Irish 2, G. Moss 3, L. N. Melton (cond.) 4, F. G. Baxter 5, C. I. J. Pearce 6, R. Partridge 7, P. Anger 8. For the Feast of St. Andrew.

SHIPTON GORGE, DORSET.—On Dec. 24th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: J. C. Sawtell 1, T. A. Hiller 2, D. B. Ellery 3, M. J. Hiller (cond.) 4. For Christmas by Bradpole ringers.

CORRECTIONS & AMENDMENTS

Correction to the book "Method Splicing—Major". On page 65 course (B) should read:

LX—BBB—XL—

Four times repeated=1120

Not as printed or "miscorrected" in recently-bought copies.—Giles B. Thompson.

The ringer of the tenor in the peal at Pershore, Worcs, on November 23rd, was Arthur C. Berry and not as submitted.

Through the transposition of a line the footnote to the quarter peal of Little Bob Maximus at Cambridge (page 25) was mixed up. It should read: "First in the method by all. A farewell to John Rank, who is leaving Cambridge to take up an appointment in Kenya."

In the peal at Shirley, Warks (page 952), the ringer of the seventh was Michael J. Medley.

DEDICATION

ECKINGTON, WORCS

There was a very large congregation, with many people standing, for a service of dedication of the restored and augmented ring of bells, combined with the Christmas service, in Holy Trinity Church, Eckington. The collection (£22 3s.) went towards the bell fund.

The Rev. P. Chippendale took the service, and the dedication was by the Ven. P. C. Eliot, Archdeacon of Worcester.

The original six bells had served the church for nearly 250 years, and as they had become unsafe it was decided that a major overhaul should be undertaken. The bells were taken last March to John Taylor's Foundry to be overhauled and tuned, with all new fittings, and hung on a steel frame, at a cost of £2,700. This included the provision of two additional bells to make a complete ring of eight. All the visiting ringers agreed that the bellfounders had made a first-class job of the old six.

The inscription on the new treble is: "In loving memory of William Thomas Perks, 2nd Worcs, killed in France, April 17th, 1918, also of his wife Delilah Flora Perks, died March 5th, 1956."

On the second new bell was: "These two bells were given by their family 1968. Rev. P. D. Chippendale, F. R. Perks, J.P., Churchwarden, K. R. Vickridge, Churchwarden, John Taylor & Co., Loughborough."

After the dedication the bells were officially rung for the first time by eight Eckington ringers: D. Trenfield 1, F. R. Perks 2, J. Hussell 3, W. Bulford 4, John Wainwright 5, R. Loxley 6, R. Draper 7, R. Hickmott 8.

R. P.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

The Mid-Devon Branch held its annual meeting at Dartmouth on January 11th, when three towers were open for ringing and the service was held at St. Saviour's Church, conducted by the Rev. Mr. Turner, assistant priest.

After tea in the Bay Tree Café, the business meeting followed, with Rev. D. P. Angold in the chair. The meeting stood in silence as a tribute to the late Capt. A. R. Poyntz, of Teignmouth, and to Mr. A. L. Bennett, who had suffered a family bereavement.

The secretary's and treasurer's reports were both adopted, the latter showing a satisfactory balance in hand. Officers appointed were: Chairman, Rev. D. P. Angold; secretary and treasurer, Mr. B. Tuckett; Ringing Master, Mr. R. Edden; members to serve on the general committee, Rev. W. P. Dowling, Messrs. B. E. Bartlett and J. Kelly.

Two non-resident members and ten ordinary members were elected, and great appreciation was expressed to the retiring secretary, Mr. R. F. Shepperd, who was leaving the district.

Next meeting: Teignmouth, April 25th (subject to permission). A. L. B.

Forthcoming cover issues booked for the next four weeks are: January 31st, Chittlehampton, Devon; February 7th, St. Giles', Lincoln; February 14th, Shoreditch, London; February 21st, Solihull. February 28th and March 7th are vacant. We expect those ringers booking dates to make a contribution towards the cost of the cover block and to sell 50 copies.

OBITUARY

MR. JOHN LEONARD BLAGG

His many friends learned with sorrow of the death of John Blagg, who passed away peacefully in his sleep on the night of January 4th, at the age of 76. Although not a native of Plymouth, in his few short years in that city he endeared himself to everyone with whom he came in contact. Until the time of his death, very few people even knew his Christian names and he was known to all as "Mr. Blagg".

He learned to ring about 58 years ago at Retford, where he became organist. His wife died in 1950 and shortly after he made his home with his son-in-law and daughter in Bristol. The family moved to Plymouth in 1959.

He was a gentle, unassuming man, whose only disability was deafness; nevertheless, with the assistance of a hearing aid, he was able to strike a bell with the best, and he became a valued member of the band of Emmanuel, Plymouth His parish church, however, was St. Mary's, Plympton, and he would frequently join the local call-change band at practice and in ringing for special services.

He was known not only for his capabilities as a ringer: he was also an accomplished organist, and St. Mary's and many other churches in the area have good reason to be grateful for his services, often at very short notice.

The funeral service at St. Mary's on January 8th, prior to interment at Greenford, Middlesex, was conducted by the Vicar, the Ven. F. A. J. Matthews, who spoke with great effection of Mr. Blagg's life and work, and praised his great devotion to his church, not only as an organist and ringer but as a regular communicant. The bells were rung half-muffled before and after the service by members of Emmanuel and St. Mary's bands. The choir of St. Mary's sang the lovely anthem "I heard a voice from Heaven".

At St. Mary's in the evening of the same day a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung as a last token of respect to one whose friendship will be sorely missed. May he rest in peace. R. A. S.

H. H. T writes: "By West Country standards Mr. Blagg should still have been almost a stranger in our midst, but not so in his case: he very soon endeared himself to everyone with whom he came into contact. . . . His cheerful disposition was a tonic to all."

MR. ROBERT TAIT

The death occurred in Dublin last November, at an advanced age, of Mr. Robert Tait. His ringing career extended over six decades. A pupil of Gabriel Lindoff early in the century, he succeeded him as keeper of the belfry at St. Patrick's Cathedral in 1941. This position he held for 20 years: ill-health caused him to retire from ringing six years ago. He had rung 13 peals, his first being Stedman Triples in 1907, recorded as the "heaviest peal of Triples yet rung." Later he rang Kent and Erin, and after service in the R.A.M.C. during the First World War Grandsire and Bob Royal. R.I.P.

MR. HERBERT BURRY

Mr. Herbert Burry passed away on December 22nd after 50 years' faithful service as sacristan and parish clerk at St. Mary's Church, Calne, Wilts.

He started to ring in 1927, and when the bells were rehung in 1928 and a new band formed with the object of introducing change-ringing he took over as captain and tower keeper. The band progressed with Herbert in charge, first with Doubles and then on to Triples and Major, with Stedman Triples a regular feature of Sunday service ringing.

When the ban on ringing was lifted after the war and until the local R.A.F. camps were closed, several Servicemen joined in service and practice ringing, and they will remember with gratitude the welcome they received from Herbert when they visited St. Mary's belfry. He was a member of the Cumberland Youths and for many years he was Branch Ringing Master. In 1964 he had to give up ringing on his doctor's instructions, and the Salisbury Guild made him an honorary life member.

The funeral was conducted by Canon O'Hanlon, Vicar, and was attended by civic leaders and representatives of most organisations and businesses in the town, showing the esteem for his devotion to duty in his work for his beautiful parish church.

Ringers present included the president of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild and Mrs. West, of Melksham, and all elected officers of the Calne Branch, with members from most towers.

W. A. H.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.

The only change in the officers at the A.G.M. of the Northern District at Hitchin on January 4th was Miss M. Roden becoming Press representative in place of Mr. R. Worthington, who was appointed assistant Ringing Master. Dr. Gullick was elected to the general committee and Mr. J. Trigg to the District committee. New members elected were W. L. Gates, G. Horrit, M. Cranfield and B. Dear and J. McCutcheon, and P Jones as probationers.

The list of towers for meetings, submitted by the committee, was approved, and Surprise practices are to be continued, although not always on a Tuesday.

The Rev. R. E. Meredith took the service and tea was served in the Church House. Evening ringing ranged from rounds to Bristol Surprise

May we again remind ringers who have rung 25 peals or more during 1968 to send details of totals rung (tower and "in hand") and the number conducted to Mr. Geo. E. Thoday, 62, Young Street, Cambridge, who is compiling a list of leading peal ringers of 1968.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. John Brain completed the Grandsire family by collecting the Doubles in a peal at Clapton-in-Gordano, Somerset, recently. His sequence was Cinques first, then Caters, Triples and finally Doubles! Certainly unusual!

The Mayor of Cardigan (Cclr. D. P. Griffiths) is secretary of Cardigan tower and auditor to St. David's Guild. A compliment was rung to the Mayor and Mayoress on December 27th.

The quarter peal rung at Romford, Essex, on the departure of Clive Temperton to his native Yorkshire also marks his return to serious ringing after an accident in which he lost part of two fingers. An example to any others with similar adversity to face.

The bells at St. Andrew's, Headington, Oxon, were half-muffled in memoriam at morning service on January 12th for Richard (Dick) Taylor (91), for many years verger and bell-ringer.

Miss Jean Sanderson, of 1, Orchard Gate, Melbourn, Royston, Herts, is the new secretary of the Cambridge District of Ely Diocesan Association. Mr. B. Pratt, who has retired, replaces Mr. H. F. Churchman (resigned) on the District committee

With the peal at Newark of Cambridge Surprise Royal on December 26th, J. C. Millhouse has now rung 50 peals each of Cambridge family Minor to Maximus. He is probably the first to do this.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

DORSET 5-BELL TOWER "CONQUERED"

At the third attempt over a period of five years the heavy-going ring of five at Winterbourne Whitchurch, a quiet village on the A354 near Blandford, has been finally rung to a peal.

The deep-booming bells with a short draught have presented a challenge for some years, largely due to the movement of the oak frame. In one of the previous attempts—April 19th, 1965—the tenor slipped wheel in the last 720, only five extents from home.

After the successful attempt on December 28th we were congratulated by the Rector (Rev. Mr. Lowrie) on our efforts. Details of the bells, by C. Dalton, are:—

Treble.—1672, recast by Warner's 1866.

Second.—William Tosier, of Salisbury, 1730.

Third.—Pre-Reformation, Salisbury Foundry.

Fourth.—1608.

Tenor.—Abram Bilbie, 1768, recast by Warner's 1866.

The tenor measures 40 inches and is in G. Weight 12 cwt.? The bells are a minor five (approximately the front five of an eight). The frame and fittings are early 20th century by Barwells, of Birmingham, their only job in Dorset. G. K. D.

CROSTHWAITE'S FINE RINGING CHAMBER

Crosthwaite (Keswick) handbell ringers have enriched their church considerably by their gifts. These include a panoramic view table under the tower and a book trolley, a great boon to the sidesmen.

The ringing chamber has been replastered and painted and the lower portions of the walls have been panelled and lined with cupboards down one side.

When the new floor covering, which is in hand, is put down Crosthwaite Church will have one of the finest ringing chambers in the North.

ILCHESTER BRANCH NEWS

Members of the Branch were active over Christmas and the New Year. On Christmas Eve seven towers were visited and touches rung: otherwise some of these towers would have been silent.

Between 25 and 30 ringers attended the practice meeting on January 4th at Chilton Cantelo, which has a pleasant if somewhat noisy five (10½ cwt.). Mr. Paul Field was in charge and the programme included rounds, call-changes, Plain Bob, Grandsire, Stedman, New Bob, Clifford's Pleasure, Winchendon Place and St. Simon. The visitors were welcomed by the Rev. Douglas White and Mr. D Brake.

A Branch buffet supper with skittles will be held at the Devonshire Arms, Long Sutton, on February 11th at 7.15 p.m. Tickets (7/6) from the Branch secretary, Mrs. M. M. Legget.

THE LAST OF THE 1900 CHINNOR BAND

Mr. Wm. Clarke, of 18, St. Andrew's Road, Chinnor, Oxford, informs us that his brother, Henry, who died on November 28th, was the last of the band at Chinnor who rang on December 31st, 1900. He was taught by the late Mr. William Fletcher, who rang later for many years at Beaconsfield, Bucks. Mr. Fletcher was the only method ringer in the band.

IN NEW YEAR'S HONOUR

In the New Year's Honours the M.B.E. went to Major Philip H. Tocock, 1st Royal Tank Regiment. During the two years his regiment has been based at Catterick Camp, Major Tocock has been a regular service ringer at St. Cuthbert's, Darlington, and has conducted, or taken part in, a number of peals in northern towers. In December he conducted his first peal of Surprise Major—4-spliced — at St. Cuthbert's. His home is in Oxford.

THE EMPTY PLACE

Mr. Dennis Mottershead writes: At the Society of Rambling Ringers' Reunion last February one empty place was laid. The idea behind this was to receive, on the empty plate, a collective donation to one of the world food aid organisations.

At the short meeting held for sundry business during out summer tour, it was agreed to incorporate this regularly at future reunions. We should like to acquaint readers of "The Ringing World" with the idea for their own consideration, if they are already aware of it. Our particular donation was sent to Christian Aid.

NOTE. — A halfpenny per person per week represents approximately 2/- per person per year. Reckoning an average of 60 such contributions at two-thirds of the 50 or so dinners held annually, the total works out at £200. These figures speak for themselves.

PEALS AT GORING

For the second time in 1968 a peal was rung at Goring-on-Thames, Oxon, by a band composed wholly of local Sunday service ringers. The first peal was of Grandsire Triples on September 28th, the second of Plain Bob Major on December 21st. Each peal had a different conductor, but in both cases it was their first peal as conductor. The youngest member of the band on both occasions was Malvin Tull (aged 13) on the treble, and the youngest "inside" ringer was Carol Tull (aged 15). The band hope to attempt more ambitious methods this year.

RUDDINGTON BELLS AT THE FOUNDRY

The bells of St. Peter's, Ruddington, Notts, have been sent to the Loughborough Foundry for recasting at a cost of about £2,500. All being well, the eight bells will be back for the harvest festival next autumn, lighter and higher pitched than before. (Present tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in E.)

In recent years cracks have started to appear both inside and outside the tower. These are attributed to the weight of the bells. The bells are now to be hung in one tier lower in the tower.

Before recasting, Messrs. John Taylor will cut out the inscriptions of the old bells for preservation. The oldest bell almost certainly came from Flawford and is believed to have been cast by Mellors, of Nottingham, circa 1500. The second, third, fourth and fifth are 17th century and the sixth 1763.

Flawford Church, from where four of the bells are reputed to have come, was demolished in 1771, the bells having been taken to the chapel at Ruddington some years before. The chapel was consecrated as the parish church in 1773 and a new church was built in 1884. Two bells were added in 1897 to commemorate the diamond jubilee of Queen Victoria.

CAMBRIDGE MINOR

By Elizabeth M. Barber

I know perfectly well
That I'm third's place bell:
And I know—can't you see?
Just where I should be!
The fact that at present
I'm not always there
Is no indication
Of lack of due care
In learning the method.
I'm two places out?
I know perfectly well,
So there's no need to shout!
In learning the method
I spent many days
And I think that this effort
Should merit some praise.
I've missed out the places?
You're out of your mind!
Look, I've run up to sixth's
And I'm dodging behind
Which is perfectly right
If I'm third's place bell,
Which is just what I am—
I KNOW PERFECTLY WELL!!

ANDREW W. R. WILBY'S HERTFORDSHIRE WEEK-END

Eight peals were arranged for the week-end —three on December 6th and four on December 7th. We were to be joined by friends from Dorset, Leicestershire, Yorkshire, Huntingdonshire, Cambridgeshire, Kent, Bedfordshire and London.

The first attempt, Rutland S. Major at Dunstable, was stopped by the local curate after an hour-and-a-quarter's ringing. Apparently there had been some confusion locally and a funeral had been arranged by the curate as he did not know that there was a peal on during the morning.

Cambridge S. Royal was scored at Rickmansworth in the afternoon and Finedon S. Major was rung during the evening at St. Michael's, St. Albans. This peal completed the S. Major alphabet for Mr. Francis Kirk, the local tower captain, and was also his 250th peal. The evening was spent in the Peahen Hotel, where Leicester and Yorkshire deputations joined us.

Three peals were rung on Saturday morning —London S. Major at Baldock, Lincolnshire S. Major at Aspenden and eight Minor methods at Caddington. Unfortunately, the peal of Minor has since turned out to be false: things that shouldn't be spliced together got spliced together!

A rather unsuccessful afternoon was also to be had by all. An attempt for Rutland didn't even start at Cheshunt and 8-spliced Surprise Major at Norton also came to grief through a broken treble rope after an hour-and-a-quarter's very good ringing.

Losing peals on the Saturday afternoon did have its advantages because it gave everybody plenty of time to get to the St. Albans District annual dinner that evening.

Before making our farewells on the Sunday we rang for service at Harpenden (8) and St. Albans Abbey (12) and then had the bonus of an after-service grab at St. Peter's (10).

Our thanks go to all those who met us and the incumbents who gave us permission to ring. A. W. R. W.

ANDREW WILBY'S HERTFORDSHIRE WEEK-END

ALL PEALS FOR THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

RICKMANSWORTH, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
On Fri., Dec. 6, 1968, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 20 cwt. in E flat.

Andrew W. R. Wilby	Treble	Tony Lewis	6
Julia A. Fellows	2	David E. Rothera	7
Mary E. Elmes	3	Philip Mehew	8
A. Stephen Taylor	4	George E. Thoday	9
*Anthony R. Carter	5	Alan R. Patterson	Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe. Conducted by Alan R. Patterson.
* 50th peal.
Rung with the best wishes of the band to Mary E. Elmes on her birthday.

ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Fri., Dec. 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 FINEDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt. in G.

John R. Ketteringham	Treble	*Francis Kirk	5
Timothy F. Collins	2	Roger D. R. Brown	6
Graham W. Elmes	3	Gerald Penney	7
George E. Bonham	4	Thomas J. Lock	Tenor

Composed by John R. Ketteringham. Conducted by Gerald Penney.
* 250th peal, and has now completed the S. Major alphabet. First in the method in the county and for the Association, and for all the band except the ringer of the treble.
A birthday compliment to Walter Ayre.

BALDOCK, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
On Sat., Dec. 7, 1968, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 26½ cwt. in D.

J. Richard Castledine	Treble	Anthony R. Carter	5
Eric Edmondson	2	Brian J. Woodruffe	6
Neil Donovan	3	Gerald Penney	7
Kenneth J. Darvill	4	Stuart Armeson	Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by Gerald Penney.

ASPENDEN, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Dec. 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

Mary E. Elmes	Treble	Graham W. Elmes	5
Frederick W. Ellis	2	George E. Bonham	6
Martin Green	3	George E. Thoday	7
David F. Moore	4	Philip Mehew	Tenor

Composed by S. Humphrey. Conducted by Philip Mehew.

OTHER PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
CITY OF LONDON.—At the Church of St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside.
On Sat., Dec. 21, 1968, in 3 Hours and 39 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 41 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in C.

Robert E. J. Dennis	Treble	*Jeremy R. Pratt	7
Andrew N. Stubbs	2	D. Paul Smith	8
Christopher H. Rogers	3	Philip J. Rothera	9
Andrew J. Corby	4	Kenneth J. Hesketh	10
David E. Rothera	5	J. Alan Ainsworth	11
Richard Hayes	6	Philip A. Corby	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Andrew J. Corby.
* First peal of Surprise Maximus.
Rung on the Feast of St. Thomas-the-Apostle.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
BISHOP'S HULL, Taunton, Somerset.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 62 methods/variations/ spliced compositions in 42 extents: 19 methods: Stedman Slow Course, Coxwell Place, St. Botolph, Union, St. Simon, St. Martin, St. Osmund, Reverse Union, Reverse St. Faith's Slow Course, Reverse St. Julian, St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place, St. Remigius, Minster Bob, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Reverse St. Bartholomew, All Saints and Grandsire; 28 variations and 15 spliced compositions. Tenor 10 cwt. 11 lb. in F.

Leslie H. Arscott	Treble	Mervyn A. Arscott	4
Adrian F. Arscott	2	Keith E. Beale	5
John Cornelius	3	Mervyn R. Arscott	Tenor

Conducted by Keith E. Beale.

WEST BUCKLAND, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Blessed Virgin and the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1968, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 42 methods in 42 extents: Reverse Grandsire, Stedman, Stedman Slow Course, Coxwell Place, St. Botolph, Union, St. Faith's Slow Course, St. Julian, Uffington, Stowe Place, Grandsire, New Grandsire, Antelope, New Antelope, Rugby S.C., Slapton S.C., Merton S.C., Chesham S.C., Broughton S.C., Oakham S.C., Itchingfield S.C., Oakley S.C., Chipstead S.C., Longford S.C., Thornborough S.C., Hascombe S.C., St. Simon, St. Martin, St. Osmund, Westminster II, Blackburn Place St. Hilary, New Bob, Huntspill, St. Vedast, St. Nicholas, Winchendon St. Remigius, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, All Saints, Reverse St. Bartholomew. Tenor 17 cwt.

Mervyn R. Arscott	Treble	Mervyn A. Arscott	4
Arthur H. Reed	2	Keith E. Beale	5
John Cornelius	3	Leslie H. Arscott	Tenor

Conducted by Keith E. Beale.
Most Doubles methods on tower bells for the Association. Most methods for all the band.

SEAVINGTON ST. MARY, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., Nov. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 61 methods/variations/spliced compositions in 42 extents: 17 methods: Stedman, St. Simon, St. Osmund, Reverse Union, Reverse St. Julian, St. Martin, Reverse St. Faith's Slow Course, Winchendon, St. Remigius, St. Nicholas, Reverse St. Bartholomew, All Saints, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, Minster Bob, Reverse St. Sebastian and Grandsire; 28 variations and 16 spliced compositions.
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in B.

Brenda M. Bindon	Treble	*Mervyn A. Arscott	4
Adrian F. Arscott	2	Keith E. Beale	5
John Cornelius	3	Mervyn R. Arscott	Tenor

Conducted by John Cornelius.
* 25th peal and 25th for Association. Most methods, etc., as conductor.
Rung to welcome Rev. R. J. Wood to the living of the parish.

SAMPFORD ARUNDEL, Som.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Sat., Dec. 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Grandsire, St. Clement's College Bob, Childwall College Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. in G sharp.

Mervyn R. Arscott	Treble	*Arthur H. Reed	4
Adrian F. Arscott	2	John Cornelius	5
Leslie H. Arscott	3	Keith E. Beale	Tenor

Conducted by Keith E. Beale.
* 400th peal. First in seven Minor methods by all except ringers of 4th and tenor. First in seven Minor methods as conductor.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
SHARNBROOK, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Dec. 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb. in F sharp.

*Margaret J. Lovell	Treble	Robert L. Piron	4
Kathleen A. Marriott	2	Martyn J. Marriott	5
Anthony H. Smith	3	C. Michael Orme	Tenor

Conducted by Anthony H. Smith.
* First peal.
With best wishes to Keith Fleming and Linda Ellison on the day of their engagement.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
STRATFORD-ON-AVON, Warwickshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Dec. 21st, 1968, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. in E.

Robert B. Blond	Treble	Stanley M. Ruddlesden	6
Jill Riley	2	Fred C. Lyne	7
Reginald W. Rex	3	Alan G. Foster	8
Angela M. Ayres	4	Roger A. Partridge	9
John P. Blond	5	William L. Gilks	Tenor

Composed by Cornelius Charge. Conducted by Robert B. Blond.
Rung to the memory of Harold Huxley, who died on December 20th, 1968.

MONK'S KIRBY, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Edith.
On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1968, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5120 ELFORD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in D.

Ian F. Garvie	Treble	Hubert E. Ashley	5
Peter C. Randall	2	Geoffrey W. Randall	6
Clare F. Dolphin	3	Ernest J. Gower	7
Ian D. Thompson	4	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by Peter Border.
Rung with best wishes for the future happiness of J. Susan Smith and Geoffrey W. Randall.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

LEAMINGTON HASTINGS, Warks.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Dec. 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in five methods, viz.: (1 to 7) Grandsire, (8 to 14) Winchendon Place Bob, (15) St. Nicholas Bob, (16 to 20) Plain Bob, (21 and 22) Grandsire, (23 and 24) Plain Bob, (25 and 26) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, (27) Plain Bob, (28 to 34) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, (35) Plain Bob, (36 to 42) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in E.

Peter C. Randall	Treble	Brian R. Danby	3
*Hugh J. Baker	2	John K. Foot	4
John F. Thorne	Tenor		

Conducted by Peter C. Randall.
* First peal of Doubles.

QUINTON, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Swithun.
On Tues., Dec. 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in three methods, viz.: (1 to 21) Grandsire, (22 to 28) Plain Bob, (29 to 32) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, (33 to 42) Grandsire.

Tenor 13 cwt. 27 lb. in F sharp.

David R. Randall	Treble	Hugh J. Baker	3
John K. Foot	2	Peter H. Mackie	4
Peter C. Randall	Tenor		

Conducted by Peter C. Randall.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DERBY.—At the Cathedral of All Saints.
On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1968, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 lb. in E flat.

*Ian Wilson	Treble	Gordon A. Halls	6
Richard Wilcox	2	George L. Roobottom	7
David K. Walklate	3	Clive Thrower	8
Kevin Betesta	4	David W. Friend	9
John K. Smith	5	Harold Taylor	Tenor

Composed by E. C. Shepherd. Conducted by Gordon A. Halls.
* First peal.

STANTON-BY-DALE, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Thurs., Nov. 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In nine methods, viz.: (1) Carlisle, (2) Norwich, (3) York, (4) Durham, (5) London and Wells, (6) Cambridge, (7) Beverley and Surfleet Surprise.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

Eva Sheppard	Treble	Joyce Chadwick	4
Girling Rigby	2	Denis R. Carlisle	5
Norah Carlisle	3	John V. Chadwick	Tenor

Conducted by John V. Chadwick.

STANTON-BY-DALE, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Tues., Dec 10th, 1968, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In 14 methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge and Primrose, (2) Carlisle, Chester and Munden, (3) Alnwick and Newcastle, (4) York and Durham, (5) London and Wells (6) Beverley and Surfleet, (7) Norwich Surprise.

Tenor 11½ cwt

Jennifer Brackenbury	Treble	John Moore	4
Norah Carlisle	2	John V. Chadwick	5
Joyce Chadwick	3	Denis R. Carlisle	Tenor

Conducted by Denis R. Carlisle and John V. Chadwick.
Most methods to a peal by all.

THE DURHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

BRANCEPETH, Co. Durham.—At the Church of St. Brandon.
On Fri., June 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

*Joanna Mount (St. Aid.)	Treble	P. Gardner	5
Ruth Horwood (St. Mary's)	2	M. A. Beaumont (Van Mild.)	6
C. Holmes (Bede)	3	S. C. Wells (Grey)	7
Jean M. Berriman (St. Hild.)	4	M. E. Johnson (Grey)	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Chesson. Conducted by S. C. Wells.
* First peal

BISHOP AUCKLAND, Co. Durham.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in G.

Jean M. Berriman (St. Hild.)	Treble	C. Holmes (Beale)	4
M. E. Johnson	2	M. A. Beaumont (Van Mild.)	5
P. Gardner	3	S. C. Wells (Grey)	Tenor

Conducted by S. C. Wells.
On the occasion of the Society's annual dinner.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CAMBRIDGE.—At the University Church of Great St. Mary.
On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1968, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 27 cwt. 13 lb. in C sharp.

Philip J. Rothera	Treble	Frank E. Haynes	6
Donald F. Murfet	2	Kenneth J. Hesketh	7
Peter G. Brown	3	John G. Gipson	8
David E. Rothera	4	*James L. Towler	9
Christopher M. P. Johnson	5	Brian D. Threlfall	Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe. Conducted by Kenneth J. Hesketh.
* 300th peal.
Rung after meeting short for Maximus.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

CHELMSFORD, Essex.—At the Cathedral of SS. Mary-the-Virgin, Peter and Chad.
On Sat., Dec. 28, 1968, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 34 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in C sharp.

*Donald F. Murfet	Treble	David E. Rothera	7
Josephine A. Quilter	2	John G. Gipson	8
*Keith W. Brown	3	James L. Towler	9
Peter G. Brown	4	Alan F. Scholfield	10
Kenneth J. Hesketh	5	Brian D. Threlfall	11
Joe E. G. Roast	6	Philip J. Rothera	Tenor

Composed by Peter Border. Conducted by David E. Rothera.
* First peal on 12 bells.

STANFORD-LE-HOPE, Essex.—At the Church of St. Margaret-of-Antioch.
On Thurs., Dec. 5, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's variation. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in G.

*C. John Warboys	Treble	John W. Stephenson	5
Alfred J. House	2	Frank V. Gant	6
Herbert E. Audsley	3	David E. Belcham	7
Frank C. May	4	Peter M. Fleckney	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Peter M. Fleckney.
* First peal of Major. Alfred J. House has now "circled the tower".

HORNCHURCH, Essex.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Tues., Dec. 24, 1968, in 3 Hours.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 19½ cwt. in E flat.

*Peter J. Sippitt	Treble	Christopher C. M. Pain	5
Colin E. Wright	2	Frank V. Gant	6
Joan M. Peacock	3	John W. Stephenson	7
Sydney Penfold	4	Alfred J. House	Tenor

Composed by J. E. Burton. Conducted by Colin E. Wright.
* First peal
Rung for the Festival of Christmas.

COLCHESTER, Essex.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Dec. 28, 1968, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 17 lb. in E flat.

Edward P. Duffield	Treble	Philip J. Rothera	5
Kenneth J. Hesketh	2	James L. Towler	6
Josephine A. Quilter	3	Harry J. Millatt	7
David E. Rothera	4	Peter G. Brown	Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by Kenneth J. Hesketh.

SOUTH WEALD, Essex.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Dec. 7, 1968, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of St. Clement's and five of Plain Bob.

Tenor 15 cwt.

*John A. Foster	Treble	†Gordon I. Lucas	4
†S. Dennis Stott	2	David E. Belcham	5
Harry Turner	3	Peter M. Fleckney	Tenor

Conducted by Harry Turner.
* First peal attempt. † First in more than one method.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Fri., Dec. 27, 1968, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Wratten's Collection, No. 146. Tenor 23 cwt. in D.

Peter T. Dale	Treble	Roy D. Mills	6
Judith M. Corby	2	Richard Hayes	7
Christopher Forster	3	Gerald Penney	8
Anthony R. Carter	4	Andrew J. Corby	9
Frank B. Lufkin	5	Andrew W. R. Wilby	Tenor

Conducted by Andrew W. R. Wilby.
First peal of Royal as conductor.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ASPENDEN, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sun., Dec. 22, 1968, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

John R. Ketteringham	Treble	David E. Rothera	5
Peter T. Dale	2	Anthony R. Carter	6
*Katherine S. Hardy	3	Andrew W. R. Wilby	7
Jeffery Bridges	4	*Robert E. Hardy	Tenor

Composed by C. P. Starbuck. Conducted by Andrew W. R. Wilby.
* 25th peal together. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

STEVENAGE, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Fri., Dec. 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

*Peter T. Rumley	Treble	A. Rex Agg	5
*Josephine Trigg	2	David L. Gullick	6
†Gwynneth M. James	3	John R. Leeming	7
Stephen J. Gullick	4	Jack S. Dear	Tenor

Composed by T. S. Worsley. Conducted by David L. Gullick.
* First peal. † First of Major on tower bells. First in the method on the bells, and by all the band except tenor ringer.

Arranged to mark the 250th anniversary of the first peal in the method, and rung in thanksgiving for the success and safe return of Frank Borman, James Lovell and William Anders. Tenor 15 cwt.

BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. James-the-Apostle.
On Sat., Dec. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

David Redfearn	Treble	*John R. Southey	5
Katherine S. Hardy	2	Anthony R. Carter	6
Christopher W. Woolley	3	Robert E. Hardy	7
Roger M. King	4	David A. Carpenter	Tenor

Composed by John R. Ketteringham.
Conducted by Katherine S. Hardy.
* 25th peal. First as conductor on eight.

LANGLEYBURY, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Paul.
On Fri., Dec. 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

H. George Hart	Treble	*Christopher W. Woolley	4
Elsie K. Hart	2	D. Kay Adkins	5
Sara K. D. Woolley	3	Kenneth R. Dunstan	Tenor

Conducted by D. Kay Adkins
* First peal of London Minor on tower bells.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ROCHESTER, Kent.—At the Cathedral Church of Christ and the Blessed Virgin Mary.
On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1968, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 30 cwt. 14 lb. in D.

Lucile M. Corby	Treble	Peter S. Muchlinski	6
Judith M. Corby	2	Andrew W. R. Wilby	7
Richard Hayes	3	Alan F. Scholfield	8
Peter T. Dale	4	Philip A. Corby	9
Keith J. Triplow	5	Andrew J. Corby	Tenor

Composed by P. Border Conducted by Richard Hayes.

BROMLEY, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1968, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

D. Paul Smith	Treble	Michael H. O'Callaghan	5
*Jennifer Quaife	2	†Kenneth J. Rider	6
John W. Smith	3	Simon A. B. Wigg	7
Tony Lewis	4	Martin L. Howe	Tenor

Composed by Simon Humphrey. Conducted by D. Paul Smith.
* First peal of Major "inside". † First in the method. First in the method on the bells. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in F.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, Kent.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Fri., Dec. 27, 1968, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt.

Sheila M. Dobbie	Treble	Herbert E. Audsley	5
Edwin A. Barnett	2	Walter H. Dobbie	6
Frank I. Hairs	3	Philip A. Corby	7
*Ernest J. Ladd	4	James A. D. Woolford	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by E. A. Barnett.
* 50th peal on the bells.
A compliment to Frank I. Hairs on his 80th birthday.

CHELSFIELD, Kent.—At the Church of St. Martin-of-Tours.
On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and St. Clement's College Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in G.

Peter I. Dale	Treble	Ian Wickens	4
*Judith M. Corby	2	Peter S. Muchlinski	5
Phillip A. Butler	3	Richard Hayes	Tenor

Conducted by Richard Hayes.
* 200th peal.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

OLDHAM, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., Dec. 26 1968, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 35 cwt. 4 lb. in C.

*Wyn Pugh	Treble	Christine Andrew	7
Richard S. Starkie	2	Margaret E. Oram	8
Derek Butterworth	3	*Michael D. Fishwick	9
Richard J. Parker	4	Frederick Shallcross	10
Edward Jenkins	5	John H. Fielden	11
Ian H. Oram	6	Jeffrey Brannan	Tenor

Composed by A. S. Hudson. Conducted by Derek Butterworth.
* First 12-bell peal.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CLAYBROOKE, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Dec. 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

Brian L. Burrows	Treble	Christopher M. Sturgess	5
John Jessup	2	*Robin A. Gilliver	6
Jane M. Tooby	3	*K. Paul Gilliver	7
John J. Morris	4	William M. G. Johnson	Tenor

Composed by C. W. Woolley. Conducted by Brian L. Burrows.
* 50th peal together. First in the method by all except the ringers of 6 and tenor

HATHERN, Leicestershire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Dec. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5008 SINGLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

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

Composed and Conducted by Roland Beniston.
* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

LEA, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Helen.
On Sat., Dec. 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Tenor 12½ cwt.

Janet M. Bull	Treble	John M. Blaikie	4
Brian J. Bull	2	Melvyn Rose	5
Jack L. Millhouse	3	George E. Feirn	Tenor

Conducted by George E. Feirn.
Rung to celebrate the wedding of Patricia Lunn and Stephen Green at the above church.

THE LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CARDIFF, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1968, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 26 cwt. 4 lb. in D.

*William T. Petty	Treble	Paul A. Williams	6
†Christopher Ricketts	2	Christopher E. Slade	7
Mary E. Pryor	3	Gwyn I. Lewis	8
Thomas Yeomans	4	Peter S. Bennett	9
*David L. Phillips	5	M. Jack Pryor	Tenor

Conducted by M. Jack Pryor.
* First peal of Royal. † 50th peal. First of Royal as conductor.

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THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
NEWTON NOTTAGE, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

Trevor M. Roderick	Treble	David J. Llewellyn	5
Jacqueline S. King	2	Tudor P. Edwards	6
Donald G. Clift	3	David J. King	7
William A. Theobald	4	Wilfred Williams	Tenor

Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

PETERSTONE-WENTLOOG, Mon.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Dec. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Pritchard's. Tenor 7½ cwt.

Stephen Fenwick	Treble	William J. Goodfellow	5
Gwen Bidgood	2	Rev. G. J. B. Stickland	6
*Ruth E. Havard	3	Paul A. Williams	7
Donald G. Clarke	4	Peter S. Bennett	Tenor

Conducted by Peter S. Bennett.
* 75th peal.

ABERDARE, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Elvan.
On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in G sharp.

James Clatworthy	Treble	†David W. Kerley	4
*E. John Evans	2	†George E. Kerley	5
†Desmond L. Kerley	3	D. Geoffrey Kerley	Tenor

Conducted by James Clatworthy.
* First peal of Minor. † First on six bells. First on six as conductor, and first on the light six.
A farewell to D. G. Kerley who is leaving shortly for Fareham, Hants.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
SWYNNERTON, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in A.

Gordon K. Green	Treble	A. Doreen Edwards	4
Frank R. Morton	2	Geoffrey A. Edwards	5
Thomas P. Barlow	3	*William H. Watkin	Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.
* 100th peal.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
HARWELL, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1968, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

Harry Wells	Treble	Michael Bishop	5
Douglas Jordan	2	*Douglas Bosley	6
James Blond	3	William Gilks	7
*Leonard Cox	4	Robert Blond	Tenor

Composed by J. Carter. Conducted by Robert Blond.
* First peal of Plain Bob Major.

THATCHAM, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1968, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 24 lb. in F.

William Birmingham	Treble	Harry E. Wells	5
Reginald W. Rex	2	Robert M. Ashman	6
Ronald C. Christopher	3	Brian L. Taylor	7
William Butler	4	Michael Hatchett	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by William Butler.
Arranged to commemorate the Rev. B. J. M. Thackeray completing 25 years as Vicar of St. Mary's, Thatcham.

GORING-ON-THAMES, Oxon.—At the Church of St. Thomas-of-Canterbury.
On Sat., Dec. 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

*Malvin Tull	Treble	Michael Hodgkinson	5
*Mary Trent	2	Stephen Franklin	6
*Norman Tull	3	William Irving	7
*Carol Tull	4	J. Anthony Beaumont	Tenor

Conducted by J. Anthony Beaumont.
* First peal in the method. First as conductor.
Rung by Goring Sunday service band in memory of the late Capt. Poyntz. Tenor 8 cwt. 21 lb. in A.

THE OXFORD SOCIETY.
OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Martin and All Saints.
On Sat., Dec. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Thurstans' Four-Part. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

Patricia E. Hibbert	Treble	Frederick A. H. Wilkins	5
Brian R. White	2	Francis A. White	6
John H. Napper	3	John W. T. Hibbert	7
Peter J. Heritage	4	Neil I. Allnatt	Tenor

Conducted by John W. T. Hibbert.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
MOULTON, Northants.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Dec. 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Taylor's Six-Part. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in F.

R. Henman (Committee)	Treble	T. G. Smith (Branch R.M.)	5
Rev. E. G. Orland (Gld Pres.)	2	M. A. Coleman (Branch Sec.)	6
P. I. Chapman (C.C. Rep.)	3	R. J. Cowley (Branch Sec.)	7
A. R. Jones (Branch R.M.)	4	B. R. Care (Branch Sec.)	Tenor

Conducted by Murray A. Coleman.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Tom Tebbutt, died December 11th, 1968, aged 82

ROTHWELL, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1968, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 3 lb. in E flat.

*Pamela B. Dacre	Treble	Jean Marlow	5
*Rona L. Eagle	2	John G. Mitchell	6
†Murray A. Coleman	3	Philip Bosworth	7
†‡Mary R. Coleman	4	Barry J. Davis	Tenor

Arranged by Harry Poyner. Conducted by Barry J. Davis.
* First peal of Major. † 25th together. ‡ 25th peal.

WANSFORD, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Fri., Dec. 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 3 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

Gilbert F. Cowlin	Treble	Roy W. Spencer	4
David Smith	2	Peter M. Fleckney	5
Geoffrey Davis	3	Alfred Waller	Tenor

Conducted by Alfred Waller.
First peal as conductor. Alfred Waller has now "circled the tower".

THE ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.
ST. DAVID'S, Pembrokeshire.—At the Cathedral of St. David.
On Fri., Dec. 27, 1968, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in D.

Susan Harber	Treble	*Richard L. Underwood	5
Gareth H. Jones	2	Paul A. Williams	6
Christopher Ricketts	3	Ellis N. Thomas	7
Nicholas W. H. Simon	4	David S. Bishop	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Richard L. Underwood.
* 75th peal. First in the method for the Guild.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
YORK.—At the Cathedral and Metropolitical Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Dec. 28, 1968, in 4 Hours and 11 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 59 cwt. 51 lb. in B flat.

Maurice F. Edwards	Treble	Martin D. Fellows	7
Roderick W. Pipe	2	Michael J. Fellows	8
Norman J. Goodman	3	David J. Purnell	9
John R. Insley	4	J. Alan Ainsworth	10
James W. Belshaw	5	John A. Anderson	11
James Insley	6	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
LONDON.—At the Church of St. Leonard Shoreditch.
On Sat., Dec. 28, 1968, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5280 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 28 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in C.

Peter Beresford	Treble	John R. Pratchett	7
Susan E. Smith	2	Edward F. P. Bryant	8
Jane Foster	3	John S. Barnes	9
Joan Beresford	4	Derek E. Sibson	10
*Christopher P. Starbuck	5	James A. D. Woolford	11
Peter M. Wilkinson	6	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Conducted by Dennis Beresford.
* First peal of Maximus. First of Bristol Surprise Maximus by all the band, on the bells, and for the Society.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
NORTH BRADLEY, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

Frederick S. Slatford	Treble	†Charles P. Quartley	5
*Norman G. N. Knee	2	†David Orledge	6
George W. Massey	3	David Massey	7
Edgar C. Shepherd	4	Eric J. Hitchins	Tenor

Composed by Trevor B. Worsley. Conducted by George W. Massey.
* First peal in the method "inside". † First in the method.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
OSWESTRY, Salop.—At the Church of St. Oswald.
On Sat., Dec. 21, 1968, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Ernest F. Willcox	Treble	†Michael J. A. Orman	5
*Alan Watkin	2	*David F. Parry	6
M. Cecilia Evans	3	Reginald H. Newton	7
*Keith A. Morgan	4	Philip J. Evans	Tenor

Composed by J. E. Burton. Conducted by Philip J. Evans.
* First peal on eight bells. † First of Major. Tenor 16 cwt.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
BOTTESFORD, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
On Sat., Dec. 21, 1968, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in E flat.

William L. Exton	Treble	Paul Raithby	5
Sheila M. Anthony	2	James W. Raithby	6
Graham J. N. Colborne	3	Geoffrey R. Parker	7
Peter A. Slight	4	Richard A. G. Inglis	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Richard A. G. Inglis.
William L. Exton has now "circled the tower" to peals.

GEDLING, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of All Hallows.
On Fri., Dec. 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 42 extents in six methods, viz.: Plain, Grandsire, Rev. St. Bartholomew, All Saints, Rev. St. Sebastian and Minster.
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in G.

*Jack Dawson	Treble	George A. Dawson	4
†Susan O'Neill	2	†J. Richard Anthony	5
†Robert J. F. Watson	3	‡John R. Rigby	Tenor

Conducted by George A. Dawson.
* First peal on working bell † First of Doubles. ‡ First peal.
First by an all-local band

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
STAFFORD.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1968, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 19 cwt. 11 lb. in E.

Andrew R. Wiggin	Treble	Neville R. Holland	5
Frederic R. Wiggin	2	Frank Beech	6
Ruth A. E. Fairbrother	3	Edward R. Fairbrother	7
Jennifer M. Beech	4	Keith Daniels	Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker. Conducted by Edward R. Fairbrother.
First peal of Triples as conductor
Rung by the Sunday service band.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
THEBERTON, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In four methods, being 21 extents of Grandsire, eight of St. Simon, seven of St. Martin and six of Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

Katharine M. Thorley	Treble	Richard F. Prime	4
J. Martin Thorley	2	Vernon B. Bedford	5
Stephen J. Bedford	3	Harry Archer	Tenor

Conducted by Vernon B. Bedford.
A 1st birthday compliment to A. Deborah M. Thorley, sister of the treble ringer, and a 95th birthday compliment to Mrs. Winifred A. Hinton, their great-grandmother.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
CITY OF LONDON.—At the Church of St. Olave.
On Tues., Dec. 31, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in G.

John R. Ketteringham	Treble	Laurence C. Way	5
Norman Summerhayes	2	Andrew Slade	6
Alan Flood	3	Ian L. Dear	7
John Pladdys	4	C. Martin Press	Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. Davies. Conducted by C. Martin Press.
Rung at the request of the Rector for the passing of 1968, and as a birthday compliment to the conductor's father-in-law

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
WALDRON, Sussex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Dec. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Six-Part. Tenor 12 cwt. 7 lb. in G.

*Geoffrey D. Welch	Treble	John R. Norris	5
†Susan M. Harrison	2	Thos. M. Barlow	6
Ann Harris	3	Alan R. Baldock	7
Ian V. J. Smith	4	Paul Fox	Tenor

Conducted by Alan R. Baldock.
* First peal away from cover † First of Grandsire and on eight bells.
Rung on Holy Innocents' Day.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
RINGWOOD, Hampshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1968, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in E.

Ronald N. Marlow	Treble	David G. Andrews	5
*Faith Riley	2	David Wilson	6
William T. Perrins	3	Frederick E. Collins	7
*Anthony A. Nunn	4	†Leonard T. Perrins	Tenor

Conducted by David Wilson.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal. First as conductor.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
PENSNETT, Dudley, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Mark.
On Thurs., Dec. 19, 1968, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 8 lb. in F sharp.

John Macefield	Treble	Geoffrey Westwood	5
M. Irene Brown	2	Michael J. Fellows	6
Peter J. Brown	3	Robert Edwards	7
Morley P. Tobin	4	Martin D. Fellows	Tenor

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

KINGSWINFORD, Dudley, Staffs.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Dec. 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5,024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in F sharp.

Raymond Smith	Treble	*C. Frederick Jukes	5
M. Irene Brown	2	Robert Edwards	6
Morley P. Tobin	3	Martin D. Fellows	7
Clifford Skidmore	4	Michael J. Fellows	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.
* First peal in the method.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
BRADFORD, Yorkshire.—At the Cathedral of St. Peter.
On Sat., Dec. 28, 1968, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 3 version. Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

Anne P. Leigh	Treble	Christopher M. Movley	6
Patricia Lockwood	2	Ronald Snack	7
W. Eric Critchley	3	Ronald R. Warford	8
Ian North	4	J. Henry Fielden	9
Stephen R. Munday	5	Frederick A. Munday	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.

EAST ARDSLEY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., Dec. 21, 1968, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 ST. MARTIN'S BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

Patricia Lockwood	Treble	Ian North	5
Gail Cater	2	David S. Lockwood	6
Margaret White	3	Alan Clifton	7
Robert Cater	4	Eric Robinson	Tenor

Composed by W. F. Moreton. Conducted by Alan Clifton.
First peal in the method by all the band.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Jane Kellett and Stuart Hodgson.

HALIFAX, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
On Sat., Dec. 21, 1968 in 3 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, being 1,536 Lincolnshire, 1,440 each Yorkshire and Cambridge, and 768 Rutland; with 101 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 28 cwt. 14 lb. in D.

David Whitehead	Treble	John J. Durham	5
Anne P. Leigh	2	Robert A. Beresford	6
W. Eric Critchley	3	Ronald R. Warford	7
Robert H. Jordan	4	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.

BIRSTWITH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Mon., Dec. 23, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

*Harry Winter	Treble	Michael J. Pickup	5
Alan T. Winter	2	David A. Town	6
Peter F. Town	3	Christopher M. Movley	7
*Eric McNally	4	Christopher M. Tuckett	Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knight. Conducted by Christopher M. Tuckett.
* First peal of Major and first in the method. Tenor 11 cwt.

WAKEFIELD, Yorkshire.—At the Cathedral Church of All Saints.
On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

John C. Baldwin	Treble	†George E. Hancock	5
Ralph G. Edwards	2	‡Alan Clifton	6
*Gail Cater	3	Trevor Tarbatt	7
*Robert Cater	4	Gordon Benfield	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by John C. Baldwin.
* First peal of Surprise. † First in the method. ‡ First in the method "inside". Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.
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FORDER.—To David and Jackie, on Jan. 3rd, 1969, a daughter, Caroline Louise. 6436

ENGAGEMENT

BUNKER—SEARS.—The engagement is announced between Bob Bunker, of Ruislip, Middx, and Margaret Sears, of Rickmansworth, Herts. 6426

DEATH

CARTER, Frances Mary (née Massey).—On Friday, January 10th, 1969, at Manor Hospital, Bath, aged 22 years, beloved wife of William Carter, of Portishead, and only daughter of George and Hilda Massey, of Frome. 6417

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

CRADDOCK.—The address of Andrew G. Craddock is now 32, Cumberland Road, Ashford, Middlesex. 6445

STEVENS.—The address of Mr. Richard C. Stevens is now 6, Cross Houses, Old Ludlow Road, Bridgnorth, Salop. Tel.: Bridgnorth 3038. 6422

PERSONAL

Will H. E. Andrews, of Worcester Park, Surrey, please send his address to R. Martin, D Ward, Knowle Hospital, near Fareham, Hants.

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ANNUAL DINNER

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At Church House, Westminster

Ringing Arrangements:
Hampstead (10), 10.30–11.30
Holloway (8), 11.45–12.45
Dalston (8), 12.45–1.45.
Shoreditch (12), 1.45–3
St. Olave's, Hart Street (8), 3–4
Cornhill (12), 4.15–5.30.

Tickets, price 30/-, still available from D. E. Sibson, 15, Garden Royal, Kersfield Road, Putney, S.W.15. 6400

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM
The 81st
"HENRY JOHNSON DINNER"
will be held at the Civic Hall, Solihull, on Saturday, March 1st, at 6.30 p.m. for 7 p.m.

Chairman: Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd.

Tickets at 35/- from, and peal applications to, Mr. J. A. Ainsworth, 54, Royal Oak Road, Halesowen, Worcs. Recommended hotel: "George", High Street, Solihull.

The Guild's chief officers for 1969 are:
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CHANGE OF PRACTICE NIGHT

ALL HALLOWS', TWICKENHAM, Middx. — As from Jan 9th practice night will revert to Thursdays at 7.30 p.m. Old friends and beginners welcomed. 6371

HILLINGDON, MIDDX. — Practice at St. John-the-Baptist's on Monday, Jan. 27th, is cancelled. Usual ringing as from Feb. 3rd. 6450

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Annual District meeting and ringing week-end, Isle of Wight, March 15th and 16th. An invitation is extended to anyone wishing to participate in the above outing but preference will, of course, have to be given to Ladies' Guild (Central District) members. Any enquiries should be sent to me at 14, Ranmoor Gardens, Harrow, Middx. Definite names required by Feb. 15th **at the latest.** — Mrs. Joan Hooton, Dis. Sec 6433

PIPE'S PILGRIMS tour of Kent, July 6th to 12th inclusive. Castle Hotel, Tunbridge Wells (Trust House); 44 towers; party limited to 30. Early application to Cecil Pipe, Grundisburgh, Woodbridge, Suffolk. 6419

RINGING TOUR of the Cotswolds, Easter Monday, April 7th, to Saturday, April 12th, inclusive; 34 towers available. Own transport. Apply to Mr. S. R. Munday, 6, Rockwood Crescent, Woodhall Park, Pudsey, Yorkshire; enclose s.a.e. 6446

ST. ALPHEGE'S, Solihull, Warwickshire.—Dedication of two new trebles, augmenting ring of ten to 12 bells, will take place on Saturday, Feb. 1st, at 3.30 p.m., by the Provost of Birmingham Tea by ticket only (4/-) at 4.45 p.m. in the Oliver Bird Hall, on application to R. J. Cann, 44, Ladbrook Road, Solihull, by Jan. 28th. General ringing 6–7.30 or 8 p.m. 6375

UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

The Annual Dinner will be held on Saturday, February 22nd. Tickets available now, price 24/-, from Dr. J. J. Fox, Flat 4, The Chalet, Budworth Road, Noctorum, Birkenhead. 6443

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY

Annual Dinner, February 15th, at Church House, Westminster. Tickets (price 30/-) from R. C. Woodward, 86, Ferndene Road, London, S.E.24. Towers: St. Dunstan's, Stepney, 9.45–11 a.m.: St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, 10.45–11.45; Shoreditch, 11.30–12.45; St. Botolph's, Aldgate, 1.45–3; St. Andrew's, Holborn, 2.45–3.45; Clerkenwell, 3–4.15; St. Michael's, Cornhill, 3.45–5; St. Margaret's, Westminster, 5.15–6.15. 6439

THE NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS
ANNUAL DINNER

February 22nd, The Talbot, Yates Wine Lodge, 49, Long Row, Nottingham. Tickets at 24/- available from Miss R. M. Rawlings, 17, Wiverton Road, Nottingham. 6452

MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Annual meeting, Castle Cary, Jan. 25th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—L. McCreadie, Level Lane, Charlton Horethorne, Sherborne, Dorset. 6367

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Crewkerne Branch. — Practice meeting, Crewkerne (8), Saturday, Jan. 25th. Ringing 7 to 9 p.m. Everyone welcome. Annual dinner tickets also available for Monday, Feb. 10th, price 12/- each.—R. J. Dean, Hon. Sec. 6427

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Annual meeting, Leighton Buzzard, Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells (10) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, followed by business, 5 p.m. Ringing afterwards. Names for tea to P. C. Jackson, 135, Vandyke Road, Leighton Buzzard, Beds. 6368

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch. — Meeting, Runcorn, Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. W. Allman, 9, Surrey Street, Runcorn. No name no tea.—J. Moore, Hon. Sec. 6425

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Peak District.—Annual meeting, Jan. 25th, at Fairfield. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. E. Ellison, 70, Kings Road, Fairfield, Buxton. —G. Richardson, Dis. Sec. 6416

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Annual District meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 25th, at Sawbridgeworth (8). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea to E. Rochester, 7, Riverfield Lane, Sawbridgeworth, Herts. —G. Blake, Dis. Sec. 6406

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—South West Branch.—Annual meeting will be held at Tavistock, Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Evening ringing at Whitchurch (6). Names for tea, please.—R. A. Southwood, Branch Sec., 11, Sydney Close, Plympton. 'Phone: Plymouth 36891. 6356

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. David's on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5. Meeting 5.30 p.m. St. Petrock's and St. Mark's till 8 p.m. — G. Skinner, Sec. 6410

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Annual District meeting, Aldershot (8), Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Hall. Names to Miss S. J. Tate-Mitchell, 121, Roberts Road, Aldershot (Aldershot 21009).—Mrs. B. R. Simpson, Dis. Sec. 6336

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual District meeting, Hemel Hempstead (8), Jan. 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to A. Kench, 92, Alexandra Road, Hemel Hempstead. 6412

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting, Saturday, Jan. 25th. Ringing at Bramley (8) 3–5 p.m. Cups of tea provided in Bramley Church Hall: please bring own food. Armley (8) 6.30–8.30 p.m.—I. North. 6441

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Annual meeting, Grantham, on Jan. 25th. Bells (10) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mrs. J. R. Holmes, 2, Willow Terrace, Agnes Street, Grantham.—F. G. Vickers. 6396

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Annual District meeting, Hampton, Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Bells at Sunbury, 7.15–8.30 p.m.—M. J. Palmer.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Saturday, Jan. 25th, Branch committee meeting at Lane End, 3 p.m. Ringing after service and tea until 9 p.m. All welcome.—J. Muller. 6392

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Mansfield District.—Annual meeting, Mansfield (8), Jan. 25th. Bells 3–9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at Grove House, followed by business meeting. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. F. Adcock, 14, Windsor Road, Mansfield.—D. J. Beach, Dis. Sec. 6405

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Central District. — Quarterly meeting, Eye (8), Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells 2.30–9 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting follow. Names for tea, please, to Mr. L. E. Last, Hegilsdune, Low Street, Hoxne, Diss, Norfolk. 6383

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Annual District meeting, Egham, Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting in the Church Hall. St. Mary's, Staines, available 3–4.15. Evening ringing at Egham and St. Peter's, Staines, 7–8. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. D. Parsons, 8, The Retreat, Englefield Green, Surrey. — E. Godfrey, Hon. Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Hellingly (6), Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Further ringing after tea up till 7.30 p.m. Names for tea to me as soon as possible.—G. M. FitzHugh, Hon. Div. Sec. Tel.: Hailsham 3515. 6398

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Annual divisional meeting will be held at Withyham on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting and further ringing. Names for tea to me, please.—Mrs. Jean Osbon, 79, Blount Avenue, East Grinstead. Tel.: E.G. 23815. 6389

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Christchurch and Southampton District. — Annual District meeting, Church of the Ascension, Bitterne Park, Southampton, Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells 2.45 p.m. Tea 4.30, followed by meeting. Service 6 p.m. St. Mary's bells available during evening. Names for tea (2/-) to Miss H. Hinton, 20, Monastery Road, Bitterne Park, Southampton. —Gillian W. Davis, Acting Hon. Sec. 6394

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Isle of Wight District. — Annual general meeting, Carisbrooke, Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells 2–5 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow.—Mrs. Guy, Dis. Sec. 6418

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Business meeting at the Lord Raglan, 61, St. Martin-le-Grand, E.C., on Jan. 28th at 8.15 p.m. Practices: Jan. 28th, St. Giles', Cripplegate; Feb. 4th, St. Michael's, Cornhill; Feb. 11th, St. Lawrence Jewry; Feb. 18th, St. Giles', Cripplegate; all at 6.30 p.m. —J. G. A. Prior, 21a, Fieldhouse Road, London, S.W.12. 6432

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Branch.—Practice meeting, Feb. 1st, 7–9 p.m., All Saints', Martock (8, 25 cwt.). Buffet supper, skittles, etc. Feb. 11th, Long Sutton. Tickets 7/6. — Mrs. M. Legget, Hon. Sec. 6416

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—A.G.M., Northwich (8), Saturday, Feb. 1st. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to A. C. P. Pugh, Oakfield, Weaverham Road, Sandiway. 6360

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District. — Monthly meeting, Wootton Wawen, Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells (6) 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30 p.m., followed by more ringing. Also Aston Cantlow (6), 2.30–3.30 p.m. Names for tea to me.—H. A. Mackenzie, Gorse Farm, Bearley, Stratford-on-Avon (Snitterfield 296). 6430

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. —Ringing meeting, Newburn, Feb. 1st. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. Taylor, 9, Beverley Terrace, Walbottle, Newcastle upon Tyne, 5. 6434

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Meeting, Littleport, Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Further ringing until 8.30 p.m. Special methods: Little Bob and Kent Treble Bob. 6447

GUILDFORD GUILD. — Leatherhead District. — Annual general meeting, Leatherhead, Saturday, Feb. 1st, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. A. J. Smith, 25, Tilley Field Lane, Fetcham, Leatherhead, by previous Wednesday.—J. P. O. 6393

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth Branch.—Annual meeting, Bridgnorth, Feb. 1st. Service, St. Mary's, 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15. Ringing: St. Mary's, 3 p.m.; St. Leonard's, 6.30 p.m. Names for tea to Joan Bennett, Rudge Heath Road, Claverley, by Jan. 30th. 6435

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Annual meeting, Watford, Feb. 1st, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to R. G. Bell, 131, Hampermill Lane, Watford, WD1 4PF (Tel.: 27936). — L. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 6442

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — A joint meeting of the Blackburn and Rossendale Branches will be held at St. Peter's, Burnley, on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells available from 14.30 until 17.00 hours. Tea at 17.00, followed by business meeting and further ringing. Names for tea to Miss Jean Higham, 10, Pendle Street, Burnley, by Jan. 29th. 6449

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch. — Monthly meeting, Coppull (6), on Saturday, Feb. 1st, 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements. All very welcome, especially learners. Special method: Double Court.—C. D'Aeth, Hon. Sec. 6429

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District. — Meeting, St. John-the-Divine's, Leicester, Feb. 1st. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. in Church Rooms. Meeting afterwards. Cooked tea. Names important, please, to Miss Sarah Leese, 58, Highfield Street, Leicester, LE2 1AD (Telephone Leicester 50224), by Wednesday, Jan. 29th. — Ron Hughes. 6349

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Lindsey Branch.—A.G.M., Grimsby, Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells (10) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Own teas at local cafés. — C. A. Harrison. 6384

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Annual meeting, Sutterton, Feb. 1st. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Stephenson, 15, Park Avenue, Sutterton, Boston, Lincs. by Jan. 27th 6407

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—A.G.M., Castor, Feb. 1st. Bells 3 p.m. and evening. Service 4.15. Tea. Church Hall. Names to G. Oliver, 12, Thorolds Way, Castor, Peterborough, by Wednesday.—R. Daw. 6408

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Evening meeting, Fenton, Feb. 1st. Bells available from 6 to 8.30 p.m. All welcome.—R. J. Ballard, Hon. Sec. 6454

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Meeting, Pulham Market, Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to C. F. W. Phillippo, 1, Council Houses, Bunwell, Norwich, NOR 01X, by Wednesday, Jan. 29th. 6453

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Annual general meeting, St. Mary's, Portsea, Feb. 1st. Bells 3 till 9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. in Youth Centre, followed by business meeting. Names for tea to Mr. L. Duguid, 106, Stride Avenue, Portsmouth, PO3 6HN, **by previous Wednesday, PLEASE.** 6423

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Eastern District). JOINT COUNCIL OF YORKSHIRE RINGING SOCIETIES and SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Combined meeting at Howden, Feb. 1st. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea (mod. charge) 5. Names to Mr. E. A. Newham, 31, Pinfold Street, Howden, Goole, before Jan. 30th. Nominations, please, for vice-president of Eastern District, due to resignation of Mr. A. Sheppard.—R. Ducker, M. E. Wilkinson, L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Secs. 6411

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Branch practice on Wednesday, Feb. 5th. Standlake (6), 7.30 p.m. —E. R. Venn, Branch Sec. 6444

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch. — Practice meeting, Timberscombe (8), Saturday, Feb. 8th, 7 p.m., and at Stogumber (6), Saturday, Feb. 22nd, 6.30 p.m.—E. R. T. B. 6440

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LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual General Meeting, Sat., Feb. 8th. St. Lawrence Jewry, Gresham Street, E.C., 2.30–3.30. St. Giles', Cripplegate, E.C., 3.45–4.45. St. Clement Danes', Strand, W.C., 4–5. Service 5.15. Tea and business after at The George, 213, Strand, W.C. (opposite the church) 6. Names for tea, please, to Miss V. E. Dupre, 63, Woodlawn Road, London, S.W.6. 6438

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DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Monthly practice meeting to be held on Friday, Jan. 31st, at the Church of St. Andrew, Netherton (8). Ringing 7.30 to 9.30. All welcome.—R. Edwards, Sec. 6456

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Evening meeting, Saturday, Feb. 1st. Hinxworth (6), 5.30–6.15. Wallington (6), 6.30–8.30.—Mrs. C. A. Agg, Dis. Sec. 6460

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT.—Meeting, Dore (8), Saturday, Feb. 1st, 3 to 5 p.m. and 6.15 to 9 p.m. Cups of tea only; please provide own sandwiches. All welcome.—R. Fletcher, Hon. Sec. 6455

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Eastern District.—District practice, Great Waltham, on Thursday, Feb. 6th, 7.30–9 p.m. All welcome.—R. J. Harrison, Dis. Sec. 6459

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—A.G.M. at Romsey on Feb. 8th. Bells (8) available 2.30–4 p.m. Service in Romsey Abbey 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Business meeting follows. Bells available in evening. Names for tea, please, to Mr. H. J. Page, Fairacre, Woodley Lane, Romsey, Hants, by **Wednesday, Feb. 5th.** 6458

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly general meeting, Feb. 8th. Bells: Rothley, 2 to 2.45 p.m.: Swithland and Cossington, 2.30 to 3.15; Thurcaston and Syston, 3 to 3.45; Wanlip, 3.15 to 4; Birstall, 3 to service at 4.15. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Smalley, 20, Paget Avenue, Birstall, not later than Wednesday, Feb. 5th. All nominations for Guild officers and alterations to rules by this meeting.—A. J. Poynor. 6457

QUARTER PEALS

HENLOW, BEDS.—On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: M. Down 1, D. Hope 2, M. C. C. Melville 3, Alison Mager 4, P. Jewell 5, A. H. Smith (cond.) 6.

HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHANTS.—On Christmas Eve, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 cover): G. Whiting 1, G. D. Deighton 2, Miss J. Pentelow 3, A. Wilson (cond.) 2, A. G. Wilson 5, C. Pentelow 6, J. Rising 7, G. Pentelow 8. First quarter 1, 3, 5, 6 and 7.

HILLINGDON, MIDDX.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. W. Seymour 1, R. K. Russ 2, M. J. Palmer 3, Patricia A. Copas 4, F. W. Goodfellow 5, A. R. G. Twinn 6, W. H. Coles 7, J. Hill (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

LELANT, CORNWALL.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (three meth./var.): Kathleen L. E. Ennor 1, Marion L. Lidgey 2, H. Miles 3, A. P. Smith (cond.) 4, F. M. Bowers 5, M. Peters 6. For morning service and to welcome the Bishop of Truro.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—On Dec. 22nd, at the Church of All Saints, 1,263 Stedman Caters: A. Macfadyen 1, Mrs. Cullingworth 2, L. Head 3, B. Baker 4, W. Grice 5, G. Cantrill 6, F. Hogan 7, P. Muchlinski 8, T. Cullingworth (cond.) 9, H. Smith 10. For Evensong.

MANCHESTER.—At the Cathedral, on Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): A. Ward 1, Margaret Manby 2, I. Goldthorpe 3, D. Manby 4, P. Bellamy-Knights (cond.) 5, P. Boucher 6. On the back six for Evensong.

MILDENHALL, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: P. G. Goodwin 1, C. L. Bell 2, R. J. Palmer (cond.) 3, M. Brown 4, A. M. Barber 5, R. Heffer 6. First Stedman 1, 2 and 4.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Jarvis (first quarter) 1, G. O. Crane 2, L. Seton 3, T. V. Barnard (cond.) 4, E. Stuart 5, K. Bartle 6.

NAZEING, ESSEX.—On Dec. 29th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss H. Frost (first quarter) 1, B. Burton 2, R. Holness 3, C. Sams (cond.) 4, R. G. Seymour 5, A. Peacock 6. For carols by candlelight service.

OLD ALRESFORD, HANTS.—On Dec. 29th, 1,500 Doubles (two methods): Ann Palmer 1, Dorothy M. Huggins 2, Jane E. Dando (cond.) 3, A. Hoar 4, L. A. Tremeer 5, J. Huggins 6. For carol service.

PETERBOROUGH.—At St. Mary's Church, on Dec. 24th, 1,260 Spliced St. Clement's and Double Oxford Bob Minor: G. Davis 1, Ann Smith 2, G. Cowlin 3, W. Smith 4, P. Fleckney 5, R. Spencer (cond.) 6. For Midnight Eucharist.

POTTON, BEDS.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: M. Down 1, Karen Baker 2, Alison Mager 3, D. Hope 4, P. Jewell 5, C. R. Hardy (cond.) 6.

PRESTON, LANCS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,280 Kent T.B. Major: Phyllis Turner 1, L. Walmsley 2, Betty Palmer 3, R. Palmer 4, J. Ascroft 5, S. Anderton 6, A. Gardner 7, C. Crossthwaite (cond.) 8. Rung as a mark of sympathy to Jim and Noreen Marshall on the death of their third son, Neil Forsyth, aged 4½ weeks.

UPPER BEEDING, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Craven 1, H. Clare McNeil (first "inside") 2, Heather M. Craven 3, Catriona M. McNeil 4, J. M. Hills (cond.) 5, A. A. Hoare 6. Rung by the local band as a welcome to Apollo 8 on its return to earth.

WEST CLANDON, SURREY.—On Dec. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Lesley J. Smith (first quarter) 1, Jill M. May 2, Jill P. J. Edwardes (first "inside") 3, Heather Burbidge (first quarter) 4, D. A. R. May (cond.) 5, J. M. C. Edwardes 6. First quarter on the rehung bells.

WOLVERCOTE, OXFORD.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. G. Moore 1, Mrs. M. Godwin 2, L. H. W. Busby 3, P. Walker 4, P. J. Heritage (cond.) 5, W. C. Godwin 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. Lillian Chamberlain, wife of Mr. Norman Chamberlain (a ringer at this church), who died earlier this week.

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The Church of St. Hieritha, Chittlehampton, Devon

OUR COVER PICTURE

St. Hieritha's Church, Chittlehampton

By Rev. Preb. J. H. B. ANDREWS (President, Guild of Devonshire Ringers)

"St. Hieritha's," we say, in answer to the visitor's question. "The church is St. Hieritha's or St. Urith's; there are two forms of name." And politely the visitor tells us that he has never heard of her. Who was she? So we tell him what we know.

All the old books, beginning with Camden in the reign of the first Elizabeth, agree that Chittlehampton was famous as the place of her burial, and that she was famous for her "acts", the miracles performed at her tomb. There was once a book of them. There were certainly pilgrimages until Henry VIII, in his fatherly care for his people, told them it was better to stay at home and get on with their work. Her image was removed from the canopied niche beside her tomb, and the Vicar's income dropped by two-thirds in one year, for pilgrims' offerings had trebled the value of the Vicarage.

The old county historians also preserved the legend of St. Urith, and their story agrees with a Latin hymn which came to light in a manuscript at Cambridge sixty years ago. We sing this hymn in translation now, the only church in the country to have its own ancient hymn.

"Sing, Chittlehampton, sing!
Let all Devon's meadows ring
With holy gladness for our Saint's renown!
And thou, blest maiden, pray
That we in this our day
May bear our cross and win our heavenly crown."

Forty years ago Sir Sydney Nicholson composed a tune for these words. It exists only in manuscript, and is sung only at Chittlehampton. And St. Hieritha's date? Probably sixth century, when there is known to have been a mission from Glastonbury, by St. Kea, St. Fili and St. Rumon, who left their names at Landkey, Filleigh and Romansleigh close by, and when (so it seems) a Christian maiden called Urith perished at the hands of her heathen neighbours.

When the Saxons came they made Chittlehampton a centre of colonisation, and the present village square is their "town place". The houses on the north side were removed in the 1880s, revealing the church more fully. It took shape gradually, first nave and chancel, then transepts, then the 15th century aisles, and finally the 16th century tower. In its proportions and its restrained ornamentation it surpasses (so we think) the famous towers of Somerset and its bulkier kinsman at Probus in Cornwall.

It is likely that the four bells of the time of Edward VI were cast for this new tower, the tenor 18½ cwt. They were hung "sally way" in 1726. In 1739 they were sent up the Bristol Channel to Evans of Chepstow to be recast as six, the tenor 13 cwt. and the bell opening was a great event, "38 lbs. of Beef and Mutton at 2½d. and 2d." costing the churchwardens 8s. 1d. The beams on which the bells rested, one from the Vicarage and one from Squire Rolle's house at Brightley, lasted until 1928, when the bells, augmented to eight in 1880, were rehung by Taylor, and have been a delight to ringers since. The reopening is still remembered.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION—Canterbury District

The Canterbury District made history on January 11th when they visited Preston-next-Wingham for the first time ever. The five bells have only recently been restored by the Whitechapel Foundry, having been silent since about 1905. Much pleasure was evinced by members at the progress made by the local band, both in change-ringing and in the reconditioning of the ringing chamber and belfry.

Over 50 ringers attended, including visitors from Sussex and Scotland, and ringing before and after the service ranged from rounds and call-changes to Erin and Spliced Doubles. The service was conducted by Mr. D. L. Cawley, with Mr. H. Homewood at the organ, and the Rector and Vicar (surely a unique appointment), the Rev. C. Terence Spurling, to whom the restoration of the bells is due, preached a forthright and inspiring sermon. An excellent tea, prepared by the local ringers and wives or friends, was served at the magnificent new village hall; the arrangements were splendidly carried through and were much appreciated.

A lively meeting followed, with Mr. B. J. Luck in the chair. Mr. Eric Eades gave a comprehensive report on the shortest-ever general committee meeting; Mr. D. L. Cawley, competition secretary, proposed the adoption of new rules for the striking contests, which it is hoped will be entered by as many bands as possible, and also of a "tidy towers" competition, and these were carried with a few amendments.

Several new members were welcomed into the Association, and St. Alphege's, Whitstable, where there is to be a new ring of six, was brought into union. Ringing on tower- and handbells followed the meeting, which must have been one of the most successful held in the District for some time, and we hope it will be a good omen for 1969. Thank you, Preston!

N.B.—Next meeting, February 8th; PRACTICE MEETING at Deal (6) in the afternoon and Walmer (8) in the evening. D. L. C.

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John H. Bluff writes of 50 Glorious Years

It is now 50 years since I first started bell-ringing at All Saints' Church, Stamford. My father was a ringer here for 35 years and his brother 48 years, thus making a grand total of 133 years, a very remarkable record.

It was getting towards the end of the First World War when my father said to me one Sunday in the belfry at All Saints': "What about having a go at this?" I had been up to watch the other ringers many times and was fascinated by the performance. So I took off my coat and with expert guidance I soon learnt how to handle a bell.

In those days the bells at All Saints' were in an old wooden frame and did not go very well, so they were left up most of the time, all except the tenor. So one Sunday morning I left home just before my father, thinking "I will show them". I went into the belfry alone and started to raise the tenor. It was about half way up when my father arrived with another ringer. He immediately took off his coat and turned to help me, but my father stopped him and said: "He's got it so far, let him finish it." I did, but it took some doing. Then I got told off for trying to do such a stupid thing like that on my own.

In those days we were not a very expert band: all we could do was ring one 120 of Grandsire Doubles, P.B.P.B.P.S. repeated, which everyone knew off by heart on a certain bell, so I did the same, my bell being the 3rd. I rang my first 120 of Grandsire on New Year's Eve, 1918–1919, at the age of 13.

I soon found out that there were nine more 120s of Grandsire and had them trying these, although it took a few years of hard work and patience because they were not a young band. This, however, was the means of getting the bells rehung in a steel frame in 1924, and I conducted the first peal ever rung here in 1926, being 5,040 Grandsire Doubles by the local band.

Today we have a very efficient band of young ringers who enjoy their ringing and are capable of taking part in a number of methods from Plain to Surprise. Here I must pay tribute to our friends from Peterborough, Castor and Wansford for our combined weekly practices which we all enjoy.

JOHN H. BLUFF

Wherever one goes in the British Isles there is always a wonderful fellowship among bell-ringers, as one clergyman said to me. Bell-ringers' meetings always bring together a happy gathering of people.

Since I was elected Master of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild in 1964 I have travelled between 4,000 and 5,000 miles a year to meetings, practices and on tours.

I have taken part in 202 peals, of which I have conducted 116. I have rung in 608 different cathedrals and churches in the British Isles.

What I like doing most is taking particular notice of the expressions on other ringers' faces while they are ringing. You would be surprised if you saw them all! To conclude, I would like to say thank you to all my friends for the help I have received to make these 50 glorious years.

LAMBETH DELIGHT MAJOR

The year 1968 marked the 60th anniversary of Len Stillwell's membership of the Middlesex Association, and the recent peal was arranged to mark the occasion. It had been hoped that it would be possible to arrange the peal rather earlier, in October, but lack of a suitable tower made this impossible. It was a great pleasure for Len and his friends.

The Rector of Lambeth was due to leave the parish at the end of December, and so this peal was also rung as a farewell to the Rev. Oliver T. W. Fiennes, who is being installed as Dean of Lincoln. The band are very grateful to the Rector and Mrs. Fiennes, who very kindly entertained them afterwards to mince pies and suitable liquid refreshment.

We wish Len many more years of peal ringing and look forward to celebrating future anniversaries.

Lambeth Delight Major
—58—14.58—58,36—14—18.34.16—58
i.e. 18 mx.

Composition: 5,120 Kilburn Surprise Major, published in "The Ringing World", February 6th, 1959.

50 YEARS A RINGER

A happy occasion took place in the belfry of St. Paul's, Stalybridge, on the evening of January 19th prior to ringing for evening service. On that day Mr. Albert Hodgson had completed 50 years as a ringer at this church and the Vicar presented to Albert, on behalf of the ringers, a travelling alarm clock. A bouquet of flowers was sent to Mrs. Hodgson. Well done, Albert! K. H.

A.V. v. N.E.B.

Dear Sir, — In the January 10th issue of "The Ringing World" I noticed—not without some little perturbation—that the weekly scriptural message appearing in the personal column was taken from the New English Bible.

Whilst conceding that our journal has to be kept abreast with the times I also hope that, during 1969, the Authorised Version, with its beautiful literature and poetry will not often have to take a back seat to the modern version. Someone once wrote:

"Make new friends but keep the old.
For the one is silver, the other—gold."

Yours, etc.,
Burghill, Herefordshire. F. MORRIS.

SWAYING TOWERS — BY A STEEPLEJACK

Dear Sir,—With reference to the enquiry in Belfry Gossip, "Swaying Towers" (page 950), and Gerald Miller's "coat caught in a crack", the question asked as regards danger is still not answered. Perhaps some practical experience when I was working as a steeplejack may help to answer the queries.

First of all, is the wrong adjective being applied, i.e., swaying towers? I rather think that both writers mean vibrating towers, which would give quite a different motion to that of swaying. One might class swaying as a slow, dreamy waltz whereas vibrating would be a quick, jerky polka.

Now for a practical illustration of swaying, which at the time seemed to be alarming but which proved to be quite safe.

Working in a bo'sun's chair up under the heavy cap of a tall, round brick shaft on the lee side (March gales were on and well I knew it, because at every heavy gust of wind away that shaft (165 feet high) would literally rock or sway, how much I do not know), it seemed as if the earth was coming up to meet me. That was in 1910, and that shaft stood until a few years ago when it became redundant and was purposely felled, having swayed what seemed to me to an alarming degree. Dangerous? No fear!

A church spire, 145 feet, in white brick with the salient angles in stone rolls, which had become decayed in places and had to be replaced, I did off a small screw scaffold, cutting out the bad stone with a handsaw. The effect of this was that whenever I stopped sawing I could feel the whole spire vibrating in quick, short jerks, the rate of which seemed to be twice that of my sawing, and so it kept repeating itself until all sawing was finished. I might add that the base of this spire had very large spire lights to each facet, which I rather thought might have added to the motion. But I never felt this spire "rock" in a high wind. This was in 1910, and that church spire stands as good as ever to this day.

Now for another church spire, this time in stone (190 feet high): the same treatment, removal of decayed stonework, only this time with a heavy ring of bells 120 feet lower down. When these bells were rung the small scaffold I was standing on fairly rocked in quick, short jerks or vibrations, but it certainly did not sway in long, smooth motions. That spire stands today as good as ever. Dangerous? Definitely no.

Why do I say no? Because in examining the whole spire there was definitely no sign of a vertical crack or fracture to be seen anywhere—and that brings me to the subject of vertical cracks, whether they are just what would appear to be hair cracks, more or less.

They generally point to either a settlement or more likely a definite fracture in the structure and should at once be filled with a suitable matrix **under pressure**, or cut out and fresh material bonded in; but, be it noted well, often after cutting out a fracture or crack a far worse state of damage is made manifest. At the same time a steel tie rod should be fixed through the opposite walls with the familiar S or X end plates double-nutted and well screwed.

Most people are well acquainted with these wrought iron S and X end plates on old church towers and the familiar steel bands on chimney shafts.

In the case of "coat caught in a crack" this points to a fracture, which should be attended to, because there is no knowing without opening up what is going on inside, and if left to go its own way it could lead to who knows what, notwithstanding that the vertical crack may have been there for a long time.

I rather think that the writers may rest assured that, provided no fracture or crack becomes visible, there is no fear of a sudden calamity. Notwithstanding all the foregoing, there is the question of which way a ring of bells should be hung with reference to the position of the tower, i.e., north to south or east to west: this I leave to the experts.—Yours, etc.,

J. C. GORDON HAGGAR.

Sproughton, nr. Ipswich.

NOTE.—The writer, now nearly 80, was for many years a member of the famous St. Mary-le-Tower company, later joining the Debenham band, with which he rang several peals.

A SUFFOLK LANDMARK

THIS unusual modern tower at the Royal Hospital School, Holbrook, six miles south of Ipswich and on the banks of the River Stour, is 198 ft. 11 in. high. It is red brick faced up to about 60 feet and then of Portland stone to the copper ball which is the lightning conductor.

As well as being the centrepiece of this great layout, almost half a mile long, the tower was built as the water tank for the school, but after some years trouble developed and a separate conventional water tower had to be built, one of the unsightly things the architects went all out to avoid.

The school had been at Greenwich for over two centuries, housed in Wren's buildings, and Wren's influence can be seen all over the present buildings. There is a three-domed nave ceiling and an apse-ended lady chapel of the school chapel which is 230 feet long and houses a four-manual organ

In the tower there are five bells by Gillett and Johnston, cast about 1930, with approximate weights of 7½ cwt., 9 cwt., 13 cwt., 17 cwt. and 21½ cwt. They sound as the front five of a six and the tenor is about note E. They are hung "dead" and give Norwich chimes.

Several years ago the boys began ringing at Sutton Parish Church (6, about 12 cwt.) which is less than half-a-mile from the school. The ringing Society has two teams of six who take it in turn to ring on Sunday mornings. The beginners train on Wednesday afternoons and are in the charge of Mr. Leslie Burbidge, a teacher of English.

The enthusiasm of the boys has spread to their teachers and in all five members of the staff have joined the Society and have been instructed by the senior boy ringers.

ROYAL HOSPITAL SCHOOL, HOLBROOK

Holbrook Parish Church has six bells with a tenor about 8 cwt. and they, as those at Sutton, are classed as being in good going order. CLAUDE RUSH.

NOTE.—During the building of the school Mr. Rush was a constable stationed at Holbrook—a most interesting experience.

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HORDLE'S TRIBUTE

From Hordle, Hants, we have received 1,320 Hordle Place Bob Doubles, rung on December 28th "to the glory of God and in memory of the people of Hordle who during the past 300 years have encouraged the ringing of the bells." This was the first quarter in the method, which is 5, 145, 5, 1, 345, 1, 5, 145, 5, 1; i.e. 4253, single 2453.

The ringers were Mrs. M. Lewis 1, Janet Blackbourn 2, Faith Riley 3, Flora Stocker 4, A. Nunn (cond.) 5, W. W. Lewis (first quarter) 6.

ODDS & ENDS OF THE BARNSLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

THE Barnsley and District Society of Change Ringers was described some little time ago by a ringer more renowned for his wit than his veracity as "the queerest collection of odds and ends of any known ringing Society". Whether this is true or not may be debatable, but it has certainly produced some individualistic personalities.

This year, 1969, the diamond jubilee of the Society, provides an opportunity for a brief review and one or two anecdotes, although a fairly lengthy account was given some ten years ago on the occasion of the 50th anniversary (mathematics has its uses!). Since that time some valuable members have passed on, but the present "father" of the Society, who was a founder member, is still going strong.

John Willie Moxon, of Sandal, who is 89, still continues to ring for Sunday services when weather permits and visits the District meetings if the travelling distance is not too great. He is not averse to doing a little shopping on his bicycle, although he recently confessed to me that he avoided the centre of Wakefield nowadays as "there was rather a lot of traffic"! I always thought it appropriate that he lives down an avenue called Duke of York, as this grand old method is one of his favourites.

Willie Green, of Wath-on-Dearne, now in his 80s, makes a valiant effort to keep the famous bells turning, but was in a reminiscent mood the last time I saw him, talking of the time on New Year's Day, 1930, when he (with five others) stood for six hours and ten minutes ringing Surprise Minor at Rotherham Parish Church. I wonder if he remembers the peal attempt at Crofton when the gaslight began to fail and as it grew darker and darker the team and ropes became mere shadows? Finally, when the light expired and the ringing continued with the last flicker of daylight filtering through the windows, I wonder if he remembers as someone made a mistake Arthur Panther shouting out: "What's the matter, you're not freetened are you?"

One of the Society's greatest losses since the golden jubilee was, of course, Dan Smith, the "talented Yorkshireman" who hailed from Gloucestershire. In addition to his many other activities (he was a collier) he at one time tended a two-and-a-half-acre smallholding to which was attached a piggery (well stocked) and a miniature poultry farm. I remember he wanted a greenhouse erected so I went along to wield a trowel (which is among my few accomplishments). Sidney Briggs (of Rotherham fame) and Arthur Gill, from Wath-on-Dearne (who had recently lost an eye), came along to fetch and carry.

When the greenhouse was finished Dan, Sid and myself retired upstairs to Dan's bedroom to ring a peal of Bob Minor "in hand" whilst Arthur helped Dan's landlady to prepare late dinner, occasionally popping upstairs to see how the peal was progressing. I don't recollect much about the peal but the memory of the dinner lingers on!

When Dan died we screwed an engraved brass plate on the belfry door at Felkirk in his memory: we had a little ceremony when members of the Society attended to mark the occasion. One thoughtful person took me on one side afterwards and pointed out that there was room on the door by the side of Dan's brass plate for another of similar proportions and that he hoped in due course my name would be on it. This pleasant suggestion just about made my day!

At Shelley the name of Hoyle, father and son, is now but a memory in the belfry, and although it is difficult to realise that Andrew's voice will no longer make the rafters ring and the windows vibrate one can almost imagine when ringing there hearing a ghostly Andrew grunt.

John Brearley, of Bolsterstone, has gone too. At one time he judged many contests in the area and often are the times we have waited with bated breath while he read out to a crowded room the results of his deliberations. Never afraid to criticise either teams or individuals, he was a good ringer and striker himself, both on six and eight (how he loved Double Norwich) and expected nothing less than the best from other ringers.

Things have not been easy the last few years and some towers are now without ringers that were formerly well supplied. Darfield tower, stricken by mining subsidence, has now been silent for many years; Ackworth bells pronounced unsafe; an accident deprived Charlie Moxon, of Hemsworth, of his mobility; the band at Royston collapsed when four or five members left the area.

But there are signs of revival. "Hope springs eternal!" Chris Moxon at Penistone, Harry Mann at Silkstone, Noel Moxon at Cawthorne are training young ringers. At South Kirkby the Rev. Peter Schofield and Kath. Hunt (who have recently shown signs of venturing into "spliced") keep a young band going: the indefatigable Wilfrid Moreton (assisted by Gail and Bob) is teaching a team at Wragby, while "fringe" towers like Thornhill, Meltham and Roughtown make valuable contributions.

I have mentioned a few people: I apologise to others whom I have not: all contribute, some quietly, some vociferously. With goodwill and resolution and a determination to hand on the torch to the younger generation. I see no reason why the Barnsley and District Society should not, in due course, celebrate its centenary, although I very much doubt whether I shall write to "The Ringing World" about it!

HAROLD CHANT.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

Andover District

The 41st annual general meeting of the Andover District was held at Kingsclere on January 11th. Ringing varying between rounds and Grandsire Triples preceded the service, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. D. Shearlock, the address being given by Canon K. W. H. Felstead, past Master of the Guild.

After an excellent tea, provided by the Kingsclere ladies, the main business of the meeting was the election of officers for the next three years, as follows: Chairman, P. Murdock; vice-chairman, Mr. Allison (re-elected); secretary, M. Goss; treasurer, Mrs. J. Tarrant (re-elected); Ringing Master, G. K. Dodd; deputy Ringing Master, F. Tonge.

Votes of thanks were extended to the retiring officers: Messrs. G. K. Dodd (chairman), J. Wimlett (secretary) and R. Crook (Ringing Master).

The next A.G.M. will be held at Highclere and the next quarterly meeting at Upper Clatford (which has a new ring of six) on April 15th.

With the election of new members the District's membership now exceeds 100. More ringing rounded off the meeting. Thanks are due to the Kingsclere band for a well-organised and enjoyable meeting. M. G.

BARNSLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The Barnsley and District Society's A.G.M. was, as usual, held at St. Mary's Church, Barnsley, good use being made of the eight bells.

After a short service, conducted by Canon Brompton, a tea of pie and peas was consumed with great enjoyment, the cost being met by a gift of £5 donated by the late Godfrey Crompton's sons. "Goff", as he was known to us all, was one of the old Cawthorne band. May he find peace.

The business meeting, with Canon Brompton in the chair, made a fine start. Mr. H. Chant was re-elected president and Mr. P. Charlesworth, of Silkstone, replaces Mr. C. A. Moxon who expressed his wish to discontinue in office.

Later on a lot of hot air and irrelevant subjects, not to mention personal vendettas, were broached, which caused the secretary to retaliate and take to task those people who attend one or two meetings a year only and try to dictate to the Society. Some of these tried to enforce the ringing of Cartwheel 100%, saying: "Cartwheel ringing is on the decline." If it is on the decline the remedy is in the hands of the grumblers. Teach your own recruits and don't criticise people who are open lead ringers but teach bands to man silent towers in your area. After all, church bells should be used to call people to worship, and the Lord didn't stipulate closed or open, Surprise or call-changes.

Subject to confirmation, the February meeting will be at Cawthorne. Maybe this meeting could serve to draw an end to all hostilities as, in the words of the bard, "United we stand, divided we fall." T. T.

WHISTON, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): P. Verity 1, P. W. West (first "inside") 2, J. P. Sale 3, D. Robinson (cond.) 4, D J. Edmonds 5. For Evensong.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Budd (first quarter away from cover) 1, M. Bangham (cond.) 2, Caroline Madge 3, A. Bagworth 4, Deborah Bishop 5, Elizabeth Bangham 6, A Bishop 7, D Budd 8. Rung to welcome Richard Peter, son of Rev and Mrs. Peter Boyder, born December 18th, 1968.

Up and Coming Youngsters — No. 42 From the Irish Association

David Galbraith, the first Irish up and coming youngster who featured in the last number of this series, has undoubtedly set the ball rolling among the Irish youngsters, for more news of their number has arrived. They are represented on this occasion by two members of their fair sex:—

CAROLINE HACK

Caroline was born on July 31st, 1952, in Umtali, Southern Rhodesia, and at the age of 18 months came to England. After a year in London the family moved to Killybegs, Co. Donegal, where they renovated an old cottage. Caroline started her education at a primary school eight miles from her home, but is now at Drogheda Grammar School, in her sixth and final year.

She was 13 when she started to ring and was taught by Mr. Fred Dukes at St. Peter's, Drogheda. Fred gives a great deal of his time to teaching youngsters, not only in the belfry but also in the baths at the Grammar School in life saving. Caroline is a very keen ringer and hopes to ring her first quarter peal in the near future. In January of this year she was elected deputy Ringing Master of the school ringers.

She is now ringing Plain Bob and Grandsire Triples, and did her part in winning the Lindoff Cup in November, 1967, with just over 100 faults. In May, 1968, her team competed for the Murphy Cup at Bray and came third with 50 faults.

Caroline hopes to start in the nursing profession in Dublin when she leaves school, and intends to continue with her ringing.

PATRICIA MEREDITH

Patricia was born at Port Laoise on March 19th, 1953 Her home is at Mountmellick, Co. Leix. She started her education at the National School, Mountmellick, and won a scholarship which took her to Drogheda Grammar School, where she is now in her fifth year. Like Caroline she started ringing at the age of 13, also under the supervision of Mr. Fred Dukes.

In January, 1968, she was elected Ringing Master of the Drogheda Grammar School Bell-ringers and took part in the Lindoff and Murphy Cup competitions with Caroline. Both girls went to Limerick last year to take part in the celebrations for the 800th anniversary of St. Mary's Cathedral, where they learned a great deal more about method ringing.

Patricia is hoping to go from the Grammar School to Trinity University and to continue her ringing as a member of the University Guild. She is one of a team being taught handbell ringing by Fred Dukes, which in-

Patricia can call Stoney, Plain Hunt, Plain courses of Grandsire Doubles and is very capable with 120s on handbells. Caroline is a call-change conductor and is very capable. Both do useful work in watching beginners.

NORVING.

St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham

THE annual meeting of the St. Martin's Guild was held in St. Martin's Hall, Birmingham, on January 4th. The Master, Miss Muriel Reay, presided over a gathering of about 90 members.

The balance sheet was presented by the secretary and was accepted as satisfactory, the balance in hand showing a substantial increase over the previous year. For the first time the Guild now has a fund from which grants to bell restoration appeals may be made, and at this meeting a promise was given to donate £100 to Perry Barr Church in the event of a recasting scheme being decided upon.

A proposal to reduce the subscription to the Guild was heavily defeated upon being put to the meeting.

The following new resident members were elected: Janet Blake (Saltley), Anne Deebank (Coleshill), David Flint (Harborne), Janet Bowskill, Jane Cousins and Graham Foster (Perry Barr). The tower elections of the following as life members were ratified: Ian G. Campbell and Ronald Ducker (Hull), J. Barry Pickup (Lowestoft), John F. Thorne (Southam), Clare Dolphin (Warwick) and Margaret Thow (Newcastle upon Tyne).

The president and vice-presidents having been re-elected en bloc, the following officers were also re-elected to serve for 1969: Master, Miss Muriel Reay; trustees, Sidney O'C. Holloway and Bryan D. A. Woolley; auditors, Henry H. Fearn and Sidney O'C. Holloway; Central Council representatives, J. Alan Ainsworth and George E. Fearn; librarian, W. George Chaplin.

Mr. Clifford Barron was elected Ringing Master by a unanimous vote, there being no other nominations for this important post. There were two nominations for the secretaryship, and by a very narrow majority of two votes Mr. J. Alan Ainsworth was elected.

By the retirement of the previous secretary a century has now been completed during which time there have been but five secretaries of the Guild, each having served for 20 years.

Tanworth-in-Arden was chosen as the venue of the next meeting, early in April.

The retiring secretary (Mr. G. E. Fearn) drew the attention of the members to the fact that the annual Henry Johnson commemoration dinner will be held at Solihull on March 1st. By that time the new trebles, to make a ring of 12, will have been dedicated and should be an added attraction for more ringers to attend the function.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Rector of Birmingham, Canon Bryan Green, for the use of the bells and the room for the meeting.

Letters to the Editor

ARISING FROM CHRISTMAS BELLS

Dear Sir,—Mr. Claude Rush's pleasant—if slightly controversial—piece on the Christmas bells broadcast prompts me to make this request. Can any reader well versed in recording and sound reproduction please tell us why nine out of ten of all bell recordings sound as though they had been done on a £5 dictating machine? I for one would have thought that, with all the equipment available to them, the B.B.C.—to whom one is, of course, profoundly grateful for providing occasional bell recordings—could have used a tape-recorder with a large enough frequency range (I think that is the term) for bells, which are by nature very demanding subjects.

For my money I would rather have Debenham than Preston; although I have not heard the latter "in the flesh" I would question whether they are **really** "rich in tone". Good "old style" tens and twelves are few and far between. I was shattered to be told lately by members of the local band at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, that their glorious bells (Taylor, 1914) were the last 12 to be tuned on the "old standard" and they refused to hear otherwise.

However, it is a great encouragement that more ringers seem to be taking more interest in, and becoming more critical of, the sound of bells. Inevitably one gets used to mediocre stuff and can even get to like it; but I feel that one should try to resist the temptation of thinking that it is good!

It is grand news to hear that the Dudley ten are to be restored, a scheme which deserves every encouragement; but what a pity that all ten bells cannot indeed be recast as they are surely one of the most miserable sounding tens in the country. I implore you to think again, people of Dudley: the effort of raising the extra money necessary to take full advantage of this opportunity would be repaid a hundredfold!—Yours faithfully,

CHRISTOPHER DALTON.

Leigh, Reigate.

CHRISTMAS BELLS

Dear Sir,—Mr. Rush makes some valuable points in his article on page 21. Of particular interest to me was his observation on the note of Hughenden tenor, which he claims is sharper than that officially recorded in "Dove". On hearing the broadcast we were surprised at the speed of the ringing, which seemed faster than that which we recorded. Is it possible that the recording could have been broadcast at a slightly greater speed? If so, would this have a noticeable effect on the notes of the bells?

On the remainder of the programme, I did not notice the shrillness observed by Mr. Rush in the Debenham recording, and fail to see the object of his reference to the speed of the ringing on this fine eight. Where striking of this excellence is achieved that the ringing is "a bit slow" is surely immaterial. That this was the case is largely a matter of conjecture, anyway.—Yours faithfully,

R. H. NEWTON.

Hughenden, Bucks.

ANOTHER PROTEST TO B.B.C.

Dear Sir,—Re C. R. Jenkins' letter (page 42), I fully agree with his remarks about the ringing on "Blue Peter". I have written to the B.B.C. about this and also other programmes that include bells and have suggested they get their facts right before showing them to the public.—Yours faithfully,

ESME J. WEAVER.

Basingstoke.

YOUNG RINGERS AND INSURANCE

Dear Sir,—I have been informed by the Ecclesiastical Insurance Office that: "The normal lower age limit under our scheme of group personal accident insurance which includes provision for the insurance of bell-ringers is 16 years. Below this age it is not usual for the individual to be gainfully employed, and a weekly disablement benefit would be clearly inappropriate, as also would any substantial payment in the event of death. We do however make provision for young bell-ringers between 12 and 16 years of age as you will know, but limiting the benefits for obvious reasons to very nominal amounts. When asked by the individual parish, and on being satisfied as to the degree of supervision, we are prepared to lower the age limit still further to 10 years. We know you will agree that the strict supervision of very young people in a church tower is most essential, and by looking individually at each of the cases where special cover is desirable we are able to satisfy ourselves that there is proper control of youngsters and that they are not allowed to attempt anything beyond their strength and capabilities.

"You may also have in mind the matter of legal liability for accidents. This is something which the parish would ordinarily have adequately covered under their public liability and employers' liability insurance arrangements, and there are of course no age limits on these particular types of contract."—Yours sincerely,

VERNON BOTTOMLEY,
Secretary,
Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.
45, Westercroft Lane,
Northowram, Halifax.

BAD PUBLICITY

Dear Sir,—I was recently given a cutting from a magazine which shows a picture of a girl being taken up by a bell rope while the instructor held the tail end: there was also a short article on bellringing written by the girl.

Although the article was informative and would give the layman an insight to our art, I fail to understand how the instructor, Robert Cooles, and presumably the learner, Clair Jolliffe, of All Saints', Tooting, could allow such a picture to be taken, let alone published.

This picture, I feel, would certainly make the parents of young recruits think twice before allowing them to learn our art.

I would be the first to agree that the more we can educate the layman on the intricacies of our art the better, but when I see this type of picture it seems to me that we should start by educating the so-called instructors and tower captains who allow this sort of adverse publicity.—Yours sincerely,

GERALD PENNEY.

St. Albans.

Note.—The picture was of a type that appealed to "Reveille" readers.—Ed.

MR. THEODORE ECCLESTONE

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. G. E. Symonds I cannot give the dates he asked for, but I would state that in 1742 Mr. Ecclestone gave a bell (the sixth in the ring of 12) which Taylors recast in 1937. His name was also inscribed on a bell at St. Mary's, Mortlake, in 1746: both bells were cast by Thos. Lester.—Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Addlestone, Surrey.

ANOTHER SUFFOLK NONAGENARIAN

Dear Sir,—I read with interest the letter in your issue of November 22nd from Mr. E. Barnett.

I took part in 16 peals in the last century; six of these were rung prior to Queen Victoria's diamond jubilee. In jubilee year I took part in a peal of 5,040 Bob Triples at Holy Trinity Church, Long Melford (my birthplace).

Altogether I have taken part in 24 peals at various churches. My first was at the above church on November 30th, 1895. My last was on November 7th, 1931, The bells at Long Melford Church were silent for over 20 years owing to the tower being rebuilt. I wrote an article for the January 6th, 1897, issue of "Campanology", which shows a print of the original brick tower. (I have a few copies left of the above date.)

Owing to the silence of the bells and my being a member of the Old Volunteers and Territorials (for which I hold the long service medal and bar) and playing football for over 20 years (I hold a Suffolk Senior Cup medal), also being an organist at Borley (of ghost fame!) 16 years and Clare Church 22 years, I was not able to get time for much peal ringing. However, after retirement from full service (I am now 91 years of age) I am still able to deputise for organists in the district when necessary and still enjoy ringing. I was able to take part in ringing for morning service on the fine ring at Lavenham on January 12th last, where there is always a very kind welcome for everyone.

I would very much have liked to have joined the party at Aldeburgh. I have had the pleasure of meeting Messrs. C. Sedgley and G. Symonds at the Norman Tower, Bury St. Edmunds. During my long life I have had many interesting experiences in my various occupations, both humorous and otherwise, and meeting other ringers like those who assembled at Aldeburgh would have been a very pleasant opportunity to exchange a few yarns.—Yours sincerely,

ERNEST AMBROSE.

Sudbury, Suffolk.

DELIGHT MINOR METHODS

Dear Sir,—Can anyone supply the names of these single change Delight Minor methods?

—34—16—12—1236—12—16	l.e. 14	152643
—34—16—12—1236—12—16	l.e. 16	152364
—34—16—12—1236—14—16	l.e. 14	164235
—34—16—12—1236—14—16	l.e. 16	164523
—34—16—12—1236—14—36	l.e. 12	142563
—34—16—12—1236—14—36	l.e. 14	154263
—34—16—12—1236—14—56	l.e. 12	164523
—34—16—12—1236—34—16	l.e. 12	165324
—34—16—12—1236—34—16	l.e. 14	136524
—36—16—12—1236—12—16	l.e. 14	162534
—36—16—12—1236—12—36	l.e. 14	136524
—36—16—12—1236—14—16	l.e. 16	134625
—36—16—12—1236—14—36	l.e. 14	164235
—36—16—12—1236—14—56	l.e. 16	165243
—36—16—12—1236—34—16	l.e. 14	145362
—36—16—12—1236—34—36	l.e. 14	146325
—36—16—12—1236—34—36	l.e. 16	146532
34—34.16—12—1236—14—16	l.e. 12	136245*
34—34.16—12—1236—14—56	l.e. 12	165324
34—34.16—12—1236—34—36	l.e. 12	143562
36—34.16—12—1236—12—36	l.e. 14	145362
36—34.16—12—1236—12—56	l.e. 14	135642
36—34.16—12—1236—34—16	l.e. 14	164235
36—34.16—12—1236—34—36	l.e. 12	154632
36—34.16—12—1236—34—56	l.e. 14	135642

* Could someone please state whether or not this method has been named King Charles Surprise Minor.

A. BISHOP.

London, S.W.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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LETTERS—continued

PUBLICATION OF COMPOSITIONS

Dear Sir,—I must disagree with Mr. Rowson when he says, on page 22, "... it is accepted that some attribution of composition must be given in peal reports." Discounting those of Doubles and Minor there were seven peals with no attribution of composition in the "Ringing World" of January 10th.

However, his final paragraph is worth consideration. Compositions, like methods themselves, are really discoveries. Providing you define your parameters (e.g., length of peal and type of bob) there is a finite number of "compositions" for any given method. Perhaps we may see the footnote "Discovered by" in lieu of "Composed by" in peal reports of the future!

I should be surprised if anybody took the last suggestion seriously, but I think the following idea may be of merit: that the Central Council forms a committee to consider all compositions/arrangements before they are published in "The Ringing World" and decides if they are to be called compositions.

Compositions would be those peals that contain some notable new feature not previously published. Thus R. W. Pipe's peal of 40,320 Derwent S. Major and N. Smith's "all the work" peals, to quote two examples, would be compositions and the vast majority of peals of Plain Bob published in the last decade, for instance, would be deemed arrangements.

I would suggest that arrangements should not be published in "The Ringing World" and that the "R.W." endeavour to publish all compositions approved by the committee, including those of previous years.—Yours sincerely,

ANDREW G. CRADDOCK.

Ashford Middlesex

RANG WITH GABRIEL LINDOFF

Dear Sir.—Besides the 15,312 being Gabriel Lindoff's first peal of Cambridge Maximus and the 14,112 his first peal of London, it must not be forgotten that the famous "Five Ones" at St. Martin's, Birmingham, was also his first peal of Stedman Cinques. Gay Lindoff was indeed one of the truly great figures of our Art.

I rang several peals with him on tour when I had the honour and pleasure of joining the "Pye party" on their annual "holiday". The ill-fated 18,240 Kent Treble Bob Major mentioned by E. A. Barnett was rung at Mottram-in-Longdendale (1922) and occupied 11 hours and 13 minutes.

Of the before-mentioned 14,112 London S.M., an attempt had failed at Netherton a few weeks previously. Many years afterwards William Pye recalled the event to me, with these words: "We had rung the 9,000 with the tenors parted without a mistake. I called the 7th to make the bob. I called myself to make the bob, and immediately I struck my blow in fifths I knew they had shifted on the front, as clean as a whistle."

The 18,027 Stedman Caters at Loughborough was one of the greatest feats in the annals of ringing. It was the first occasion that one set of men had rung "round the clock". William Pye conducted, and rang the 30½ cwt. tenor for 12 hours and 18 minutes. He became a giant in the Exercise and a legend in his lifetime. Pleasant memories are retained of many peals rung in his illustrious company, most of them under his inspiring leadership.—Yours, etc.,

JOHN G. NASH.

Muswell Hill, London, N.

TELLING THE PUBLIC ABOUT RINGING

Dear Sir,—I was extremely interested in your article reprinted from the pamphlet by Mr. T. G. Hawkins on telling the Edmonton public about bellringing, and would like to say that this is exactly what I have been doing for some time in our parish magazine.

Two years ago I offered to write a series of short articles on bells and ringing, with periodic news of our own ring of six and our ringers, for the new series of our church magazine then being planned. The offer was gladly accepted, and since then I have contributed 20 articles on bells and ringing, interspersed with our now permanent feature, Tower Topics, giving news of our own tower.

The subject matter of the general articles is very much the same as the latter part of Mr. Hawkins' article, although presented in different form. I had to limit each instalment to about 230 words, which was often difficult when the continuity of the information had to be maintained.

As a result of all this we have now progressed from a sadly-neglected tower to a belfry full of keen youngsters, mostly girls. We have had our troubles, chiefly of course several broken stays and a broken slider, and on one occasion the third bell came out of its bearings. But we have overcome these difficulties, the bells are going much better, and we do not anticipate any further trouble. Our neighbouring ringers from Birstall and Syston have given us a great deal of help with instructing learners and with bell maintenance, and we are very grateful for their assistance.

I am often annoyed by the appalling ignorance of the general public concerning ringing, and feel that ringers themselves are largely to blame. They are much too detached from the rest of the community in the exercise of their art. On the very day when your article appeared I had a vigorous argument with three of my office colleagues about bellringing. One said: "It isn't music, just a jangle of notes to us." Another said: "We wouldn't mind if we understood it, but no one ever explains it to us." And the third man said: "The church magazine comes through our letterbox every month—but there's never a word in it about the bells."

I am not a top-class change-ringer: I still have much to learn, but feel that I am rendering some service to the Exercise by writing about it and defending it whenever possible. —Your faithfully,

JOHN H. DURANCE.

Tower Captain, St. Michael's Church, Thurmaston, Leicester.

FOURTHS PLACE TREBLE BOB MINOR

Dear Sir,—In response to Mr. Wratten's letter on 4ths place Treble Bob Minor methods, the Longwood band can see no harm, in itself, in ringing a method which is the bob lead of another method. After all, there is as much difference (or as little difference, depending on your viewpoint) between Woodbine and Merchant's Return as there is between, say, Neasden and Old Oxford.

In late 1967 we rang a quarter comprising 720 Woodbine and 720 Merchant's and the quarter was published as two separate methods in "The Ringing World". The quarter took neither more nor less mental effort than a more recent quarter of 720 Neasden and 600 Sandal, but we had the pleasure of giving an old though much neglected method an airing.

The position becomes rather different when such methods are included in an extent of spliced, however. Let me give an example. In December last we attempted to ring a quarter of combined Oxford, Kent and Woodbine in which the bobs were called in the Woodbine leads. Had we been successful in the attempt we should have claimed a quarter in three methods, not four methods as might have been the case with some other West Riding bands. Whether the bobs were called as such or whether the conductor said "Ring Merchant's Return" is immaterial.

To sum up for the Longwood band. We should not like to see a complete official ban on the type of method under discussion. Their names should be allowed for extents in the one method. However, because of their special relationship to the parent method we would ask for restraint in their claimed use in extents of spliced Treble Bob.

The operative term, as they say in the Law of Contract, is "reasonable".—Yours, etc.,

IAN ROBERTS.

Longwood, Yorks.

OUR "SILVER SPOON" RINGERS

Dear Sir,—When people are praising young ringers for their outstanding records and achievements, do they ever stop to consider those ringers who are not so blessed with ability, who spend many hours poring over diagrams at home and try over and over again to ring something which seems extremely difficult?

The successes of many young ringers are frequently a result of an intuitive knack for ringing, a good teacher, joining a tower with a strong band, or being taken round to good towers as "someone's little protege". Praise given to such ringers is undeserved, considering that seldom have they met, and subsequently overcome, any real difficulties. In fact more frequently the public recognition of such ringers is an expression of the pride of the ringer's teacher or band.

Spare a thought for those beginners who receive no encouragement and struggle on persistently in their own poor towers, or who travel long distances alone by bus to other towers, determined to become reasonable ringers, despite criticism and antagonism from impatient "experienced" ringers.

Just recently I heard one ringer telling another that if a recruit spends two years learning to ring without much success the ringer should be asked to leave because he is wasting the time of the Ringing Master. This, I feel most strongly, is a very bad attitude to take, for what is it but turning someone out of the House of God. Is it too much to ask that a band should put up with a few badly-struck rounds every Sunday for the sake of someone who is not so fortunate as they? Who knows but sooner or later one of their poor ringers might gradually see daylight and make quite a good ringer, for many there are these days who failed their 11+ yet managed to get reasonable results by the time they took "O" levels.

I myself know a lady who has rung regularly for nearly ten years and who is shouted at and scorned to her face by snobbish "competent" ringers. Nevertheless she continues to ring undaunted, always trying, and welcoming any help from kindly ringers. It is these ringers who deserve credit and not so much those who are pushed along by ambitious teachers.—Yours sincerely,

A Hard Road Traveller.

(Name and address supplied.)

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DOWNE, KENT.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Ann Westley (first quarter) 1, Val Hayward 2, Lucy Hopkins 3, K. Burgess 4, A. H. Long 5, R. A. Grant (cond.) 6.

HARWELL, BERKS.—On Dec. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Gilks 1, Mary Wells 2, R. Blond 3, D. Jordan (cond.) 4, H. Wells 5, L. Cox 6, W. Corderoy 7, D. Bosley 8. Rung half-muffled to the memory of A. E. Gee after his funeral.

HOPTON, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 30th, 1,240 Plain Bob Doubles: E. Foreman 1, T. G. Boast 2, D. G. Boast (cond.) 3, A. W. Foreman 4, H. B. Fuller 5, S. Flatman 6. A farewell to the Rev. Cyril Carrier on his departure to Ixworth.

HORSPATH, OXFORD. — On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): I. M. M. O'Reilly (first quarter) 1, E. E. Harmsworth (first quarter) 2, C. Hagger 3, R. Hazell 4, Brenda M. Arnott (cond.) 5, F. Keen 6. A birthday compliment to the ringers of 1 and 2.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX. — On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss A. E. Lambert (first quarter) 1, S. W. Brown 2, J. Kirkaldy 3, H. W. Brown 4, P. D. Hepburn (cond.) 5, R. Kirkaldy 6. For Evensong.

INGESTRE, STAFFS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Rosemary White 1, M. J. Mulvey 2, J. L. Humphreys 3, M. Allery 4, J. P. Burton 5, P. R. Johnson (cond.) 6. For midnight service.

LANGDON HILLS, ESSEX.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods): J. Foster 1, K. Lucas 2, D. Stott 3, G Lucas 4, P. M. Fleckney (cond.) 5, W. White 6.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Anne Parr 1, Pauline Smith 2, Judith Robinson 3, A. H. Smith 4, P. Ford 5, A. J. Smith (cond.) 6. A compliment to Canon P. C. Lee on the 50th anniversary of his ordination.

LEWISHAM, LONDON.—On Oct. 6th, 1,250 Yorkshire Surprise Major: D. Gebbett 1, Jean Henderson 2, Jennie Brown 3, C. P. Starbuck (cond.) 4, R. A. Grant 5, G. A. Duke 6, D. Hollis 7, J. Pladdys 8. Also on Nov. 17th, 1,250 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Catherine Reed 1, Jennie Brown 2, Rosemary Cotton 3, G. A. Duke 4, D. Gebbett 5, D. Hollis 6, R. A. Grant 7, C. P. Starbuck (cond.) 8. Also on Dec. 8th, 1,344 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: J. Machell 1, Rosemary Cotton 2, Jennie Brown 3, C. P. Starbuck (cond.) 4, P. W. Cave 5, D. Hollis 6, D. Gebbett 7, R. A. Grant 8. First in method 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8. Also on Dec. 15th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Catherine Reed 1, Jennie Brown 2, D. Gebbett 3, R. Colles 4, J. Ellams 5, G. A. Duke 6, C. P. Starbuck 7, D. Hollis (cond.) 8. Also on Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jonathan Hollis 1, D. Hollis 2, Barbara Leigh 3, Catherine Reed (cond.) 4, D. Gebbett 5, Alan Long 6, R. A. Grant 7, J. Pladdys 8. All for Evensong.

LEYLAND, LANCS.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. G. Lawson 1, J. Nelson 2, L. Walmsley 3, Judy Baker (first quarter) 4, G. J. Mee 5, J. D. Nixon (cond.) 6.

LONG EATON, NOTTS.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Miss J. Allen 1, Miss V. Belfitt 2, A. Humphrey 3, F. J. Ward (first as cond.) 4, C. Stringer 5, C. Bestwick 6.

LOCKING, SOM.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: G. Prescott 1, Marjorie Legg (cond.) 2, Yvonne Criddle 3, June Legg 4, J. Coombs 5, H. Button 6. For early Communion. Also on Dec. 31st, 1,260 Rev. Stedman Doubles: Marjorie Legg 1, June Legg 2, Yvonne Criddle 3, J. Coombs 4, G. Prescott (cond.) 5, H. Button 6.

LYNDHURST, HANTS. — On Dec. 24th, 1,320 Wenceslas Doubles: D. C. Jackson (cond.) 1, L. D. Smith 2, Elizabeth A. Banks 3, R. H. Roberts 4, J. S. Hopwood 5, A. J. Mason 6.

MARK, SOM. — On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Creber (first quarter) 1, P. W. Ham 2, Kay Hine 3, I. J. Burrough 4, Doris Burrough 5, J. Creber 6, F. B. Comer (cond.) 7, J. Lee 8. After Evensong for the visit of the Bishop of Bath and Wells to end the 700th anniversary year of Mark Church.

MINSTER-IN-SHEPPEY, KENT.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (six meth./var.): Susan Goodwin 1, Marianne Leworthy 2, Mira Ford 3, Susan Rayner 4, D. P. Leworthy (cond.) 5, Elizabeth Ingleton 6. First in six methods 2, 4. For carol service. Also on Dec. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (11 meth./var.): Susan Goodwin 1, Marianne Leworthy 2, Mira Ford 3, Susan Rayner 4, D. P. Leworthy (cond.) 5, Ann Bryant 6. First in 11 methods 2, 4. A 2nd birthday compliment to Christopher Bower.

QUARTER PEALS

MIDSOMER NORTON, SOM.—On Dec. 8th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: D. Targett 1, R. E. Beck 2, E. Wadman 3, R. G. Beck 4, F. Savage 5, P. Jones 6, A. P. Beck (cond.) 7, D. Mackay 8. For Evensong.

OSPRINGE, KENT.—On Nov. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Pack 1, J. B. Keeler 2, Miss M. Judge 3, Miss P. Winch 4, Mrs. E. S. Palin 5, F. C. Farnsworth 6, E. T. Eades (cond.) 7, M. Winch 8. For Confirmation service.

PEMBROKE. — On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: N. C. Rogers 1, A. Lingard 2, Prudence Pattison 3, S. P. Rogers 4, A. R. Trickett 5, P. C. Rogers (cond.) 6, P. F. Kraus 7. For the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols. Also on Dec. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: N. C. Rogers 1, Betty M. Rogers 2, S. P. Rogers 3, Prudence Pattison 4, P. C. Rogers (cond.) 5, I. Russant 6. For Evensong.

PETHAM, KENT.—On Dec. 21st, 1,320 Doubles (five methods): P. Southon 1, Miss D. Petts 2, C. Beeching (cond.) 3, L. Huckstep 4, W. Seward 5, D. Sara 6. For Confirmation service.

ROMSEY, HANTS.—On Dec. 21st, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: R. S. Parratt (first Triples) 1, M. L. Northway 2, J. Colliss (first in method) 3, I. H. Trueman (cond.) 4, H. J. Page 5, D. R. Fallick (first in method) 6, J. Hartless 7, C. T. Drew 8.

ST. PETER'S-IN-THANET, KENT.—On Dec. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Garden 1, I. Whorlow 2, Miss J. Whorlow 3, Mrs. M. Firman 4, G. Firman 5, A. W. Bridges (cond.) 6. A welcome to the new curate, the Rev. Louis Baycock.

SANDY, BEDS.—On Dec. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Annette Goss (first quarter) 1, Karen Baker 2, D. Goss 3, Joan Ashton 4, C. R. Hardy (cond.) 5, M. Mander 6. Also on Dec. 9th, 1,260 P.B. Minor: M. Down 1, Karen Baker 2, Alison Mager 3, C. R. Hardy (cond.) 4, P. Jewell 5, A. H. Smith 6.

SCOTHERN, LINCS. — On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. Greta Herring 1, Gillian Radley 2, H. J. Radley 3, A. C. A. Hopkins (first Doubles as cond.) 4, C. V. Cade 5, W. P. Sargeant 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. E. C. Hopkins, Rector of Sudbrooke and Vicar of Scothern, whose funeral took place that afternoon.

SHIPBOURNE, KENT.—On Dec. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Pratt (first quarter) 1, W. T. Grice 2, W. Manser 3, J. Harden 4, A. Skinner (first as cond.) 5, A. Beach 6. For carol service.

SILSOE, BEDS. — On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): N. Brazier 1, T. P. Harris (cond.) 2, D. A. Eddy 3, T. R. Harris 4, P. J. Lawton 5, Susan Catlin 6. For Midnight Communion.

SILVERDALE, STAFFS.—On Nov. 10th, 1,280 Pl. Bob Major: P. Gosling (first Major) 1, Leona Roper 2, Susan Gay 3, Felicity Ashford 4, C. J. Morey 5, J. A. Tandy 6, M. J. Robinson 7, P. W. Gay (cond.) 8. By the University of Keele Society, for Evensong.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Minor (Plain Bob, Kent T.B., tenor covering): G. Kenward 1, Wendy R. Austin 2, S. B. Dobbie 3, F. J. Dadson 4, G. Wood 5, L. Mitchell (cond.) 6, J. E. Clarke 7. For carol service.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. R. Scott 1, S. Hare 2, Rosamund Brown (first Triples) 3, W. R. Hare 4, D. C. Brown 5, D. P. Hilling (cond.) 6, W. Birmingham 7, R. J. Foster 8. Rung for the Festival of Carols and Lessons.

SOMERTON, SOM. — On Dec. 26th, 1,260 P.B. Minor: H. E. G. Jeanes 1, Miss S. M. Allen 2, F. Priddle 3, A. Dyer 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5, G. W. Rendell, jun. 6. Rung following the wedding of Peter Exon and Rita Jones. Also on Dec. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. S. Bryant 1, Miss S. A. Mayell 2, A. J. Callow 3, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 4, F. J. White (cond.) 5, D. G. Mayell (150th quarter) 6. A compliment to Miss E. E. Frankham on her 90th birthday.

STAINES, MIDDX.—On Dec. 22nd, at St. Peter's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Norman 1, C. Wiggins 2, Fiona Walters 3, T. G. Williams 4, R. Wiggins 5, M. S. Loveday (first quarter as cond.) 6. First Minor 1, 2, 3. For carol service.

STEVENAGE, HERTS. — On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Munson 1, W. Brown 2, W. Lawrence 3, D. Taplin 4, L. Cooper 5, S. Gullick 6, D. Gullick (cond.) 7, R. Kirkpatrick 8. For midnight service.

STOCKBURY, KENT.—On Dec. 27th, a quarter peal of five Doubles methods: Miss W. Austin 1, Mrs. P. Bushell 2, G. Wood 3, F. Dadson 4, R. Bushell (cond.) 5. A 21st birthday compliment to Mr. P. Bushell.

STOKE BISHOP, BRISTOL.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): Joan Gray 1, Alison Brown 2, Susan Carter 3, A. Crofts 4, P. Gray (cond.) 5, F. Crofts 6. For Christmas.

STONE, WORCS.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. W. Illidge 1, D. J. G. Bates (cond.) 2, J. A. Molinoli 3, C. J. Bennett 4, Gillian Bosworth-Smith 5, R. B. Dorrington 6. Rung prior to the annual children's carol service; also a compliment to Gill Smith and David Bates who became engaged on Christmas Eve.

STROUD, GLOS.—On Dec. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Canter 1, T. Pritchard 2, Sara Cornock 3, T. Witts (cond.) 4, R. Watts 5, M. Ashby 6, R. Cornock 7, F. Garland 8. A farewell compliment to Father John Tillett upon acceptance of an appointment in the Oxford Diocese.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On Dec. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Sangwin 1, R. Hill 2, H. Trewin 3, C. Sangwin 4, H. Heard 5, H. Stacey (cond.) 6, J. Sangwin 7, F. Pearce 8. A wedding compliment to Kathleen C. Crossby and John H. Ridler, married at York this day.

SWINDON, WILTS. — At Christ Church, on Dec. 24th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: M. J. Stanley 1, Miss A. O'Brian (first Caters) 2, Miss V. Ballard (first "inside" G. Caters) 3, W. B. Kynaston 4, A. R. Peake 5, R. Hulme 6, D. Carr 7, M. New 8, E. Sutton (cond.) 9, M. Sutton 10.

TOTTERNHOE, BEDS. — On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. J. Cook 1, June Sinfield 2, W. Sear (first Grandsire "inside") 3, R. Rowley 4, R. J. Scott 5, P. Aslett 6, J. W. Sinfield (cond.) 7, B. Maunders (first on eight) 8. For Evensong.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH. — On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering; five methods): C. Stillman 1, Kay Whittiker 2, J. H. Thompson 3, A. F. Lee (cond.) 4, Hilary Jacobs (most methods) 5, Caroline Sutton (first attempt) 6, M. J. Hawkins 7, S. Duckett 8.

TWICKENHAM, MIDDX.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, on Dec. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. M. Lovell 1, Anne Horsford 2, P. W. Bevington 3, N. F. Edwards 4, A. J. Hampton 5, E. A. Morris 6, T. J. Lock (cond.) 7, C. F. Low 8. First quarter on the rehung bells. A tribute to all who made possible the rehanging of the bells and the restoration of the tower.

TWICKENHAM, MIDDX. — At All Hallows' Church, on Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: M. J. Seagrave 1, N. F. Edwards 2, Lesley Warwick 3, Mary Knight 4, A. J. Hampton 5, D. Brown 6, Anne Horsford (first as cond.) 7, C. R. Harris 8.

TWYWELL, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (six methods): J. Green (first quarter) 1, G. Green (first "inside") 2, E. Hall 3, V. Hall (first of Doubles) 4, D. Atley (cond.) 5. Most methods by all the band, each ringer being under 16.

UPTON GREY, HANTS. — On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Lynn 1, A. Hoare 2, C. L. Mew (first "inside") 3, J. Lewis 4, M. Lynn (cond.) 5, S. Waite (first quarter) 6.

WAKEFIELD, YORKS.—On Dec. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Anne Whitaker 1, Helen Williams 2, Gail Cater 3, Janet Hunt (first "inside") 4, Anne Johnson (cond.) 5, R. Cater 6. First quarter 1, 2. Rung to congratulate Margaret and Geoffrey Townend on the birth of a daughter (Dec. 15th), and Gail Cater on her 25th birthday, also Dec. 15th.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.—On Aug. 18th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Miss K. Parsons (first quarter) 1, Miss J. E. Turner 2, Mrs. J. A. Smith 3, Mrs. I. Marshall 4, D. D. Smith (cond.) 5, J. Marshall 6. Also on Aug. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss A. Ramsey (first quarter) 1, Miss D. M. Mullins 2, Miss J. E. Turner 3, Mrs. I. Marshall 4, D. D. Smith (cond.) 5, J. Marshall 6. Also on Sept. 1st, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: D. D. Smith 1, Miss J. E. Turner (first "inside" of Minor) 2, Mrs. J. A. Smith (first "inside" of Minor) 3, N. Carter 4, I. Wickens 5, G. Francis (cond.) 6. Also on Oct. 6th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Miss J. E. Turner (first Treble Bob) 1, Mrs. J. A. Smith (first Surprise) 2, N. Carter 3, R. Osbon 4, G. Francis 5, D. D. Smith (cond.) 6.

WEARE, SOM.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): Gwen Hooper 1, Susan Stott 2, R. Jones 3, H. Hooper (cond.) 4, S. Bendle 5, F. A. Hooper 6. For carol service.

OBITUARY

MRS. FRANCES MARY CARTER

The death occurred at Manor Hospital, Bath, on January 10th, of Frances Mary Carter, at the early age of 22 years, after a long illness. Frances was the wife of R. W. G. (Bill) Carter, of Portishead, and only daughter of George and Hilda Massey, of Frome.

Frances was born at Esher, Surrey, in November, 1946, and moved to Frome with her parents in 1951. As both her parents and her paternal grandparents were ringers it was inevitable that Frances should learn to ring at an early age, and she rang her first peal when ten years old. She had for many years been a member of the local band at St. John's, Frome.

On leaving school Frances read economics at the University College of Wales, Aberystwyth, graduating in July, 1968. Despite her illness, which had troubled her for the past three years, 1968 proved to be a particularly happy year for her. In addition to graduating she was able to enjoy a ringing tour of Derbyshire with friends from Somerset. Then there was the joyous day in September when she was married to Bill Carter, a fellow graduate from Aberystwyth.

The happy couple went to live in Northern Ireland, where they were both research students at the New University of Ulster, Coleraine. During the Christmas vacation, however, Frances' health deteriorated seriously and she re-entered hospital for the last time.

The funeral service took place at Bath Crematorium on January 14th, conducted by the Vicar of Frome, the Rev. P. R. Mitchell. That evening a half-muffled quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. John's, Frome, by members of the Frome Branch of the Bath and Wells Association, conducted by Frances' brother, David Massey.

Frances was a very capable ringer and she had rung in over 600 towers. Her peal total was 13, rung for the Bath and Wells Association and the Salisbury and Truro Guilds. Her last peal was of Pudsey Surprise Major at Wincanton in March, 1966, after which she gave up peal ringing on medical advice. An analysis of her peals is as follows: Cambridge S. Maj. 1, Pudsey S. Maj. 1, Yorkshire S. Maj. 1, Plain Bob Maj. 3, Stedman Triples 2, Cambridge S. Minor 2, Beverley S. Minor 1, Doubles in 2 and 3 methods 2.

MISS DOROTHY WEST

Porthkerry (Glam) tower has suffered a sad loss through the death of one of its young members, Dorothy West, who died on January 9th following a road accident the previous day. She was 16 and will be much missed. Dorothy and her two sisters learned to ring two years ago when they came to the neighbourhood and continued to attend after a recent move to Barry.

The bells were rung half-muffled for the funeral service at Porthkerry on January 16th, and a half-muffled quarter peal of Minor (St. Clement's and Plain Bob) was rung on January 17th by R. C. Smart 1, L. J. Malings 2, Mrs. G. Horne 3, W. E. Pearce 4, C. Cook 5, D. J. Llewellyn (cond.) 6.

We express our sincere sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. West and the family. L. J. M.

Mr. F. B. Ditcher, of Fargo, Church Road, Lelant, St. Ives, Cornwall, died on Jan. 17th.

CORRECTION

In the quarter peal rung at Hillingdon on December 29th (page 45) the ringer of the sixth was C. J. Venn and not as printed.

WORTHINGTON SURPRISE PEAL FALSE

Dear Sir,—I withdraw the peal of Worthington Surprise Major rung at Stevenage on November 16th, 1968, as it is false. When originally checking the method for falseness I extracted the inverted incidence for each member, making it similar to Worcestershire, for which I had a true composition by Mr. Ivin. I apologise to the band concerned and to any others who will have been inconvenienced by the withdrawal.—Yours sincerely,

RICHARD L. UNDERWOOD.

Peterhouse, Cambridge.

MR. J. T. RANN

Mr. James Thomas (Jim) Rann, longest standing member of the St. John's, Loughton, band, died quite suddenly on January 6th at the age of 78. He was the son of a St. John's ringer and a member of the same band for 63 years. His regular presence in the tower, continuing up to a few months ago, was exemplary.

Jim acted as tower captain for many years after the Second World War and was a life member of the Essex Association. He rang many quarters from his favourite bell, the seventh, and a single peal of Grandsire Triples in 1953 when he rang the tenor. Always interested in handbell ringing, he generously donated a fine set of handbells to the tower some years ago. These are regularly used, particularly carolling before Christmas.

Jim was buried to the half-muffled sound of the eight which were large in his life, and now lies within the sound of those beloved bells. Ringers over a wide area have lost a much-respected and well-loved friend. K. S. G.

MR. M. SAUNDERS

Ringers who knew Mr. "Mont" Saunders, of Helmdon, Northants, will be saddened to hear of his untimely death. Mont had been ill for over a year, but in failing health had not neglected his duty to his church choir or bell-ringing. Those who have been with him week in and week out will always be indebted to him for his great example of tolerance, kindness and thoughtfulness, especially towards younger ringers.

Helmdon belfry has a good band of young people, all of whom owe their ability to ring through the encouragement and help given them by Mont. R.I.P.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The first meeting of the year of the Ashford District was held at Lydd, often called "the Cathedral of the Marsh", on January 18th.

The afternoon ringing started badly, a stay breaking on the treble. Ringing continued with the bell in the hands of the more expert ringers.

The service was conducted by the Rector, Canon J. J. Wilmshurst, and about 60 members and friends enjoyed the excellent tea arranged by the Lydd ringers in the Hardy Hall.

After a rather lengthy business meeting ringers returned to the tower and were joined by more ringing friends. Ringing continued until 9 p.m. A. P. S. B

HARRY AND LEONARD RODMELL

The East Riding of Yorkshire, particularly oldest stalwarts with the passing of the Rodmell brothers, Harry (89) and Len (86). Harry passed peacefully away on December 19th after a year of enforced retirement following a stroke, Len following shortly afterwards on January 8th.

They learned to ring at St. James, Sutton-in-Holderness, during 1898, and were instrumental in introducing change-ringing at Sutton, with the help of Charles Jackson, of Holy Trinity, Hull. They joined the Yorkshire Association in 1904. Len served on the general committee on behalf of the Eastern District for 11 years, from 1953 to 1963. They were founder members of the Beverley and District Society, Leonard being its second Ringing Master for 11 years, 1947–58, following Clement Glenn, its first.

When Len left to take a farm at Patrington during the early part of the Second World War, Harry stayed on to manage their farm at Sutton. Thus Harry was able to complete 69 years' ringing at Sutton, broken only by service in the First World War. Throughout all these years he maintained almost a 100% attendance for morning and evening service ringing and rarely missed a practice. He would often turn up dressed in Wellington boots and farming attire, ready to return to work among his cows afterwards.

Len became tower captain at Patrington and continued ringing there, in spite of the awkward approach to the ringing chamber—and doctor's orders—until he was turned 80

They recalled ringing for the relief of Ladysmith and Mafeking during the Boer War, Queen Victoria's Jubilee, and both rang in the first peal on the bells at Sutton in 1907. Harry stood in unsuccessful peal attempts to celebrate the 50th and 60th anniversary of this peal. Len went on to top the hundred mark for peals, while Harry's total was 57. Many of their peals were called by G. F. Williams, of Hull, T. H. Taffender, of London (who took a regular holiday at Scarborough), and Clement Glenn. The writer, among many others, is indebted to both of them for encouragement and provision of transport to District meetings and peals during his early years of ringing.

The funeral service for Harry was held at Sutton, while the service for Len was held at Patrington, each being preceded by half-muffled ringing before interment at Sutton. A course of Plain Bob Minor was rung on handbells at the graveside of each, followed by open ringing on the tower bells.

We thank God for their lives and their example of long and faithful service. May they rest in peace. R. D.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Eric N. Harrison has rung 50 peals at the Morpeth Watch Tower, Northumberland.

Mr. A. Edward Reeves completed his 50 years as a ringer by taking part in a peal of Royal at Worsley, Lancs, on December 27th.

Our front page picture of Chittlehampton Parish Church is by courtesy of "The Devon Times".

During recent gales a piece of louvre fell from the top of Saffron Walden's spire and has cut through the tenor's wheel. Ringing will continue on the other bells.

We are sorry to learn that one of our old and esteemed readers, Mr. B. D. Costar, of Glebe Farm, Standlake, Witney, Oxon, is very ill. Our good wishes are extended to him and his wife.

Two local ringers at Perth, W.A., are engaged. They are Miss Jenny Lees, of Applecross, and Mr. Tim Gregory, of Crawley, Sussex. Both are planning to come to England this year.

A peal in 129 different Plain methods of Spliced Doubles was rung at Shelford, Notts, on December 28th, conducted by George A. Dawson. This is the greatest number of methods ever rung to a peal of Doubles.

The cover picture of Newark Parish Church in the issue of January 17th was published through the courtesty of "The Newark Advertiser".

A reader asks for a story on the Barron Bell Trust. Would any of our correspondents submit an article telling how the Trust came about, its resources, rules, number of grants, with maximum and minimum grants and present trustees?

Because of the attack by thugs on Miss Brenda Harris, when she had ammonia thrown in her eyes, difficulty was experienced in completing the Benington, Herts, band for a quarter peal that day. F. Judkins, however, scored his first quarter.

The Editor acknowledges with sincere thanks a pocket calendar from Jim Reynolds, conductor in John's Lane, Dublin. Practices for visitors are held here on the first Tuesday of each month at 8.30, and at the January practice 20 ringers attended.

Eight peals and 19 quarters were rung at Llandaff Cathedral during 1968. Both totals were records for a single year. At the Guild's A.G.M. on January 7th the following officers were elected: Captain, N. A. James; vice-captain, N. W. H. Simon; secretary, Miss Felicity Cooke, 13, Rockwood Avenue, Llandaff.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

DERBY PLAN SPONSORED WALK FOR CATHEDRAL

About two centuries ago a band of bell-ringers walked from London to Oxford, a distance of 57 miles, and after ringing walked back to London. Imbued by the spirit of the past, the Derbyshire Association is planning a sponsored walk involving ringing bells at Derby, Breadsall, Horsley and Duffield on March 15th. The distance is 16 miles and it is proposed to set off from Derby Cathedral at 10 a.m. and return about 6 p.m.

Members and friends are asked to find as many sponsors (at so much a mile and a bonus for ringing at the towers) as possible, as the objective is to raise money towards the Derby Cathedral appeal, for which the ringers have promised to raise £1,000.

Liquid refreshment will be provided at Horsley and a substantial meal at St. Michael's House on completion of the walk.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD AT DINNER

The annual dinner of the Guild at Royal Mount Ephraim Hotel, Tunbridge Wells, on January 11th, was a very happy gathering. The president, the Rev. J. R. Missen, replied to the toast of "The Church" submitted by Ray Large. "The Guild" was toasted on the call of Mr. B. Collison, and the chairman, Brian Jeffery, in reply mentioned that attendances had been slightly down on 1967, but he thought that a better spirit prevailed in the Guild. Mr. E. J. Ladd proposed "The Visitors" and Mr. F. E. Darby, Master of the Surrey Association, replied. He congratulated the Guild on its spirit and recalled some of the peals he had rung with members.

An entertainment followed, with sketches by Peter, Andrew and Chris Bassett and by John Warner and Tim Green. Poems were recited by Colin Osbon, songs sung by Ray Large and Tim Green delighted with his ukelele. It was 11.30 p.m. before the last left for home.

TO GET A HAMPSHIRE SIX GOING AGAIN

An appeal has been launched to get the six bells of St. Nicholas', Wickham, near Fareham, Hants, ringing again. An exhibition is being planned at the 700th anniversary of Wickham to help forward the appeal for £950 and also for recruiting ringers for when the bells are ready. This will be held in the last week in May.

FOR TOWER GRABBERS

Mr. Robin J. Collis, of Keynes College, The University, Canterbury, has offered to compile a list of tower grabbers for 1968 similar to that he compiled the previous year. He requests all ringers who have rung in over 100 new towers in 1968 to send him their 1968 total, their overall total and the number of years they have been ringing.

FOR 8-BELL CHIMES

Mr. Barry Couzens is on the list of chimers at Nairobi Cathedral and is anxious for good compositions suitable for eight bells. He would like adaptations of well-known hymn tunes or original compositions. Contributions sent to Miss J. Sanderson, Vervan, 1, Orchard Gate, Melbourn, Royston, Herts, will be forwarded.

STEDMAN DOUBLES

There's something gone wrong with our Stedman, I fear:
Wherever I go, it's a crunch that I hear.
Please, where am I going?
I'm just to-and-fro-ing:
For what has gone wrong is at present not clear.

The chap on the treble is nodding at me:
That means I'm to dodge with him—that I can see.
I cannot deny it.
I'll just have to try it—
Oh, is there a gap for the second left free?

Yes, that was the dodging — the treble was right.
How nice that some ringers are always polite!
My nerve tends to soften,
I'm yelled at so often—
But most ringers' bark is far worse than their bite.

"Come on, in quick now, Two!" I run down to lead
Two blows, and then out to the back with all speed:
The dodging behind
Is soon over, I find:
And after the slow work, I've finished indeed!

E. M. B.

"BEDFORDSHIRE YOUTHS"

On January 4th 22 "Bedfordshire Youths" (with two interlopers from Huntingdonshire and London) set off for a ringing tour in Leicestershire and Rutland. Only one ringer was over 21 and considering this the standard of ringing was very good. The towers visited were: Market Harborough (8), Oadby (6), Knighton (5), Syston (8), Barkby (6), Melton Mowbray (10), Oakham (8), Langham (6) and Uppingham (8). Grandsire and Plain Bob were rung at all towers: Reverse Canterbury, Kent, Cambridge Minor and Stedman Triples were also rung. Our final tower was to have been Empingham but the coach driver misheard his instructions and took us to Uppingham. Fortunately there was a practice in progress here so those of us who weren't too tired or weren't involved in other activities (!) joined the local ringers.

S. M. T.

ST. DAVID'S DAY PEAL ATTEMPT

Permission has again been given for a peal attempt at St. David's, Bangor, North Wales, on Saturday morning, March 1st. Beaumaris bells are also available for a peal the same day. David ringers interested write: Vincent, 8, Deanway, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 2JT.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Both District Ringing Masters—Messrs. C. D. Mann and A. H. Smith—did an excellent job at the Biggleswade District meeting on December 14th in providing something to please everybody during the afternoon at Blunham and in the evening at Northill. May the District extend its thanks to both of the above for performing good-humouredly and efficiently the most difficult task in any ringing Association. Let's hope the coming year will show even greater enthusiasm.

E.

DOVE'S GUIDE

Mr. Donald Dove, the compiler of "A Bell-ringer's Guide to the Church Bells of Britain", writes that he is unable to accede to the request of six ringers to publish corrections to the Guide at regular intervals. This would be most difficult in regard to practice night changes which could well be published in "The Ringing World" independently.

As to the suggestions of inaccuracies, he writes:—

> "I have now had the new book checked thoroughly by an independent authority, whose findings reveal that in the main sections, viz., the alphabetical and county sections, there was ONE error, a 5 shown as 6 in the MSS., although printers' errors arising from last-minute alterations to the final proofs resulted in two omissions and two duplicated lines in the alphabetical section only, apart from minor misspellings in the appendices, which while disappointing to me are of small consequence."

Those engaged in compiling records know only too well how errors unexpectedly arise. We have yet to produce an unblemished "Ringing World", and we congratulate the author on his endeavours to maintain accuracy. Readers' corrections are in no sense an attempt to discredit this useful publication but to help in his records.

TALES OF A TOWER

Heard recently of a tower where the bells have since been rehung:—

A bumping was heard one Sunday morning, and on stopping the fifth was proved to be the cause. Next Sunday, steeplekeeper says: "Carry on; I've fixed the bumping." All is well.

Three weeks later, bumpings once again. Same remedy. All is well. Again it reappears: two other ringers decide to investigate, unknown to steeplekeeper.

What do they find? The gudgeon, having worn through the bearing, is now on its way through the frame: the bell had a decided lean and it was much in evidence that our friend had taken an axe to the frame to allow the bell to pass!

. . . . .

Also of the same tower in preparation for a peal:—

Ringer: "I've put a good pint of oil into them bells. I know most of it's run out, but we'll be all right tomorrow." Good man.

Next day, peal band gathered for the rise: the bells won't move.

Well, I suppose clear varnish does have rather a strong resemblance to oil in a poor light!

E. C.

INTEREST—IN WHAT?

One of the Chester Guild veterans, "Oad Bat-er", tenor behind (he is 80), sent out 50 copies of the Chester Cathedral appeal issue and 110 of the Nantwich issue to, amongst others, Ernest Weatherby (97), California, Mary Wallace, of Wistaston, in South Africa, Drs. Harry and Margery Whipple, New Mexico, and Canon Ward, Copenhagen.

WHY—"THE RINGING WORLD"

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

CROYDON Surrey.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
On Sat., Dec. 7, 1968, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 36 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in C sharp.

Donald E. Cobb	Treble	Brian D. Threlfall	7
Robert E. J. Dennis	2	S. Clarke Walters	8
Richard A. G. Inglis	3	Robert J. Chapman	9
Christopher H. Rogers	4	Rodney B. Meadows	10
*William T. Cook	5	Philip A. Corby	11
Alan J. Frost	6	Alan F. Scholfield	Tenor

Arranged by Robert E. J. Dennis.
Rung silent and unconducted.
Umpires: David E. Parsons (Ancient Society of College Youths) and James A. D Woolford (Society of Royal Cumberland Youths).
* 300th peal.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Dec 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 76 methods/variations/spliced compositions in 42 extents; in 16 methods: St. Simon, St. Martin, St. Osmund, Reverse Union, Reverse St. Faith's Slow Course, Reverse St. Julian, St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place, St. Remigius, Reverse St. Bartholomew, All Saints, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Minster Bob, Reverse St. Sebastian, Plain Bob and Grandsire; in 44 variations and 16 spliced compositions.
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 lb.

Adrian F. Arscott	Treble	Raymond F. Arscott	4
Mervyn A. Arscott	2	Keith E. Beale	5
John Cornelius	3	Leslie H. Arscott	Tenor

Conducted by John Cornelius.
Most methods, etc., by all the band, and for the Association. Quickest on the bells.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—At the Church of St. Paul.
On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1968, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5093 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in D.

Avril Ivin	Treble	Rodney H. French	6
Linda Ellison	2	Robert L. Piron	7
Anthony H. Smith	3	Stephen Ivin	8
Arthur Gibbs	4	Alfred E. Rushton	9
C. Michael Orme	5	Keith H. Fleming	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Stephen Ivin.
Rung with the best wishes of the band to Linda Ellison and Keith Fleming on their engagement.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire.—At Christ Church.
On Sat., Dec. 14, 1968, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

Sidney Hough	Treble	Raymond Ballard	6
Geoffrey R. Gardner	2	Denis Mottershead	7
Brian Schofield	3	David Danby	8
Timothy Wylie	4	F. John Nelson	9
John Hall	5	Neil D. Lomas	Tenor

Composed by John Reeves. Conducted by Geoffrey R. Gardner.
Rung to mark the birth of a son (Matthew) to Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Whitticase and nephew to ringer of the ninth.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

WOLVEY, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
On Fri., Dec. 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being extents of Wells, London, Durham, Beverley, York, Surfleet and Cambridge. Tenor 12 cwt. 24 lb. in G.

John K. Foot	Treble	Anthony J. Cox	4
*Hugh J. Baker	2	Peter C. Randall	5
†Peter H. Mackie	3	Geoffrey W. Randall	Tenor

Conducted by Peter C. Randall.
* First peal of Surprise. † 25th for the Guild.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—At the Church of St. Stephen, Elswick.
On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1968, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 27 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in D.

Enid Lawson	Treble	George S. Deas	5
Ann Lawson	2	Eric N. Harrison	6
John E. Anderson	3	James Crowther	7
Malcolm E. Johnson	4	Michael Maughan	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Michael Maughan.
Rung for the Feast of St. Stephen.

BARNARD CASTLE, County Durham.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Dec. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5090 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. in E.

Christine H. Telfer	Treble	Malcolm E. Johnson	5
Enid Lawson	2	James Crowther	6
Ann Lawson	3	George S. Deas	7
Rodney A. Yeates	4	Michael Maughan	Tenor

Composed by Brian D. Price. Conducted by Michael Maughan.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ST. NEOTS, Huntingdonshire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1968, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in D flat.

Julia A. Fellows	Treble	Christopher D. Corby	5
George E. Thoday	2	Robert D. Bellamy	6
Ian Sawford	3	George E. Bonham	7
Philip George	4	Jack S. Dear	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by George E. Thoday.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

DANBURY, Essex.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
On Fri., Dec. 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in A flat.

Josephine A. Quilter	Treble	Keith W. Brown	5
Kenneth J. Hesketh	2	David E. Rothera	6
Yvonne A. Murray	3	Joe E. G. Roast	7
James L. Towler	4	Philip J. Rothera	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.
First peal in the method on the bells.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CLODOCK, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Clydog.
On Sat., Sept. 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Kent T.B., Single Court and Rev. Canterbury, and two each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 lb. in A.

*E. Charles Biggs	Treble	James Ward	4
C. William Nutt	2	Austin T. Wingate	5
*†Leonard J. Walters	3	John Clements	Tenor

Conducted by John Clements.
* 25th peal together † First in five Minor methods.

MUCH COWARNE, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sun., Sept. 29, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being one 240 Morris' and 40 extents (ten callings). Tenor 7 cwt.

Leslie Evans	Treble	Leonard J. Walters	3
James Ranford	2	E. Charles Biggs	4
John Clements	Tenor		

Conducted by John Clements.
Believed to be the first peal on the bells. Rung on the front five.

STRETTON GRANDISON, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.
On Sat., Dec. 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In four methods, being one 240 and ten extents of Grandsire, six of Rev. St. Bartholomew, eight of Rev. Canterbury and 16 of Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr.

James Randford	Treble	James Ward	4
Leonard J. Walters	2	E. Charles Biggs	5
John Clements	3	George Gwynne	Tenor

Conducted by Leonard J. Walters.
First peal as conductor.

BODENHAM, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., College Single, Single Court, Rev. Canterbury, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

*E. Charles Biggs	Treble	‡Thomas Cooper	4
†C. William Nutt	2	James Ward	5
*Leonard J. Walters	3	John Clements	Tenor

Conducted by John Clements.
* First peal in seven Minor methods. † 60th for the Guild. ‡ 50th peal. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in G.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1968, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 23 cwt.

Peter T. Dale	Treble	Anthony R. Carter	6
Kenneth J. Darvill	2	John E. Ewer	7
*Frances Dodds	3	Frederick W. Ellis	8
Gillian M. Brearley	4	Harold V. Frost	9
*Roy K. Williams	5	Brian J. Woodruffe	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Kenneth J. Darvill.
* First peal of Surprise "inside".

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WELWYN, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
On Sat., Dec. 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In five methods, being 1,152 Bristol, 1,152 Yorkshire, 960 Cambridge, 960 Lincolnshire and 864 Rutland; with 74 changes of method and all the work of every method for every bell.
Tenor 8 cwt 1 qr. 14 lb. in A.

Brian J. Woodruffe	Treble	Kenneth J. Darvill	5
*Katharine S. Hardy	2	Robert E. Hardy	6
*Roger D. R. Brown	3	*Peter T. Dale	7
Julia A. Fellows	4	*Andrew W. R. Wilby	Tenor

Composed by Philip G. K. Davies. Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.
* First peal of 5-Spliced Surprise Major.

RADLETT, Hertfordshire.—At Christ Church.
On Fri., Dec. 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge, (2) Beverley, (3) Kent T.B., (4) Oxford T.B., (5) St. Clement's, Buxton, (6 and 7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 3 cwt. 16 lb. in G.

*Jill Gordon	Treble	Barry R. M. Johnson	4
†C. Barrie Dove	2	Michael J. Eastman	5
Robert A. Beresford	3	Philip M. Cuckson	Tenor

Conducted by Philip M. Cuckson.
* Most Minor methods. † First peal of Minor. First as conductor.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ST. MARY CRAY, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
On Thurs. Dec. 19, 1968 in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in three methods, viz.: One extent each of Beverley and Cambridge Surprise and five different extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt 3 qr. 21 lb. in G.

D. Paul Smith	Treble	Richard Hayes	4
*Jennifer L. Quaife	2	John A. Howard	5
*Christine Webb	3	Tony Lewis	Tenor

Conducted by Tony Lewis.
* First peal in more than one method.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BIRCH-IN-RUSHOLME, Manchester, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sat., Dec. 21, 1968 in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in F.

Peter Watson	Treble	Christine Andrew	5
*Patricia A. Etchells	2	*Frank Reynolds	6
†Jane Reynolds	3	Peter G. Bellamy-Knights	7
*Alan Ward	4	Jeffrey Brannan	Tenor

Composed by Richard J. Parker. Conducted by Jeffrey Brannan.
* First peal in the method. † First in the method "inside".
Rung to mark the 25th anniversary of the ordination of the Rector, Rev W. R. Hartley, M.A

WESTHOUGHTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.
On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 FOURGATES SURPRISE MAJOR
No. 391, H. and M. Collection Tenor 14 cwt.

*†R. Keith Lister	Treble	†Roy Jolley	5
James Cunliffe	2	‡John Illingworth	6
Neil T. E. Burnett	3	John Ashcroft	7
‡James E. Andrews	4	Geoffrey Fothergill	Tenor

Composed by J W Washbrook. Conducted by Geoffrey Fothergill.
* 50th peal. † 25th together. ‡ 25th together. First in the method.
Rung by seven present and one past member of the Sunday service band.

FOURGATES SURPRISE MAJOR
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THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

NUNEATON, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Dec. 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in E.

Valerie E. Watts	Treble	John Watkins	5
Peter J. Staniforth	2	*Robin A. Gilliver	6
Tony R. Natt	3	K. Paul Gilliver	7
Brian L. Burrows	4	A. James Poynor	Tenor

Composed by C J. Sedgley. Conducted by A. James Poynor.
* 50th peal. Rung for the Patronal Festival

ANSTEY, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Dec. 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in G.

Martin Green	Treble	David F. Moore	5
W. Ernest Rawson	2	Howard C. Palmer	6
John K. Smith	3	Roland H. Cook	7
Roger I. Kendrick	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley (No. 9).
Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.

MARKET HARBOROUGH, Leics.—At the Church of St. Dionysius.
On Sat., Dec 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5072 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Hazel J. Nichols	Treble	Philip Bosworth	5
Richard Chantler	2	Raymond H. Martin	6
*John Hunt	3	Guy Slater	7
Stephen Bell	4	Edward W. Martin	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Edward W. Martin.
* 25th peal Tenor 18 cwt 3 qr. 5 lb. in F.

OAKHAM, Rutland.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1968, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in E flat.

Martin Green	Treble	David F. Moore	5
W. Ernest Rawson	2	K. Paul Gilliver	6
Stephen C. Wells	3	Roland H. Cook	7
Tony R. Natt	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by Richard J. Parker Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.

MEASHAM, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.
On Fri., Dec. 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in F sharp.

R. Brian Mills	Treble	*Roger I. Kendrick	5
David F. Moore	2	Tony R. Natt	6
Martin Green	3	K. Paul Gilliver	7
Robin A. Gilliver	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by Edwin A. Barnet. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
* First peal of Pudsey Surprise Major.

SHEPSHED, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Botolph.
On Sat. Dec. 28, 1968, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 BUSHEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

Roger I. Kendrick	Treble	W. Ernest Rawson	5
Monica M. Jelley	2	David F. Moore	6
John M. Jelley	3	Roland H. Cook	7
*Martin Green	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by Ernest W. Tipler. Conducted by Roland H. Cook.
* 125th peal. First of Bushey Surprise Major on the bells, and by all the band, except the ringer of the fifth.

MAIDWELL, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Dec. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one 720 each of Beverley, Surfleet, Cambridge, Kent T.B., St. Clement's, Plain Bob and Spliced Kent and Oxford T.B.
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in G sharp.

John Hunt	Treble	Edward C. Cowd	4
Hazel J. Nichols	2	Edward W. Martin	5
Guy Slater	3	Raymond H. Martin	Tenor

Conducted by Edward W. Martin.
Rung as a thanksgiving for the safe return of the three astronauts, and a birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

LINCOLN.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Fri., Dec. 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

*Ian M. Minns	Treble	Jack L. Millhouse	5
*Gillian Radley	2	*Christopher J. Sharp	6
*Melvyn A. Rose	3	*David Phillipson	7
*Aidan C. A. Hopkins	4	Geoffrey R. Parker	Tenor

Composed by Charles W Roberts. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* First peal of Rutland Surprise.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

LAMBETH, London, S.E.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., Dec. 23, 1968, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 LAMBETH DELIGHT MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in E flat.

Leonard Stillwell	Treble	William S. Deason	5
Joan Beresford	2	Derek E. Sibson	6
Edgar R. Rapley	3	Frank T. Blagrove	7
Thomas J. Lock	4	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
First peal in the method.
Rung to mark 60 years of membership of the Association by the treble ringer, and as a farewell to the Rector, Rev. O. T. W. Fiennes, who is leaving to be Dean of Lincoln.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SOUTH LOPHAM, Norfolk—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Dec. 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 98 lb. in E.

Sam Flatman	Treble	Anthony H. Roberts	4
Thomas G. Boast	2	Owen P. Claxton	5
Albert G. Harrison	3	Harry B. Fuller	Tenor

Conducted by Harry B. Fuller.
Rung on the 21st birthday of Dennis Boast, a ringer at this church.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

TRUMPINGTON, Cambs.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Michael.
On Sat., Dec. 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in G.

William Pye	Treble	Arthur Newton	5
Joyce I. Cornwall	2	Robert H. Newton	6
Ernest Pye	3	Peter H. Mackie	7
*R. Ian West	4	David A. Cornwall	Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by David A. Cornwall.
* First peal in the method

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Ebbe.
On Mon., Dec. 23, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 GRANDPONT SURPRISE MAJOR
Wratten Collection, No. 30. Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

William Birmingham	Treble	Peter J. Heritage	5
David C. Brown	2	Ronald K. Russ	6
Alan R. Pink	3	Michael Hatchett	7
Charles Coles	4	Christopher W. Woolley	Tenor

Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
First peal in the method.
A 74th birthday compliment to Charles Coles.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

UPPINGHAM, Rutland.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in E.

Cynthia E. Barnett	Treble	Christopher N. Stephenson	5
Richard J. Chantler	2	Geoffrey E. Watson	6
*Lionel Atton	3	Richard J. Cowley	7
Roger N. Scholes	4	Christopher J. Groome	Tenor

Composed by Frank Bennett. Conducted by Christopher J. Groome.
* First peal on eight bells.

PETERBOROUGH.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
On Fri. Dec. 27, 1968, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Frank T. Boyall	Treble	Richard J. Cowley	5
*Mary R. Coleman	2	John H. Bluff	6
*J. Malcolm Tyler	3	Murray A. Coleman	7
Stephen B. Bell	4	Raymond H. Daw	Tenor

Composed by John Carter Conducted by Murray A. Coleman.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 26 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in C.

OUNDLE, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Dec. 28, 1968, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr 11 lb. in D.

Kilby R. Holtom	Treble	Stanley M. Ruddlesden	5
Shirley E. Ruddlesden	2	Graham C. Paul	6
*Bridget Bates	3	Alan A. Paul	7
A. Patrick Cannon	4	Barrie Hendry	Tenor

Composed by Simon Humphrey. Conducted by Barrie Hendry.
* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.
Rung in memory of the late Herbert Parker, a much-respected member of St. Peter's, Oundle.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

SALISBURY, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Paul.
On Sat., Dec. 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 ST. CLEMENT'S BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt 6 lb. in F sharp.

Trevor E. Marks	Treble	Derek S. Beaufoy	5
Mary E. Elmes	2	John N. Longridge	6
Katharine J. Maundrell	3	Graham W. Elmes	7
Roderick A. Bryant	4	Timothy F. Collins	Tenor

Composed by E. Barnett. Conducted by Timothy F. Collins.
First peal in the method by all the band.

MELKSHAM Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Fri., Dec. 27, 1968, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 21 lb. in E.

Frederick S. Slatford	Treble	Edgar C. Shepherd	5
George W. Massey	2	Charles P. Quartley	6
Norman G. N. Knee	3	Charles F. Andrews	7
David Massey	4	Eric J. Hitchins	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith Conducted by Eric J. Hitchins.
First peal in the method on the bells.

CORFE MULLEN, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Hubert.
On Sat. Dec 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 lb. in G.

Frederick E. Collins	Treble	David Wilson	4
*Flora M. Stocker	2	William T. Perrins	5
*Faith Riley	3	Anthony A. Nunn	Tenor

Conducted by Anthony A. Nunn.
* First peal. First as conductor.
Rung as a compliment to Janet Blackbourn and John Hardcastle on their engagement.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

NEWARK, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1968, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 31 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in C sharp.

Graham J. N. Colborne	Treble	George E. Dawson	6
Sheila M. Anthony	2	Peter A. Sharp	7
*Jack L. Millhouse	3	John R. Pratchett	8
Denis A. Frith	4	Simon Humphrey	9
R. Brian Mills	5	Richard A. G. Inglis	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* 50th peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal.

ASPLEY, Nottingham.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Sat. Dec. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in G sharp.

Horace E. Seagrave	Treble	Geoffrey Cooper	5
Rupert L. Caporn	2	David Stainsby	6
*Jonathan Blacktop	3	Philip E. Jones	7
†John R. Seagrave	4	William L. Exton	Tenor

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by William L. Exton.
* First peal "inside" and on eight. † First "inside" of Major. First on the bells since augmentation to eight by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co.

HOLME PIERREPONT, Notts.—At the Church of St. Edmund.
On Sat., Dec. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being two extents Grandsire and Reverse Canterbury, three Plain Bob (var.), two each of Newborough, Northrepps, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Fortune, All Saints, Rushall, Marchington, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston three each of St Columb, Kennington, April Day, Seighford, Old Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. in G.

Joyce M. Marsh	Treble	W. Gordon Marsh	3
Pamela J. Clifton	2	Ruth Blackshaw	4

Maurice W. Harrison .. Tenor
Conducted by Maurice W. Harrison.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Miss Ethel Bloodworth, faithful member of this church.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

ALTON, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Dec. 28, 1968, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in E flat.

Stanley W. Illidge	Treble	Philip R. Johnson	5
Gillian Bosworth-Smith	2	Reginald H. Newton	6
Ruth A. E. Fairbrother	3	Edward R. Fairbrother	7
Ernest F. Willcox	4	Ian Friend	Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts Conducted by Ian Friend.
Rung to mark the achievement of the Apollo 8 mission, and as a birthday compliment to the conductor's mother.

TETTENHALL, Wolverhampton, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., Dec. 28, 1968, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in F sharp.

Richard C. Stevens	Treble	Eric E. Speake	5
Hilary F. Pardoe	2	Nigel Thomson	6
*Philip J. Day	3	J. Dennis Holden	7
Christine Slater	4	Elizabeth Timmins	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Nigel Thomson.
* First peal of Major and first "inside"

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THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

HOLLESLEY, Suffolk.—At the Church of All Saints. On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1968, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 11 lb. in F.

Gilbert R. Goodship	Treble	Vernon Bedford	5
*Stephen Bedford	2	Ernest G. Pearce	6
†Dorothy Durrant	3	Cecil W. Pipe	7
Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzey	4	Leslie G. Brett	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Leslie G. Brett.

* First peal "inside". † First attempt for Yorkshire.

A birthday compliment to the conductor; also to celebrate the engagement of Susan M. Goodship, grand-daughter of the treble ringer, to Hamish, eldest son of Dr. and Mrs. H. Lacham Porter, of Woodbridge.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

FAIRWARP, Sussex.—At Christ Church. On Sat., Dec. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. in F sharp.

*Jeffrey Knipe	Treble	Terence T. Jones	5
Christopher W. Daws	2	Geoffrey W. Stevens	6
Carol Martin	3	Norman G. T. Steere	7
Keith G. Game	4	†Andrew J. C. Brown	Tenor

Composed by F. Bennett. Conducted by Keith G. Game.

* First peal of Major. † First in the method "inside". First in the method as conductor.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the third.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

BRIGHTON Sussex.—At the Church of St. Nicolas of Myra. On Sat., Dec. 14, 1968, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 18 cwt. 15 lb.

George Francis	Treble	*Roger Osbon	6
Reginald V. Johnson	2	David D. Smith	7
R. Jean Osbon	3	†Ian Wickens	8
John A. Howard	4	John W. Smith	9
Herbert Audsley	5	James T. Stevens	Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by John W. Smith.

* First peal of Stedman. † First of Caters.

Rung with the best wishes of the band to Mr. F. Cullum for a speedy return to peal ringing

SLAUGHAM, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary. On Fri., Dec. 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 OKEFORD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt 1 qr. 20 lb. in A.

James M. Hills	Treble	Ian Wickens	5
Derek E. Sibson	2	Stanley G. Ponting	6
Edgar R. Rapley	3	Tom Page	7
David D. Smith	4	George Francis	Tenor

Composed by Stanley Jenner Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.

First peal in the method.

Rung for the Festival of Christmas.

OKEFORD SURPRISE MAJOR

Method 21D C.C.C. Surprise Methods.

Composition: 5,184 Ealing, by Stanley Jenner, published in "The Ringing World" of December 25th, 1964.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

ST. ERME, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Hermes. On Tues., Dec. 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 84 methods/variations in 42 extents: ten methods: St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place St. Simon, St. Martin, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob, Newark Antelope, Wollaton and Grandsire: 74 variations.

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb.

Timothy J. Bell	Treble	Anthony P. Smith	4
*Robert Peel Pearce	2	F. Malcolm Bowers	5
Anthony J. Davidson	3	†T. Roy Hart	Tenor

Conducted by Anthony J. Davidson.

* Most methods/variations "inside" † Most methods/variations to a peal.

Rung for the Festival of Christmas.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

WINTERBOURNE WHITCHURCH, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Mary. On Sat., Dec. 28, 1968, in 3 Hours

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being one extent of St. Simon, 11 of Grandsire and 15 of Spliced Reverse St Bartholomew and Plain Bob, and 15 of Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

Peter Furness	Treble	Richard Jones	3
Robert Crocker	2	Christopher J. N. Dalton	4

Geoffrey K. Dodd Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

First peal on the bells.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

DODDERHILL, Droitwich, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Augustine of Canterbury. On Sat., Dec. 21, 1968, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in E.

Harold B. Scholfield	Treble	Geoffrey J. Hemming	5
*Christopher Hims	2	Ian Lloyd	6
Arthur C. Berry	3	Peter S. Robertson	7
Walter H. Raxter	4	Geoffrey R. Drew	Tenor

Composed by Cornelius Charge. Conducted by Arthur C. Berry.

* First peal of Plain Bob Major and Major "inside".

MALVERN LINK, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Matthias. On Fri., Dec. 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

Harold B. Schofield	Treble	*Gerald W. Edwards	5
R. George Morris	2	Roderick W. Pipe	6
Arthur C. Berry	3	Peter L. Wood	7
S. Barry Schofield	4	†Geoffrey R. Drew	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

* First peal of Surprise. † First of London Major

SUCKLEY, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist. On Thurs., Aug 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. in F.

James Ranford	Treble	*Leslie F. Smith	4
Leonard J. Walters	2	E. Charles Biggs	5
Jack Cale	3	John Clements	Tenor

Conducted by John Clements.

* First peal

HANLEY SWAN, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Gabriel. On Sat., Oct. 19, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

John Mead	Treble	Bernard Spiers	4
*Susan P. Price	2	Jack Cale	5
James Ranford	3	†John Clements	Tenor

Conducted by John Clements.

* First peal. † 50th for the Association.

Western Branch quarterly peal.

EARLS CROOME, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas. On Fri., Nov. 29, 1968, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 14 lb.

*Prudence M. Judd	Treble	Geoffrey C. Bagley	4
Bernard Spiers	2	John Clements	5
†Raymond C. Sayers	3	R. George Morris	Tenor

Conducted by John Clements

* First peal. † First in the method

EVESHAM, Worcestershire.—At the Bell Tower. On Thurs Dec. 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 11 methods, viz.: (1 and 2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Oxford T.B., (4) Kent T.B., (5) St. Clement's, Childwall and Buxton, (6) Double Oxford, Thelwall and Pinehurst, (7) Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 16 lb. in G sharp.

Rev. Albert Webb	Treble	David G. Franklin	4
Ian Lloyd	2	Peter S. Robertson	5
Geoffrey J. Hemming	3	Arthur C Berry	Tenor

Conducted by Arthur C. Berry

Rung after meeting short for Major.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

OSSETT, Yorks.—At the Church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity. On Fri., Dec. 27, 1968, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 27¼ cwt. in D.

Patricia Lockwood	Treble	Rev. Nicholas Webb	6
R. Ann Johnson	2	Ian North	7
*Elizabeth Johnson	3	Robin Brown	8
Alan Clifton	4	David S. Lockwood	9
David S. Johnson	5	Trevor Tarbatt	Tenor

Composed by Nathan J. Pitstow. Conducted by Ian North.

* First peal on ten bells.

KILDWICK Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew. On Sat., Dec 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5022 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in F.

A. Pattie Clapham	Treble	†John J. Durham	5
*Gillian R. Cleaver	2	†John P. Ottaway	6
†Christopher Forster	3	†Robert A. Beresford	7
†Robert H. Jordan	4	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed by S. Humphrey. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

* First peal of Surprise "inside". † First of Cambridge Major.

Rung by the St. Peter's, Leeds, Society.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
OXENHOPE, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
On Sat., Dec 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb. in F sharp.

Robert A. Beresford	Treble	Peter H. Carder	5
Christopher Forster	2	John J. Durham	6
Robert H. Jordan	3	John P. Ottaway	7
David Featherstone	4	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed by R J Parker. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

COLLINGHAM, Yorkshire—At the Church of St. Oswald.
On Mon., Dec. 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 ORKNEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt 2 qr. in B flat.

Robert H. Jordan	Treble	David Featherstone	5
Linda D. Shaw	2	John P. Ottaway	6
Robert A. Beresford	3	Ronald R. Warford	7
John J. Durham	4	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

(Beverley District Society.)
SUTTON-ON-HULL, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sun., Dec. 22, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being 720 each of Wells, Beverley, London, Surfleet, Primrose, Norwich and Cambridge Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in F sharp.

Ron Ducker	Treble	Maris C. Stephenson	4
C. L. Digby Munday	2	John N. D. Chaddock	5
Linda S. Sherwood	3	Ian G. Campbell	Tenor

Conducted by Ian G. Campbell.
First peal of Surprise on the bells
For the visit of the Archbishop of York at the ordination of Rev. M. Exley at this church

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Mon., Dec. 23, 1968, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 THANET SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt 4 lb. in F.

Ronald H. Dove	Treble	Ronald R. Warford	5
Iris M. E. Lemare	2	Roger A. Smith	6
Robert H. Jordan	3	C. Barrie Dove	7
David Featherstone	4	Frederick J. Jackson	Tenor

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
MARPLE, Cheshire.—At 6, Ashwood Crescent.
On Thurs., Dec. 19, 1968, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 15 in C.

Alan McFall	1-2	Bernard F. L. Groves	5-6
Robert B. Smith	3-4	Gerald Moorhouse	7-8
J. David Atkinson	9-10		

Composed by Robert B. Smith Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

PRESTBURY, Cheshire.—At West Pines, Dale Brow.
On Tues., Dec. 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Alan A. Potts	1-2	Gerald Moorhouse	5-6
C. Kenneth Lewis	3-4	*Neil D. Lomas	7-8

Composed by C Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Gerald Moorhouse.
* First peal on handbells.

WILLASTON, near Nantwich, Cheshire.—At 4, Coppice Road.
On Tues., Dec. 17, 1968, in 1 Hour and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor size 18 in G.

Geoffrey A. Edwards	1-2	John R. Scott	3-4
Frank R. Morton (cond.)	5-6		

AUDLEM, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. James-the-Great.
On Sun., Dec. 22, 1968, in 1 Hour and 35 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In three methods, being two extents of All Saints and six each of Rev. Canterbury and Plain Bob, and two each of ten variations and two each of four spliced variations. Tenor size 18 in G.

Geoffrey A. Edwards	1-2	John R. Scott	3-4
Frank R. Morton (cond.)	5-6		

25th peal of Doubles "in hand" by all the band.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
CHELTENHAM, Gloucestershire.—At 48, Willersey Road.
On Tues., Dec. 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 REAL DOUBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 12 in F.

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

Composed by George Gross Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.
Believed to be the first peal of Real Double Bob Major on handbells. The composition was that used for the first peal of Real Double Bob at St Mary's, Whitechapel, in 1769.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
HARPENDEN, Hertfordshire.—At 81, Overstone Road.
On Wed, Dec. 18, 1968, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 ASHBOURNE COLLEGE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Kenneth J. Darvill	1-2	Brian J. Woodruffe	5-6
Julia A. Fellows	3-4	Roger D. R. Brown	7-8

Composed and Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.
First peal in the method by all.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Bettyfold.
On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1968, in 1 Hour and 46 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 11 methods, in the following extents: (1) London and Double Court, (2) Double Oxford and Hereward, (3) College and Reverse, (4) Double and St. Clement's College, (5) Plain, (6) Single Court, (7) Single Oxford. Tenor size 14 in D.

Joseph Whalley	1-2	Mary W. Whalley	3-4
Kevin M. Price (cond.)	5-6		

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
CITY OF LONDON.—At Northampton Hall, Bunhill Row.
On Sat., Dec. 14, 1968, in 1 Hour and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents, with six different callings. Tenor size 14 in D.

Timothy G. Pett (cond.)	1-2	Maureen J. Carruthers	3-4
Peter G. Holden	5-6		

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
CROWTHORNE, Berkshire.—At Zermatt, Butler Road.
On Wed., Oct. 16, 1968, in 1 Hour and 56 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR
Comprising seven extents. Tenor size 27 in A sharp.

*Susanne Sargeant	1-2	Frank C. Price (cond.)	3-4
*Jeffrey L. Claughton	5-6		

* First handbell peal of Treble Bob.

WARFIELD, Berkshire.—At The Willows.
On Wed. Nov. 13, 1968, in 1 Hour and 53 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR
Comprising seven extents. Tenor size 27 in A sharp.

Susanne Sargeant	1-2	*Frank C. Price (cond.)	3-4
Jeffrey L. Claughton	5-6		

* 350th peal.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
BLOOMSBURY, London, W.C.—At the Institute of Computer Science
On Tues., Dec. 17, 1968, in 1 Hour and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents, with four different callings. Tenor size 11 in G.

Eric Nixon	1-2	*John R. Southey	3-4
Timothy G. Pett (cond.)	5-6		

* First peal on handbells.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
MIDDLESBROUGH, Teesside.—At 29, Farley Drive, Acklam.
On Wed., Dec. 11, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5220 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 16 in B flat.

Fred Hodgson	1-2	*Kenneth Lawson	5-6
*Margaret Lawson	3-4	*†Enid Lawson	7-8
*Ann Lawson	9-10		

Composed by Robert B. Smith. Conducted by Ann Lawson.
* First peal of Royal on handbells. † 50th peal. First of Royal as conductor.
A 21st birthday compliment to James W. Belshaw.

MIDDLESBROUGH, Teesside.—At 29, Farley Drive, Acklam.
On Sat., Dec. 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 16 in B flat.

Margaret Lawson	1-2	Enid Lawson	5-6
Kenneth Lawson	3-4	Ann Lawson	7-8

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Ann Lawson.

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HINDE.—To Bob and Hilary, on January 3rd, 1969, at Dartford, a daughter, Joanna Frances, a sister for Patrick. 6509

DEATH

BRAGG.—Suddenly on Wednesday, January 22nd, 1969, Nancie Elizabeth Bragg, eldest child of Major and Mrs. E. J. Bragg, 20, Church Hill, Aldershot, aged 30 years. 6511

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MULLER.—Mr. and Mrs. J. R. A. Muller have moved to 14, Southwood Road, Cookham, Maidenhead, Berks. Telephone number: Bourne End 23306. 6504

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MISCELLANEOUS

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS ANNUAL DINNER

Saturday, February 1st, at 6.30 for 7 p.m.

At Church House, Westminster
Please note ringing rearrangement
Hampstead (10), 10.30–11.30
Holloway (8), 11.45–12.45
Dalston (8), 12.45–1.45.
St. Olave's, Hart Street (8), 1.45-2.45
Shoreditch (12), 2.45–4.
Cornhill (12), 4.15–5.30.
Tickets, price 30/-, still available from D. E. Sibson, 15, Garden Royal, Kersfield Road, Putney, S.W.15. 6400

DON'T FORGET
THE HILLINGDON SUPPER
Golden Lion, Hillingdon Circus
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH, 7 for 7.30 p.m.
Please contact Miss P. Copas, 58, Denziloe Avenue, Hillingdon, Middx (UX 37748), before February 5th. 6451

ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST'S CHURCH ROUGHTOWN, LANCASHIRE
Dedication Service
for the rehanging of the bells
Sunday, February 9th, at 6.30 p.m.
The Bishop of Hulme, Rt. Rev. K. V. Ramsey, will preach and administer Holy Communion.
Ringing 5.30 to 6.30 p.m. 6488

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL DINNER
February 22nd, 6.30 for 7 p.m.
The George, 213, Strand, London, W.C. (opposite the Law Courts)
Tickets (30/-) from Miss V. E. Dupré, 63, Woodlawn Road, London, S.W.6.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM
The 81st
"HENRY JOHNSON DINNER"
will be held at the Civic Hall, Solihull, on Saturday, March 1st, at 6.30 p.m. for 7 p.m.
Chairman: Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd.
Tickets at 35/- from, and peal applications to, Mr. J. A. Ainsworth, 54, Royal Oak Road, Halesowen, Worcs. Recommended hotel: "George". High Street, Solihull.
The Guild's chief officers for 1969 are:
Master: Miss M. Reay.
Ringing Master: Mr. C. A. Barron, 7, Chesterwood Road, Kings Heath, Birmingham, 13. 'Phone: 021-444 3689.
Hon. Secretary/Treasurer: Mr. J. A. Ainsworth 54, Royal Oak Road, Halesowen, Worcs. 6424

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Annual District meeting and ringing week-end, Isle of Wight, March 15th and 16th. An invitation is extended to anyone wishing to participate in the above outing but preference will, of course, have to be given to Ladies' Guild (Central District) members. Any enquiries should be sent to me at 14, Ranmoor Gardens, Harrow, Middx. Definite names required by Feb. 15th at the latest. — Mrs. Joan Hooton, Dis. Sec 6433

LUTON, Beds.—The tower secretary is now Mrs. Mary Garrard, 40a, Bradgers Hill Road, Luton, Beds, to whom all future communications should be sent. 6476

ST. ALKELDA'S, Giggleswick-in-Craven, Yorkshire.—Please send all correspondence to Mr. W. S. Walker, Lower Wham, Giggleswick, Settle, Yorkshire. Visitors and visiting bands welcome 6503

SOUND COLOUR FILM of Washington Cathedral and its bells; 20 minutes; 16 m.m. Details from Norman Chaddock, Blencathra, Spring Road, Market Weighton, near York. 6489

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—17th Annual Dinner, Station Hotel, Chesterfield, Feb. 1st, 6.30 p.m. Chesterfield bells available 4.30–6 p.m. 6510

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UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY

Annual Dinner, February 15th, at Church House, Westminster. Tickets (price 30/-) from R. C. Woodward, 86, Ferndene Road, London, S.E.24. Towers: St. Dunstan's, Stepney, 9.45–11 a.m.; St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, 10.45–11.45; Shoreditch, 11.30–12.45; St. Botolph's, Aldgate, 1.45–3; St. Andrew's, Holborn, 2.45–3.45; Clerkenwell, 3–4.15; St. Michael's, Cornhill, 3.45–5; St. Margaret's, Westminster, 5.15–6.15. 6439

OXFORD UNIVERSITY CENTENARY

A letter has been sent to all known members of the Society in an attempt to bring the Society's records up to date in preparation for the Centenary in 1971.

Will any member who has not received a letter, or who knows of any other member who has not received one, please write to J. E. Camp, 15, North Drive, Mandeville Road, Aylesbury, Bucks. 6485

READING UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—Owing to the pressure of academic work the Master, Miss A. K. Sadowska, has deemed it necessary to hand in her resignation. At their recent meeting, on Thursday, January 16th, Mr. J. R. Leary was elected unopposed to the post. 6469

UNIVERSITY OF SUSSEX GUILD.—The second Annual Dinner will be held on Saturday, March 15th. Towers available. Details will be published as soon as possible. 6484

MEETINGS

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Monthly practice meeting to be held on Friday, Jan. 31st, at the Church of St. Andrew, Netherton (8). Ringing 7.30 to 9.30. All welcome.—R. Edwards, Sec. 6456

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Meeting, Saturday, Feb. 1st. Elstow. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Miss M. Pettitt, 64, Gloucester Road, Bedford. 6465

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Monthly meeting, Wootton Wawen, Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells (6) 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30 p.m., followed by more ringing. Also Aston Cantlow (6), 2.30–3.30 p.m. Names for tea to me.—H. A. Mackenzie, Gorse Farm, Bearley, Stratford-on-Avon (Snitterfield 296). 6430

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Monthly meeting of above at Cockermouth, Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells available 2.30. Tea 5. Own arrangements for tea.—D. Gibson, Sec. 6486

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting, Littleport, Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Further ringing until 8.30 p.m. Special methods: Little Bob and Kent Treble Bob. 6447

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Annual general meeting, Leatherhead, Saturday, Feb. 1st, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. A. J. Smith, 25, Tilley Field Lane, Fetcham, Leatherhead.—J. P. O. 6393

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Evening meeting, Saturday, Feb. 1st, Hinxworth (6), 5.30–6.15. Wallington (6), 6.30–8.30.—Mrs. C. A. Agg, Dis. Sec. 6460

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Annual meeting, Watford, Feb. 1st, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to R. G. Bell, 131, Hampermill Lane, Watford, WD1 4PF (Tel.: 27936).—L. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 6442

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT.—Meeting, Dore (8), Saturday, Feb. 1st, 3 to 5 p.m. and 6.15 to 9 p.m. Cups of tea only; please provide own sandwiches. All welcome.—R. Fletcher, Hon. Sec. 6455

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Evening meeting, Beeston, Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells (8) 6 p.m. 6463

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Annual general meeting, St. Mary's, Portsea, Feb. 1st. Bells 3 till 9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. in Youth Centre, followed by business meeting. Names for tea to Mr. L. Duguid, 106, Stride Avenue, Portsmouth, PO3 6HN, please. 6423

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting, St. Giles-in-the-Fields' (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station), Monday, Feb. 3rd, at 7 p.m. 6501

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Surprise Major practice, Belgrave, Tuesday, Feb. 4th, commencing at 7.30 p.m. Aspirants to this type of ringing welcome. Plenty of experts to help.—Ron Hughes. 6350

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Branch practice on Wednesday, Feb. 5th, Standlake (6), 7.30 p.m.—E. R. Venn, Branch Sec. 6444

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Practice, St. Mary's, Handsworth (8), Wednesday, Feb. 5th. Basic Surprise methods.—J. Seager, Dis. Sec. 6487

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Eastern District.—District practice, Great Waltham, on Thursday, Feb. 6th, 7.30–9 p.m. All welcome.—R. J. Harrison, Dis. Sec. 6459

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, East Ardsley, on the second Saturday in February (8th). Cups of tea only. All welcome.—T. Tarbutt, Sec. 6519

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Practice meeting, Timberscombe (8), Saturday, Feb. 8th, 7 p.m., and at Stogumber (6), Saturday, Feb. 22nd, 6.30 p.m.—E. R. T. B. 6440

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—February meeting to be held at Meppershall (5) and Campton (5) on Saturday, 8th. Ringing from 3 to 4.45 p.m. at Meppershall, then tea at Shefford Church Hall 5 p.m. Ringing at Campton after the business meeting. 6518

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—A.G.M., Cottingham (8), Feb. 8th. Bells 3.30–5 p.m. Tea and meeting in Church Hall. Service 7.30. Ringing until 9 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. I. Booth, 15, Hallgate, Cottingham, by previous Thursday. Don't forget open practice, Holy Trinity, Hull, Feb. 10th, 7.30–9 p.m. 6496

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, North Wingfield, Feb. 8th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. D. A. Davis, 48, Cartmel Crescent, Chesterfield (tel. 51175).—D. A. D. for M. P. P., Sec. 6467

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Central District.—Meeting, Consett, Saturday, Feb. 8th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. Tyson, 1, Seymour Street, Consett, Co. Durham. 6500

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Saturday, Feb. 8th, Ticehurst (6), 2.30–4 p.m., and Wadhurst (8), 3–4.30 and 6.30–8.30. Service at Wadhurst 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst, Sussex, by Feb. 7th, please. 6466

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting, Melbourn and Meldreth, Feb. 8th. Melbourn (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Meldreth (8) for rest of evening.—Miss J. Sanderson, Dis. Sec. 6499

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual General Meeting, Sat., Feb. 8th, St. Lawrence Jewry, Gresham Street, E.C., 2.30–3.30. St. Giles', Cripplegate, E.C., 3.45–4.45. St. Clement Danes', Strand, W.C., 4–5. Service 5.15. Tea and business after at The George, 213, Strand, W.C. (opposite the church) 6. Names for tea, please, to Miss V. E. Dupré, 63, Woodlawn Road, London, S.W.6. 6438

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Forest Branch.—Meeting, Blaisdon (6), Feb. 8th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Miss Mitchell, Sunnyside, Corse, GL19 3RE, by Feb. 3rd. 6495

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Meeting, at St. Mary's, Rodbourne Cheney (6), Feb. 8th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. C. New, 93, Tydeman Street, Swindon, Wilts, by Feb. 4th. 6464

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—A.G.M., Honiton, Saturday, Feb. 8th, at St. Michael's (6), 2.30–4.15 p.m. Service at St. Paul's 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. St. Paul's (8) available after tea.—R. C. Woodley, Kendrey, Woolbrook, Sidmouth. Tel.: 2795. 6520

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leominster Branch.—Annual meeting, Leominster (10), Saturday, Feb. 8th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea after.—J. F. Fox, Hon. Sec. 6482

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Meeting, Sat., Feb. 8th, Cheshunt (8). Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5. Evening ringing until 8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. Newnham, 214, Church Gate Road, Cheshunt.—Peter Searles, Dis. Sec. 6516

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, Feb. 8th, Flookburgh. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. T. F. Metcalfe, 49, Station Road, Flookburgh, Grange-over-Sands.—T. F. Metcalfe. 6498

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting, St. Helens Parish Church, Saturday, Feb. 8th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. Wallace, 11, Whitefield Road, St. Helens, by Wednesday.—G. K. A. 6462

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Meeting, Higher Walton, Saturday, Feb. 8th. Names for tea, please, to Mr. W. Mansley, 286, Higher Walton Road, Higher Walton, Preston, by Wednesday, 5th.—R. Barnes. 6461

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting, Christ Church, Todmorden, Saturday, Feb. 8th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5. Business 6 p.m. Names for tea to me, please, by Wednesday, 5th.—G. Cheetham, 12, Garden Street, Todmorden, Lancs. 6480

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly general meeting, Feb. 8th. Bells: Rothley, 2 to 2.45 p.m.; Swithland and Cossington, 2.30 to 3.15; Thurcaston and Syston, 3 to 3.45; Wanlip, 3.15 to 4; Birstall, 3 to service at 4.15. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Smalley, 20, Paget Avenue, Birstall, not later than Wednesday, Feb. 5th. All nominations for Guild officers and alterations to rules by this meeting.—A. J. Poynor.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Annual general meeting at Aberavon (St. Mary's) on Saturday, Feb. 8th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea, meeting and further ringing. All ringers and friends welcome.—Iolo Davies, Branch Hon. Sec., Grammar School, Cowbridge, Glam.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A special meeting at Twickenham on Saturday, Feb. 8th, when a film of the rehanging of St. Mary's Church bells will be shown. Ringing 3.30 to 8 p.m., with tea interval 5 p.m.—T. J. Lock, Hon. Sec. 6502

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Next meeting will be held at Newhall on Saturday, Feb. 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome. 6479

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Annual meeting, Reading, Feb. 8th. Afternoon ringing at St. Giles' (8) and St. Mary's (8) from 3 p.m. Service at St. Mary's 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Evening ringing at St. Laurence's (12). Names for tea to Mrs. E. A. Lewis, 162, Caversham Road, Reading, by Feb. 3rd. 6514

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Evening meeting, Braunston (6), Saturday, Feb. 8th. Bells available 5–8 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Your full support, please.—I. Webb. 6507

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Feb. 8th at St. Chad's (12), Shrewsbury, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Admiral Benbow 5.15 p.m. Ringing continues in the evening until 8 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. F. Willcox, 4, Abbots Place, Markmoor, Shrewsbury, by Friday, Feb. 7th. 6481

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Meeting, Cotgrave, Feb. 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5. "Dialogue on the bells" 6.30–7.30. Ringing till 9 p.m. Names for tea to B. Buswell, 5, Meadow Drive, by Wednesday previous. 6506

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North East District.—Meeting, Saturday, Feb. 8th, Benhall. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. Archer, 56, Saxon Road, Saxmundham, Suffolk, by Wednesday, Feb. 5th. Guild executive committee meeting at Benhall Club, 7 p.m. Saxmundham bells (6) 6.30–8.45 p.m. —T. N. J. B. 6513

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The annual Divisional meeting at Arundel on Saturday, Feb. 8th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. and in the evening. Service 4.30. Tea at Millhouse Restaurant at 5.15, followed by business meeting. Please notify for tea R. Wake, 28, Keynor Estate, Sidlesham, Chichester. 6515

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—A.G.M. at Romsey on Feb. 8th. Bells (8) available 2.30–4 p.m. Service in Romsey Abbey 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Business meeting follows. Bells available in evening. Names for tea, please, to Mr. H. J. Page, Fairacre, Woodley Lane, Romsey, Hants, by **Wednesday, Feb. 5th.** 6458

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting, Thirsk (8), Feb. 8th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names to Mr. Elsdon Metcalfe, 14, Ingramgate, Thirsk, by Thursday, Feb. 6th.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Sec. 6522

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Practice at Almondsbury (8), near Bristol, Monday, Feb. 10th, 7.30 p.m. Gentlemen and friends welcome.—B. Johnson. 6477

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Evening practice meeting for **beginners** at Stretham on Tuesday, Feb. 11th. Bells (6) 7.30–9 p.m. 6484

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Church Stretton District.—Annual meeting, Church Stretton, Feb. 15th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—G. Randle, All Stretton, Salop. 6472

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—Annual meeting, Ledbury, on Feb. 15th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to J. Ward, Woofields, Coddington, Ledbury. 6497

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Feb. 15th, Radlett (6), 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names essential to R. W. M. Clouston, 1, Canons Close, Radlett (Tel.: 6286).—R. E. Hardy, Dis. Sec. 6994

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Striking competition, Great Chart, Feb. 15th. Commence 2.15 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea for those who notify Mrs. K. Hobden, Lodge Place Cottages, Spicers Hill, Great Chart, Ashford, by Thursday, Feb. 13th. General ringing after tea. All welcome to service and tea.—A. P. S. B. 6490

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Annual meeting, Llanelli, Feb. 15th. Bells (new 8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. S. Rees, Marble House, 6, Brynallt Terrace, Llanelli. Gentlemen welcome. Gorseinon (8) during afternoon.—J. S. King. 6470

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Lindsey Branch.—Meeting, Epworth, Saturday, Feb. 15th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify Mr. J. Silby, 53, High Street, Epworth (Tel. 238), by Tuesday previous. Special methods: Cambridge Surprise Major and Bob Major. 6517

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Evening practice meeting, Tamworth, Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells (10) available 6.30 p.m. All welcome.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 6491

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting, Feb. 15th. Ringing, Sprotborough, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at Sprotborough, followed by business meeting. Ringing at Doncaster after business till 9 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. Short, Kathlyn, 310, Melton Road, Sprotborough, Doncaster, by Feb. 13th. No names no tea.—J. Seager, Dis. Sec. 6512

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Practice meeting, Cleckheaton (8), on Saturday, Feb. 15th, 6 to 9 p.m. Methods, rounds, plain hunting and D.N.C.B. All welcome, especially learners.—Maurice Thurmott, Ringing Master. 6428

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Branch.—Evening meeting, Brant Broughton, Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells (6) from 6 to 9 p.m. —G. R. P. 6527

LATE NOTICES

EDENBRIDGE, Kent, bells have now been dismantled prior to rehanging and silence will reign for approximately six weeks. A further announcement will be made when the bells are again available.—B. E. J. 6526

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Monthly practice meeting, Western Deaneries, Hethersett (8), Saturday, Feb. 8th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Ringing until 7.30 p.m. Names to Mr. R. Lofty, 7, Little Melton Road, Hethersett, Norwich, NOR 42X, by Wednesday, Feb. 5th. 6525

LATE NEWS

We regret to hear of the sudden death on Wednesday week of Mr. R. G. Blackman, of the Chichester Cathedral band. He was a former treasurer of the Sussex County Association and a member of the Central Council.

Major and Mrs. E. J. Bragg, of Aldershot, have had a second bereavement. Their daughter, Miss Nancie Bragg, collapsed while waiting in a car outside a chemist's shop and was dead when the car arrived at Aldershot Hospital.

Dr. D. E. Sibson is the new Master of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths in succession to Mr. D. Beresford, who has held the office for nine years.

Mr. Basil Potts, one of Perth's most promising ringers, has completed his work in New Guinea and is settling in the Perth area for good.

QUARTER PEALS

WIGGENHALL ST. MARY MAGDALEN, NORFOLK.—On Dec. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob: N. Grey (first quarter) 1, W. Cousins 2, J. Fox (cond.) 3, P. Gagen 4, R. Newson 5, D. Gagen 6.

WILLINGHAM, LINCS.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Judith Arsand 1, J. F. Underwood 2, Janet Bull 3, S. A. Selby 4, B. J. Bull 5, M. A. Rose (cond.) 6. A thanksgiving for the safe return of the first three men to orbit the moon.

WINTERSLOW, WILTS.—On Dec. 28th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: G. M. Hartless (first of Treble Bob) 1, Susan V. Banks 2, R. H. Roberts 3, Elizabeth A. Banks 4, L. D. Smith 5, J. Hartless (cond.) 6.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The cost of producing "The Ringing World" has been greatly increased by badly-written copy which seriously delays the work of the typesetters. Our printers have requested that all copy should be typed, and to this the Editor has agreed. This means that where correspondents are unable to help he will have to type the report (double spacing).

For peals, special forms are available on application, and we hope that eventually all peal copy will be on these forms, with names in block letters.

Quarter peal copy is very bad. Very few correspondents follow the style used in the journal, viz.: Name of town or village and county; date; church dedication only if there is another with bells in town; name of ringer (followed in brackets by any footnote, i.e., first quarter, or conductor); number of bell; finally, very brief footnote. Have a "Ringing World" in front of you when you type or write your report. Each quarter, unless in the same tower, on a separate sheet.

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WEEKLEY, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: R. Robinson 1, L. Toseland 2, C. N. Stephenson 3, W. Lewis 4, J. Mitchell 5, J. G. Mitchell (cond.) 6.

WENDRON, CORNWALL.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Pl.): D. Esrott (first quarter) 1, E. H. Langley 2, T. R. Hart 3, Miss A. H. Ince 4, E. V. Williams (cond.) 5, C. Wearne 6. For the 44th wedding anniversary of the Vicar and Mrs. Griffin.

WESTBURY, SALOP.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Bessie A. Carter 1, Patricia C. Stocken 2, P. J. Evan 3, F. G. Beddow 4, R. H. Newton 5, E. F. Willcox (cond.) 6.

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The Church of St. Giles, Lincoln

OUR COVER PICTURE

St. Giles' Church, Lincoln

WHEN the redundant Church of St. Peter-at-Arches in the centre of the city of Lincoln was closed in 1928, the need for a parish church in the suburb of St. Giles was very apparent and it was decided to use as much as was practical of the fabric for this project. Care was taken during demolition to letter and number all the stones so that they could be used together with red brick in the building of St. Giles' Church. The classical architecture of St. Peter's was followed but the new church was made one arch span longer.

This was during the pre-war depression and it was decided that the fine ring of eight bells should be divided into two fours for two other city churches. However, much pressure and hard work on the part of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild over a number of years resulted in the ring remaining intact and being given to the new church.

This was a tremendous job since the work of rebuilding had been stopped several times through lack of funds, and to strengthen the proposed tower to hold the bells added another £1,000 to the cost without the rehanging charges. The new church was, however, dedicated in 1934 and the retuned bells rehung in 1938 by the Loughborough Bell Foundry.

The old St. Peter-at-Arches Church had been the Civic Church of the city and each of the bells was inscribed: "The Gift of the City of Lincoln" and were cast by Abraham Rudhall in 1728. It is an interesting fact that the 18 cwt. octave travelled from Gloucester to Lincoln by canal barges and were hung the same year.

The ringers were engaged by the City Fathers and were known throughout the life of St. Peter's as the City Ringers. The first peal on the bells and in the city of Lincoln was "Garthon's" Triples rung on June 20th, 1756, and this was followed by Grandsire Triples on August 13th, 1758. Both these peals were conducted by John Foster.

It was just prior to the turn of the century that great progress was made in ringing in Lincoln and in this tower in particular, when the band included Gabriel Lindoff, Arthur Craven and J. B. Fenton. This band rang 5,088 Superlative Surprise on November 11th, 1896—composed and conducted by Gabriel Lindoff—and was the first peal of Surprise in Lincolnshire. Several similar peals followed. Later Mr. J. A. Freeman became conductor and Stedman was rung in 1911 by this company.

When the new ring of eight was hung in Lincoln Cathedral in 1914, and change-ringing introduced, it was from St. Peter's that most of the ringers came. This formed a great liaison between the Cathedral and St. Peter's which has continued with St. Giles' through to the present day. At least 75% of the present Cathedral Company of Ringers have been members of St. Peter's or St. Giles' belfry, and it is hoped that this will be a continuing process.

When the bells were hung at St. Giles' a new band was taught, and the first peal, Grandsire Triples, was rung in 1940. Since then some 90 peals have been rung in 45 various methods, including 261 firsts or firsts in methods. There has been maintained the tradition of service ringing. St. Giles' is, and it is hoped will always be, a "teaching tower", for it is generally agreed that this policy will keep it one of the most progressive ringing centres in the diocese. Long may this continue.

J. W.

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PURITON'S NEW BAND AT SUPPER

During the last 18 months the bells of Puriton, Somerset, have been thoroughly renovated by the local tower captain, Mr. Louis Pope, helped initially by the writer. Firstly, the clappers and chiming hammers were removed and the clappers rebushed by a local carpenter. After a general tightening up and greasing, etc., the clappers were replaced, and the bells rang out for the first time on October 4th, 1967.

Since then they have been rung regularly for both Sunday services and for Thursday practices. Louis has completely repainted the frame and fittings, decorated the ringing chamber and successfully carried out 101 other jobs, all this work being carried out at no more cost to the church than for a set of ropes. A young band has been formed, now progressing well with Bob Doubles.

This period was terminated on January 16th, when the annual ringers' supper was revived. This proved highly successful and thanks are due to all who donated and helped by preparing and serving the meal. This served as a dual occasion as the Vicar, the Rev. E. Rogers, is leaving for Australia on February 1st. He was presented by the ringers with a framed photograph of the church and tower.

Some 22 ringers and their wives and friends sat down to the well-prepared meal. Other people present were Mr. M. Stone, chairman of the Bridgwater Branch of the B. and W. Association, who endorsed the Vicar's praise for the way in which the local ringers have done so well with regard to Sunday service ringing. The evening ended with some slides taken on a recent trip to the Channel Islands and with tunes by the local handbell ringers.

I think we may all echo the Vicar's remarks by thanking Louis for the work he has done for the tower and for the way in which he looks after his ringers. We all hope that this standard is maintained, together with the team spirit enjoyed by the new band. G. N.

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Ancient Society of Purbeck Youths' Best Ever New Year

THE best A.S.P.Y. reunion yet from any point of view was held in Wareham over the New Year. A tough programme of peal attempts had been arranged, with four peals arranged each day for three out of the first four days.

The start was on Friday, December 27th. Five of the band for Sherborne warmed up in a peal of Minor at Thornford and two more were in a fast peal at Bridport. The eighth merely travelled 300 miles to be there. In the afternoon Cambridge was lost at Lyme Regis in unfortunate circumstances, but this allowed the band to hear the last two hours at Sherborne Abbey, where we had now settled into a good rhythm, so bringing appreciative comments from the former A.S.C.Y. Master outside. George Thoday deserved our congratulations for making a splendid job of the tenor.

On Saturday we split, one contingent going west to East Coker, where Grandsire Triples was well rung, with the other band scoring Yorkshire Royal at North Stoneham. Some furious driving enabled the exchange of two from each band to be on time, and Rutland was rung at Wimborne St. Giles, while the band was bullied into ringing the Society's first peal of London at East Tytherley. All met up in Ringwood feeling rather pleased with our efforts so far—seven out of eight.

Sunday was a bitterly cold day. Ringing was at Wareham and Swanage in the morning. The parsnip wine at Kingston was a welcome fortification against the cold before the Society's first peal of Bristol on the beautiful octave, during which there were two amusing incidents, when the second jammed over the balance for about a blow, and the other when Philip Mehew fell off the tenor box. Perhaps the good ringing had lulled him to sleep!

NEVER BOTH!

Immediately after the peal the A.S.P.Y. doubled the congregation for the nine lessons and carols service, during which four ringers played three carols on handbells, and Bob Bellamy had us in stitches by singing either the right words or the right tune, but never both! Toasted sprats, "Lily the Pink" and parsnip wine are the chief memories of a splendid evening spent in front of a roaring fire.

The success story carried on through Monday. An excellent peal of Lincolnshire was rung at Thorncombe, while Cambridge Minor at Piddlehinton enabled one of the band to complete the Cambridge family during December. Yorkshire was rung twice in the afternoon, at Litton Cheney and at Cattistock, where Ted Collins, although he could have given over 35 years to anyone else there, rang the tenor beautifully, giving his namesake, the Dorset Wonder, a bit of a chase on the 7th.

Tuesday, New Year's Eve, wasn't much warmer than Sunday, but at least we got a lie-in. At Poole, after an unavoidable hold up, we rang a very relaxed and enjoyable peal of Bob Royal. The dinner being in the evening, all but the keenest had a rest in the afternoon. The keenest, however, going for Cambridge at Lytchett Matravers, couldn't get further than a 720. This was only the second loss in 15 attempts.

LADY TOWER CAPTAIN'S HONOUR

The dinner itself was up to the high standard of previous meals, after which, as usual, we got a warm reception from Mick Shelton at the New Inn, responding with handbells and other music. The New Year was rung in with the traditional Bristol and 12 strokes on the tenor by the lady tower captain.

Back at the hotel the party was soon in full swing, going on till about 3.30 a.m., when the organiser was heard being suitably rewarded by our elder statesman for her hard work. In fact we gave Mary, or more correctly her car, a much-needed service as a token of our appreciation.

New Year's Day had no peals arranged because of previous years' experiences. Instead several towers were visited, the first of which was at Blandford, ringing again after a long lapse. This was George Bonham's first new tower of the year, and cost him £2 1s.—the shilling for the car park and £2 to fix his headlamp, damaged when he tested the strength of a wall with his car.

SOME FAILURES

With many of the party by now back at their daily grind, all the remaining peals were entrusted to Philip Mehew. Cambridge unfortunately fired up twice on Thursday, at New Alresford and Overton, and Pudsey was lost at Fordingbridge on Friday morning because of a "Spot my deliberate mistake" in the calling. Amends were made in the afternoon with an excellent peal of Lincolnshire at Ringwood, followed by a good social evening.

The last peal attempt of the week, Yorkshire at Wareham, was successful at the third attempt on Saturday, after which all descended on the local Branch meeting. In the evening the management at the hotel proved even better hosts than before, the convivial evening ending about 2.30.

Sunday saw all at Communion, then at Alpha Cottage for lunch, and then farewells were said. We are grateful to Mary, whose organisation went off perfectly, to the incumbents and local ringers for tolerating us, and to all others who helped to make this a memorable New Year. BONIS.

EXPORTING IS FUN? — THE TALE OF A BELL

IT all started when Bishop Douglas Wilson, the present treasurer of Wells Cathedral, was invited to revisit his former diocese in Trinidad. On return his jottings about the trip were published in the April, 1967, edition of the "Bath and Wells Diocesan News". One item was the fact that the headmaster of Trinity College for Boys, Trinidad, Peter Helps, from Beckington, wanted a bell for his new school —a Somerset bell. Did we have any offers?

Well, the Bath and Wells Association of Change Ringers held its A.G.M. on Easter Monday, 1967—I was newly elected secretary—and the Master, the Rev. H. F. Warren, then brought Bishop Wilson's appeal before us. It meant that I had a job, and this sort of thing escalates.

We asked the 11 branches for their thoughts on the matter and it was duly discussed. A collection to buy a bell was vetoed and we didn't really think much of sending our bells overseas—no, we didn't have any lying around spare. I went to the Frome Branch and heard about one or two unused bells that might be available. Then I went to the Cary Branch meeting at North Cheriton, having a nice little ring of five—Bill Stote had come all the way from Coventry to ring on them and we were pleased to see him. At the meeting the subject of the bell came up. Prebendary Skipwith, the Branch chairman, knew of a bell in a disused chapel and he was sure we could have it. Bill Stote suggested that a stable bell from a big estate would be a good solution and be easier to obtain. It turned out that he was right, but first we had a try for Preb. Skipwith's bell.

Harry Sanger went and saw it where it lay in the chapel porch, and it seemed just right. Being about 70–80 lb. weight and with most of its fittings we could easily visualise it in use to call the boys in from the valley playing fields at Maraval, Port of Spain. The Rev. Richard Gregory was approached and was agreeable, as were the P.C.C., but some parishioners weren't keen on losing their bells to foreign parts. Anyway we tried to get a clearance order made for the bell and meanwhile the general committee of the Association endorsed a suggestion that we donated £10 to the P.C.C. Branch collections were made towards this end and realised £10 10s.

In February, 1968, we heard that the Diocesan Chancellor had refused to grant a faculty for removal of the bell, so everything had to start again. Having informed the committee of the setback it was only a short while afterwards that Mrs. E. S. Powell informed the Rev. H. F. Warren that there was a bell at Bathealton Court which was no longer required to call in the estate staff. Mrs. Wyndham, its owner, was agreeable that it should go to Trinidad, so we were again "in business". Mr. Warren inspected the bell and agreed it was suitable, about 40–50 lb. in weight and with a good tone. There was also a wheel attached to the stock.

Having told Bishop Wilson that we should accept this bell I eventually heard that Peter Helps was agreeable, and so we went ahead. Mr. Warren collected the bell and carted it across Somerset to the Association A.G.M. at Taunton, where we all saw it. Some work was necessary on the clapper and Raymond Arscott volunteered to do this and also clean the whole thing up, hang it in a frame and put a packing case around it. The results were impressive and the bell gleamed. At last all was ready and Mr. Warren took the bell to the Diocesan Conference to show Bishop Wilson. I undertook to arrange transport to the docks where a free passage to Trinidad was guaranteed by virtue of Mr. Helps' directorial contact in the Harrison Line. I obtained quotations for transport and insurance and gave British Road Services the go-ahead to take the bell from Taunton to West India Docks, where Hy. Langridge and Co. would ensure transit through Customs, etc., on to the M.V. Linguist, sailing on October 19th.

No one mentioned papers, so it was a surprise that B.R.S. refused to take delivery without the "dockets". A hurried form of shipping note was forwarded to all interested parties, and since the dock tally clerks were working to rule the sailing date was delayed so that the bell sailed on the right boat. I forwarded the shipper's receipt to Peter Helps and eventually he got the bell through Customs (duty free) at the end of November. So that was a happy ending to a story that began nearly two years earlier. I tell it here so that due credit can be paid to all who helped to make it possible, and perhaps for the assistance of any others who may be involved in a similar task. JOHN H. GILBERT.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Rochester District

A quarterly meeting was held at St. Margaret's, Rainham, on January 18th, and with 100 names having been received for tea the Ringing Masters were kept busy ensuring that everyone who wished had a ring. The service was taken by the Vicar, himself a ringer.

At the business meeting, after a sumptuous tea kindly provided by the local ringers, ten new members were elected—a good start to the new year. Mr. Trevor Cross, one of the District representatives, gave a comprehensive report on a recent committee meeting. The other representative, Mr. Cyril S. Jarrett, had resigned owing to health reasons and as a result Mr. Frank J. Cheal was elected to accompany Mr. Cross as District representatives.

Other matters were discussed, including ringing schools for learners and a handbell ringing school: also mentioned was the possibility of reducing the cost of printing the annual report, which some members felt was too high. L.M.

CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

MINUTES OF THE WORCESTER MEETING

MINUTES of the 3rd session of the 26th Council (71st Annual Meeting) held at the Giffard Hotel, Worcester, on Tuesday, June 4th, 1968.

The President, Canon A. G. G. Thurlow, was in the chair.

The Council was welcomed by the Mayor (Cclr. R. W. Morris, J.P.), the Bishop of Worcester (the Rt. Rev. L. M. Charles-Edwards), the Dean of Worcester (the Very Rev. R. L. P. Milburn) as President of the Worcestershire and Districts Association, and the Master (Mr. W. B. Cartwright).

PRESENT:—

Life members.—Canon A. G. G. Thurlow, Messrs. V. Bottomley, F. W. Perrens, F. Sharpe, E. A. Barnett, J. F. Smallwood.

Honorary members.—Mrs. E. A. Barnett, Mrs. V. Bottomley, Mrs. R. F. B. Speed, Messrs. F. E. Collins, J. L. Garner-Hayward, F. E. Haynes, D. Hughes, C. K. Lewis, H. N. Pitstow, G. W. Pipe, H. L. Roper, E. C. Shepherd, R F. B Speed, T. W. White.

Ancient Society of College Youths.—Mr. W. T. Cook, Group Captain J. S. Mason, Mr. W. Williams.

Australian and New Zealand Association.—Mr. P. M J. Gray.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association. — Messrs. J. H. Gilbert, E. Naylor, A. H. Reed.

Bedfordshire Association. — Messrs. J. H. Edwards, A. E. Rushton.

Beverley and District Ringing Society. — Mr. R. Ducker.

Cambridge University Guild.—Dr. C. M. P. Johnson, Mrs. B. D. Threlfall.

Chester Diocesan Guild.—Messrs. H. O. Baker, A. R. Elkins, A. J. Martin.

Coventry Diocesan Guild. — Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Mr. H. Windsor.

Cumberland and North Westmorland Association.—Mr G. Tembey.

Derbyshire Association. — Messrs. G. A. Halls, M. P. Phipps.

Devon Association.—Mr. B. E. Bartlett.

Dudley and District Guild.—Mr. M. J. Fellows.

Durham and Newcastle Association.—Messrs. K. Arthur, D. A. Bayles.

Ely Diocesan Association.—Messrs. J. G. Gipson, E. H. Mastin, H. S. Peacock.

Essex Association. — Dr. J. Armstrong, Messrs. F. B. Lufkin, J. E. G. Roast.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association. —Messrs. A. L. Barry, W. B. Kynaston, J. R. Taylor, C. A. Wratten.

Guildford Diocesan Guild.—Messrs. D. A. R. May, J. F. M. Maybrey, W. H. Viggers.

Guild of Devonshire Ringers.—Mr. D. R. Bould, Miss B. M. Boyle, Mr. N. Mallett, Rev. J. G. M. Scott.

Hereford Diocesan Guild.—Rev. M. Hart, Mr. C. A. Lewis, Mr. A. T. Wingate.

Hertford County Association.—Messrs. W. Ayre, B. M. Barker, R. G. Bell, G. Dodds.

Irish Association.—Messrs. F. E. Dukes, J. T. Dunwoody.

Kent County Association.—Messrs. P. A. Corby, T. Cullingworth, S. Jenner, I. H. Oram.

Ladies' Guild.—Miss J. Beresford, Miss D. E. Colgate, Mrs. P. J. Staniforth.

Lancashire Association. — Messrs. A. Capstick, C. Crossthwaite, J. P. Partington, F. Reynolds.

Leicester Diocesan Guild.—Messrs. S. Burton, J. M. Jelley, P. J. Staniforth, B. G. Warwick.

Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Messrs. J. Bray, G. E. Feirn, J. Freeman, J. L. Millhouse.

Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association.—Mrs. D. J. King, Mr. T. M. Roderick.

London County Association.—Mr. A. D. Barker, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Rogers, Mr. W. G. Wilson.

Middlesex County Association.—Messrs. F. T. Blagrove, G. W. Critchley, T. J. Lock, Miss R. M. Foreman.

Midland Counties Guild.—Mr. J. W. Cotton.

National Police Guild.—Mr. N. S. Bagworth.

North Staffordshire Association.—Messrs. R. S. Anderson, C. S. Ryles.

North Wales Association.—Dr. E. V. Woodcock.

Norwich Diocesan Association.—Messrs. P. M. Adcock, H. W. Barrett, F. N. Golden, N. V. Harding.

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Messrs. W. Butler, N. J. Diserens, F. C. Price, P. Walker.

Oxford Society.—Mr. F. A. H. Wilkins.

Oxford University Society.—Messrs. S. J. Ivin, D. J. Roaf.

Peterborough Diocesan Guild.— Messrs. E. Billings, J. H. Bluff, J. Linnell.

Railwaymen's Guild.—Mr. E. J. Franklin.

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—Messrs. J. A. Ainsworth, G. E. Fearn.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Rev. R. Keeley, Messrs. J. T. Barrett, G. H. Harding, G. S. Morris.

Sheffield and District Society. — Mr. N. Chaddock

Society of Royal Cumberland Youths. — Messrs. D. Beresford, W. H. Dobbie, K. Newman, D. E. Sibson.

Society of Sherwood Youths.—Mr. G. A. Dawson.

South Derbyshire and North Leicestershire Association.—Mr. J. E. Collins.

Southwell Diocesan Guild.—Messrs. W. L. Exton, H. Poyner.

Staffordshire Archdeaconry Society.—Messrs. M. W. Fairey, B. G. Key, C. M. Smith.

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Universities Association.—Miss M. R. Cross.

University of Bristol Society.—Dr. T. P. Edwards.

University of London Society.—Mr. A. J. Frost.

Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild. —Canon K. W. H. Felstead, Messrs. A. V. Davis, J. Hartless, R. R. Savory.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—Messrs. B. C. Ashford, D. Beacham, A. J. Brazier, W. B. Cartwright.

Yorkshire Association. — Messrs. W. E. Critchley, E. Hudson, W. F. Moreton, J. Seager.

Report as to Membership.

The hon. secretary reported that 62 Societies were affiliated with 166 members. The rules provided for 24 honorary members, and there were seven life members, making a total membership of 197. There were four vacancies among honorary members. Subscriptions were all paid

Apologies for absence.

These were received from Messrs. B. Austin, F. M. Bowers, D. R. Carlisle, J. D. Clarke, G. W. Fletcher, F. I. Hairs, B. E. Jeffrey, H. J. Sanger, Miss H. G. Snowden, Messrs. E. J. Sterland, L. Stillwell, P. L. Taylor, C. G. J. Watts, F. A. White, E. F. Willcox.

Application for Affiliation.

Society of Sherwood Youths. This was accepted.

New Members.

The following were greeted by the President: Messrs. G. A. Dawson (Society of Sherwood Youths), G. Francis (Sussex County Association), S. F. W. Kimber (Surrey Association).

Election of Life Member.

It was resolved that Mr. T. W. White (Editor of "The Ringing World") be elected in recognition of his work in that capacity.

Election of Honorary Members.

It was resolved that the following be re-elected: Mrs. E. A. Barnett, Messrs. B. Austin, J. Betjeman, F. E. Collins, C. K. Lewis, W. A. Osborn and H. L. Roper, and that Mr. J. R. Mayne be elected.

Losses through Death.

The President reported the deaths of the following, and the usual silence was observed:—

J. Worth (Chester Diocesan Guild, 1951–53, 1960–63, 1965–67).

T. G. Myers (Guild of Devonshire Ringers, 1948–1967).

S. G. Coles (Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, 1946–1960).

F. A. Finch (Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, 1950).

H. Parker (Chester Diocesan Guild, 1936–39).

F. A Salter (Southwell Diocesan Guild, 1949–1953).

J. Willis (Kent County Association, 1951–57; honorary member 1957–1967).

A. E. Sharman (Bedfordshire Association, 1921–1946).

T. H. Radford (East Derbyshire and West Notts Association, 1963–67).

Minutes.

The minutes of the Nottingham meeting, as published in "The Ringing World" of February 16th, 1968, and amended on March 1st, were adopted.

Report and Accounts.

The following were adopted:

Honorary secretary and treasurer (published in "Ringing World" of June 14th, 1968, page 461).

Honorary librarian ("Ringing World", June 14th, 1968, page 461).

Accounts for 1967 ("Ringing World", June 14th, 1968, page 461).

Trustees of Carter Ringing Machine ("Ringing World", June 14th, 1698, page 463).

Motions.

Amendment of Rule 17:—

It was resolved that the word "four" be substituted for "five" in the fourth line.

Decisions.

It was resolved that the following be added to the Decisions of the Council:—

(1) In the case of Doubles only a variation be defined as the use in a plain method only of calls other than the standard calls for that method. The resulting bobbed or singled lead must not by itself constitute a plain lead of another method. Each variation to be given its own name.

(2) The variation must by itself be capable of producing the 120 true changes. Peal reports must draw a clear distinction between methods and variations, either by separate listing, or, for example, "Plain Bob, New Bob, Old Variation, Eynsham Variation, etc."

(3) One variation with one or more methods, or two or more variations with or without methods, may be rung in one extent, provided that the plain courses of all the variations and methods in the extent are different from each other, and that there is included at least one of each of the plain lead and different calls for each of the different variations and methods rung in the extent.

(4) The arrangement or composition (as the case may be) of record multi-method (or multi-method variation peals in the case of Doubles only) shall be submitted to the Editor of "The Ringing World" at the same time that the peal is submitted, and shall be published in "The Ringing World" before the 31st January in the following year.

Reports.

The following were adopted, subject to the qualifications where noted:—

Standing Committee: given orally by the secretary.

Literature and Press Committee ("Ringing World", June 14th, 1968, page 462).

Biographies Committee ("Ringing World", June 28th, 1968, page 501).

Overseas Committee ("Ringing World", June 28th, 1968, page 499).

Sunday Service and Education Committee ("Ringing World", June 21st, 1968, page 483), with the addition to the Committee of Mr. C. M. Smith, who would be given special responsibility for the production of sound recordings for teaching purposes. To this end, the Committee was authorised to spend not more than £100 from the Clement Glenn Bequest Fund.

Peals Analysis Committee ("Ringing World", June 28th, 1968, page 501), but deleting the two paragraphs at the foot of column 1 commencing "we should welcome . . ." and therefore including the two peals of Scientific and one of Plain Bob Minor in the analysis, with consequent amendments to appropriate figures.

Peals Collection Committee: It was noted that there was nothing to report.

"The Ringing World" Committee ("Ringing World", June 21st, 1968, page 479): It was resolved that those concerned be congratulated upon the improvements which had been effected in "The Ringing World" but that the appendix to the Committee's report be not accepted. Mrs. P. J. Staniforth and Mr. R. F. B. Speed were appointed additional members.

Records Committee ("Ringing World", July 5th, 1968, page 519), with the addition to the Committee of Messrs. G. Dodds, J. R. Mayne and C. M. Smith. The Committee was authorised to spend up to £10 per annum upon the sound recording of record peals.

Towers and Belfries Committee ("Ringing World", June 28th, 1968, page 500).

Broadcasting and Television Committee ("Ringing World", June 28th, 1968, page 502).

In the case of the Methods Committee, note was taken of the report given in "The Ringing World" of May 24th, 1968, page 402, on the subject of "splicing" which was referred to the Committee at the 1967 Council meeting.

Future Meetings.

It was resolved that the 1969 meeting at St. Albans be held on Tuesday, May 27th.

The invitation to hold the 1970 meeting in Yorkshire was accepted.

Votes of Thanks.

The Council expressed its gratitude to the Mayor of Worcester, the Bishop of Worcester, the President and Master of the Worcestershire and Districts Association, together with their officers, and particularly Mr. D. Beacham, the honorary general secretary, for all the excellent arrangements. Thanks were also expressed to the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral and to all the incumbents who had placed their bells at the disposal of the members of the Council.

The Mayor and Corporation of Worcester entertained the Council to tea after the meeting.

SUMMARY OF ATTENDANCE

	Societies	Members Present	Members Absent
Wholly represented	45	112	—
Partly represented	13	34	16
Not represented	5	—	5
	63	146	21
Life members		7	1
Honorary members		13	7
		166	29

VERNON BOTTOMLEY,
Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

Penarth Ringers Dress for the Occasion

After some hard practice and work on the costumes, the St. Augustine's Church, Penarth, Glam. band of handbell ringers made a very successful tour.

Local nursing homes, clubs and private houses were visited, where a selection of Christmas carols and seasonal tunes were rung. The band were attired in Victorian type dress—the ladies wearing hooped crinoline dresses and bonnets, the gentlemen in dark suits and frilled jabots with top hats. All the company wore gloves.

Collections were made in the clubs and private houses, and a donation of £35 will be forwarded to the parish representative of the Church of England Children's Society. The band were also invited by the Rector of Penarth (Rev. N. Griffiths) to ring during the annual service of nine lessons and carols.

Ringers in the picture, from left to right: Valerie Lewis, Derek Herbert (ringers' secretary), Barbara Rees, Yvonne Apsitis (assistant tower captain), Elizabeth Jacklin and Gordon Harding. [By courtesy of "Penarth Times".

Raving Ringers' Reunion at Cambridge

FOLLOWING the marvellous tour last summer to Ireland, it must have been difficult for the organisers of the annual reunion, held on the week-end of January 4th/5th, to choose a venue that would bring memories of warm, sunny days in Ireland flooding back. However, they succeeded admirably, for not only did they choose fine towers and an ideal place to stay at, the weather was kind, and a pale reflection of the warm sunshine we had enjoyed on tour.

Ringers began congregating at St. Swithin's, Sandy, on the Saturday morning, and by the time we reached the fine eight at St. Neots good form had been achieved with Yorkshire, Stedman and 5-Spliced.

After lunch everyone arrived at Cambridge safely, but some had trouble finding parking and one ringer was still slowly cruising around trying to find a vacant parking meter as the bells of Great St. Andrew's were lowered. Our next stop was Fabian Stedman's home church, St. Bene't's, with a nice little six, and we rang the Master's method as well as Surprise Minor.

After becoming accustomed to the long draught of the heavy eight at the Roman Catholic Church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs, we enjoyed the impressive sound of these fine bells being rung to Surprise Major before proceeding to the Station Hotel. Fears that we might suffer from British Rail's zeal at midnight shunting were dispelled, as for most people the early hours of the morning were very peaceful and the accommodation was very comfortable. But first of all there was the reunion dinner, followed by a social evening, during which we all relived the eight days' journey around Ireland. There were 23 Ravers present at the dinner: one notable absentee was Ted Venn, who was in hospital recuperating from an operation. We all wish Ted a quick and complete recovery.

SLIDES BRING BACK MEMORIES

Later in the evening we settled down to view the hundreds of colour slides that had recorded the Irish tour. We saw St. Saviour's, Arklow, from just about every possible angle, and the audience became quite knowledgeable about the relative merits of Kodak and Agfa colour emulsions after so many fine pictures of the Giant's Causeway. At intermission Ron Russ rendered the many verses of this year's edition of the Ravers' Song.

After breakfast on Sunday morning we hurried around to Great St. Mary's for service ringing, which included Grandsire Cinques and Kent Maximus. We also rang for Matins at Trumpington and in the afternoon rang at Harston and Meldreth (where the ringing was up to 8-Spliced) before arriving at Saffron Walden in time to ring for Evensong on the magnificent 12 at St. Mary's. The local band made us very welcome and joined us in ringing Grandsire and Stedman Cinques.

Then it was time to go our various ways and to look forward to this year's tour to Scotland. Our thanks are due to the organisers, to the tower captains who made us so welcome, and to the incumbents for allowing us to ring their bells. W.K.

A DIAMOND WEDDING

The first diamond wedding in living memory at Great Harwood, Bucks, took place on January 6th. The happy couple were Mr. W. R. Edmans, aged 87, a ringer before World War I, and his wife, who is 91. Many times five of their family have rung together but never six. A quarter of Grandsire Doubles was rung at Great Harwood by D. Moore (grandson) 1, F. G. Edmans (son) 2, J. Hall 3, H. Wood 4, H. Jameson (nephew) 5, R. Edmans (grandson) 6.

Letters to the Editor

ONE SOCIETY FOR GREATER LONDON?

Dear Sir.—I was interested in Dick Speed's comment made the the Universities Association dinner concerning the area covered by territorial Societies in London. A ringer coming to live in London can find himself, if he is a peal ringer, having to join at least six Societies, and this is no small expense. Surely it is high time that one Society was formed to cover the whole of the Greater London area.

Perhaps I am somewhat biased as I live in the area covered by one Association and am in charge of a tower covered by another, so find myself having to be a resident member of both!—Sincerely yours,

JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM.

Bayswater, W.

CHRISTMAS BELLS

Dear Sir, — Some of your readers may not know that the B.B.C. opens its Radio 4 broadcast every Sunday at 7.45 a.m. with a five-minute recording of bells — **uninterrupted by commentary** ("Ringing World", page 62, 1969).

The disappointing thing, to my mind, is that the B.B.C. are still using the recordings of the Christmas bells of, I think, four years ago (St. Cuthbert's, Edinburgh; St. Mary's, Hampton; Lostwithiel; St. Clement Danes', etc., etc.). Each New Year I hope that we may hear again some of the bells from the preceding Christmas, but no luck so far! — Yours sincerely, (Mrs.) ROSE DAVIES.

Dormans Park, E. Grinstead.

A THANK YOU TO ISLE OF WIGHT RINGERS

Dear Sir,—I should like to record my thanks to the other ringers in the quarter peal at Godshill, Isle of Wight, on January 2nd, to others who have stood in to previous attempts, and to Mr. Bailey in particular who organised this ringing. My mother spent the last few years of her life on the Isle of Wight, of which she was very fond, and after she died I wished very much to ring in a quarter peal as a tribute to her at one of the Island towers. This has now been achieved, and I am most grateful to all concerned.—Yours sincerely,

Calne, Wilts. SHIRLEY RYMER.

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The quarter peal reads:—

GODSHILL, ISLE OF WIGHT. — On Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: C. Denness 1, Mrs. E. Wyatt (first in method) 2, Shirley Rymer 3, F. Taylor 4, L. Bailey (cond.) 5, A. Evans 6. Rung as a tribute to Hilda Rymer, mother of the ringer of 3, who died at Newport, Isle of Wight, November 1st, 1965.

MOONRAKERS

Dear Sir. — With reference to Mr. Hugh Faulkner's suggestion that the story of the Wiltshire moonrakers originated in his native village, I was of course aware that Whiteparish and other localities have laid claim to fame in this connection, but the late Edith Olivier, surely the greatest authority the county has produced on its folklore, was satisfied, from documents in her possession and the fact that the earliest illustrations of the fable undoubtedly depict Southbroom Church and its pond, that this was the true location.

I had profound respect for Miss Olivier's opinions on such matters.—Yours sincerely,

E. G. CAPLE

Clevedon, Somerset.

"BLUE PETER" FILM

Dear Sir.—Re Mr. Jenkins' letter (page 42), the "Blue Peter" film was made in November, 1966, and shown one month later. About 14 ringers from Frensham, Putney and Kingston were involved and one of the Frensham ringers was "tower captain" for the day.

John Noakes had received approximately ten lessons in bell control before entering Kingston belfry; but many young ringers who come to ring at Kingston are less experienced than Mr. Noakes. The ringers at Kingston were taught how to handle a bell over a period of three to six months. A high standard was set by our tower captain and accuracy in raising, lowering and controlling a bell all had to be achieved before we could even attempt rounds.

The filming for the "Blue Peter" presentation lasted 12 hours—and all for a six-minute film. The utmost safety precautions were enforced and ringers co-operated with the technicians all the time.

Prior to Mr. Noakes' effort to chime the 27¾ cwt. bell he ascended the stairs to see the bells (the others having been lowered). An observant viewer would have clearly noticed through the louvres that outside it was dark and street lights could be seen. So there were no ropes which could have caused a bell to "turn over" if caught by Mr. Noakes' "flaying feet".

Many children must have been interested in watching their "well-loved hero" attempting to be a bellringer.

I must say that the original film was cut a great deal for the television presentation, but one must realise that "Blue Peter" is a children's programme, and to see just a formal display of bellringing would not be very enjoyable for small children.

However, the film was mentioned in the Central Council report of 1967, but as far as I can recollect there were no complaints about it.

Incidentally, Kingston ringers possess a copy of the film, and if the Central Council wish to investigate the matter further they can borrow the film from Kingston upon Thames ringers. —Yours faithfully,

(Miss) BRYONY P. H. MOORBY.

Kingston upon Thames.

SOMERSET UNRINGABLES

Dear Sir.—I think Mr. Hiller's remarks about the state of certain of our towers in the county should have been a little more explicit. It is one thing to flip round on an outing from another county, but it is another thing altogether to report that towers are unsafe unless you are acting on information from the church architect or from the diocesan adviser on church bells

Would it not also be more accurate to say Beercrowcombe bells are unringable due to lack of ropes, rather than condemning them out of hand?

Perhaps Mr. Hiller could supply a little more information for us, and say where he lives, if it is not in Somerset.

As far as Isle Abbots is concerned the entry is quite clear in my edition of Dove's: perhaps your correspondent thought they were a four?—Yours sincerely. JOHN BRAIN.

Backwell, Somerset.

THE REV. H. LAW JAMES

Dear Sir,—I was pleased to see in your issue of January 24th the article by the Rev. B. F. Sheppard and the accompanying letter. When I was requested to write about Gabriel Lindoff it came to me suddenly that we had reached the end of 1968 and had forgotten to commemorate Henry Law James and three other notable ringers of his age. I feel grateful, therefore, for Mr. Sheppard's salutary reminder of one of the great intellects of the ringing Exercise

I willingly accept his reproof. More time for reflection would have led me to reject "cocksureness". It is not an elegant word, and it is likely to be interpreted in a derogatory sense, which is far from what was intended.

Nevertheless, a characteristic of Law James was, as it were, an assertive self-confidence. It was as if he often decided that a theory was correct or a proceeding the only right one, and that there was no more that needed to be said on the matter. There was even, sometimes, a suggestion of impatience that his view should be queried. The debates of the Central Council (so fully reported years ago) and the correspondence columns of the ringing press provide interesting evidence, and quite good examples are found in the great London Surprise controversy of 1907 and the long-drawn-out correspondence with Joseph Parker that occupied a great part of the first volume of "The Ringing World". Both these are highly instructive.

These considerations by no means diminish the greatness of Law James. We know that pastorally he brought many blessings to Surfleet, and his fame as a practical ringer and composer stands secure. The great value of his attitude and persistence in controversy seems to me to be that it drove his contemporaries (sometimes in sheer self-defence) to a close examination of their own theories and to a deeper delving after the great mathematical truths upon which method construction and composition are founded. The fruits of all this we enjoy today.—Yours sincerely,

Warminster.

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD

BROTHERS IN RINGING

Dear Sir,—I was greatly interested in the Rev. B. F. Sheppard's article "Two Remarkable Brothers". It brings to my mind several families of brother ringers whom I have had the pleasure of meeting in my earlier years as a bellringer.

The well-known family of that day was the Pye brothers — William (Bill), Ernest and Robert (Bob). William was the composer and conductor and was the nearest man to the 2,000 mark until it was finally achieved by the late Ernest Morris. Ernest and Bob were most capable and experienced ringers and were a great asset to any band.

There were also the other well-known Essex brothers — the Charge family, consisting of Cornelius, George and Reuben. Cornelius was also a composer and a good conductor. George and Reuben were also excellent ringers and it was my privilege to ring 100 quarter peals and several peals with these two men.

Then there were the Mellar brothers, John and Henry, and also Norman and Edwin Tomlinson, all of whom were of Christ Church, Southgate. They learned to ring together in their early teens, stayed together, and three of them were past the 70 years mark when they set their bells for their last "That's all!". The Mellar brothers died under tragic circumstances in the ringing room—John from a stroke and Harry from a heart attack.—Yours faithfullly,

R. NEWMAN.

Romford.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
SEE BACK PAGE

OBITUARY

MR. F. BERNARD DITCHER

The death occurred on January 17th of Mr. F. Bernard Ditcher, of St. Ives, Cornwall, and formerly of Ranmoor, Sheffield. He was 71 years of age.

Born at Eckington, Derbyshire, he lived there until his marriage, when he moved to Sheffield. He was in the R.A.M.C. in the First World War and saw service in France. By profession Mr. Ditcher was an accountant.

The writer does not know when Bernard first took up ringing, but in 1922 he was invited to join John Flint's Surprise band, and in 1924 took part in the first peals of Pudsey and Rutland Surprise. The writer joined the band in 1924 and rang his first peal with Bernard in October of that year. He was a first-class ringer and striker, and before the Second World War had an impressive variety of peals to his credit.

When the restrictions on ringing were further relaxed in 1944 Bernard agreed to join a young Surprise band that was being formed, and he and the late Jack Brothwell were the backbone of the band. Good progress was made, and eventually the goal that had been aimed at was reached and peals of London, Bristol, Spliced and new methods were rung regularly. The band owed a lot to Bernard not only for his ringing experience and ability but also for the example he set at all times and under all circumstances, and above all for his unfailing loyalty. He could be forthright, but it was always with dignity and without rancour.

For more than 40 years he was Ringing Master at All Saints' Church, Ranmoor, Sheffield, and for a long period was an official of the Sheffield and District Society.

He retired to St. Ives in 1963. A widow, daughter and two sons are bereaved. Many ringers in South Yorkshire will join the writer in offering their deepest sympathy. J. E. C.

Note.—In Mr. Bernard Ditcher's peal book the first recorded is Kent Treble Bob Major at Eckington, Derbyshire, on February 11th, 1922. There are 179, the last being an officers peal for Sheffield and District Society of Yorkshire Surprise Major rung on April 21st, 1956.

AN APPRECIATION

Mr. F. Bernard Ditcher retired to Lelant, Cornwall, after an active career in advanced ringing in Yorkshire. For some time he rang with the young ringers at Carbis Bay, and occasionally he joined with us in the ringing at Lelant.

Ill-health caused him to give up ringing, but he was still most interested in it and always listened to ringing (with a critical ear) whenever possible. He always read with great interest and pleasure each copy of "The Ringing World" and eagerly looked forward to its arrival every week.

A few years ago, when the Universities Association ringing tour was based on Sheffield, Miss Lidgey and I visited Ranmoor Church one Sunday to take part in ringing for the service. We were highly amused when we saw no less than 34 new stays in the ringing chamber, and when Mr. Ditcher saw how interested we were in that big supply of stays he told us that they were for visitors—his own ringers never broke stays! HARRY MILES.

YORKSHIRE VETERANS

The deaths of the two brothers, L. and H. Rodmell, reported last week, has resulted in the following photograph being sent to us which was taken at Escrick on June 1st, 1957. It was a special meeting arranged by Mrs. J. J. Taylor, in which all the men present had 50 or more years' membership of the Yorkshire Association.

In the picture are: Front row (left to right): Mr. A. E. Sellers, Mr. T. W. Robbins and Mr. L. Rodmell. Back row: Mr. H. Rodmell, Mrs. Taylor, Mr. F. Atkinson, Mr. T. Goodin, Mrs. Morley and Mr. H. S. Morley.

Still living are the two ladies and Mr. Atkinson (York), Mr. Goodin (Sutton) and Mr. Morley (33 years secretary of the Eastern District, the Yorkshire Association).

MR. JOHN PARES

Many ringers in the Slough and Bushey area will remember John Pares before he came to live at Kingsclere in 1959, as it was there that he learned most of his ringing. His death was under tragic circumstances, when his car was in collision with a stationary lorry whilst he was going to work on January 20th.

The funeral was the following Friday, and that evening fellow ringers from Kingsclere, Burghclere and Highclere rang a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples to his memory, the bells being half-muffled. The band was M. Goss 1, D. Goss 2, P. Murduck 3, R. Crocker 4, C. Butler 5, B. Murduck 6, G. Dodd (cond.) 7, D. Murduck 8

John Pares will best be remembered as the man through whose enthusiasm the two trebles were added to Kingsclere. The old six then went badly and presented a challenge to any band to ring them. There was no regular band then and John set about teaching new ringers. With the help of Bill Hibbert and David Papworth this band scored their first quarter in 1961.

In January, 1962, work started on the bells, and about this time Philip Murduck joined the band and introduced Plain Bob. It was in this method that John Pares scored his first peal of Plain Bob Doubles in July, 1962. Peals of Bob Minor at Burghclere and Bob Triples at Kingsclere (the first on the eight bells) followed that year. He remained as captain at Kingsclere until 1968, when he felt it was time to hand over to a younger man.

May he rest in peace. G. D.

MR. F. C. HAGLEY

Mr. Francis Collins Hagley, of Witley, Surrey, died suddenly on January 20th, aged 81. A bellringer for 70 years, he had been for 30 years captain at Witley Parish Church.

Mr. Hagley served for 28 years in the Surrey Constabulary, retiring with the rank of sergeant. For 20 years he had been an usher at Surrey Assizes and Quarter Sessions and he was on his way to attend to his duties when he collapsed.

His son, Mr. Ronald J. C. Hagley, is captain of the Godalming ringers and chief superintendent of the Guildford and Godalming Division of the Surrey Constabulary. Miss Joan E. Hagley, his daughter, is a clerical officer in the Constabulary.

The funeral service was at Witley on January 23rd.

MR. L. S. HALLETT REMEMBERED

To the memory of Mr. Leslie Samuel Hallett, of Worle, Weston-super-Mare, Somerset, who died a year ago, two quarter peals were rung at Weston-super-Mare on January 19th. They were 1,260 Doubles in four methods at St. Martin's and 1,260 Grandsire Triples at St. John's.

Before moving to Weston over six years ago, he was a ringer at Holy Trinity Church, Stratford-on-Avon. He regularly rang at St. Martin's, Worle, until under doctor's orders he had to give up ringing.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.—On Dec. 29th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Rita Gower 1, P. Staples 2, P. Richardson 3, R. Carlton 4, B. Johnson 5, M. Lancefield (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

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HALF PEAL

SILVERDALE, LANCS. — On Dec. 26th, 3,600 Doubles (Grandsire, Pl. Bob): W. L. Richmond (longest length Doubles) 1, Mary W. Whalley 2, K. J. Foster (longest length) 3, J. Whalley 4, K. M. Price (cond.) 5. A peal attempt failure.

DATE TOUCH

CHIPPING BARNET, HERTS. — On Dec. 31st, 1,968 Plain Bob Minor: Jill Gordon 1, Stephanie Green 2, Penny Coomber 3, D. F. Willcocks 4, S. Taylor 5, P. M. Cuckson (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled. First date touch by all the band.

ASTON, HERTS. — On Dec 1st, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: L. A. Izzard 1, A. A. F. Peters (cond.) 2, R. T. Falder 3, P. C. Whittington 4, M. R. Whittington 5, A. Gray 6. For Advent.

BEKESBOURNE, KENT. — On Dec. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (six methods): Pamela Court 1, R. A. Birch 2, C. Wyld 3, J. Hemsley 4, B Johnson (cond.) 5, P. Staples 6.

BENENDEN, KENT.—On Dec. 15th, 1,296 Little Bob Major: Anne Barber 1, Pamela Court 2, O. Webster 3, P. C. Sinden 4, R. Lebon 5, J. Hemsley 6, A. P. S. Berry 7, B. Johnson (cond.) 8. First of Little Bob Major 2, 3, 5 and 6.

BENINGTON, HERTS. — On Dec. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Falder 1, A. Peters 2, P. J. Worthington 3, C. A. Critchley (cond.) 4, M. R. Worthington 5, F. J. Robinson 6, G. W. Critchley 7, F. Judkins (first quarter) 8. For service of Christmas music.

BLUNHAM, BEDS.—On Dec. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Karen Baker 1, Alison Mager 2, P. Jewell 3, D. Goss 4, C. R. Hardy 5, A. S. Smith Conducted by 4 and 5.

BOBBING, KENT.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. Butler 1, Margaret Jenner 2, A. P. S. Berry 3, R. A. Birch 4, P. C. Sinden 5, B. Johnson (cond.) 6. Rung as a thanksgiving for the safe return of Apollo 8

BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. M. Marshallsay 1, Mary Perry (Davis) 2, A. I. Pearman 3, E. Booth 4, B. B. Rogers 5, G. J. W. Scragg 6, A. V. Davis (cond.) 7, J. V. Davis 8. A "reunion quarter" rung by the members of the young band of St. Peter's, circa 1943–50.

BRAMFORD, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 15th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: B. R. C. Crouch 1, Rev. L. R. Pizzey 2, M. H. Whittell 3, A. R. Walters 4, R. J. Southgate (cond.) 5, K. Dakin (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

BRAUNSTONE, RUTLAND.—On Dec. 30th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. Ellis 1, G. W. Reynolds 2, R. N. Scholes 3, L. Atton 4, R. H. Cook (cond.) 5, E. A. Jacques 6. First of Surprise Minor for 1 and 4.

BREDGAR, KENT. — On Dec. 27th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Margaret Jenner 1, K. Butler 2, A. P. S. Berry 3, P. C. Sinden 4, R. A. Birch 5, B. Johnson (cond.) 6.

BURWOOD, N.S.W.—On Dec. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Roper 1, N. Shaw 2, P. Goodyer 3, C. Herbert 4, P. Davis 5, R. Bampton 6, T. Goodyer (cond.) 7, D. Simmons 8.

BUSHEY, HERTS.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,280 Pl. Bob Major: Anne E. Thompson (first quarter) 1, C. W. Woolley 2, Sara K. D. Woolley 3, T. W. Clark 4, S. Kathleen M. Baldwin 5, J. R. Southey 6, D. A Carpenter 7, R. Baldwin (cond.) 8.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.—On Dec. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Smith 1, Mrs. E. Norris 2, C. W. Simpson 3, E. Ashby 4, L. J. North 5, A. Luxford 6, T. Norris (cond.) 7, D. Murphy 8. Rung half-muffled for Charlie Cook, a member of this tower for over 40 years.

BUSHLEY, WORCS.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss E. Pouncey 1, R. Sadowska 2, Miss A. Sadowska 3, R. Tibbles 4, M. Ingram 5, P. S. Robertson (cond.) 6.

CASTOR, PETERBOROUGH.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 St. Clement's Bob Minor: C. Banks 1, Miss M. Hill 2 A. Foster 3, J. Cooper 4, G. F. Oliver 5, F. E. Sismey (cond.) 6. First in method by village band.

CHARLWOOD, SURREY. — On Dec. 3rd, 1,440 Doubles (Grandsire, Rev. Canterbury): Diane Wickens 1, Jennifer Smith 2, Carol Gosling 3, I. Wickens (cond.) 4, D. Smith 5, G. Wickens 6. In honour of the golden wedding this day of Mr. and Mrs. Churcher, grandparents of 1, 3 and 4 ringers. Also on Dec. 8th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: A. Brown (first quarter) 1, D. Attwater 2, Carol Gosling 3, E. Brazier 4, I. Wickens (cond.) 5, G. Wickens 6.

QUARTER PEALS

CHIPPENHAM, WILTS.—At St. Paul's Church, on Dec. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. J. Carey 1, J. Martin 2, I. Carey (first "inside", aged 11) 3, G. Fell 4, R. Tigwell 5, H. Fell 6, W. Page (cond.) 7, J E. Martin 8. For Confirmation.

CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. T. Perrins 1, G. J. W. Scragg 2, J. Franks 3, R. Ingham 4, B. Wright 5, C. Dewsnap 6, A. V. Davis (cond.) 7, A. Neale 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Rosemary Shearing, a member of the Priory band.

CLAPHAM, LONDON.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Hatmill 1, Miss M. Phelan 2, Miss I. E. Shanks 3, P. Hatmill 4, G. W. Shanks (cond.) 5, T. Farmer 6.

CODSALL, STAFFS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. W. Illidge 1, A. G. Richards 2, D. Head 3, J D. R. Smith 4, A. D. Collins (cond.) 5, Gillian Bosworth Smith 6, P. R. Johnson 7, H. E. Groom 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. F. A. Adey, former member, died Dec. 26th, aged 83.

DONCASTER, YORKS. — On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Cooper 1, A. P. Leigh 2, W. Johnson 3, Dr. T. D. Spencer 4, H. Wagstaff 5, W. E. Critchley (cond.) 6, J. R. Whitham 7, E. J. Padgett 8. Also for Midnight Mass, 1,264 Bob Major: W. E. Critchley 1, A. P. Leigh 2, E. Cooper 3, H. Wagstaff 4, J. R. Whitham 5, M. Forster 6, F J. Jackson (cond.) 7, R. Smith 8.

DRAYTON, BERKS.—On Dec. 30th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Triples: Helen Barron 1; J. Newman 2, Mrs. Wiggins 3, Ruth Newman 4, Jill Wiggins 5, C. Clark 6, J. Seymour (first Triples as cond.) 7, T. Glastonbury 8. First Triples 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 and 8. First Triples by local band.

DRAYTON BASSETT, Tamworth, STAFFS. — On Dec. 22nd, 1,272 Minimus (four methods): Gillian Davis (aged 10, first quarter) 1, Theresa Parker (10) 2, Sandra Fairfield 3, K. G. Parker (cond.) 4. A compliment to Sandra on her birthday and engagement to Nicholas Angell.

EASTCHURCH, KENT.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. P. S. Berry 1, Margaret Jenner 2, R A. Birch (cond.) 3, P C. Sinden 4, K. Butler 5, B. Johnson 6.

EAST SUTTON, KENT.—On Dec. 19th, 1,260 St. Clement's Bob Minor: Margaret Jenner 1, P. Richardson 2, H. Deacon 3, J. Hemsley 4, O Webster 5, B. Johnson (cond.) 6. First in the method 4 and 5.

EYNESBURY, HUNTS. — On Dec. 19th, 1,260 Minor (three methods): M. F. Stallard 1, E. W. Wagstaff 2, D. J. Prescott 3, W. A. R. Chamberlain 4, R. D. Bellamy 5, G. E. Bonham (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Dorothy Harriet Emery, former churchwarden.

GLASGOW.—On Dec. 28th, at St. Mary's Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Livingstone 1, T. C. Winderam 2, R. M. Preston 3, R. L. Preston 4, T. J. Winderam 5, M. J. Pink 6, P. T. Fisher (cond.) 7, D. M. Graham-Service 8.

GLINTON, PETERBOROUGH. — On Dec. 14th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minor: B. Branston 1, A. Waller 2, G. Davis 3, M. J. Tyler 4, G. Olliver 5, J E. David (first of Minor as cond.) 6.

GODSTONE, SURREY.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Pl Bob Triples: A. Putt 1, T. H. Bird 2, Dianne M. Hatfield 3, Myrtle Groves 4, D. Putt 5, H. Lyndon Hatfield (cond.) 6, A. Wood 7, B. Pink 8. For candlelight carol service.

GORING, OXON.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. J. Tull 1, M. Napper 2, Mary Trent 3, Carol Tull 4, S. Franklin 5, J. Beaumont 6, W. Irving (cond.) 7, J. Hiscock 8. For Midnight Communion.

HAMPRESTON, DORSET.—On Dec 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Clarke 1, I. A. A. Hodgson 2, M. Frewer 3, C. F. Longridge (cond.) 4, J. D. Willcock 5, W. G. Beckmann 6. By Canford School Campanology Society.

HEALEY, Rochdale, LANCS.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Sheila Howarth 1, K. P. Tompsett (first quarter) 2, K. R. Tompsett 3, A. Shaw 4, M. H. Tompsett (first as cond.) 5, R. S. Starkie 6.

HOLME LACY, HEREFORDS. — On Dec. 22nd, 1,296 Cambridge S. Minor: P. Hughes 1, G. Sims 2, T. E. Wood 3, A. T. Wingate 4, W. P. Nash 5, N. Mattinsley (cond.) 7, A. Plowys 8.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX. — On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss J. Peacock 1, C Wright 2, S. Penfold 3, J. Fowler 4, G. Cecil 5, F. Gant 6, J. Stephenson (cond.) 7, P. Sibbett 8. To mark the engagement on Christmas Day of Miss Janice Kingston and Mr. Antony Grainger.

HOLMER, HEREFORDS. — On Dec. 14th, 1,272 Kent T.B. Minor: C. A. Sherwood (first T.B.) 1, P. Hughes 2, A. T. Wingate 3, P. J. Wycherley 4, T. E. Wood 5, M. C. W. Sherwood (cond.) 6.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX. — On Dec. 29th, 1,250 Plain Bob Doubles: J. N. Lambert 1, K. Mary Lambert (first quarter "inside") 2, K. Stacey 3, H. W. Brown 4, J. R. Norris (cond.) 5, R H. Tribe 6. For Evensong.

INTWOOD, NORFOLK.—On Dec. 8th, 1,272 Pl. Bob Minimus: Judith Aldrid 1, K. Butler 2, Elizabeth Bristow 3, Margaret Jenner 4, G. Watts 5. First quarter for 1 and 3.

KEA, CORNWALL.—On Dec. 29th, 1,320 Zennor Doubles: Barbara J. Duck 1, R. P. Pearce 2, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 3, A. Locke 4, T. J. Bell 5, C. J. Dunstan 6. First in the variation by all.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.—On Dec. 31st, at St. Margaret's Church, 1,440 Minor (720 Cambridge, 720 Plain): R. Harrop 1, E. Shipp 2, W. W. Cousins 3, R. Newson 4, C. Cousins 5, N. V. Harding (cond.) 6, L. W. Houghton cover. Rung half-muffled for the passing of the old year.

LELANT, CORNWALL.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Doubles: Susan M. Tonks (first in method) 1, Marion L. Lidgey 2, H. Miles 3, A. P. Smith 4, F. M. Bowers (first in method as cond.) 5, Marion C. W. E. H. Smith 6. For Midnight Mass.

LICHFIELD, STAFFS.—On July 14th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,264 Pl. Bob Major: Julia Sanders 1, Angela Bagnall 2, C. W. Bowen 3, Penelope Sedgwick 4, B. J. W. Townsend 5, C. M. Smith 6, C. T. Collins 7, J. B. Webb (cond.) 8. For the centenary of the present church.

LICHFIELD, STAFFS. — On Nov. 21st, at St. Michael's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. J. Simmons 1, Penelope Sedgwick 2, A. W. Bowler 3, A. Marson 4, J. B. Webb (cond.) 5, F. Winter 6. A token of respect to Mr. Leonard Smith, head verger at the Cathedral and former ringer at this church, who died on November 17th.

LINCOLN. — On Dec. 31st, at the Church of St. Mary-le-Wigford, 1,272 Minimus (six methods): I. Minns 1, R. Smalley (cond.) 2, A. W. Froggatt 3, J. Parkin 4. Half-muffled for New Year's Eve.

LITTLEBOURNE, KENT. — On Dec. 30th, 1,260 Single Oxford Bob Minor: R. A. Birch 1, P. Staples 2, Pamela Court 3, C. Wyld 4, J. Hemsley 5, B. Johnson (cond.) 6 100th quarter this year for the conductor.

LITTLEHAM, DEVON. — On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): N. Webber 1, F. D. Mack 2, R. L. Horder 3, J. Gatter 4, D. A. Wills (cond.) 5, C. Barr 6, A. E. Knight 7, H. West 8. For the Christmas season.

LLANDAFF, GLAM.—At the Cathedral, on Dec. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Anne Cooke (first in method) 1, Mary Pryor 2, J. B. Plumb 3, F. W. Corney 4, N. A. James 5, D. S. Bishop 6, N. W. H. Simon (cond.) 7, J. James 8. For Evensong.

MAIDS MORETON, BUCKS.—On Dec. 11th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): G. W. Holland 1, R. W. Yates 2, G. Orchard 3, W. A. Yates 4, J. Thorogood (cond.) 5, W. H. Yates 6. Also on Dec. 18th, 1,260 Bob Minor: W. H. Yates 1, G. Orchard 2, R. A. Vickers 3, F. Vickers 4, W. A. Yates 5, G. W. Holland 6

MARKSBURY, SOM. — On Nov. 1st, 1,260 All Saints Doubles: Susan Willis 1, A. Coombs 2, H. Coombs 3, P. Devrell 4, R. Perry (cond.) 5, N. Osmond 6. Rung on All Saints' Day. Also birthday compliments to Peter Hosford and ringer of 6.

MARSTON BIGOTT, SOM.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Sally Baker 1, G. Wareham 2, R. E. J Baker (cond.) 3, Christine Baker 4, T. Nicholls 5, D. Withers 6. Also on Dec. 17th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: H. Crabbe 1, Sally Baker 2, G. Wareham 3, D. Withers 4, R. E. J. Baker (cond.) 5, T. Nicholls 6. First quarter Stedman Doubles 1, 2, 3.

MAVESYN-RIDWARE, STAFFS.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: Gillian Webb 1 C. T. Collins 2, J. Dolman 3, L. Monk 4, J. B. Webb (cond.) 5. Also on Dec. 29th, 1,296 Cambridge Minor: L. Monk 1, Margaret Boam 2, C. T. Collins 3, F. Boam 4, C. Bowen 5, C. M. Smith (cond.) 6.

MELBOURNE, VICTORIA.—At St. Paul's Cathedral, on Dec. 11th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: F. English 1, Margaret Aslett 2, M. Lawrence 3, D. Roaf 4, M. Scowen 5, A Bolton (cond.) 6.

MIDHURST, SUSSEX. — On Dec. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. S. M. Knight 1, Miss J. Burn 2, Miss J. Marlow 3, M. K. Till 4, B. J. Davis (cond.) 5, J. J. Charlton 6.

CORRECTIONS & AMENDMENTS

On page 64 Edenbridge should read 1968 Date Touch and not quarter peal.

In the half peal rung at Nailsea on December 26th (page 44) the treble ringer was D. Willis.

In the quarter peal of Doubles at Bishopstoke on December 24th (page 64) the ringer of 2 was R Le Marechal and 7 Philippa E. Menniss.

720s OF SPLICED SURPRISE

M. S. Bruce desires to make the following corrections to 720s of Spliced Surprise Major (page 35).

720 in 11 methods

The letters should be
L=Linden (not London)
O=Westminster, Allendale or Fryerning
B=Bamborough
X=Broomfield, Fyfield, College Bob V, Redding Bob, Ripley or Thorne

The Beverley group—in 10 methods, not 9: otherwise as printed.

720 in 9 methods

The letters should be
C=Coldstream
L=Lincoln
O=Old Lincoln
X=Purleigh, Quendon, Bakewell, Minehead, Retford or Spalding

COMPOSITIONS

5,088 FARGATES SURPRISE MAJOR

By J. W. WASHBROOK

23456	M	B	W	H
35426			2	
24653	—		—	
23564		3	—	3

Repeated twice.

5,072 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

By EDWARD W. MARTIN

Rung at Market Harborough, Leics. on December 21st. 1968.

23456	W	B	M	H
53264	S	1		—
34265	—	3	*	—
23654		1	—	—

Repeat this 11 times, calling bob for Single at W in all parts except 1 and 7, and calling single at * M in all parts except 1, 4, 7 and 10 gives 4,992 changes with the extent of 2 and 3 never in 5-6 at C.E.s.

This is brought to 5,072 changes by calling part 7 so:—

32456	W	5	4	B	M	H
52436		—	—		S	—
52364				1		—
24365	—			3		—
32654				1	—	—

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

The annual general meeting of the North Eastern District was held at All Saints', Shrub End, Colchester, where there are six light bells, on January 18th.

After tea in the dual-purpose daughter church of St. Cedd the members tackled a rather formidable-looking agenda of 15 items.

The District secretary was able to report that ringing had been recommenced at two previously silent towers — Great Bentley and St. Osyth — due to the efforts of their Thorington neighbours, but that attendances at meetings throughout the year were poor when put alongside the total District membership. He hoped that in 1969 apathy would be thrown aside, and a well-attended A.G.M. seemed to point to better things to come.

Peter Pitt, the District Master for the last three years, thought that this was quite long enough to stay in office, and Bernard W. Fairhead, a well-known member, was elected in his place. Two new committee representatives were also elected — Peter Pitt and John Gould, a former District secretary. John Avis, the present secretary, was elected for another year. J. A. A.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Guildford District

St. Nicolas', Guildford, was the centre for the District A.G.M. on January 18th. The Rector, Rev. W Goddard, conducted the Guild service, at which our own member, Stan Ponting, played the organ. The Rector joined the party for tea in St. Nicolas' Hall, when we also had the company of the Master of the Guild and Mrs. Smart and the general secretary and Mrs. Munday.

The District Ringing Master, David Tubbs, took the chair at the business meeting. The company stood for a minute's silence in memory of G. P. Hammond (Wonersh), also Fred Radford (formerly St. Nicolas') and William Jelley (formerly Holy Trinity). who had died since the last annual meeting.

The Rev. Kenneth Morgan, of Shalford, Mrs. D. Leggett and Julie Bunch, of the Cathedral, and Peter Blight as a non-resident member, were all elected. A special welcome was given to Mr. Morgan; clerical ringing members are few in the Guild and this is the first time in the history of Shalford (so far as is known) that the Vicar has taken up ringing. The Ringing Master in his report expressed the hope that attendance would improve. The monthly combined practices had been useful: he particularly commended Bramley's entry for the striking competition as they were a new band, and hoped that twice as many towers would compete in 1969.

The District officers for the year are: Ringing Master, D. J. Tubbs; assistant Ringing Master, M. Kirk; secretary and treasurer, Miss Eloie; auditor, J. Horsman; member of committee, D. Struckett. The present Guild officers and C.C. representatives were nominated. It was good to hear that a start is being made with training some new learners at Holy Trinity, Guildford, and Stanley Ponting asked for any help possible there on Monday evenings from 8 to 9 p.m. Y. E.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

New District off to a Good Start

On January 11th at Leytonstone the new South West District met for the first time since it was split into two. Seventy people sat down to tea, including many friends from our new neighbouring District now known as the Southern. Afternoon and evening ringing was of a good standard and ranged from rounds and call-changes to London and Bristol. The business meeting proved successful and 17 new ringing members were elected showing, we hope, the remarkable enthusiasm that exists within the new District. K. W

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Cambridge Royal was among methods rung when the Eastern District held its A.G.M. at All Saints', Hertford, on January 11th. The Rev. R. Haw conducted a short service and local church ladies provided a splendid tea.

The president (Dr. D. Gullick) presided at the business meeting, when the following officers were re-elected: District secretary, Mr. P. Searles; assistant, Mr. P. Owen; Ringing Master, Mr. E. Newman; deputy, Mr. D. Harris; "R.W." representative, Mr. B. Foley. The Ringing Master, secretary and assistant secretary were elected to the Association committee and also to the District committee, with the addition of Mr. Foley.

New members elected were: S. O'Hare, D. Stedham, J. Aldridge, Miss W. Cull (Broxbourne); R. Saunders, A. Vanderande, Miss C. Cook (Hertford); Miss C. Tilbey (Tewin); non-resident: F. Garrod. J. Thorp and S. Cater.

The other business included a proposed visit to Loughborough Bell Foundry; an appeal to towers for donations in connection with the Central Council meeting; a pep talk by Mr. D. Harris, asking for a better standard of ringing during the coming year and improved attendances at meetings.

The next A.D.M. will be held at Hertford on January 10th and next District meeting at Cheshunt on February 8th.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

St. Martin's, Epsom, handbell ringers beat their previous best this Christmas by collecting £50 10s. for the "Save the Children Fund"

All ringers who have rung in over 100 new towers in 1968 are asked to send to Robin J. Collis, Keynes College, The University, Canterbury, their 1968 total, their overall total and the number of years they have been ringing.

Handbell ringers from Cookley, near Kidderminster, had a happy Christmas collecting more than £78 for charity. The collections will also defray the cost of having the handbells completely overhauled and reburnished.

An anonymous donor gave £104 recently to pay for the rebushing of the clappers of St. Andrew's, Stratton, Cornwall, and reboxing the pulley wheels and putting new ball-races in at the same time. The local band is extremely grateful for this generous donation.

Three members of the Great Yarmouth Grammar School Handbell Ringers are meeting regularly this term at 4 p.m. every Wednesday, or any other day by special arrangement, for practice in Bob Minor and Stedman Doubles. Visitors, especially any handbell ringers on holiday in late June or early July, will be most welcome.

Sheffield Cathedral bells are still out of action and there are no firm plans for tower repairs and rehanging. reports the Southern District secretary of the Yorkshire Association.

Real brotherhood was expressed by the Wellingborough Branch at its A.G.M. when a donation of £20 was voted towards the purchase of an invalid car for an Irthlingborough ringer who recently suffered a serious illness.

We are pleased to hear that Mr. Alan Ainsworth, the new secretary of the St. Martin's Guild, has now almost fully recovered after his short spell in hospital that caused him to miss the Guild's A.G.M.

Mr. D. J. Roberts, of 84, Westhill Road, Torquay, the captain of All Saints', Babbacombe, asks for a few touches of Carter Triples including a 1,260. His ringers, who enjoy ringing both Stedman and Erin Triples, have now turned their attention to Carter Triples.

The Society of Change Ringers for the Archdeaconry of Stafford invite designs for a new small red lapel badge, which need not necessarily be either round, depict a bell shape or even have any wording. Details to Clive M. Smith, hon. secretary, 29, Dimbles Hill, Lichfield.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

WASHINGTON BELLS HONOUR THE NEW PRESIDENT

To celebrate the inauguration of Richard M. Nixon as the 37th President of the United States a quarter peal of 1,260 Stedman Doubles was rung on the Cathedral bells on January 20th. It was the first quarter in the method for four of the band; only the conductor (R. S. Dirksen) and Anne Gardner have rung one previously.

The band was: Ashton Applewhite 1, Janis Hensley 2, Anne Gardner 3, Marjorie Batchelor 4, R. S. Dirksen 5, J. G. Fanfani 6.

BURTON-IN-LONSDALE BELLS RING AGAIN

For many years the bells of Burton-in-Lonsdale (six with a tenor of 12 cwt.) were unringable because of their condition and lack of ringers. Last year Mr. H. W. Wootton came to live in the village and set about repairing the fittings and making the bells ringable again. He has been appointed captain of the tower and has a number of young recruits.

The tower, although in West Yorkshire, is in the Lancashire Association's territory, and on January 18th a team from the latter Association rang a peal of Bob Minor in 2 hours and 37 minutes. The bells are a pleasant Warner ring.

CONGRATULATED BY THE ARCHBISHOP

Mr. J. Godfrey, who has completed 50 years' service at St. Mary's Church, Garsington, Oxon. has been presented with a letter of congratulation from the Archbishop of Canterbury.

On January 16th ringing friends from Iffley visited him, when 1,260 Grandsire Doubles was rung by J. Adams 1, C. Bennett 2, C. Clark 3, D. Pullen 4, L. Busby 5 and W. Carter (cond.) 6.

HARTLEBURY CAPTAIN 50 YEARS A RINGER

On January 11th the ringers of Hartlebury, Worcs. paid tribute to their captain, who completed 50 years as a member of the band, which he joined in January, 1919. In 1934 he was elected captain and still holds this office. On January 1st, 1938, he called a peal of Doubles, which was the first rung by a local band. The peal to mark his 50th anniversary was Oxford Bob Triples and was the first peal on eight bells by the Sunday service band.

HANDBELLS AT GREAT YARMOUTH

Some old people of Great Yarmouth benefited from Christmas food parcels and bags of coal provided from the Boys' Grammar School Charity Fund, towards which the handbell ringers raised over £24 in two short evening sessions ringing carols in the Market Place, Arcade and some public houses. A selection of ten harmonised carol tunes was also played in the Northgate and Estcourt Hospitals.

"BLUE PETER" COMPLAINT

Dear Sir,—Further to Mr. Jenkins' letter on page 42, I would like to say that after the first showing of the film, which was indeed made at Kingston upon Thames, I wrote to the B.B.C. complaining about the very point he makes.—Yours faithfully,

R. J. CORKE.

Alton, Hants.

ON A FIRST-RATE BAND

I wonder why
I even try
  To emulate their skill
Who ring Surprise
With half-closed eyes
  And reach perfection still;
Who act at all times—come what may,
Long draught, or non-existent stay.
As though the thing were but child's play;
Not all can ring this splendid way—
  I know I never will.

Such ringers wear
A placid air—
  There's not one anxious frown;
You'll not catch them up-dodging
  Where they should be dodging down!
For every course-end, every part,
And coursing-order from the start,
The watcher feels, are got by heart—
These treat the Science as an art,
  And art with science crown.

How fortunate,
Who to this state
  After much trial attains!
For those who wait
And imitate,
  Far off the goal remains.
Since any who would ever be
Upraised to such felicity
Require, as far as I can see,
An infinite capacity
  Innate—for taking pains.

E. M. B.

TAUNTON BRANCH HAD AN INCREASE OF 22 IN MEMBERSHIP DURING 1968

The Taunton Branch held its A.G.M. at Wilton (8) on January 25th, and about 60 members and friends attended the service in church, when the Vicar, Preb. Clarke, was supported by his choir and organist. A real ringers' tea was provided by the local ladies, who were warmly thanked for the trouble they had taken.

The Rev. Michael Odlum (Branch chairman) presided at the business meeting, when both he and Mr. A. H. Reed (hon. secretary and treasurer) gave accounts of the year's work. Membership had increased by 22 and now stood at 162, representing 21 towers in the District. Hillfarrance was welcomed back into the Branch after an interval of some years. The first striking competition had been a successful venture, with Wilton scoring the highest marks. The Ringing Master, Mr. R. Arscott, reported the ringing of 18 peals and 37 quarter peals in the last year, many of them including "firsts".

The retiring officers were re-elected en bloc, with thanks for the services they had given. Another striking competition is being planned by Mr. K. Beale for April 26th. The formation of an Association library was discussed at some length and a small sub-committee formed to place its views before the general committee.

The next quarterly meeting was arranged for Pitminster on March 15th, when Angersleigh bells will also be available, and the A.G.M. in 1970 will be held at Wellington. Various proposals for practice meetings were put forward and it is hoped to hold the next one at West Buckland on February 15th.

M. P.

MEMORIAL TO FRANK C. W. KNIGHT

A short ceremony took place in the belfry of Canterbury Cathedral recently, the occasion being the dedication of a cupboard and shelves for the ringers' library, in memory of the late Mr. Frank C. W. Knight, a former ringer at the Cathedral. Representatives of the family were present, also the president of the ringers, Dr. Geoffrey Templeman (Vice-Chancellor of the University of Kent at Canterbury). The short service was conducted by the Archdeacon of Maidstone (the Ven. T. E. Prichard) prior to ringing for Evensong.

The cupboard is of oak with glass panels and oak shelves, and will house the books of the late Mr. Knight, those belonging to the Kent County Association, as well as the books belonging to the Cathedral ringers.

The late Mr. Knight was an M.A., and as well as being well-known in ringing circles was an accomplished musician, holding a degree of Doctor of Music. He was also a Fellow of Trinity College of Music.

The cost of the installation was met by his mother, Mrs. M. W. Knight, of Lyminge.

WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH PRESENTATION TO RETIRING SECRETARY

On January 13th all members and officials of the Wellingborough Branch were very encouraged by an attendance considerably higher than for many years. Over 50 members sat down to tea and representatives from 11 towers in the Branch were present. Amongst those attending was a high and keen proportion of youngsters.

Officers elected for 1969 were as follows: President, Rev. W. C. Knight; secretary/treasurer, Miss J. Barber, 48, Main Road, Wilby; Guild committee, Messrs. J. Skerritt, B. Whitworth; Branch committee, Messrs. E. Chapman, T. Smith, P. Baker, R. Cowley, Mrs. A. Smith; Ringing Master, Mr. T. Smith; auditor, Mr. L. Priestley.

The meeting presented a long playing record to the retiring secretary, Mr. R. Cowley.

Amongst many items of business was the forthcoming striking competition, planned for April this year, for which there appeared to be eager support.

The Branch voted a £20 donation towards the purchase of an invalid car for the Irthlingborough ringer who has recently suffered a serious illness.

A long and interesting meeting closed at 7 p.m. and ringing on the challenging eight at All Hallows', Wellingborough, continued until 9 p.m.

A. E. S.

NEW SECRETARY TO BOLTON BRANCH

Mr. A. John Illingworth, the retiring secretary, presented a very encouraging report at the annual meeting of the Bolton Branch held at Leigh on January 25th. There had been 29 new members, four first pealers and two proficiency certificates issued.

Mr. Keith Lister, of 27, Church Street, Westhoughton, was elected the new secretary and a new Ringing Master was also appointed. There was afternoon and evening ringing and the bells of St. Mary's, Leigh, were finally rung down at 8.35 after a most successful meeting.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PURBECK YOUTHS NEW YEAR REUNION

ALL PEALS, EXCEPT THE ONE STATED OTHERWISE, FOR THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

THORNFORD, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Fri., Dec. 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In nine methods, being the following seven extents: Oxford Bob, Thelwall and Childwall, St. Clement's and Double Oxford, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

Roderick A. Bryant	Treble	John N. Longridge	4
William T. Perrins	2	George E. Thoday	5
George E. Bonham	3	*Timothy F. Collins	Tenor

Conducted by Timothy F. Collins.
* 25th peal for the S.D.G. Most methods to a peal by all except the fifth ringer.

BRIDPORT, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Fri., Dec. 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. ni E flat.

Julia A. Fellows	Treble	John W. Blackwood	5
*Mary E. Elmes	2	Robert D. Bellamy	6
David Wilson	3	*†Graham W. Elmes	7
Philip R. Keough	4	Philip Mehew	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Philip Mehew.
* 50th peal together. † 75th peal and 50th of Major.

SHERBORNE, Dorset.—At the Abbey Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
On Fri., Dec. 27, 1968, in 4 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 46 cwt. 5 lb. in B flat.

John N. Longridge	Treble	Graham W. Elmes	5
William T. Perrins	2	Robert E. J. Dennis	6
George E. Bonham	3	Philip Mehew	7
Timothy F. Collins	4	*George E. Thoday	Tenor

Composed by Charles Middleton. Conducted by George E. Thoday.
* 325th peal of Surprise Major.

NORTH STONEHAM, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Dec. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in G.

Philip Mehew	Treble	*Timothy F. Collins	6
John N. Longridge	2	Graham W. Elmes	7
Julia A. Fellows	3	Andrew W. R. Wilby	8
Mary E. Elmes	4	Robert E. J. Dennis	9
George E. Bonham	5	George E. Thoday	Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by George E. Thoday.
* First peal on ten bells.
Rung to celebrate the success of the voyage of the three American astronauts to the moon and back.

EAST COKER, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., Dec. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 13 cwt. in G.

*Claire E. N. Brown	Treble	John W. Blackwood	5
Frances J. N. Brown	2	Ross G. W. Robertson	6
Roderick A. Bryant	3	William T. Perrins	7
*Robert D. Bellamy	4	Philip R. Keough	Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker. Conducted by William T. Perrins.
* First peal of Grandsire.

WIMBORNE ST. GILES, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Sat., Dec. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in F.

Philip Mehew	Treble	John W. Blackwood	5
*Ross G. W. Robertson	2	John N. Longridge	6
*David Wilson	3	William T. Perrins	7
Robert D. Bellamy	4	Ronald N. Marlow	Tenor

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley. Conducted by Ronald N. Marlow.
* First peal of Rutland.

EAST TYTHERLEY, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Dec. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in F.

Mary E. Elmes	Treble	Andrew W. R. Wilby	5
Julia A. Fellows	2	George E. Bonham	6
*Graham W. Elmes	3	Robert E. J. Dennis	7
Timothy F. Collins	4	George E. Thoday	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Robert E. J. Dennis.
* First peal of London.

KINGSTON, Dorset.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sun., Dec. 29, 1968, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5,024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in D.

Robert D. Bellamy	Treble	*William T. Perrins	5
Robert E. J. Dennis	2	George E. Bonham	6
*Andrew W. R. Wilby	3	George E. Thoday	7
John W. Blackwood	4	Philip Mehew	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Robert E. J. Dennis.
* First peal of Bristol.

THORNCOMBE, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., Dec. 30, 1968, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 24 lb. in E flat.

John W. Blackwood	Treble	William T. Perrins	5
Julia A. Fellows	2	John N. Longridge	6
Graham W. Elmes	3	George E. Thoday	7
Timothy F. Collins	4	Philip Mehew	Tenor

Composed by Simon Humphrey. Conducted by Philip Mehew.

PIDDLEHINTON, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
On Mon., Dec. 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being two different 2,160 blocks and one 720.
Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb. in G sharp.

Robert E. J. Dennis	Treble	Robert D. Bellamy	4
Mary E. Elmes	2	†Ross G. W. Robertson	5
*Roderick A. Bryant	3	George E. Bonham	Tenor

Conducted by Robert E. J. Dennis.
* First peal of Surprise "inside". † 25th peal. 50th as conductor.

LITTON CHENEY, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., Dec. 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in F.

*Roderick A. Bryant	Treble	Robert D. Bellamy	5
Julia A. Fellows	2	George E. Bonham	6
†Ross G. W. Robertson	3	George E. Thoday	7
John N. Longridge	4	Philip Mehew	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Philip Mehew.
* First peal of Surprise Major. † First of Yorkshire.

CATTISTOCK, Dorset.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Mon., Dec. 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

*Frances J. N. Brown	Treble	John W. Blackwood	5
Mary E. Elmes	2	Robert E. J. Dennis	6
Graham W. Elmes	3	Timothy F. Collins	7
William T. Perrins	4	Frederick E. Collins	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Robert E. J. Dennis.
* First peal of Surprise Major.

POOLE, Dorset.—At the Church of St. James.
On Tues., Dec. 31, 1968, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Robert E. J. Dennis	Treble	Graham W. Elmes	6
Mary E. Elmes	2	Timothy F. Collins	7
Ross G. W. Robertson	3	George E. Bonham	8
John N. Longridge	4	Frederick E. Collins	9
William T. Perrins	5	Philip Mehew	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Robert E. J. Dennis.
Rung to celebrate Christmas, and as a belated welcome to the new Vicar, Canon T. Livermore. Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in E.

DURWESTON, Dorset.—In the Vestry of the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Wed., Jan. 1, 1969, in 1 Hour and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor size 12 in G.

Christopher F. Longridge	1–2	John N. Longridge (cond.)	3–4
Martin J. Corry	5–6		

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
RINGWOOD, Hampshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Fri., Jan. 3, 1969, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Robert D. Bellamy	Treble	William T. Perrins	5
John N. Longridge	2	Graham W. Elmes	6
*Ross G. W. Robertson	3	George E. Bonham	7
Timothy F. Collins	4	Philip Mehew	Tenor

Composed by Simon Humphrey. Conducted by Philip Mehew.
* First peal of Lincolnshire. Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in E.

WAREHAM, Dorset.—At the Church of Lady St. Mary.
On Sat., Jan. 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Philip Mehew	Treble	Graham W. Elmes	5
Mary E. Elmes	2	Robert D. Bellamy	6
*Philip R. Keough	3	George E. Bonham	7
Ross G. W. Robertson	4	Frederick E. Collins	Tenor

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by Philip Mehew.
* First peal of Surprise Major. 25th on the bells, and 25th for the A.S.P.Y. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in E.

OTHER PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
BATHEASTON, Bath.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
On Sat., Dec. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in F

*Jane M. Dennis	Treble	Julian E. Newman	5
David A. Burt	2	Alan F. Lee	6
George J. Hawkins	3	Ian P. Cox	7
Peter J. Devrell	4	Robin L. Coles	Tenor

Composed by J. Barker. Conducted by Alan F. Lee.
* First peal of Major. First of Major on the bells.
Rung for the Christmas Festival.

BUTCOMBE, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Wed., Dec. 4, 1968, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Morris' 240 and ten callings. Tenor 6 cwt.

Stanley Lewis	Treble	*Edgar T. Skipsey	4
*Bernard Dodds	2	John S. Walton	5
*John Coombs	3	Christopher Field	Tenor

Conducted by John S. Walton.
* First peal of Grandsire Doubles

SHIPHAM, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Leonard
On Sat., Dec. 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In three methods, being 14 extents each of Grandsire, Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Tenor 8½ cwt.

Raymond Jones	Treble	John S. Walton	4
Stanley Lewis	2	*Doris Burroughs	5
Bryan Mills	3	Harry Button	Tenor

Conducted by John S. Walton.
* First peal.
A Branch quarterly peal.

MERRIOTT, Somerset.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Dec. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 56 lb.

H. E. George Jeanes	Treble	Frederick G. Sandy	4
Trevor E. Marks	2	Albert W. Dyer	5
Raymond P. Selway	3	William E. Turner	Tenor

Conducted by William E. Turner.
Rung for the conductor's birthday

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
GRAPPENHALL, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.
On Sat., Dec. 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 HAVANT SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in F.

John W. Griffiths	Treble	George Randles	5
Mrs. G. Randles	2	Robert J. Warrilow	6
Christopher J. Jones	3	Alan J. Brown	7
Michael Thomson	4	C. Kenneth Lewis	Tenor

Composed by Charles Middleton. Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.
First peal in the method for the Guild, and by all the band.
Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter (Sarah Helen) to Mr. and Mrs. C J. Jones on November 22nd

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
CHURCH LAWFORD, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Dec. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in ten methods, viz.: (1) Double Oxford and Thelwall Bob, (2) Oxford T.B., (3) Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet Surprise, (4) St. Clement's and Childwall Bob, (5) Kent T.B., (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb. in B flat.

Peter C. Randall	Treble	John K. Foot	4
Brian R. Danby	2	Robert W. Sherriff	5
*Hugh J. Baker	3	Peter H. Mackie	Tenor

Conducted by Peter C. Randall.
* Most methods to a peal.

STAVERTON, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
On Mon., Dec. 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in 13 methods, viz.: (1) Oxford T. Bob, (2) Single Oxford and Plain Bob, (3) Double Oxford, Thelwall and Pinehurst Bob, (4) Kent T. Bob, (5) Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet Surprise, (6) St. Clement's, Childwall and Buxton Bob, (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in G.

David R. Randall	Treble	Paul Reading	4
*Hugh J. Baker	2	Peter H. Mackie	5
John K Foot	3	Peter C. Randall	Tenor

Conducted by Peter C. Randall.
* Most methods to a peal.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
DARLEY DALE, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Helen.
On Thurs., Dec. 19, 1968, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAM RIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15½ cwt in F.

Brian A. Tomlinson	Treble	Timothy Wylie	5
*Susan Davis	2	Rev. R. D. St. John Smith	6
Clive Thrower	3	Rev. Fred Ross	7
Brian Burrows	4	Gordon A. Halls	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Gordon A. Halls.
* First peal of Surprise Major

EYAM, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.
On Mon, Dec. 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Single Oxford Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's College Bob, Oxford T. Bob, Kent T. Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 6¼ cwt.

Susan E. Davis	Treble	Rev. R. D. St. John Smith	4
Ann M. Smith	2	Robert M. Chambers	5
Linda Shaw	3	Timothy Wylie	Tenor

Conducted by Timothy Wylie.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
READING, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Laurence.
On Sun., Dec. 29, 1968, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5032 LITTLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 23 cwt. 20 lb. in D.

*Susan F. Thomas	Treble	Christopher Forster	6
Glynis E. Perry	2	John P. Ottaway	7
Roger E. Burbery	3	Robert A. Beresford	8
Laura M. Grindrod	4	John E. Murfitt	9
Kevin A. Hughes	5	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Christopher Forster.
* First peal. First of Little Bob Royal for all the band except the conductor

GREAT DUNMOW, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
On Sat., Dec. 14, 1968, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E.

Jane R. Fransella	Treble	Ian L. Dear	5
*Mary G. Wilkinson	2	Andrew J. Slade	6
*Kenneth Warner	3	Colin G. Wright	7
Andrew N. Stubbs	4	Jonathan S. N. Porter	Tenor

Composed by R. Baldwin. Conducted by Jonathan S. N. Porter.
* First peal of Rutland.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
STRATTON ST MARGARET, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Margaret of Antioch.
On Sat., Dec. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising 736 Superlative, 704 each of London and Rutland, 608 each of Cambridge, Lincolnshire and Pudsey, 576 Bristol and 544 Yorkshire; with 120 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in G.

Rev. Royston G. Bryant	Treble	*Stephen F. Royal	5
Victor Griffin	2	*Maurice A. New	6
*Helen M. Diserens	3	Anthony R. Peake	7
*Richard J. Danby	4	Noel J. Diserens	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Noel J. Diserens.
* First peal of 8-Spliced.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
FARNBOROUGH, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Dec. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. in B flat.

*Donald N. Jennings	Treble	Paul N. Murgatroyd	5
Richard Green	2	Beryl R. Simpson	6
Norman Summerhayes	3	Michael J. Church	7
†Simon A. Reed	4	Richard H. Youdale	Tenor

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by Michael Church.
* First peal of Surprise. † First in the method. First on eight bells as conductor.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
NORTH MYMMS, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Dec. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

Ruth M. Foreman	Treble	Harold V. Frost	5
Eric Edmondson	2	*Bertram C. Johnson	6
Keith J. Walpole	3	Gerald Penney	7
*Michael D. Frost	4	Thomas J. Lock	Tenor

Composed by J. Lockwood. Conducted by Thomas J. Lock.
* First peal in the method.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HERTINGFORDBURY, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary. On Sat., March 23, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different callings. Tenor 11 cwt

Brian J. W. Foley	Treble	Richard J. Wilsher	4
*Margaret Evans	2	John W Thorp	5
James A. D. Woolford	3	Peter M. F. Searles	Tenor

Conducted by Peter M. F. Searles.

* First peal. First as conductor.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HORSMONDEN, Kent.—At the Church of St. Margaret. On Tues., Dec. 17, 1968, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 27 lb. in E flat.

E. Ivan Parkin	Treble	Peter M. Wilkinson	5
Jane Foster	2	Walter H. Dobbie	6
Reginald E. Lambert	3	Simon A. B. Wigg	7
Robert T. Lambert	4	Peter S. Muchlinski	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Simon A. B Wigg.

CRAYFORD, Kent.—At the Church of St. Paulinus On Sat., Dec. 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in F sharp.

Joan Beresford	Treble	Peter S. Muchlinski	5
John W. Smith	2	Peter M. Wilkinson	6
Jane Foster	3	Michael H. O'Callaghan	7
Norman Summerhayes	4	Walter H. Dobbie	Tenor

Composed by Peter S. Muchlinski. Conducted by Peter M. Wilkinson.

APPLEDORE, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul On Sat., Dec. 28, 1968 in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 PUTNEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 15 lb. in G.

Andrew J. Corby	Treble	Nicholas J. Chesson	5
Judith M. Corby	2	Richard Hayes	6
Valerie J. Howard	3	John A. Howard	7
Peter D. J. Beal	4	Philip A. Corby	Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Richard Hayes.

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

BIDDENDEN, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints. On Sat., Dec. 28, 1968, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In six methods, being 1,280 each of London and Rutland, 1,120 Bristol, 480 each of Cambridge, Superlative and Yorkshire; with 124 changes of method. Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

Martin L. Howe	Treble	*Colin E. J. Wyld	5
Peter S. Muchlinski	2	Tony Lewis	6
Michael H. O'Callaghan	3	†Simon A. B. Wigg	7
Trevor A. Cross	4	Bernard F. L. Groves	Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by Simon A. B. Wigg

* First peal of Spliced Surprise. † First of 6-Spliced.

LITTLE CHART, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin On Sat., Dec. 14, 1968 in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods, comprising one extent each of Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Oxford T.B. and two each of Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.

Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in B.

Jane Foster	Treble	Laurence Mitchell	4
*David Leworthy	2	Peter M. Wilkinson	5
Peter D. J. Beal	3	Brian Jemmett	Tenor

Conducted by Peter M. Wilkinson.

* First peal in five Minor methods.

BARMING, Kent.—At the Church of St. Margaret. On Mon., Dec. 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, comprising one extent each of St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in G.

Garry Bainbridge	Treble	Reginald E. Lambert	4
Jane Foster	2	Peter M. Wilkinson	5
Robert T. Lambert	3	Simon A. B. Wigg	Tenor

Conducted by Peter M. Wilkinson.

TOLLESHUNT D'ARCY, Essex.—At the Church of St. Nicholas. On Fri., Dec. 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In eight methods, comprising one extent each of London, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and one of St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 5¾ cwt. in B

Jane Foster	Treble	Michael H. O'Callaghan	4
Peter M. Wilkinson	2	Simon A. B. Wigg	5
Martin L. Howe	3	Peter S. Muchlinski	Tenor

Conducted by Simon A. B. Wigg.

HIGH HALDEN, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin On Sat., Dec. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. in F sharp.

Judith M. Corby	Treble	Maurice Thompson	4
Valerie J. Howard	2	Derek Slater	5
John A. Howard	3	Richard Hayes	Tenor

Conducted by Richard Hayes.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WORSLEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mark. On Fri., Dec. 27, 1968, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 24 cwt. 7 lb. in D.

David Vincent	Treble	C. Kenneth Lewis	6
*Ann M. Smith	2	†Geoffrey O. Sanders	7
*Margaret Mandy	3	Frank Reynolds	8
A. Edward Reeves	4	Rev. R. D. St. John Smith	9
Timothy Wylie	5	Alan Ward	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by C Kenneth Lewis.

* First peal on ten bells. † First of Royal.

Commemorates 50 years ringing by A E. Reeves

ACCRINGTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. James On Sat., Dec. 28, 1968, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

John P. Partington	Treble	*Wyn Pugh	6
Roger Leigh	2	Michael D. Fishwick	7
*Janet Lawson	3	*David W Howarth	8
*B. Michael Boardman	4	Peter H. Gardner	9
*Christine Broadley	5	Cyril Crossthwaite	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Cyril Crossthwaite.

* First peal on ten bells. John P. Partington and Roger Leigh have "circled the tower" to peals. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G

HORNBY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Margaret On Sat., Dec. 28, 1968, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

*Dorothy M. L. Maudsley	Treble	Alan Capstick	5
W. Stephen Walker	2	David Bradshaw	6
Patricia James	3	*Brian Maudsley	7
Stanley Anderton	4	Kevin M Price	Tenor

Composed by Geoffrey Dodds. Conducted by Kevin M. Price.

* First peal on eight bells. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in G.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

HUGGLESCOTE, Leics.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist. On Fri., Dec 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 EALING SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt 1 qr. 4 lb. in F.

*Tony R. Natt	Treble	*K. Paul Gilliver	5
Martin Green	2	David F. Moore	6
*Robin A. Gilliver	3	R. Brian Mills	7
W. Ernest Rawson	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by Harold G. Cashmore. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.

* First peal of Ealing Surprise Major.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

EDENHAM, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels. On Sat., Dec. 28, 1968, in 3 Hours,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Washbrook's variation. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in F.

Vaughan P. Evans	Treble	Owen Homewood	5
Gillian Radley	2	†Peter A. Slight	6
*Susan Aveyard	3	Jack L. Millhouse	7
William A. Holmes	4	Denis A. Frith	Tenor

Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

* First peal of Stedman † 50th peal. 50th of Stedman Triples as conductor. Denis A. Frith has now "circled the tower" to peals

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Mr. Keith M. Slight, of Grantham

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ODDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
HAMPTON, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
On Fri., Dec. 27, 1968 in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

William S. Deason	Treble	William Birmingham	5
Frank C. Price	2	Norman V. Harding	6
	3	A. James Glass	7
Leonard Stillwell	4	Frank T. Blagrove	Tenor

Composer unknown. Conducted by Frank T. Blagrove.
Rung for the Feast of the Nativity and as a farewell to the Rev. E. J. Parkinson, Vicar of Hampton since 1959. Also for the 250th anniversary of the first known peal of Major, being the same method and composition, rung at St. Dunstan-in-the-East, London, on December 27th, 1718.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
NETHERSEALE, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Thurs., Nov. 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in G.

Jennifer M. Beech	Treble	E. Frederick Gobey	5
Frank Beech	2	Frank Chambers	6
Gordon H. Lane	3	Joseph W. Cotton	7
Arthur E. Rowley	4	Derek P. Jones	Tenor

Composed by William Willson. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Tues., Nov. 19, 1968, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 AMSTERDAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

G. Ronald Edwards	Treble	E. Frederick Gobey	5
Richard J. Clifton	2	Frank Chambers	6
Rev. Malcolm C. C. Melville	3	Arthur E. Rowley	7
Joseph W. Cotton	4	Derek P. Jones	Tenor

Composed by W. Barton. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Tues., Nov. 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

Joseph W. Cotton	Treble	Frank Chambers	5
Roland Beniston	2	Arthur E. Rowley	6
Richard J. Clifton	3	G. Ronald Edwards	7
E. Frederick Gobey	4	Derek P. Jones	Tenor

Composed by H. Dains. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.

ILKESTON, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Fri., Dec. 20, 1968, in 3 Hours.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lb. in E.

George L. Roobottom	Treble	Ronald Hughes	5
Arthur E. Rowley	2	Rev. Malcolm C. C. Melville	6
John K. Smith	3	E. Frederick Gobey	7
Girling Rigby	4	Derek P. Jones	Tenor

Conducted by Derek P. Jones.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
TUNSTALL, Staffordshire.—At Christ Church.
On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in G.

David J. Midgley	Treble	Harold Dowler	5
Norman Sherratt	2	Dennis Latham	6
*Mandi McCallion	3	*David J. Danby	7
Charles A. S. Webb	4	Raymond J. Ballard	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Raymond J. Ballard.
* First peal in the method.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
LONG STRATTON, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Tues. Dec. 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three 720s of St Clement's Bob and four 720s of Plain Bob.

Charles H. Blake	Treble	Wilfred G. Saunders	4
Anthony H. Roberts	2	Frank C. J. Arnold	5
Frank Pearson	3	H. William Barrett	Tenor

Conducted by H. William Barrett.
The 14th consecutive Christmas Eve on which a peal has been rung at this church. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
WINDSOR, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
On Tues., Dec. 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
A variation of J. R. Pritchard's. Tenor 17¼ cwt.

Leonard Stillwell	Treble	David C. Brown	5
Edward S. T. Farr	2	Christopher I. Rowson	6
Ann Carpenter	3	Albert C. Wenban	7
William Birmingham	4	Frank T. Blagrove	Tenor

Conducted by Frank T. Blagrove.
Rung for the Feast of the Nativity.

NORTHLEIGH, Oxon.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Dec. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Cambridge, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in G.

Susan M. Holden	Treble	Peter G. Holden	4
Roy H. Jones	2	James F. List	5
Peter Pearce	3	John Pladdys	Tenor

Conducted by John Pladdys.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
GAYTON, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being extents of Chester, Carlisle, London, Ipswich, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb.

Bridget Bates	Treble	Malcolm J. V. Chown	4
*Rev. Ernest G. Orland	2	Roger W. Smith	5
Alan A. Paul	3	Graham C. Paul	Tenor

Conducted by Alan A. Paul.
* 100th peal for the Guild.

BRIGSTOCK, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In eight methods, being Brigstock, St. Simon, St. Nicholas, St. Martin, Winchendon, Rev. Canterbury, Plain Bob, Grandsire.
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in E.

*Alan J. Marks	Treble	*John E. David	3
*T. Raymond Garrett	2	Chris R. Hardy	4
*Peter S. Abbott	Tenor		

Conducted by Peter S. Abbott.
* Most methods to a peal. First as conductor. First of Doubles for all.
Rung for the Feast of St. Stephen.

BRIGSTOCK DOUBLES
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PITSFORD, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Mon., Dec. 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in 11 methods: (1) Single Oxford Bob, (2) Childwall and St. Clement's Bob, (3) Thelwall and Double Oxford Bob, (4) Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet Surprise, (5) Oxford T.B., (6) Kent T.B., (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in A.

Graham C. Paul	Treble	Barrie Hendry	4
Alan A. Paul	2	Stanley M. Ruddlesden	5
Shirley E. Ruddlesden	3	A. Patrick Cannon	Tenor

Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
First peal of Minor on the bells.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
SITTINGBOURNE, Kent.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sun., Dec. 29, 1968, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, being 1,280 each Bristol and Cambridge, 1,248 Superlative and 1,216 London; with 107 changes of method and all the work of each method for each bell. Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E.

Joan Beresford	Treble	James A. D. Woolford	5
Sheila M. Dobbie	2	Peter M. Wilkinson	6
Jane Foster	3	Derek E. Sibson	7
Walter H. Dobbie	4	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Dennis Beresford.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.
On Sat., Dec. 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

John N. Lindon	Treble	Maurice F. Edwards	5
Susan Smith	2	Terry R. Hampton	6
Muriel Reay	3	James Insley	7
Stephen W. Barton	4	George E. Fearn	Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. Law James. Conducted by George E. Fearn.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
LOWDHAM, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Dec. 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being four extents each of Marchington, Rushall, All Saints, three each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Southrepps, Reverse Canterbury, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, Plain Bob, Kennington, April Day, Seighford Tenor 9 cwt. 14 lb. in G.

Charles V. Cade	Treble	Ruth Blackshaw	3
Pamela J. Clifton	2	W. Gordon Marsh	4
Maurice W. Harrison	Tenor		

Conducted by W. Gordon Marsh.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

CODDINGTON, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of All Saints. On Mon., Dec. 23, 1968, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in B flat.

Sheila M. Anthony	Treble	Derek Tysoe	4
Andrew L. B. King	2	*Richard Anthony	5
*Susan O'Neill	3	George A. Dawson	Tenor

Conducted by George A. Dawson

* First peal

A compliment to John Warren and Margaret Hazledine on their engagement.

NORTH MUSKHAM, Notts.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid. On Sat., Dec. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different callings. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

Clarence Briggs	Treble	Frederick G. Hooper	4
F. William Midwinter	2	Derek J. Tysoe	5
*Harold Denman	3	Paul Raithby	Tenor

Conducted by Frederick G. Hooper.

* 375th peal.

Rung for the Festival of Christmas; also in memoriam Albert Hollingworth, one-time ringer at Surfleet, Lincs.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BILLINGSHURST, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary. On Sat., Dec. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5,024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in F sharp.

Derek E. Sibson	Treble	Stanley G. Ponting	5
Edgar R. Rapley	2	George Francis	6
David D Smith	3	Tom Page	7
*Ian Wickens	4	W. Leslie Weller	Tenor

Composed by John L. Morris. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.

* First peal in the method.

WEST GRINSTEAD, Sussex.—At the Church of St. George. On Sun., Oct. 13, 1968, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being one extent Norwich Surprise and two each of Oxford T. Bob, Kent T. Bob and Cambridge Surprise.

Timothy Banner	Treble	E. Winifred Keys	4
Edgar R. Rapley	2	Geoffrey Rix	5
F. Richard Verrall	3	Philip Stevens	Tenor

Conducted by Edgar R. Rapley.

A farewell peal for the Rector. Rev. C. W. H. Story, on his retirement.

FITTLEWORTH, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary. On Fri., Nov. 1, 1968, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Consisting of seven different 720s. Tenor 7 cwt. in B flat.

Susan M. Wills	Treble	Patrick M. Wills	4
E. Winifred Keys	2	Philip Stevens	5
Edgar R. Rapley	3	Frank H. Hicks	Tenor

Conducted by Frank H. Hicks.

RUDGWICK, Sussex.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity. On Sat., Nov. 23, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of seven extents in seven methods: (1) Oxford T. Bob, (2) Double Oxford, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) St. Clement's Bob, (5) Single Oxford Bob, (6) Kent T.B. and (7) Plain Bob.

Ian M. Davey	Treble	*Patrick M. Wills	4
Michael J. Wake	2	Philip Stevens	5
E. Winifred Keys	3	Frank H. Hicks	Tenor

Conducted by Frank H. Hicks.

* First peal in seven methods. Tenor 14 cwt. 5 lb. in F.

HAMMERWOOD, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Stephen. On Sat., Dec. 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of 42 extents, viz.: (1–4) Winchendon Place Bob, (5–8) St. Nicholas, (9–12) St. Martin Bob, (13–16) St. Simon Bob, (17–24) Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, (25–34) Grandsire and (35–42) Plain Bob.

Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in B flat.

*Hilary Thick	Treble	E. Winifred Keys	3
*Susan M. Wills	2	†Patrick M. Wills	4
Frank H. Hicks	Tenor		

Conducted by Frank H. Hicks.

* First peal in seven methods. † First of Doubles in seven methods.

ALDWICK, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Richard. On Sun., Dec. 22, 1968, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINIMUS

In five methods, being 42 extents each of Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Reverse Bob, St. Martin's, Double Bob and Plain Bob

Anne M. Stevens	Treble	*Ruth Halford	3
Geoffrey F. Durrant	2	Philip Stevens	Tenor

Conducted by Philip Stevens.

* First peal. First of Minimus by all the band. First on the bells. Rung as a welcome to Ernest Winstone Wort, who was this day ordained deacon by the Lord Bishop of Chichester to serve in this parish. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in B flat.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

HAWKLEY, Hampshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul On Sun., Dec. 29, 1968, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr 11 lb. in A.

*R. Brian Walton	Treble	Barry R. M. Johnson	5
*John S. Hopwood	2	Katharine J. Maundrell	6
*Anthony J. Mason	3	Richard H. Youdale	7
*David G. Hatherly	4	Richard Green	Tenor

Composed by J. W Washbrook. Conducted by Richard Youdale.

* First peal of Stedman.

OVERTON, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Mary. On Mon., Dec. 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 10½ cwt

*Cynthia M. Kemp	Treble	R. Christine Hassel	5
†William J. Marlow	2	David L. Wilcox	6
†Lynette M. Holbrook	3	Geoffrey K. Dodd	7
Michael J. Holbrook	4	†Jack C. Wimlet	Tenor

Composed by H. Hubbard. Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd

* First peal. † First of Plain Bob Triples. First on the bells since rehanging and recasting; dedicated August 20th, 1968.

STOCKBRIDGE, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Peter. On Sat., Dec. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 17 methods: Blackburn Place, Westminster, St. Hilary, Dragon, Winchendon, St. Nicholas, St. Remigius, Huntley, St. Martin, St. Simon, St. Osmund, Eynesbury, Rev. St. Faith, Rev. St. Julian, St. Owen, Grandsire, Newark; and in 145 variations. Tenor 7½ cwt.

Katharine J. Maundrell	Treble	Anthony J. Mason	4
Barry R. M. Johnson	2	Derek C. Jackson	5
John S. Hopwood	3	Trevor Matcham	Tenor

Conducted by Derek C. Jackson.

Largest number of Doubles methods/variations rung for the Guild.

LOCKERLEY, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist. On Mon., Dec. 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 16 methods: (1) London, Lytham and Westlecott Bob, (2) Single Oxford Bob, (3) Double Oxford, Thelwall and Pinehurst Bob, (4) St. Clement's, Childwall and Buxton Bob, (5) St. Nicholas, Heatherslade and Gower Bob, (6) Double, Plain and Fulbeck Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in G.

Walter R. Gilks	Treble	Anthony J. Mason	4
John S. Hopwood	2	Derek C. Jackson	5
Katharine J. Maundrell	3	Richard H. Youdale	Tenor

Conducted by Derek C. Jackson.

Largest number of Minor methods rung on tower bells for the Guild.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, Worcs.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul. On Sat., Nov. 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

Ken O'Beirne	Treble	Robert W. Cole	5
Ivor Goulter	2	Leonard Mills	6
Rev. Albert Webb	3	Ian Lloyd	7
Herbert C. Spencer	4	Peter S. Robertson	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Peter S. Robertson.

First peal of Major as conductor.

BREDONS NORTON, Worcestershire.—At the Chapel of Ease. On Mon., Dec. 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being the following extents: (1) Cambridge S., (2) Kent and Oxford T.B., (3) Double Oxford, (4) Single Oxford, (5 and 7) Plain Bob, (6) St. Clement's. Tenor 6 cwt.

James Attwood, sen.	Treble	Arthur C. Berry	4
Anna K. Sadowska	2	Geoffrey R. Drew	5
Maurice Ingram	3	James Attwood, jun.	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey R. Drew.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BIRSTWITH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. James-the-Apostle On Mon., Dec. 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G.

*Graham S. Miller	Treble	C. Barrie Dove	5
Robert H. Jordan	2	Alan Winter	6
David Featherstone	3	Christopher Movley	7
Peter H. Gardner	4	Ronald R. Warford	Tenor

Composed by R. J. Parker. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

* First peal on eight bells.

WRAGBY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and Our Lady. On Mon., Dec. 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in G.

George Johnson	Treble	Peter Carbutt	4
Robert Cater	2	George E. Hancock	5
Philip Charlesworth	3	Douglas E. Barker	Tenor

Conducted by George E. Hancock.

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OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—The centennial year is 1972 and not 1971 as was inadvertently published in our last issue.—J. E. C. 6548

MISCELLANEOUS

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ST. JOHN - THE - BAPTIST'S CHURCH, Roughtown, Mossley, Lancs.—Dedication service, Sunday, Feb. 9th, 6.30 p.m. Open day, Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells available 2–5 p.m. Light refreshments in school. 6547

WESTON-SUPER-MARE. — C.E.M.S. service, Bishop of Coventry guest speaker, at St. John's Church, Friday, Feb. 14th. Ringing at 7 for 7.45 p.m. and after, when refreshments also available at Royal Hotel.—D. J.

CHANGE OF PRACTICE NIGHT

ST. WILFRED'S, KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS. — As from January 24th, practice night will be Fridays at 7 p.m. Old friends and beginners welcome. 6529

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MEETINGS

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District. —Practice meeting, Fornham St. Martin (6), Friday evening, Feb. 7th. Bells from 7 to 9 p.m.—A. F. Ballam, Dis. Sec. 6532

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, East Ardsley, on the second Saturday in February (8th). Cups of tea only. All welcome.—T. Tarbutt. Sec. 6519

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION — Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, North Wingfield, Feb. 8th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. D. A. Davis, 48, Cartmel Crescent, Chesterfield (tel. 51175).—D. A. D. for M. P. P., Sec. 6467

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Saturday, Feb. 8th, Ticehurst (6), 2.30–4 p.m., and Wadhurst (8), 3–4.30 and 6.30–8.30. Service at Wadhurst 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst, Sussex, please. 6466

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting, Melbourn and Meldreth, Feb. 8th. Melbourn (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. followed by tea and business meeting. Meldreth (8) for rest of evening. — Miss J. Sanderson, Dis. Sec 6499

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LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual General Meeting, Sat., Feb 8th, St. Lawrence Jewry, Gresham Street, E.C. 2.30–3.30. St. Giles', Cripplegate, E.C., 3.45–4.45. St. Clement Danes', Strand, W.C., 4–5. Service 5.15 Tea and business after at The George, 213, Strand, W.C. (opposite the church) 6. Names for tea, please, to Miss V. E. Dupré, 63, Woodlawn Road, London, S.W.6. 6438

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—A.G.M., Honiton, Saturday, Feb. 8th, at St. Michael's (6), 2.30–4.15 p.m. Service at St. Paul's 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. St. Paul's (8) available after tea. — R. C. Woodley, Kendrey, Woolbrook, Sidmouth. Tel.: 2795. 6520

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Meeting, Sat., Feb. 8th, Cheshunt (8). Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5. Evening ringing until 8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. Newnham, 214, Church Gate Road, Cheshunt. —Peter Searles, Dis. Sec. 6516

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting, St. Helens Parish Church, Saturday, Feb. 8th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. Wallace, 11, Whitefield Road, St. Helens, by Wednesday.—G K A 6462

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Annual general meeting at Aberavon (St. Mary's) on Saturday, Feb. 8th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m Service 4 p.m., followed by tea, meeting and further ringing. All ringers and friends welcome. — Iolo Davies, Branch Hon. Sec., Grammar School, Cowbridge, Glam.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A special meeting at Twickenham on Saturday, Feb. 8th, when a film of the rehanging of St. Mary's Church bells will be shown. Ringing 3.30 to 8 p.m., with tea interval 5 p.m.—T. J. Lock, Hon. Sec 6502

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD. — Next meeting will be held at Newhall on Saturday, Feb. 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome. 6479

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Annual meeting, Reading, Feb. 8th. Afternoon ringing at St. Giles' (8) and St. Mary's (8) from 3 p.m. Service at St. Mary's 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Evening ringing at St. Laurence's (12). Names for tea to Mrs. E. A. Lewis, 162, Caversham Road, Reading. 6514

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Meeting, Cotgrave, Feb. 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5. "Dialogue on the bells" 6.30–7.30. Ringing till 9 p.m. Names for tea to B. Buswell, 5, Meadow Drive. 6506

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North East District.—Meeting, Saturday, Feb. 8th, Benhall. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. Archer, 56, Saxon Road, Saxmundham, Suffolk Guild executive committee meeting at Benhall Club, 7 p.m. Saxmundham bells (6) 6.30–8.45 p.m.—T. N. J. B. 6513

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The annual Divisional meeting at Arundel on Saturday, Feb. 8th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. and in the evening. Service 4.30 Tea at Millhouse Restaurant at 5.15, followed by business meeting. Please notify for tea R. Wake, 28, Keynor Estate, Sidlesham, Chichester. 6515

LADIES GUILD.—Western District.—Practice at Almondsbury (8), near Bristol, Monday, Feb. 10th, 7.30 p.m. Gentlemen and friends welcome.—B. Johnson. 6477

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Evening practice meeting for beginners at Stretham on Tuesday, Feb. 11th Bells (6) 7.30–9 p.m. 6484

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Berks Branch. — Monthly practice, Wantage, Feb. 11th, 7 p.m. More support is needed. All welcome.—C. Corderoy. 6505

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Branch.—Practice meeting, Clapton-in-Gordano (6) Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells available 5 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Branch Sec. 6556

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Thornaby, Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. L. Yates, 47, Stainton Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough, Teesside. 6552

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Huntingdon District.—Meeting, St. Neots, Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Special methods: Grandsire Triples and Yorkshire Surprise Major.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 6934

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Wisbech Branch. — Meeting, Downham Market, Feb. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Own arrangements for tea. Business meeting 5.45 p.m.—D. A Feek, Dis. Sec. 6524

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Meeting, Lechlade (6), Saturday, Feb. 15th, 5.30 p.m. — J. Pearse, Branch Sec. 6551

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION — Ashford District. — Striking competition, Great Chart, Feb. 15th. Commence 2.15 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea for those who notify Mrs. K. Hobden, Lodge Place Cottages, Spicers Hill, Great Chart, Ashford, by Thursday, Feb 13th. General ringing after tea. All welcome to service and tea.—A. P. S B 6490

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Annual meeting, Llanelli, Feb. 15th. Bells (new 8) 2 30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. S. Rees Marble House, 6, Brynallt Terrace, Llanelli. Gentlemen welcome Gorseinon (8) available 1.30–3 p.m.—J. S. King

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Lindsey Branch.—Meeting, Epworth, Saturday, Feb. 15th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify Mr. J. Silby, 53, High Street, Epworth (Tel. 238), by Tuesday previous. Special methods: Cambridge Surprise Major and Bob Major. 6517

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Committee meeting, Saturday, Feb. 15th, 3 p.m., in the Club Room of Holy Trinity, Bolton. Ringing, Bolton Parish (8), 2.45–5 p.m. Tea at Holy Trinity. Evening ringing, Holy Trinity and Bolton Parish. Names for tea to Mr. J. Illingworth, 352, Bolton Road, Westhoughton, Bolton, by previous Thursday.—A. J. Illingworth, Branch Sec. 6560

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District. — Full meeting, Somerby, Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. M. Stimson, Westfields, Somerby (Tel.: 223), by previous Wednesday.—S. N. Hall, Dis. Sec. 6545

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Branch.—Evening meeting, Brant Broughton, Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells (6) from 6 to 9 p.m. —G. R. P. 6527

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch. — Meeting, Surfleet, Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells (12) 3.15 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. C. Rawding, Beech House, Surfleet, by Feb 12th. 6528

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. —N. and E. District.—Annual District meeting, Harrow Weald, Saturday, Feb. 15th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business. Stanmore bells available 3–4.15 p.m.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 6554

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. —Eastern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Acle, Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, followed by business meeting, 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss D. E. Lidbetter, Hollycroft, South Walsham Road, Acle, Norwich, NOR 60Z, by previous Wednesday.—N. C., Branch Sec. 6537

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch. — Meeting, Ogbourne (St. George's and St. Andrew's), Feb. 15th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Miss H. Jones, High Green, Windmill Close, Aldbourne, by Tuesday, 11th. 6563

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY. —Evening practice meeting, Tamworth, Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells (10) available 6.30 p.m. All welcome.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 6491

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division. — Annual meeting, Brighton, Saturday, Feb. 15th. Ringing: St. Nicholas', 3 p.m.; St. Peter's after business meeting. Service, St. Peter's, 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Peter D. Hepburn, 33a, Hassocks Road, Hurstpierpoint, Sussex (Tel.: Hurstpierpoint 2621), by previous Wednesday. 6558

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Evening practice, Beddington, Saturday, Feb. 15th, 7 p.m.—E. Godfrey, Hon. Sec. 6530

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Meeting, Feb. 15th. Ringing, Sprotborough, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at Sprotborough, followed by business meeting. Ringing at Doncaster after business till 9 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. Short, Kathlyn, 310, Melton Road, Sprotborough, Doncaster, by Feb. 13th. No names no tea.—J. Seager, Dis. Sec. 6512

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Practice meeting, Cleckheaton (8), on Saturday, Feb. 15th, 6 to 9 p.m. Methods, rounds, plain hunting and D.N.C.B. All welcome, especially learners.—Maurice Thurmott, Ringing Master. 6428

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Twelve-bell practice at St. John's, Croydon, on Tuesday, Feb. 18th, at 7.45 p.m.—E. Godfrey, Hon. Sec. 6531

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Evening practice, Sacred Trinity, Salford, on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 19th. Bells (8) from 8 to 9.30. Good attendance, please. —A. Ward, Branch Sec. 6539

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION. — Monmouth Branch. — Practice meeting, Usk, Friday, Feb. 21st, 7.30–9 p.m. Methods: Double Norwich and Cambridge.—J. S. King. 6471

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Vale of White Horse Branch.—Annual meeting, Faringdon, Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Bells (8) 2.15 p.m. Service 3.45 p.m. Tea at The Buttery. Meeting at Vicarage, ringing after. Names for tea to C. R. Miles, 24, Goodlake Avenue, Faringdon, Berks, by 20th. Everyone welcome. 6559

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held on Easter Monday, April 7th. Nominations for officers and notices of motions must be sent to me by February 24th. — D. Beacham, Gen. Sec., The Lea, Hallow, Worcester. 6431

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Annual meeting, Tewkesbury, April 12th: details later. Notice of motions for inclusion in agenda and recommendations from Branches must be received by March 1st by Charles Rouse, 42, Brookfield Road, Churchdown, Gloucester, GL3 2PB. 6562

LATE NOTICE

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Surprise Major practice, Sunbury, Wednesday, Feb. 12th, 7.45 p.m.—M. J. Palmer. 6566

QUARTER PEALS

DURWESTON, DORSET. — On Dec. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Susan M. Corry 1, R. W. Jeans (first quarter) 2, T. G. Bleathman (cond.) 3, A. B. Corry 4, B. R. Jeans 5, R. H. S. Jeans 6. For the Confirmation of 2, 4 and 5. Also 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. J. Corry 1, A. Paulley 2, Susan M. Corry 3, T. G. Bleathman (cond.) 4, R. H. S. Jeans 5, M. J. Corry 6. Also on Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Wreford Imperial Bob Minor: C. J. Corry 1, Susan M. Corry 2, M. J. Corry 3, C. F. Longridge 4, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 5, T. G. Bleathman 6. For Knighton House carol service.

EDITH WESTON, RUTLAND. — On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Catherine Southwell 1, Patsy M. Barnes 2, Cynthia E. Barnett 3, G. W. Reynolds 4, J. C. Hudson 5, R. M. Scholes (cond.) 6. Rung for the safe return of the Apollo 8 astronauts and as a farewell to 1968.

GISBURN, WEST YORKS.—On Dec. 30th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus (tenor covering): H. W. Wootton 1, W. S. Walker (cond.) 2, H. Walker 3, R. H. Brueton 4, D. Steele 5. First of Minimus by all.

HERTFORD, HERTS.—On Nov. 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. C. Price 1, D. Digby 2, A. Stracey, sen. 3, A. R. Carter 4, E. Edmondson 5, B. J. W. Foley 6, G. Penney (cond.) 7, P. M. F. Searles 8. First in the method 2, 6. Rung in honour of the birthday of H.R.H the Prince of Wales.

ODCOMBE, SOM.—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. C. Gratton 1, Mrs. L. Crocker 2, T. Marks 3, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 4, T. Setter 5, C. Gratton 6. First quarter on the bells since augmentation to six. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. C. Connolly (churchwarden) and his wife.

PAINSWICK, GLOS.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Canter 1, R. Cornock 2, R. Watts 3, Sara Cornock 4, T. Pritchard 5, T. Ashby 6, T. Witts (cond.) 7, F. Garland 8. For carol service.

PETERCHURCH, HEREFORDS.—On Dec. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. E. Pannell 1, E. Wycherley (first Minor) 2, P. J. Wycherley 3, P. Hughes 4, R. G. Powell 5, M. C. W. Sherwood (cond.) 6.

PETHAM, KENT.—On Dec. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Johnson 1, J. Hemsley 2, Pamela Court 3, P. Staples 4, R. A. Birch 5, C. Wyld (cond.) 6.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX. — On Dec. 26th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: S. Halliwell 1, Sylvia Bedford 2, Janet Gasson 3, Penny Halliwell 4, B. Sadler 5, H. Furminger 6, P. Bedford 7, P. Sadler 8, D. Sloman (first in method as cond.) 9, D. Bedford 10. A birthday compliment to Penny Halliwell, 21 on Christmas Day.

PRESTBURY, GLOS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Lawrence 1, R. Sadowska 2, R. Tibbles 3, M. Maggs 4, D. Deakins (first Minor) 5, P. S. Robertson (cond.) 6.

PUTNEY, S.W.—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Christine Cobb 1, Ann Mew 2, Julie Armstrong 3, Rev. A. Clayton 4, M. Uphill 5, C. F. Mew (cond.) 6. A welcome to Richard, a son for Michael and Elizabeth Bull.

ROLVENDEN, KENT.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Pl. Bob Triples: O. Webster 1, Marion Kemp 2, Margaret Jenner 3, Jane Hough 4, Jane Osenton 5, J. Hemsley 6, K. Butler (cond.) 7, P. Thomas 8. For Evensong.

ROMSEY, HANTS.—On Dec. 21st, at the Abbey, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: R. S. Parratt 1, M. L. Northway 2, J. P. Collins 3, I. H. Trueman (cond.) 4, H. J. Page 5, D. R. Fallick 6, J. Hartless 7, C. T. Drew 8.

SAPCOTE, LEICS. — On Dec. 22nd, 1,440 York Surprise Minor: Alison Butterfield 1, R. W. Smith 2, B. L. Burrows 3, L. Watkins 4, J. Watkins 5, M. E. Brown (cond.) 6

SENNEN, CORNWALL. — On Dec. 28th, 1,440 Grandsire Minor: A. J. Davidson 1, A. Locke 2, R. P. Pearce 3, A. P. Smith 4, T. J. Bell (cond.) 5, F. M. Bowers 6. First of Grandsire Minor by all. A birthday compliment to Malcolm Bowers.

SMARDEN, KENT. — On Dec. 12th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. Hemsley 1, Margaret Jones 2, Pamela Court 3, P. Staples 4, O. Webster 5, B. Johnson (cond.) 6. First Kent T.B. 2 and 5.

STOKE LACY, HEREFORDS. — On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): R. Hill 1, J. Lane 2, L. J. Walters 3, J. Ward 4, E. C. Biggs (cond.) 5, G. Gwynne 6.

STOWE, BUCKS.—On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (nine methods): W. Lanyon 1, P. Lankester 2, R. W. Yates 3, W. A. Yates (cond.) 4, J. Thorogood 5.

STRETTON GRANDISON, HEREFORDS. — On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): G. Gwynne 1, L. J. Walters (cond.) 2, R. Hill 3, J. Ward 4, E. C. Biggs 5, J. Lane 6.

SWINESHEAD, LINCS. — On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Holland 1, Mrs. P. H. Reynolds 2, R. Howard 3, W. B. Dawson 4, A. E. Flatters 5, R. Stephenson 6, P. H. Reynolds (cond.) 7, C. Stubley 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Margaret E. Culling, of Boston.

SYDNEY, N.S.W.—On Nov. 17th, at St. Andrew's Cathedral, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: D. Brown 1, P. Brown 2, P. Goodyer 3, R. Stanton 4, C. Herbert 5, R. Walters 6, W. Rowe 7, R. Bampton 8, T. Goodyer (cond.) 9, P. Gray 10.

TILLINGHAM, ESSEX.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: G. Hammond 1, Miss R. Cruse 2, Miss L. Tickner 3, J. F. Eaton 4, A. J. Eaton 5, A. Leonard (cond.) 6. First quarter 2, 3, 5. Believed first by local band.

TRULL, SOM.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Baker (first quarter, aged 10) 1, R. E. J. Baker 2, T. Bellhouse 3, A. Jackson 4, B. G. Vine (cond.) 5, H. Churchill 6. For morning service.

UPPER CLAPTON, LONDON. — On Dec. 24th, at St. Matthew's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): Mrs. D. Neal 1, Miss N. Hales 2, J. A. Hales 3, D. Neal 4, E. C. Steele 5, J. M. Steele (cond.) 6, D. Grove 7. For Midnight Mass.

WALSALL, STAFFS. — On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: A. T. Dutton 1, Miss D. White (first quarter of Major) 2, A. Botterell 3, S. K. Kirby 4, K. W. Knowles 5, J. S. Eastwood 6, D. J. Wilkes 7, G. W. Hughes (cond.) 8. For Watch Night service.

WEST MEON, HANTS. — On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods; 4, 6, 8 cover): J. D. Flook (first on working bell) 1, Janet Yeates 2, R. A. Stone (100th quarter) 3, F. W. Sherfield 4, Mary White 5, T. White 6, K. G. Waller (cond.) 7, R. L. Ventham 8.

WESTMINSTER, W.C. — At St. Clement Danes' Church, on Aug. 31st, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Mary Gage 1, Elsie Hart 2, H. G. Hart 3, Joan Hooton 4, Ruth Foreman 5, B. C. Watson 6, F. T. Blagrove 7, R. A. Gage 8. Also on Dec. 29th, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: Dianne Gazeley 1, Elsie Hart 2, Dorothea Robotham 3, Joan Hooton 4, H. G. Hart 5, B. C. Watson 6, W. G. Knight 7, R. A. Gage 8, F. T. Blagrove 9, E. J. Peett 10.

WILMSLOW, CHESHIRE.—On Dec. 19th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Ruth Merrall 1, Linda Merrall 2, Rev. C. J. Rees 3, J. D. Smith 4, S. Coutts 5, D. Mottershead (cond.) 6. First quarter 1, 2. Rung for the Wilmslow Grammar Schools' carol service.

WINDSOR, BERKS.—On Dec. 29th, at the Parish Church, 1,330 Spliced Triples (three methods): R. Medway 1, Monica Blagrove 2, L. Stillwell 3, Margaret Wenban 4, A. C. Wenban 5, A. J. Glass 6, F. T. Blagrove 7, S. Blyth 8. For carol service.

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON. — On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Barr 1, F. W. Williams 2, H. L. Crisp 3, D. A. Wills 4, G. T. West 5, F. D. Mack (cond.) 6, W. J. Harvey 7, A. E. Knight 8. For carol service.

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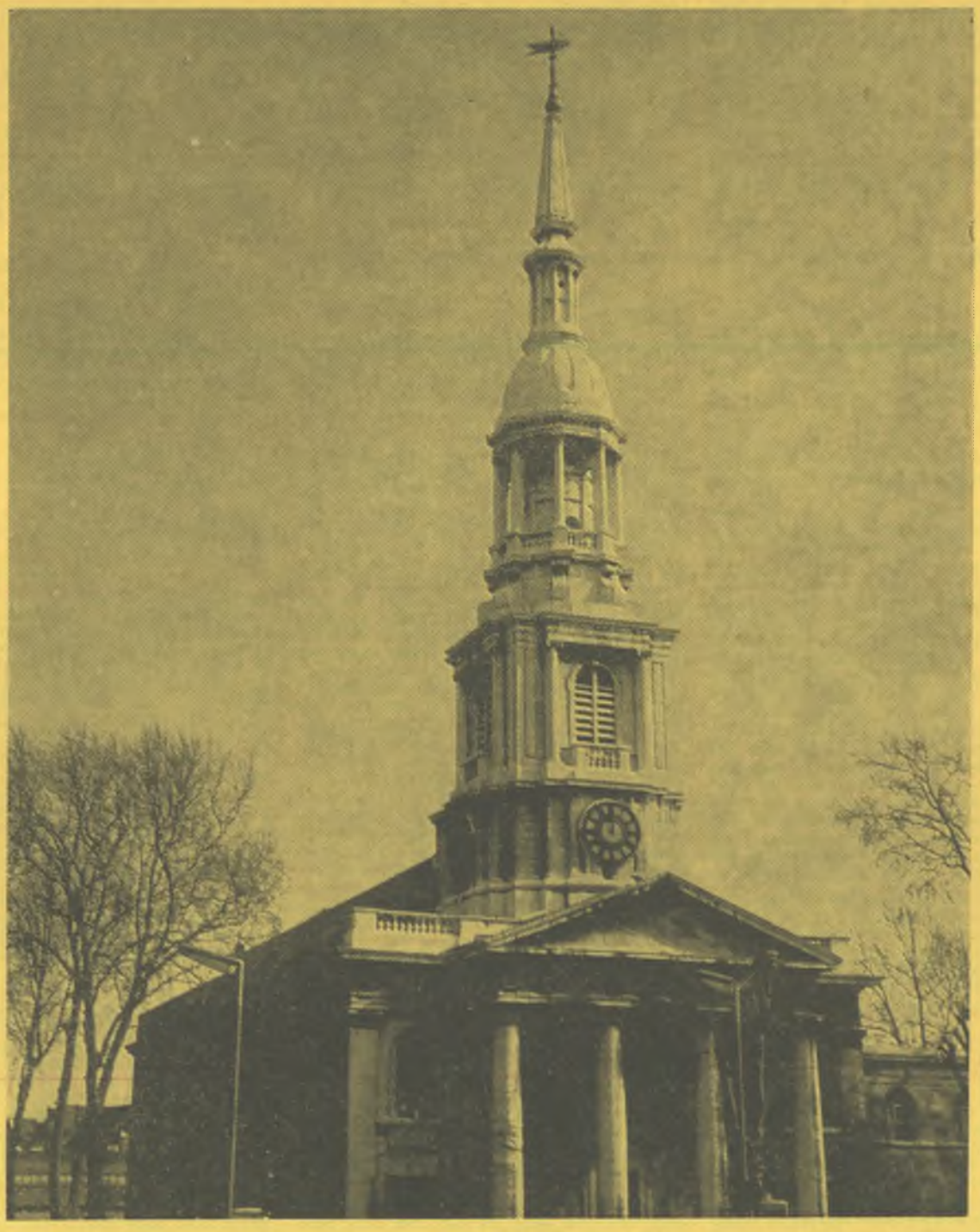

The Church of St. Leonard, Shoreditch

OUR COVER PICTURE

St. Leonard's Church, Shoreditch

THE bells of St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, are known to millions because of the familiar nursery rhyme which mentions them. However, except to ringers attracted to the church by the bells, the church, situated in the East End of London outside the City, is rather less well known.

St. Leonard's stands on a prominent site at the junction of four busy roads and was originally at the side of the old Great North Road. The first church of which there is any record was of wood, erected as long ago as A.D. 900. Little is known about this church or indeed about the foundation of its successor. This was a church built of flint, with four aisles roofed under four gables, with a tower at the west end. This church had five bells with a tenor of about 18 cwt. These were praised by Queen Elizabeth I when she heard them ringing during one of her journeys to Edmonton. A record of ringing on these bells in 1733 occurs in an MS. in Guildhall Library entitled "Remarks on a Rambling Club of Ringers". From a verse about the bells written by William Laughton, one of the ringers, they were not very impressed with the tone of two of the bells.

The church by this time was in a very poor state of repair. In 1713 a high wind had carried away the corners of the tower leaving two of the bells exposed to view. Again, in 1716, during divine service, one of the walls suddenly collapsed. It was not until 1734 that an Act of Parliament was passed for rebuilding the church — in fact there were so many errors in the Act that a second was required by way of explanation.

The present church had as its architect George Dance, a pupil of Wren. The rebuilding was not without incident, as the following extract from a letter from Sir Robert Walpole to his brother testifies. During the demolition the master builder discharged a large number of English labourers and took on a similar number of Irishmen, of whom there were many available for hire at that time, at rates very substantially lower than were paid to the English. As a result a vicious riot broke out which continued for several days, requiring an officer and 50 Guards from the Tower and the local militia to be raised to restore order. It is believed that a mob of up to 4,000 was at one time involved.

The foundation stone was laid by the Vicar, Dr. John Denne, on November 15th, 1736, and the first service was held in the fine new church on August 23rd, 1740.

THE ACTORS' CHURCH

Features later added to the church enhancing its impressive architecture include a fine Bridge's organ built in 1757 with a Spanish mahogany case with carving by Grinling Gibbons. The pulpit is also thought to be the work of Gibbons and with its splendid carving is considered to be one of the finest in London. A number of memorials to famous actors such as Burbage and Tarlton recall that St. Leonard's was known as the Actors' Church. The original connection would be because of its proximity to the Curtain Theatre, founded in the 16th century. Unfortunately the church was quite severely damaged during the blitz on London, and the fine 300-year-old French glass from the east window, which had been carefully transferred from the old church, was lost. In the recent restoration of the church interior the rather heavy, obtrusive electric lights were removed and replaced with modern pendant tubes. In this respect it is interesting to recall that Shoreditch was claimed to be the first church in London to be lit, in 1817, with gas lights—which was described by some as being "an innovation most profane".

An outstanding feature of the church is the steeple, which is regarded as one of the finest in London. In the tower, in 1739, was hung a ring of eight bells, cast by Thomas Lester at his Whitechapel Foundry. These were said to be the first ring cast by Lester, who expressed his appreciation of the honour by giving £10 to the parish—a fact noted on one of the benefaction boards in the church. These bells were first rung on October 11th, 1739, and had been supplied at a cost, including fittings, of £800. Towards this, £216 was given for the metal of the old ring of five bells. The first peal on these bells was rung by the Eastern Scholars in March, 1741.

In 1765 two trebles were added by Lester and Pack to make a ring of ten, and it was on this ring in 1784 that the Cumberlands, with ten men only, rang the 12,000 of Oxford Treble Bob Royal, which must rank as one of the finest performances ever.

CUMBERLANDS' GIFT

In 1805 the Cumberlands requested permission to add two more bells to provide a ring of 12, and after taking advice on the effect it might have on the fabric of the tower the vestry agreed, and two trebles were provided in 1807, at the expense of the Society, by Mears, of Whitechapel. The first peal on the 12—of Grandsire Cinques—was rung by the Cumberlands on the opening day, November 30th, 1807. It was unfortunately necessary for the Society to collect twice for the money for these bells as the treasurer absconded with the first subscriptions! It would seem that the new bells could not have been wholly satisfactory as they were recast by Mears in 1823. The tenor bell, too, had been recast by Mears in 1820.

In 1875 a major overhaul, including recasting the tenor, was undertaken by Messrs. Blews, of Birmingham, and because a sum had been collected which was considerably in excess of what was required a large carillon to play 14 different tunes was installed. Unfortunately the wooden frame was so weakened by the fixing of the hammers for the carillon and so damaged in its main beams, which had had to be cut away to allow the tenor to be taken down for recasting, that the "go" of the bells following rehanging was extremely unsatisfactory. In fact, a peal attempt only a week after the bells were supposed to have been put in good ringing order had to be curtailed due to the bad "go" of the bells. However, the tenor cast by Blews is a splendid bell, weighing as it does only 28 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb., but sounding a full, round C.

CANON COLERIDGE AT OPENING

In the early years of the present century the "go" of the bells was so bad that little ringing could be done. In 1912 John Warner and Sons, of the Spitalfields Foundry, were given the order for a new frame, to recast the four smallest bells and to rehang the bells on their patent plain bearings. The frame was of novel design in two tiers, with the 2nd, 4th, 5th, 6th and 10th bells at the upper level, with provision of a frame for a sharp 2nd bell also at that level. The frame rests on four transverse girders, and consists of massive plates standing 15 feet high, braced with angle plates. At the opening of the bells in 1913 a congregation of 1,000 heard Canon G. F. Coleridge preach, and most of the owners of famous names of the day were there.

After the end of the Second World War the bearings were becoming rather the worse for wear, and with the coming to the parish of the Rev. Richard Thomson, in 1966, rehanging of the bells was carried out as part of a major restoration and repair of the church. Much has been written about this restoration, but the result now is a very easy-going ring of 12, which can be rung in a pleasantly-appointed belfry. In this fine 12 are seven of the original bells cast by Thomas Lester in 1739—a tribute to the workmanship of that time.

A history of ringing on Shoreditch bells is part of history of London ringing. There are many fine performances by the Cumberlands, both Senior and Junior Societies, by the College Youths and the Eastern Scholars, and by other Societies. Among the 164 peals known to have been rung on these bells, 65 took place during the 18th century. Many of these were rung in the rivalry to ring long lengths—in fact one writer said that in early 1777 the bells must have been always ringing, with four peals of over 8,000 changes being rung by the Cumberlands and College Youths. Included in the peals are many first performances, a particularly notable one being the first name peal on ten bells by a William band in 1796 for the Cumberlands. In these peals have been truly great names in London ringing—Partrick, Gross, Reeves, Shipway and the like—establishing a splendid tradition of good ringing to be maintained.

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CUMBERLANDS AT DINNER

Tribute to Dennis Beresford's Nine Years as Master

1968 AN OUTSTANDING YEAR

Probably the annual dinner of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths is the biggest ringing social function of today. There was a gathering of over 180 to greet the new Master, Dr. Derek E. Sibson, at the Church House Restaurant, Westminster, on February 1st. The nine years of Mastership of Mr. Dennis Beresford has been a period of conspicuous advancement, and 1968 was crowned by a record number of peals for this century.

The calibre of the Society may be judged by the venture on March 9th, when seven peals of 9-Spliced Surprise Major were attempted. The six morning attempts were successful, but it was unfortunate that the afternoon one was stopped by the local captain owing to a misunderstanding. There had been other first-rate performances in 12-Spliced Surprise Major, 3-Spliced Surprise Royal and Londinium and Bristol Surprise Maximus.

Improvements are to continue. The present rule of having rung a peal before being accepted for membership is to be strengthened and new rules aimed at improving striking introduced. Dr. Sibson has a new team of officers to help him. They are: J. S. Barnes, hon. secretary; Miss J. Beresford, senior steward; M. H. D. O'Callaghan, junior steward; P. Beresford, treasurer (re-elected). In practical work 1968 will always be a red letter year, with the restoration of Shoreditch bells and the work by the Society on the frame and tower.

After the loyal toast the Master welcomed the company and stated that people were present from Cornwall, Nottingham and Lincolnshire. There were slightly fewer present because of the clash with a number of other functions.

The toast of "The Church" was proposed by Mr. W. Leslie Weller, who said the only satisfactory relationship with the clergy was that the ringers should be part of the Church.

In coupling the Vicar of Shoreditch with the toast, Mr. Weller thanked him for his interest and support, and assured him that the standard set by the Society was as high as could be found anywhere in the country.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

The Master then announced that at the annual meeting of the Society, a fortnight previously, it was his pleasure to propose the Rev. R. I. Thomson as an honorary member of the Society, and it was that night his privilege to present him with his certificate of membership. [Applause.]

The Vicar in his reply said a number of their members had been quite magnificent in their enthusiasm for the restoration of the bells at Shoreditch and the provision of a 13th bell, for which they had to thank Paul Taylor for coming down and for his advice. They had also to thank Mr. Nice who had been most helpful in providing paint, and Mr. Alan Frost for his help on the architectural side. He had not worked out the number of man hours put in by the Society but they were very considerable and included carrying two tons of bricks up the tower and a large quantity of cement.

The problem besetting the Church today was that it was told to keep quiet. It must not disturb anybody. It must not ring a bell. He had a complaint from a publican about their bells and he replied that he was a privileged man to live under the bells of Shoreditch and was most fortunate. The Church was asked today to do its business without disturbing anybody There was blind Bartimæus: he was told to keep quiet; his sight would never have been restored if he had not called out.

The speech was followed by a touch of 8-Spliced Surprise, rung in faultless style by Peter Beresford, Joan Beresford, Dennis Beresford and D. E. Sibson

Introducing Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd, who proposed the toast of "The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths", the Master mentioned that they entertained him on Thursday and they were successful in ringing with him the next evening a peal of Stedman Caters composed by Stephen Wood, which Mr. Shepherd had written about in "The Ringing World".

Mr. Shepherd said he belonged to another Society not unknown in Britain, and not too many years ago it would not have been considered proper for him to atttend a gathering like that. Happily, they now seemed to have arrived at the time predicted by the prophet when the lion would lie down with the lamb, though which was the lamb and which the lion he really could not say. There was nothing sheepish about their new Master, and the late Master, his friend Dennis, was far from lamblike when he rose in his wrath.

CUMBERLANDS AND WARMINSTER

But lions were not very far from the subject of his speech and they reminded him of his neighbour, Lord Bath, whose beautiful estate at Longleat was not far from Warminster. In 1881 two notable things happened: Edward, Prince of Wales, visited Longleat, and at the same time Warminster's new ring of eight bells was officially opened. To do full justice to the occasion the Vicar, Sir Erasmus Phillips, invited the Society of Cumberland Youths to open the bells and to provide the ringing as the Prince passed through the town. The band came and rang for His Royal Highness and on the following day scored Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples.

The board recording this performance was on the wall of the ringing chamber, and it showed some of the leading names of the Society and of the Exercise. There was the brilliant and erratic John Cox, who rang a pair of handbells in the disputed peal of Stedman Triples in 1853, the notable composer Henry Dains, and also John Nelms and William Barron. Among them too, John Rogers, a fine ringer but a somewhat disputatious person. For good entertainment and good old-fashioned plain speaking one should read in "The Bell News" of 75 years ago the great dispute Rogers had with Harold Davis over a peal of Grandsire Caters.

Then on the board was the name of George Newson who took part in the attempt for 13,440 Double Norwich at Brentford that was lost after five hours through a rope breaking after 13,000 changes had been rung. Within a month the band tackled the job again and were successful.

These fine ringers were links in a chain of great men. At the beginning of the 19th century there was the important figure of William Shipway, whose book set the pattern for the classification of methods: farther back were John Reeves, one of the greatest of the ancient composers; Christopher Wells, whose discovery of the falseness in Treble Bob revolutionised composition; and so back to the early leaders of the Society—the Patricks and the Grosses.

"STRENGTH SO MARKED"

This tradition was a splendid thing and it brought one to the present day, when the strength of the Society was so marked. Nothing could better prove it than the peal of Bristol Surprise Maximus rung recently at Shoreditch. It was a great tribute to their late Master, Mr. Dennis Beresford, and a good omen for the future.

Much had been written about the Royal Cumberland Youths—some legend and some fact—but there would appear to be no accurate and comprehensive survey of the ups and downs of these momentous 200 years. To provide a history of the Society would need time, patience, facilities for research and a mind critical to sort out the mythical from the factual. Who could undertake this fascinating story?

Concluding, Mr. Shepherd said: "No Society exists purely for itself. We may be proud of our traditions, our performances and our reputations. And rightly so. Yet we depend on others and others depend on us. Today your fellow Societies, especially the humbler ones, look to you for high standard of performance, public service and toleration, for toleration is the essence of charity. That is why I venture to bring you greetings from all the Societies I belong to. And I will give you a text, from Psalm 122: 'For my brethren and companions' sake I will wish thee prosperity'."

The Master in his reply to Mr. Shepherd's speech said it was of concern to them that there was no complete history of the Society. Members were now investigating various documents and he hoped in due course that it would be possible to produce a complete and adequate history of the Society.

HAPPY RELATIONSHIP

As to their relationship with other Societies and Associations, it might be of interest to know that many of their members were officers of other Associations. They had present six masters or chairmen of other Associations and three visiting masters, not to mention District secretaries. It would be fair to say that members of the Cumberlands did play their part in the territorial Associations and it was quite right that they should.

It was traditional for the Master in his reply to review the previous year's activities, but it would not be right if he did not say "Thank you" to Dennis Beresford for all the effort he had put into the Society during his nine years as Master.

When Dennis took office in 1960 he said that one of the most important things to improve was the standard of striking. There could be few who had come into contact with him during his period as Master who had not experienced his uncanny ability of knowing not just that something was wrong with the striking but who was wrong and of being able to encourage it to be corrected. There would always be room for improvement in striking, but he was sure that the room was now smaller than it would have been without his influence.

YARDSTICKS

It was difficult to define a standard of striking, as they had found recently when trying to alter the membership rule, but there were other yardsticks by which to measure the stature of the Society: the attendances at meetings and at the annual dinners, the variety of methods rung at practices, the number and complexity of the peals rung and the progress of members taking part in them, the number of members not only elected but expressing a wish to join the Society, and the generally happy atmosphere whenever the Society met.

In all these aspects the Society had progressed during the last nine years, but he was sure Dennis would be the first to agree that this would not have been possible without the enthusiasm and loyal support of members; but without leadership, all the enthusiasm in the world did not necessarily produce the desired effect.

On a personal note, Dr. Sibson said he joined the Society in 1960 and it had been a pleasure to work with Dennis as secretary dur-

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Cumberlands at Dinner—continued

ing the past three years, and he had enjoyed immensely helping to bring to fruition some of his ideas. The year 1968 had seen the climax with the completion of at least some of his ambitions. "We are all grateful to him for his leadership and influence over the past nine years."

OVER 50 YEARS

In September Walter Ayre celebrated his 50 years of membership of the Society. He had hoped to be present, but since the New Year he had been ill, and although now on the way to full recovery he felt he could not make the journey. Last Saturday they celebrated another 50 years' membership with Fred Cullum, from Erith, who was Master in 1957 and '58. It was a pleasure to congratulate him in person that night. The occasion was marked with a peal of Bristol (his own choice) at Lambeth. They were also pleased to have with them another with 50 years' membership in Mr. Arthur Mason. They had been revising their numbers and had about 15 members with 50 or more years' membership.

In his report for 1968 the late secretary said the year would be remembered as one of the most successful, certainly in recent times. The restoration of the famous 12 at Shoreditch marked the climax of "over one year's hard slog" by the Master and other members. In addition to the work by John Taylor and Co., the frame had been cleaned and painted, the louvres blocked up and the ringing room and staircase redecorated.

The Society rang more peals in 1968 than in any year except 1884 and 1891. In those years there were 46 and 45 respectively. Last year they scored 41, with 82 members taking part. Conducting was shared with ten people. Firsts for the Society were Wollaton and Adderbury Surprise Major, 12-Spliced S. Major, all the work (composed by Roger Baldwin, a member), 3-Spliced Surprise Royal, York and Londinium Surprise Maximus and the first peal of Surprise Maximus rung in London.

The county meeting at Cambridge was the most successful held by the Society, and meetings had been well attended and a Sunday service rota established. It was decided at the annual meeting that in future peal elections would no longer be permitted. They would like people to be present for their election with their proposer and seconder and that one month's notice be given of the election. Details would be advertised in "The Ringing World".

The concluding toast, that of "The Visitors", was proposed by Mr. M. H. D. O'Callaghan and replied to by the Rev. L. J. Ashton, resident chaplain, St. Clement Danes', and Mr. W. S. Deason, Master of the Middlesex County Association.

THE COMPANY

The Master and Mrs. Sibson were supported by the Rev. R. I. and Mrs. Thomson, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Winterton, Sir Trenchard and Lady Cox, Rev. L. J. Ashton, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. A. Prior, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Deason, Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Devereux and Mr. T. W. White.

Others present were:—

Mrs. A. B. Allaway, J. H. Allen, H. E. Audsley, Miss J. Ayres.

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THE NEW MASTER

DR. D. E. SIBSON

The new Master of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths is Dr. Derek E. Sibson, who is a Cambridgeshire man. It was at Little Shelford, where his father, the late Canon E. H. Sibson, was Rector, that he learned to ring, his tutor being Albert R. Hurst, who died just recently. He was then an undergraduate at Queens' College, Cambridge, but it was after he had left the University that he rang with Cambridge University Guild.

Derek rang his first peal at Meldreth, Cambridgeshire, in July, 1959. It was while he was at Bart's Hospital in 1960 that he joined the Cumberlands and since then his progress has been rapid. He has rung 389 peals, of which over 100 have been for the Cumberlands, and conducted 272. He was early earmarked for office. In 1963 he was junior steward, in 1964 senior steward and from 1965–8 general secretary. He is one of the representatives of the Cumberlands on the Central Council and serves on the Records Committee.

Dr. Sibson is also a vice-president of the Society for the University of London and his wife, Jane, was also a member of this Society. Their friends wish them a happy term of office.

Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Castle, M. J. Church, Miss D. E. Colgate, Miss P. Court, F. J. Cullum, A. Cutler.

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C. P. S. Tarbuck, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Tester, D. J. Tysoe.

Miss M. Ward, H. E. Wells, P. M. Wilkinson, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. D. Woolford, Miss A. Wright.

BOOK REVIEW

"The Little Book of Bells", by Eric Hatch; Duell, Sloan and Pearce, New York, N.Y.; 81 pp., 1964, price $3.50.

Although small, this book has much to commend it to both British and American ringers. It is full of anecdotes about bells and bell-ringers, and is written in a delightful style by a man who evidently loves the sound of bells. A taste of what is in store for the reader is given by the chapter headings: (1) How the Bells Began; (2) The Biggest Bell in the World; (3) The Bell of Port Royal; (4) Change Ringing; (5) Change Ringers; (6) Carillons and Carillonics; (7) Sounds and Legends; (8) Inscriptions on Bells; (9) Founders and Foundries; (10) The Liberty Bell.

Mr. Hatch has some interesting comments on electronic "tone generators", which he suggests are forgivable in view of the high cost of cast-bell carillons. His accounts of the other methods of getting a bell to speak, like the antics of the ringers at Giralda Tower in Seville, and of the very mystique which only a person who knows bells can appreciate, come through so clearly that all this reviewer really has to do is to heartily recommend this book. The illustrations (by Eric Sloan) are excellent.

GEOFFREY DAVIES.

CODSALL, STAFFS.—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. W. Illidge 1, R. Lyons 2, Gillian Bosworth-Smith 3, D. Head (first Minor) 4, D. J. G. Bates 5, P. R. Johnson 6. Jointly conducted by D. J. G. Bates and P. R. Johnson. For Evensong.

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Southend and District Guild Ends After 18 Years

Not only in the world of business and nigh finance are there "mergers" these days; they are now becoming part of the ringing scene The parties involved are the Essex Association and the Southend and District Guild. and the idea of a merger. though not new. finally came to life during 1968, when the South West District of the Essex Association. covering an area from Waltham Abbey to Great Wakering, split into two parts. One, the Southern, of which Mike Hallett was elected Master at the A.G.M. on January 18th, is only an extension of the area looked after for the past 18 years by the Southend and District Guild, and members of the Guild felt that a merger was in everyone's interest Thus, at the A.G.M. on January 25th, the Guild was officially closed.

One of the instigators of S.D.G. was Frank B. Lufkin, one-time captain of St. Mary's, Prittlewell. and his idea was that the Guild should promote ringing especially to help young people. On January 25th he returned to Prittlewell in his capacity as this year's president of the Guild, and spoke of the achievements and success of the venture despite some early opposition from the Essex Association. He paid particular tribute to Mr and Mrs. B. C. Sadler for the work they have done and for the friendship they have given to him and other Guild members. and spoke of the enthusiasm and welcome he always found here He recalled some of the personalities who have given valuable help to the S.D.G., such as Messrs A. Reeve and H. Smith, of Fobbing. Jack and Gordon Blower, of Rayleigh, and George Eve, of Prittlewell.

Several of those present, of whom two had travelled 250 miles from South Wales just for the meeting, expressed their thanks for the work done by the Guild and its officers, not only over the past year but throughout its history

Mr. Peter Sloman said that it would be sad if the Guild closed with no permanent reminder of its existence, and submitted to the meeting his design for a Master's badge, to be presented to the Essex Association from the S.D.G. The idea was unanimously approved and Peter went on to explain that this badge, which he will make himself, will be in silver, and the cost will be met from the profit made on the sale of ties. Incidentally, over 100 of these, which Peter designed and marketed, have been sold in about a year, and more are now available, price £1, for anyone who has not yet joined the "tie set" At least two ladies we know are wearing them too

In her report for 1968 the secretary mentioned two outstanding events in the Guild's year. First, the rededication of the ten at Prittlewell, and then the dedication of the eight—the first new ring in the Guild's history —at Rochford. She said that the final peal for the Guild was 5,040 Plain Bob Triples, conducted by David Sloman, rung at St. Augustine's Church. Thorpe Bay, on January 4th.

After the meeting 65 members and their friends, including our friend the Bishop of Bradwell, the Rt. Rev. W. N. Welch, the Rev. S. Erskine and his wife. of Prittlewell, and the Rev. G. W. Hatch, of Rayleigh, sat down to a very nice four-course supper and were then entertained by the Octavius Wigram Handbell Band. who are members of the Guild and use the handbells which Octavius Wigram gave to St. Mary's just a century ago. JEN

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the St. Albans District was held on January 18th at St. Peter's, St. Albans. Ringing ranged from rounds to Spliced Surprise Royal. A service, at which an amusing sermon was given by Rev. A. Bradley, was followed by tea in St. Peter's Institute

The Association secretary (Mr. Rex Agg) took the chair for a long but lively business meeting. All present stood in remembrance of A. W. Coles and of Father Clare, of South Mymms, who had died during the year. The secretary, Robert Hardy, reported good progress during the year with increased membership, but hoped that better support would be given in future to special practices. Thirty-one District peals were rung during the year, 17 of these being on tower bells, including four of Surprise Royal and one of Stedman Doubles, silent and non-conducted

Bob Hardy was re-elected secretary and Andrew Wilby was elected Ringing Master. The retiring Ringing Master, Gerald Penney, was presented with a suitably engraved pewter tankard by Geoff Dodds, on behalf of the District, in appreciation of the work he has done over the past eight years, during which time the standard of ringing has improved immeasurably. Kath Hardy was elected "Ringing World" representative and the retiring representative, Julia Fellows, was thanked for reporting the meetings so well over the last four years. The committee elected was: Mrs. Coburn and Messrs. G. Dodds, E. Edmondson, J. Ewer, F. Ellis, G. Sillis and A. Wilby. Julia Fellows was elected to write up the peal book.

Social activities suggested for the year were a dinner, after the success of the 1968 dinner, a visit to the TV studios and coach and car outings. Evening practice meetings will be arranged at the request of towers in need of help. The next practice meeting will be on February 5th at St. Paul's, Walden.

Gerald Penney spoke on a resolution to be put before the A.G.M concerning the amendment of Rule 10 by addition of wording to the effect that all peal reports plus subscriptions of non-resident life members must be submitted to the peal secretary within one month of the peal being rung. This amendment is designed to ease the work of the peal secretary and enable the peal book to be kept up to date. Ringing in the evening continued until 8.30 p.m.

Next meeting, Radlett, February 15th.

K. S. H.

Mr. L. Walmsley's 21 Years as Secretary

The A.G.M. of the Preston Branch, held at Preston on January 11th, was marked by the retirement of Mr. L. Walmsley from the secretaryship. During the afternoon and evening the ten bells of St. John's were rung to a variety of methods

After an excellent "hotpot" tea, the business meeting was held, with the assistant Vicar of Preston (Rev. B. Foxton) in the chair. The secretary, Mr. L. Walmsley, presented the Branch report and Mrs. Crossthwaite the financial situation. Both reports were accepted. Seven new members were elected by the Branch to the Lancashire Association, and proficiency certificates were presented by the chairman to Mr. N. McCormick, Mr. A. Gardner and Miss P. Turner. Mr. B. Moss was re-elected as assistant Branch Ringing Master and Mr. Roger Barnes was elected to the office of Branch secretary, following the retirement of Mr. L. Walmsley.

The Branch Ringing Master, Mr. Cyril Crossthwaite spoke on behalf of all ringers in the Preston area, when he thanked Mr. Walmsley for 21 years of dedicated service in the office of secretary and the excellent way he had administered the Branch during that period.

Votes of thanks were given by the meeting to the Vicar of Preston for the use of the bells, to the Rev. B. Foxton for taking the meeting and presiding over tea, and to the Preston ringers for the excellent preparations made and for the tea which they had provided. The meeting was declared closed at 6.45 p.m., ringing continuing until 8 p.m. R. B.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Dorchester Branch Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Dorchester Branch took place at Wyke Regis on January 11th, when the fine ring of eight bells at All Saints' Church was put to good use during the afternoon and evening The Guild service was conducted by the Rector, Rev. P. R. Rounds, who also gave an address. Mr. Cyril Blackborow played the organ.

An excellent tea, which was enjoyed by some 43 ringers and friends, preceded the business meeting. In his report for 1968 the hon. secretary said that Bradford Peverell and Milborne St. Andrew towers had become affiliated to the Guild and there had been a slight increase in Branch membership to 163. Two peals had been rung by Branch members at Charminster and Fordington St. George and a number of quarter peals at other towers The meeting adopted the statement of accounts, which showed a satisfactory balance in hand.

Officers elected for 1969 were: Chairman, Rev. J. L. Woods (Osmington); vice-chairman, Canon E. B. Brooks (Fordington); Ringing Master, Mr E. H. Amey (Charminster); deputing Ringing Masters. Mr. D. L. Cull (Preston) and Mr. J. G. Goringe (Cattistock); hon. secretary/treasurer, Mr. A. J. Slade (Preston); assistant secretary, Mrs. R. H. Duke (Dorchester); committee members, Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth (Cattistock) and Mr. H. House (Fordington)

Nine new ringing members were elected at the meeting. A. J. S.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The first quarterly meeting of the year of the Maidstone District was held at Leeds on January 11th, where the attendance of 40 to 50 people was unusually large.

Following ringing, Rev. J. E. Robinson took a short but pleasant service, after which the ringers retired to the village hall for tea and the meeting.

Mr. E. A. Barnett, chairman of the K.C.A., took the chair at the meeting. After the minutes of two previous meetings had been accepted, Mr. Colin Tester broached the subject of subscriptions. As from January 1st, 1969, subscriptions have been increased, viz.: junior members 1/6 to 2/6, other resident members 3/- to 5/- and non-resident life members 5/- to 7/6. Mr. Barnett pointed out that in 1880, when the Association was founded, subscriptions were 2/- per annum and remained so until 1950 when they were put up to 3/-, at which they remained until 1969, when an increase was more than justified. In 1880 2/- was the equivalent to far more than 5/- today.

Several new members were elected into the Association from Hollingbourne, Headcorn, Egerton and one non-resident life member from Brighton

There followed some discussion of this year's meeting arrangements, and it was decided to change the date of the striking competition from September 6th to June 14th. All members present agreed that the collection should be given to the John Willis Memorial Fund.

Letters to the Editor

SOMERSET FOURS

Dear Sir,—It gave me a chuckle to read in his letter ("R.W.", January 17th) that Mr. M. J. Hiller was fooled by the height of the ropes at Beercrowcombe, Somerset, into thinking that the bells are unringable and two of them stayless. In fact the bells were rehung with new fittings in 1927 by Mears and Stainbank in a new wooden frame made locally to their design, and are in good ringing order. The only defect is the crack in the crown of the tenor, caused apparently by the rusting and expansion of the old cast-in clapper staple, which was not drilled out when a new independent staple was fitted in 1927

Isle Abbots bells do appear in both the 3rd and 4th editions of Dove's Guide as an unringable five Incidentally, the five bells at Stawley are no longer hung.

Of the Somerset fours, the following I know to be, or to have been until recently, ringable: Bathealton, Bawdrip, Berkley, West Chinnock, Clatworthy, Claverton, Donyatt, Farleigh Hungerford, Kittisford, Orchard Portman and Penselwood.

Combe Hay bells used to be rung but some years ago the tower was considered unsafe; it has since been repaired but I have no further information. West Harptree bells are in bad and unringable condition. Otterford bells are unsafe to ring due to severe defects both in the tower and in the beams supporting the frame.

I should welcome up-to-date **accurate** information on the other Somerset 4-bell towers

Since my list of the Dorset 4-bell towers appeared ("R.W." September 20th, 1968) I have been able to examine Tolpuddle bells, and they are indeed totally unringable. Also, one of the half wheels at Ibberton has been replaced by a lever, and Winterborne Kingston bells and belfry have had a good spring clean. Well done!—Yours faithfully,

CHRISTOPHER DALTON

Leigh, Surrey

A STUNT PICTURE

Dear Sir,—Though I have no desire to become involved in controversial correspondence I feel that following Mr. Penny's letter (page 82) I should make some sort of explanation

To make two preliminary points:

(i) The Editor's footnote strikes to the heart of the matter. The "Reveille" team came up with the Vicar's authority and with a determination to feature the sensational aspect of ringing.

(ii) The girl in the picture is not a Tooting ringer or beginner. As is clear from the article "Claire Jollife" is the "Reveille" reporter.

The "Reveille" team took some 20 pictures of proper aspects of ringing, but they were insistent on a "feet off the ground shot" The dangers and inappropriateness were explained repeatedly for some 30 minutes. However, I have no authority at Tooting other than persuasive, and I was a lone voice The only way I might have prevented the photograph was to have an on-the-spot row with the Tooting ringers. Choosing what I considered to be the lesser of two evils I co-operated in the taking of the photograph—on the understanding that the article made clear that the picture was staged and that such things did not ordinarily happen

After the photograph was taken I did my best to prevent it being published. I had a 20-minute telephone conversation with Miss Jollife the next week in an effort to achieve

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"BLUE PETER" NOT BAD PROPAGANDA

Dear Sir,—I feel Mr. Jenkins' letter in the January 17th "R.W" about false publicity on the "Blue Peter" programme deserves an answer, and as Kingston upon Thames' tower captain at the time, maybe I should contribute.

B.B.C TV's 'Blue Peter" programme has a declared aim of stimulating youngsters' interest in different activities. Often (as in this case) only about seven minutes is allocated to any given pursuit In its class "Blue Peter" has a high quality standing and huge youngster audiences.

If it is desirable to recruit youngsters to ringing, is "Blue Peter" a good way **in principle?** Remember its huge youngster audiences and consider alternative ways of reaching them.

Now if you approve the medium, how do you attract the attention, interest and subsequent participation of **non-ringing** viewers, with many other demands on their leisure time? Do you show them a film of accomplished ringing, saying "You too could do this"? Do you show them a staccato series of well-controlled learning stages, with the commentary "There are, of course, time intervals between each stage" Or do you take John Noakes through from scratch to bell handling in seven minutes, building in as much interest, fun and excitement as you think necessary to capture recruits (although perhaps shocking to ringers)?

There is no gospel answer, is there? At short notice, we chose the last course and capitalised on it by recruiting some youngsters immediately afterwards in Kingston As for the Central Council, we informed Harold Pitstow, but one man cannot be in all places at once, and at such notice he was obliged to ask us to press on with the B.B.C without him

Personally, sir, I believe that this was not bad propaganda. It was a reasonable tailoring of means to good ends. But one man's meat . .. etc.—Yours faithfully,

Rexdale, Ontario W H. JACKSON

Canada

BEST COUNTY FOR SUNDAY RINGING

Dear Sir,—Most of us know which counties are top for peal ringing Has anyone any idea which county is top of the list for Sunday service ringing and which is bottom? By that I mean which county has the least number of "silent" towers and which has the most. I don't include towers where the bells are unringable.—Yours faithfully I M SWIFT

Bexhill-on-Sea

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this. I was told that the picture would probably not be used and that if it was it would be one of several and that there would be a suitable caption. In the event the picture was printed on its own and size 6" by 3" However, the reporter did make clear in her article that she had been warned not to hang on to the sally but that she was determined to do so and had indeed hung on deliberately

I sincerely apologise to my fellow ringers if I have not maintained standards, but I hope that I have proffered a reasonable explanation. I do not feel that the consequences will be as Mr. Penny suggests. My hope is that it has shown, if regrettably dramatically, that "going up in the air" is not the way ringing is done —Yours truly ROBERT COOLES

Battersea

DUDLEY'S BELLS

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Dalton's letter (page 82), I would ask on what grounds he makes his remarks about the Dudley ten, as in the 12 years that I have been at Top Church, Dudley, many visitors have been welcomed and have presumably enjoyed ringing our bells, and Mr Dalton is the only one that I know of who has stated what a "miserable-sounding ten they are"

The annual meeting of the Dudley and District Guild is always held at Dudley and I am not aware of anyone making similar remarks about the bells

The bellfounder who has submitted a quotation for the rehanging and recasting of the bells stated to me that "a first-class job can be made by hanging all the bells on one level and recasting the four trebles". I would have thought that if the bellfounder was satisfied everyone else ought to be

Restoration is needed in every corner of Dudley Parish Church at the moment, and the Parochial Church Council has agreed that "the bells are next" £4,000 is needed for rehanging, recasting the four trebles and the necessary building and carpenter's work, etc. We would be delighted to have all the bells recast, but as this will involve a further £1,700 unless terrific support is forthcoming we shall have to be content with what is proposed.

Perhaps Mr. Dalton can suggest where to get the extra £1,700

Needless to say, all ringers are most welcome at Dudley at all times.—Yours sincerely,

H. M. MONTGOMERY

Dudley, Worcs

CONFUSION OVER COMPOSITIONS

Dear Sir,—With regard to Mr. J. R. Norris' letter on page 62, I regret to disappoint the Exercise but (as Mr. Norris well knows) my tastes incline neither towards Grandsire nor Triples

Perhaps, however, Mr. Norris or some other authority could help clear up my confusion on the subject of compositions by clarifying the correct attribution of the following peal:

5,376 (5,152) DOUBLE GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR

In	Vths	Out	23456
S		—	54236
S	—		26435
S		2	63245
S	2		26543
S		—	45263
S	—		23564

Repeated twice

Is this Roger Baldwin's adaptation of Simon Humphrey's Lincolnshire? Or is it perhaps Simon Humphrey's arrangement of Roger Baldwin's courses for Double Glasgow? Or, since neither of these has published or, as far as I know, rung the peal, should my name come into it somewhere? It seems to me that any of the seven combinations of names is possible — I take the eighth option of "24-course block".—Yours faithfully,

CHRISTOPHER I. ROWSON.

Edgbaston, Birmingham

P.S.—I was interested to read of the non-ringing composer Maurice Onions, mentioned also on page 62, but perhaps Mr. Bailey would publish the composition rung as I believe it may be unfortunately similar to one produced some time ago by Michael Hunt.—C I R

BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL

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OBITUARY

MR. R. G. BLACKMAN

Mr. Richard George Blackman died at Chichester on January 22nd at the age of 70.

Dick Blackman started his ringing career at Arundel Parish Church in the early 1920s, where he had been a chorister from boyhood. His ringing lapsed for a few years and in the meantime he had moved to Chichester where he was living when the wartime ban on ringing was lifted. With his son, Peter (now Rev. P. Blackman), he offered his services and played a large part in re-forming the Chichester Cathedral band. He remained a steadfast and loyal member of the band until he was compelled to give up ringing through ill health a few years ago. Always punctual and consistent in attendance for service and practice ringing, he was ever ready and willing to encourage beginners with help and advice. During the last few years he had great difficulty in getting about but quite often managed to walk unaided down to the Cathedral to hear the bells and meet his friends.

He was hon. treasurer of the Sussex County Association and a member of the Central Council until his enforced retirement from ringing in 1963. He was meticulous and conscientious in all he did for his own tower and for the Association. He attended his last Divisional meeting just a few months ago.

In his younger days he was a keen sportsman, playing cricket, football and tennis for Arundel and later cricket for Priory Park, Chichester. He was a leading member of Chichester Operatic Society, taking part in many of their productions. He was also a member of the Cathedral choir.

The funeral service was held in Chichester Cathedral on January 28th, prior to cremation. Among those attending were the Master and hon. treasurer of the Sussex County Association, Western Divisional officers, members of the Cathedral band and other ringers. The Cathedral bells were rung half-muffled immediately after the service to touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Cambridge and a quarter peal in the evening

The deepest sympathy of his many friends in Sussex is extended to Mrs. Blackman and Rev. Peter Blackman and his family in their bereavement May he rest in peace. R. W.

MR. M. SAUNDERS

Mr. Montague Saunders, of Helmdon, Northants, who died on January 12th after an operation in Banbury Hospital, was a very cheerful member of the Towcester Branch, with an infectious sense of humour.

"Mont" had served his church for over 50 years, first as a choirboy when his voice matured into a beautiful tenor, and later in the belfry. He rang his first peal, Grandsire Doubles, in 1927, for the old Towcester Association, conducted by William J. Chester. It was after the war that he rang most of his 48 peals, 22 of these being Surprise Minor. He was also proud of his peal of Carter's Doubles.

At the funeral service at Helmdon on January 16th members of the Towcester and Culworth Branches rang touches. The president of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild (the Rev. E. G. Orland) was among the many present On the following Saturday a peal was rung half-muffled at Helmdon and quarter peals at Green's Norton and Maids Moreton.

"We are happy and proud to have known him and his memory will always be with us in the many towers where we all rang together."—W A. Yates.

MR. S. F. CARTER

An Appreciation

At the age of 65, Sidney F. Carter, of Bengeo, near Hertford, passed away on October 30th. With his death another link was lost with the famous East Hertfordshire ringers who made ringing history between 1850 and the start of the Second World War.

Sid was born at Dane End, Little Munden, the youngest son of Henry Carter, an able ringer himself, who learned much of his ringing, indirectly, from the famous Benington band. His father died of a stroke when Sid was 10 years of age, and at 12 he left the village school to help support his mother by working on a farm. No doubt because of his father's connections with local ringers Sid and his three brothers were taught to ring by that outstanding ringer W. H. Lawrence and the Little Munden Society. Soon after this he became a member of the Hertford County Association and the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths

He rang his first peal, treble to seven methods, with this band at St. Mary's, Standon, Herts, on January 18th, 1920. A peal total is not available but his own neatly-written peal book stops at 92 with a seven-method peal of Minor at Anstey on Monday, May 21st, 1934; he notes that the band met at 6 a.m.! His first peal as conductor was again seven Minor methods at his home tower of Little Munden on February 26th, 1923; from here on although he had little formal education his ability as a conductor was soon noted. Of his first 92 peals he conducted 33, his 28th peal as conductor being the long length of 18,144 Bob Major in 10 hours 52 minutes at Benington, Herts. on Whit Monday, June 5th, 1933

Among his other interesting performances were: three peals of Minor in a day, all seven methods, on August Monday, 1931, at Kimpton, St. Ippolyts and Walkern—transport by pedal cycle and a round trip of 50 miles for most of the band; four peals in a day in 1934; a peal of Stedman Caters at All Saints', Hertford, with a famous London band headed by Challis Winney: this peal was only of interest to Sid because he happened to walk by the tower as the band stood, one short, outside! Another peal of which he was proud was the 11,568 of Double Norwich at Debenham, Suffolk, on October 21st, 1950. Although this attempt was originally for 22,208, it was still a peal of some note

On the personal side, although Sid's early life had not been easy, his marriage to a wonderful wife gave him much happiness, and together they soon became mine hosts at the Red Lion, Green End, near Little Munden; this, however, as his wife remarks, "did not hinder his ringing". With the end of ringing in 1939 they moved to the Warren House, Bengeo, and in 1951 took over the Fox at Wareside. He was elected president of the Hertford County Association in 1953.

After the ban on ringing was lifted Sid returned to ring, and this is when I first came to know him, as did many young ringers at this time. His ringing career was marked by the number of "first pealers" in a total which I personally credit to him of approximately 300 peals, of which he probably conducted about two-thirds. Once started on a peal it took a lot to shift him from his aim of "getting them round" While ringing a peal on the ground floor six at Widford, Herts, we were disturbed by a stranger shouting he had come many miles that day to see Mr. ——, the one local ringer. The volume of Sid's reply, to the effect that we had also come many miles and intended to finish our peal, blasted the poor man out of the church and we never saw him again

Although Sid left Little Munden as a young man, it was his delight to take the tenor of this musical six through the paths of Duke of York, City Delight, Woodbine, London Scholars', New London Pleasure and many other methods (some rather out of fashion). To ring with such men as his brother, Albert Carter, Ernest Overall, Barnard Patmore, Nathan Patmore, Albert Lawrence, Arthur Phillips, William Williams—all ringers of over 50 years' experience—was to be present at a sort of communion, a total commitment of mind and body, a rich experience and a lesson in striking. D. P.

MRS. MYRA A. FENN

The death occurred on January 19th of Mrs. Myra A. Fenn, at the age of 91 years. Mrs. Fenn was the widow of Caleb Fenn, one of the brothers who gave many years of faithful service to St Margaret's, Barking. The funeral service was at St. Margaret's, Barking, on Thursday, January 23rd, followed by interment at Rippleside Cemetery.

MR. C. MOXON

Charles (Charlie) Moxon, who died on January 23rd, was born at Denby. After moving to the Penistone-Hoylandswaine area he learnt to ring the standard Treble Bob Minor methods with the Hoylandswaine company, under the leadership of George Hill.

Following his trade as a blacksmith, he later moved to South Kirkby, where he was employed at the colliery. He joined the South Kirkby band of ringers and frequently rang the tenor and called touches and extents of Plain Bob Minor, which was the limit of the band's method vocabulary

When the Hemsworth augmentation to eight was mooted Charlie visited Pontefract regularly in order to assimilate the rudiments of 8-bell ringing so that he would be able to train a band at Hemsworth. This he did, keeping the Hemsworth bells going on practice nights and Sundays until an accident in the home four years ago removed him from ringing for a time and subsequently greatly reduced his mobility

He was a life member of the Yorkshire Association and an old and respected member of the Barnsley and District Society. At the funeral at Hemsworth on January 27th the bells were rung half-muffled by the local band. He was 78 and leaves two daughters, to whom we extend our sympathy. H. C.

B.B.C. AND BELLS

Mr. W. A. Thow, of Gateshead, regrets that the B.B.C. do not advertise Sunday ringing in the National Press or "Radio Times". He also regrets that the method rung is not announced.

WROXHAM, NORFOLK.—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Minor (three methods): R. Gorbould (first quarter) 1, N Burgess 2, A. Harrison 3, P. Bower 4, D. Bird 5, R. Bower (cond.) 6 A compliment to Mr. Fred Boyce (Ringing Master) and his wife on their 25th wedding anniversary.

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CHURCH GRESLEY, DERBYS.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods, etc.): L. Haywood 1, N. Cotton 2, J. Roe 3, J. W. Cotton 4, D. P. Jones (cond.) 5. For dedication of burial ground. Also on Dec. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): D. Perry 1, N. Cotton 2 J. Roe 3, P. Grice 4, J. W. Cotton (cond.) 5. Half-muffled to ring out the old year

CORSTON, BATH.—On Nov. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Dench 1, M. Lapham 2, Miss E. J Parfrey (first "inside") 3, Mrs. M. de Jong 4, Mrs. B. Parfrey (cond.) 5, L Jewell 6. First quarter for 1 and 2 Rung as a farewell to Mrs. de Jong, now on her way to New Zealand.

EALING, MIDDX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Jan. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Dr. Sybil Aldridge 1, Susan Davis 2, A M. Stacey 3, B. Read 4, P. N. Felton 5, A. H. Fulwell 6, M. Sprackling (cond.) 7, N. F. Felton 8. For morning service.

ELSTOW, BEDS.—On Jan. 7th. 1,320 Oxford T.B. Minor: Rosemary Hartley 1, R. L. Piron 2, S. R. Huckle 3, R. P. Wood 4, A. D. Norman 5, M. J. Marriott (cond.) 6 A 50th birthday compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. P. G. Hartley.

FAREHAM, HANTS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Jennifer Tyack 1, Christine Lanegan 2, Renee Sturgess 3, Helen Haines 4, Gillian Boyd 5, J. G Draper 6, J. A. G. Ball 7, R. Haines 8, A. H. Sturgess (cond.) 9, S. A. Scott 10. For Midnight Mass.

FRITTENDEN, KENT. — On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): H. Deacon 1 Margaret Jenner 2, J Hemsley 3, R. Lebon 4, B Johnson (cond.) 5.

FULHAM, LONDON.—At All Saints' Church, on Jan. 5th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Rosemary F. Collins (first on ten) 1, Gwendoline G. Meyer 2, Julie E. Spurgeon 3, E. J. Adams (first "inside" on ten) 4, G. W. Shanks 5, A. J. Hampton 6, Deborah Bishop 7, A. S. Bishop 8, C. M Meyer (cond.) 9, R. D. Bing 10. For Evensong.

GREAT COMBERTON, WORCS. — On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Minor (three methods): J. Shill 1, R. Sadowska 2 Miss A. Sadowska 3, M. Ingram 4, A. C. Berry 5, P. S. Robertson (cond.) 6.

HALESOWEN, WORCS.—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: W Pretty 1, A. Pickering 2, H. Shilvock 3, L. W. Clissett 4, M. L.-Lashford 5, T. Greenhall 6, A. B. Ellsmore (cond.) 7, B. E. Woodall 8. First quarter in method, by all the band.

HARTLEBURY, WORCS. — On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Hicks 1, Mrs. E. M. Key 2, R. Pardy 3, B. G. Key (cond.) 4, W. Turner 5, L. Smith 6, A. W. Glazzard 7, P. J Key 8. For Evensong.

HENLOW, BEDS.—On Christmas Eve, 1,260 Bob Minor: M. Downs 1, Miss A. Mager 2, D. Hope 3, L. H. Bywaters (cond.) 4, P. Jewell 5, R. Fuller 6. Also on Christmas Morning, 1,224 Bob Minor, by same band. Also on New Year's Eve, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: M. Downs 1, L. H. Bywaters 2, Miss A. Mager 3, D. Hope 4, P. Jewell 5, R. Cousins 6. Jointly conducted by 3 and 5

HEREFORD.—At the Cathedral, on Jan. 1st, 1,280 Kent T.B. Major: R. G. Powell 1, P. Hughes 2, N. Marringley 3, A. T. Wingate 4, W. P. Nash (first Kent Major) 5, T. E. Wood 6, M. C. W. Sherwood (cond.) 7, A. G. Semken 8.

HITCHAM, BUCKS. — On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Minor (Plain Bob and Single Oxford): Penelope Ferris 1, Margaret Wilton 2, D. Wilton 3, P. Ferris 4, A. Howse 5, H. Oglesby (cond.) 6.

HYTHE, KENT. — On Jan 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P Chittenden (first Triples) 1, R. A. Birch (cond.) 2, Judy Brooks (first Triples "inside") 3, Pamela Court 4, Elizabeth Todd 5, R. J Birch 6, P C. Sinden 7, H. Porter 8.

KIRK ELLA, E. YORKS. — On Jan. 5th, 1,296 London Surprise Minor: A. B. Cooper 1, Mrs. D. S. Johnson 2 G K. Smith 3, F. C. Hobson 4, I. G. Campbell 5, D. S Johnson (cond.) 6

LANGDON HILLS, ESSEX.—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): D. Stott 1, J. Foster (most methods "inside") 2, G. Lucas 3, K. Lucas (cond.) 4, P. M. Fleckney 5, W. White 6.

LITTLE SHELFORD, CAMBS.—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. W. Balls 1, J. W. R. Quinney 2, T. Sherman 3, G. Easy 4, D. E. Sibson (cond.) 5, C. Hurst 6 Rung in memoriam Albert R. Hurst, interred this day.

LLANDAFF, GLAM. — At the Cathedral, on Jan. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Shelagh Plumb (first quarter) 1, Anne Cook 2, Mary Pryor 3, J. B. Plumb 4, D. G. Clift 5, N. W H. Simon (cond.) 6, D. S. Bishop 7, F. W. Corney 8. For Evensong.

QUARTER PEALS

LODERS, DORSET.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (five meth /var.): J. Hartung 1, D. B. Ellery 2, I. L. Andrews 3, M J. Hiller (cond.) 4, O. Homewood 5, A D. Case 6. A 20th wedding anniversary compliment to the ringer of 6.

LUTON, BEDS. — On Dec 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples A. E. Rushton 1, Mrs. H. M. Garrard 2, K. Lewin 3, A. J. Smith 4, G. Hawkins 5, H. Wood 6, D. Redfearn (cond.) 7, A. E. Butcher 8. Half-muffled for the passing of the old year.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—At All Saints' Church, on Jan. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: O. D. Tester 1, L Cullingworth 2, L. Head 3, T. Cullingworth 4, G. F. Cantrill 5, P. S. Muchlinski (cond.) 6, F Hogan 7, C. A. Tester 8, B. Baker 9, A. Macfadyen 10

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICS. — On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Holmes 1, R. Preston 2, Mrs. D. Day 3, H. Clayton 4, R. Looker 5, J. Day 6, R Manton (cond.) 7, A. French 8. Half-muffled before the midnight service.

NAILSEA, SOM. — On Jan 7th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): D. Wallis 1, L. Derrick 2, L. Childs 3, C Kortwright (cond.) 4, R. Boultbee 5, W. Neath 6.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARKS. — On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Doubles in five methods and six variations: Carol A. Eveleigh 1, W C. Budd 2, P. M. Edgson 3, J. G. Edgson 4, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 5, K. Rigby (first quarter) 6 Rung half-muffled in memoriam Miss Anniss Tomes, faithful church worker and chorister.

NORTHALLERTON, YORKS.—On Jan. 5th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. M. Town 1 Jill Dunning (first quarter) 2, J. Soar (first quarter) 3, A. Bashforth 4, M. Humphrey (first Major) 5, Jennifer A. Dunning 6, P. Town 7, D. Town (cond.) 8. First Major by a local band For Evensong

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS. — On Jan. 3rd, 1,280 Kent T.B Major: J. S. Hopwood 1, Susan V. Banks 2, Catherine A. Roberts 3, L. D. Smith 4, Elizabeth A. Banks 5, R. H. Roberts 6, A. J. Mason 7 D. C. Jackson (cond.) 8. First by all the band.

PATSHULL, STAFFS.—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles Bryony P. H. Moorby 1, R. B. Dorrington (first Grandsire as cond.) 2, D. J. Bates (first Grandsire "inside") 3, Gillian Bosworth-Smith 4, P. R. Johnson 5, S. W. Illidge 6.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—On Jan. 8th, at St. Mary's Church, Plympton, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Farnham 1, W. G Lavers 2, R. A Southwood (cond.) 3, G. J. L. Read 4, J. P. Sims 5, A. W. Myers 6, N. Mallett 7, W. Crump 8. Rung half-muffled to the memory of John Leonard Blagg, a much-loved and respected ringer and organist, interred earlied this day.

READING, BERKS. — At St. Giles' Church, on Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Joan Walker 1, T. Brown 2, Mrs. Pauline Dingley 3, Mrs. Joyce Vernon 4, Rev. D. J. Stoter (cond.) 5, K. Vernon 6. First quarter 1, 2, 6. First quarter by a local band for several years. Also on Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: I Bradley (first quarter) 1, Mrs. Joyce Vernon 2, Mrs. Pauline Dingley 3, T. Brown 4, Rev. D. J. Stoter (cond.) 5, K. Vernon 6.

REDMARLEY D'ABITOT, GLOS.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): Miss B. Luckes (first quarter) 1, Miss C. Manns 2, B. Prout 3, Miss G. Mitchell 4, E. D. Wilson (cond.) 5, D. Jones 6. A compliment to Rev. P. G. Young and Mrs. Young on their silver wedding, and for the christening of their first grandchild.

ROLVENDEN, KENT.—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Minor (two methods). Margaret Jenner 1, J. Hemsley 3, Jane Osenton 4, H. Deacon 5, O. Webster 6, B. Johnson (cond.) 7, R. Lebon 8.

ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK. — On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Cambridge Surprise Minor: C. Hancock 1, L. Wright 2, R Rose 3, B. Coley 4, L Nice 5, M. J. Rose (cond.) 6. For morning service.

SKIPTON-IN-CRAVEN, YORKS. — On Jan. 5th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: I. Cox 1, D. Featherstone 2, P. Laycock (first quarter) 3, A. Stott 4, M. Hillary 5, R. M. Harker 6, E. Lee 7, M. F. D. Burton (cond.) 8.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rosamund Brown 1, M. Hatchett 2, L. Stillwell 3, D. C. Brown 4, W. Birmingham (cond.) 5, J. C Birt 6, F. R. Scott 7, G. R. Shedden 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Audrey A. Butler (Thatcham), for many years a ringer at this church, died January 4th.

SANDY, BEDS. — On Dec. 31st-Jan. 1st, 1968-1969, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Mander 1, M. Clark 2, K. Baker 3, D. Carr 4, D. Goss (cond.) 5, P Clarke 6.

SOUTHWARK, S.E.—At the Cathedral, on Jan. 6th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: E J. Adams 1, Gwendoline G. Meyer 2, Rosemary J. Cotton 3, Deborah Bishop 4, R L. Jones 5, G. W. Shanks 6, J. W. Smith 7, J. R. Pratt 8, C. M. Meyer (cond.) 9, K. J Rider 10 For Epiphany.

SOLIHULL, WARKS.—On Jan 5th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: W. H. Leeson 1, Verona C. Naylor 2, Muriel Reay 3, Pamela M. Turner 4, C. W Bragg 5, E. J. Cole 6, V. Green 7 T. J. Warner (cond.) 8, G. E. Fearn 9, A. Crabtree 10. For evening service.

STONE, WORCS.—On Jan. 5th, 1,356 Plain Bob Minor A W. Glazzard 1, J. Warr 2, J. Hilder 3, B. C Ashford 4, R. Rudd 5, M. D. Fellows (cond.) 6. For morning service and as a farewell to Rev. Canon Rees Jones on his retirement as Vicar.

STRETTON-CUM-WETMORE, STAFFS.—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P Tomlinson (first of Minor) 1 D. Shrubbs (first Minor) 2, A. Hall 3, A. Fletcher 4, J. Collins 5, B. Manning (cond.) 6. A wedding compliment to Miss S Docksey and Mr. S. Sherratt.

TEWKESBURY GLOS. — On Jan. 5th. 1,253 Grandsire Cinques: A. C. Berry (cond.) 1, J. Attwood, jun. 2, Mrs. S. Drew 3, H. C. Spencer 4, G. J. Hemming 5, P. S. Robertson 6, S. T. Holt 7, M. Powell 8, J Attwood, sen. 9 H. B. Schofield 10, S. B Schofield 11, G. R. Drew 12.

THORLEY HERTS.—On Jan 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles A. Westwood (first quarter, aged 13) 1, K. Westwood 2, P Warboys (cond.) 3, W. Hunt 4, T. Camp 5.

THORNBURY, GLOS.—On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: P. Coward 1, C J. Bell 2, Miss J. E. Bell 3, G Collins 4, S. Poole 5, D. A. Chapman 6, E. G. Mould (cond.) 7, W C Exell 8. A 90th birthday compliment to W. G. Symes, the oldest ringer in Thornbury.

USK, MON.—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Richards 1, Mrs. S. Clench 2, F. Hobbs 3, G. Knight 4, L. Jones 5, S. Kear 6, D. Hughes (cond.) 7 R. Clench 8 For morning service.

WANSTEAD, ESSEX.—On Jan 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Moore 1, J. Chalk 2, E. Wright 3, J. Eyre 4, K A. Hughes (cond.) 5, M. Wareing 6. A compliment to James Chalk on the occasion of his 80th birthday.

WEST BRIDGFORD, NOTTS. — On Oct 27th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: C. Kessell 1, Janet Crossland (first "inside") 2, Penny Miller 3, Janet Thornton 4, P Else (cond.) 5, W. Ratcliffe 6 For Evensong on Choir Sunday Also on Dec 22nd, 1,260 Pl Bob Doubles: Janet Crossland 1, C. Kessell (first "inside") 2, Janet Thornton 3, P. Else (cond.) 4, W. Ratcliffe 5, Penny Miller 6. For the Service of Nine Lessons, and a 21st birthday compliment to Penny Miller.

WEST MEON, HANTS. — On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (five methods; 7, 6, 8 cover): Valerie Rushforth 1, Mary White 2, R. A. Stone 3, K G. Waller 4, C E. Bassett (cond.) 5, S. Ventham 6, F. W. Sherfield 7, R. L. Ventham 8. Rung as a thanksgiving for the old year

WARWICK.—At St. Nicholas' Church, on Nov. 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. Randall 1 G. Randall 2, Mrs R Randall 3, Clare F. Dolphin 4, I. Maycock 5, P. Border and J. L. Garner-Hayward 6, C. J. Gower (cond.) 7, R. Randall 8. Half-muffled for Remembrance Day. Also on Nov. 24th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: E. J. Gower 1, Miss P. Adams (first "inside") 2, Clare F. Dolphin 3, P. Border 4, P Randall 5, I. Maycock 6, R Randall 7, J. L. Garner-Hayward (cond.) 8. Rung for the dedication of a stained glass window to the memory of Mr. P. J Lees, for 55 years organist. Also on Dec 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Border 1, D. Randall 2, Mrs. D. Randall 3, Clare F. Dolphin 4, E. J. Gower 5, R Randall 6, J. L. Garner-Hayward 7 P. Randall (cond.) 8 Rung for the Parronal Festival.

WOOD GREEN, STAFFS. — On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. W. Illidge 1, Bryony P. Moorby 2, Gillian Bosworth-Smith 3, D. J. Bates 4, R B. Dorrington 5, P. R Johnson (cond.) 6. 25th quarter together 5 and 6.

WOOLAVINGTON, SOM.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. R. Marchant 1, Carol Kent (first "inside") 2, Eleanor Kent (first "inside") 3, E. T. Dibble 4, A. G. Kent (first as cond.) 5.

WOOLTON HILL, HANTS.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Sandra Collins 1, Ann M. Randall 2, C. Pack 3, Roberta L. Vass 4, R. J. Crocker (cond.) 5, P. L. Furniss 6. First quarter 1, 2 and 4.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Ilkley Selected for C.C. Meeting

Well over 100 members attended the January general meeting at Beverley. The attraction of the two beautiful tens at the Minster and St. Mary's churches was obvious from the packed belfries, but the other towers were far from empty. The service in the Minster was conducted by the new Vicar, while the Vicar of St. Mary's welcomed the Association at tea in St. Mary's Church Hall.

The meeting was held in the nave of St. Mary's Church as the hall was too small. Members were sad to hear of the deaths of two East Riding brothers, Henry and Leonard Rodmell, both of whom had belonged to the Association for more than 60 years. The four Central Council representatives elected were Messrs. N. Chaddock, W. E. Critchley, D. S. Johnson and W. F. Moreton. The president thanked Mr. E. Hudson, who had been a representative for the last three years, for the work he had done. Mr. J. Seager, who had been nominated, withdrew from the election. Two nominations for the office of president were received, those of Mr. V. Bottomley and Mr. N. Chaddock Dr. T. D. Spencer was nominated as peal secretary.

The president reported that the general committee intended to consider the resolution from the Leeds and District Society at its annual general meeting in February. The secretary reported that the sub-committee appointed to prepare for the Central Council's visit recommended that the venue be Ilkley. The meeting endorsed this decision.

Six new members were elected, all ladies: Kathryn Swann, Margaret Hirst, Rosemary Preston, Stella Brown, Gillian Try and Gillian Burling.

A comprehensive vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. T. Cox. He mentioned particularly Mr. C. Barker and Mr. J. N. D. Chaddock for making the local arrangements.

A DATE TOUCH

1,969 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

By PHILIP W. GAY

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First course: Start at backstroke, ringing Original. The first change is 13254768. Using 6th place bobs, call tenor to dodge in 7-8 down and then to make the bob. This produces 13256847, from which ring Plain Bob with a bob at Home to produce course end 3264578.

Contains 76 combination roll-ups with no 82s, 83s or 72s.

OVERHEARD

Overheard in a N. Yorks tower on beginners' practice night:—

Old hand, entering tower late and glancing at the ropes: "What's up?"

Nervous learner, clutching sally: "Nothing, I always stand like this."

CORRECTIONS AND ALTERATIONS

None available this week

BATH & WELLS ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Cary Branch was held at Castle Cary on January 25th, when Rev. G. S. Robinson and Preb. O. H. Skipwith were re-elected chairman and vice-chairman, Mr. R. Field was elected Ringing Master, Mr. C. Gratton and Mr K. Laver assistant Ringing Masters and Mr. L. McCreadie re-elected secretary.

Mr. David M. C. Hill, who had been Ringing Master for the past six years and had now left the diocese, was thanked for his services.

Silent tributes were paid to two members who had died since the last annual meeting—Mr. George Creed, a ringer at Castle Cary and member of the Association for over 60 years, and Mr. Gilbert Culling, of West Lydford, a member for over 40 years.

One new member from Ditcheat and two from Castle Cary were elected.

Meeting places for the ensuing year were fixed, subject to permission being granted, for Stoke Trister and Cucklington, Kingweston and Babcary and North Cadbury, with practices at Milborne Port, North Cadbury, West Lydford, Batcombe and Wincanton.

The general secretary, Mr. J. H. Gilbert, gave information on the ringing course to be held at North Cadbury in March.

The Rev P. Birkett (Vicar), Mrs. E. Stokes (organist) and the tea ladies were thanked for their services, and before a return was made to the belfry those present were entertained to some handbell ringing by a young band from Castle Cary, under the direction of Mrs. W. Sherrell.

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WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD

First Meeting of Christchurch and Southampton District

Despite the counter-attraction of the Saints versus Aston Villa cup tie, over 70 members of the Christchurch and Southampton District attended the annual District meeting held at the Church of the Ascension, Bitterne Park, on January 25th.

The meeting took place in the Church Hall after the company had enjoyed tea prepared by the ladies. Mr. Roger Savory, Master of the Guild, was in the chair. The acting hon. secretary of the District, Mrs. Gilian Davis, reported that the newly-formed District now included 18 towers with 177 ringing members, the balance sheet showing a proportionate increase in all columns. Thirty-one new members were elected.

District officers for the triennial period 1969/71 were elected as follows: Chairman, Mr. A. V. Davis (Christchurch Priory); vice-chairman, Mr. F. E. Collins (Ringwood); hon. secretary and treasurer, Mrs. G. W. Davis (Christchurch Priory); secretary's proxy, Mr. L. Smith (Fawley); representative to central committee, Mr. D. C. Jackson (Fawley); Ringing Masters, Mr. W. E. Cheater (Ringwood). Mr. J. Faithfull (Southampton), Mr. K. Croft (Southampton); hon. auditor, Mr. R. Hurst (Bournemouth).

Quarterly meetings for 1969 were arranged to take place as usual on the first Saturdays in March, June, September and December, with the annual District meeting at Christchurch on January 31st, 1970. Practice meetings were also arranged and it was unanimously decided that services should be held at all meetings of the District.

The Master drew attention to three important Guild events—the dinner in Southampton on March 22nd, the striking competition on May 10th and the annual general meeting at Christchurch on July 5th.

After votes of thanks, Evensong with ringers' hymns was sung at 6 p.m., and the bells of Bitterne Park and St. Mary's were rung during the evening. Thus concluded a very happy and successful meeting. G. W. D.

JUBILEE ISSUES NOW AVAILABLE

Another package of Jubilee Issues of "The Ringing World" (March 24th, 1961) has been found. This number, which gives an historical survey of the journal, is obtainable, price 1s. 6d., from "The Ringing World" Office, c/o Seven Corners Press, Onslow Street, Guildford.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. George Robson, who rang in a peal of Major at Banwell, Somerset, rang in his last peal 40 years ago.

Mr. Eric N. Harrison, of the Durham and Newcastle Association, has rung 300 peals of Surprise.

Mr. Neil Bennett announces that there will be an attempt for a peal of Spliced Surprise Maximus by members of the Lancashire Association at Walsall, Staffs, on Saturday, March 1st, at 2.30 p.m.

After the peal of Plain Bob Major at St. Giles', Reading, on January 4th, the band were kindly entertained to a sumptuous tea by the Curate, the Rev. D. J. Stoter, who scored his first peal of Major. Geoff Dodd has now rung peals at all five Reading towers.

The bells of St. Helen's Church, Lea, Gainsborough, were rung on January 27th to the memory of a former Bishop of Bristol, the Rt. Rev. F. A. Cockin, who was born in the village 80 years ago. His father, the Rev. C. E. Cockin, was Rector of Lea from 1874 to 1894.

Mr. J. Henry Dove rang his first peal of Surprise "inside" at Leire, Leics. It was for his 61st birthday!

The first peal of London Surprise Royal on the bells of Bath Abbey was rung by the Ancient Society of College Youths on January 25th.

Mr. D. Ellisdon, of Ilford, was made very welcome in three Sydney towers during a flying four-day visit to Australia early this year. "Australian hospitality can certainly be recommended," he adds.

Bristol University Society rang a silent and non-conducted peal of Stedman Cinques on the occasion of their annual dinner on January 25th. It was rung at St. Woolos' Cathedral, Newport.

A new ringing Society has been formed in Cheltenham—the Cheltenham College Campanology Society. Its ten members are receiving instruction, by permission of the Rector, at Leckhampton Church on Tuesday afternoons. Ringers' help welcomed in the tower, or gifts of books.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

COLLEGE YOUTHS MOVE TO NEW MEETING ROOM

For almost the first time for some years there were empty seats at the last four-weekly meeting of the Ancient Society of College Youths. This was not because the attendance at the meeting had dropped—there were over 50 members present—but because the Society was holding its first meeting in its new meeting room at the Lord Raglan, St. Martin's-le-Grand, E.C., which is a much larger room than the one where it had been meeting for the last nine years at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane.

Ever since the College Youths changed in 1962 from having their business meetings on Saturday evenings to holding them after the Tuesday evening practices at St. Paul's the number of members attending has been growing steadily, and the point had been reached where it was a normal thing to see a dozen or more members unable to find seats in the upstairs room at the Rising Sun. This and other considerations led the officers of the Society to start looking for an alternative meeting room near to St. Paul's which would be big enough for the usual numbers. Several places were investigated, but eventually it was agreed that the Lord Raglan was the only suitable one. Although even this meeting place has its drawbacks, members were on the whole favourable in their comments about the move. It is hoped that the Society will stay there for many years to come.

Besides the change of meeting room another notable feature of the last business meeting was that the members were able to offer their congratulations to Air Commodore J. S. Mason on his recent promotion and on his being awarded the C.B.E. in the New Year Honours List. W. T. C.

PUBLICITY AT ISLEWORTH

"Sundial", the parish magazine of Isleworth Parish Church, has a good centre page spread on "Bellringing—An Exciting Hobby". Four illustrations of bells and ringing enhance its value. The tower Master (Mr. Harold Rogers) divides his appeal under three headings: Friends Everywhere; Social Activities; Who Are Ringers? He has rung in 900 different towers in 56 counties in the British Isles.

The article concludes: "At Isleworth we are constantly teaching new recruits and **would like to invite more trainees** to join our present course, which consists principally of trainees from the Green School and Borough Road College. Come along to the tower any Friday at 8 p.m., or telephone 560-3921."

A GOOD CHARITY EFFORT

Winterbourne (Gloucestershire) Handbell Ringers, led by Terry Jefferies, raised no less than £50 last Christmas for the Parish Church Restoration Fund. This makes a total of over £200 raised by the team over the last four years for various charities. Later this year a handbell festival and caravan rally is being organised as a joint effort with Frampton Cotterell ringers to raise funds for the respective parish churches.

MR. JOHN R. MAYNE RINGS 1,000 PEALS

There will be widespread congratulations to Mr. John R Mayne, of St. Albans, Herts, on ringing his 1,000th peal. This took place at Barnet on January 25th and was London Surprise Major, composed and conducted by Roger Baldwin.

John is the 31st ringer to reach the 1,000 peals mark and at 35 the second youngest, Peter Border being three years his junior when he accomplished this feat. Much of his success is due to his father, the late Cecil C. Mayne, who taught him. His first peal at the age of 12 was on the second bell to Cambridge Surprise Major, and while 12 he rang peals of Stedman Triples, Cambridge, Superlative, London, Bristol, Yorkshire and 4-Spliced Surprise Major, all on "inside" bells.

Particulars of his ringing career and peals will appear in a later issue.

WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH'S TRAINING SCHEME

Almost two years ago the Wellingborough Branch committee germinated the idea of organised help for towers struggling to train a band with only one or two experienced ringers of their own.

The committee themselves combined to visit the first tower needing help on its own practice night, and it must be emphasised that these people went not to ring "advanced" methods themselves but to make up bands for rounds and simple methods so that the local learners might make progress which had previously been out of reach.

After a few months, when an already overworked committee were finding this timetable a little difficult to honour, they decided that although they were on the "right track" this "track" required rethinking slightly.

At a Branch meeting volunteers were asked for to take part in a training scheme and 12 such volunteers were readily obtained. These were grouped into three sections, one section to go per week to the tower being assisted, so that each group was only committed for one practice night every three weeks.

Another tower had already requested assistance, and the second training scheme commenced. This was immediately more successful than at the previous tower—people were more willing to go and help teach one week in three than every week, and continuity was still achieved since the scheme was fairly lengthy, and in any case the one or two local experienced ringers were always present.

This brings me to what is perhaps the most significant point in the scheme. The rôle of the visiting, experienced ringers was never to dominate the local tower captain. Rather were they there to give the local captain the fund of able ringers he needed in order efficiently to train his own learners in his own way.

Since then we have turned our attention to a third tower in the Branch which was in some difficulty, and perhaps a conclusion which speaks for itself is that this tower rang a quarter peal at Christmas time with an all-local band.

This is not to say that we are now satisfied or complacent—by no means! We hope to help another tower after our helpers have had a much-needed breathing space, and we will amend our scheme, as ever, as new and better ideas are put to us. A. E. S.

FINDING THE BELLE OF THE BELFRY

The South Sussex meeting at Hurstpierpoint on January 18th followed the familiar pattern until the bells were lowered. The belfry was packed and ringing for all tastes was ably directed by Peter Hepburn.

When the bells were silent we were all invited by the local band to join in their social evening. The parish hall was bright, warm and gaily decorated for the occasion, and soon party games were being efficiently organised by Stan and Harry Brown. While we were getting our breath back the Hurst ringers presented a playlet by "Checkoff" which we loudly applauded. After being fortified by snacks and coffee we turned to the serious business of choosing the "Belle of the Belfry, 1969". For this purpose a "swinging" with-it computer was used to judge the 17 entrants. As Susan Davis got switched on the fiendish device went berserk and blew up in her favour. Duly invested with crown and sash, and kissed by the curate, Susan, of Southampton University, was a popular, as well as an electronic, choice.

It was then time for the men to show a leg, and the lady judges were asked to choose "Mr. Knobbly Knees, 1969". Albert Bond had no trouble in winning this title hands down! Then, decorated with a scarlet sash, monster medal and with his prize knobbles protected with bell muffles, old "leatherknees" ran two laps of honour round the applauding company. This wonderful evening drew to a close as we all joined hands for "Auld Lang Syne" and departed into the night, taking with us a deep sense of the traditional good fellowship of ringers made manifest both in and out of the belfry of Hurstpierpoint. A. V. S.

PILTON BELLS OVERHAUL

A series of events, including a ball at the Queen's Hall, Barnstaple, is being planned to raise £3,000 for the restoration of Pilton Parish Church, Barnstaple. The appeal, launched in October, has almost reached £2,000 and includes £500 from the stewardship plan operating in the parish. When the money has been raised the bells will be overhauled by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

MR. PALMER LEAVES KENT

On February 1st Mr. Cyril Palmer left the Lewisham District of Kent, where he had been a ringer since the mid-1920s. His ringing career began at St. Mary's, Woolwich, and in 1930 he rang in the first peal by the Guild of Servants of the Sanctuary.

For 33 years Mr Palmer was captain of the band at St. John's, Sidcup, and during that time he taught numerous beginners to handle a bell. A notable achievement, under his leadership, was the raising of sufficient money by the Sidcup ringers for the restoration of the bells in 1944.

The Lewisham District wish Mr. Palmer every happiness in his new post as verger at St. Mary's, Walton-on-Thames, Surrey.

1968 PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
PYLLE, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury.
On Mon., June 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 13 lb. in G.

Christopher R. Jenkins	Treble	Roger G. Edwards	4
*Martin M. Whiteley	2	Michael G. Bartlett	5
Leonard A. England	3	Richard C. Taylor	Tenor

Conducted by Richard C. Taylor.
* First peal.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
MORPETH, Northumberland.—At the Watch Tower.
On Tues., Dec. 31, 1968, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

John E. Anderson	Treble	*Colin C. Monson	5
Christine H. Telfer	2	John H. Taylor	6
Michael Maughan	3	George S. Deas	7
James Crowther	4	Eric N. Harrison	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Eric N. Harrison.
* First peal in the method. The conductor's 50th on the bells.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
GREAT GADDESDEN, Herts.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
On Tues., Dec. 31, 1968, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Oxford T.B., Cambridge S., Kent T.B., Double Oxford B., St. Clement's, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

C. Valerie Mills	Treble	Francis M. Byrne	4
D. Joseph Goodman	2	Stephen J. Crawley	5
Walter Ayre	3	Brian M. Barker	Tenor

Conducted by Walter Ayre.
Rung as a thanksgiving for the life and generosity of Mrs. J. L. Wood, of Gaddesden Hoo.

ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Stephen.
On Tues., Dec. 31, 1968, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.

*Christine M. Leslie	Treble	Anthony R. Carter	4
Gerald Penney	2	Robert E. Hardy	5
Katherine S. Hardy	3	Eric Edmondson	Tenor

Conducted by Gerald Penney.
* First peal.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
ASHFORD, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Tues., Dec. 31, 1968, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in E flat.

*Helen Rowland	Treble	‡Frederick G. Huckstepp	5
Brenda M. Davies	2	Colin J. E. Wyld	6
Margaret M. Jones	3	Nicholas J. Davies	7
†Barry M. Cox	4	*John Wood	Tenor

Composed by H. Hubbard. Conducted by Nicholas J. Davies.
* First peal. † First of Triples. ‡ 200th peal.
Rung half-muffled for the passing of the old year; also to the memory of Daniel Godden, late Ashford ringer, who died on December 27th.

EGERTON, Kent.—At the Church of St. James.
On Mon., Dec. 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being one extent each of Norbury, Kingston, Duke of Norfolk, Sandal, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure and Oxford.
Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

*Clarissa Miller	Treble	†Roger Sutehall	4
Peter F. T. Smith	2	*Paul Miller	5
†Peter Haydon Smith	3	Alexander Waddington	Tenor

Conducted by Alexander Waddington.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
HEYWOOD, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Luke.
On Mon., Dec. 30, 1968, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in E flat.

Christine Andrew	Treble	Richard S. Starkie	5
*Roland W. Morant	2	Michael J. Platt	6
Edward Jenkins	3	Jeffrey Brannan	7
John P. Partington	4	J. Barry Pickup	Tenor

Composed by W. Barton. Conducted by J. Barry Pickup.
* First peal in the method.
An engagement compliment to Maureen Welsh, ringer at this church, and Gwyn Murfet, of Soham, Cambs.

PENWORTHAM, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Tues., Dec. 31, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in A sharp.

*John R. Ridley	Treble	*Neil T. E. Burnett	5
Geoffrey Fothergill	2	David J. Bennett	6
†A. John Illingworth	3	R. Keith Lister	7
‡David C. Makin-Taylor	4	James E. Andrews	Tenor

Composed by Christopher P. Starbuck.
Conducted by James E. Andrews.
* 25th peal. † 25th of Surprise. ‡ First in the method "inside". First in the method as conductor.

WHITWORTH, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.
On Tues., Dec. 31, 1968, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb.

Richard S. Starkie	Treble	Michael H. Tompsett	5
*Christine Broadley	2	J. Barry Pickup	6
Edward Jenkins	3	Michael J. Platt	7
John P. Partington	4	Jeffrey Brannan	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Michael J. Platt.
* First peal of Surprise "inside".

BLACKBURN, Lancashire.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
On Tues., Dec. 31, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents on the front six.

*Susan E. Hill	Treble	M. John Halliwell	4
Jack Pickup	2	Philip S. Woods	5
Bryan D. Hill	3	John T. Parsons	Tenor

Conducted by John T. Parsons.
* First peal.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
SHARNFORD, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Helen.
On Tues., Dec. 31, 1968, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in seven methods, viz.: (1) Double Court, (2) Beverley Surprise, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Oxford T.B., (5) Kent T.B., (6) St. Clement's, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in G.

J. Harry Dove	Treble	*Neville W. Price	4
William Johnson	2	Stephen C. Wells	5
Robin A. Gilliver	3	K. Paul Gilliver	Tenor

Conducted by K. Paul Gilliver.
* First peal in more than one method "inside".
A birthday compliment to W. S. Palmer, of Leire.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
ABINGDON, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Helen.
On Tues., Dec. 31, 1968, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E flat.

J. Richard Poole	Treble	Michael C. E. Hodge	5
Catherine A. Salter	2	Melvyn J. Hiller	6
Anne M. Carpenter	3	A. Keith P. Poole	7
Jonathan R. Rowson	4	Christopher I. Rowson	Tenor

Conducted by Christopher I. Rowson.

YARNTON, Oxon.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.
On Sat., Dec. 28, 1968, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 23 cwt. in D.

Hilary Osborne	Treble	Michael W. Coleman	4
James F. List	2	Peter G. Holden	5
Roy H. Jones	3	John Pladdys	Tenor

Conducted by John Pladdys.

DORNEY, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. James-the-Less.
On Tues., Dec. 31, 1968, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in ten methods: Double Court Bob, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Cambridge Surprise, Single and Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's College Bob, Double Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 6¼ cwt.

Leonard Stillwell	Treble	David C. Brown	4
Monica Blagrove	2	Frank C. Price	5
William Birmingham	3	Frank T. Blagrove	Tenor

Conducted by Frank T. Blagrove.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Mon., Dec. 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5184 IVINGHOE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. in F.

A. Patrick Cannon	Treble	Barrie Hendry	5
Shirley E. Ruddlesden	2	Stanley M. Ruddlesden	6
Bridget Bates	3	Graham C. Paul	7
Malcolm J. V. Chown	4	Alan A. Paul	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Graham C. Paul.
First peal in the method on the bells, for the Guild, and by all.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

COTTESBROOKE, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Tues., Dec. 31, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DELIGHT MINOR

Being seven extents in seven 3rds place Delight methods, viz.: (1) Disley, (2) Ely, (3) Wilmslow, (4) Rostherne, (5) Barham, (6) Pembroke, (7) Berkeley. Tenor 14 cwt. 21 lb. in F.

Stanley M. Ruddlesden	Treble	Barrie Hendry	4
Alan A. Paul	2	Graham C. Paul	5
Shirley E. Ruddlesden	3	Malcolm J. V. Chown	Tenor

Conducted by Graham C. Paul.

First peal in seven Delight Minor methods for the Guild.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

SHELFORD, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Dec. 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5160 SPLICED DOUBLES

Being 43 extents in 129 different plain methods: (1) Plain, Boxford, Canutesby; (2) R. Canterbury, Dorton, Raveningham; (3) Shipway's Place, Tandridge, Colnbrook; (4) R. St. Bartholomew, Bedfordshire, Poyle; (5) All Saints, Berkshire, Runemede; (6) R. St. Sebastian, Bristol, Colne; (7) Minster, Buckinghamshire, Cambridgeshire; (8) Wainfleet, Cheshire, Cornwall; (9) Chase, Cumberland, Derbyshire; (10) Devon, Dorset, Durham; (11) Essex, Gloucestershire, Hampshire; (12) St. Simon, Rugby, Braywood; (13) St. Martin, Slapton, Welford; (14) St. Osmund, Merton, Longworth; (15) Eynesbury, Caunton, Sutton-on-Trent; (16) St. Nicholas, Longford, Fundenhall; (17) Winchendon, Thornborough, Haddiscoe; (18) St. Remigius, Hascombe, Harpley; (19) Huntley, Norwell, Ossington; (20) Westminster II, Chesham, Knapton; (21) Blackburn, Broughton, Lyng; (22) St. Hilary, Ockham, Intwood; (23) Dragon, Bilborough, Strelley; (24) New, Itchingfield, Forncett; (25) Huntspill, Oakley, Ellingham; (26) St. Vedast, Chipstead, Bedingham; (27) Blaisdon, Shelford, Screveton; (28) Hertfordshire, Huntingdonshire, Kent; (29) Lancashire, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire; (30) London, Northamptonshire, Northumberland; (31) Nottinghamshire, Oxfordshire, Rutland; (32) Shropshire, Somerset, Staffordshire; (33) Suffolk, Surrey, Sussex; (34) Warwickshire, Westmorland, Wiltshire; (35) Worcestershire, Yorkshire, Monmouthshire; (36) R. Union, Bedfont, Londonthorpe; (37) R. St. Faith, Boveney, Casthorpe; (38) R. St. Julian, Eton, Manthorpe; (39) St. Owen, Brecon, Nunthorpe; (40) Maltby, Cardiganshire, Caernarvonshire; (41) Chevasse, Denbighshire, Flintshire; (42) Callender, Glamorgan, Merionethshire; (43) Montgomeryshire, Pembrokeshire, Radnorshire; with 300 changes of method. No bobs used. Tenor 12½ cwt.

Christine L. J. Mills	Treble	R. Brian Mills	3
David Lazzerine	2	Simon Humphrey	4
George A. Dawson	Tenor		

Conducted by Simon Humphrey.

Most methods to a peal by all the band, and for the Guild. This is the greatest number of methods ever rung in a peal of Doubles.

HOLME PIERREPONT, Notts.—At the Church of St. Edmund.
On Tues., Dec. 31, 1968, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 3½ extents of Oxford Bob and 3½ of Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. in F.

Pamela J. Clifton	Treble	Maurice W. Harrison	4
Ruth Blackshaw	2	W. Gordon Marsh	5
Elizabeth J. Foster	3	*George A. Dawson	Tenor

Conducted by George A. Dawson.

* 175th peal. W. Gordon Marsh has now "circled the tower".

A birthday compliment to Joyce M. Marsh.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

GRUNDISBURGH, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Tues., Dec. 31, 1968, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

Muriel R. Page	Treble	Vernon Bedford	5
Andrew T. Beckwith	2	Ernest G. Pearce	6
Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzey	3	Cecil W. Pipe	7
Stephen Bedford	4	Leslie G. Brett	Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Leslie G. Brett.

Rung half-muffled for the passing of the old year.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ROTHERHAM, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints
On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1968, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 34¼ cwt.

Ron Ducker	Treble	David Nichols	6
Richard E. Price	2	*Alec Beaumont	7
Ian G. Campbell	3	Norman Chaddock	8
*John Leary	4	Stuart Armeson	9
Neil Donovan	5	John N. D. Chaddock	Tenor

Arranged by Stuart Armeson. Conducted by John Leary.

* First peal of Royal.

(The Beverley and District Society.)

HEDON, East Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Augustine.
On Mon., Dec. 30, 1968, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in E.

Stephen K. Thompson	Treble	*Ross A. Bradley	5
*Gwynneth C. Ducker	2	†David Cook	6
Maris C. Stephenson	3	John R. Leary	7
Roderick R. Horton	4	Ronald Ducker	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by John R. Leary

* First peal of Major. † First of Major "inside".

Rung in respectful memory of Harry Rodmell, of St. James', Sutton-on-Hull.

COLLINGHAM, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Oswald.
On Tues., Dec. 31, 1968, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents as follows: (1) Spliced Kent and Oxford T.B., (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Oxford T.B., (4) Kent T.B., (5) St. Clement's Bob, (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt. in B flat.

Philip Moorhouse	Treble	Gerald Parsons	4
Mrs. H. D. Holland	2	Brian G. Moorhouse	5
*Gerald Nutton	3	H. David Holland	Tenor

Conducted by H. David Holland.

* First peal.

For the passing of the old year

HANDBELL PEALS

THREE HANDBELL PEALS IN ONE DAY

Saturday, December 28th, 1968.

ALL RUNG FOR THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

AUDLEM, Cheshire.—At Churchfields.
In 1 Hour and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In five methods, being one extent of Grandsire and Rev. St. Bartholomew, two of All Saints and six of Rev. Canterbury and Plain Bob; 12 variations (22 extents), and one extent each of four spliced variations. Tenor size 18 in G.

Geoffrey A. Edwards	1–2	John R. Scott	3–4
Frank R. Morton (cond.)	5–6		

AUDLEM, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. James-the-Great.
In 1 Hour and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 13 in E.

Geoffrey A. Edwards	1–2	John R. Scott	3–4
Frank R. Morton (cond.)	5–6		

AUDLEM, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. James-the-Great.
In 1 Hour and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In five methods, being one extent each of Grandsire and Rev. St. Bartholomew and two of All Saints, Rev. Canterbury and Plain Bob; two extents each of 12 variations and two each of five spliced variations. Tenor size 20 in E.

Geoffrey A. Edwards	1–2	John R. Scott (cond.)	3–4
*Frank R. Morton	5–6		

* 50th peal "in hand". This is the first time all the ringers have rung three peals in one day.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Bettyfold.
On Sun., Dec. 29, 1968, in 1 Hour and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 REVERSE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 14 in D.

Joseph Whalley	1–2	Mary W. Whalley	3–4
Kevin M. Price	5–6		

Conducted by Kevin M. Price.

First peal in the method by all the band.

HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Bettyfold.
On Mon., Dec. 30, 1968, in 1 Hour and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 14 in D.

Joseph Whalley	1–2	Mary W. Whalley	3–4
Kevin M. Price (cond.)	5–6		

First peal in the method by all the band.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

PRESTBURY, Cheshire.—At West Pines, Dale Brow.
On Tues., Dec. 10, 1968, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

David Atkinson	1–2	Gerald Moorhouse	5–6
C. Kenneth Lewis	3–4	John Gander	7–8

Composed by John Reeves. Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION
ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire.—At 114, Park Street Lane.
On Mon., Dec. 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 30 methods, comprising 320 each of Eastcote and London and 160 each of Acton, Aldenham, Ashtead, Berkshire, Bristol, Cambridge, Dublin, Ealing, Elford, Hereford, Highgate, Hitchin, Langley, Leatherhead, Lincolnshire, Lindum, Northwood, Painswick, Pudsey, Radlett, Rutland, Shoreditch, Superlative, Uxbridge, Watford, Wembley, Yeading and Yorkshire; with 159 changes of method. Tenor size 13 in E.

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

Composed and Conducted by John R Mayne

ST ALBANS, Hertfordshire.—At 18, Sandfield Road.
On Tues., Dec. 31, 1968, in 1 Hour and 43 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 11 in G.

*Frances Dodds	1–2	†Geoffrey Dodds	3–4
Joyce Dodds (cond.)	5–6		

* First peal "in hand". † 250th peal.
A birthday compliment to the conductor.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
(and the Humphrey Perkins School Campanological Society)
BARROW-ON-SOAR, Leicestershire.—At 66, Melton Road
On Tues., Dec. 31, 1968, in 1 Hour and 53 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

E. M. Atkins' Tenor size 12 in F sharp.

Dan S. Pont	1–2	David F. Moore (cond.)	5–6
Rupert A Clarke	3–4	B Stedman Payne	7–8

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
PADDINGTON, London.—At 16b, Sutherland Place.
On Mon., Dec. 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Tenor size 11 in G.

John R. Ketteringham	1–2	*Peter G. Holden	3–4
John Pladdys (cond.)	5–6		

* First peal of Doubles "in hand"

1969 PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
BANWELL, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Andrew
On Sat., Jan. 4, 1969, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 4 lb. in D

Roy W. Rice	Treble	David G. Massey	5
Michael Dodson	2	*George Robson	6
George W. Massey	3	Geoffrey Hebden	7
Peter J. England	4	Walter S. Rice	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by George W Massey
* First peal for 40 years
Rung to celebrate 20 years' service by the Rev. J. Bromwich as Vicar of Banwell

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THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
BOWDON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin
On Sat., Jan. 4, 1969, in 4 Hours and 47 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 8064 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 8 lb. in E.

Brian J. Woodruffe	Treble	Edward Jenkins	5
Michael J. Platt	2	Bernard F. L. Groves	6
Basil Jones	3	Brian Harris	7
Robert B. Smith	4	Jeffrey Brannan	Tenor

Composed by Michael J. Platt. Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

CHELFORD, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist.
On Sat., Jan. 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Oxford and Kent T. Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.

John R. Scott	Treble	Christopher J. Jones	4
David A. Godfrey	2	Frank R. Morton	5
Geoffrey A. Edwards	3	Harry W. Howard	Tenor

Conducted by Harry W. Howard.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
STAVERTON, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin
On Sat., Jan. 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr 26 lb

Roger J. Shea	Treble	Hugh J. Baker	4
P. Ann Pilgrim	2	John K. Foot	5
Hazel A. Mackenzie	3	John H. Fielden	Tenor

Conducted by John H. Fielden.
Rung with the best wishes of the band to Bob Sherriff and Delphine Holman, married at Southam earlier in the day.

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION
BRIDEKIRK, Cumberland.—At the Church of St. Bridget
On Sat., Jan. 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt 3 qr. 1 lb. in G sharp

Mary W. Whalley	Treble	Alan Capstick	4
Joseph Whalley	2	Brian Street	5
Geoffrey Tembey	3	Kevin M. Price	Tenor

Conducted by Kevin M. Price.
Rung to celebrate the recent centenary of the building of this church

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THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
BUXTON, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Peter, Fairfield
On Wed., Jan. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.

Timothy Wylie	Treble	Kenneth R. Davenport	5
Ann M. Smith	2	Rev. R. D. St. John Smith	6
*Richard King	3	Alex Richardson	7
Sidney Hough	4	Philip G. K. Davies	Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by Philip G. K. Davies.
* First peal of Yorkshire "inside"

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
SHILDON, County Durham.—At the Church of St. John
On Sat., Jan. 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr 8 lb. in F sharp.

John H. Taylor	Treble	George S. Deas	5
Enid Lawson	2	James W Belshaw	6
Malcolm E. Johnson	3	Michael Maughan	7
James Crowther	4	*Eric N. Harrison	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin Conducted by Michael Maughan
* 300th peal of Surprise.

STAINDROP, County Durham.—At the Church of St. Mary
On Sat., Jan 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5184 LINDUM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 21 lb. in F sharp.

*James Crowther	Treble	John H. Taylor	5
Ann Lawson	2	Eric N. Harrison	6
Malcolm E. Johnson	3	James W. Belshaw	7
George S. Deas	4	*Michael Maughan	Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. Speed. Conducted by Michael Maughan.
* 100th peal together. First in the method by all the band, and for the Association.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
(The Southend and District Guild.)
THORPE BAY, Essex.—At the Church of St. Augustine
On Sat., Jan 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 16 cwt. 18 lb. in F.

Gerald A. Bacon	Treble	Bernard C. Sadler	5
Alfred J. House	2	Lawrence J. Beal	6
Hubert H Furminger	3	David Sloman	7
Gerald D. J. Sandwell	4	Stephen G. Halliwell	Tenor

Composed by Henry Hubbard. Conducted by David Sloman
Rung to mark the winding up of the Southend and District Guild

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THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
MISTLEY, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Wed., Jan. 1. 1969, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In ten methods, as follows: (1) London Sur., (2) Norwich Sur, (3) York Sur., (4) Cambridge and Ipswich Sur., (5) St. Clement's and Double Oxford Bob, (6) Kent and Oxford T.B., (7) Plain Bob
Tenor 12½ cwt

Yvonne A. Murray	Treble	Walter Arnold	4
Peter G. Pitt	2	Frank B. Lufkin	5
Bernard W. Fairhead	3	James L. Towler	Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
HIGHWORTH, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Thurs., Jan. 2, 1969, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5024 UXBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

*Shirley E. Ruddlesden	Treble	†Peter H. Mackie	5
*Anita D. O'Brien	2	Derek J. Carr	6
*Stanley M. Ruddlesden	3	Anthony R. Peake	7
Anthony J. Cox	4	Stephen F. Royal	Tenor

Composed by John R. Mayne. Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.
* First peal in the method. † 50th peal. First in the method on the bells, and for the Association. Tenor 18 cwt.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
GUILDFORD, Surrey.—At the Cathedral Church of the Holy Spirit.
On Sat., Jan. 4, 1969, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 30 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in D.

Charles W. Munday	Treble	Peter Blight	6
*David W James	2	†William J. Munton	7
Alan D. Elsmore	3	Alan D. Flood	8
Alan J. Smith	4	Roy D. Mills	9
Tony Skilton	5	Peter J. Munday	Tenor

Composed by H. J. Tucker. Conducted by Peter J. Munday.
* 100th peal † First of Royal.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
BERKHAMSTED, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Jan. 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED PLAIN BOB AND CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

Gerald Penney	Treble	Anthony R. Carter	5
*Roger King	2	Thomas J. Lock	6
Eric Edmondson	3	John E. Ewer	7
Julian D. Duggan	4	Bertram C. Johnson	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Bertram C. Johnson.
* 50th peal.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
ERITH, Kent.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
On Fri., Jan. 3, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods: 1,184 Bristol and 1,280 each of Cambridge, London and Superlative; with 110 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 15 cwt. in F sharp

Andrew J. Corby	Treble	Herbert E. Audsley	5
Richard Hayes	2	Trevor A. Cross	6
Judith M. Corby	3	D. Paul Smith	7
Frederick J. Cullum	4	Philip A. Corby	Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.

COLEMAN'S HATCH, Sussex.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Jan. 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in G.

Peter R. Butler	Treble	*Phillip A. Butler	5
Judith M. Corby	2	Philip J. Simmonds	6
Andrew J. Corby	3	Philip A. Corby	7
*Nicholas C. V. Pollock	4	Richard Hayes	Tenor

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Andrew J. Corby.
* First peal in the method.
The band offer their congratulations to Bob and Hilary Hinde on the birth of their daughter on January 3rd

WROTHAM, KENT.—At the Church of St. George.
On Sat., Jan. 4, 1969, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
27 course block reduced. Tenor 20 cwt. 10 lb in E flat.

Peter M. Wilkinson	Treble	John A. Howard	5
Peter D. J. Beal	2	*Michael H. O'Callaghan	6
Valerie J. Howard	3	Simon A. B. Wigg	7
Nicholas J. Chesson	4	Tony Lewis	Tenor

Conducted by Simon A. B. Wigg.
* 150th peal.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the fourth.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
DALTON-IN-FURNESS, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Wed., Jan. 1, 1969, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

James E. Burles	Treble	Nicholas M. Newby, sen.	6
Thomas F. Metcalfe	2	*G. Alan Metters	7
Ernest Bennett	3	Kevin M. Price	8
Alan Capstick	4	William Wall	9
Geoffrey Tembey	5	John Bagnall	Tenor

Composed by J. Armiger Trollope. Conducted by William Wall.
* First peal of Bob Royal.
Rung to welcome the New Year.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
ASTON, Warwickshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Jan. 4, 1969, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5136 BEDFORD SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 24 cwt 3 qr. 18 lb. in D.

Graham C. Paul	Treble	David J. Marshall	7
Beryl E. Cawser	2	Alan A. Paul	8
W. Eric Critchley	3	Geoffrey W. Randall	9
E. Alan Jacques	4	D. John Hunt	10
J Edward Cawser	5	Russell S. Morris	11
Brian Bladen	6	Richard E. Price	Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.

YARDLEY, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Edburgha.
On Wed., Jan. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in F sharp.

*Anthony J. Cox	Treble	Dan S. Pont	5
Eileen J. Goodall	2	Robin A. Gilliver	6
K. Paul Gilliver	3	*Peter C. Randall	7
J. Edward Cawser	4	B. Stedman Payne	Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.
* 50th peal together

LEICESTER.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Thurs., Jan. 2, 1969, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 WORCESTERSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in A.

Malcolm E. Wade	Treble	Robin A Gilliver	5
Monica M. Jelley	2	David F. Moore	6
K. Paul Gilliver	3	John M. Jelley	7
Martin Green	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Guild.

STONEY STANTON, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Jan. 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

A. James Poynor	Treble	Brian L. Burrows	5
John Watkins	2	K. Paul Gilliver	6
Christopher Sturgess	3	William Johnson	7
Robin A. Gilliver	4	Roland H. Cook	Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Roland H. Cook.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
LINCOLN.—At the Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
On Sat., Jan. 4, 1969, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in D.

Harold F. Gibson	Treble	Phillip C. Pitchford	7
Jack L. Millhouse	2	John Walden	8
A. Robin Heppenstall	3	Raymond F. Smith	9
David Phillipson	4	Peter A. Sharp	10
*Christopher J. Sharp	5	Geoffrey Paul	11
George E. Feirn	6	Geoffrey R. Parker	Tenor

Composed by Richard A. G. Inglis. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* 25th peal.

(The North Lindsey Branch.)
GRIMSBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sat., Jan. 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 27 lb.

*Stephen Hopkins	Treble	*David W. Bee	4
Frank Kennington	2	John H. Parker	5
Robert A. Gillies	3	Arthur Pashley	Tenor

Conducted by Arthur Pashley
* First peal.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Martin Walker, Ringing Master at Ulceby.

THE LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

DAVENTRY, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of the Holy Cross. On Sat., Jan. 4, 1969, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb

Geoffrey C. Sparling	Treble	David F. Moore	6
Susan D. Cowan	2	Michael Pilgrim	7
V. David Jenner	3	Peter S. Bennett	8
David G Wilford	4	Richard S. Starkie	9
Cyril Crossthwaite	5	Jeffrey J. Fox	Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe. Conducted by Cyril Crossthwaite

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

ST. BRIDE'S MAJOR, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Bridget On Sat., Jan. 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two 240s and 34 extents of Grandsire, two Plain Bob and two (var.) April Day. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

*Cyril Phillips	Treble	Harold Preece	4
D. R. Lynn Jones	2	William T. Petty	5
D. Walford Davies	3	Graham A. Evans	Tenor

Conducted by William T. Petty

* First peal away from the tenor

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

WILLESDEN, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary On Thurs., Jan 2, 1969, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 WHALLEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A

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

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by G William Critchley

First peal in the method by all

HARROW, Middx.—At the Church of St. Mary, Harrow-on-the-Hill. On Sat., Jan. 4, 1969, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's transposition. Tenor 19 cwt. 4 lb. in E.

Christopher W. Woolley	Treble	John R. Southey	5
*Ellen F. M. Norris	2	Leonard J. North	6
Thomas H. Norris	3	Wilfrid G Wilson	7
David Redfearn	4	S Kathleen M. Baldwin	Tenor

Conducted by Christopher W Woolley

* First peal of Stedman on a working bell.

Rung to mark the 875th anniversary of the dedication of the church.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SCOLE, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Andrew. On Sat., Jan. 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being one extent of St. Clement's and two each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 4½ cwt.

H. A. Jack Mowle	Treble	Katharine M. Thorley	4
J. Martin Thorley	2	H. William Barrett	5
Henry Tooke	3	Frank C J. Arnold	Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BRIGHTWELL CUM-SOTWELL, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Agatha

On Wed., Jan. 1, 1969, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5376 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Angela M Ayres	Treble	A. T. P. C. Pearce	5
A. R. D. Cope	2	E. G. Garrard	6
Susan M. Heyworth	3	P. G. McIlhone	7
Glenda E. Emmett	4	J. Berry	Tenor

Composed by G. H. Beever. Conducted by P. G. McIlhone

First peal on the recently-augmented eight.

Rung with the compliments of the band to celebrate the engagement of Mr. Robert Partridge to Miss Susan Dove Tenor 11 cwt. in G

READING, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Giles. On Sat., Jan. 4, 1969, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 21 lb. in F.

Harold W. Dunsden	Treble	James P. Blond	5
*Rev. David J. Stoter	2	Roy H. Jones	6
William L. Gilks	3	Geoffrey K. Dodd	7
Harry E. Wills	4	A. Patrick Cannon	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

* First peal of Major. First on the bells since 1952.

Rung as a 56th birthday compliment to Mr A P. Cannon.

ABINGDON, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas. On Wed., Jan. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CARLISLE SURPRISE MINOR

*Kirsty Grant	Treble	Melvyn J Hiller	4
Catherine A. Salter	2	A. Keith P. Poole	5
Jonathan R Rowson	3	Christopher I Rowson	Tenor

Conducted by Christopher I. Rowson and A. Keith P. Poole.

* First peal. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in B flat.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

PRESTON, Rutland.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul. On Sat., Jan. 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In two methods, being four extents of Plain Bob and three of Kent Treble Bob, rung alternately. Tenor 10 cwt 23 lb. in G sharp

Richard J Chantler	Treble	J. Charles Hudson	4
Cynthia E. Barnett	2	Roger N. Scholes	5
Lionel Atton	3	Christopher J. Groome	Tenor

Conducted by Christopher J. Groome.

THE SOCIETY OF RAMBLING RINGERS.

BRANSTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints. On Sat., Jan. 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

Comprising nine methods in seven extents: (1) London, (2) Primrose, (3) Berwick and Hexham, (4) Cambridge, (5) Beverley and Surfleet, (6) Bourne, (7) Norwich. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

Christine L. J. Mills	Treble	Denis A. Frith	4
Martin Green	2	R Brian Mills	5
*R. Kingsley Mason	3	John E. Cook	Tenor

Conducted by R. Brian Mills.

* 400th peal.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

HOLME PIERREPONT, Notts.—At the Church of St. Edmund. On Fri., Jan. 3, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being 117 methods, in the following seven extents: (1) Spalding, Retford, Lincoln, Minehead, Dronfield, Coldstream, Purleigh, Redbourn and Quendon Surprise, Vale Royal, Gosfield, Beeston, Melandra, St. Werburgh, Leasowe, Crowland, Peveril, Combermere, Tollesbury and Middlesex Delight (20 methods by S. Humphrey); (2) Hull, Wakefield, Bourne, Cranford, Monsal, Stanwell and Caithness Surprise, Skipton, Chepstow, Knutsford, Whatton-in-the-Vale, Rostherne, Fotheringay, Balmoral, Bogedone, Danbury, Wilmslow, Staines, Hatherop, Stisted, Orston and Pebmarsh Delight, Gladstone, Royston, Hemsworth, Crofton, Campanulla and York Minster Treble Bob (28 methods by S. Humphrey); (3) Thorne, Westminster, Linden, Ripley, Rhyl, Luton, Broomfield, Allendale, Fryerning and Fyfield Surprise, Disley, Shelford, London Delight, Hadfield and Holme Pierrepont Delight (15 methods by S Humphrey); (4) Ashbocking, College Bob IV, Humber, Willesden, Braintree, Clarence, St Albans, Wragby, Charlwood, Marple, Newdigate, Old Oxford, Neasden, Taxal and Elston Delight, Morning Star Treble Bob (16 methods by P. Saltmarsh); (5) Chester-le-Street, Sleaford, Grantham, Bangor, Orsett, Upshire, Chester, Munden and Sandiacre Surprise; (6) Staveley, Selby, March, Boston, East Bridgford, North Muskham, Wath, Carisbrooke, Hitcham, Edinburgh and Kentish Delight; (7) College Exercise, London Scholars', Norbury, Kingston, Ockley, Capel, Duke of Norfolk, Sandal, Barnsley, South Kirby and Snowdrop Treble Bob, Staverton, Blythe, Nostel, Pilsey, Neath, Warsop and Finchampstead Delight (18 methods by S. Humphrey); with 178 changes of method.

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. in G sharp.

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

Conducted by R. Brian Mills

First peal in 117 Treble Bob Minor methods.

WARSOP: 34—34.16—12—123—14—56 l.h. 12. 65324

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, Suffolk.—At the Norman Tower of the Cathedral Church of St. James. On Sat., Jan. 4, 1969, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 30 cwt. in C sharp.

Arthur F. Ballam	Treble	Leslie G. Brett	5
*Charles Stannard	2	Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzey	6
Alan G. Feaver	3	John A. Underwood	7
Michael J. Howes	4	Howard W. Egglestone	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Howard W. Egglestone

* First peal in the method.

A birthday compliment to the ringer of the fourth.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION

BARNES, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin. On Sat., Jan. 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 GAINSBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in G.

David E. Rothera	Treble	Andrew J S. Slade	5
John R. Ketteringham	2	Ian L. Dear	6
Timothy G. Pett	3	Martyn L. J. Jordan	7
Peter G. Holden	4	John Pladdys	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Martyn L. J. Jordan

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

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BIRTH

MILLS.—Kevin Lloyd arrived Jan. 13th, 1969, God's precious gift to Don and Jenny, Croft Lodge, Bures. A brother for Tracey. 6597

ENGAGEMENT

ADAMS—TAILBY.—The engagement is announced between Jim Adams, of Wolverhampton, and Rosemary Tailby, of Worcester. 6565

HOWELLS—COLCOMBE.—Mr. and Mrs. H. Colcombe, 1, Weylands Cottage, Molesey Road, Walton-on-Thames, have pleasure in announcing the engagement of their daughter, Dawn, to Martin, son of Mrs. H wells and the late Mr. G. Howells, Penarth, Glam. 6598

DEATH

GENNA.—On Saturday, Feb. 1st, 1969, at his home, Nyetimber, The Green, Middleton Cheney, William Norman Genna, aged 57. 6574

RETURN THANKS

BRAGG.—The family of the late Miss Nancie Bragg thank their many ringing friends for the messages of condolence received and hope to reply individually in due time. 6583

PERSONAL

R. D. B.: You really break me up, Honeybunch.—CIR 6567

"And he stretched forth his hand towards his disciples, and said, Behold my mother and my brethren. For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother and sister, and mother."—St. Matthew xii, 49 and 50.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

WOODCOCK.—The address of Douglas and Mary is now Aller Farm House, Ansty, Dorchester, Dorset (Tel.: Milton Abbas 552).

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TOWER ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHREWSBURY

Practice nights as from March 6th, 1969:—
St. Chad's: Thursdays, 7.45–9 p.m.
St. Mary's: 1st, 3rd and 5th Tuesdays, 7.45–9 p.m.
St. Chad's officers, 1969:—
Ringing Master: Mr. E. F. Willcox.
Deputy: Mr. P. J. Evans.
Hon. secretary/treasurer: Miss P. C. Stocken, 9, Belmont Bank, Shrewsbury ('Phone: 3338). 6568

SURPRISE MAJOR PRACTICE.—Combined practice of St. George's, Beckenham, and St. Mary's, Lewisham, at LEWISHAM on Thursday, Feb. 20th, 8 to 9.30 p.m.—D. Hollis

WAREHAM, DORSET.—No practice ringing during Lent, but the local band will visit other towers 'Phone 2055 for details. 6570

MISCELLANEOUS

APPLETON, BERKS

The 151st Anniversary will be held on Saturday, March 1st. Ringing 2.30–5.30 p.m. Dinner in the Village Hall 6.30 p.m. Tickets (20/-) from F. A. White, bellhanger, Appleton, Abingdon, Berks, before February 19th. 6542

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Annual Dinner and Dance on Friday, February 28th, 1969, at Harvey's Restaurant, Guildford, 7 for 7.30 p.m A few tickets at 33/- still available from:
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David Tubbs, 192, London Road, Burpham, Guildford. 6578

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Members are asked to note the following dates: March 8th, annual general committee meeting, Hughenden; May 3rd, Guild striking competition, Benson; June 28th, Guild festival, Oxford; October 4th, autumn general meeting, Witney; November 29th, Branch secretaries' meeting, Radley. 6585

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual committee meeting will be held in the Parish Hall at Hughenden, Bucks, on Saturday, March 8th, at 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. D. A. Cornwall, 14, Heath End Close, Great Kingshill, High Wycombe, Bucks, before March 4th, please.—M. R. Cross. 6586

UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—An Extraordinary General Meeting will be held at 9.15 p.m. on Tuesday, March 4th, in Exeter College. At this meeting a motion will be proposed to the effect that ordinary membership should be extended to cover all those receiving further education in the area who are eligible to join under the new Proctorial Regulations, or for whom special permission may be obtained.

EXETER COLLEGES GUILD.—The annual Dinner will be held at Gipsy Hill H Exeter, on Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Ringing at city towers. Details with tickets (25/-) available from Angela Hughes, Birks Halls, Exeter.

UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCEMENTS—contd.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY

SUMMER TOUR, 1969

The summer tour this year will be around County Durham from July 5th–13th. Would anyone interested in going on the tour please write for further details to Audrey Alexander, 68, Kingsmead Road, Tulse Hill, S.W.2. 6553

NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY ANNUAL DINNER

February 22nd, 7 for 7.30 p.m.
The Talbot, 49, Long Row, Nottingham.
Towers: Aspley, 2–3; St. Peter's, Nottingham, 3.15–4.15; St. Mary's, Nottingham, 4.15–5.15. Tickets 24/-. 6590

UNIVERSITY OF SUSSEX ANNUAL DINNER

Saturday, March 15th.

New Refectory, U.O.S. Seven towers. Tickets (27/-) from Miss S. Hopkin, 119a, Havelock Road, Brighton. Cheques payable to U.O.S.G.C.R. The Guild A.G.M. will be held on Sunday, March 16th. 6563

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—Annual Dinner, Feb. 15th. Ringing rearrangement: St. Michael's, Cornhill, will be available from 4.15 to 5.15 p.m. and not as advertised in previous notice. 6587

MEETINGS

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Wistaston, Feb. 15th, Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to W. Kerr, 107, Moreton Road, Crewe, by Feb. 12th. 6569

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—A.G.M., St. Bridget's, West Kirby, Feb. 15th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea free for those notifying Alexander J. Martin, 28, Glenmore Road, Oxton, Birkenhead, by Thursday previous. 6573

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Huntingdon District.—Meeting, St. Neots, Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Special methods: Grandsire Triples and Yorkshire Surprise Major.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 6934

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Downham Market, Feb. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Own arrangements for tea. Business meeting 5.45 p.m.—D. A. Feek, Dis. Sec. 6524

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, Feb. 15th: Stroud (10), 3 to 6 p.m.; Painswick (12), 7 to 9 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. Please note alteration.—P. W. S. 6576

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Farnham District.—Afternoon practice at Hawley (8) on Saturday, Feb. 15th, 3 to 5 p.m. 6544

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Feb. 15th, Radlett (6), 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names essential to R. W. M. Clouston, 1, Canons Close, Radlett (Tel.: 6286).—R. E. Hardy, Dis. Sec. 6994

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Oadby, Feb. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.45, Church Hall. Service 6 p.m. Meeting after tea.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 6560

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chiltern Branch.—Monthly practices: Edlesborough, Feb. 15th; Wendover, March 15th: both 6.30–8. All welcome. Note: A.G.M., Cheddington, April 19th.—A. White, Branch Sec. 6568

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Annual District meeting, Harrow Weald, Saturday, Feb. 15th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business. Stanmore bells available 3–4.15 p.m.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 6554

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Annual meeting, Brighton, Saturday, Feb. 15th. Ringing: St. Nicholas', 3 p.m.; St. Peter's after business meeting. Service, St. Peter's, 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Peter D. Hepburn, 33a, Hassocks Road, Hurstpierpoint, Sussex (Tel.: Hurstpierpoint 2621). 6558

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Evening practice, Beddington, Saturday, Feb. 15th, 7 p.m.—E. Godfrey, Hon. Sec. 6530

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting, Feb. 15th. Ringing, Sprotborough, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at Sprotborough, followed by business meeting. Ringing at Doncaster after business till 9 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. Short, Kathlyn, 310, Melton Road, Sprotborough, Doncaster. No names no tea.—J. Seager, Dis. Sec. 6512

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Meeting, Leckhampton (8), Monday, Feb. 17th, 7.30 p.m.—M. L. Maggs. 6595

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Twelve-bell practice at St. John's, Croydon, on Tuesday, Feb. 18th, at 7.45 p.m.—E. Godfrey, Hon. Sec. 6531

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Practice meeting, Wednesday, Feb. 19th, St. Thomas-à-Becket Church, Upholland. Learners 7.30–8.30. Surprise Minor 8.30–9.15. Bring your learners and stay on to ring London, Norwich, Beverley and Cambridge.—C. D'Aeth, Hon. Sec. 6571

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Evening practice, Hampton, Thursday, Feb. 20th, 7.45 p.m. A District committee meeting will be held after ringing in the belfry, at which each tower is asked to send a representative.—M. J. Palmer. 6567

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Practice meeting, Usk, Friday, Feb. 21st, 7.30–9 p.m. Methods: Double Norwich and Cambridge.—J. S. King. 6471

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Branch.—Practice meeting, Barrington, Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Bells (6). Ringing 7–9 p.m.—R. J. Dean, Hon. Sec. 6581

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Tickhill, Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. W. Cannings, 4, Westgate, Tickhill, by 20th, please. 6565

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—Meeting at Grittleton (6), Feb. 22nd, 3 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. Gough, The Cottage, Sevington, Chippenham, Wilts, by Feb. 20th. 6579

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Meeting, Sandhurst (8), Feb. 22nd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to P. Clarkson, 28, Richmond Gardens, Longlevens, Gloucester, GL2 ODT, by Wednesday, Feb. 19th. 6589

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Practice, Horsell, Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Bells (6) available from 6.30 p.m. 6599

LADIES' GUILD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (South and West) and OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (East Berks and South Bucks).—Joint meeting, Denham, Feb. 22nd. Ringing 3.30 p.m. Service 5.30. Tea at Licensed Victuallers' Hall 6.30 p.m., followed by social. Names for tea, please, to J. Muller, 14, Southwood Road, Cookham, Berks (Bourne End 23306), by Feb. 19th. 6582

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Meeting, Barwell, Saturday, Feb 22nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. A. Hough, 6, Oxford Street, Barwell, by Wednesday previous.—C. M. Wells, Dis. Sec. 6592

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Wokingham on Feb. 22nd. Service in St. Paul's 4 p.m. Tea and meeting in Parish Room 5. Ringing: St. Paul's, 3 and 7 p.m.; All Saints', 7 p.m. Please notify Mrs. B. Castle, 419, Reading Road, Winnersh, Wokingham, for tea by Feb. 17th.—B. C. Castle, Hon. Sec. 6562

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Vale of White Horse Branch.—Annual meeting, Faringdon, Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Bells (8) 2.15 p.m. Service 3.45 p.m. Tea at The Buttery. Meeting at Vicarage, ringing after. Names for tea to C. R. Miles, 24, Goodlake Avenue, Faringdon, Berks, by 20th. Everyone welcome 6559

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Langford–Beam–Cox memorial meeting at Bradpole, Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to J. Davis, The Mount, Melplash, Bridport. 6564

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South West District.—Meeting, Assington, Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. E. J. Smith, 1, The Gurdons, Assington, Colchester, Essex, by Feb. 19th. 6598

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Annual Divisional meeting at St. Mary's, Eastbourne, Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30, tea and business meeting to follow. Further ringing after business meeting. Names for tea to me at Hailsham 3515 not later than Wednesday previous.—G. M. FitzHugh. 6567

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Rural Branch.—Practice meeting, Tytherington (6), Wednesday, Feb. 26th, 7.30 p.m. Visitors welcomed.—N. J. Smart. 6561

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Social, Saturday, March 1st, 7.30 p.m., King George V Pavilion, Braintree. Entertainments, licensed bar. Tickets (4/-) from R. Threadgold, Wethersfield Mill, Braintree. S.a.e., please. 6580

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Guildford, Saturday, March 8th. Bells available: Stoke (6), 2.30–3.30 p.m.; Cathedral (10), 3–4.30 p.m.; St. Nicolas' (10) and Shalford (8) after meeting. Service conducted by the Very Rev. A. C. Bridge, Dean of Guildford, in the Lady Chapel at 4.30 p.m. Tea in the Refectory for those who notify Mrs. C. W. Munday, 37, Bradford Drive, Ewell, Epsom (Tel.: 01-393 4986), by previous Thursday. 6584

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Advance notice.—Final of Horsley Cup contest at Horsley on Saturday, May 10th.—D. J. M. 6577

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

The annual meeting of the West Lindsey Branch, held as is customary at Gainsborough, on January 18th, gave its support to a proposal submitted by Mr. John Freeman, secretary of the Guild, to increase the membership fee from 5/- to 10/-.

Mr. D. Frith, from Grantham, spoke on the possibility of holding a Guild annual striking contest, and Mr. J. Bray, the Master of the Guild, also addressed the meeting.

All the retiring officers were re-elected except the "Ringing World" correspondent. Mr. R. B. Thorne was elected to follow Mr. A. Gilbert, who had resigned owing to the increased pressure from his activities as organist/choirmaster at St. John's, Gainsborough.

Over 40 members attended. All Saints' bells were used from 2.30 to 8 p.m. and the overflow of visitors was accommodated at Lea. The service was conducted at All Saints' Church by Canon J. E. Roberts and tea was served in Gainsborough Old Hall.

DO IT YOURSELF STORY

How St. Andrew's Church, Histon, got its Eight Bells

SEVERAL years of hard work, patience and perseverance was rewarded on St. Andrew's Day, 1968, when the Bishop of Huntingdon dedicated the new ring of eight bells at St. Andrew's Church, Histon, Cambs.

In 1962 the ringers decided to add two bells to the ring of six. It didn't seem to be a very formidable task, but we soon discovered there was more in it than we bargained for. We started to raise money by coffee mornings, etc., and two gigantic Christmas bazaars which brought in over £300. The estimate from Taylor's was for far more than this. We struggled on with small efforts, and then in 1966 our hopes were raised by an offer by the Archdeacon of Wisbech of two bells in the derelict church at Islington, near King's Lynn, which we could have if we fetched them.

All the necessary arrangements were made; four of our ringers set off with two vans, lifting tackle, etc. They took down the old bells and arrived back in Histon in the afternoon, tired but triumphant. Alas! one of the bells was cracked

Enquiries were made about having it welded but this was not possible, so we still had another bell to get. With Mr. Paul Taylor's advice we decided to have some of our six recast, use the good Islington bell as it was (it could not be recast as it is 16th century) and have one completely new bell.

Mr. Taylor was quite willing for the ringers to do some of the work themselves to save costs. They got busy and in September, 1967, took down the six bells complete with headstocks, etc. They hired a lorry and a driver, loaded the six bells and the Islington bell and took them to Loughborough. During the following weeks much of their spare time was spent doing all the necessary alterations to the bell frame. The position of the clock also had to be altered.

An appeal for money was sent to every house in the parish, more coffee mornings were held and a sponsored walk was also very successful. Another money-raiser was a huge glass jar in church every Sunday with a label on it: "3d. bits for the bell fund". Children particularly, were delighted to drop coins in as they came to church.

When the work on the bells was completed at Loughborough the ringers fetched them back and rehung them. Mr. Fowler, of Taylor's foundry, came and inspected the work when it was finished and was very satisfied.

It was very fitting that the dedication should be on St. Andrew's Day, and it was a very happy and satisfying occasion. Now it is up to the ringers to make good use of the bells, to use them to the glory of God, to call people to church and to encourage new ringers.

O. MUNCEY.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

At the annual meeting of the Biggleswade District the secretary's report was one of compliment to the District and admiration for the Ringing Masters and the way they worked at meetings. The organisers of the District practices were praised and the enthusiasm of members who attended all meetings and social functions commended.

The meeting was at Clifton, the Rev. Mr. Hill conducting a short service prior to joining the members at tea. Officers elected at the business meeting were: Chairman, Mr. S. Ashton; treasurer and secretary, Mr. K. Fleming; Ringing Masters, Messrs. C. Mann and C. Hardy; committee—Messrs. R. Sharp, A. H. Smith, M. Down and Miss L. Ellison (who is continuing as press secretary); belfry repair fund treasurer, Miss S. Percival.

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LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION

Monmouth Branch

On January 11th the eight bells at Monmouth rang out across the old, distinctive township for most of the day. During the morning the Curate was married by the Lord Bishop of the diocese and the bells were rung before and after the service. Nearly 80 ringers from many parts of "Borderland" and Bristol visited the tower in the afternoon and evening and rang on these bells, reputed to have been stolen from France by King Henry V.

The service was conducted by the new Vicar, Rev. C P. Willis, whose fine sermon made quite an impact! He said, most forcefully, that a tower where ringers did not take part in the worship and active life of the church was far better silent. The Rev. Ivor J. Richards read the lesson and Mr. Roberts played the organ.

As is usual at Monmouth, a delicious tea awaited the gathering, this time in the Fire Station Hall. The tables were most tastefully decorated by Mrs. Jones and her helpers with lighted candles, spring flowers and beautiful orchids, grown by Mr. Charles Philips, a Monmouth ringer. These kind people were sincerely thanked by the Rev. Alan Silverthorn, of Rudny.

The Rev. C. P. Willis proved a fine chairman and the business went with a swing. Mr. Reuben Clench, of Usk, was elected Branch Master, and 24 new ringing members were elected from Grosmont, St. Mellons, Cwmbran, All Saints', Newport, Chepstow, Blaenavon, Trevethin and Mitcheldean.

It was decided to send good wishes to the Rev. A. W. McAdam, of Grosmont, and the Rev. E. W. P. Ainsworth, of Mitcheldean, who were both in hospital.

Possible meeting places decided for the year were: Nash, May 10th; Machen, July 12th; Blaenavon, October 11th; and Chepstow, January 10th, 1970. Evening practice meetings were in future to be advertised in "The Ringing World".

The Rev. C. P. Willis delivered good wishes from the Bishop and gave a warm welcome to Mr. W. F. Scudamore, Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Association and to his party.

LEWISHAM DISTRICT QUARTERLY MEETING

Approximately 40 people, representisg all parts of the Lewisham District, attended a quarterly meeting at West Wickham on January 25th. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. and was followed at 4.15 p.m. by a service, conducted by the Rector, Rev. A. K. W. Wright. An excellent free tea was provided by the local band.

At the business meeting, presided over by Mr. E. A. Barnett, plans for a ringing school in May were discussed. Mr. Michael Hansford was unanimously elected assistant Ringing Master, and six new members were also elected. Pleasure was expressed that Mr. Percy Spice had recovered sufficiently from a broken leg to attend the meeting, although he was still unable to ring. The District extended its good wishes to Mr. Cyril Palmer, who leaves Kent for Walton-on-Thames after many years' ringing. He is succeeded as captain of St. John's, Sidcup, by Mr. Tony Lewis.

Next meeting, Christ Church, Erith, on April 26th. P. M. F.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

New Officers for Hereford

New principal officers were elected to the Hereford District at its annual meeting on January 25th, held at St. Nicholas' Church, Hereford

The business meeting was chaired by the Rev. F Heath, who had previously conducted the Guild service. Mr. P. Wycherley did not seek re-election as Ringing Master and Mr. P. Hughes was appointed his successor, with Mr. Adrian Semkin as his deputy. Mr. Michael Powell expressed a wish not to continue as hon. secretary and treasurer and Mrs. Edna Pannell (formerly of Beaminster) was elected to the office. Mr. R. Powell was elected to the committee and Mr. D. H. Jones reappointed auditor. The retiring officers were thanked for their services.

New members elected were: David Tomasih and Richard Newton, of Peterchurch; Ruth Wood, Eileen Haines, Mrs. W. Roberts and Ann Pannell, of Hereford Cathedral; Mrs. T. Mayburry, of Kingstone, and Mr. F. Winstance, of St. Nicholas'. Mrs. E. Pannell, Mr. E. Pannell and Mr. Adrian Semkin were confirmed as members of the Guild.

Combined practices were proposed at Peterchurch, February 22nd (Grandsire and Plain Bob), and Burghill (subject to confirmation), March 29th, both at 6 p.m. The next quarterly meeting at Fownhope on April 26th.

Ringing took place at the Cathedral and All Saints' in the evening.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

Bramley and Armley, two eights within the city of Leeds, were chosen for the Leeds and District Society's first meeting of 1969 on January 25th. Between 30 and 40 members and friends joined the meeting, and the very small ringing chamber at Bramley in the afternoon was soon crammed to capacity.

Liquid refreshment, to accompany the members' own food, was provided in the new parish centre at Bramley by the local ringers. It was generally agreed that this new centre, with its "bar" consisting of individual booths set in a cedar-boarded and low-ceilinged room, was one of the most attractive places where the Society had taken tea.

The ringing chamber at Armley in the evening was spacious enough to accommodate all with comfort, and the ringing, which included courses of Yorkshire and London, was sufficiently varied to suit all tastes.

Next meeting, February 22nd, Idle. R. C.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

The annual meeting of the Salisbury Branch was held on January 25th at St. Martin's Church, Salisbury. The Guild service was conducted by the Rector, Canon F. E. Pratt, who welcomed the ringers to St. Martin's.

An excellent tea followed in the Church Hall, prepared by the ladies of the parish. The chairman (Mr. N. Skelton) presided at the business meeting. The secretary (Mr. G. A. Trimby) reported that although membership was slightly down on last year, the accounts showed a healthy credit balance, due to the hard-working efforts of the ladies at the last A.G.M. The monthly meetings were not well supported, but the annual striking competition was the popular event of the year.

Officers elected were: Mr. N. Skelton, chairman; Mr. D. Kerly, vice-chairman; Mr. G. A. Trimby, secretary and treasurer; Mr. A. Newman, assistant secretary; Messrs. A. Haines, R. Jones and L. Page, Ringing Masters; with M. Carter and Mrs. A. Abrahams on the committee. Ten new members were elected from the towers of Sarum St. Thomas and St. Paul, Chitterne, Hindon, Wilton and Damerham.

Meetings arranged for the coming year (subject to permission) are at Wilton, South Newton, Enford, Semley, Donhead and Chilmark.

Ringing was then resumed at St. Martin's and St. Thomas' towers. G. A. T.

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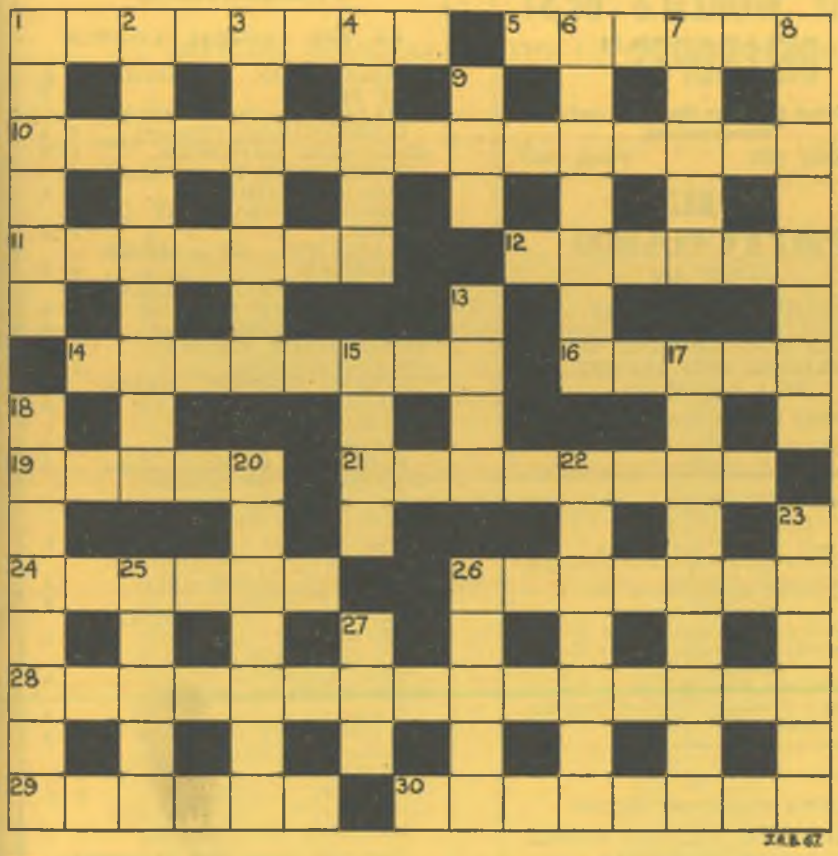

CLUES

ACROSS

1. Drawn off by a special tube (8).
5. Might be acute or grave (6).
10. See 30 across (6, 9).
11. Succeed (7).
12. You need to know these for "spliced" (6).
14. Musical term (8).
16. Lover from Shakespeare (5).
19. If stand follows this you will see why (5).
21. Better not eat this although it's edible (4-4).
24. Severe critic (6).
26. Social circle (7).
28. Products of Woodhouse and Carter (7, 8).
29. I am already in this relative (6).
30. If I get into this relative, home will be 10 across (8).

DOWN

1. Smart blows but not appropriate for ringing (6).
2. Favoured, or it might be favour red! (9).
3. Act, usually in a theatre with a restricted audience (7).
4. Surpass (5).
6. Field taken from another town produces site for a cathedral (7).
7. Alternative to go wrong, but the result is a mistake (5).
8. Discuss business in general company (4, 4).
9. Only three-quarters of a stay is left here (3).
13. Bird that guides many ringers (4).
15. Essence (4).
17. Whitechapel and Loughborough both hope to provide this answer (4, 5).
18. Holds up (8).
20. One may get this between touches (7).
22. Get the idea (5, 2).
23. Division of the year (6).
25. Sometimes you have to use these before you can ring (5).
26. Usually taken when ringers meet (5).
27. Hertford County's secretary (3).

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HALF PEAL

NEMPNETT THRUBWELL, SOM.—On Jan. 4th, 2,520 Doubles (three methods): R. Tutton 1, M. J. K. Griffiths 2, W. Willans (longest length as cond.) 3, S. J. Bateman 4, N. A. Dawson 5, P. Tutton 6. Longest length 1, 2 and 6. First half peal for all.

DATE TOUCHES

HILTON, DORSET. — On Dec. 29th, 1,968 Plain Bob Minor: J. N. Longridge (arr. and cond.) 1, Susan M. Corry 2, C. J. Corry 3, M. J. Corry 4, T. G. Bleathman 5, C. F. Longridge 6. To celebrate 30 years of ringing by Cyril J. Corry.

MILTON MALSOR, NORTHANTS. — On New Year's Day, 1,969 Doubles (360 Rev. Canterbury, 960 Plain Bob and 649 Grandsire): P. W. West 1, J. P. Sale 2, D. J. Edmonds 3, A. F. Leleux 4, J. C. Parker (longest length as cond.) 5. First date touch by all.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: A. Hobbs (first quarter) 1, E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 2, C. H. Macve 3, Louise Powell 4, N. Bennett 5, I. Wiltshire 6. For Evensong.

ALDBOURNE, WILTS. — On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. C. Read 1, T. R. Jones 2, Dr. H. Craig 3, K. Harvey 4, T. A. Palmer 5, A. G. Keen 6, F. J. Read (cond.) 7, C. Barnes 8. For Matins.

APPLEDORE, KENT.—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Johnson 1, O. Webster 2, A. A. Birch (cond.) 3, Margaret Jenner 4, R. Lebon 5, J. Hensley 6, P. C. Sinden 7, Pamela Court 8.

ASTON, HERTS. — On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Rosemary J. Roden 1, R. T. Falder 2, P. C. Worthington 3, Rosemary A. Spicer 4, M. R. Worthington (cond.) 5, J. Pallet 6. To welcome 1969. Also on Jan. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: L. A. Izzard 1, R. T. Falder (first as cond.) 2, P. C. Worthington 3, M. R. Worthington 4, A. A. F. Peters 5, A. Gray 6. For morning service.

ASTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—On Nov. 16th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Jane Gidlow (first Minor) 1, J. Pincombe (first Minor) 2, A. Hall 3, M. Hardy 4, R. Wilson 5, G. Bridges (cond.) 6. In memoriam Capt. C. F. Shields.

QUARTER PEALS

BARROW-ON-SOAR, LEICS.—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. L. Younger (first Minor) 1, B. S. Payne 2, H. Christine Younger (first "inside") 3, P. G. Chambers 4, R. Wilmore 5, R. I. Kendrick (cond.) 6. For Epiphany Eve Evensong.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY. — On Jan. 4th, 1,280 Kent T.B. Major: D. Spittle 1, Kathleen E. Chilcott 2, P. D. Dawson-Taylor (first in method) 3, N. Thomson (cond.) 4, L. Bance 5, Juliet S. Stoy 6, R. J. Cook 7, S. F. Kimber 8.

BELTON, LINCS.—On Dec. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Elaine Pearson 1, J. H. Selby 2, Judith Arrand 3, D. Arrand 4, S. A. Selby 5, M. A. Rose (cond.) 6. Also on Dec. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. H. Selby 1, Elaine Pearson 2, Judith Arrand 3, D. Arrand 4, S. A. Selby 5, M. A. Rose (cond.) 6.

BEVERLEY, E. YORKS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Dec. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Christine Rose 1, Helen Goode 2, R. D Gibson 3, Elizabeth A. Ewan 4, L. Daggitt 5, A. E. Shingles 6, J. Birdsall 7, A. T. Taylor 8, J. M. Brook 9, J. N. D Chaddock (cond.) 10. First Royal for all except 3 and 10. Also on Dec. 18th, 1,410 Yorkshire Surprise Major: A. E. Shingles 1, Maris Stephenson 2, J. Birdsall 3, J. M. Brook 4, J. R. Leary 5, C. L. D. Munday 6, I. Campbell 7, J. N. D. Chaddock (cond.) 8.

BISHOPSTOKE, HANTS. — On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): J. C. Howell 1, Linda V. Cull 2, R. Le Marechal (cond.) 3, J. P. Colliss 4, J. Hallet 5, A. Guille 6. A birthday compliment to Tom Chapman; also a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. D. Forder on the birth of a daughter.

BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS.—At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist, on Jan. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mabel Mitchell 1, H. A. Mitchell (cond.) 2, Christine Boyce 3, C. J. Morey 4, Dorothy Gardiner 5, W. C. Shute 6, R. Boyce 7, L. Boyce 8. First of Triples 1 and 8. For Evensong.

BRAMFORD, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Miss P. Smithson 1, Miss C. Lay 2, S. Christian 3, A. R. Walters 4, J. P. F. W. Hollins 5, R. J. Southgate (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

BLACKMOOR, HANTS. — On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. M. R. Gill 1, Jean Sutcliffe 2, Mary Sutcliffe (first as cond.) 3, D. J. Cooper 4, V. Shadbolt 5, G. A. Cane 6. First attempt 1, 2, 6. A compliment to Bryan Castle on his marriage to Hilary Dawes at Babbacome this day.

BRAY-ON-THAMES, BERKS.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (1, 2 leading): Doreen Young 1, R. Rance 2, D. Russell 3, Wenda Fowles 4, T. D. Mitchell 5, D. T. Young 6, D. Fowles (cond.) 7, J. E. Norsworthy 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mary Janko, grandmother of ringer of 3.

BURMARSH, KENT. — On Jan. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. H. Fagg 1, Mrs. M. Watts 2, Miss E. A. Todd 3, Miss A. Rayner 4, Mrs. R. Wratten (cond.) 5, B. Watts 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Percy Checksfield, for many years vice-president of the local band.

BUTCOMBE, SOM.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,440 Doubles (three methods): J. Boulter (first on working bell) 1, M. Griffiths 2, N. Dawson 3, S. Bateman 4, W. Willans (cond.) 5, L. Sutherland 6. Longest length 1 and 6.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—At St. Dunstan's Church, on Jan. 9th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: P. Richards 1, Mrs. G. Stockbridge 2, J. Stockbridge 3, L. Huckstep 4 D. Chatfield 5, J. Drage (first as cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam W. Beaumont, one-time ringer and steeplekeeper.

CAMPSALL, YORKS. — On Jan. 7th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: A. W. Jackson (first quarter) 1, W. E. Critchley 2, R. A. Smith 3, E. J. Padgett 4, E. Cooper 5, H. Wagstaff 6, F. J. Jackson 7, J. R. Witham (cond.) 8.

CHERITON, KENT.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Thorne 1, Dilys Eastmead 2, Pamela Court 3, A. C. Eastmead 4, R. A. Birch (cond.) 5, K. Butler 6.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYS.—On Dec. 26th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: M. P. Phipps (cond.) 1, Jane Anderson (first attempt) 2, Marjorie Yarnold 3, P. Rose (first attempt) 4, S. Scattergood 5, I. Barlow 6, D. Davis 7, J. D. Arkwell 8. A farewell compliment to Ann Clark, of the local company, on her departure to Zambia.

COMPOSITION

5,032 LITTLE BOB ROYAL

By C. FORSTER

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34256	—	—	2
53246	—		3
45236	—		
35246	S		3
43256	—		3
54236	—		
234568079	S		—
423568790	3.4.5.13.		
34256			—
26345	—	—	S
42365	—		3
36245	S		—
43265	—		3
25436	—	—	S
32456	—		3
45236	S		—
234568790	—		—

A

623547089	1.6.7.9.		
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35264	—		3*
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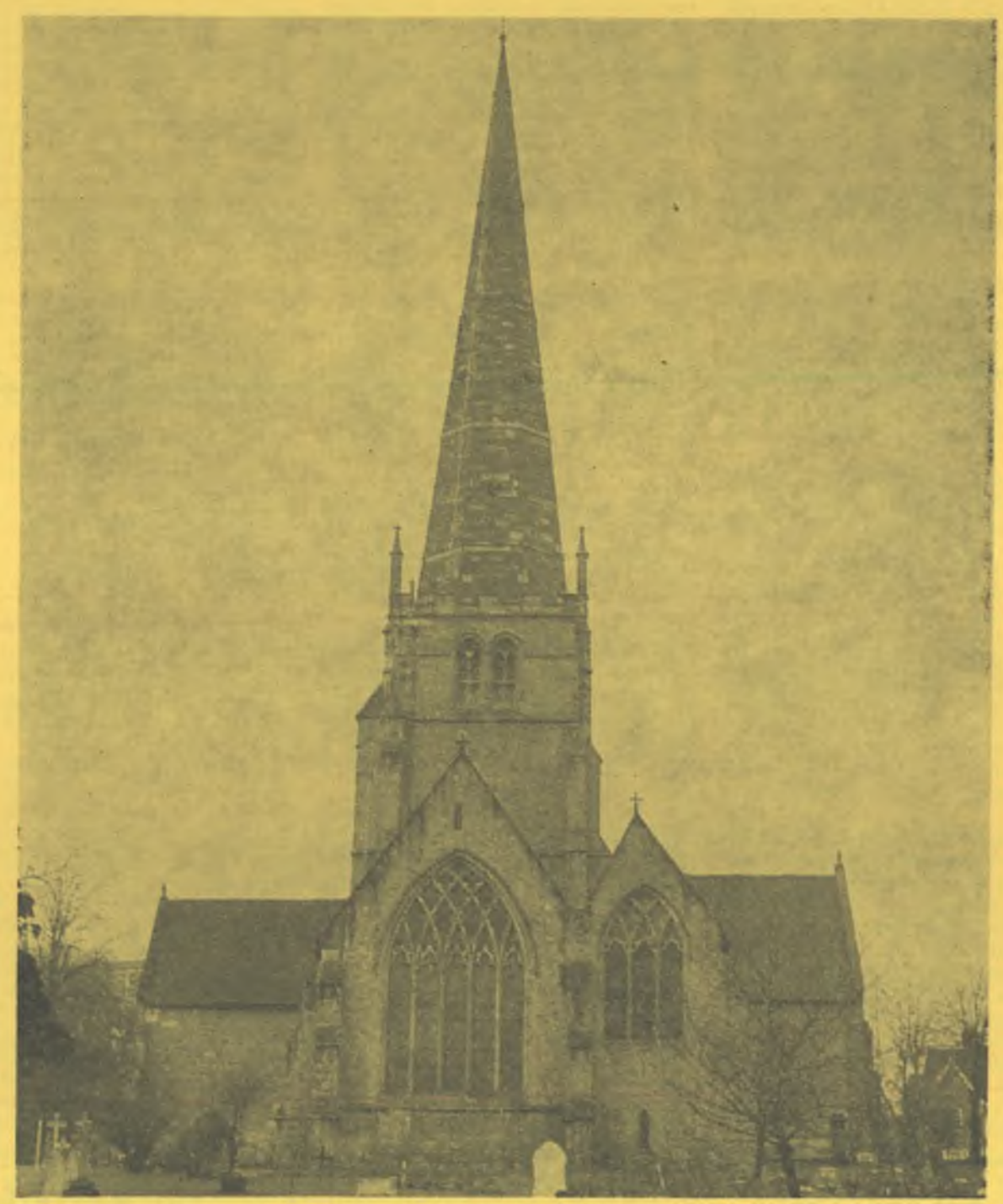

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Two New Treble Bells for Solihull

By THOMAS J. WARNER, Ringing Master at St. Alphege's, Solihull

IT is a wonderful experience for ringers who have been looking forward to a great day in the life of their tower not to be disappointed in any way when it arrives. For so it was at Solihull in Warwickshire on Saturday February 1st when, for the first time, twelve bells rang out from the Parish Church of St. Alphege immediately following the dedication of the two new trebles by the Rt. Rev. George Sinker, Provost of Birmingham. And how beautiful they sounded.

But first let us look back to about the middle of 1967. A murmur was then circulating in the ringing room that one amongst us, Mr. Charles Bragg, was hinting that he would like to see additional bells installed in the tower and that he would like to make a substantial contribution towards the cost. Here it may be recalled that it was in 1894 that the octave at Solihull was increased to ten, and in 1932 the bells were recast and rehung by John Taylor & Co. of Loughborough. Taylors were therefore invited to quote for the installation of two new trebles, and this amounted to £1,369.

Mr. Bragg immediately suggested that he and his wife would like to provide the first of the trebles to commemorate his 50 years as a ringer of this church if a donor could be found for the other bell. The Rector of Solihull, the Rev. Canon Harry Hartley, gave his full support to the suggestion, and he found that Ald. W. E. Wright and his two sisters, Miss Elsie Wright and Mrs. E. Vanstone, would like to do that to the memory of their mother, then recently deceased. It is pleasing to note that both families of donors are lifelong residents of Solihull.

And so, at the beginning of 1968, the order was given to Taylors to proceed with the work. However, it was not until August 9th that a party went from Solihull to see the bells cast at the Foundry, and they were delivered on December 9th for installation.

We are fortunate that there is sufficient room in the tower to accommodate all the bells on one level, and in the ringing room the addition of the two ropes, with some adjustment to the positions of the first four of the old ten, give a complete circle.

THE DEDICATION

A large congregation attended the church for the dedication service. During the service the Bishop, preceded by the Rector and local ringers, ascended the tower for the actual dedication. In the ringing room, after responses and a prayer, the Bishop said the following words: "In the faith of Our Lord Jesus Christ we do solemnly set apart these two new treble bells now hung in this tower and pray that they may be preserved from all profane and unhallowed uses, and do now dedicate them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen."

The Bishop then tolled each of the new bells in turn. Then followed the great moment when, for the first time, the twelve bells rang out in well struck rounds. And what a glorious sound it was. Those taking part were: W. H. Leeson 1, C. W. Bragg 2, G. E. Fearn 3, Verona C. Naylor 4, Margaret A. Busby 5, Pamela M. Turner 6, P. L. D. Grove 7, E. J. Cole 8, T. J. Warner 9, V. Green 10, R. J. Cann 11, A. Crabtree 12. This part of the service and the ringing of the rounds were relayed to the congregation by microphone and loudspeaker. The assembled company then returned to the congregation for the sermon by the Bishop and the completion of the service.

Immediately afterwards a touch of Stedman Cinques was rung by the following members of the St. Martin's Guild: G. E. Fearn 1, H. H. Fearn 2, Muriel Reay 3, B. D. A. Woolley 4, N. J. Goodman 5, J. A. Ainsworth 6, T. R. Hampton 7, T. J. Warner 8, J. A. Anderson 9, V. Green 10, C. A. Barron (cond.) 11, P. Border 12.

Tea was provided in the Oliver Bird Hall adjoining, and afterwards the tower was open for ringing. There was much praise amongst the visitors for the new twelve. One comment was that "they sound a better twelve than they did ten before the trebles were added".

This new ring of twelve is the fourth within the diocese of Birmingham and the only one within the county of Warwick outside the city of Birmingham. With a tenor of 21 cwt. 1 qtr. 11 lb. in E flat they are easy to ring.

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The inscriptions on the new bells read as follows:—

1st treble: "Given by Charles and Bessie Bragg to commemorate his 50 years as a Ringer. 1968."

2nd treble: "Given in loving memory of Eliza Wright 1874–1967 by her son William and daughters Elsie and Trixie. 1968."

We at Solihull are proud to realise that by the generosity of the donors the tower is able to offer much wider scope to the ringing Exercise. We hope that all who ring here will enjoy it. May I quote a few words from the Bishop's sermon—"And the Spirit of the Lord descended upon the ringers, and they rang the bells". Let all who ring the bells remember that they do so, first and foremost, to the Glory of God.

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SOLIHULL'S NOTABLE RINGING TRADITION

By EDGAR C. SHEPHERD

THE dedication of the ring of twelve bells at Solihull Parish Church marks the third important epoch in the history of bellringing in this tower. The story begins 300 years ago in the first year of the reign of James II. Before this time there is no shortage of information concerning the bells themselves, nor is evidence of ringing lacking; but of what kind of ringing took place we have no knowledge, and the historian of change ringing in the village must regard the period before 1685 as prehistoric. But concerning what happened in this year we have the clearest evidence.

It was the year of the King's accession, marked by the Monmouth rebellion, the terrible tragedy of Sedgemoor and its melancholy aftermath. At the same time Henry Bagley cast a new ring of eight bells for the parish church of Solihull. The Rector, Henry Greswold, was a man of great ability and energy, and he was interested in his bells. Some of this enthusiasm may possibly be traced to his Cambridge days when, at Trinity, he became acquainted with Anthony Scattergood, who afterwards became a distinguished figure in the Church. Anthony's son, Samuel, also educated at Trinity, grew to be a man of some importance as a theologian, and of considerable ability and influence as a change ringer. He was acquainted with Fabian Stedman, the most important of the early writers on change ringing, and contributed compositions to Stedman's book "Campanalogia," published in 1677. By 1685 Samuel was Rector of Blockley, then in the county of Worcester, but it is not difficult to perceive why Henry Greswold sought his aid in providing a band of ringers to perform the opening ringing and also a considered opinion of the new ring.

TREASURED DOCUMENT

We have Scattergood's own account of the occasion in the following document, preserved (in his own handwriting) in the records of St. Alphege's Church. It is a most valuable piece of work, and a possession to be treasured.

"27th day of August, 1686.

"These are to certify whom it may concern; that I Samuel Scattergood, Minister of Blockley in the County of Worcester, having severall times viewed and tryed ye sound of ye 8 new bells lately cast by Mr. Henry Bagley, Bellfounder for ye Parish Church of Solihull in ye county of Warw. and now hung in ye sd church; especially at ye ringing thereof ye day and yeare above sd by myself and about 20 other skilful psns accompying me from Leicester to that purepose doe with ye genll approbation and consent of ye said Persons, judg all ye sd 8 bells to be well and workmanlike made, every way right for tone and metall ye chearfullest ye best Ring of Bells for their weight that I ever heard. And also that ye clappers and other iron work & tackle with which ye aforesd 8 bells are hung, are now made quite good, so as to need no further alteracon that I know of. In witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand this aforesd 27th day of August ano dni 1686.

Sam Scattergood."

The ringers were undoubtedly members of the Society of Leicester Scholars, an association founded as a result of Fabian Stedman's visit to Leicester in 1669. These would be competent change ringers, and it is certain that change ringing would be performed on the new bells at this time. Whether the local ringers pursued the study of the art we cannot say; it is unlikely. But ringing of a kind was done quite regularly, and with the development of change ringing in Birmingham the bells of Solihull may have sent out over the parish something beyond rounds and call changes. We know that in 1786 the Society of St. Martin's Youths came from Birmingham to ring a peal of 5,184 changes, and from this we may infer that the bells were in good going form; and in 1832 John Day, the notable Midlands ringer, heard ringing here and visited the tower.

Towards the end of the 19th century bells and bellringing in the village were in a poor state. The coming forward of Geoffrey Martineau and the renaissance that followed mark the second great epoch. Martineau was the inspired leader and the driving force that brought about the restoration of the bells and bell frame, the augmenting of the ring from eight to ten, and the definite establishment of a change ringing band in the tower. A new bell frame was provided, two new treble bells were cast by Messrs. Barwells of Birmingham, and the ringing chamber was reorganised; and on July 4th, 1894, the new bells were dedicated by the Bishop of Marlborough and formally opened by ten skilled ringers from Birmingham.

START OF BRAGG TRADITION

The art of change ringing now made great strides in the tower of St. Alphege's, and the beginning of the present century saw the beginning of the notable Bragg tradition that has lasted until now. It was a remarkable combination of relatives—John, Stanley, Archer, Roland, Sam, Harry, Charles; a curious tangle of brothers, uncles, cousins, second cousins, but, strangely enough, no father and son! Together with the brothers Shepherd they made, at one time, a complete band of close relations. When the leadership passed from Geoffrey Martineau to Roland Bragg great progress was made in ten-bell ringing, and the Solihull Grandsire Caters tradition was established. Save for the silence during the recasting in 1931 and the national hushing of all ringing in 1940 these bells have never failed to proclaim their message Sunday by Sunday. They are known and loved by many far and near, and the ten rehung in 1932 are unsurpassed by any ring of its weight in England.

And now there comes the third important epoch, when Solihull provides the fourth ring of twelve bells in the Diocese of Birmingham. It is probable that in the country, with the exception of London, there is no other Diocese that has four rings of twelve bells. This important gift comes from two men whose love of Solihull and its things of beauty is deeply imbedded, just as their roots are firm in the town that bred them. Alderman Wright is not a bellringer, but we, who have known him for long years, know also that the sound of the bells of St. Alphege's is a cherished part of his life. Charles Bragg began his ringing fifty years ago, and together with the writer and Harry Bragg, rang the first handbell peal ever rung in the village on July 23rd, 1918. Thirty-eight years later the same three persons met and rang the same peal in the same spot and on the same bells. It was the writer's 500th peal.

Solihull may well be proud of its ring of twelve bells, and feel a pride in its ringers, who perform so important a part of the Office of the Church with such regularity and devotion. All ringers know the joy of this form of service, but we should pause and remember, too, that this service is an offering of talent in God's work and to the furthering of the spread of His Kingdom. The company of ringers in the belfry of St. Alphege's, under the leadership of Mr. Warner, now have the opportunities and responsibilities of manning a twelve-bell tower. It is no easy task, and much will depend on the recruiting and teaching of fresh ringers. This presents problems that must be faced with courage and patience. Solihull has a ringing tradition of three hundred years. May God's blessing rest on all who are labouring for the worthy maintenance of that tradition.

BELLS IN GLORIOUS MAGNIFICATION

Inspired by the ringing at the A.G.M. of the Mansfield District and written by Mrs. O. M. Noon to a local newspaper.

Which of us, in the mood, can resist raising an echo under a compliant railway bridge? I would try out my manner of speaking under one, and then ask: "Do I really speak like that?" I have heard the mystified dog, Patch, outside the forester's cottage at Thieves Wood bark at his echo flung back from the foggy wood.

On a recent Saturday afternoon, ringers up in the tower of our parish church of St. Peter, Mansfield, could not know that their peals were being thrown back in glorious magnification from the commercial buildings on the other side of the little River Maun that skirts the Garden of Rest (the old churchyard).

I was idly looking for the first daisy and meandering alongside the herbaceous border by the school wall, with the church bells ringing, when suddenly I was aware that I stood between two peals.

An extraordinary jubilance of bell-sound was coming from the buildings over the river, far outdoing the real peals from the church. Those buildings of just red-brick seemed to be hung with church bells crashing, clanging and falling in octaves.

I tried to catch if real and illusory synchronised, but could not for the clangour.

I moved nearer the river; the illusory bells suddenly stopped. I moved back and they crashed out again. When I turned the school corner I heard only the real peal from the church.

The weathercock pointed west slightly by south, so that any light wind this lovely "spring" day in January would carry the real peal towards these buildings over the river.

It was a wonderful experience to stand between those two peals. Bunyan's pilgrims on arrival at the Celestial City could not have heard a more joyous welcome. For me, the King of Glory was passing by.

I took down W. H. Hudson's "Afoot in England" when, still transported, I arrived home, and turned up in chapter one his beautifully expressed account of the "unearthly music" he had heard once from illusory bells.

In his situation the bell music behind him had ceased and the hills before him were giving it back. In St. Peter's Garden of Rest I was between the real and illusory.

JOHN R. MAYNE RINGS HIS 1,000th PEAL AT 35

273 DIFFERENT SURPRISE MAJOR PEALS

ON Saturday, January 25th, John R. Mayne rang his 1,000th peal, a peal of London Surprise Major at Barnet. At the age of 35 he is the second youngest ringer to achieve this, Peter Border being three years younger. Even his record seems likely to be surpassed before long.

John rang his first peal, Cambridge Major on the second, at Ufford, Suffolk, on August 11th, 1945, at the age of 12. While still only 12 he rang peals of Stedman Triples, Cambridge, Superlative, London, Bristol, Yorkshire and 4-Spliced Surprise Major, all on "inside" bells, and also two handbell peals.

"I had my ringing handed to me on a plate," he writes, "because I was taught by my father, Cecil C. Mayne, and with such an instructor I should have had to be a complete dunce to fail. He taught and helped many ringers, but he was probably most successful with me, not because he spent a great deal of time teaching me—he was working away from home at the time anyway—nor because of any special aptitude on my part, but because he had me entirely to himself from the word go. I owe him all the essentials of ringing, and a great deal more besides."

Between the ages of 12 and 18 he rang few peals, concentrating mainly on school activities, so that when he went to Birmingham in October, 1951, his peal total was 32. "I owe my full emancipation as a peal ringer to the kindness and hospitality of the Birmingham ringers."

On his return to Harrow he was invited to ring with the Willesden band. He has since rung 200 peals at Willesden. Between 1951 and 1966 he rang 900 peals, averaging 60 a year

His list, which is appended, includes a wide variety of methods, including peals in 273 different Surprise Major methods, of which he has conducted over 200, and over 100 peals of Surprise as conductor on handbells. Out of 1,000 peals, he conducted 695. He rang 834 on tower bells and 166 "in hand"; 829 of the peals were of Surprise.

John's territorial Association has been the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild. In his early years he did much good work with his late father in teaching new bands and new recruits in several towers in the north west area of the Association and, of course, helping other ringers to advance as far as they were capable. His mother also gave some assistance.

John was assistant hon. secretary 1957–59 and Master 1959–66, during which period he visited, most probably, every affiliated tower on its practice night, and with some towers where more assistance was needed he repeated his visit. He was elected a life member in 1967.

ON THE CENTRAL COUNCIL

He was elected a representative member of the Central Council for the Middlesex Association in 1957 and served until 1966. Last year at Worcester honorary membership was conferred on him. He served on both the Records and Methods Committees. Regarding the Records Committee, he did much research work and brought the records up to date. He listed all the records in a neat and methodical easy-reference system, which is a typical asset of his. He has a cabinet of filing cards which give all essential information, e.g., tower and date of each performance.

For the Methods Committee he produced with two other members the "Collection of Surprise Methods in Place Notation", published in 1964. He also gave assistance in the production of the "Collection of Surprise Compositions", compiled by C. A. Wratten. The list of his peals follows:

TOWER BELLS

DOUBLES

Stedman 1 (conducted 1).

MINOR

Plain Bob 2 (2).

Treble Bob.—Chiltern 1 (1), Cheviot 2 (1), Cotswold 1 (1), Mendip 1 (1), Pennine 1 (1), Quantock 1 (1), Snowdon 1 (1), 2-Spliced 2 (2), 6-Spliced 1 (1), 7 methods 1 (1).

Delight. — One (cond. 1) of each of: Aldbourne, Bedford, Berkeley, Canterbury, Chelsea, Conway, Crowland, Edinburgh, Fulmer, Hertfordshire, Hitcham, Middlesex, Pembroke, Richmond, Sherborne, Southwark, Stirling, Tewkesbury, Westmorland and Willesden; 7 methods 1.

Surprise.—Cambridge 8 (7), London 5 (5), Norwich 3 (3), Alnwick 2 (2), Bamborough 2 (2), Lincoln 2 (2), Netherseale 2 (1). One (conducted 1) each of: Allendale, Annable's London, Bacup, Berwick, Beverley, Blunsdon, Bourne, Brentford, Caithness, Canterbury, Carlisle, Chester, Coldstream, Cranford, Cunecastre, Durham, Flamstead, Fryerning, Hathern, Hexham, Hull, Ipswich, Kelso, Langleybury, Lightfoot, Morpeth, Munden, Newcastle, Norfolk, Northumberland, Offley, Primrose, Redbourn, Rossendale, Sandiacre, Sedlescombe, Stamford, Surfleet, Warkworth, Wearmouth, Westminster, Wells, Whitley, Wooler and York; 4 methods 1, 7 methods 9 (5), 8 methods 1 (1), 9 methods 1 (1), 12 methods 1 (1), 13 methods 1 (1), 14 methods 1, 16 methods 1, 17 methods 1 (1), 20-Spliced 1, 35-Spliced 1, 41-Spliced 1 (1).

Other Minor: 3 methods 1 (1), 4 methods 1 (1), 5 methods 1 (1), 7 methods 6 (3), 56 methods 1, 73 methods 1.

TRIPLES

Stedman 28 (26), Grandsire 4 (1).

MAJOR

Plain Bob 7 (4), Double Norwich Court Bob 7.

Treble Bob: Kent 4 (2), Oxford 1, Kent and Oxford 1 (1).

Delight: Blackdown 1, Hitcham 1 (1).

Little Surprise: Roxbourne 1 (1), Wealdstone 1 (1).

Surprise: Cambridge 25 (12), Superlative 8 (4), London 35 (15), Bristol 30 (12), Yorkshire 20 (14), Rutland 12 (8), Lincolnshire 8 (7), Pudsey 5 (3), Ealing 2 (1), Watford 3 (2), Wembley 3 (1), Aldenham 3 (1), Painswick 3 (1), Cornwall 2 (1), Kilburn 2 (2), Zetland 2 (2), Glasgow 3 (2), Hertfordshire 2 (1), Plymouth 2 (2), Ditcheat 2 (2).

One each of: Arundel, Banstead, Battersea, Barkway, Belfast, Belvedere, Biddenden, Birstall, Bishopsgate, Byfleet, Cheshunt, Chiltern, Claybrooke, Datchet, Dorchester, Eastbourne, Eastbury, Enfield, Esher, Ewell, Finborough, Finchley, Greenford, Grundisburgh, Guildford, Hadleigh, Hallam, Hampshire, Hendon, Hitchin, Hobart, Irthlingborough, Jarrow, Jedburgh, Kenninghall, Knebworth, Leatherhead, Lemsford, Lincoln, Lothbury, Maulden, Melbourne, Minsmere, Montgomery, Neasden, New Gloucester, Northolt, Northwood, Norton, Olney, Peterborough, Queensland, Ripon, Royston, Tavistock, Teddington, Tottenham, Totternhoe, Twyford, Ufford, Walbrook, Warnham, Whitchurch, Wiltshire, Wye, Wyrardisbury, Yeading, Yiewsley, Zeals and Zennor.

One (cond. 1) **each of:** Acton, Adelaide, Alperton, Apsley, Ashford, Ashtead, Beddington, Bedfont, Bedford, Bedfordshire, Belgrave, Belper, Benington, Berkeley, Berkshire, Bognor, Bosmere, Bradford, Brecon, Brent, Brentfield, Brentham, Brentwood, Brewood, Brighton, Brondesbury, Cassiobury, Chartwell, Chelmsford, Chelsea, Cheltenham, Chester, Chesterfield, Chiswick, Clacton, Clerkenwell, Clevedon, Cleveland, Coddenham, Colchester, Colnbrook, Crawley, Cricklewood, Cuckfield, Daventry, Denbigh, Dublin, Eastcote, Edgware, Elford, Elveden, Erith, Essex, Exeter, Finsbury, Foxearth, Framley, Frodsham, Gainsborough, Gilmorton, Gloucester, Goudhurst, Grimsdyke, Gunnersbury, Hackney, Halstead, Hammersmith, Hampton, Hardham, Harefield, Harlesden, Harrow, Headstone, Helmingham, Hereford, Heston, Highgate, Holborn, Hornsey, Hounslow, Huddersfield, Hughenden, Huntingdon, Ickenham, Ickleton, Ipswich, Islington, Jersey, Kelshall, Kendal, Kensington, Kingsway, Laleham, Langley, Lavenham, Leeds, Leicestershire, Leominster, Lichfield, Lindum, Liverpool, Lutterworth, Lyme, Mayfair, Monmouth, Mottram, New Cambridge, Newcastle, Oakington, Orwell, Osterley, Otley, Overseale, Oxfordshire, Oxhey, Pembroke, Penzance, Perivale, Pinner, Preston, Pyrford, Queensbury, Quinbury, Radlett, Ramsey, Ramsgate, Raunds, Richmond, Rochester, Romford, Rugby, Ruislip, Runnymede, Salford, Salisbury, Seafield, Selborne, Sheffield, Shenley, Shepperton, Shoreditch, Shropshire, Southampton, Southgate, Southwell, Springvale, Sprotborough, Staffordshire, Staining, Stanmore, Stratford, Sudbury, Suffolk, Sunbury, Surrey, Sussex, Swansea, Thurston, Tring, Trowbridge, Trumpington, Truro, Twickenham, Ucknield, Uppingham, Uxbridge, Verulam, Verwood, Wallasey, Warwickshire, Waveney, Whempstead, Whitminster, Whitwick, Wigston, Willesden, Winchester, Woburn, Woking, Woodbridge, Xavier, York, Yoxford. 2-Spliced 2 (1), 3-Spliced 1, 4-Spliced 22 (16), 5-Spliced 2 (1), 6-Spliced 9 (5), 7-Spliced 5 (3), 8-Spliced 13 (9), 9-Spliced 6 (5), 10-Spliced 7 (6), 11-Spliced 1 (1), 12-Spliced 7 (6), 14-Spliced 1 (1), 15-Spliced 1 (1), 16-Spliced 2 (2), 18-Spliced 1 (1), 20-Spliced 1 (1), 22-Spliced 1 (1), 23-Spliced 2 (1), 25-Spliced 2 (1), 26-Spliced 1 (1), 28-Spliced 1 (1), 30-Spliced 1 (1), 32-Spliced 1 (1), 53-Spliced 1 (1), 165-Spliced 1.

CATERS

Stedman 2 (1), Grandsire 4 (2), Double Norwich Court Bob 1 (1).

ROYAL

Little Bob 1 (1), Plain Bob 4 (1).

Treble Bob: Kent 1, Kent and Oxford 1.

Delight: Saltley 1, Elthorne 1 (1).

Surprise: Cambridge 12 (6), London (No. 3) 8 (7), Bristol 2 (2), Yorkshire 12 (5), Pudsey 2, Albanian 1, Aldenham 1 (1), Bedford 1, Belgrave 1, Clifton 1 (1), Clyde 1 (1), Feltham 1 (1), Fulham 1 (1), Grundisburgh 1 (1), Grantham 1 (1), Hampstead 1 (1), Harborne 1, Hillingdon 1, Langley 1, Lincolnshire 1, Ludgate 1 (1), Luton 1 (1), New Cambridge 1, Oakham 1 (1), Pontefract 1 (1), Prittlewell 1, Redcliffe 1 (1), Rickmansworth 1 (1), Rutland 1, Solihull 1 (1), Southwell 1, Staffordshire 1, Stroud 1 (1), Swindon 1 (1), Wembley 1 (1), Winchester 1 (1), York 1, 4-Spliced 1 (1).

CINQUES

Stedman 13 (1), Grandsire 1 (1).

MAXIMUS

Kent Treble Bob 2.

Surprise: Cambridge 10 (2), Yorkshire 8 (4), Prittlewell 2, Pudsey 1, Southwark 1 (1), Londinium 1 (1), Aldenham 1 (1).

Total: 834 (556).

HANDBELLS

MINOR

Plain Bob 3 (1), 2 methods 1 (1), 7 methods 1 (1).

Surprise: Cambridge 1, London 3 (2), 6 methods 1 (1), 7 methods 2 (1), 9 methods 1 (1), 14 methods 1, 21 methods 1, 27 methods 1, 31-Spliced 1.

TRIPLES

Stedman 1 (1), Grandsire 2 (1).

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MISS NANCIE BRAGG

Although a sufferer all her life from bronchial asthma, Miss Nancie Elizabeth Bragg, eldest child of Major and Mrs. E. J. Bragg, 20, Church Hill, Aldershot, was not daunted by her affliction, and filled her 30 years with love of her home, her church and her fellow men. A civil servant employed at H.Q. Aldershot Command, she carried out her duties meticulously, and her interests away from the office brought her into contact with people in many walks of life. Her work for St. Michael's Church, Aldershot, occupied many hours, as besides being a bellringer, as are all the members of the family, she was a ruridecanal councillor, a parochial church councillor, superintendent of the Sunday School and assistant editor of the magazine, her brother, Mr. R. W. Bragg, being editor. Major Bragg is joint captain of the Aldershot tower and a churchwarden.

The funeral service on January 29th was a Requiem Mass (fully choral) and wat attended by upwards of 300 friends and parishioners. Clergy attending included the Rev. T. H. Dart (former vicar). The Rev. J. R. Branson was the celebrant and the lessons were read by Mr. M. Clist (churchwarden) and the Rev. S. Gregory.

The Rev. T. Dart in his address spoke of the tragedy 2½ years previously when Mary Bragg, Nancie's younger sister, was killed in a road accident at the age of 19, and how Nancie had said: "Why couldn't it have been me?" This was not asked in any sense of heroism but because of her knowledge of her own frailty and her great love for her sister. "And now they are reunited", said Mr. Dart. "It is we who are bereaved, not they."

During the service the Bach chorale "Jesu, joy of man's desiring" was played on the oboe by Mr. Andrew Denyer (a cousin), accompanied on the organ by Mr. P. Mound. The bells were rung half-muffled before and after the service and again in the evening.

The interment followed the Requiem and was in Aldershot Cemetery. Nancie Bragg was laid to rest in the grave of her sister and beside her maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Denyer. The committal prayers were said by the Rev. M. H. Sellors, who was previously a curate at St. Michael's and a personal friend of the family. The many floral tributes included sprays and sheaves, which were used for decoration in the Lady Chapel and also in the Chapel of the Holy Angels, which was erected and dedicated as a memorial to Mary Bragg two years ago.

JOHN R. MAYNE'S PEALS—**continued**

MAJOR

Little Bob 1 (1), Plain Bob 5 (3), Double Norwich Court Bob 2 (1), Kent Treble Bob 2 (2), Oxford Treble Bob 1 (1), Kent and Oxford Treble Bob 4 (4).

Surprise: Cambridge 4 (2), Superlative 1, London 8 (8), Bristol 6 (6), Yorkshire 3 (3), Rutland 1 (1), Eastcote 1 (1), Glasgow 2 (2), 2-Spliced 1 (1), 4-Spliced 7 (7), 5-Spliced 2 (2), 6-Spliced 5 (4), 7-Spliced 1 (1), 8-Spliced 8 (7), 9-Spliced 4 (4), 10-Spliced 4 (3), 11-Spliced 3 (3), 12-Spliced 6 (5), 13-Spliced 2 (2), 14-Spliced 5 (5), 15-Spliced 2 (2), 16-Spliced 4 (4), 18-Spliced 6 (6), 20-Spliced 5 (5), 21-Spliced 1 (1), 23-Spliced 4 (4), 25-Spliced 3 (3), 26-Spliced 1 (1), 28-Spliced 2 (2), 30-Spliced 2 (2).

CATERS

Grandsire 1 (1).

ROYAL

Little Bob 1 (1), Plain Bob 3 (1), Kent Treble Bob 2 (2), Kent and Oxford Treble Bob 2 (2).

Surprise: Cambridge 4 (3), London (No. 3) 2 (2), Westminster 1, 3-Spliced 1 (1), 4-Spliced 2 (2), 5-Spliced 1 (1), 6-Spliced 1 (1).

MAXIMUS

Little Bob 1 (1), Kent Treble Bob 3 (1), Oxford Treble Bob 1, Kent and Oxford 1 (1).

Total: 166 (139). Grand total: 1,000 (695).

OBITUARY

MR. W. N. GENNA

The passing of William Norman Genna is reported with regret. Although his general health during the last few years had restricted much of his ringing activities he had been fairly active in other directions before his death on February 1st. Cremation took place at Golders Green, London, on February 6th, and was attended by a very large number of professional colleagues and ringing friends. Mrs. Olive Waters represented the ringers from Banbury. During the final committal a plain course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by F. W. Goodfellow 1-2, Joan Beresford 3-4, P. Beresford 5-6, T. J. Lock 7-8.

The same evening two quarter peals, with bells half-muffled, were rung at Harrow Weald—1,260 Stedman Triples: Elsie K. Hart 1, Freda Clayton 2, Ruth M. Foreman 3, J. G. Nash 4, H. G. Hart 5, A. Cutler 6, T. J. Lock (cond.) 7, A. F. Warren 8; and at Hillingdon, St. John's, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: R. K. Russ 1, Ruby Fardon 2, F. W. Goodfellow 3, Patricia A. Copas 4, R. A. Fardon 5, A. H. Fulwell 6, J. Hill (cond.) 7, A. R. G. Twinn 8, M. J. Palmer 9, W. H. Coles 10.

Norman was taught to ring at Harrow Weald under the instruction of Gilbert R. Goodship over 40 years ago, but following the war he became attached to Pinner and was captain there until 1957. He also rang quite a lot in Central London towers, including St. Margaret's, Westminster. He married Margery, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Saville, of Hillingdon, the wedding taking place at St. John's Church during the war period when the bells were silent. He had been a member of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild since 1926; he served as assistant and acting general secretary 1948–1957 and for these services was elected a life member in 1959. His first peal was of Stedman Triples in July, 1929, at St. Giles-in-the-Fields.

Norman's working life was spent in the Post Office and his career was mainly devoted to radio. He entered the service as a youth in training in the London N.W. telephone area. In 1936 he went to the Radio Workshop Receiver Group at Dollis Hill. Promotions followed in 1941 and 1946, and in 1957 he became an executive engineer in charge of the Banbury Radio Measuring Station: this special work he much enjoyed. Eventually the station had to be closed, much to Norman's regret, and he returned to London in 1968 as a senior executive engineer engaged in systems studies, Space Communications Group. He climbed to the top by his own efforts and personality, and was thought of very highly in Post Office radio circles.

During his earlier days he was a keen participant in athletics, tennis, hockey and swimming, but when eventually he had to limit his ringing activities he took up fly fishing, sharing many expeditions with George Hart.

We extend to his widow and two daughters our sympathy, but coupled with that a thankfulness at heart that we had known a man whose character and industry were of such high order it would be a joy to follow and emulate.

T. J. L.

An Appreciation

Some years ago the late Albert Coles arranged a week-end trip to Wells and district and invited various friends, mostly from Middlesex. He continued to arrange these week-ends every year, which later were to be continued by George Hart and Fred Goodfellow. Good ringing and good fellowship were the objectives from the beginning, so it was natural that Norman and Marjorie were in the original venture and have supported it since.

It was on these occasions that we week-enders came to love and respect Norman: loved him for his gentleness, his kindness, his happy sense of humour and his love of life; respected him for his pursuit of perfection in all that he did, his skill at play and work, and above all his integrity. We all shall miss him, of course.

Some of us were able to ring a last farewell at Golders Green. It was the kind of immaculate ringing he would have liked. His wife, Marjorie, and her daughters have our friendship and love, and it is good to know that they look forward to joining us on our next trip,

F. W. G.

MR. J. PARES

An Appreciation

Mr. W. Hibbert contributes the following appreciation of Mr. John Pares, of Kingsclere, who met his death under tragic circumstances on January 21st (see page 103) and was responsible for the augmentation to eight of Kingsclere bells and the starting from scratch of a local band.

"He did not aspire to peal records or multi-spliced ringing, being content to ring very occasionally a full peal of Grandsire or Bob Doubles, but his one general ringing ambition was to be a member of the A.S.C.Y.s, and he was really overcome when he came to the writer with his certificate and rule book.

"He was an old Harrovian and Cambridge University man, and again he came to the writer's office a few months before his death with the exciting news (for him) that his son was accepted at Harrow and would be commencing school in 1969.

"He will be sorely missed in the Kingsclere District, as his enthusiasm for ringing and helping youngsters to get around was phenomenal, and although his name in years to come may not be mentioned with awe like William Pye or Herbert Langdon or Albert Walker, perhaps many a youngster who may hit the high spots will be grateful to John Pares. R.I.P."

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD

Basingstoke District

The A.G.M. was, as is customary, held at Basingstoke on January 25th. Both towers were open for ringing during the afternoon. Evensong for the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul was sung in St. Michael's Church and a stimulating sermon was preached by Fr. Knight, priest-in-charge of All Saints'.

Over 80 ringers and friends enjoyed an excellent tea provided by St. Michael's ringers. Before the business meeting the company paid silent tribute to the memory of John Pares, of Kingsclere, who had died in an accident on the previous Monday.

The secretary's report for 1968 stated that there were 115 members in the District; the outstanding event of the year was the rehallowing of Overton bells after the recasting of 4 and 5, retuning all eight, and various mechanical improvements.

After electing two senior and 14 junior ringing members, the officers for the next three years were elected as follows: Chairman, Canon F. A. Sanders; vice-chairman, Canon N. J. Woodhall; Ringing Master, Mr. C. Osler; secretary and treasurer, Mr. J. J. Hill; executive committee representative, Mr. H. E. J. Smith; auditor, Mr. C. H. Kippin; belfry adviser, Mr. J. Marlow. This last office is an innovation, to help the secretary when requests for assistance in belfry maintenance are received from towers in the District.

The programme of meetings for 1969 was approved and the meeting expressed its thanks to all those who had contributed to its success. Ringing was then resumed at both towers.

J. J. H.

Letters to the Editor

RETIRE BAD STRIKERS!

Dear Sir, — May I crave a little space to comment on the letter by "A Hard Road Traveller" which appeared in the issue for January 31st.

We know only too well that many a promising young ringer's potential has been stifled through lack of a good tutor or lack of interest on the part of more experienced ringers. We have young ringers in the Plymouth area who would by now have risen to the heights of Spliced Surprise ringing but for the lack of opportunity to practise with other ringers who have already achieved this level.

I must, however, beg to disagree with the writer when he says a learner who shows little or no promise should be allowed to continue: I am speaking primarily of lack of ability to strike a bell correctly. We are all suited for some activities and entirely unsuitable for others, and in my experience, having taught bell handling to many a youngster, a recruit with a good potential can usually be spotted after the third or fourth lesson. I have had cases where a learner, probably keen as mustard, unfortunately possessed no sense of rhythm and consequently no ability to strike a bell in its place. If that learner had been allowed to continue then he or she would have been a continual brake to the advancement of the band as a whole, and I have gently but firmly suggested that his or her talents would be better directed in some other aspect of church work.

This, sir, I do not consider to be lack of patience on my part but a purely commonsense attitude to maintain a reasonable standard of service ringing. It is better to have only five or six bells rung reasonably well on a Sunday than have a terrible clatter on eight or ten by people who do not and never will possess the ability to produce anything better. After all, a person with a voice resembling a squeaking gate could not reasonably expect to become a useful chorister.—Yours sincerely,

ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD.

Plympton, Plymouth

DUDLEY BELLS AND OTHER MATTERS

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Christopher Dalton's letter ("R.W.", page 82) re the restoration of Dudley bells, indeed this is good news, but he goes further to suggest that they recast the ring. Maybe he doesn't realise that to cast a 20 cwt. ring of ten would cost a lot more than it would to cast his own 8 cwt. ring of six. He must learn that an extra thousand pounds or so on the bill might just be enough to make the parishioners drop the whole scheme. I know from my own experience that these people have very shallow and delicate pockets.

Also in the same letter he asks about the B.B.C.'s recording machines. I remember that on Shrove Tuesday last year, when Michael Gilliam, the producer of "Shire Talk", came to Woodborough to tape our special "Pancake Bell", he had one of these so-called "five pound dictating machines" with him. In fact they cost roughly £150, but the cost might have risen by now. I think that the fault in the Christmas bells recording was more to do with the operator and not with the B.B.C. equipment as this is of the highest quality.

In conclusion, I would suggest that Mr. Dalton gets his facts right before accusing the B.B.C. of using £5 equipment, and learns to "play the game" with parishioners before writing any more letters.—Yours faithfully,

PETER L. R. HAYWARD.

Woodborough, Nottingham.

SIMILARITY IN 5,072 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Dear Sir,—I was very interested to see the composition of the peal of 5,072 Plain Bob Major by Edward W. Martin, published on page 105 of the February 7th "Ringing World". At first glance the form of the composition struck a chord in my memory which sent me searching back through my Ringers' Diaries of the early 1950s. In the Diary for 1955 I found that I had copied the figures of a peal which I reproduce below. These figures were given to me by that grand ringer of Kent Mr. Louis Head one Sunday after ringing for service at Maidstone Parish Church. If my memory serves me well, it was in the autumn of 1954. Louis told me he had put the peal together some considerable time before that, but the composition had never been rung. He gave the figures to me hoping that I might call the composition some day, but I regret to say that I have not done so.

Louis pointed out the attributes of the composition to me, the big one being that 2 and 3 were never in 5-6 at course-ends (after the starting course), just as pointed out under Mr. Martin's figures on page 105.

Comparison of the figures below with those of Mr. Martin's peal shows them to be virtually identical, allowing for a different location of the course containing the calls at 5ths/4th and a slightly different approach to the use of the Singles at Middle. I think Louis Head's arrangement is easier to memorise due to his rather more subtle use of Singles to produce a standard 3-course block which requires only two "omits" in the peal compared with Mr. Martin's four "extras" and two substitutions of bob for single.

I write not with any intent of questioning originality, as I feel sure that this is not a case of plagiarism, but to comment on the remarkable similarity of the results of two independent workers tackling the same task, presumably years apart.

5,072 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
By LOUIS HEAD

23456	W	5	4	B	M	H
53426		—	—		S	—
53264				1		—
35264				3	S	—
32645				1	S	—
42356	S			1		—
24356				3	S	—
23564				1	S	—

Repeat the last three courses ten times, omitting the S at Middle in the 2nd course of the 6th and 12th parts.

Yours sincerely,

R. ROGER SAVORY.

Southampton

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

The annual meeting of the Bridgnorth Branch was held at Bridgnorth on February 1st, with ringing in the afternoon and evening at the two churches, St. Leonard's and St. Mary's. The service in St. Mary's Church was conducted by the Rev. G. Abel (rector) and an excellent tea, provided by the wives of St. Leonard's ringers, at which 48 sat down, was served in the Old Grammar School.

At the meeting the following officers were elected: Ringing Master, Mr. A. Jones: deputy, Mr. V. Pardon: secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Joan Bennett: diocesan committee member, Mr. R. Winwood.

UP AND COMING YOUNGSTERS

Dear Sir,—Readers will not have to do a great deal of research if they wish to identify the author of the feature which seems to have provoked criticism, so I may as well declare my interest and make a few observations.

I have been led to believe that a Derbyshire mile is considerably longer than the standard 1,760 yards. This distinction is evidently not confined to linear measurement since Gordon Halls calculates the interval between February, 1967, and December, 1968, to be nine months! Be that as it may, surely the thing that matters is whether a subject is "news". You in your wisdom and I in my innocence thought this one was. It is rather unkind to accuse you of lowering standards when you are making news of the efforts of people who are doing just the opposite.

It is all very well for your other correspondent to bemoan the lot of those who are less fortunate. "Silver spoon" ringers often have a price to pay for their progress. Those who are trained at Dewsbury are subjected to a discipline which many would not accept. They are criticised, chivvied, encouraged and occasionally praised. Of course there are a few who are fortunate enough to be born into a band where the instructor is kind and gentle, but by and large those who get along have had to accept stiff discipline.

Whilst we try to be selective in our recruitment, we do not make them all into good ringers. It is certainly preferable to be selective than to have to turn away the inept, but I will not agree that it is wrong to refuse entry or to give the sack. No choirmaster would be expected to lower his standards to accommodate a hopeless singer. The House of God excuse is really overdone. On this plane, though, bad ringing is sacrilege. I am appalled that your correspondent should ask that a band should put up with a few badly-struck rounds every Sunday. There is no excuse for badly-struck rounds even on practice night. The tied clapper should be the rule until there is reasonable certainty of regularity of striking.

Perhaps we may be forgiven for parading a little pride, since there is the hope that others may be infected with our enthusiasm. We did start from scratch some four years ago and success has accrued from a great deal of hard work. Others have benefited too, as during this period we have taught more than 50 to handle, some being for other towers. And if there are some who are uncharitable enough to think it rather vulgar to draw attention to this achievement, they have only to turn a few pages to read some more in similar vein.—Yours sincerely, VERNON BOTTOMLEY.

A CHURCHWARDEN TURNED UP HIS POLICY

Dear Sir,—I would like to say "Thank you" for publishing the letters on young ringers and insurances. Over the last 20 years I have taught many young people to ring, my three daughters and two sons among them, and I was under the impression they were covered by our church insurance from the age of 12. How mistaken I was! Being churchwarden and tower Master I decided to read our present insurance notes to see if all was well: what a shock I had. It plainly stated six ringers from the age of 16 to 70 years, so not one of my young ringers was covered. It has taken me nearly three months to get the insurance amended to cover my young ones now starting: so may I say to all churchwardens, tower Masters, etc., check your insurances.—Yours sincerely,

CHARLES S. SMITH.

Ford End, Essex.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
SEE BACK PAGE

Average Ringers' Open Letter to Mr. Richard Speed

Oh dear! What a very pompous article, Mr. Speed. It may well be that, as you state, your article does not represent the views of "The Ringing World" Committee, but when a member of it writes in such a vein it is inevitable that a large number of readers will assume that a coup d'état has occurred and that they are reading the future gospel. Or, to use a countryside homily, "There's no smoke without fire!" And what can we, the average ringers, deduce about yourself from this article? You obviously have no time for Doubles ringers. You do not have much time for the ringers of Minor or Plain Major, but you are knowledgeable enough to be aware of their Central Council numbering system.

On looking further into that copy of "The Ringing World" (page 12) we find that you have conducted the first peal of Harpole Surprise Royal ever rung, and composed it. Six peals above this is a 5,056 of Yass Surprise Major you have composed, and in the adjacent column a 5,024 of Pudsey Surprise Major. I also remember that during 1968 you were involved in the ringing of a method that would have been named Leatherhead Surprise Major by several of the Exercise, but for some reason you did not do so! There is no doubt you are a very clever ringer, Mr. Speed, but I do not think that you would ever understand us average ringers.

There are many of us to whom the opportunity to ring a peal occurs only once or twice a year. The Grandsire Triples or Bob Minor is a great experience, and to such people the aim of ringing, say, Bob Minor, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Kent must seem as much "pie in the sky" as your Harpole Surprise Royal is to the more regular peal ringer. You wouldn't like your peals of Spliced Surprise Royal or Major, by order of a committee, to be always reported by their numbers, Mr. Speed, neither would the more moderate Minor ringer. For your information there were 18 Minor peals in that "Ringing World", only six of them being single methods. There were four Doubles peals, two being single methods.

Later in your article you again show your superiority over us by quoting a peal of Rutland. You assume that every reader is aware that this is a Surprise method, rung on eight bells and above. How many of us are supposed to know that peals of Rutland Major (or is it Royal?) have been composed by C. W Roberts and by G. Baker? You expect too much, Mr. Speed! Most of us are grateful if we manage to ring a plain course of Bob Major in our tower on practice night.

To be more constructive, can I applaud the idea of method details being limited in area, unless the band pays for extra space? In fact why not use Mr. Speed's numbers unless the band pays for the printing of the name? Concerning footnotes, I believe that this problem is now resolved by the standard peal forms, but I would suggest that the Editor should exercise his prerogative in expunging footnotes unacceptable to Mr. Speed. Let us by all means write (cond.) after the conductor's name and save space. If it is space we wish to save, can I comment upon the "R.W." in question, issue 3011?

I usually read first the letter page, which I always find enlightening. Then to the peal columns. These are well set out and clear but, yes, they do take up a lot of space. The peals that caught my eye immediately were those at Clapton-in-Gordano, Evesham, Bushey, Kendal, Hackney, Daventry, Desborough, Arundel, Shinfield and Whixley. Then when I can sit down in comfort it is back to the front, and I read it through in order. Reports on peal tours (page 2) I always find deadly boring and I can't imagine who would read them. Does anybody? The details of Odcombe's augmentation I found fascinating. Roderick Pipe's article I found beyond my capabilities, the quarter peal columns full of interest relating to average ringers and the Belfry Gossip very interesting, as always. So in order to include more boring tour reports, or more interesting quarter peals, we must redesign the layout of peals. What a good idea! But why not ask for suggestions with castigating ringers of Doubles, Minor, Triples and Major peals?

I include my suggestion for such a layout, and I am sure that Mr. Speed will not object to my using his Harpole Surprise Royal for my example, since it does take up as much space as Spliced Minor.

DAVENTRY, NORTHANTS.

On 8th Dec 1968 in 2 hrs. 59 mins.

5040 HARPOLE SURPRISE ROYAL

Barrie Hendry 1, Patrick I Chapman 2, Barry E Saunders 3, Stanley M Ruddlesden 4, Malcolm J V Chown 5, Richard J Danby 6, David J Marshall 7, Graham C Paul 8, Alan A Paul 9, Richard F B Speed (cond.) 10.
Composed by Richard F B Speed.
First peal in the method.

DEREK C. JACKSON.

A MOTHER'S JOY IN RINGING

Dear Sir,—I was very interested in your article "50 Glorious Years", by Mr. Bluff. I do enjoy reading people's special accounts of their bellringing experiences.

I know of the belfries in Stamford and Peterborough that Mr. Bluff mentioned and have been in all of them and rung in most. I have also rung for many years in just about all the churches in Lincolnshire (where my home is), Boston "Stump", Spalding Parish and East Keal being my most favoured towers. The reason that I pick out these three places is because it is where I have spent my most treasured hours with the dearest friend I have ever known, my father, George Williamson, also 50 years a ringer.

My father taught me to ring when I was about 14, and since then, years of study, my profession, marriage and raising a family of two beautiful sons has hindered and prevented me from becoming a proficient ringer. Nevertheless, when time permits I have continued to ring at every opportunity, trailing first one toddler round with me and then another.

Sundays are hectic in my home as I have to rise early, having prepared the Sunday lunch the day before. I breakfast and wash my now more grown-up sons—Lance, who is almost 11 years, and Lynden, who is nearly three years. I dash off to ring for morning service then home to do the housework and lunch, then in the evening my eldest son Lance and I leave at 5.15 p.m. to ring for Evensong, having first bathed the youngster and left him in his father's care ready for bed. After this, Lance and I present ourselves at another church, St. Barnabas', near Golders Green (we ring at St. Mary's, Finchley), as members of the choir, hurriedly capped and gowned!

My father died peacefully in a little, remote church in Lincolnshire, St. James', Freiston, where we had rung together. He was ringing for Evensong on a Sunday night, December 4th, 1966. At the time my son Lance and I were celebrating the same service here in St. Barnabas', London. One vicar wrote to me: "Felix opportunate mortis," happy in the circumstances of death. My father was only 63 years of age and a very happy man.

I can only feel a great sense of pride that a man who rang the bells to "praise the Lord", as he used to say, should be called to God in this way, and I am sure that there are many who ring with this in mind — to praise the Lord.

I haven't been able yet to carry on in his footsteps, but the delight of my life was when my son Lance turned his thoughts to bellringing. I am certain that there is not another woman living who can feel the pride that wells up inside me as I watch my son ring, with the look of concentration on his face that I used to see in my father's. (I too have noticed the powerful and comic expressions on ringers' faces, as Mr Bluff mentioned.)

I would like to mention Mr. Tubb, my son's Ringing Master, and thank him and all those who teach boys and girls to ring. They do not realise the happiness that they impart or the gift of "never being without a friend" if you can ring.—Yours faithfully,

(Mrs.) MARY BLADES.

Finchley, London, N.

A TEXT FROM THE NEW BIBLE

Dear Sir.—Mr. F. Morris, in the January 31st issue of "The Ringing World", hopes that the Authorised Version of the Bible will "not often have to take a back seat to the modern version" in the weekly scriptural passage appearing in the Personal column.

While I can understand that to someone well versed in the Authorised Version any new attempt at translation may be thought to be unnecessary, I do think that the "beautiful literature" of which Mr. Morris speaks can often completely obliterate the urgent meaning for us today.

Take, for example, the verse quoted in the same issue:—

> "And he said unto them: Take heed and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth."

It may be very beautiful as it stands, but I believe that it is far more likely to make its point in the type of language that we use, e.g.:

> "Watch out, and guard yourselves from all kinds of greed; for a man's true life is not made up the things he owns, no matter how rich he may be."
>
> (Today's English Version.)

I suppose a lot depends on one's view of the Bible — as a 17th century translation for all time, or as a collection of books which need to be translated continuously so that people shall be able to understand clearly what they are about.—Yours, etc.,

(Mrs.) R. ROGERSON.

Durham.

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LONDON.—At St. Vedast's Church, on Jan. 12th, 1,260 Minor (Cambridge, Pl. Bob): J. P. Hill 1, Maureen J. Carruthers 2, P. Bosworth 3, R. C. Woodward 4, R. R. Churchill (cond.) 5, P. G. Holden 6. Also on Jan. 19th, 1,296 Spliced Surprise Minor (six methods): Jennifer A. Dunning 1, Maureen J. Carruthers 2, Audrey R. Alexander 3, R. D. Bailey (cond.) 4, P. G. Holden 5, J. Pladdys 6. Rung by U.L.S.C.R. for morning services.

LONGWOOD, YORKS.—On Jan. 12th, 1,320 St. Albans Delight and Kent T.B. Minor: A. Lunn 1, S. Williams 2, S. Lunn 3, D. Williams 4, B. Ellis 5, I Roberts (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on Jan. 19th, 1,320 Killamarsh and London Scholars' Pleasure T.B. Minor: A. Lunn 1, S. Williams 2, S. Lunn 3 D. Williams 4, B. Ellis 5, I. Roberts (cond.) 5. For Evensong.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (seven methods): M. J. Taylor 1, R. P. Brotherston 2, Elizabeth A. Todd 3, B. G. Butcher 4, G. J. Neilson (cond.) 5, R. G. Baldock 6. For Evensong.

MABE, CORNWALL.—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret A. B. Weston (cond.) 1, Barbara J. Duck 2, D. Stephens 3, P. Jeans 4, G. W. Riddy 5, W. S. Pryor 6. A birthday compliment to the conductor and a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of 4.

MAIDS MORETON, BUCKS.—On Jan. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. A. Vickers 1, Mrs. C. M. Skermer 2, R. W. Yates (first Minor as cond.) 3, W. A. Yates 4, G. Orchard 5, G. W. Holland 6. Rung in memoriam Montague Saunders.

MARK, SOM.—On Jan. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Creber 1, P. W. Ham 2, Kay Hine 3, I. J. Burrough 4, D. G. Burrough 5, E. Forrest 6, F. B. Comer (cond.) 7, R. Lee 8. In memoriam Gilbert A. Wall

MARKET BOSWORTH, LEICS.—On Jan. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. A. Newton 1, Valerie Watts 2, J. W. Lawrence 3, C. M. Sturgess (cond.) 4, T. K. Deacon 5, A. Chambers 6, A. H. Hough 7, W. R. Proudman 8. Rung to celebrate the 64th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. F. Proudman, parents of ringer of 8.

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA.—At St. Paul's Cathedral, on Jan 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Heyes 1, Margaret Aslett 2, M. Lawrence 3, Jennifer Murphy 4, R. Turner 5, M. Scowen 6, A. Bolton (cond.) 7, G. Stewart 8. Also on Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Margaret Aslett 1, Jennifer Murphy 2, R. Turner 3, D. Roaf 4, M. Scowen 5, H. Rossell (cond.) 6.

MERSHAM, KENT.—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Ann Barber 1, B. Johnson 2, P. Richardson 3, P. C. Sinden 4, R. A. Birch 5, N. J. Davies (cond.) 6, A. P. S. Berry 7, J. Hemsley 8. Rung for the 100th birthday of Mrs. Rose Brocklehurst, widow of Canon George Brocklehurst, Rector of Mersham for 25 years.

MIDDLE SWAN, W. AUSTRALIA.—On Jan. 13th, 1,264 Pl. Bob Major: B. Potts 1-2, Heather Mann 3-4, A. R. Mann (cond.) 5-6, Nancie Page 7-8. For the engagement of Jenny Lees to Tim Gregory, both local ringers.

QUARTER PEALS

MIDHURST, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Lindsay D. Charman (first quarter) 1, Marilyn J. Burn 2, Stella M. Knight 3, Rev. N. J. Smith 4, K. C. Knight (cond.) 5, J. J. Charlton 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Martin Terry, for many years a ringer at this church.

MORTLAKE, LONDON.—On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Sheila Wright 1, Deborah Blow (first "inside") 2, Jennifer Nockolds 3, Angela Wells 4, A. Bentley (first as cond.) 5, Susan Kimber (first quarter) 6. A farewell to the Rev. John, Vanessa and Jonathan Martin.

NAILSEA, SOM.—On Jan. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Miss C. Stone 1, Mrs. R. Short 2, L. Childs 3, P. Gardner 4, L. Derrick (cond.) 5, H. Hardwidge 6.

NETTLEHAM, LINCS.—On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Sinden (first Minor) 1, Mrs. M. Parker 2, H. Jeffery 3, Mrs. S. Sinden 4, G. Parker (cond.) 5, M. Sinden 6. For Evensong.

NORTON, HERTS.—On Jan. 9th, 1,280 Kent T.B. Major: J. S. Dear (cond.) 1, M. Worthington 2, Elizabeth Cranfield 3, Margaret Roden 4, Brenda Harris 5, D. Taplin (first Major) 6, P. Worthington 7, G. T. Horritt 8. First in method for all except 1 and 8.

OLD HEADINGTON, OXFORD.—On Jan. 12th, 1,500 Grandsire Doubles: C. Butchart 1, Christine Birks 2, G. Scarsbrook (first "inside") 3, T. Smith (cond.) 4, P. Lucas 5, Linda Cozier 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Jane Wyatt, also a 14th birthday compliment to Graham Scarsbrook.

PADBURY, BUCKS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. H. Yates 1, Mrs. W. A. Yates 2, R. W. Yates (cond.) 3, F. Vickers 4, C. Gough 5, A. Thatcher 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Corbett Roper, churchwarden for many years.

PEMBROKE.—On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Minor (Kent and Plain Bob): A. Lingard 1, Nesta M. Rosen 2, Betty M. Rogers 3, S. P. Rogers 4, J. Prytherch 5, P. C. Rogers (cond.) 6, I. Russant 7. For Evensong.

PETERSFIELD, HANTS.—On Jan. 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Carol Stacey 1, K. Tipper 2, D. Hughes 3, D. Hatherly 4, K. Sansom 5, B. Walton 6, R. T. Jones (cond.) 7, R. Cross 8. Also on Jan. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Karin Hatherly (first Triples) 1, R. Tipper 2, K. Tipper 3, D. Hatherly 4, K. Sansom 5, A. Betsworth 6, B. Walton (cond.) 7, R. Cross 8. For Evensong, and a birthday compliment to ringer of sixth

POWERSTOCK, DORSET.—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: I. Calvert 1, D. B. Ellery 2, J. H. Hartung 3, I. L. Andrews (25th quarter) 4, M. J. Hiller (cond.) 5, A. D. Case 6.

RADLEY, BERKS.—On Jan. 19th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Patricia J. Webb (first quarter) 1, Margaret S. Allen 2, Marie R. Cross 3, Susan A. Alexander 4, Daphne J. Pollard (cond.) 5, Margaret Hockham 6. For the birthdays of Margaret Allen and Valerie Hook.

RADSTOCK, SOM.—On Jan. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Joanna Elford (first quarter) 1, Jacqueline Purnell 2, D. MacKay (cond.) 3, J. Adams 4, P. Jones 5, J. Purnell 6.

READING, BERKS.—On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: I. Bradley 1, K. Wallace (first "inside") 2, T. Brown 3, I. Stoter 4, Rev. D. J. Stoter (cond.) 5, A. Marshall (first quarter) 6.

SALTWOOD, KENT.—On Jan. 11th, 1,260 Kent T.B. and P.B. Minor: Ann Barber 1, K. Butler (cond.) 2, A. P. S. Berry 3, Pamela Court 4, P. C. Sinden 5, R. A. Birch 6.

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP, SOM.—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (1 and 3 leading): L. Pond 1, K. Welch 2, Rev. P. Shepherd 3, A. Drayton 4, A. Rowswell 5, J. Cornelius (cond.) 6, R. Welch 7, E. Rice 8. For Evensong.

SPARSHOLT, HANTS.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (four meth., two var.): R. R. Crook 1, R. J. M. Bavin 2, R. J. Latham 3, A. M. Donaldson 4, A. J. Mason (cond.) 5. Most methods/variations 2 and 4. Rung by the Winchester College Society.

STOKE BISHOP, BRISTOL.—On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Doubles in five method variants (Grandsire, Plain Bob, April Day, Rev. Canterbury, Epiphany II): R. Taylor (first quarter) 1, J. Riley 2, Susan Riley 3, A. Crofts 4, P. Gray (cond.) 5, D. Bentley 6. For Evensong.

STOKE D'ABERNON, SURREY.—On Jan. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mary Burt 1, Angela Fellows 2, Wendy Gilbert 3, Pamela Tappin 4, P. Feast 5, Ron Millidine 6. First quarter 1, 2, 4. Conducted from 5 for first time. Rung in thanks for Ron's help in past months.

ULCEBY, LINCS.—On Jan. 11th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: G. Parker 1, F. Kennington 2, R. Gillies 3, D. Kennington 4, J. Parker 5, A. Pashley (cond.) 6. Rung as a wedding compliment to Michael Clark and Susan Standley.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Glynis E. Perry (50th quarter) 1, Miss J. Whitcher 2, Susan F. Thomas 3, G. H. Walker 4, D. J. Hawkins 5, R. E. J. Dennis 6, M. C. Austin 7, H. H. N. Duncan 8, D. E. Cobb 9, J. E. Murfitt (first on ten as cond.) 10. For Matins.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Jones (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Gamble 2, K. Warner 3, E. Holman 4, C. T. Coles 5, C. Wright (cond.) 6, D. Wright 7. A compliment to Miss J. Gamble and J. T. Reinstra on their engagement.

WILTON, Taunton, SOM.—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (ten m./v.): Hilary Rose 1, Elaine Barrie (first quarter) 2, M. A. Arscott 3, R. F. Arscott (cond.) 4, K. E. Beale 5, R. Coles 6. For St. Hilary's Day.

WARWICK.—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Double Norwich C.B. Major: Miss P. Adams 1, P. Border 2, Clare F. Dolphin 3, E. J. Gowen 4, G. Randall 5, J. L. Garner-Hayward 6, I. Maycock (cond.) 7, J. A. Anderson 8. For Evensong.

WETHERSFIELD, ESSEX.—On Sat., Jan. 18th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): F. Marshall 1, Mrs. J. Poulter 2, J. Green (first in two methods) 3, M. Hunter 4, R. Threadgold (cond.) 5, D. Poulter 6.

WEST RETFORD, NOTTS.—On Jan. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Hilton 1, P. N. Mounsey 2, P. Rogers 3, D. R. Chambers 4, H. Poyner (cond.) 5. A half-muffled tribute by boys, Old Boys and staff of King Edward VI Grammar School, Retford, to the memory of Margaret G. Bartley, wife of the senior English master.

WHITTLESEY, CAMBS.—On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: D. J. W. Gadd 1, M. R. Spencer 2, J. R. Charlton 3, W. J. Riley 4, J. E. David 5, J. M. Tyler (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

WILMSLOW, CHESHIRE.—On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Louise Harvey 1, Linda Merall 2, J. D. Smith 3, Rev. C. J. Rees 4, S. Coutts 5, D. Mottershead (cond.) 6. Rung in memory of Mr. A. Ford, verger for many years.

WITCHAMPTON, DORSET.—On Jan. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. J. Paulley (first Minor) 1, C. J. Corry 2, Susan M. Corry 3, T. G. Bleathman 4, M. J. Corry 5, C. F. Longridge (cond.) 6.

WOODFORD, ESSEX.—On Jan. 12th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minor: Miss L. Tappens (first quarter) 1, Miss V. Jones 2, Miss J. Workman 3, Miss J. Dunning 4, A. M. Faulkner 5, A. R. Crowson (cond.) 6.

YATTON, SOM.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,280 Belfast Surprise Major: Heather Kippin 1, Diana M. Bridle 2, P. J. England 3, J. Brain 4, S. Brown 5, E. T. Lee 6, P. Bridle 7, R. C. Kippin (cond.) 8. First by all.

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CORRECTIONS & AMENDMENTS

The handbell peal of Plain Bob Minor at Northampton Hall, City of London (page 91), was Timothy G. Pett's 50th peal for the University of London Society and not the peal of Double Norwich at St. Olave's, Hart Street (page 11), as submitted.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

There was a good attendance at the meeting of the Northern District held on February 1st, although there was a marked lack of District members. It was pleasing to welcome so many visitors from other parts of the county and further afield.

Ringing took place at the quaint little church at Hinxworth, the six proving rather difficult for some The fabric of the tower, however, is not very safe so the bells could only be rung for a short period. A torrential downpour caught most people unprepared on leaving and made the approach to Wallington tower even muddier than usual. Here a stay was broken early on and the bell went over twice more, causing the tolerant tower captain and son to ascend the stairs three times, disturbing the birds and much of the plaster by their appearance on descending! Methods from rounds to London were rung on the six. M. M. R.

SUFFOLK GUILD

Eye was the venue for the quarterly meeting of the Central District on January 25th. The service was taken by the Rector and the lessons read by the Rev. L. R. Pizzey (Guild secretary) and Mr. G. W. Pipe (Master). A company of 25 sat down to tea.

Mr. H. W. M. Leather presided at the business meeting, during which details were given of the striking competition at Great Finborough in May and Mr. Pipe announced that a 12-bell practice is held at Ipswich on the fourth Monday of each month. All ringers would be welcome.

Unknown to the organiser, ringing ceased at 7.30 p.m. Apologies to all who never had a pull. L. G. B.

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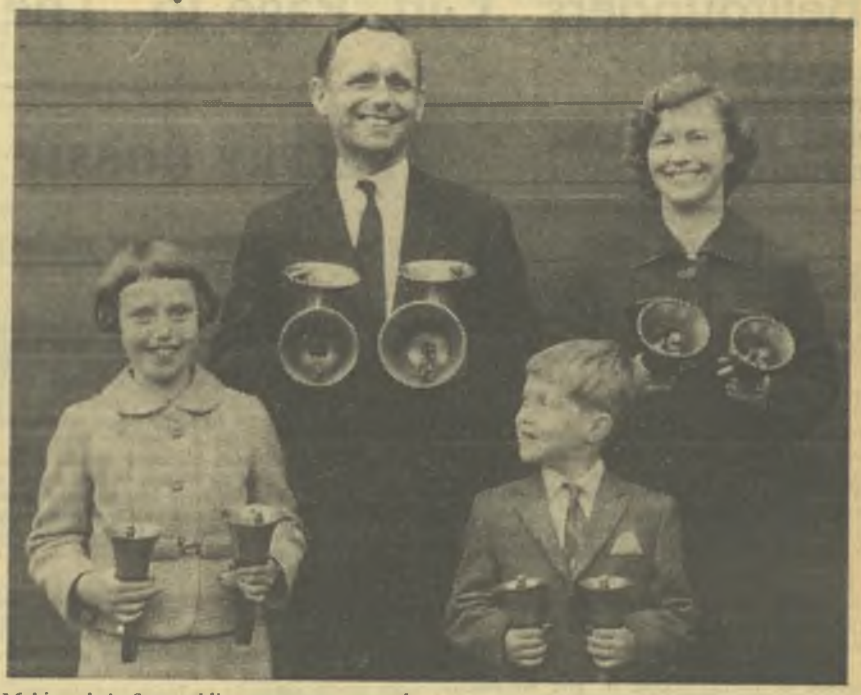
A Family Handbell Team from Isleworth



Making their first public appearance recently as a handbell team were Mr. Charles Richards, of Isleworth, Middlesex, his wife, Daphne, his 11-year old daughter, Deirdre, and 7-year-old son, Mark. Mr. Richards is the leader of the young handbell team from Feltham, Middlesex.

Following in the footsteps of his father and grandfather, he was taught tower bell ringing at an early age at St. James' Church, Wollaston, Stourbridge, Worcestershire. As tower bell ringing was curtailed during the war and handbells became more popular, he became interested in this branch of the Art. Little did he realise the success he would have with the pupils where he now teaches. This led to appearances before the Lord Mayor of London and on I.T.V. National News, and has resulted in the winning of the Richmond and Twickenham Music Festival handbell tune-ringing shield. A merit certificate was obtained in the Hounslow Drama and Music Festival, when a new team which had only been formed for five weeks was successful. Mr. Richards' young son and daughter constitute the fourth generation of the family to learn the traditional art of handbell ringing. ENID TOLMAN.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD

A meeting of the Guild was held at Wadhurst on February 8th, with afternoon ringing at Ticehurst. Despite the adverse road conditions, by service time more than 20 members were present. The Curate (Rev. S. Macdougall) took the service and this was followed by a very good tea in the Greyhound opposite the church. Among those present was a vice-president, the oldest member, Mr. A. Relfe. Local arrangements were by Mr. C. Bassett.

Members were told that due to difficulties in the arrangements for the A.G.M. it would again be held at Coleman's Hatch, on March 8th, with Lingfield, Danehill and Hartfield also available (details will appear in "R.W.").

It was decided to ask for Capel and Newdigate for the meeting on April 12th. A grant of 5 gns. from the rope fund to help Wadhurst to buy new ropes was approved.

After votes of thanks ringing was continued until 8 p.m. R. J. E.

BELFRY GOSSIP

We are sorry to hear that Mr. F. Davy, of Norwich, has had a heart attack. Our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

We commend the faithfulness to our request by a conductor in typing a quarter peal: "This is only my fifth attempt on this letter. May I never need to send an article to you!"

We are assured that the holding of the Henry Johnson dinner at Solihull this year is coincidental and there is no foundation to any thought that a take-over bid on their part is pending

That great Somerset ringer William A. J. Knight, of Milverton, Taunton, conducted a quarter of Grandsire Triples at Wiveliscombe on January 26th to mark the 40th anniversary of the first quarter he called (January 23rd, 1929).

The heavy fall of snow and icy conditions seriously reduced the attendance at the Herts County's Eastern District meeting at Cheshunt on February 8th. Ringing in the afternoon and evening was restricted to the back six and the tea and meeting which the Ringing Master had laid on at his home had to be cancelled.

Mr. J. N. Dunn, a member of the Christchurch Cathedral band, has left New Zealand for Perth, W.A. A farewell quarter of Plain Bob Minor was rung on February 9th.

Handbell ringers under the leadership of Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Willgress, of Honingham, Norfolk, raised the sum of £25 5s. for Honingham Church Restoration Fund by ringing carols prior to Christmas.

"Every peal rung by a Sunday service band is an outstanding performance," writes a correspondent. Is this a reflection on the ability of our Sunday service bands or do ringers prefer to ring their peals with people of their own standing?

Portishead, Somerset, has one of the towers where the bells are rung regularly for both morning and evening services. Mr. Gale, the captain, reported that during 1968 no less than eight members recorded attendances of between 112 and 147 out of a possible 154 for service and practice A quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on Christmas Eve with no outside assistance. Mr. Gale was re-elected captain for the 19th time and warmly thanked for his inspiration and leadership.

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THE BIG SHOT

Conversation following the recent peal of Double Norwich at Blagdon, Somerset.

Nearby resident: Are you lot responsible for making that noise all the afternoon?

Ringer: If you mean have we been ringing the bells for three hours, yes, we have.

N.R.: Well I call it a b—— row; it's ruined my afternoon off.

Tenor King: You've got a damn cheek. Listen, my man, do you know who I am? People have travelled miles just to shake me by the hand. I've rung more heavy bells than anyone else living or dead.

Whereupon the nearby resident dissolved into laughter, turned his back and went away.

NOW A SPONSORED PEAL

The ringers from Flixton, Lancs, have modified the idea of a sponsored walk so that bells can be used to make money for the church.

Instead of asking people to give so much per mile the request went out for so much per 1,000 changes, a peal of 5,000 changes being the target.

Eight ringers turned up and rang a "peal" of Cambridge and Rutland Spliced, being 5,024 changes! Unfortunately two bells were crossed over for about three leads so the "peal" was not sent to "The Ringing World" for publication. The "peal", however, was sufficient for the ringers to collect £61 towards the church boiler repair fund.

Another sponsored peal was rung at St. James', Birch-in-Rusholme, Manchester, on Saturday, December 21st. This raised about £25 towards church funds: this peal was published in "The Ringing World". J. B.

MAJOR GIFT TO CHESTER CATHEDRAL

The Pilgrim Trust has made a grant of £10,000 to the Chester Cathedral Fund Appeal for the restoration and repair of the Cathedral.

The appeal was launched four weeks ago on January 7th and has now reached £143,512 towards the target of £300,000.

SUFFOLK VILLAGE'S DISAPPOINTMENT

Few organising appeal committees have had a harder task than in the Suffolk village of Kersey with about 340 souls. Their bells needed recasting and rehanging: they had not been pealed since Queen Victoria's Jubilee. By a bell appeal tub in the watersplash over £150 yearly had been raised, and other features including a flower festival and produce stall had resulted in the £3,000 needed for the bells being forthcoming by the village's own efforts in under four years.

Now the appeal committee is informed that the work on the bells cannot be undertaken until the repairs to the 600-year-old tower are completed. Cracks in the structure are deepening and the fine flintwork is rapidly falling away. According to the architect this work will not be less than £8,000 and may be £12,000. There is also restoration to the remainder of the church. To allow for the escalation of prices a new appeal for £20,000 was launched at a special service attended by the Bishop of the diocese on January 11th. The appeal treasurer is Mr. M. H. Harbinson, Wickerstreet House, Kersey, Ipswich, who states: "If only a thousand of our visitors would covenant to give £1 a year we could just manage." Put like that it sounds simple.

A TEENAGE NON-RINGER SURVEYS THE EXERCISE

By SUSAN E. CANE

Most girls think that their brothers are mad, and I'm certainly no exception, particularly with a brother like Roger! Every Saturday morning, when I'm having a welcome lie-in, he is up at the crack of dawn, gulps down his breakfast, and is off to some place miles away to ring what he calls a "peal". Whatever a peal is, it gives him blistered hands, aching limbs and, should it go wrong, as bad a temper as Dad when Chelsea have lost a home game! How anyone can stand and pull a bell rope for three whole hours is beyond me. What the people living near the church must have to put up with I dread to think.

Roger took me down to the church on practice night last Tuesday. What an odd lot of people! It was quite unbelievable to watch the expressions on people's faces, fiery and demented, like some kind of animal! As for Roger, well! He is normally so quiet and shy (except at home, when he teases me like anything), but when he was asked to lead a bit of the ringing he became almost a different person. There he was, shouting and bawling at some helpless female who couldn't quite keep in time with the rest. Again it reminded me of Dad when we're out in the car and he's swearing at everybody else on the road.

People were pulling all sorts of faces, nodding and shaking their heads, eating imaginary chewing gum. Noses were twitching, teeth clenched, everybody completely hypnotised by the ringing. The bells themselves seemed one continuous jangle and not keeping to a definite tune or pattern. How Roger keeps all those figures in his head I'll never know. His waste-paper basket is full of sheets of paper covered with numbers: at first I thought it was some way of doing the football pools.

I always understood that bellringing was a church activity, but Roger and all the other ringers I know hardly ever go to church. On a Sunday morning they sneak out during the service as if the whole thing has absolutely nothing to do with the bells. Then they're across the road to the pub, and spend hours and hours talking of nothing but bells.

They're trying to get me to learn. No fear! I want to keep my sanity. Hockey, pop music and, of course, boys are much more interesting and rewarding pursuits!

KEEPING RINGERS TO THE FOREFRONT

Cover picture of Yardley Parish Magazine is of four ringers at the ropes in the belfry. For some years it has been the policy of the Editor to cover various parish activities by changing the picture every six months. Thus for the first half of 1969 there will be a constant reminder that ringers are an integral part of the Church's life. Letterpress about ringers' activities also appears, contributed by members of the band.

WORPLESDON BELLS AT FOUNDRY

Worplesdon, Surrey, bells were sent to the Whitechapel Foundry last week. The fourth and fifth are to be recast and there is to be a general overhaul and rehanging of the eight bells.

RE-FORMING NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION IN ABEYANCE

The A.G.M. of the North Notts District was at East Retford on January 25th. Twenty-three members from nine towers were at the business meeting. Matters discussed included secession from the Southwell Diocesan Guild to re-form the former North Notts Association. After a very full airing of views it was decided not to press this matter at the present time.

Officers were re-elected with the exception of J. A. Coates (E. Retford), replaced on the Guild committee by D. R. Chambers (Laxton).

The secretary, H. Poyner (E. Retford and Sturton-le-Steeple), explained that he had put himself down twice in the list of members forwarded to the general secretary because he was a member, equally, of two Sunday service bands. Others in the District also belonged to two bands; this was to a large extent how a lot of the bells in the District were rung on a Sunday. Members were dubious of this expedient of dual membership but could offer no alternative, and decided to hand on the problem of the membership list to the general committee.

Ringing on the new ten bells was much enjoyed, as were films of ringers on holiday shown afterwards in the Ebsworth Hall by B. Birkett (Sutton-cum-Lound and E. Retford).

H. P.

PENALTY FOR LATE PEALS!

A peal ringer who specialises in his Saturday peals being in the "R.W." Office on Monday writes: "I think a rule should be made that all peals must be sent in within a month of being rung, or else they will be either not published or printed in the same way as quarter peals."

HARPENDEN BELLS AT FOUNDRY

Harpenden bells are shortly to go to the Loughborough Foundry for retuning, refitting and rehanging. Unfortunately, they will not be back in time for the Central Council visit to St. Albans at Whitsun.

INSURANCE OF RINGERS

Dear Sir,—The correspondence about the insurance of ringers by parochial church councils and the extent of the cover provided by the Ecclesiastical Insurance Office will have been of much interest to ringers and to church officers. It is a good thing for these facts to be made known to all concerned so that they can act in full knowledge of the conditions. A point which did not emerge, however, is that there is also an upper age limit in this class of insurance. The normal age range is from 16 to 70, though from personal experience I know that it is possible to make special arrangements to secure (reduced) cover up to 75, but no further.

Ringers are still young at 70, and we have many active and faithful performers above that age. It is unlikely that any of the old brigade would be put off by the fact that their insurance cover is reduced or non-existent, but it is just as well that everyone should know of the conditions which apply. On the other hand, it might be that if the Ecclesiastical Insurance Office were approached by enough authorities and could be convinced of the actuarial soundness of an extension of the limit they might modify the conditions.—Yours faithfully,

AUBREY W. LLOYD.

Charlbury, Oxon.

1968 PEAL

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
NORTH MUSKHAM, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.
On Sat., Dec. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different callings. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb.

Clarence Briggs	Treble	Frederick G. Hooper	4
F. William Midwinter	2	Dereck J. Tysoe	5
*Harold Denman	3	Paul Raithby	Tenor

Conducted by Frederick G. Hooper.
* 375th peal.
Rung for the Festival of Christmas. Also in memoriam Albert Hollingworth, one-time ringer at Surfleet, Lincs.

1969 PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
READING, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Laurence.
On Sat., Jan. 11, 1969, in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDINIUM SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 23 cwt. 20 lb. in D.

David P. Hilling	Treble	Christopher H. Rogers	7
John Hill	2	James R. Taylor	8
Alan J. Frost	3	David E. House	9
Brian Bladon	4	D. John Hunt	10
Andrew N. Stubbs	5	Noel J. Diserens	11
John N. Diserens	6	Michael P. Moreton	Tenor

Composed by Peter Border. Conducted by David P. Hilling.

BATH, Somerset.—At the Abbey Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat. Jan. 25, 1969, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 3 version. Tenor 33 cwt. 25 lb. in C sharp.

John G. Gipson	Treble	Peter S. Bennett	6
Philip J. Rothera	2	John H. Fielden	7
Peter G. Brown	3	David E. House	8
Kenneth J. Hesketh	4	Ralph G. Edwards	9
David E. Rothera	5	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Peter Border.
First peal of London Surprise Royal on the bells.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
TWERTON-ON-AVON, Bath.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., Jan. 11, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 HAWKHURST BOB TRIPLES
Henry Hubbard's Ten-Part. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.

David A. Burt	Treble	†Robin L. Coles	5
*Peter J. W. Hardwick	2	Peter J. Devrell	6
Kay Whittiker	3	Alan F. Lee	7
Julian E. Newman	4	Thomas W. Harris	Tenor

Conducted by Alan F. Lee.
* First peal of Triples "inside". † 25th peal (all with the conductor). David A. Burt has now "circled the tower". First peal in the method by all, on the bells, and for the Association.

CHEDDAR, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Wed., Jan. 15, 1969, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. in D.

Richard W. Sweet	Treble	Edgar T. Skipsey	5
Michael J. Hobbs	2	James R. Taylor	6
David Rennolds	3	D. John Hunt	7
John C. Sheppard	4	Ralph G. Edwards	Tenor

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by D. John Hunt.
First peal in the method by all except the conductor.

LANGPORT, Somerset.—At the Parish Church.
On Sat., Jan. 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents (seven different callings). Tenor 14 cwt.

Mervyn R. Arscott	Treble	Raymond F. Arscott	4
Brenda M. Bindon	2	Robert Parker	5
D. Lesley Parker	3	*John Cornelius	Tenor

Conducted by Raymond F. Arscott.

OVER STOWEY, Somerset.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Jan. 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

Cecil T. Clarke	Treble	Alan G. Kent	4
Edwin T. Dibble	2	Ronald D. Short	5
Graham Nabb	3	Michael J. Stone	Tenor

Conducted by Michael J. Stone.
First peal on the bells.
* First peal in the method and 20th peal.

BROMPTON REGIS, Som.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
On Sat., Jan. 11, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in F sharp.

W. J. Smith	Treble	L. Lyddon	3
Cyril Lock	2	*B. Dennett	4
R. J. Somerfield	Tenor		

Conducted by R. J. Somerfield.
* First peal. First as conductor. First on the bells, recently restored. Rung half-muffled.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
CAMBRIDGE.—At the Church of St. Andrew-the-Great.
On Tues., Jan. 14, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In eight methods, being 768 each of London and Rutland, 640 Bristol, and 576 each of Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire; with 140 changes of method.
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in G.

R. A. G. Inglis (Selwyn)	Treble	B. D. Threlfall (Trinity)	5
R. L. Underwood (P'house)	2	D. S. Bishop (Caius)	6
R. H. Youdale (Emmanuel)	3	D. S. Pont (Christ's)	7
Hilary Muirhead (Newnham)	4	A. F. Scholfield (Clare)	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Richard Inglis.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
ECCLES, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
On Sat., Jan. 11, 1969, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19¾ cwt.

Joyce Gardner	Treble	Sidney Hough	5
G. Richard King	2	Timothy Wylie	6
Brian Schofield	3	Geoffrey Gardner	7
*Eric Roughley	4	Denis Mottershead	Tenor

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Denis Mottershead.
* First peal of Surprise "inside"
Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. W. G. Parkinson, wife of the tower secretary.

AUDLEM, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sat., Jan. 11, 1969, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In five methods, being one extent each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent T.B. and three of Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt.

Leon Perry	Treble	Frank R. Morton	4
Frederick S. Sutton	2	Geoffrey A. Edwards	5
John R. Scott	3	Harry W. Howard	Tenor

Conducted by Harry W. Howard.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
KNOWLE, Warwickshire.—At the Church of SS. John-the-Baptist, Lawrence and Anne.
On Sat., Jan. 11, 1969, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 NEW GLOUCESTER SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 7 lb. in A flat.

Ernest J. Gower	Treble	Peter C. Randall	5
Clare F. Dolphin	2	L. Michael Callow	6
Ian D. Thompson	3	Geoffrey W. Randall	7
Peter H. Mackie	4	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Peter Border.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
BOLSOVER, Derbyshire.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Lawrence.
On Fri., Jan. 10, 1969, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in G.

Susan E. Davis	Treble	Dennis Cooper	5
Rev. R. D. St. John Smith	2	Timothy Wylie	6
Linda D. Shaw	3	Harold Wagstaff	7
*John K. Walton	4	Robert M. Chambers	Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Timothy Wylie.
* First peal on eight bells.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
WALKHAMPTON, Devon.—At the Parish Church.
On Mon., Jan. 6, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being three extents April Day, 14 Plain Bob and two 240s (Morris' and Price's arrangements) and 21 of Grandsire.
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in G.

*H. Paul Perkin	Treble	Stephen G. Peirce	4
John C. Mitchelmore	2	Peter L. Bill	5
D. Roy Bould	3	Ernest J. Cann	Tenor

Conducted by Peter L. Bill.
* First peal. D. Roy Bould has now "circled the tower" to peals.
Rung as a tribute to the late Mr. J. L. Blagg, of Plymouth, whose friendship will be remembered by all the band.

THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.

WITHYHAM, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., Jan. 11, 1969, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Henry Johnson's variation. Tenor 15 cwt. 9 lb. in F.

John E. Warner	Treble	‡Robin A. Grant	5
*Charlotte M. Harris	2	Keith G. Game	6
†Christine A. Foster	3	Nigel Thomson	7
C. Martin Foster	4	Tony Lewis	Tenor

Composed by Charles Middleton. Conducted by Nigel Thomson.
* First peal of Major in the method. † First in the method. ‡ First of Surprise Major. First of Surprise as conductor.
Rung on the annual dinner day.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

HARSTON, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Thurs., Jan. 9, 1969, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in B flat.

Vivian Nutton	Treble	†D. William Newman	4
Walter C. Chandler	2	Geoffrey Pearson	5
*Brian D. Threlfall	3	*John G. Gipson	Tenor

Conducted by Vivian Nutton.
* 25th peal together. † First of Surprise

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Margaret of Antioch.
On Wed., Jan. 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in F sharp.

Anita D. O'Brien	Treble	Eric Sutton	5
*Maurice A. New	2	Lewis F. Cobb	6
W. Bertram Kynaston	3	†Michael J. Stanley	7
Brian Bladon	4	Anthony R. Peake	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.
* First peal in the method away from treble. † First in the method. First of Major in the method as conductor.

BLUNSDON, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Leonard.
On Sat., Jan. 11, 1969, m 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven variations of an extent Tenor 5 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

Anthony R. Peake	Treble	Anita D. O'Brien	4
*P. Donald Naylor	2	Michael J. Stanley	5
Harold Ball	3	E. William Ford	Tenor

Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.
* First peal of Minor (aged 11).

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

YORKTOWN, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Jan. 11, 1969, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in F.

*Meriel J. Coldman	Treble	David W. Lamb	5
Rowan S. Bradley	2	Alan D. Elsmore	6
Raymond A. Clist	3	Michael J. Church	7
Donald N. Jennings	4	W. John Couperthwaite	Tenor

Composed by Frank Bennett. Conducted by Michael J. Church.
* First peal.
Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to Mr. F. J. Farr, who has been a Sunday service ringer at this church for 63 years.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

POPLAR, London, E.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Jan. 11, 1969, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in D.

Arthur G. Mason	Treble	*†Peter G. Holden	6
*Maureen J. Carruthers	2	*†Robin A. Grant	7
Frederick J. Cullum	3	Michael J. Uphill	8
Laurence C. Way	4	John W. Smith	9
Jeremy R. Pratt	5	John Pladdys	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by John Pladdys.
* First peal of Stedman. † First on ten bells. The conductor's 125th peal.

WEST WICKHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
On Thurs., Jan. 9, 1969, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of London, Beverley, Surfleet, Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob.
Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

*Peter R. Butler	Treble	John A. Howard	4
Richard Hayes	2	D. Paul Smith	5
*Phillip A. Butler	3	Tony Lewis	Tenor

Conducted by Tony Lewis.
* First peal in seven methods.

ALDINGTON, Kent.—At the Church of St. Martin.
On Sat., Jan. 11, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in F sharp.

Rachel J. Sinden	Treble	Elizabeth Todd	4
*Michael J. Taylor	2	Crawford T. Hillis	5
James Hedgcock	3	Brian G. Butcher	Tenor

Conducted by Crawford T. Hillis.
* First peal.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Jan. 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

Graham K. Austin	Treble	Christine Andrew	5
Rachel J. Sinden	2	C. Kenneth Lewis	6
Andrew Riley	3	Ernest Bennett	7
James Hedgcock	4	Frank Osbaldiston	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.

TARLETON, Lancashire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Jan. 11, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in F sharp.

*Jacky Holmes	Treble	‡Michael Thomson	5
†Lucy P. A. Hopkins	2	‡Martin Snape	6
David F. Moore	3	‡H. Lyndon Hatfield	7
‡William E. Court	4	Bruce Wakefield	Tenor

Composed by W. Barton. Conducted by H. Lyndon Hatfield.
* First peal of Surprise. † First of Surprise "inside". ‡ First in the method. First of Major as conductor.

BURTON-IN-LONSDALE, W. Yorks.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Jan. 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 11 lb. in G.

Alan Capstick	Treble	Stanley Anderton	4
Joseph Whalley	2	*Kenneth J. Foster	5
William Wall	3	Kevin M. Price	Tenor

Conducted by Kevin M. Price.
* First peal.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LEICESTER.—At the Royal Foundation and Collegiate Church of St. Mary-de-Castro.
On Sat., Jan. 11, 1969, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 NORTHAMPTONSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

John M. Jelley	Treble	Malcolm E. Wade	5
Monica M. Jelley	2	*David G. Massey	6
Martin Green	3	Roland H. Cook	7
W. Ernest Rawson	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by George H. Cross. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
* 75th peal. First in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Guild. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in F.
Rung to the memory of Frances M. Carter, sister of the ringer of the sixth, who died on January 10th, 1969.

LEIRE, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Fri., Jan. 10, 1969, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in A.

Robin A. Gilliver	Treble	Brian L. Burrows	4
*J. Henry Dove	2	K. Paul Gilliver	5
Christopher M. Sturgess	3	William Johnson	Tenor

Conducted by K. Paul Gilliver.
* First peal of Surprise "inside".
A 61st birthday compliment to the ringer of the second.

COPT OAK, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Jan. 11, 1969, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.

Alex R. Jones	Treble	Percival W. Grice	4
*Peter D. Bailey	2	Joseph W. Cotton	5
Jane M. Tooby	3	Arthur E. Rowley	Tenor

Conducted by Arthur E. Rowley.
* First peal.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

SURFLEET, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Laurence.
On Sat., Jan. 11, 1969, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb. in F.

Alan F. Scholfield	Treble	Richard H. Youdale	7
Derek F. Yates	2	Christopher M. Movley	8
Frank Osbaldiston	3	Christine Andrew	9
Bernard F. L. Groves	4	Michael W. Crowder	10
C. Kenneth Lewis	5	Richard S. Starkie	11
Robert B. Smith	6	Ian M. Holland	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

BRACEBOROUGH Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Sat., Jan. 11, 1969, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 12 extents each of Grandsire and April Day, and 18 of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

Frederick W. Pinchbeck	Treble	Thomas A. Relf	3
*John E. Coleman	2	Peter A. Slight	4
James H. Musson	Tenor		

Conducted by James H. Musson.
* First peal of Doubles.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
CADOXTON, NEATH, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Catwg
On Sat., Jan. 11, 1969, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in B.

Edmund J. Morris	Treble	Lawrence C. Hanney	4
John M. Hughes	2	Gwyn I. Lewis	5
Patricia A. Jenkins	3	Alwyn R. Lewis	Tenor

Conducted by Gwyn I. Lewis.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile
On Tues., Jan. 7, 1969, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Morris J. Morris' transposition of Parker's Twelve-Part.
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

G. Ronald Edwards	Treble	Ronald D. Hughes	5
Richard J. Clifton	2	Frank Measures	6
Joseph W. Cotton	3	Roland Beniston	7
B. Stedman Payne	4	Arthur E. Rowley	Tenor

Conducted by Roland Beniston.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., Jan. 9, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 EVESHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

Martin L. Howe	Treble	David Cubitt	5
Janet House	2	David Heighton	6
Geoffrey H. Pullin	3	Martin Cubitt	7
Desmond P. Mortlock	4	David E. House	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by David E. House.
First peal in the method in the county, by the Association, and all the band except the conductor. Tenor 8 cwt. 48 lb. in G.
Rung by Mancroft ringers in memoriam Sam Thurston, former ringer at that tower, on the 128th anniversary of his death.

TOTTENHAM, LONDON, N.—At the Church of St. Ann. Stamford Hill.
On Sat., Jan. 11, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 DEREHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in A.

Frank Reed	Treble	Ronald K. Russ	5
Julia A. Fellows	2	Philip Bosworth	6
Robert C. Woodward	3	Andrew W. R. Wilby	7
John R. Ketteringham	4	Timothy G. Pett	Tenor

Composed by Roger D. Bailey. Conducted by Timothy G. Pett.
First peal in the method.

DEREHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
-38—14—12—16—34—1458—16—58. l.h. 12 B f.c.h. b, d.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Ebbe.
On Wed., Jan. 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5184 WELFORD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

Harry W. Badger	Treble	Ronald K. Russ	5
Brian W. Hall	2	Peter J. Heritage	6
Alan R. Pink	3	Barry J. Davies	7
Charles Coles	4	Christopher C. Clarke	Tenor

Composed by Harry Poyner. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
First peal in the method by all the band, and for the Guild.
Rung for the Feast of the Epiphany.

WITNEY, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., Jan. 9, 1969, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's transposition. Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

*Christopher P. Turner	Treble	Edgar J. Smith	5
Walter F. Judge	2	Peter J. Heritage	6
Martin J. Turner	3	Brian R. White	7
Francis A. White	4	Bertram J. Coggins	Tenor

Conducted by Walter F. Judge.
* First peal in the method, and rung at first attempt (aged 13 years).

BURNHAM, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Jan. 11, 1969, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F.

Leonard Stillwell	Treble	David C. Brown	5
Alan R. Pink	2	Robert H. Newton	6
*Rosamund M. Brown	3	William Birmingham	7
Michael Hatchett	4	J. Keith Ward	Tenor

Composed by Nolan Golden. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* First peal at first attempt.
Rung for the Feast of the Epiphany

READING, Berkshire.—At the Minster Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
On Sun., Jan. 12, 1969, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in D.

Mrs. A. Diserens	Treble	Brian J. Luff	5
Albert Diserens	2	John N. Diserens	6
Helen M. Diserens	3	Ronald F. Diserens	7
Edward W. Colley	4	Frank W. Lewis	Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Ronald F. Diserens.
Rung within the Octave of the Epiphany.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
DAVENTRY, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Sun., Jan. 5, 1969, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5,076 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E flat.

*John F. Thorne	Treble	David J. Marshall	6
Shirley Ruddlesden	2	*Stanley Ruddlesden	7
John K. Foot	3	Kilby R. Holtom	8
Stanley F. Webb	4	Alan E. Hartley	9
Peter C. Randall	5	Patrick I. Chapman	Tenor

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by David J. Marshall.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters

EASTON NESTON, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St Mary.
On Sat., Jan. 11, 1969, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 BEDFORD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb

Barry E. Saunders	Treble	James Linnell	5
Shirley E. Ruddlesden	2	Graham C. Paul	6
Stanley M. Ruddlesden	3	George W. Holland	7
Raymond A. Vickers	4	Alan A. Paul	Tenor

Composed by John R. Mayne. Conducted by Graham C Paul.
First peal in the method by all the band, and for the Guild.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
SHOREDITCH, LONDON, E.—At the Church of St. Leonard
On Tues., Jan. 7, 1969, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5184 EALING SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in G.

M. Louise Slater	Treble	*Christopher P. Starbuck	5
*Jane Foster	2	*Norman Summerhayes	6
Joan Beresford	3	Derek E. Sibson	7
*John R. Pratchett	4	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed by Stanley Jenner. Conducted by Dennis Beresford.
* First peal in the method.

GREAT BADDOW, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
On Sat., Jan. 11, 1969, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14½ cwt. in F sharp.

Peter Beresford	Treble	Michael H. O'Callaghan	5
Jane Foster	2	*Peter M. Wilkinson	6
Joan Beresford	3	John S. Barnes	7
David D. Smith	4	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed by John R. Mayne. Conducted by Dennis Beresford.
* 150th peal.

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BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral of St. Philip.
On Sat., Jan. 11, 1969, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

John N. Lindon	Treble	Terry R. Hampton	6
Muriel Reay	2	Norman J. Goodman	7
*Maurice F. Edwards	3	George E. Fearn	8
*Stephen W. Barton	4	James W. Belshaw	9
John R. Insley	5	Clifford A. Barron	Tenor

Composed by C. J Sedgley. Conducted by Clifford A. Barron.
* First peal of Royal in the method.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew, Edgbaston.
On Wed., Jan. 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 14 lb. in G.

John N. Lindon	Treble	John R. Insley	5
*Janet E. Blake	2	George E. Fearn	6
Stephen W. Barton	3	Maurice F. Edwards	7
Susan E. Smith	4	Clifford A. Barron	Tenor

Composed by H. G. Cashmore. Conducted by Clifford A. Barron.
* First peal in the method.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
NOTTINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Peter with St. James.
On Wed., Jan. 8, 1969, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb. in E flat.

*Judith Miller	Treble	*A. Richard C. Harris	6
*Susan O'Neill	2	R. Brian Mills	7
Sheila M. Anthony	3	David Stainsby	8
Richard A. G. Inglis	4	William L. Exton	9
Royston Blackler	5	*Richard Anthony	Tenor

Composed by E. C. Shepherd. Conducted by Richard A. G. Inglis.
* First peal on ten bells.

HOLME PIERREPONT, Notts.—At the Church of St. Edmund.
On Tues., Jan. 7, 1969, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being three extents each of Plain Bob, Rev. Canterbury (var.), Northrepps, Reverse St. Bartholomew, All Saints, Rushall, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, St. Columb, Kennington, April Day, Seighford, Old. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. in G.

Joyce M. Marsh	Treble	Ruth Blackshaw	4
H. Geoffrey Wells	2	Maurice W. Harrison	5
W. Gordon Marsh	3	Pamela J. Clifton	Tenor

Conducted by W. Gordon Marsh.
A 21st birthday compliment to Jenny A. Dickinson.

BABWORTH, Notts.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Jan. 11, 1969, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Killamarsh, Sandal, London Scholars', Kingston, Oxford, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise.
Tenor 7 cwt 1 qr. 4 lb.

Bryan Birkett	Treble	Harry Poyner	4
*Paul N. Mounsey	2	*Philip Rogers	5
John A. Coates	3	†Harold Denman	Tenor

Conducted by Harold Denman.
* First peal in seven Treble Bob methods. † 350th peal.

HOLME PIERREPONT, Notts.—At the Church of St. Edmund.
On Thurs., Jan. 16, 1969, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being three extents each Plain Bob, Rev. Canterbury (var.), three each Northrepps, Reverse St. Bartholomew, All Saints, Rushall, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, St. Columb, Little Aston, Kennington, April Day, Seighford, Old. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr.

Joyce M. Marsh	Treble	W. Gordon Marsh	4
Ruth Blackshaw	2	Maurice W. Harrison	5
J. Richard Anthony	3	*Ralph Adey	Tenor

Conducted by W. Gordon Marsh.
* First peal.
Rung to welcome the Rev. Stephen Chaloner as priest-in-charge of St. Edmund's.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
LICHFIELD, Staffordshire.—At the Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Chad.
On Sat., Jan. 11, 1969, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5020 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 31 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in D.

Julia M. Sanders	Treble	Clifford W. Bowen	6
Clive M. Smith	2	Cyril T. Collins	7
Penelope Sedgwick	3	Leslie Monk	8
Marlene E. Townsend	4	Roderick W. Pipe	9
*Margaret L. Ellwood	5	Jeffrey B. Webb	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.
* First peal on ten bells. Clive M. Smith has now "completed the circle".

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
TANNINGTON, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Ethelbert.
On Sat., Jan. 11, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Double Court, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

Anthony H. Roberts	Treble	J. Martin Thorley	4
*Katharine M. Thorley	2	Cecil W. Pipe	5
Frank C. J. Arnold	3	H. William Barrett	Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.
* 25th peal (aged 12), all rung with the conductor.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
(The Reigate Society.)
REIGATE, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Sat., Jan. 18, 1969, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in E flat.

Terence T. Jones	Treble	Ambrose T. Shelton	6
C. Martin Foster	2	Keith G. Game	7
*Carol Martin	3	A. Patrick Cannon	8
*Wilfred E. Dunn	4	*A. J. C. Brown	9
Alan Streeter	5	*Jeffrey Knipe	Tenor

Composed by Edgar Bennett. Conducted by Keith G. Game.
* First peal on ten. First in method as conductor.

PUTNEY, LONDON, S.W.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
On Sun., Jan. 5, 1969, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Being 1,728 each of Cambridge and Yorkshire, and 1,600 Superlative; with 107 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F.

Roy K. Williams	Treble	*Laurence C. Way	5
Michael J. Uphill	2	Christopher F. Mew	6
*Julie S. Armstrong	3	*Kenneth J. Rider	7
*Richard L. Jones	4	*Marcus C. W. Sherwood	Tenor

Arranged by Norman Smith. Conducted by Christopher F. Mew.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major. Michael J. Uphill has "circled the tower" three times.
Rung for the annual carol service.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
PETWORTH, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Jan. 4, 1969, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb. in E.

Timothy Banner	Treble	Stanley G. Ponting	5
Edgar R. Rapley	2	Ian Wickens	6
Derek Slater	3	David D. Smith	7
Bernard E. Mathews	4	John A. Howard	Tenor

Composed by C. P. Starbuck. Conducted by David D. Smith.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
REDRUTH, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Euny.
On Mon., Jan. 6, 1969, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. in G.

H. Gay J. Meyrick	Treble	Timothy J. Bell	4
Robert Peel Pearce	2	T. Roy Hart	5
Edward H. Langley	3	E Vivyan Williams	Tenor

Conducted by E. Vivyan Williams.
First peal of Minor on the bells.
Rung on the Feast of the Epiphany as a compliment to Stanley and Harold Seymour on completing 55 years' continuous service as ringers at Redruth tower.

CARBIS BAY, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Anta and All Saints.
On Sat., Jan. 11, 1969, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 42 meth./var. in 42 extents: Six methods: Newark, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob, Wollaton, Antelope and Grandsire; 36 variations. Tenor 4 cwt. 7 lb. in D sharp.

Canon A. S. Roberts	Treble	F. Malcolm Bowers	4
Robert Peel Pearce	2	Timothy J. Bell	5
Anthony J. Davidson	3	Valerie C. Allen	Tenor

Conducted by Anthony J. Davidson.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
HIGHCLERE, Hants.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Wed., Jan. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb.

*Bernard Doe	Treble	Peter Furness	5
†David Goss	2	Philip G. Taylor	6
†Michael J. Goss	3	Geoffrey K. Dodd	7
†Robert B. Crocker	4	Charles Taylor	Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker. Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.
* First peal on eight bells. † First of Grandsire Triples.
Rung by the Sunday service band.

OVERTON, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., Jan. 6, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10½ cwt.

Beryl R. Simpson	Treble	Katharine J. Maundrell	5
*Jane E. Dando	2	J. Ashmore Dodd	6
†Anthony J. Mason	3	Michael J. Church	7
Lynette M. Holbrook	4	Richard H. Youdale	Tenor

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Richard Youdale.
* First peal. † First of Major "inside".

PORTSMOUTH, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Mary, Portsea.
On Sat., Jan. 11, 1969, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt.

John H. Hunt	Treble	William Willans	5
William F. J. Cope	2	*S. Alan Scott	6
Betty J. Daysh	3	Michael S. Bruce	7
E. Winifred Keys	4	†Andrew Howard	Tenor

Composed by Michael S. Bruce. Conducted by John H. Hunt.
* First peal of Major. †25th of Plain Bob.

SHERFIELD ENGLISH, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Leonard.
On Sat., Jan. 11, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's var. of Thurstans'. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in A flat.

Katharine J. Maundrell	Treble	*Hugh Falkner	5
William T. Perrins	2	*Timothy F. Collins	6
Rev. Roger Keeley	3	Frederick E. Collins	7
David Wilson	4	*Leonard T. Perrins	Tenor

Conducted by Frederick E. Collins.
* First peal of Stedman.

UPHAM, Hampshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Wed., Jan. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 57 variations: St. Miles, Eznieh, Obadiah, St. John, Omega, Ryton, Dummer, Chilton, Laverstoke, St. Crispin, St. John Baptist, St. Leonard, Eynsham, St. Wenceslas, Austrey, Elford, St. John Divine, Churchill, St. Stephen, St. Laurence, Kennington, Totton, Portsmouth, Lymington, Bournemouth, Snowdrop, Forsythia, Geranium, Rhododendron, Newborough, Oxford, Longparish, Freeland, St. Helen, St. Valentine, Daffodil, Isis, Bluebell, Beckley, Middleton Stoney, Stanton, St. Anne, Ray, Ladbrooke, Gresford, Zennor, St. Tydfil, Pinks, Harbury, Keysoe, Jacobstowe, St. Quintin, St. Swithun, St. Lucy, Northleigh, Frideswide, St. Cross. Tenor 8 cwt.

*Hilary L. Widgery	Treble	‡Anthony A. Nunn	4
†Catherine A. Roberts	2	Derek C. Jackson	5
‡Faith Riley	3	John S. Hopwood	Tenor

Conducted by Derek C. Jackson.
* First peal. † First on a working bell. ‡ First of Doubles.

BISHOPSTOKE, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Jan. 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being six extents each of the following seven meth./var.: St. Simon, St. Martin, Rev. Canterbury, Dedworth, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in F sharp.

*Allen Guille (14)	Treble	*T. John Frodsham	4
*Roy Le Marechal (15)	2	*John P. Colliss (17)	5
†Jane E. Dando (15)	3	*John C. Hallett (15)	Tenor

Conducted by John P. Colliss.
* First peal. † First of Doubles.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

NETHERTON, Dudley, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Jan. 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, being 1,312 Bristol and 1,280 each of London, Superlative and Cambridge; with 112 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

John J. Durham	Treble	Robert Edwards	5
*M. Irene Brown	2	Michael J. Fellows	6
*Morley P. Tobin	3	Gerald C. Hemming	7
Clifford Skidmore	4	Martin D. Fellows	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.
* First peal of Spliced "inside".
Rung as a wedding compliment to Arthur V. Pearson and Eva Loukotová.

CHADDESLEY CORBETT, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Cassian.
On Sat., Jan. 11, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, being 1,312 Bristol and 1,280 each of London, Superlative and Cambridge; with 112 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 16 cwt. 23 lb. in F.

John J. Durham	Treble	Michael J. Fellows	5
M. Irene Brown	2	Robert Edwards	6
Clifford Skidmore	3	Martin D. Fellows	7
Morley P. Tobin	4	Gerald C. Hemming	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.

HARTLEBURY, Worcs.—At the Church of St. James-the-Great.
On Sat., Jan. 11, 1969, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in E flat.

John Hicks	Treble	Barnabas G. Key	5
E. Marion Key	2	*Leslie Smith	6
*Lucy Ann Key	3	Alfred W. Glazzard	7
Pamela E. Key	4	*Peter J. Key	Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker. Conducted by Barnabas G. Key
* First peal in the method.
A compliment to Mr. A. Glazzard, in recognition of 50 years' service in this belfry. All are members of the Sunday service band.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HUDDERSFIELD, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Wed., Jan. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb. in E flat.

Robert B. Smith	Treble	*Michael J. Platt	6
Michael D. Fishwick	2	Frank Osbaldiston	7
Edward Jenkins	3	J. Barry Pickup	8
Christine Andrew	4	Richard S. Starkie	9
Basil Jones	5	Jeffrey Brannan	Tenor

Composed by W. E. Critchley. Conducted by Jeffrey Brannan.
Arranged by Jeffrey Brannan.
* First peal of London S. Royal. First of London as conductor.

HEPTONSTALL, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.
On Sat., Jan. 4, 1969, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 BELFAST SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt.

David Nichols	Treble	Ian G. Campbell	5
Maris C. Stephenson	2	Ron Ducker	6
John Leary	3	Stuart Armeson	7
Neil Donovan	4	John N. D. Chaddock	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Stuart Armeson.
First peal in the method by all the band, and rung without previous practice.

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Mon., Jan. 6, 1969, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 WATFORD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 4 lb. in F.

Robert H. Jordan	Treble	John R. Whitham	5
David Featherstone	2	Christopher Movley	6
Alan Winter	3	Ronald R. Warford	7
Frederick J. Jackson	4	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed by D. Knox. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
First peal in the method by all the band, and on the bells.

PONTEFRACT, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Jan. 11, 1969, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Neil Donovan	Treble	*Alan Clifton	5
Iris M. E. Lemare	2	*David Nichols	6
Ian G. North	3	Stuart Armeson	7
Patricia Lockwood	4	Richard E. Price	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Stuart Armeson.
* First peal of London. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in F.

SKIPTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Jan. 11, 1969, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-Part (7th obs.). Tenor 22 cwt. 17 lb. in E.

Stephen R. Munday	Treble	M. F. Digby Burton	5
Jane Thurmott	2	David Featherstone	6
*Morris Hillary	3	Alan Sheppard	7
John Potts	4	†Ron M. Harker	Tenor

Conducted by Alan Sheppard.
* First "inside". † First peal.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Jan. 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, viz.: Two extents each of Cambridge and Plain Bob, one each of Kent and Oxford, and one spliced St. Clement's, Buxton and Childwall. Tenor 10 cwt. in A sharp.

Harry Winter	Treble	Alan Winter	4
Christopher J. Easton	2	C. Barrie Dove	5
Robert H. Jordan	3	*David Featherstone	Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal on six bells.

HANDBELL PEAL

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
PRESTBURY, Cheshire.—At West Pines, Dale Brow.
On Tues., Jan. 7, 1969, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

J. David Atkinson	1–2	Gerald Moorhouse	5–6
C. Kenneth Lewis	3–4	Neil D. Lomas	7–8

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.

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Will Mr. W. W Rich, conductor of a peal of Plain Bob Minor on January 18th, kindly send to the Editor the following missing details: Name of Guild or Association, name of place and dedication of church, name and address of sender.

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SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

At the recent Annual General Meeting it was resolved that, in future, one month's notice of nomination for membership should be given to the secretary. As a result, belfry elections prior to peal attempts are no longer permitted.

Preliminary Notice
COUNTRY MEETING at OXFORD
April 19th
D. E. Sibson (Master)
J. S. Barnes (Secretary), 56, Leamington Avenue, Orpington, Kent, BR6 9QB. 6636

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (ASHFORD DISTRICT)
Preliminary Notice

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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Surprise Major practice at St. Mary's, Shalford, at 7.45 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 27th: Ealing, Rutland.—F. W. Housden. 6606

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TOWER PRACTICES

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A 12 bell practice will be held on the fourth Monday in each month, commencing Monday, February 24th, 7–9 p.m., at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich. Everyone welcomed. (No Otley practice.)—A. R. B. 6620

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LEYTON (St. Mary's) Parish Church, Church Road.—In future times of practice will be 7.15 to 8.30 p.m., Thursdays. Visitors welcome. 6610

MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Practice, Saturday, Feb. 22nd, Wedmore (8), 5 p.m.—M. Legg, Branch Sec. 6623

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Evening meeting, Aspley Guise, on Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Bells from 5 p.m. Note change of tower.—K. G. Spavins, Dis. Sec. 6602

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Quarterly meeting to be held on Feb. 22nd, St. John's Church, Halesowen. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Bells available 6 to 7.30. Names for tea to R. Edwards, 4, Silva Avenue, Highacres, Kingswinford. 6632

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District—Practice, Horsell, Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Bells (6) available from 6.30 p.m. 6599

LADIES' GUILD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (South and West) and OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (East Berks and South Bucks).—Joint meeting, Denham, Feb. 22nd. Ringing 3.30 p.m. Service 5.30. Tea at Licensed Victuallers' Hall 6.30 p.m., followed by social. Names for tea, please, to J. Muller, 14, Southwood Road, Cookham, Berks (Bourne End 23306). 6582

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch.—Meeting, St. John's Parish Church, Church Street, Blackpool, on Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. 6605

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch. —Langford-Beam-Cox memorial meeting at Bradpole, Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to J. Davis, The Mount, Melplash, Bridport. 6564

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South West District.—Meeting, Assington, Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. E. J. Smith, 1, The Gurdons, Assington, Colchester, Essex. 6598

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Annual Divisional meeting at St. Mary's, Eastbourne, Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30, tea and business meeting to follow. Further ringing after business meeting. Names for tea to me at Hailsham 3515.—G. M. FitzHugh. 6567

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Business meeting at the Lord Raglan, 61, St. Martin's-le-Grand, E.C., on Feb. 25th at 8.15 p.m. Practices: Feb. 25th, St. Paul's Cathedral; March 4th, St. Mary-le-Bow; March 11th, St. Botolph's, Aldgate; March 18th, Southwark Cathedral; all at 6.30 p.m.—J. G. A. Prior, 21a, Fieldhouse Road, London, S.W.12. 6609

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Huish Champflower, March 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business. Only possible to arrange tea for those who notify by Feb. 25th.—E. R. Tyndale-Biscoe, Burnells Gardens, Dunster 346. 6607

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—Meeting, Saturday, March 1st, Biddenham. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names by 27th to Mr. D. Eyre, 27, Church End, Biddenham. Tel.: Bedford 61702. 6622

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District. — Monthly meeting, Harbury, on Saturday, March 1st. Bells (6) 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by more ringing. Also Ladbroke (5), 2.30–3.30 p.m. Names for tea to H. Windsor, 5, Park Lane, Harbury, Leamington Spa (Harbury 504). Election of committee representatives and District secretary will take place at this meeting, so full attendance, please.—H. A. M. 6613

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. —Ringing meeting, Hexham, on Saturday, March 1st. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements (cafés nearby). 6634

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND WEST NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Evening meeting, Pleasley, Saturday, March 1st. Bells (5) available from 5.30 until 8.30 p.m. Please attend.—E. J. S. 6643

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District. — Meeting, Sutton, Saturday, March 1st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing after tea until 8.30.—R. J. Palmer, Dis. Sec. 6615

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. —Social, Saturday, March 1st, 7.30 p.m., King George V Pavilion, Braintree. Entertainments, licensed bar. Tickets (4/-) from R. Threadgold, Wethersfield Mill, Braintree. S.a.e., please. 6580

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. District.—Meeting, Ingatestone, March 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Fryerning 7–8.30 p.m. Names for tea to R. J. Harrison, 32, Gilmore Way, Great Baddow. 6549

HALIFAX ARCHDEACONRY GUILD.—Meeting, Brighouse, March 1st. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea only will be provided; please bring own food. 6591

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Evening meeting, Saturday, March 1st. Graveley (6), 5.30–7 p.m.; Great Wymondley (6), 7–8.30 p.m.—Mrs. C. A. Agg, Dis. Sec. 6627

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Bushey, March 1st, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to C. W. Woolley, 39, Titian Avenue, Bushey Heath.—G. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 6612

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District. — Quarterly meeting, Wrotham, Saturday, March 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to R. L. Sill, Glenavon, St. Vincent's Lane, Addington, W. Malling. 6644

LADIES' GUILD. — Saturday, March 1st, joint meeting at Bristol for South Wales and Western Districts. Ringing arrangements: St. Mary Redcliffe (12), 3–4.20; St. John-the-Baptist's (6), 6–6.45; St. James' (10), 7–8.30. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and annual general meeting for Western District at St. Thomas-the-Martyr's (City), St. Thomas Street (near Bristol Bridge). Names for tea to Miss B. Johnson, 10, Lancashire Road, Bristol, BS7 9DL, by Feb. 26th 6639

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — A joint meeting of the Blackburn and Preston Branches will be held at Accrington on March 1st. Bells (10) available from 14.30 hours. Tea at 17.00 hours, followed by business meeting and further ringing. Names for tea to Mr. A. Helliwell, 24, Turkey Street, Accrington, by Feb. 26th.—M. F. Hill and R. Barnes. 6619

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Joint meeting with Lancaster University at Lancaster on Saturday, March 1st. Bells available at St. Peter's, 3–6 p.m., and Priory after 6 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea. 6603

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—Monthly meeting, Saturday, March 1st, SS. Peter and Paul's, Ormskirk (8), 3 p.m. Service 5. Own tea arrangements. Ringing from 6.30–8 p.m., St. Cuthbert's, Halsall (6). Special method: Rutland. All welcome.—C. D'Aeth. Hon. Sec. 6624

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Leicester District) and LADIES' GUILD (Midland District).—Joint meeting at Belgrave, March 1st. Bells (8), 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Tea and meeting in Church Rooms, Justice Street, few minutes from church. Names for tea to Mr. J. P. Kesterton, 63, June Avenue, Humberstone Lane, Leicester, LE4 7TF, by Wednesday, Feb. 26th, please.—Ron Hughes, Betty Morley, Dis. Secs. 6593

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Evening meeting, Kidsgrove, Saturday, March 1st. Bells available 6–8.30 p.m. Please note change of tower.—R. J. Ballard, Hon. Sec. 6635

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.—Next meeting on Saturday, March 1st, Dunblane Cathedral, 2.30 p.m., thereafter at Alloa. Names for tea to Harry Glover, 40, East Stirling Street, Alva, Clackmannanshire, by Feb. 25th. 6646

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. — Practice meeting, Saturday, March 1st. Hammerwood (5), 3–4.30 p.m.; East Grinstead 4–5 p.m. Tea at East Grinstead 5–6 p.m. Service, East Grinstead, 6 p.m., with ringing afterwards. Names for tea, please, to me, Jean Osbon, 79, Blount Avenue, East Grinstead, Sussex. Tel.: E.G. 23815. 6640

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—An evening meeting at Lytchett Minster (6) on Saturday, March 1st. Bells available 7–9 p.m. — J. A. Robertson, Hon. Sec. 6478

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. —The A.G.M. will be on Saturday, March 1st. Ringing: Eastwood (8) (Rotherham), 3–4 p.m.; Rawmarsh (8), 4–5 p.m. Tea in Rotherham Parish Hall 5.15. Ringing, Rotherham (10), 6.30–9 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. S. Armeson, 48, Cavendish Road, Rotherham (Tel. 77979), by Feb. 26th. (No names no tea.)—R. Fletcher, Hon. Sec. 6616

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual general meeting in the Church Hall, Helston, on March 1st at 3 p.m., followed by tea. Bells (8) after tea.—A. J. Davidson, Gen. Sec. 6611

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Christchurch and Southampton District. — Quarterly meeting, March 1st, Lyndhurst (8), 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. at Testwood Church. Tea 5.15 p.m., Testwood Church Hall. Eling bells (6) in evening. Tea, please notify J. Hartless, 14, Testwood Place, Totton, by Wednesday, Feb. 26th.—Mrs. Gilian Davis, Dis. Sec. 6626

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Branch practice at Witney (8), Tuesday, March 4th, 7.30 p.m. 6617

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Guildford, Saturday, March 8th. Bells available: Stoke (6), 2.30–3.30 p.m.; Cathedral (10), 3–4.30 p.m.; St. Nicolas' (10) and Shalford (8) after meeting. Service conducted by the Very Rev. A. C. Bridge, Dean of Guildford, in the Lady Chapel at 4.30 p.m. Tea in the Refectory for those who notify Mrs. C. W. Munday, 37, Bradford Drive, Ewell, Epsom (Tel.: 01-393 4986), by previous Thursday. 6584

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Bye-meeting, Halling, Saturday, March 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss M. Chidwick, 10, Barn Meadow, Upper Halling, Rochester, by previous Wednesday.—T. Barton. 6637

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Aylsham, Saturday, March 8th. Bells (10) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to N. J. A. Pumphrey, 14, Buxton Road, Aylsham. Norwich, NOR 07Y, by Wednesday, 5th, please. — C. Bird, Hon. Sec. 6621

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN and SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Joint meeting at Gorseinon, Saturday, March 8th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business will follow. Names for tea, please, by March 1st.—J. A. Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Fforestfach, Swansea. 6630

LATE NOTICES

MISCELLANEOUS

BULKINGTON, Warwickshire.—Preliminary notice. — Sausage and mash supper in the Parish Hall on Saturday, March 8th, at 7.30 p.m., preceded by ringing and followed by a social evening. Everybody most welcome. Full details next week. Please reserve the date.—Leonard Trevor, Dis. Sec., Coventry Diocesan Guild. 6641

LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY
Annual Dinner
February 22nd, 1969
RINGING ARRANGEMENTS:
Halewood, 11.30–12.30; Woolton, 1.30–2.15; Childwall, 2.30–3.15; St. Nicholas', Pierhead, 4–4.45; St. Francis' Xavier, 5–5.45.
Dinner: 6.30 for 7 p.m. 6645

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD
1969 Annual Dinner
A Guild Dinner will be held on Saturday, March 22nd, 1969, at the Royal Hotel, Southampton. All members and friends are welcome. Southampton towers will be open during the day. Tickets, at 27s. 6d. each, may be obtained from Mr. D. C. Jackson, 13, Testbourne Road, Totton, Southampton. Please enclose s.a.e. — D. J. Forder, Hon. Gen. Sec. 6638

Ringers — be Proud of your Calling

POPULAR EVENT AT CHESTERFIELD

For yet another year, the annual Sir A. P. Heywood Memorial Dinner, held this time at the Station Hotel, Chesterfield, on February 1st, proved to be a most popular event, attracting a company of almost 190 with visitors from quite a wide area. Although there is not a great demand for ringing on Dinner day, some 30 ringers, including several from a distance, took the opportunity to sample the fine 25 cwt. ten at the "Crooked Spire" during the afternoon.

Following the loyal toast at the end of the substantial meal in quite pleasant surroundings, the Association's president, the Very Rev. R. A. Beddoes, Provost of Derby, in his opening words of welcome remarked on how fortunate he was to have such an attractive company facing him, certainly far more attractive than at any gathering of the Trades Union Congress or Church Assembly!

Surely a ringing Association must be the only guild or association attached to a church which could produce such an attractive cross-section of its members? However, on consideration, as it was typical of the Derby Association to do things well, the Provost said it gave him great pleasure to call upon Mr. G. W. Pipe, Master of the Suffolk Guild, to propose the toast of "The Church and the Exercise".

After thanking the company for their warm welcome, Mr. Pipe said although he counted it both an honour and a privilege to be the guest speaker at a Derby Association dinner, of which he had heard so much, he felt he owed the Association an apology as this was, for him, rather like being married again, being for the third time of asking!

LEISTON'S FAME

It was, however, always a pleasure to come to Derbyshire, and Chesterfield in particular, with it having such long connections with that well-known composer and conductor Arthur Knights. Although Derbyshire ringers could rightly be proud of him, Mr. Pipe felt it a duty to point out that not only Arthur Knights but also Gabriel Lindoff, that other famous composer, came from the Suffolk town of Leiston! All the more remarkable when one realised that Leiston, on the east coast of Suffolk, has only a population of 2,000 even nowadays.

The toast of "The Church and the Exercise" was a serious one, and he could not help wondering what those words "the Exercise" conjured up in people's minds when they were used by ringers. No doubt there were many varied reasons for their origin, but the far more logical one would simply seem to be that at the instigation of ringing on an organised scale the activity would seem just a good exercise—particularly with plain bearings!

THE TEST OF TIME

Despite all its faults and criticisms, despite the clergy and regardless of moves towards unity, Series 2 or anything else, Mr. Pipe said the Church had stood the greatest test of all—the test of time—as had ringing, and he was sure all those present knew and were proud of what it stood for. By nature of their ringing duties ringers were, as a whole, reliable and dependable Church members, and by way of their numbers being drawn from all walks of life were well fitted to be in touch with what was going on.

In conclusion, Mr. Pipe reminded the company that bells, even when ringing for only a quarter-of-an-hour, were an external witness of the Church's work and were reminding someone, somewhere, of God. "Very often people ask whether the expense of bells can be justified, as they are only a luxury nowadays; but if that argument is used so is the choir, organ, vestments and whatever else you care to consider." If he could end with two requests it would be for the ringers to be proud of their calling and to support the Church to the best of their ability, and for clergy to be proud of their ringers, and rather than ignore the belfry stairs climb them and get to know the ringers personally. [Applause.]

After thanking Mr. Pipe for a most witty and inspiring speech, the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, the Rt. Rev. G. F. Allen, in his reply to the toast said that without doubt bells were the most effective external witness the Church had ever had, for in the words of the poet their sound went into all lands speaking in many different ways. As a young boy he remembered fitting words to the bells as he walked to church which were, if he was in good time, "All good people come to church", whilst if he was pushed for time were "Oh hurry up you'll be late" as he heard them ringing down. Worst of all was hearing the single tone of the five-minute bell, which seemed to admonish him by saying "Late!—late!—late!—late!"

Although to many people bells and bellringing were relics of the time when there were very few clocks and watches, the Bishop assured the company their message was just as relevant today to this modern world, with wars raging and racial tension, as it was over 100 years ago, when Tennyson wrote of bells ringing in the common love of good.

GOOD WISHES TO MR. B. P. MORRIS

In conclusion, the Bishop said he was delighted to see such a good company there that evening and was most gratified to learn that ringers were playing their part in the work of the Church with its call to new loyalties and a new sense of responsibilities. He would not like to end, however, without paying tribute to the Association's general secretary, Mr. B. P. Morris, who after ten years in office—a post which he had filled most conscientiously—was now retiring in view of his impending move to Hinckley, Leicestershire.

Proposing the toast of "The Guests and Visitors", Mr. Morris thanked the Bishop for his kind words and said he had been very happy to serve the Association over the last ten years. Extending a warm welcome to Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Pipe, he said it was Mrs. Pipe who arranged a Maximus peal for him at the famous St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, only to have it stopped by the outbreak of war. It was also good to see Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Bottomley in their midst and he welcomed them, together with Mr. P. Saltmarsh, Master of the Essex Association, and several other visitors from neighbouring counties. Most particularly Mr. Morris said he would like to welcome the wives of the many ringers, as on at least this one occasion ringing was put to one side and they had an opportunity to thank them for their indulgence over the last year. Although this would be the last dinner Mrs. Morris and himself would attend as resident members of the Association, they hoped to attend many more as visitors.

REMOVING BARRIERS

Replying on behalf of the visitors, Mr. Bottomley, president of the Yorkshire Association and secretary of the Central Council, said that although Mr. Pipe received a big build-up from the Provost, he was pleased to see that no advertisements were of course needed for his wife and himself with them coming from Yorkshire! Build-up or no build-up, however, he had come to say some things, and he was determined to do so regardless.

Although talking of racial differences reminded him of a recent visit to Lancashire, when he noticed the barbed wire had been removed from the Yorkshire border, Mr. Bottomley assured the company that he had no misgivings about his journey that afternoon into Derbyshire, and thanked all concerned for a very warm welcome. Indeed he had fond memories of Derbyshire ringing as he used to be a member of the Darley Dale Sunday service band during the war, and very often had to get a substitute to answer the roll call so he could go to ring!

The formal part of the evening thus at an end, the floor was cleared and dancing to suit all tastes took place until 11.30 p.m., when a tired but happy company left for home. Although the notorious "Capita Magnissimus" award was regrettably conspicuous by its absence, a musical interlude was provided by soloist Mr. D. Cooper (Bolsover) singing two songs, a rendering of "Bless this house" by D. Langstaffe and J. Ellis (Chesterfield) in the trumpet and clarinet, and a course of Grandsire Caters rung "in hand" by P. Blight 1-2, C. Banton 3-4, G. W. Pipe 5-6, M. Fellows 7-8 and D. Friend 9-10.

THE COMPANY

Supporting the president on the top table were the Bishop of Derby and Mrs. Allen, Mr. F. Adams (vice-president) and Mrs. Adams, Mr. and Mrs. V. Bottomley, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Pipe, Mr. B. P. Morris (general secretary) and Mrs. Morris, Mr. G. Halls (C.C. representative) and Mrs. Halls, Mr. D. W. Friend (peal secretary) and Mrs. Friend, Rev. M. R. Crosse (secretary to Diocesan Advisory Committee), Mr. D. R. Carlisle (C.C. representative) and Mrs. Carlisle, Mr. J. C. Woolley (general treasurer), Mr. J. B. Stennitt (Bell Repair Fund treasurer), Mr. M. Phipps (District secretary) and Miss M. Yarnold, Mr. J. Timons (District chairman) and Mr. G. Hibberd.

Others present included Mr. and Mrs. Alexander, Mr. and Mrs. A. Ashby, Rev. and Mrs. A. Batsleer, Rev. and Mrs. G. E. Bence, Mr. and Mrs. G. Bevan, Mr. and Mrs. J. Chadwick, Mr. and Mrs. L. Coe, Mr. and Mrs. D. Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. D. Coulson, Dr. and Mrs. G. Futers, Mr. and Mrs. L. Gascoigne, Mr. and Mrs. S. Greenhough, Mr. and Mrs. B. Greasley, Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Green, Mr. and Mrs. A. Heeley, Mr. and Mrs. C. Heeley, Mr. and Mrs. A. Hird, Mr. and Mrs. L. Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. G. Hunt, Mr. and Mrs. B. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. M. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. R. Marchbank, Mr. and Mrs. R. Marsden, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. J. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. G. Naylor, Mr. and Mrs. D. Parkin, Mr. and Mrs. D. N. Peers, Mr. and Mrs. R. Petts, Mr. and Mrs. J. Revill, Rev. and Mrs. J. K. Rollinson, Mr. and Mrs. G. Roobottom, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Rooke, Rev. and Mrs. F. Ross, Mr. and Mrs. W. Simpson, Mr. and Mrs. R. Smart, Mr. and Mrs. J. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. R. Stephenson, Mr. and Mrs. J. Stalhand, Mr. and Mrs. R. Tanner, Mr. and Mrs. C. Thrower, Mr. and Mrs. H. Wagstaff, Mr. and Mrs. F. White and Dr. and Mrs. B. K. Wyatt.

Mesdames Bird, Davis, Hatton, Hibbard, Johnson, Pattison, Price, Revell, Wheatley and Wilbourne.

Messrs. W. Acres, J. D. Arkwell, C. Banton, R. Berrisford, P. Blight, C. Bradshaw, D. Camm, F. Cooke, F. Cooper, C. Davis, J. Ellis, G. Faulkes, M. Fellows, J. Greasley, C. Greenhough, J. Harrison, W. Hewitt, D. Hird, D. Langstaffe, A. Laughton, R. Marczac, G. A. Newman, G. J. Newman, H. Paddison, T. Plumtree, W. Revell, F. Rogers, E. Sallis, S. Scattergood, A. Shore, Rev. R. D. St. John Smith, D. Sutcliffe, J. Wain, I. Wilson and T. Wylie.

The Misses C. Batsleer, S. Bladen, V. Dorricott, W. Fotherby, V. Gladwin, A. Gordon, L. Greasley, S. Heeley, R. Miller, J. Quickfall, A. Smith, J. Smith, C. Walker and M. Wood.

SOUTHGATE, MIDDX.—On Jan. 18th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Royal: P. M. Cuckson 1, G. H. Walker 2, Stephanie Green 3, J. R. Whitham 4, D. F. Willcocks 5, Amette Bradbury 6, W. C. G. Wainwright 7, R. J. Amos 8, D. A. Tovell 9, J. E. Murfitt (cond.) 10. First of Royal 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9. Rung for the 25th wedding anniversary of the parents of the ringer of 5.

DATE TOUCHES

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—In High Hall, on Jan. 12th, 1,969 Plain Bob Minor: Gwynneth R. James 1–2, C. I. Rowson (cond.) 3–4, James R. White 5–6. First date touch by all the band.

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew, on Jan. 19th, 1,969 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Gwynneth R. James 1, J. S. Hopwood 2, S. J. Gullick 3, C. S. Nokes 4, R. M. Chambers 5, C. I. Rowson (cond.) 6. J. R. White in attendance.

ADDINGTON, SURREY. — On Jan. 12th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Penny Cocks 1, Louise Powell 2, N. Bennett 3, Amanda Powell 4, Wendy Wallace (cond.) 5, I. Wiltshire 6. For Evensong.

ALDERSHOT, HANTS. — On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Moody (first quarter) 1, Betty Stewart 2, Sylvia Tate-Mitchell 3, D. Elsmore 4, Edna Siggery 5, W. Viggers 6, T. Page (cond.) 7, L. Moody (first quarter) 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Nancie Bragg.

AXBRIDGE, SOM.—On Jan. 21st, 1,440 Warkworth Surprise Minor: J. Brain 1, Heather Kippin 2, P. J. England 3, S. Brown 4, J. R. Taylor 5, R. G. Edwards (cond.) 6. First by all except ringer of 1.

BARLBOROUGH, DERBYS.—On Jan. 14th, 1,440 Kent T.B. Minor: A. Queen 1, J. D. Arkwell 2, Verena Simpson 3, M. P. Phipps (cond.) 4, C. Heeley 5, A. Ashby 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Thomas Jones, Sunday School teacher for over 50 years.

BARNWOOD, GLOS.—On Jan. 12th, 1,320 Bob Doubles: G. Clark 1, Miss S. Williams (first as cond.) 2, B. McBurnie (first "inside") 3, Miss M. Powell 4, A. Gazey 5, A. Hooper 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of R. M. Hawkins, churchwarden.

BISHOP'S SUTTON, HANTS. — On Jan. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): R. J. M. Bavin 1, Jane Dando 2, R. J. Latham 3, A. M. Donaldson 4, A. J. Mason (cond.) 5. Rung for Matins.

BRAMPFORD SPEKE, DEVON.—On Jan. 20th, 1,280 Minor (two methods): C. L. Barr 1, G. H. Baldam 2, L. V. Cull 3, J. L. Anderson 4, M. S. Turner 5, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 6.

BRENT PELHAM, HERTS.—On Jan. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Thorogood (first quarter) 1, L. G. Goodman 2, H. J. Trigg 3, P. Chappell 4, G. C. Goodman (cond.) 5. Half-muffled in memoriam C. Whiffen, people's warden.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. W. Riddleston 1, V. Sheppard 2, Angela Williams 3, Janette Kipling 4, Peggy Taylor 5, S. E. Armstrong (cond.) 6, A. W. Bond 7, I. Vaughan 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Angela Williams from the Brighton ringers.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At St. Nicolas' Church, on Jan. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. V. Sheppard 1, Mrs. E. M. Mitchell 2, S. E. Armstrong 3, D. L. Nibbs 4, B. J. Read 5, R. I. Vaughan (first Triples as cond.) 6, T. G. Williams 7, A. W. Bond 8. 25th together 6 and 8.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At St. Peter's Church, on Jan. 12th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: M. S. Loveday 1, A. W. Bond 2, Lesley A. Hawes 3, Anthea S. Bruce 4, C. D. Collin 5, B. J. Read (first Caters as cond.) 6, T. G. Williams 7, R. I. Vaughan 8, B. J Stone 9, D. L. Nibbs 10. For Evensong.

BURSTOW, SURREY. — On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (Pl. Bob and Grandsire): Jane Sherlock 1, L. Penfold 2, Yvonne Turrell 3, Lynn Wilson 4, G. Sweet (cond.) 5, P. Bryant 6. Rung half-muffled for the victims of the air disaster at Fernhill on Jan. 5th.

BURTON DASSETT, WARKS.—On Nov. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. R. Randall 1, Mrs. D. M. Randall 2, A. D. Jones 3, D. P. Crawley 4, R. H. Randall 5, P. C. Randall (cond.) 6.

CHAWTON, HANTS.—On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Eyre (first quarter) 1, Mrs. M. Chennell-White 2, Miss C. Law (first Doubles "inside" and as cond.) 3, Miss J. Piggott (first Doubles) 4, C. Chennell-White 5, A. Kersey 6. Rung by Alton band for the christening of Jonathan Ralph Cleaver, son of the Chawton tower secretary.

CHEWTON MENDIP, SOM.—On Jan. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. W. Rice 1, G. Hebden 2, W. S. Rice 3, M. G. Bartlett 4, S. G. Smith 5, E. T. Skipsey 6, P. J. England (cond.) 7, P. A. Kinsella 8. Rung in memory of Francis Mary Carter (nee Massey).

CHIPPING BARNET, HERTS.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Record 1, Penny Coomber 2, Marjorie Paternoster 3, P. Cuckson 4, M. Bullett (first as cond.) 5, E. Paternoster 6. For service of nine lessons and carols.

QUARTER PEALS

CHEPSTOW, MON.—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Cooke 1, Mrs. J. S. King 2, Mrs. S. Kingsley 3, D. J. King (cond.) 4, M. S. Kingsley 5, Jack Hoskins 6. First quarter 1 and 6.

CHOLSEY, BERKS.—On Jan. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Brough (first quarter) 1, P. J. Dye 2, K. W. Johnson 3, J. Hodgson 4, W. W. Rich (cond.) 5, R. Hancock 6. Also on Jan. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Hancock 1, W. W. Rich (cond.) 2, G. J. Cook 3, Rosemary Morris 4, K. W. Johnson 5, J. Hodgson 6, P. J. Dye 7, H. Eccott 8. For the 65th birthday of the ringer of 8.

CLAPHAM PARK, LONDON. — On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Ryder 1, A. Clayton 2, N. Thomson 3, Miss A. Horsford 4, R. Cooles 5, G. Armitage 6, R. Kendrick 7, J. Pladdys (cond.) 8. A.M.D.G.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICS.—On Jan. 8th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: K. P. Gilliver 1, J. Jessop 2, G. F. Millers (first quarter) 3, B. P. Morris 4, R. A. Gilliver 5, M. E. Brown (cond.) 6. Rung on the back six.

CORFE MULLEN, DORSET.—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. B. Corry (first Minor) 1, Susan M. Corry 2, C. J. Corry 3, M. J. Corry 4, T. G. Bleathman 5, C. F. Longridge (cond.) 6. Also 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Susan M. Corry 1, A. B. Corry 2, M. J. Corry (cond.) 3, C. J. Corry 4, C. F. Longridge 5, T. G. Bleathman 6.

APPENDIX TO C.C. DOUBLES COLLECTION (continued from page 80)

Doubles variation No.	301	Totton
	302	Geranium
	303	Lymington
	304	Snowdrop
	305	Portsmouth
	306	Rhododendron
	307	Bournemouth
	308	Forsythia

CORNWOOD, DEVON.—On Jan. 13th, 1,440 Pl. Bob Minor: J. Steere 1, P. Bill 2, J. Mitchelmore 3, S. Peirce 4, G. Mudge 5, R. Bould (cond.) 6. Also on the same day, 1,440 Cambridge S. Minor: J. Steere 1, P. Bill 2, J. Mitchelmore 3, S. Peirce 4, G. Mudge 5, R. Bould (first Surprise Minor as cond.) 6. First of Surprise 1, 3 and 4.

CREWE, CHESHIRE.—At Christ Church, on Jan. 19th, 1,440 Stedman Doubles: Yvonne Herbert-Jackson 1, G. A. Packer 2, Doreen Edwards 3, T. Lamb 4, I. R. Nichols (cond.) 5, E J. Holloway 6. For Evensong.

CROYDON, SURREY. — At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, on Jan. 5th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: I. M. Parry 1, Mrs. C. Foster 2, F. E. Mitchell 3, J. D. Chamberlain 4, R. Davies (cond.) 5, G. Fisher 6, N. Brown 7, C. M. Foster 8, A. Brown 9, K. Taber 10. For Evensong on the 99th anniversary of the rededication. Also on Feb. 2nd, 1,311 Stedman Cinques: N. Steere (cond.) 1, R. Davies 2, Mrs. C. M. Foster 3, E. Razzell 4, K. Game 5, G. Fisher 6, F. E. Mitchell 7, N. Brown 8, I. M. Parry 9, A. Brown 10, F. E. Collins 11, C. M. Foster 12. A compliment to F. E. Mitchell for his 70th birthday.

CULLOMPTON, DEVON.—On Jan. 14th, 1,296 Little Bob Royal: R. J. Talbot 1, W. T. Perrins 2, G. F. Longridge 3, M. J. Corry 4, G. E. Mudge 5, T. F. Collins 6, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 7, F. D. Mack 8, R. N. Marlow 9, D. R. Bould 10.

DORCHESTER, DORSET.—On Jan. 10th, at the Church of St. Peter, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: R. H. J. Mears 1, R. H. Duke 2, Miss E. Gill 3, P. R. Board 4, E. H. Amey 5, Mrs. B. J. Duke 6, C. W. Tidwell (cond.) 7, R. Mears 8.

ELSTOW, BEDS. — On Dec. 31st, 1,320 Bob Doubles: M. J. Down 1, Miss A. Mager 2, Miss R. A. Hartley 3, S. R. Huckle 4, A. D. Norman (cond.) 5, B. O. Stapleton 6. For the passing of the old year. Also on Jan. 18th, 1,260 Minor (Pl. Bob, Oxford Bob): B. Stapleton (first away from cover) 1, M. Clark 2, S. King 3, D. Goss 4, D. Carr (cond.) 5, A. Norman 6. First in two methods for 1, 2, 3, 4.

FAWLEY, HANTS.—On Jan. 5th, 1,320 Stedman Doubles: L. D. Smith (cond.) 1, Catherine A. Robetrs 2, R. Allinson 3, R. H. Roberts 4, Elizabeth A. Banks 5, L. V. Smith 6. For Epiphany carol service. Also on Jan. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Linda Chamberlain (first attempt) 1, Catherine A. Roberts 2, Mrs. D. H. Chamberlain 3, R. H. Roberts 4, R. Allinson (cond.) 5, S. J. Chamberlain 6. For Evensong.

FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKS. — On Jan. 19th, 1,280 Rutland S. Major: G. R. Shedden 1, Rosamond Brown 2, F. R. Scott 3, D. P. Hilling (cond.) 4, D. C. Brown 5, W. L. Gutteridge 6, W. Birmingham 7, J. K. Ward 8. First in method 2, 5, 6. For Evensong.

GARSINGTON, OXFORD.—On Jan. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. J. Adams 1, C. Bennett 2, Christine Clark 3, D. Pullin 4, L. H. W. Busby 5, W. Carter (cond.) 6. A compliment to Jack Godfrey, 50 years a ringer at this tower.

GARVESTON, NORFOLK.—On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Thurston 1, D. Adams (cond.) 2, H. E. Blacker 3, T. E. Spight 4, S. Marshall 5, H. Tinsey 6. For the institution of the Rev. H. J. Blacker to the Barnham Broom group of parishes.

GRANTHAM, LINCS.—On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: D. Leafe 1, —. Buttery 2, D. Frith 3, F. Pinchbeck 4, C. Baxter 5, V. Evans 6, J. Holmes 7, P. Slight (cond.) 8, K. Ketteringham 9, R. Woods 10. For Evensong.

GREEN'S NORTON, NORTHANTS. — On Jan. 16th, 1,260 Bob Minor: A. Mansfield 1, Miss B. Mansfield 2, J. Linnell 3, W. F. Eyden 4, I. Blackmur 5, W. A. Yates (cond.) 6. Rung in memoriam Montague Saunders.

HANNINGTON, WILTS.—On Jan. 21st, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: H. A. Hedges 1, C. R. Sturmey (first "inside") 2, Miss A. D. O'Brien 3, B. Bladon 4, A. R. Peake (cond.) 5.

HOAR CROSS, STAFFS.—On Jan. 13th, 1,440 St. Clement's C.B. Minor: S. G. Pick 1, C. J. Bennett 2, Gill Smith 3, D. J. G. Bates 4, R. C. Stevens 5, P. R. Johnson (cond.) 6.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On Jan. 12th, 1,320 Doubles (11 methods): Joyce Marsh 1, R. Marsh 2, G. Marsh (cond.) 3, Ruth Blackshaw 4, M. Harrison 5, Hazel Carter 6. For Evensong.

HORRINGER, SUFFOLK. — On Jan. 9th, 1,360 Plain Bob Doubles: T. H. Jones (first quarter) 1, A. M. Richmond (first "inside") 2, S. E. V. Potter 3, B. E. Whiting (cond.) 4, A. F. Ballam 5, C. R. Nunn 6. Also on Jan. 16th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: T. H. Jones 1, A. M. Richmond 2, C. R. Nunn 3, A. F. Ballam 4, B. E. Whiting (cond.) 5, T. R. Orris 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Archdeacon Norton, Rector of this parish from 1945–58, interred this day.

ILMINSTER, SOM.—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Hill 1, Barbara Dean (first Triples) 2, F. Welch 3, R. Welch (first Triples) 4, J. Cornelius 5, G. Novell (first Triples "inside") 6, R. Dean (cond.) 7, B. Brown (first Triples) 8. A wedding compliment to Mr. Frank Pike, captain at Wivenhoe, Essex, and Miss Janet Besant, married this day at Wivenhoe.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.—At St. Margaret's Church, on Jan. 12th, 1,440 Minor (Single Oxford, Plain): W. W. Cousins 1, P. Gagen 2, D. Gagen 3, R. Newson 4, L. W. Houghton 5, N. V. Harding (cond.) 6.

KIRBY WISKE, N. YORKS.—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Endres 1, A. Bashforth 2, Marion Town 3, J. Soar 4, P. Town (cond.) 5, D. Lloyd 6. First quarter 1 and 6.

KIRK ELLA, E. YORKS.—On Jan. 12th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Mrs. D. S. Johnson 1, Barbara Taylor 2, G. K. Smith 3, A. B. Cooper 4, D. S. Johnson 5, I. G. Campbell (cond.) 6.

LANGDON HILLS, ESSEX.—On Jan. 8th, 1,272 Durham S. Minor: D. Stott (first T.B.) 1, S. Halliwell 2, D. Belcham 3, H. Turner 4, G. Lucas 5, P. M Fleckney (cond.) 6. First in method for all. Also on Jan. 12th, 1,260 St. Martin's Bob Doubles: W. White 1, K. Lucas 2, G. Lucas (cond.) 3, D. Stott 4, P. M. Fleckney 5. First in method for all, and by a local band.

LEWISHAM, LONDON. — On Jan. 12th, 1,344 Lincolnshire Surprise Major: J. Machell 1, Miss R. Cotton 2, Miss J. Brown 3, R. A. Grant 4, J. Ellams 5, D. Gebbett 6, C. P. Starbuck 7, D. G. H. Hollis (cond.) 8. First in method 1, 4, 5, 6, 8. For Evensong.

LITTLE CHART, KENT. — On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): Frances Ruffle (first quarter) 1, Irene Ruffle (first "inside") 2, Gwen Smith 3, Betty Robbins 4, Rev. P. T. Robbins (cond.) 5, B. Haley 6. For Evensong.

LLANDAFF, GLAM.—At the Cathedral, on Jan. 12th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Lynne Parker 1, C. P. Quartley (cond.) 2, Anne Pilgrim 3, N. W. H. Simon 4, N. A. James 5, J. W. Ball 6, F. W. Corney 7, M. Pilgrim 8, D. S. Bishop 9, P. S. Reading 10. For Evensong.

LONG EATON, NOTTS. — On Jan. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. Beswick 1, Miss V. Belfitt 2, W. Northover 3 F. J. Ward (cond.) 4, C. Stringer 5, C. Slack 6. To celebrate the 90th birthday of Mrs. Elizabeth Parker (January 20th).

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THE 1929 CHURCH

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St. Anta & All Saints, Carbis Bay, Cornwall

OUR COVER PICTURES

Building a Church with a Ring of Ten Bells

By CANON A. S. ROBERTS

WHEN in 1927 a sum of £7,000 was sent to Bishop Frere with an anonymous note of four words "For Carbis Bay Church" the diocesan plan was to erect a modern building of that period, but the local congregation, which had been worshipping in a wooden mission church since 1913, would not accept the plan and demanded a "Cornish church." Plans were prepared by Mr. R. F. Wheatly, of Messrs. Cowell, Drewett and Wheatly, of Truro, but as the money available was not sufficient it was decided to leave four bays of the nave and the tower unfinished. Again it was suggested that the tower should be dispensed with, but once more the local people stood firm because (to quote from the minutes) "it must look like a church." Building then went ahead and the unfinished church was dedicated on May 9th, 1929, and the bell which had hung on an outside wall of the mission church was placed in the tower; it weighs ¾ cwt. and its only adornment is a broad arrow.

In 1940 the Rev. A. S. Roberts was licensed to the Conventional District which had been formed out of the parish of Lelant but which still possessed no house and no endowment. During the war years remarkable help was given with a parsonage house bequeathed and some £10,000 raised for endowment—both necessary before the district could become a separate parish. Plans, too, were laid for a ring of eight bells with a tenor of 9½ cwt. which the tower then would accommodate on one level. The scheme was eagerly taken up and the ring, installed by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., was dedicated on October 12th, 1946, at a service attended by some 250 ringers from all parts. This was one of the first rings to be opened after the war, and the cost—£1,200! In 1948 the parish was formed and the Priest-in-charge was instituted as the first Vicar.

After all this a breathing space was necessary, but in 1957 an offer of a gift of £500 to start a tower completion fund was accepted as a fresh challenge. But the days were different; the cost of Cornish granite, of which the church is built, seemed prohibitive; the spirit of adventure, however, still prevailed. An old mine building was secured as a gift, demolished and brought to the church site—some one thousand tons of granite for £350! The architect, Mr. K. E. Rundle, of Messrs. Cowell, Drewett and Wheatly, who had worked as a young man on some of the original plans for the church, was at school with the Vicar so a happy co-operation ensued. In order to save the considerable expense of louvre openings with mullions and arched heads in cut granite the risk was taken of building the walls solid with the bareness broken on the west and south sides by the clock faces and on the east with a white granite cross, and to construct a lantern on the tower roof concealed by the battlements. This lantern is capped with a large perspex glass dome whereby the bell chamber is flooded with light. At the same time the gift of two trebles by the Barron Bell Trust to mark the completion of the tower was one not only to the parish but to the Diocese of Truro and to Cornwall, for it provided the only ring of ten outside the Cathedral. The finished tower and additional bells were dedicated on All Saints' Eve, 1959.

Carbis Bay is a residential part of the borough of St. Ives and much building has been done and still is going ahead, but the finished tower is an example of how the sound of the bells can be subdued in the vicinity of the church and yet heard well at a distance. The bells are rung regularly for service and practice and are always available to visitors. To date forty-nine peals have been rung; viz.: on ten, 11, on eight, 31, on the front six, 6, on the back six, 1. There are only two lighter tens in the country, at Grundisburgh and Loughborough Bell Foundry.

After the completion of the tower the Church Council was inspired to go forward to finish the nave by adding the necessary four bays. In all it has meant raising over £20,000 and many have been generous and the list of donors is a long one. Faith has been rewarded for the great day of rejoicing came on June 5th last when this remarkable modern English Gothic building in Cornish granite was consecrated by the Bishop of Truro (the Rt. Rev. J. M. Key, D.D.) and this may well be the last church ever to be built on such lines.

BATH & WELLS ASSOCIATION

The Ilchester Branch of the B. and W. Association held two very successful events during February. On the first Saturday they held the monthly practice meeting at Martock. A large number of ringers crowded the ringing chamber to capacity, and the usual standard methods, with rounds and call-changes, were rung on the pleasant, musical 25 cwt. eight. The Branch Ringing Master, Mr. Gordon Rendell, was in charge, and the Branch is grateful to the Rev. J. M. Cartwright and Mr. Albert Dyer for their courtesy in granting permission to use the bells.

Again on Tuesday, 11th, the Branch held its annual social evening, this year at the Devonshire Arms, Long Sutton. An excellent buffet supper for approximately 45 ringers and friends was provided. This was followed by an interesting evening which included draws and competitions for many prizes, rounded off by an exciting and somewhat hilarious skittle match for the "Gordon Rendell Trophy", with prizes for the winning team, highest individual scores and booby prizes for the team with the lowest score. Teams competing were Stoke-sub-Hamdon, Chiselborough, Odcombe, Yeovil, Somerton and Montacute, and after Chiselborough had held the lead for some time Montacute just managed to score higher and thus return the trophy to its donor's tower. It was very gratifying to see a large number of young people taking part, in particular the contingents from Stoke-sub-Hamdon, Chiselborough and West Coker.

At the end of the evening the prizes were presented by the Rev. A. T. Budgett, of Somerton. In addition to the trophy given by the Ringing Master, prizes were donated by the chairman, the Rev. C. J. B. Marshall, vice-chairmen T. J. Setter, Gilbert Rendell and W. E. Turner, assistant Ringing Master Mr. Paul Field and hon. secretary Mrs. M. M. Legget.

Before the supper a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles, 1,260 changes, was rung on the Long Sutton bells by officials past and present of the Ilchester Branch, namely W. E. Turner 1, Gilbert W. Rendell 2, T. J. Setter 3, P. Field (cond.) 4, R. J. Fox 5 and the Rev. C. J. B. Marshall 6.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Wintry conditions were braved by 70 ringers from 21 towers for the striking competition of the Ashford District, held at Great Chart on February 15th. Seven towers competed, the judges being Messrs. A. Luck and Colin Tester, who were stationed in the "Pest House".

The competition was followed by a service conducted by the Rector, the Rev. E. Gordon, with Miss Anne Barber as organist. Tea was served in the Village Hall, where the meeting was held. The collection, amounting to £3 11s. 3d., went to the John Willis memorial bell in D sharp which is now hanging at Newchurch. This bell will be dedicated by the Archbishop of Canterbury on May 4th.

Mr. Colin Tester reported on the ringing and placed the teams in the following order: 1 Charing, 2 Folkestone, 3 Lympne. Other teams participating were Ashford, Cheriton, Mersham and Wye. Framed certificates were presented to the winners by the Rector.

THE SEVEN DAY LIBEL ACTION OVER BIG BEN

STAINBANK v. BECKETT

By "CHESHIRE DELIGHT"

THIS case was a libel action brought by the owner of the Whitechapel Bell Foundry against Sir Edmund Beckett, Q.C., and arose out of letters written by the defendant to "The Times" towards the end of 1878 during a correspondence in that paper about the casting of Big Ben.

The trial, which lasted seven days, started on June 27th, 1881. Lawyers do not like to rush these matters, and even after two-and-a-half years it is probable that in each solicitor's office engaged it would be found at 5 p.m. the previous evening that at least one document had not been copied often enough. There would of course be a load of documents by this time, and copies would be required of all of them for each of the counsel engaged, the judge and the other side. In those days, of course, the typewriter had not arrived, and everything was copied by hand.

The first Big Ben had been cast by Warners and later condemned, and a contract entered into with the firm of Mears. The defendant designed the new bell and it was to be made to the approval of the defendant and the Rev. W. Taylor. The bell was cast on April 18th, 1858. It had an indent on its surface which by order of the Government officials was filled up. Soon after it developed a crack upon the side of the soundbow opposite to that struck by the hammer, at the point where the two currents of vibration attained their greatest force. The hammer used, with which the firm had nothing to do, was one of 7 cwt., and it was the opinion of some experts that the too great weight of the hammer was the cause of the crack. However, the 7 cwt. hammer was removed and one of 4 cwt. substituted, and the latter had then been in use for more than 20 years. On the discovery of the crack the defendant was attacked in the newspapers, and defended himself through the same medium. The strictures then passed by the defendant upon the founders of the bell led to the bringing of an action of libel (another action, not this) against him by the Messrs. Mears. The defendant justified, but afterwards withdrew his plea of justification, and the case was withdrawn from the jury upon the terms of the defendant retracting all charges made by him against Mr. Mears and paying all costs incurred.

After the first action an inquiry was instituted into the state of the bell, and not only was the hammer reduced in weight but the bell was swung round so that the crack should not be opposite the hammer.

THE LETTERS

In 1878 a new controversy arose started by a Rev. Mr. Haweis, during which the alleged libels were contained in two letters to "The Times" by the defendant. In "The Times" of October 31st, 1878, the defendant wrote:—

> "Though I do not profess to write about dominants and minor thirds, or to guess how a Belgian bellfounder would probably begin to retune this peal, I have no hesitation in saying that no modern Belgian bells which have come over here and been heard in public are superior or equal to the best English ones, though they are superior to such as used to be made by the English firm which had a practical monopoly of the business until about 20 years ago. . . Of course, I agree with Mr. Haweis about the present condition of Big Ben of Westminster, which is a disgrace to the nation, as it was to its founders, and as their York bell was still more, and as the clock bells of St. Paul's were to their predecessors, and Tom of Oxford to its maker, which is the worst of all the great ones."

Again, in a letter to "The Times" of November 20th, 1878, the defendant wrote:—

> "Bells without number, which, moreover were never cast for it with a properly adapted crown, have been ringing for years and centuries with bolts through their crowns to hold in the clappers when the bells have been turned in the stock, before I now introduce the now common practice (except, I believe, at the oldest and worst of the foundries in England) of having the clapper bolt independent of the bell."

This is the letter as it appears in "Bell News".

The plaintiff alleged that the publication of these statements had seriously damaged him in his business. The defendant admitted having published the letters from which the extracts complained of were taken, but denied they were published of the plaintiff in his trade or business, the plaintiff not having been at the time of the founding of the bell a member of the firm who founded it, viz., Messrs. Charles and George Mears. He further contended that the words complained of, in so far as they referred to the firm of C. and G. Mears and to the casting of the said bell, were fair comments upon a matter of public interest and were true in substance and in fact.

And so we come to June 27th, 1881, in the Lord Justices Court at Westminster, with Mr. Baron Huddleston and a special jury ready to try the case. There was an array of counsel: Mr. Charles Russell, Q.C., M.P., Mr. W. G. Harrison, Q.C., and Mr. Hilbery appeared for the plaintiff and Sir J. Holker, Q.C., M.P., and Mr Jeune appeared for the defendant, who himself appeared in forensic costume.

Mr. John Mears was the first witness called. He had been manager under his brother, but had not had anything to do with the foundry for many years. He described the casting of Big Ben. The proportions of the metals were according to contract, viz., 22 of copper to 7 of tin. It was then run into ingots and submitted to the defendant. The melting was done in three furnaces by a wood fire, and the molten metal was then run into one reservoir. The metal used had been the best obtainable, and the defendant had said that it was a treer toned bell than the old one.

Cross-examined by Sir John Holker, the witness said he never heard of any holes being stopped up. If there were any they would have been noticed when the bell was being hung up.

SECOND DAY

On the assembling of the Court it was intimated that the plaintiff would tender evidence of the construction of Big Ben, of the nature of the cracks and cavities which had been found on examination of its surface, and of the causes of these defects. Sir J. Holker objected to the relevance of this evidence in consideration of the issues appearing upon the pleadings. A protracted discussion ensued, but at length Sir John Holker said that he would not press his objection.

Mr. Edward Thomas Loseby, clock and watch maker, of Leicester, was then called. He had seen Big Ben before the cracks were discovered and closely examined it afterwards. He took casts of the holes and cavities upon the surface, which he then produced. The cracks were discovered by covering the bell with acid: when the bell was struck a stream of air bubbles showed themselves along the line of the cracks. There were three cracks of 6 in., 7¾ in. and 18 in. in length respectively. They would not have been noticed but by wetting the bell. The hammer formerly struck exactly opposite the 7¾ in. crack. Bells are never of uniform thickness all round: there is a variance of 1/20 inch at least, and in comparison of that variance these small holes or cavities were of no importance.

"One would have liked to see these holes: part of the time they are barely noticeable and at other times the bell sounds as though it was a colander."

[To be continued]

1,969 BOB MAJOR

Inevitably it has been noticed that it is possible to arrange Date Touches of 1,969 Plain Bob Major ("R.W.", page 25). It is not, however, necessary to splice in Original and ring two types of Bob. (C.C. Rules again?) A simple backstroke start with the first change 12436587 and then 21345678 and so on is all that is necessary. A Single is called at the third lead end when the tenor makes 2nds. This puts the tenors right way round and produces the coursing order 42356 and the course end 3254678. Sixteen courses and five extra leads are required to complete the touch and may be added according to taste. It is possible to bring up the plain course again during the touch at the Wrong position but a Before must be called otherwise it is false with the first course. It is also possible to start with a Bob or a Single in which case the first change is 13246587 or 12346587.

Here is a simple example with plenty of roll-ups which seem to satisfy some people.

W	B	M	H	2436587
	S		—	5324678
S			3	43256
S			—	25346
			S	23546
			—	52346
		—	S	36245
—			3	43265
S			—	26345
—			3	42365
—	5 4		—	25364
—		S	—	34256
			—	23456

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RINGING & CONDUCTING STANDARD METHODS

By ROBERT B. SMITH

INTRODUCTION

IN the series of articles I wrote in 1966 about Plain Bob I dealt with the influence of this method on other "standard methods". Because the article was directed at the beginner the standard methods were not dealt with in detail. Now, however, I propose to deal with the ringing and conducting of the following methods on tower bells and handbells.

I Kent Treble Bob
II Oxford Treble Bob
III Cambridge Surprise
IV Grandsire
V Stedman
VI Double Norwich
VII Yorkshire Surprise
VIII Superlative Surprise
IX Lincolnshire Surprise
X Pudsey Surprise
XI Rutland Surprise
XII London Surprise
XIII Bristol Surprise

It will be appreciated that the amount of time and space devoted to each of these methods will be different, but the aim in each case is the same, i.e., to explain to the learner how the method is constructed and can best be committed to memory. Some compositions will be included for each method, not necessarily for their musical qualities but generally for their simplicity.

Many conductors carry "stock" compositions for each of the standard methods in their minds, and the ideal situation is to be able to call a peal in any of the above methods on the requisite number of bells. More difficult compositions may be tackled when one becomes competent at ringing and conducting the methods.

This series of articles is aimed at catering for the needs of the learner who has progressed beyond the stages of ringing plain courses of Plain Bob but has not yet become a ringer of "standard methods".

PART I KENT TREBLE BOB

(a) Ringing the Method

Ringing Kent Treble Bob is the next logical step in change-ringing after mastering Plain Bob. The first lead of Kent Treble Bob Minor is shown below.

Kent Treble
Bob Minor
123456

213465
124356
214365
241635
426153
421635
246153
264513
625431
624513
265431
256341
523614
526341
253614
235164
321546
325164
231546
213456
123465
214356
124365
142635

Considering first the work of the treble, it will be observed that it commences by dodging 1-2 up with the 2nd bell, before proceeding to 3-4 where it dodges up with the 6th, then passes to 5-6 where it dodges up with the 3rd. After making 6ths the treble dodges 5-6 down with the 4th, 3-4 down with the 5th and finally 1-2 down with the 2nd before leading full.

There are several ways of remembering what the work of the treble involves, the easiest being to dodge in each "even" pair of places on the way out to the back and dodge in the same places on the way in to the front, i.e., 1-2, 3-4 and 5-6 up, 5-6, 3-4 and 1-2 down.

To the experienced ringer this presents no problem; to the learner making his first attempt it is useful to know who to dodge with! If you know who to dodge with you are much more likely to strike the bell in the right position (the number of people who manage to strike in 13-14 in Maximus when they imagine they are in 11-12 is nobody's business); i.e., it is one thing knowing that you are dodging 5-6 up, but that is not very helpful to the rest of the band if the bell is striking in 3-4 up!

Closer inspection of the figures for the first lead of Kent Treble Bob Minor reveals that on the way out to the back the bells are passed in the same order as the plain course of Plain Bob, i.e., 24653, the dodging being with 2, 6 and 3, i.e., dodge with one bell, pass the next, dodge with the next, etc. On the way back to the lead the bells are passed in the order 46532, again the same order as the plain course of Plain Bob, but from the last lead of the course instead of the first lead. This means that the rule for Plain Bob that one passes the bells in the same order on the way to lead as on the way out to the back does not apply. However, one need only remember to omit the bell that was dodged with in 1-2 up from the sequence and then use the Plain Bob rule modified, i.e., Rule for Ringing Treble to Kent Treble Bob:—

Pass the bells in the same order as for Plain Bob, dodging with every other bell. Returning to lead, pass the bells in the same order but omit the bell which is doing the "slow work" (the bell you dodged 1-2 up with). **This rule applies on all numbers.**

While the above rule applies on all numbers it becomes increasingly useful on higher numbers of bells, particularly for Maximus ringing.

Quite obviously when bobs have been called in a touch or a peal the order in which the "working bells" (2, 3, 4, 5 and 6) are met will alter, but if that order can be picked up on the way out to the back, it can be used on the way to the lead. Learners generally find it easier to work out to the back than returning to the lead, so the above rule can be quite useful. Looking further ahead, a good conductor checks **every** bell he passes and notes that it is the correct one! I cannot overemphasise the usefulness of transposing coursing orders (dealt with in the series on Plain Bob), both from the point of view of ringing and conducting. It is almost essential for 12-bell ringing.

RINGING AN "INSIDE" BELL

The work of each "inside" bell will first be considered for Kent Treble Bob Minor and then any rules for Minor can be extended to deal with Major, Royal and Maximus.

The work of each "inside" bell can be divided into two main parts, one part of which can be subdivided into two parts; these are:

1. Slow work.
2. Treble Bob work.
   (a) Including places.
   (b) Without places.

1. **Slow work.** The "slow work" in Kent Treble Bob involves dodging with the treble in 1-2 down, followed by leading and making 2nds to each of the working bells before finally dodging 1-2 up with the treble. It will be observed that the dodging in 1-2 with the treble are the only occasions when a working bell dodges in 1-2 **throughout the whole of the course**. It should also be noted that the order in which one makes 2nds to the other working bells is the same as the coursing order existing at the time; i.e., for the plain course 53246, commencing by making 2nds to one's "after bell" and concluding by making 2nds to one's "course bell" (described in the series on Plain Bob). The latter fact can be used as a guide to the treble returning to the lead, i.e., immediately after one's course bell. The slow work always occupies one lead of the course irrespective of the number of bells being rung.

2 (a) **Treble Bob work—including places.** If the working bells were always to dodge in 3-4 and 5-6 during the ringing of a course of Kent Treble Bob, certain changes would be repeated (while the treble is dodging on to and off the lead). To avoid this repetition, the bells which would have dodged in 3-4 while the treble is dodging in 1-2 make "Kent places" which involve the same number of rows as a dodge would have done. When making Kent places the bell which would have dodged 3-4 up makes 3rds, 4ths and then moves to dodge 5-6 up. The bell which would have dodged 3-4 down makes 4ths, 3rds and then moves, either to dodge in 1-2 with the treble or to turn its course bell from the lead. Only two bells are affected in any one lead of the method and they are the bells which are in 3rds and 4ths position at the beginning of the lead involved. It will be noticed that these two bells make places at the beginning of the lead and immediately before the lead end.

Some learners have difficulty in making Kent places for one or both of the following reasons:—

(i) The places are made "wrong", i.e., backstroke and handstroke which is the opposite way to the leading and other place-making so far encountered if Plain Bob is the only previous method rung.

(ii) The "blue line" has been learnt without looking at the figures for the method and it has not been realised that the two blows in 4ths are **always** struck over the same bell. **Learning methods by the "blue line" only is to be deplored**—very few people can see the whole picture of all the ropes falling in the correct order, particularly on 12 bells, so how can one expect to find the right bell to strike over? The "blue line" is a useful guide, nothing more!

The work of the two bells involved in place making in a particular lead is as follows:—

3rds place bell: Make Kent places out. Ring treble bob until arriving in 1-2 then omit both dodges in 1-2. Make Kent places out again and become a 5ths place bell at the lead end.

4ths place bell: Rings the reverse of the work done by the 3rd, i.e., make Kent places in, omit both dodges in 1-2 then ring treble bob until arriving in 3-4, where Kent places are rung instead of dodging. Become a 2nds place bell at the lead end.

There are several ways of remembering when to make places "in" or "out", some of which can be applied on all numbers of bells; others apply only on particular numbers. For Minor ringing the following is a very useful guide.

Pass treble 1-2 or 2-3, make Kent places out. Pass treble 4-5 or 5-6, make Kent places in.

The first part of this rule applies on all numbers of bells, but the second part applies on six bells only. The second part can be put in more general terms to apply on all numbers, when it reads as follows:—

Pass treble by dodging up with it at the back or by passing it in the section before the up dodge at the back; make Kent places in.

This modification is not very satisfactory for use on the higher numbers of bells and alternative rules are required. Two such rules are applied

1. Make Kent places in, in the lead after dodging in 3-4 down with the treble, and in the lead after that.

2. If on arriving in 4ths place the treble is still below 4ths and is not about to dodge with you in 3-4, make places.

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OBITUARY

MRS. AUDREY A. BUTLER

"Like grass which groweth up. In the morning it flourisheth and groweth up: in the evening it is cut down.' (Psalm 90.) These words of the psalmist echoed the feelings of her very many ringing friends when they learnt of the death at the early age of 37 years of Mrs Audrey Butler (née Ewins), of Thatcham, Berks, wife of Mr. William Butler. It was all the more shattering in that three small children, the eldest only ten years of age, had been bereft of a wonderful mother whose influence for good is clearly stamped upon their characters. Although struck down by a long and painful illness, she had borne it with such fortitude and gaiety right to the end that the news of her passing on January 4th came as a great shock to her friends.

At the age of 14, as Miss Audrey Ewins, she felt she would like to emulate her older sister, Iris, who was a ringer at Farnham Royal, near Slough, and she approached Mr. W. Birmingham, of Slough Parish Church, who had just returned from service in World War II and found himself in charge of a tower the band of which had disintegrated. She was thus in May, 1946, the first post-war ringer in Slough. She quickly mastered the rudiments of change-ringing and "struck" well the methods she learned. She rang her first peal at Feltham, Middx, in February, 1948. Plain Bob Major, conducted by her tutor. Just as she was becoming proficient in the standard eight-bell methods her ringing career suffered a setback as, at the age of 18, she left Slough to train as a children's nurse at Queen Mary's Children's Hospital, Carshalton, and this left her little time for ringing.

At this time she had become engaged to Bill Butler, then ringing captain at Clewer, Windsor, Berks. Shortly after completing her training they were married at Farnham Royal in 1953 and settled in Windsor. Audrey's loyalty was such that, despite her husband's attachment to Clewer, a tower close to her home, she continued to cycle regularly three miles every Sunday and practice night to support Slough belfry until the advent of her first child intervened. Bill became Branch secretary of the E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild at this period and launched "The Ringers' Magazine". After a short sojourn in Old Windsor, Bill and Audrey moved to Thatcham, as his work took him to that area. He very soon found himself joint Ringing Master of the Newbury Branch; thus he and Audrey quickly created a whole new circle of friends in the Kennet Valley as they attended the Branch practices.

At Audrey's funeral on Jan. 9th the Oxford Diocesan Guild was represented by Mr. A. D. Barker (general treasurer) and Mr. J. Baldwin (steward). The Requiem was preceded by some beautiful fully-muffled (tenor open at back-stroke) Stedman Triples. Among the tributes was a half-muffled quarter peal at Slough, where she learned to ring, on the evening of the funeral.

Mrs. Butler had participated in 27 peals, including an all-ladies' peal of Grandsire Triples at Hughenden on Sept. 1st, 1956, as follows:

Doubles.—One method 2, four methods 1.
Minor.—One method 2, three methods 1, seven methods 2, nine methods 1.
Triples.—Grandsire 6, Plain Bob 1, Oxford Bob 1.
Major.—Pl. Bob 7, Kent T.B. 1, Ashtead 1.
Caters.—Grandsire 1. "PALUDIAN."

MR. T. R. FLINT

A regular reader of "The Ringing World" since its inception, Mr. Thomas Roland Flint died on January 15th at his home in Worksop, aged 89. He had been unable to walk since 1954, but his interest in ringing and his church continued until the end.

Born in Warsop on April 27th, 1879, he joined the choir in 1887 and learned to ring on the old four bells there in 1894. His ringing progressed rapidly when he went to Nottingham in 1898 and joined the St. Peter's band. He was a member of the famous Wednesday band and was a regular peal ringer.

He returned to Warsop in 1911 and it was through his efforts that the bells of the parish church were recast and rehung in 1913. He remained as captain and chorister until 1926, having trained a capable band of youngsters His work took him to Hayes, Kent, where he remained until 1932. During this time he rang in numerous towers in the London area, but the number of peals he rang in is not known

Thirty-one years ago he settled down in Worksop. After the bells of Warsop had been augmented to six he became verger there in 1948 and once more became a regular ringer and chorister in his old church. He took part in a number of peals and ringing competitions previous to his retirement.

On the Sunday following his death, 1,320 Treble Bob Minor (Norwich Surprise and Oxford T.B.) was rung on Warsop bells as a tribute to his life and work by G. Challans 1, F. Cooke 2, B. Richards 3, D. H. Rooke 4, F. Flint 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6. H. T. R.

MR. A. C. SINFIELD

The death occurred of Mr. Andrew Charles Sinfield on February 4th at the age of 65. Andrew lived all his life at Maulden, Bedfordshire, and was a first-class market gardener and stockbreeder. Although he had certain jobs to do on Sundays, both he and the rest of his family were loyal supporters of the Church. At one time the whole family were in the church choir—his parents and his three sisters—and later on his son joined too, making the third generation.

In 1922 he commenced ringing, and from then until 1934 participated in some of the finest striking on six bells it was possible to hear, each man reading from his card and nearly always ringing the same bell. But after a visit from a party of tourists ringing "scientific" interest was aroused, and Andrew, who at that time was the only one of the band owning a car, decided to go out and about to learn the new Art. On one or two evenings each week and on Saturdays he used to fill his car with other ringers and visit towers where change-ringing flourished, sometimes visiting churches 20 miles away after a hard day's work. It was through his efforts that the nucleus of new life in ringing began in what was otherwise a quiet area.

The first peal was one of Bob Minor: this was rung at Maulden on April 22nd, 1936; he himself rang the treble. To illustrate his keenness, he went to Northill to collect two ringers; owing to a second start the peal did not finish until 10.20 p.m., but a delighted Andrew drove once again to Northill. Fifty miles that evening was nothing to him—he had scored a peal. Many of his peals were rung at Maulden; the bells were augmented to eight, and with the valuable help of Stephen Ivin and Ron Sharp he went on from strength to strength. His last peal was of Lincolnshire S.M., rung at Maulden on August 29th, 1962.

Shortly after this he had a stroke, and in spite of the most devoted attention by all concerned his condition slowly deteriorated and he was never again well enough to work, ring or sing in the choir; but never once was he heard to complain.

The funeral service was held at Maulden on February 11th, the choir and a large congregation (which included about 30 ringers) being present: the lesson was read by Mr. A. E. Rushton, president of the Beds Association. He was laid to rest to the sound of muffled bells in the churchyard on the hill which overlooks the village and the good lands of this fertile part of mid-Bedfordshire.

Deepest sympathy is extended to his wife and son. The church has lost a fine baritone, the tower a staunch ringer, and all of us a genuine and loyal friend. During the evening, as a final farewell, a half-muffled peal was rung by a band made up as far as possible of ringers closely connected with him.

He rang 293 peals, 18 of them being "firsts" for the Beds Association, of which he was a vice-president. He was also a Central Council representative 1946–1953.

MR. JOE MARKS

A well-known Bletchley, Bucks, ringer, Mr. Joseph Marks died on February 5th, aged 74, following a road accident. He was walking at the time and was involved in a collision with a motor-cyclist and pillion passenger, both of whom were injured

A native of Bletchley, he had his first lesson in ringing at the age of 10, being a pupil of the late Harry Sear. His first peal [illegible] the age of 14, was half-muffled as a toke[illegible] respect to the late King Edward VII. H[illegible] had rung over 200 peals, including 24 at [illegible] Mary's, Bletchley. A good ringer round the back end, he frequently rang the seventh to Charles W. Roberts on the tenor at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, and at other London towers.

He was elected to the Ancient Society of College Youths in 1933. In recent years he enjoyed his bi-monthly visits to St. Clement Danes' with Mr. Wilfrid Wilson's band and since the inception of "Wilson's Wanderers" outings in 1959 had regularly attended. Joe was very critical of bad striking and had a dry humour with a wealth of anecdotes. A modest man, he will be missed.

After service in the Army in World War 1 he worked on the railways until 65. Mr. Marks married twice, his first wife dying in 1944. He is survived by his widow, three sons and a daughter.

The funeral service at St. Mary's Church on February 11th was conducted by the Rev. H. Hedley. Among ringing friends present were Messrs. R. Cadamy (Oxford Diocesan Guild), J. Euston (St. Margaret's, Westminster), A. B. Corden, D. J. Meager (Bletchley), G. Edmans (Great Horwood), E. A. Kershaw (Aspley Guise). Cremation followed at Bedford.

The same evening a half-muffled quarter peal of 1,264 Plain Bob Major was rung at St. Mary's Church and a peal of Grandsire Triples (half-muffled) on the Friday evening.

STANDARD METHODS—continued

2. (b) **Treble Bob work—excluding places.**

Inspection of the figures for the 1st lead of Kent T.B. Minor shows that the 5th and 6th bells do the same work as the treble, with the exception that they never dodge in 1-2. The work of these two bells is then quite straightforward and should not require any further explanation. It should be noted at this stage that the extension of Kent Treble Bob to Major, Royal and Maximus results on each respective occasion in the addition of two leads which are **exactly** the same as those rung by the 5th and the 6th in Minor (with dodging in the extra two places, of course).

THE EFFECTS OF CALLS

Unlike Plain Bob, where a bob affected only three bells irrespective of the number being rung, in Kent Treble Bob the only two bells which are not affected are those going into and coming out of the slow work. The bob is normally made in 4ths place although the bob can be made in 6ths, 8ths and 10ths for Major, Royal and Maximus respectively. Assuming that the 4ths place bob is used, the bell which makes the bob has just completed places out in one lead and commences the next lead by making places in, i.e., the effect is that this bell makes 3rds, four blows in 4ths, 3rds, and becomes the slow bell in the next lead All the bells above 4ths place would have been plain hunting across the lead end, but are forced to dodge back when 4ths is made. The net effect of this is that each bell above 4ths place does a **total** of three dodges in the places it happens to be dodging when the bob is called. Each of these bells then repeats the complete lead that it has just rung, because it finished in the same position at the end of the bobbed lead as it did in the lead immediately before the bobbed lead.

[To be continued]

Letters to the Editor

WORTHINGTON SURPRISE MAJOR

Following recent correspondence, I am submitting the following composition which is true to the above method:

5,152

23456	M	W	H	
46352	—		S	A
53462		—	S	
24356	2A omitting final S			
52346		—	(2S)	B
43526		—	S	
53624	—		2S	
64325	—		S	
23456	2B omitting final S			

Omit (2S) in one part.

This composition is true to methods with a wide range of falseness, and is the nearest I know to a "universal" composition. Specifically the falseness groups to which it is true are as follows:—

Groups b, i, l, n, o, p, r, s; A, B, C, E.

The groups in lower-case letters are the usual Hodgson groups (see Wratten's collection for details); the groups in upper-case are the special out-of-course groups whose existence I pointed out in an article to "The Ringing World". These are reproduced for convenience.

A	B	C	E
23465	26534	42536	52463
23546	25643	35246	36425
26453		36254	43562
		42653	63245

It is important to exercise special care with these groups because they have no in-course components. The only way in which their presence in a method can be detected is by comparison of changes of opposite kind, i.e., in-course changes with out-of-course changes.

I have checked through most of the methods in the C.C. Collection of Surprise methods with l, n or o falseness, and out of 37 methods the above composition was true to 34. This is particularly useful because compositions for methods with this falseness are very difficult to obtain, and indeed, as in the case of Worthington, sometimes impossible. Of course, some minor adjustments are necessary where the lead end order is different or for methods with 8ths place lead ends.

In addition, this is quite a good composition for many standard methods, having 12 full combination courses. Recently it has been rung to Yorkshire, Lincolnshire, Gainsborough, Rutland and several new methods otherwise unpealable, and it is also true to Watford, Ealing, Uxbridge, Aldenham, Jersey and many others. The principal limitation is that the composition will not run true to methods with London or Superlative falseness (groups d, e, k) but there are already several good general compositions for these groups (see Wratten's collection).—Yours sincerely,

ROGER BALDWIN.

Watford, Herts.

SURPRISE MAJOR COLLECTION

Dear Sir,—With reference to the complete collection of C.P.S. Surprise Major methods which has recently been published, and which is in fact advertised on the back page, there appears to be some confusion as to the notation being used. In producing the collection the main problem was one of space since the collection was fairly large (over 1,300 methods, in fact) and consisted mainly of wrong place methods and essentially non-compact methods as in "Part 2". It was found that the price could be substantially reduced if the place notation was made as compact as possible. The result of this was that the standard notation was used, but with the dots (.) omitted where a **double change** and a **triple change** (ie., two places being made) were adjacent. Then provided it was remembered that standard conditions, e.g., no single changes allowed, or no double changes at the half lead, etc., then, especially as the places were centred in the correct column, reading was particularly easy.

It appears, however, that in spite of this simplified layout mistakes in reading are still occurring, and as a guide some examples are given below, together with the correct interpretation.

Appearance	Correct	Incorrect
125634	1256.34	12.3456 or 123456 (a single change)
123458	12.3458	1234.58 (four adjacent places not allowed)
Or at the half lead		
123678	1236.78	12.3678 (double change not allowed) 12.36.78 (dots would have been shown, as there is no double change)

It may be added that the collection was typed automatically, and that therefore accidentally transposed figures will not arise. The only accidental omission of a dot is in method No. 370, when 3478 should be read as 34.78.

I would therefore like to draw readers' attention to these points, as if the collection is misread then any resulting peal or even touch or course is liable to be irregular and/or unexpectedly false.—Yours sincerely,

W. J. COOPER BAILEY.

London, S.W.

JAMES S. WILDE

Dear Sir,—Mr. J. P. Fidler's interesting article "Bread Cast on the Waters" does not quite take the Norbury band's connection with James S. Wilde to its conclusion.

The pre-1914 Norbury band rang some 18 Treble Bob methods for the first time, and the first of these, No. 34, page 29 of the Central Council's 1907 Collection of Minor Methods, which had been composed by James S. Wilde, and of which they rang the first 720 on July 1st, 1910, they named Dunedin Delight, after the town to which he had emigrated.

They also published a very warm tribute to him in "The Bell News".—Yours faithfully,

"CHESHIRE DELIGHT."

A MUM'S SYMPATHY

Dear Sir,—How I agree with "A Hard Road Traveller" ("R.W.", Jan. 31st). I am one of those "beginners" of almost two years, struggling with diagrams, etc., in attempts to try and ring a method. As I am no bright young ringer but a "mum" coming up to 50 next year, I find my progress seems slow indeed. My children (four of whom ring) have made better headway than I have. It was because of them that I became interested.

Visits to other towers we all enjoy, be it only an opportunity to ring call-changes or rounds, as we are not yet proficient enough to ring a "touch" of anything. My limit is a plain course of Grandsire "inside". Bobs and singles send me into a flutter and I just flounder through till the next "call".

Whilst on an outing last year, I shall never forget a remark of the Ringing Master for the day to two young ringers (unknown to me) who asked if they might try a plain course of Grandsire. He tersely reminded them that it was an outing and not a practice night. We beginners went along for the pleasure and experience of ringing at towers other than our own. I quite often think that some ringers forget they are in the House of God.

Do we not all aspire to become proficient ringers? Would you suggest that I leave ringing alone, because of wasting the tower captain's time? The weekly practice and ringing on Sunday are my only break from the family and household chores. A few years ago I was suffering from a nervous state of mental depression, but ringing has changed all that. Would one of those "experienced" ringers deny people like me the pleasure and satisfaction of serving in God's House? I know I shall never be a peal ringer, but I understand ringing "is done primarily for the furtherance of God's work"—from the Elementary Handbook.—Yours sincerely, "A TRYER."

(Name and address supplied.)

DELIGHT MINOR METHODS

Dear Sir,—Two of the single change Delight Minor methods listed by Mr. Bishop on page 82 have been rung to peals and named, as follows:—

—34—16—12—1236—14—1 i.e. 16 Cadoxton

—34—16—12—1236—14—5 i.e. 12 Finchampstead

Details of the peals will be found in "The Ringing World" for January 7th, 1966 (page 12), and February 19th, 1965 (page 141), respectively.

I notice, however, that Mr. Bishop has omitted one method for which I apparently have no name:—

—36—16—12—1236—14—5 i.e. 12 154632

I would be grateful for any information on this method (if indeed it has been rung).

Could I also trespass further on your space to ask whether anyone who has any information on James Platt (1786–1858), of Saddleworth, would get in touch with me? Platt was responsible for much original work on Minor, including a 720 of Plain Bob using four different singles and a call at every lead, and a "bobless" 720 of Kent T.B. obtained by making "15 sixth places when the treble dodges before instead of fourth place": he also probably produced the first true 720s of Spliced T.B. Minor. Unfortunately the figures of only one of his 720s seem to be still extant.—Yours sincerely,

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Cheltenham, Glos.

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BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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LETTERS—continued

COMPOSITIONS OR ARRANGEMENTS

Dear Sir,—Re Andrew G. Craddock's letter ("R.W.", Jan. 31st, page 83). I agree that some definite distinction should be made between compositions and arrangements, but I disagree with the method Mr. Craddock suggests for bringing this about. I feel that to set up a Central Council committee to consider all compositions/arrangements would not only take up a great amount of time for the committee members but would also cause considerable delay to the publication of new compositions/arrangements. It would be far less time-consuming if a rule could be laid down so that composers/arrangers could themselves classify their peals.

I would like to offer the following suggestion for comment:—

> Peals in methods having clear proof scale should be classed as arrangements.
> Peals in methods having internal falseness should be classed as compositions.

Thus, for example, peals of Bristol Surprise Major with tenors together and bobs only be classed as arrangements, but peals in the same method with tenors parted and/or singles be classed as compositions

I disagree very strongly with the suggestion made in the last paragraph "that arrangements should not be published in "The Ringing World". I think that all composers/arrangers should be able to publish their peals in the "R.W." if they so desire. There are so many new ideas being brought into peals, even peals of Bob Major, that I consider it imperative that our conductors, both experienced and not so experienced, are kept up to date with the progress being made.—Yours sincerely,

JEFFREY BRANNAN.

Mossley, Lancs.

"BLUE PETER"

Dear Sir,—Yes, many were interested to see our "well-loved hero" attempting to be a bell-ringer, evidently some of them a bit more mature than children. Miss Moorby seems to have hit the nail on the head by stating that a formal display of bellringing would not be very enjoyable for small children.

In this day and age surely we should all realise that this is the way television producers work when providing entertainment for their viewers.

The film of John Noakes' attempts to handle a bell was a classical example of a typical children's television "entertainment" and should be looked upon as no more.

Whether the Exercise as a whole wants to regard this as good or bad propaganda remains to be seen. But surely this should be an encouragement to those of us who are engaged in the recruitment and teaching of youngsters, to impress upon them the seriousness and purpose of our art.—Yours sincerely,

DAVID T. G. BATES

Aldridge, Walsall.

DOUBLES—BACK TO THE OLD DAYS

Dear Sir,—Now that the record peal of 113 Doubles methods, rung at Hambledon, Bucks, in 1960 has been surpassed, may we once again ring Doubles variations such as April Day, Northrepps Pleasure, etc., just as we did prior to June, 1968?—Yours faithfully,

MICHAEL W. COLEMAN

Bedford College, N.W.

THE SOCIETY OF RAMBLING RINGERS

The Society's annual reunion was held on February 8th at Lincoln. The weather, which seems to be all part of the occasion, did not let us down, as snow fell heavily the previous day. However, this did not deter the members and ringing was heard at Branston and Washingborough in the morning and St. Botolph's, Lincoln, St. Peter's, the Cathedral and St. Giles' in the afternoon

Ringing ranged from rounds and call-changes to a half course of Cambridge Maximus and 6-Spliced Major. The ringers would like to thank all the people who arranged for them to ring and those who greeted them at the respective towers.

The dinner was held at the Queen Hotel, where a good meal was enjoyed. Afterwards the annual meeting was held, with Mr. D. Mottershead presiding, who welcomed all members and friends. Apologies for absence were received from Mr. C. Dalton and Miss L. Wilkinson.

Mr. J. E. Cook stated in the Ringing Master's report that on the last tour the ringing had shown a decided improvement and hoped that further progress would be made this year.

The following were elected to the various offices this year: President, Mr. D. A. Frith; Ringing Master, Mr. R. H. Cook; deputy Ringing Masters, Mr. S. B. Bell and Mr. D. Mottershead; secretary and treasurer, Mr. R. B. Mills; peal secretary, Mr. M. Vernon; committee member, Mr. F. Jackson.

Under any other business Mr. J. E. Cook proposed that a member should be selected to write an account of the tour, and Mrs. C. Mills was elected for this purpose. Mr. Cook also gave notice that at the next reunion he will propose that the office of deputy Ringing Master be removed and that the Ringing Master be given authority to nominate a member to deputise on each day of the tour.

There being no other business the meeting was brought to a close and the rest of the evening was spent in the usual manner.

DATE TOUCHES NO INTEREST

Dear Sir,—Re Mr. P. W. Gay's date touch of Bob Major ("R.W.", Feb. 14th), I would like to point out that in its present form it contravenes C.C. regulations, as two types of bob are used.

Incidentally, I hope that this is not the beginning of a spate of publications of date touch compositions, such as we had last year. To my mind, these compositions are of no interest to the Exercise at large. To the minority that have the time to waste on such gimmicks, compositions can be produced by anyone with even a slight knowledge of figures and using the standard calls.—Yours faithfully,

ROGER CANE.

Clapham, S.W.

WELLINGBOROUGH TRAINING SCHEME

Dear Sir,—May I be allowed to commend the Wellingborough Branch's training scheme, outlined on page 126 of your issue of February 14th?

This seems to me to be one of the most effective ways of assisting a struggling tower or getting a silent ring going again for services, assuming help offered is acceptable.

There is plenty of scope for this and other efforts to establish regular service ringing at towers where this is not possible at present due to lack of ringers.—Yours sincerely,

NORMAN CHADDOCK

Market Weighton, Yorks

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

South-West Branch

The annual meeting of the South-West Branch was held at Tavistock, a call-change stronghold, but on the day of the meeting as well as call-changes, Grandsire Triples, Plain Bob Major and Kent Major were rung. As a fitting finale, a good touch of Stedman Triples immediately preceded the service.

Dr. R. W. Stevenson, the Vicar, led a most impressive service and preached a thought-provoking sermon. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells, an appropriate interlude for a ringers' service.

The business meeting followed tea in the Church Hall. About 30 members attended and welcomed some 40 guests. This was a more eventful meeting than most for a constitutional amendment was accepted and radical changes were made in the election of Branch officers. The rule formerly limiting terms of office to three years was abolished. Consequently R. A. Southwood was re-elected secretary/treasurer, D. R. Bould Ringing Master and G. E. Mudge chairman. Eight new members were elected, most of whom are learners at Emmanuel; its tower has a fine record of uninterrupted service. Paul Perkin was awarded his Guild certificate by W. Lavers, a vice-president. Few ringers take part in their first peal, as Paul has done, before receiving a Guild certificate.

Finally it was decided to seek permission to hold the spring meeting at Cornwood on April 12th and the autumn meeting at Petertavy on November 8th. It was on November 8th, 1919, that the South-West Branch of the Guild held its first meeting, at Petertavy. This would therefore be a most appropriate tower at which to hold the 50th anniversary celebrations. It is proposed to bring these to a close with a jubilee dinner.

Ringing in the evening took place in the Guild tower of nearby Whitchurch, which has a recently-rehung six

J. I. S.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The February meeting of the St. Albans District was held on the 15th at Radlett. During the afternoon and evening all the Minor methods in the Diary were rung. The service, taken by the Curate, Rev. A. Talbot-Ponsonby, himself a ringer, was followed by a good tea in the Church Hall.

At the meeting the new members elected were Gillian Lunn, Diana Kingham and Alison Stephens, and Debbie Hodge was transferred from probationary to full membership. Special methods for meetings during the year are to be: for 6-bell meetings all the Minor methods in the Diary, and for 8-bell meetings Double Norwich, Stedman, St. Clement's and Cambridge. The donations from the V.B.F. towards the restoration funds at Harpenden and Wheathampstead were increased to £50. It was suggested that the V.B.F. should be brought to the attention of local P.C.C.s.

The secretary asked for annual subscriptions which are now due, and also for any relevant information or photographs to help in modernising the booklet "The History of Ringing in Hertfordshire". Evening ringing on tower- and handbells continued until 8.30 p.m.

Next special practice: South Mymms, March 6th.

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DATE TOUCH

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On Jan. 28th, 1,969 Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob Doubles: Miss A. Pullan 1. Miss A. Rowland 2, A. Weall 3, J. Steele 4. W. Pooiman (cond.) 5. D Heath 6.

QUARTER PEAL DAY IN CHESTERFIELD DISTRICT

January 18th, 1969

STAVELEY, DERBYS. — 1,272 Double Norwich C.B. Major: Marjorie Yarnold 1, D. W. Friend (cond.) 2, F. Cook (first D.N.C.B.) 3, D. Parkin 4, C. Thrower 5, M. P. Phipps 6, H. T. Rooke 7. Rev. F Ross 8

BARLBOROUGH, DERBYS.—1,296 Cambridge S. Minor: Marjorie Yarnold 1, M. P. Phipps 2, G. A. Newman 3, I. Barlow 4, C. Thrower 5, G. A. Halls 6. Conducted by D. W Friend.

CLOWNE, DERBYS.—1,276 Plain Bob Minor: H. T. Rooke 1, F. Cooke 2, A. C. Banton (cond.) 3, G. Naylor (first attempt) 4, P. Blight 5, D. Parkin 6.

CRESWELL, DERBYS.—1,344 Plain Bob Major: Celia Dawson (first attempt) 1, M. P. Phipps (cond.) 2, D. Smedley 3, L. Bacon 4, P. Rose 5, S. L. Barlow 6, C. Thrower 7, D. W. Friend 8.

OLD WHITTINGTON, DERBYS. — 1,296 Kent T.B. Minor: G. A. Halls 1, G. A. Newman 2, G. J. Newman 3, A. Queen (first T.B.) 4, I. Barlow 5, A. C. Banton (cond.) 6.

ABERDARE, GLAM.—On Jan. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. J. Evans 1, P. J. Bagshaw 2, D. L. Kerley 3, R. N. Bagshaw 4, G. E. Kerley 5, W. H. Harford 6, D. W. Kerley (cond.) 7, J. Clatworthy 8. Also on Jan 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: P. Jones 1, J. Clatworthy (cond.) 2, E. J. Evans 3 D. Evans 4, D. L. Kerley 5, G. E. Kerley 6, D. C. Dabb 7, L. R. Scott 8. Rung as compliments to D. G. Kerley and Miss J. Sanders, married at St. Elvan's Church on January 25th

ADDINGTON. SURREY. — On Jan. 19th, 1,260 Minor (three methods): A. Hobbs 1, Louise Powell 2, I. Wiltshire 3, Wendy Wallace 4, E. G. H. Godfrey 5, C. H. Macve (cond.) 6. Also on Jan. 26th, 1,320 Durham Surprise Minor: Louise Powell 1, N. Bennett 2, E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 3, I. Wiltshire 4, Wendy Wallace 5, C. H. Macve 6. Both for Evensong.

ALDGATE, LONDON.—At St. Botolph's Church, on Jan. 19th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: F. G. Richardson 1, S Penfold 2 Joan M. Peacock 3, J. Fowler 4, C. E. Wright 5, J. Stephenson 6, F. V. Gant (cond.) 7, P. Sippitt 8.

ASHFORD, KENT. — On Jan. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Helen Rowland 1, Margaret Jones 2, J. C. Clark (first "inside") 3, N. J. Davies (cond.) 4, B. Cox 5, R. Swift 6, R. A. Swift 7, J. Wood 8. For Evensong.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.—On Jan 26th, 1,280 Bob Major: D. Barnes 1, Elizabeth Gibbs 2, Gillian Laver 3, G. Bromley 4, J. A. Laver 5, J. V. A Stedman 6, Felicity Hamilton 7, T. Skilton (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

BABBACOMBE, DEVON. — On Jan. 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. J. Garbett 1, W. Simmonds 2, Valerie Stephens 3, G. J. Roberts 4, J. L. Read 5, W. Wayman 6, D. J. Roberts (cond.) 7, R. A. Caffry 8. First Stedman 6 and 8. For Evensong.

BARRINGTON, SOM. — On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (11 m/v): Mrs. B. Dean 1, R. J. Dean 2, J. Cornelius (cond., 150th quarter) 3, M. A. Arscott 4, K. E. Beale 5, R. Welch 6. Most methods to a quarter 1, 2 and 6.

BARROW-ON-SOAR, LEICS. — On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: B. S. Payne (cond.) 1, P. G. Chambers 2, H. Christine Younger 3, C. L. Younger (first "inside") 4, R. I. Kendrick 5.

BATHEASTON, SOM. — On Jan. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. D. Taylor 1, Beatrice M. W. Dobbie 2, R. L. M. Coles 3, P. M. Giles 4, M. Blanchard (first Grandsire Triples) 5, P. J. W. Hardwick 6, J. E. Newman (cond.) 7, B. Sarli 8. For Confirmation service.

BEAMINSTER, DORSET.—On Jan. 17th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. Ellery 1, H. G. Keeley 2, Angela Quick 3, M. Hiller 4, R. Williamson 5, Rev. R. Keeley (cond.) 6, F. Knight 7, J. T. Barrett 8.

BERROW, WORCS.—On Jan. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): F Clarke 1, E. C. Biggs 2, B Spiers 3, [illegible] Walters (cond.) 4, J. Clements 5. Half-muffled in memoriam David Wadley, former ringer, interred this day.

QUARTER PEALS

BEVERLEY, YORKS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Jan. 19th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Royal: Christine Rose 1, Helen Goode 2, Gillian Try (first Royal) 3, Elizabeth A. Ewan 4, L. Daggitt 5, A. E. Shingles 6, J. Birdsall 7, A. T. Taylor 8, J. M. Brook (first Royal as cond.) 9 J. N. D. Chaddock 10.

BECKENHAM, KENT.—On Jan. 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. E. Beach 1, Miss P. Gough 2, D. G. Brown 3, J. A. Powell (first Stedman Triples "inside") 4, Mrs. C. Shiers 5, S. A. Nicholls 6, P. W. Cave (cond.) 7, M K. Powell 8. To celebrate the birth of a son (Barry John) to the wife of the ringer of 8

BRAMFORD, SUFFOLK. — On Jan. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Susan Abbott 1, A. R. Walters 2, S. Christian 3, M. H. Whittell 4, R. J. Southgate 5, L. R. Pizzey (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

BRAY, CO. WICKLOW.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: C. Lane 1, J. Shields (first "inside") 2, R Corson 3, C. E. S. Hall 4, A. R. MacKenzie 5, C. A. Lewis (cond.) 6. First Minor I and 5.

BRIXHAM, DEVON.—On Jan. 24th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: R. J Edden 1, R. J. Talbot 2, A. S. Carter 3, P. A Lock 4, R. F. Shepperd 5, G. J. Roberts 6, D. J. Roberts (cond.) 7, G. S. Duncan 8, W. Simmonds 9, B. Tuckett 10. First of Grandsire Caters 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10. Rung on the eve of Peter Lock's wedding to Miss Dorothy Johnson.

BROCKENHURST, HANTS.—On Jan. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Fry (first on working bell) 1, W. Willans 2, Mary Sutcliffe (cond.) 3, S. Baybut 4, J. Hull 5, Jennifer Quaife 6.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.—On Jan. 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Miles 1, Marion L. Lidgey 2, C. G. Bryant 3, Canon A. S. Roberts 4, A. Locke 5, F. M. Bowers 6, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 7, T. J. Bell 8. In memoriam C. F. Jerram and F. B. Ditcher.

CHELSFIELD, KENT.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Ann Blatcher 1, Jane Seaman 2, Felicity Mussell 3 A. J. Chandler 4, J. S. Barnes 5, D C. Manger (cond.) 6. For the festival of nine lessons.

CHIDDINGSTONE, KENT.—On Jan. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: L. Goater 1, J. M. Corby 2, P. R. Everest 3, R. J Everest 4, J. R. Palmer 5, R. P. Sherlock 6, R. W. H. Hayes (cond.) 7, W. J. Bear 8.

CLYST HONITON, DEVON. — On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples. Miss A. Retter 1, Mrs. G. E. Retter 2, D. Salter 3, F. Stamp (first Triples) 4, W. Webb 5, A Holway 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, T. Travers 8.

COPPULL, LANCS.—On Jan. 18th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: L. Walmesley 1, J. Nelson 2, D. G. Lawson 3, D L. Marsden 4, J. D. Nixon (cond.) 5, J. E. Sumner 6.

COULSDON, SURREY. — On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Warner (first quarter) 1, P. Hewett (first "inside") 2, G. Long (first quarter) 3, J Savsell 4, D. Little (cond.) 5. For Evensong.

CRANTOCK, CORNWALL.—On Jan. 25th, 1,320 Doubles (11 methods): Valerie C Allen 1, R. P. Pearce 2, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 3, T. J. Bell 4, F. M Bowers 5, R. Pengelly 6 For the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul.

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CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX. — On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Upton 1, Miss R. Stevens 2, R V. Johnson 3, B. J. Read 4, T. G. Williams 5, A. V. Sheppard 6, R. I. Vaughan (cond.) 7, S. D. Upton 8. For Evensong.

DITCHEAT, SOM.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: A. Dyer 1, Miss S. A. Mayell (first Bob Triples "inside") 2, Miss G. M. Beckett 3, Mrs. D. G Mayell 4, J. Kingsnorth 5, H. J. Gaylard 6, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 7 A. J. Callow 8. First Bob Triples 5 and 8.

EXETER, DEVON.—At the Church of St. Mark, on Jan. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Gillian Moss 1, Linda V. Cull 2, Christine Abbott 3, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 4, G. Skinner 5, G. H. Baldam 6. Also on Jan. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. N. Longridge (cond.) 1, G. Skinner 2, Linda V. Cull 3, Christine M. Abbott 4, J. L. Anderson 5, M. S. Turner 6, M. C. Leonard 7

FAWLEY, HANTS. — On Jan. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Elizabeth A. Banks 1, J. C. Banks (first "inside") 2, R. Allinson 3, Susan V. Banks 4, L. D. Smith (cond.) 5, M. G. Wills 6. For morning service. Also on Jan. 20th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: L. D. Smith 1, Catherine A. Roberts (first Cambridge) 2, Susan V. Banks 3, T. Matcham 4, D. C. Jackson 5, R. Allinson (cond.) 6.

FOLKESTONE, KENT. — On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. J. Manger 1, Anne Barber 2, Mrs. B. Davies 3 G. L. Webb 4, N. J. Davies 5, D. C. Manger 6, A. P. S. Berry (cond.) 7, A. S. Phelips 8. To congratulate Miss Anne Barber on her 21st birthday (January 29th).

FROME, SOM. — On Jan. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Naylor (first quarter) 1, R. E. J. Baker 2, E. Chivers 3, R. Beck 4, D. MacKay 5, D. J. Withers 6, D. G. Massey (cond.) 7, H. Vennell 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Francis Carter, sister of the conductor, who was cremated this day, for many years a ringer at this tower.

GLASGOW. — At St. Mary's Cathedral, on Jan. 26th, 1,260 St. Clement's Major: Miss M. Livingstone 1, Miss J. Cleeve 2, T. J. Winderam 3, R. M. Preston 4, D. M. Graham-Service 5, J. Preston 6, T. C. Winderam 7, M. J. Pink (cond.) 8. First in method for all. Also on Feb. 2nd, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. J. Preston (first quarter) 1, T. J. Winderam 2, R. L. Preston 3, Miss J. Cleeve (cond.) 4, D. M. Graham-Service 5, P. T. Fisher 6, J. Preston 7, T. C. Winderam 8. For Candlemas Evensong.

GOODRICH, HEREFORDS.—On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. W. Morgan 1, W. Reece 2, J J. Webb (cond.) 3, J. Higgins 4, K. Watkins 5, H. Meek 6. For morning service.

HATHERN, LEICS.—On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss C. Lester 1, Mrs. C. Harris 2, C. Woods 3, T. Harris 4, D. Swift 5, J. Tickle (cond.) 6, B. Smith 7, H. Harris 8. For Evensong, and as a farewell to the Rev. and Mrs. Bull.

HAWKLEY, HANTS.—On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Sansom 1, R. Tipper 2, K. Tipper 3, D Hughes 4, D. Hatherly 5, D. Fox 6, B. Walton (cond.) 7, T. Bowles 8. For Parish Communion.

HEENE, WORTHING, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ann Pearson 1, R. Cox (cond.) 2, C. Chappell 3, H. Weaver 4, H. Butler 5, H. Clark 6, R. P. Wood 7. Also on Jan. 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Cox (first in method) 1, M. Fromm 2, H. Weaver 3, R. P. Wood 4, H. Clark 5, H. Butler 6, C. Champion (first in method as cond.) 7 C. Chappell 8. Rung as a token of respect to Mr. R. Blackman who died on January 23rd.

HERSHAM, SURREY. — On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss H. Pady 1, P. Hartt 2, Miss D. Colcombe 3, C. Webb (cond.) 4, J. Bailey 5, P. Henry 6, J. King 7, H. Colcombe 8. For evening service.

HILL FARRANCE, SOM. — On Jan. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. V. Young 1, A. H Reed 2, Deborah Bishop 3, J. Cornelius 4, K. E. Beale 5, A. S. Bishop (cond.) 6.

HILLINGDON, MIDDX. — On Jan. 26th, 1,360 Kent Treble Bob Royal: C. J. Venn 1, Ruby Fardon 2, R. A. Fardon 3, J. Waters (first Kent Royal) 4, Patricia A. Copas 5, M. W. Seymour 6, J. Hill (cond.) 7, W. H. Coles 8, A. R. G. Twinn 9, M. J. Palmer 10. For Evensong.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX. — On Jan. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jacqueline A. Pickett (first quarter) 1, S. W. Brown 2, J. Kirkcaldy (first in method) 3, B. J. Harfield 4, H. W. Brown (cond.) 5, R. Kirkcaldy 6. For Evensong.

'Flu Hits Alton Handbell Festival

Saturday, January 18th, saw six teams of handbell ringers and about 150 people converge on the Assembly Rooms at Alton, Hampshire, for the "Ring out the Bells" concert organised by the Congregational Church Boys' Brigade. This was the second concert to be held at Alton, and judging by the response from ringers and the public the event will become annual, by demand. Mr. Chapman, the Church Pastor, with the efficiency and cleverness of a powerful impresario, suffered disappointment when teams from Shinfield, Cobham, Hartley Wintney, Toc H and Mortimer West End W.I. had to withdraw because of illness. This underlines the problems faced by handbell teams and the specialised talents of their ringers.

With no spotlights or footlights the stage was inadequately lit. Ringers' subtle movements and facial expressions were sadly missed by the audience, and the green baize covered table separated the teams from real contact with the people in the hall. The Alton Boys' Brigade even had some boys so short that they almost rang under the table. All the teams but Liss rang behind the table. Liss, who lost a clapper in Brahms' "Cradle Song", also missed the prize for novelty ringing to Shrivenham, who rang four-in-hand plus one between knees.

The bands came from a wide area and this fact broadened the presentation and ringing experience of all the teams present. In general the presentation of all the teams was fair, that of the Alton boys under their leader R. Betsworth, of the Selborne ringers, and of the Eastbourne team especially.

The away teams went in first—Ashtead (Surrey), Eastbourne (Sussex) and Shrivenham (Berkshire). Ashtead's fine set of Mears' bells finely played by three ladies and five gentlemen began the concert in good style. The clever damping of the bells in "My Grandfather's Clock" and the change of tempo that the music calls for were well rehearsed. The team's difficulty in establishing the elusive Handel timing in the "Largo" was made up for by the dexterity with which Handel's "Gavotte" was played. Tony Skilton, the Ashtead leader, directed the playing and produced a rousing "Cwm Rhondda".

The school-aged ringers from St. Mary's, Eastbourne, neatly dressed in white shirts with dark ties, played some old favourites including Stephen Foster's "Beautiful Dreamer" and the "Pavane" from Peter Warlock's Suite of Dances. Their playing, conducted by H. Reynolds, was carefully timed, but a trifle slow in "All through the night". The bells were quickly struck with well-managed bass harmony. The youngest members of this band, twin boys aged 11, were eagerly sought by the B.B.C.

The ring of Petit and Fritson's bells (of Aarle-Rixtel, Netherlands, 18 F) belonging to the St. Andrew's, Shrivenham, ringers, possessed magical harmonics so different from English bells. The team of three men playing four-in-hand delighted the audience with pleasant arrangements of well-known music—'Edelweiss" and the theme from "The Sound of Music". The latter piece lacked the melodic continuity necessary to be successful on the handbells.

To fill the remaining time in the first half of the concert the Alton boys rapidly formed up and played "Polly put the kettle on" and "Morningtown Ride".

Selborne, after the interval, under their new leader, Mr. R. Betsworth, came on and rang that glorious old handbell favourite "Gentle Zitello", of which they made good work. This team, formed in 1911, with their three chromatic octaves of Taylor's bells (which I am told are to be overhauled in about 18 months' time) ring with the precision and accuracy always noted in old established bands. Since last year their tunes have taken on new meaning and a new life.

Liss, after a couple of false starts, rang the round "Come Follow", the bells joining in one after another—a pretty effect which was tried again in "Three Blind Mice". This band, comprising three mini-skirted girls, two boys and three men, played the hymn tune "St. Denio" and "Come landlord fill the flowing bowl". Last year the band had played melodies only, but this year, with new notation, harmony was included, although the melody bells could have been struck harder. Brahms' "Cradle Song", attempted four-in-hand by just two of their ringers, was interrupted by a lost clapper.

The Alton Boys' Brigade team appeared last, ringing in the Selborne style. The boys always give a polished performance and this was no exception. Alton finished this most excellent concert by ringing "Auld Lang Syne" with the audience singing with them.

This, the second "Ring out the Bells" concert, was a success and raised £27 for the Church Rebuilding Fund. Mr. W. Chapman, the organiser, deserves thanks for such a worthwhile venture. B. S. GAMBRILL.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Bryan Jones, of Pinxton, Notts, has persuaded people to sponsor Judy, his dog, in the sponsored walk for the Derby Cathedral appeal organised by the Derby Guild.

Resident members of the Kent County Association rang a peal of Spliced Surprise Major silent and non-conducted at Tonbridge on January 19th.

The ringers in the peal at Wrenbury, Cheshire, on January 25th, would like to associate it with Mr. Alec King, late tower captain, now retired from ringing and living in Nantwich.

The Hillingdon supper, held on St. Valentine's Day at the Golden Lion, attracted an attendance of 84, including many of the Middlesex Association officers. The president, Rev. G. W. Taylor, Rector of St. Giles-in-the-Fields, was one of the speakers.

Mr. William Gorringe, of Hawkhurst, Kent, invited a band of College Youths, mainly from the Tonbridge District, to ring a peal of Stedman Triples at Hawkhurst on February 15th. After the peal Mr. and Mrs. Gorringe kindly entertained the band to a much-appreciated meal.

St. John's, Perry Barr, held a reception on February 1st to launch an appeal for the restoration of the fabric, organ and the bells.

The Editor received his customary Valentine on February 14th—this time from East Anglia. He thanks the unknown donor.

Mr. Frank R. Morton has now "circled the tower" of St. Mary's, Wistaston, Cheshire, seven times, when he rang in a peal of Minor on January 17th.

Mr. H. Rumens, of Salisbury, writes with reference to Mr. Newman's letter (page 102) that there were four brothers Pye — William, Ernest, Robert and Alfred, with whom he rang in a peal of Kent T.B. Royal in 1920.

The article "Solihull's Notable Ringing Tradition", by Edgar C. Shepherd, that appeared on page 139, had previously been published in "The Solihull News". The paper's co-operation is appreciated.

Mr. Walter Ayre was taken to hospital on February 14th as he was unable to walk or lift anything. He is in Rutherford Ward, St. Paul's Hospital, Hemel Hempstead, and would welcome letters. The latest report we received was that he was slowly progressing.

LINCOLN GUILD

The meeting of the West Lindsey Branch at Epworth on February 15th was surprisingly well attended, for the belfry is extremely cold on the best of days. Over 30 enjoyed the ringing from 2.30 till 9 p.m.

The business meeting after the service and tea agreed that Janet Bull be transferred to honorary life membership now that she has moved from the area. The meeting was informed that Kirton Lindsey bells would be dedicated by the Archdeacon of Stow on March 11th at 7.15 p.m. The bells have just been rehung by Taylors.

Next Branch meeting, Kirton Lindsey, May 17th; special methods, 1st Treble Bob group.
R. B. T.

A PEMBROKESHIRE TOUR

At 9 a.m. on January 25th a fleet of cars loaded with 18 ringers from the University College of Wales Society left Aberystwyth for Pembrokeshire. First stop was Cardigan, almost a second home tower to the Aberystwyth ringers, being only 38 miles away. Here Arthur Walters and Joe Morgan joined us and we rang Cambridge Minor.

Then into Pembrokeshire over the Prescelly Mountains, where the playful farmers delight to drive trailer-hauling tractors across the paths of speeding cars, and to Pembroke itself. At Pembroke Philip Rogers joined us, and the highlight was a touch of Stedman Triples.

Devious routes were found to St. Florence, where heavy rain had saturated the ringing chamber and the ropes were very slippery. A touch of Spliced Single Oxford and Bob Minor was rung, devised by the secretary in a fit of inspiration brought on by a Pembroke Mars bar. Tenby tower was the final one: Kent Major was managed but Cambridge Major wasn't.

Stage II of the tour, a Chinese meal in Carmarthen, was tackled more competently than Stage I, and members drifted away despondently as their plates emptied. Our thanks to incumbents and the tower captains who met us.
M. H. T.

BELLRINGERS PLEASE NOTE

"Bellringing is sometimes called campanology.

Sometimes there is a stay which stops the bell from swinging right over. Experienced ringers don't need this stay as they know how hard to pull the rope."

A short while ago I was asked if I could show about 30 schoolchildren up the tower at St. Mary's, Brixham, Devon, and tell them a bit about bells and ringing. Our captain was in full agreement with the idea and the effort proved well worth while, as the children were to write about this at school, and the above is only one of many "bits and pieces" pinned up on the schoolroom walls. Another child wrote: "We went up a lot of steps to a place where the ringers ring the bells and there were long ropes with green stuff on them. Then we went up to see the bells and it was all very interesting." As well as these short essays there were also graphs and sketches and even poems about bells and ringers, and I give full marks to the children for their work.

This might appear trivial to some, but to me nobody knows what a kick I got out of this, especially when I was invited to see the "pin-ups" at the school. "PLAIN BOB"

CORRECTIONS & AMENDMENTS

In the peal of Rutland at Meldreth, Cambs, on December 21st, the number of changes was 5,088 and not as submitted.

The peal of Plain Bob Minor rung at Chenies on November 16th is duplicated on pages 973/68 and 12/69.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

SIXTY YEARS A RINGER

Congratulations to Mr. E. Austin Head, of Lucas Lane, Beaumont, Clacton, Essex, who has been ringing for more than 60 years.

It was in Suffolk where Mr. Head started in 1908, and about 1910 he joined the then Norfolk and Norwich Diocesan Association which embraced Suffolk. Before World War I he had rung nine peals, which included two of Doubles at Rumburgh and three each of Minor at Wissett and Chediston, conducted by the late T. Lambert, of Halesworth. In the other peal he rang the tenor to Stedman Triples at Southwold, conducted by the late Harry Barton.

After serving in the Forces, Mr. Head made his home at Fressingfield, where he took part in several peals with the Ritches brothers. On moving to Mendham he joined the Redenhall band, and it was his privilege to take part in many peals conducted by that well-known ringer E. Whiten, of Pulham St. Mary.

During the last two years he has not been too well and his ringing has been limited. He now makes his home alternately with his two sons. Mr. Head is proud of the fact that he has taken "The Ringing World" since its first issue.

IF RUFFLED, WE APOLOGISE

We were in error in describing the annual dinner of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths as "probably the biggest ringing social function of today". From the Ancient Society of College Youths we learn unofficially that the statement was "grossly misleading". We freely admit that the annual dinners of the Ancient Society of College Youths have larger attendances—273 in 1968 and 237 in 1967. In using the word "social" we intended to imply a gathering attended by both sexes. There is only one lady permitted by right as a member to attend the College Youths' dinner and no member can bring his wife with him to join in the happy and convivial proceedings. With the Cumberlands there is no sex barrier either in membership or husbands accompanying their wives who are members. If feelings in the Ancient Society are ruffled we apologise, because it is freely acknowledged that among non-territorial Associations they are pre-eminent as regards membership, and their reunion dinners are memorable occasions despite the lack of the special sociability engendered by the fair sex.

LANCASHIRE VETERAN IN NORTH WALES

Among our veteran ringers of today is Mr. A. Burton, now living at 55b, Rhos Promenade, Rhos-on-Sea, Colwyn Bay, Denbighshire. For over 57 years he was a ringer at St. Paul's, Walkden (Bolton Branch). He joined the Lancashire Association in 1911 and was elected a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths in 1926.

Mr. Burton has rung 43 peals and 23 quarter peals. His last six quarter peals have been with the Holy Trinity band, Llandudno, for the North Wales Association.

MR. JOHN R. MAYNE,
who at the age of 35 rang his 1,000th peal.
For details see page 140.

MID-DEVON

The "Old Crocks"—sorry, "Senior Citizens" met recently on a Wednesday afternoon at Buckfast Abbey.

With the help of some younger blood from Plymouth, together with our friends from the Abbey, a very good practice was held. The ringing on the middle eight included call-changes, Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob Triples and Bob Major — not forgetting a course of Kent Minor for a "first timer".

After the practice we were entertained to tea at the Abbey. Thank you, kind sirs. . . .

It is hoped to have these practices every alternate Wednesday afternoon — watch the "R.W." if you are interested.

"PLAIN BOB."

THE BRIDLE PATH

By John Holloway

There it runs!—across the woodland,
Bathed in light from sunset glow;
"Bridle Path to Fairy Hollow":
Where we stood, so long ago.

Stood and listened to the church bells
Pealing o'er the countryside.
Hoping we would soon be hearing
Wedding bells—at Eastertide.

Stood and kissed!—Oh! how I loved her.
And she softly said to me.
"We will tread Life's Path together":
But, alas! 'twas not to be.

"Bridal Path"!—the cruel words mock me:
Oh! that it should happen so!
Down that path to Fairy Hollow,
Sad at heart, alone, I go.

KINGSCLERE CAPTAIN MARRIED

The bells of St. Mary's, Kingsclere, Hants, rang out merrily on February 1st for the wedding of the tower captain, Denby Murduck, and his fellow-ringer at this tower, Miss Sue Richard. A representative band of Andover District members from Andover, Burghclere, Highclere and Woolton Hill rang a quarter peal of 1,344 Plain Bob Major immediately after the wedding, viz.: D. Goss 1, M. Goss 2, P. Furness 3, C. Pack (first on eight) 4, P. Watts 5, J. Wimlet (first Major "inside") 6, T. Tarrant 7, G. Dodd (cond.) 8.

In the evening a peal of Plain Bob Minor was rung on the bells of St. Mary-the-Virgin's, Burghfield. This was the first peal on the bells since Grandsire Doubles was called in 1951. Seventeen-year-old Robert S. Crocker called his first peal of Minor without hesitation on bells that needed ringing. "We wish the couple future happiness in their married life," writes G. K. D.

RINGING TRADITION IN SOMERSET

Family tradition plays an important part in maintaining bellringing at St. Andrew's Church, Banwell, Somerset. Two of the newest and keenest members of the tower are the sisters Virginia (16) and Gaynor Irving (13) and they represent the fourth generation of a family whose members have given more than 100 years' bellringing service.

Great-grandfather Mr. Fred Day was one of the stalwarts who rang towards the end of the last century. Then came his sons — Dennis, now aged 70, and Walter (61)—who both served for more than 40 years until their retirement a few months ago. Walter was captain for 15 years. The family tradition was also maintained by Dennis's son-in-law, John Irving, the father of Virginia and Gaynor.

Another Banwell ringing family are the Rices. Walter Rice is the present captain, and he and his brother, Roy, are grandsons of another ringer, George Richards. A former tower captain, Thomas Cruse, was the brothers' uncle. Among the recruits is Andrew Salter, and his great-grandfather's name appears in the early tower records.

LADIES' GUILD

The annual general meeting of Sussex District was held at Southover, Lewes, on January 6th. Ringing began at 3 p.m. and continued until 5 p.m., when tea was taken.

Following tea, a business meeting was held at 66, Priory Street, Lewes, by kind permission of Mrs. G. Elphick. The meeting was well attended and four new members were elected. With the addition of one new committee member, the existing officers were re-elected en bloc.

If permission is granted, the next meeting will be held on May 31st at Burgess Hill.

Following the meeting, ringing continued until 8 o'clock, during which time a course of Stedman Caters was successfully rung with the help of the gentlemen ringers present. R.F.

1968 PEAL

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
MOORSIDE, Oldham, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.
On Sat., Dec. 21, 1968, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in F sharp.

Derek Butterworth	Treble	Edward Jenkins	5
David Howarth	2	Richard S. Starkie	6
Wyn Pugh	3	Michael Fishwick	7
John P. Partington	4	Ivan Kay	Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Derek Butterworth.

1969 PEALS

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.
NEWPORT, Monmouthshire.—At the Cathedral of St. Woolos.
On Sat., Jan. 25, 1969, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in E flat.

Michael T. Sprackling	Treble	John T. Parsons	7
Tudor P. Edwards	2	Antony R. Kench	8
David R. M. Heighton	3	Frank D. Mack	9
Nicholas W. H. Simon	4	Ian C. Maycock	10
Patrick J. Bird	5	Brian J. Wylde	11
John C. Baldwin	6	Edward G. Mould	Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Silent and Non-conducted.
Umpires: Albert M. Tyler and Donald G. Clift.
Rung on the occasion of the Society's 26th anniversary dinner.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
CAMBRIDGE.—At the Church of St. Andrew-the-Great.
On Sat., Jan. 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in G.

*Chris Northeast (Newn.)	Treble	D. G. Andrews (Trinity)	5
Merryn Hutchings (Newn.)	2	E. N. Thomas (St. John's)	6
*J. R. N. Lebon (Selwyn)	3	M. J. Pickup (Churchill)	7
A. T. Winter (Christ's)	4	D. S. Bishop (Caius)	Tenor

Composed by E. M. Atkins (St. Cath.'s). Conducted by David Bishop.
* First peal.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
HYDE, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. George.
On Sat., Jan. 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 11 lb. in E.

Bernard F. L. Groves	Treble	C. Kenneth Lewis	5
*Sylvia Smith	2	Alan McFall	6
Derek Yates	3	Basil Jones	7
Gerald Moorhouse	4	William H. Dowse	Tenor

Composed by Joseph W. Parker. Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.
* First peal in the method.

MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Jan. 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Bruerton's Twelve-Part. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in B flat.

Denis Heapy	Treble	*Ronald F. Andrew	5
Robert B. Smith	2	*Arthur E. Whiting	6
*Brian S. B. Kear	3	Barry Corbishley	7
*Ernest Pimlott	4	†Philip Widdows	Tenor

Conducted by Robert B. Smith.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † First on eight bells.

WISTASTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Fri., Jan. 17, 1969, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Single Oxford Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb. in B.

*Gordon K. Green	Treble	Frank R. Morton	4
John R. Scott	2	Harry W. Howard	5
Geoffrey A. Edwards	3	A. Doreen Edwards	Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.
* 25th peal, all rung with the conductor. Frank R. Morton has now "circled the tower" to peals seven times.
Rung as an 18th birthday compliment to Gordon K. Green.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
NUNEATON, Warks.—At the Church of All Saints, Chilvers Coton.
On Sat., Jan. 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

J. Susan Smith	Treble	Percy Stone	6
*Jonathan Evans	2	Peter C. Randall	7
Ernest J. Gower	3	John K. Foot	8
James Draycott	4	Geoffrey W. Randall	9
Clare F. Dolphin	5	Ian D. Thompson	Tenor

Composed by Albert M. Tyler. Conducted by Peter C. Randall.
* First peal.

BULKINGTON, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sat., Jan. 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

*Brian Liggins	Treble	George Pluckrose	5
†Jean M. Whait	2	†Richard T. Liggins	6
†R. Joy Pluckrose	3	Ian C. Maycock	7
John E. Harrold	4	Geoffrey Pratt	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Ian C. Maycock.
* First peal. † First of Cambridge Major

BRINKLOW, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
On Sat., Jan. 11, 1969, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, viz.: (1) Single Oxford, (2) Oxford T.B., (3) Kent T.B., (4) Cambridge, (5) Double Oxford, (6) St. Clement's, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

R. Joy Pluckrose	Treble	Richard T. Liggins	4
Raymond D. Hart	2	George Pluckrose	5
Jean M. Whait	3	Geoffrey Pratt	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey Pratt.
A birthday compliment to Miss J. Whait.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
LUTON, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Jan. 18, 1969, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 25 cwt. 24 lb. in D.

Donald F. Murfet	Treble	John H. Fielden	6
Geoffrey Pearson	2	Kenneth J. Hesketh	7
Peter G. Brown	3	James L. Towler	8
David E. Rothera	4	David E. House	9
Frank E. Haynes	5	Philip J. Rothera	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by John H. Fielden.

TRUMPINGTON, Cambs.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Michael.
On Tues., Jan. 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in G.

Dennis E. Pepper	Treble	Geoffrey Pearson	5
Alan F. Scholfield	2	Kenneth J. Hesketh	6
Donald F. Murfet	3	John G. Gipson	7
Richard H. Youdale	4	Philip J. Rothera	Tenor

Composed by Richard J. Parker. Conducted by Kenneth J. Hesketh.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
WORMINGFORD, Essex.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Thurs., Jan. 23, 1969, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In 28 methods, as follows: (1) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley Treble Bob; (2) St. Albans, Wragby, Neasden and Charlwood Delight; (3) College Bob IV, Willesden, Old Oxford and Newdigate Delight; (4) London Scholars', Kingston, Sandal, Capel and Oxford Treble Bob; (5) Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise; (6) St. Clement's, Childwall, Buxton, Double Oxford, Thelwall and Pinehurst Bob; (7) Plain, Oxford and Double Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

John P. Loveless	Treble	Bernard W. Fairhead	4
Neil V. Avis	2	*Frank B. Lufkin	5
Brian J. Vaughan	3	Walter Arnold	Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
* 500th peal for the Association.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
STRATTON ST. MARGARET, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Margaret of Antioch.
On Sat., Jan. 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in F sharp.

Ivor Goulter	Treble	Valerie Willard	5
*Anita D. O'Brien	2	*Leonard C. Edwards	6
*Margery A. Wratten	3	Anthony R. Peake	7
Frances Fairbank	4	Cyril A. Wratten	Tenor

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed. Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.
* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. James-the-Apostle.
On Sat., Jan. 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In eight methods, comprising 736 of Superlative, 704 each of London and Rutland, 608 each of Cambridge, Lincolnshire and Pudsey, 576 of Bristol and 544 of Yorkshire; with 120 changes of method. All the bells do all the work of each method.
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

Christopher W. Woolley	Treble	S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	5
Martyn L. J. Jordan	2	David A. Carpenter	6
*Barry R. M. Johnson	3	Roger Baldwin	7
†John R. Southey	4	John R. Mayne	Tenor

Composed by Noel J. Diserens. Conducted by Roger Baldwin.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise. † First of 8-Spliced.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ERITH, Kent.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
On Fri., Jan 17, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in F sharp.

Judith M. Corby	Treble	Herbert E. Audsley	5
Trevor A. Cross	2	John Pladdys	6
Timothy D. Wickens	3	Richard Hayes	7
Frederick J. Cullum	4	D. Paul Smith	Tenor

Composed by S. Jenner. Conducted by Richard Hayes.

GILLINGHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Sat., Jan. 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5408 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In nine methods, comprising 1,024 London, 800 Watford, 768 Bristol, 640 Cambridge, 512 each Dorchester and Pudsey, 416 Cassiobury, 384 Superlative and 352 Lincoln: with 123 changes of method, and all the work of each method for each bell.
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in F sharp.

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

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Stanley Jenner.

LEWISHAM, London, S.E.—At the Church of St. Mary
On Sat., Jan. 18, 1969, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

Alan D. Flood	Treble	Nigel Thomson	5
Maureen J. Carruthers	2	Laurence C. Way	6
*David G. Hollis	3	Michael J. Uphill	7
†Robin A. Grant	4	John Pladdys	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by John Pladdys.
* First peal of Surprise. † First in the method.

TONBRIDGE, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sun., Jan. 19, 1969, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods: 1,312 Bristol, 1,280 each of Cambridge, London and Superlative; with 112 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in E flat.

Judith M. Corby	Treble	Andrew J. Corby	5
Simon A. B. Wigg	2	*Richard Hayes	6
Stanley Jenner	3	*D. Paul Smith	7
Ian H. Oram	4	Philip A. Corby	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman.
* First peal of Spliced not conducted by another member of the band. Rung silent and non-conducted by resident members of the Association.

BURMARSH, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Jan. 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in G.

Michael J. Taylor	Treble	James Hedgcock	4
Elizabeth Todd	2	Crawford T. Hillis	5
Rachel J. Sinden	3	Brian G. Butcher	Tenor

Conducted by Crawford T. Hillis.
First peal in the method for all except the conductor.
An 81st birthday compliment to Mrs. K. A. Hillis, mother of the conductor.

FARNINGHAM, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Jan. 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 BEVERLEY SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in A.

Tony Lewis	Treble	*Richard Hayes	4
*John A. Howard	2	*Simon A. B. Wigg	5
*Judith M. Corby	3	Peter S. Muchlinski	Tenor

Conducted by Tony Lewis.
* First peal in the method.
Rung as a farewell compliment to Mr. Cyril E. Palmer, who is leaving Sidcup after 35 years as a ringer at St. John's.

WEST WICKHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
On Thurs., Jan. 23, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and St. Clement's, and three of Plain Bob.
Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

Stephen Gay	Treble	D. Paul Smith	4
*Peter R. Butler	2	Richard Hayes	5
Jane Reynolds	3	John A. Howard	Tenor

Conducted by Richard Hayes.
* First peal on an "inside" bell.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ADLINGTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Paul.
On Sat., Jan. 18, 1969, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5184 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In nine methods, comprising 576 each of Ashtead, Bristol, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, London, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative and Yorkshire; with 138 changes of method. Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

Cyril Crossthwaite	Treble	Brian A. Tomlinson	5
Michael D. Fishwick	2	Bernard Moss	6
James E. Andrews	3	Dennis H. McCormick	7
John P. Partington	4	Geoffrey Fothergill	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Cyril Crossthwaite.
Rung as a farewell to the Vicar, the Rev. F. Haworth.

HEYWOOD, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Luke.
On Sat., Jan. 25, 1969, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in E flat.

Edward Jenkins	Treble	Wyn Pugh	5
Christine Broadley	2	John P. Partington	6
Michael D. Fishwick	3	Richard S. Starkie	7
*Keith Tompsett	4	Jeffrey Brannan	Tenor

Composed by Michael S. Bruce. Conducted by Jeffrey Brannan.
* First peal attempt.

NEWHEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.
On Sun., Jan. 19, 1969, in 1 Hour and 59 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In four methods, being one extent each of Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B., two of Cambridge Surprise and three of Plain Bob.
Tenor 4 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in C sharp.

John P. Partington	Treble	Wyn Pugh	4
Michael D. Fishwick	2	Richard S. Starkie	5
Derek Butterworth	3	Jeffrey Brannan	Tenor

Conducted by Jeffrey Brannan.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Thurs., Jan. 16, 1969, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

David G. Massey	Treble	Denis A. Frith	6
W. Ernest Rawson	2	Martin Green	7
R. Brian Mills	3	David F. Moore	8
*Robin A. Gilliver	4	Howard C. Palmer	9
†K. Paul Gilliver	5	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
* First peal on ten bells. † First of Surprise Royal.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Thurs., Jan. 23, 1969, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

Roland H. Cook	Treble	*Robin A. Gilliver	6
W. Ernest Rawson	2	*K. Paul Gilliver	7
David F. Moore	3	David G. Massey	8
R. Brian Mills	4	Howard C. Palmer	9
Martin Green	5	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by John A. Burford. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal.

ATHERSTONE, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Jan. 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in A.

Geoffrey N. Goodall	Treble	†K. Paul Gilliver	5
*Beryl E. Cawser	2	Peter C. Randall	6
Alfred Ballard	3	Robin A. Gilliver	7
J. Edward Cawser	4	Russell S. Morris	Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.
* 100th peal of Surprise. † 100th for the Guild.
In memoriam F. Bernard Ditcher, of St. Ives, Cornwall, and formerly of Ranmoor, Sheffield.

GODSTONE, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Jan. 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 LESSNESS SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 4 lb. in G.

R. Kingsley Mason	Treble	W. Ernest Rawson	5
Monica M. Jelley	2	Philip A. Mason	6
Dorothy Mason	3	David G. Massey	7
Martin Green	4	John M. Jelley	Tenor

Composed by P. J. Wycherley. Conducted by John M. Jelley.
A 21st birthday compliment to Margaret J. Moore, sister of the ringer of the second.

ANSTEY, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., Jan. 20, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in G.

Monica M. Jelley	Treble	David G. Massey	5
Redvers F. Elkington	2	John Bramley	6
W. Ernest Rawson	3	John M. Jelley	7
Martin Green	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by Michael S. Bruce. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Rex Evans (priest), who died on January 12th, 1969. Rector of Anstey 1958–1969.

HATHERN, Leicestershire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Jan. 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part (7th obs.). Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

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

Conducted by Roland Beniston.
For the departure of the Rev. and Mrs. Bull.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
SCOTHERN, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Germain.
On Sat., Jan. 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven extents: (1) Capel, (2) Sandal, (3) London Scholars', (4) Kingston, (5) Capel, Oxford, Sandal, London Scholars' and Kingston, (6) Cambridge Surprise, (7) London Surprise. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

Jack L. Millhouse	Treble	*Aidan C. A. Hopkins	4
*Gillian Radley	2	*David Phillipson	5
*Kathleen Fox	3	Geoffrey R. Parker	Tenor

Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* First peal of Treble Bob Minor.

SEMPRINGHAM, Lincolnshire.—At the Abbey Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Jan. 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 21 extents each of Grandsire and Plain Bob.
Tenor 7 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

*Susan Aveyard	Treble	Peter A. Slight	4
Vaughan P. Evans	2	Bryan Ward	5
*†David E. Leafe	3	Brian Buttery	Tenor

Conducted by Peter A. Slight.
* First peal of Doubles. † First "inside".

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
BRIDGEND, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Illtyd.
On Sat., Jan. 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

*William T. Petty	Treble	Gwyn I. Lewis	5
Thomas T. Yeomans	2	Alwyn R. Lewis	6
Derek Cormell	3	M. Jack Pryor	7
David L. Phillips	4	Peter S. Bennett	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Peter S. Bennett.
* 150th peal.

USK, Monmouthshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Jan. 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt. in F sharp.

David J. Llewellyn	Treble	James Clatworthy	5
Jacqueline S. King	2	Christopher Ricketts	6
Donald G. Clift	3	Nicholas W. H. Simon	7
David J. King	4	Tudor P. Edwards	Tenor

Composed by A. R. Kench. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

MARSHFIELD, Mon.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
On Wed., Jan. 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's No. 2. Tenor 11 cwt. in A.

*John W. Bull	Treble	Nicholas W. H. Simon	5
Charles P. Quartley	2	M. Jack Pryor	6
*†Paul Reading	3	Peter S. Bennett	7
Michael Pilgrim	4	Tudor P. Edwards	Tenor

Conducted by Peter S. Bennett.
* First peal of Stedman. † 25th peal. First Stedman as conductor.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
HARROW WEALD, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Thurs., Jan. 23, 1969, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 FALMOUTH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

G. William Critchley	Treble	*David Redfearn	5
*Elsie K. Hart	2	Alick Cutler	6
Claudia A. Critchley	3	*Frank Reed	7
*Joan Hooton	4	Dennis Knox	Tenor

Composed by John R. Mayne. Conducted by G. William Critchley.
* First peal in the method.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Tues., Jan. 14, 1969, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

Frank Chambers	Treble	*Ronald D. Hughes	5
Richard J. Clifton	2	G. Ronald Edwards	6
Arthur E. Rowley	3	*B. Stedman Payne	7
Joseph W. Cotton	4	Roland Beniston	Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Roland Beniston.
* First peal in the method.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Tues., Jan. 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 LUSITANIA SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

Arthur E. Rowley	Treble	Frank Chambers	5
*Richard J. Clifton	2	G. Ronald Edwards	6
*†Rev. M. C. C. Melville	3	B. Stedman Payne	7
Joseph W. Cotton	4	Roland Beniston	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Roland Beniston.
* 50th peal together. † 300th peal

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
PULHAM MARKET, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Sat., Jan. 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED LITTLE AND PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Comprising 3,120 Little and 1,920 Plain, with 203 changes of method.
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

Martin Cubitt	Treble	Henry Tooke	5
Carole A. H. Patey	2	David Cubitt	6
Frank C. J. Arnold	3	Geoffrey H. Pullin	7
Thomas E. Spight	4	Leslie F. Bailey	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rev. F. G. Wood, who is leaving this parish to take up an appointment at Ditchingham.

GRESSENHALL, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., Jan. 23, 1969, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 WINCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

David E. House	Treble	David Cubitt	5
Janet House	2	George P. Adams	6
Hilary Adcock	3	Geoffrey H. Pullin	7
David G. Adams	4	Peter Adcock	Tenor

Composed by Charles Middleton. Conducted by David E. House.
First peal in the method in the county, for the Association, and by all except the conductor.

NORTON SUBCOURSE, Norfolk.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Margaret.
On Sat., Jan. 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In five methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B. and St. Clement's, and three of Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in G.

Rev. Peter N. Bond	Treble	Thomas J. Brock	4
*Anne Corney	2	Michael J. Parker	5
Norman P. J. Cossey	3	J. Barry Pickup	Tenor

Conducted by J. Barry Pickup.
* First peal of Minor and in five methods.
In memory of "Smoker" Walpole.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Ebbe.
On Tues., Jan. 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

Alan R. Pink	Treble	Charles Coles	5
Cyril Woodward	2	*Brian G. F. Gray	6
Christopher C. Clarke	3	Clive Holloway	7
Harry W. Badger	4	Peter J. Heritage	Tenor

Composed by Frank Bennett. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* First peal

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

GREAT BARRINGTON, Glos.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., Jan. 13, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 NORTHUMBERLAND SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

Terence J. Hester	Treble	Cyril A. Wratten	4
Brian W. Hall	2	Bertram J. Coggins	5
Peter Pearce	3	D. Kay Adkins	Tenor

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

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTHLEIGH, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., Jan. 20, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 NETHERSEALE SURPRISE MINOR

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

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

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

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

HELMDON, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Sat., Jan. 18, 1969, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., St. Clement's and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in G.

Robert Somerton	Treble	George W. Holland	4
William J. Chester	2	J. George Shellard	5
Charles E. Truman	3	William A. Yates	Tenor

Conducted by William A. Yates.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Montague Saunders.

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, Kingsthorpe.
On Sat., Jan. 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DELIGHT MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods, viz.: (1) Kirkstall, (2) Elston, (3) Vale Royal, (4) Combermere, (5) Willesden, (6) Newdigate, (7) Marple. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in F.

Bridget Bates	Treble	Barry E. Saunders	4
Raymond A. Vickers	2	Barrie Hendry	5
Alan A. Paul	3	Graham C. Paul	Tenor

Conducted by Barrie Hendry.
First peal of fourths place Delight Minor for the Guild, and by all.

CRANFORD, Northants.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
On Thurs., Jan. 23, 1969, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

*Barry R. Care	Treble	*J. Malcolm Tyler	3
*Iestyn Morgan	2	†Murray A. Coleman	4
Allan R. Jones	Tenor		

Conducted by Murray A. Coleman.
* First peal of Stedman. † First of Stedman Doubles.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

DUNSTABLE, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Jan. 25, 1969, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In ten methods, comprising 576 each of Ashtead, Bristol, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire; 384 each of London, Rutland and Uxbridge; with 132 changes of method.

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.

James M. Hills	Treble	Frank W. Rivett	5
*Jane Foster	2	*Peter M. Wilkinson	6
Joan Beresford	3	*Peter Beresford	7
Ronald J. Sharp	4	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith Conducted by Dennis Beresford.
* First peal of 10-Spliced Surprise Major.
Rung by request of the Vicar to mark the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

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

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral of St. Philip.
On Sat., Jan. 18, 1969, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

John N. Lindon	Treble	John R. Insley	7
Susan E. Smith	2	James W. Belshaw	8
Norman J. Goodman	3	George E. Fearn	9
Richard J. Tibbetts	4	*Reginald H. Newton	10
Maurice F. Edwards	5	Clifford A. Barron	11
Stephen W. Barton	6	John A. Anderson	Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe. Conducted by Clifford A. Barron.
* First peal of Surprise Maximus.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral of St. Philip.
On Thurs., Jan. 23, 1969, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDINIUM SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

John N. Lindon	Treble	James Insley	7
Norman J. Goodman	2	Terry R. Hampton	8
Susan E. Smith	3	James W. Belshaw	9
Roderick W. Pipe	4	George E. Fearn	10
*Maurice F. Edwards	5	Clifford A. Barron	11
John R. Insley	6	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Peter Border.
* First peal in the method.

YARDLEY, Birmingham.—At the Church of St. Edburgha.
On Sat., Jan. 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in F sharp.

A. Harold Fitter	Treble	John R. Insley	5
Susan E. Smith	2	Stephen W. Barton	6
Richard J. Tibbetts	3	Maurice F. Edwards	7
James Insley	4	James W. Belshaw	Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. Law James. Conducted by James W. Belshaw.
First peal of Surprise as conductor.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

RADCLIFFE-ON-TRENT, Notts.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Jan. 18, 1969, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. in F sharp.

*Ruth Blackshaw	Treble	Andrew L. B. King	5
*†Rosemary J. Willey	2	Brian J. Bull	6
*Janet M. Bull	3	R. Brian Mills	7
Derek Stainsby	4	William L. Exton	Tenor

Composed by F. A. Holden. Conducted by William L. Exton.
* First peal of Major. † First "inside".
Rung to welcome the new Vicar, the Rev. Stephen Chaloner, whose induction took place the previous Saturday.

HOLME PIERREPONT, Notts.—At the Church of St. Edmund.
On Fri., Jan. 17, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED TREBLE BOB MINOR

Comprising 127 methods in seven extents: (1) Spalding, Retford, Minehead, Dronfield, Purleigh, Quendon, Lincoln, Coldstream and Redbourne Surprise, Beeston, Melandra, Leasowe, Peveril, Tollesbury, Middlesex, Gosfield, Vale Royal, St. Werburgh, Crowland and Combermere Delight (20 methods); (2) Skipton, Knutsford, Chepstow, Rostherne, Fotheringay, Bogedone, Balmoral, Wilmslow, Danbury, Stisted, Hatherop, Pebmarsh, Whatton-in-the-Vale, Staines and Orston Delight, Hull, Bourne, Cranford, Caithness, Wakefield, Monsal and Stanwell Surprise, Gladstone, Royston, Hemsworth, Crofton, Campanulla and York Minster Treble Bob (28 methods); (3) Staveley, Selby, March, Boston, East Bridgford, North Muskham, Wath, Carisbrooke, Hitcham, Edinburgh and Kentish Delight, Willoughby-on-the-Wolds, Gedling, Granby, Wooler and Brentford Surprise (16 methods); (4) Chester-le-Street, Sleaford, Grantham, Bangor, Orsett, Upshire, Chester, Munden, Sandiacre and Blunsden Surprise, Pontefract, Donottar, Coddington and Alderbourne Delight (14 methods); (5) Thorne, Ripley, Rhyl, Luton, Broomfield, Fyfield, Linden, Westminster, Allendale and Fryerning Surprise, London Delight, Hadfield, Holme Pierrepont, Disley and Shelford Delight (15 methods); (6) Ashbocking, College Bob IV, Humber, Willesden, Braintree, Clarence, St. Albans, Wragby, Charlwood, Marple, Newdigate, Old Oxford, Neasden, Taxal and Elston Delight, Morning Star Treble Bob (16 methods); (7) College Exercise, London Scholars', Norbury, Kingston, Ockley, Capel, Duke of Norfolk, Sandal, Barnsley, Snowdrop and South Kirkby T.B., Pilsey, Blythe, Nostel, Staverton, Neath, Finchampstead and Watsop Delight (18 methods); with 205 changes of method.

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. in G.

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

Conducted by R. Brian Mills
First peal in 127 Treble Bob Minor methods. All extents by Simon Humphrey.

Willoughby-on-the-Wolds:	34—36, 14—12—36—12—36	l.h. 16	34625
Gedling:	34—36, 14—12—36, 12—12, 36	l.h. 16	34625
Granby:	34—36, 14—12—123—12—36	l.h. 16	34625
Coddington:	34—34, 16—12—123—34—36	l.h. 12	42563

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
BLITHFIELD, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Leonard.
On Sat., Jan. 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being two 2,160s and one extent. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in A.

Richard J. Warrilow	Treble	Frank Beech	4
*Edward R. Fairbrother	2	‡Geoffrey W. Stevens	5
†Ruth A. E. Fairbrother	3	Robert A. Partridge	Tenor

Conducted by Robert A. Partridge.

* 50th peal. † First of Surprise "inside". ‡ First of Minor. Frank Beech has now "circled the tower" to peals.

COLWICH, Staffs.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., Jan. 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In three methods: (1) Kent Treble Bob, (2) Plain Bob, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4 to 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in A.

Leslie Monk	Treble	Howard Howell	4
Philip R. Johnson	2	Cyril T. Collins	5
Penelope Sedgwick	3	Clive M. Smith	Tenor

Conducted by Clive M. Smith.

ELFORD, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sun., Jan. 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) St. Clement's Bob, (3) Plain Bob, (4 and 5) Kent T.B., (6 and 7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 7 cwt. 17 lb. in C.

Philip G. K. Davies	Treble	*David J. G. Bates	4
*Ivan A. Sheffield	2	Ian Friend	5
Gerald W. Reynolds	3	Stephen T. Yates	Tenor

Conducted by Stephen T. Yates.

* Most methods to a peal.

LITTLE ASTON, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Fri., Jan. 24, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, viz.: (1) Kent Treble Bob, (2 and 3) Cambridge Surprise, (4 and 5) St. Clement's, (6 and 7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

Lucy Smith	Treble	Leslie Monk	4
Cyril T. Collins	2	Michael W. Fairey	5
*A. Paul Sheldon	3	Gordon H. Lane	Tenor

Conducted by Michael W. Fairey.

* First peal of Minor in four methods.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
GRUNDISBURGH, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Jan. 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

Gilbert R. Goodship	Treble	Cecil W. Pipe	5
Muriel R. Page	2	Stephen Bedford	6
*Katherine M. Thorley	3	Ernest G. Pearce	7
J. Martin Thorley	4	Leslie G. Brett	Tenor

Composed by Chas. J. Sedgley (No. 8). Conducted by Leslie G. Brett.

* First attempt of Surprise Major, aged 12.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
ST. CLEMENT, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Clement.
On Wed., Jan. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINIMUS

In 11 methods, being 19 extents each of St. Nicholas, Reverse St. Nicholas, Reverse Bob, Double Bob, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury, Double Canterbury, Canterbury, Reverse Court and Double Court, and 20 of Single Court. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

*David R. Curry	Treble	†Anthony P. Smith	3
Robert Peel Pearce	2	Timothy J. Bell	Tenor

Conducted by Anthony P. Smith.

* First peal. † First of Minimus. Most Minimus methods to a peal by the band, in the county, and for the Guild.

STITHIANS, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Stedyana.
On Fri., Jan. 3, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being seven meth./var. in 42 extents: Three methods: Grandsire, Plain Bob and Stedman: four variations: Stithians, Gwendroc, Earls Court and Denmark Hill. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in G.

*E. Vivyan Williams	Treble	Anthony P. Smith	4
Robert Peel Pearce	2	Timothy J. Bell	5
*T. Roy Hart	3	†T. N. Hitchens	Tenor

Conducted by Anthony P. Smith.

* Most methods/variations to a peal. † First peal. Most methods/variations to a peal on the bells. Stithians, Gwendroc, Earls Court and Denmark Hill rung for the first time.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
BISHOPSTOKE, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Jan. 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In seven meth./var., being six extents each of St. Simon, St. Martin, Dedworth, April Day, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob, Grandsire.
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

*Allen Guille (14)	Treble	*T. John Frodsham	4
*Roy Le Marechal (15)	2	*John P. Colliss (17)	5
†Jane E. Dando (15)	3	*John Hallett (15)	Tenor

Conducted by John P. Colliss.

* First peal. † First of Doubles.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
NORTON, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Egwin.
On Wed., Jan. 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5122 XERXES SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

Harold Schofield	Treble	Hugh Evans	5
Frances Fairbank	2	Arthur C. Berry	6
Shirley M. Drew	3	John Clements	7
Valerie Willard	4	Geoffrey R. Drew	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Geoffrey R. Drew.

First peal in the method.

Rung in thanksgiving for the life of Mrs. Gash, of Norton, who died during the week.

SUCKLEY, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
On Sat., Jan. 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being extents in seven variations of calling, with all 6-5s at handstroke.
Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

*David E. Stephens	Treble	Frederick C. Pugh	4
†Christopher J. Pickford	2	David G. Franklin	5
John J. Stanier	3	Paul Cattermole	Tenor

Conducted by Paul Cattermole.

* First peal. † First on an "inside" bell.

Rung by the Worcester Cathedral Sunday service band in honour of the wedding of the Rev. Colin Beswick, Precentor of Worcester and Warden of the Worcester Cathedral Guild of Ringers, to Miss Kathleen Brown, which took place in the Cathedral earlier in the day.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)
HANDSWORTH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Jan. 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

*Stephanie Boyles	Treble	John S. Seager	5
*Judith J. Gilbert	2	John Eborall	6
*David J. Kelly	3	Cyril Rusby	7
John J. L. Gilbert	4	John E. Turley	Tenor

Composed by J. E. Burton. Conducted by John E. Turley.

* First peal.

A tribute to the Rector (Canon H. Ferraby) and Mrs. Ferraby on the 25th anniversary of their arrival in the parish.

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On Wed., Jan. 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.
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In three methods, being two extents each of Cambridge S. and Kent T.B. and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in F.

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*Katherine M. Hunt	2	Wilfrid F. Moreton	5
Peter Scholfield	3	Trevor Tarbatt	Tenor

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Composed and Conducted by Robert B. Smith.

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Tenor size 11 in G.

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*Brian L. Burrows	3–4	*K. Paul Gilliver	7–8

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ABBOTS LANGLEY, HERTS.—Owing to extensive fire damage to the roof and fabric of the church, the bells will not be rung until further notice.—G. R. Fielding, tower captain. 6655

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Annual General Meeting and Ringing Festival

It has been found necessary to change the date to SATURDAY, MAY 31st, 1969. Full details will be published nearer the date. 6679

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

1969 Annual Dinner

A Guild Dinner will be held on Saturday, March 22nd, 1969, at the Royal Hotel, Southampton. All members and friends are welcome. Southampton towers will be open during the day. Tickets, at 27s. 6d. each, may be obtained from Mr. D. C. Jackson, 13, Testbourne Road, Totton, Southampton. Please enclose s.a.e.—D. J. Forder, Hon. Gen. Sec. 6638

BULKINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.—The Bulkington band invite all ringers and friends to a sausage and mash supper in the Parish Hall on Saturday, March 8th, at 7.30. Ringing 5.30–7. A social evening will follow the supper. Please be quite certain in sending names for meal (7/6 each) to Mr. A. Hinde, 13, Brewer Road, Bulkington, by March 6th, or 'phone Nuneaton 5554 after 6 p.m.—L. Trevor Dis. Sec. 6678

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Eastern District.—Supper and social in Little Baddow Memorial Hall, March 15th, 7.15 p.m. Tickets, 7/6 (schoolchildren 6/-), from R. J. Harrison, 32, Gilmore Way, Great Baddow. 6550

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Members are asked to note the following dates: March 8th, annual general committee meeting, Hughenden; May 3rd, Guild striking competition, Benson; June 28th, Guild festival, Oxford; October 4th, autumn general meeting, Witney; November 29th, Branch secretaries' meeting, Radley. 6585

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March 1st, 1969

Provisional Ringing Arrangements (final programme follows)

10.30 to 11.30 a.m., Brancepeth (8).
11.15 a.m. to 12.30 p.m., Houghton-le-Spring (8).
11.15 a.m. to 12.30 p.m., Chester-le-Street (8).
12.30 to 2 p.m., Low Elswick (8).
2 to 3.30 p.m., Fenham (8).
3.30 to 5 p.m., Gosforth (10).
4.30 to 6 p.m., St. John's (Newcastle) (8).
6 to 8 p.m., Newcastle Cathedral (12).

PRACTICE NIGHTS

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Ringing practices are still held on the second and fourth Mondays in each month, at St. John's for learners (6.30–7.45) and at Christ Church for advanced ringing (8–9). The first Thursday in each month, from 7–8.30, a joint practice in conjunction with the St. Mary Redcliffe Guild of Ringers for methods on 12 bells. The next Branch business meeting will be held in St. Stephen's Common Room on Monday, March 3rd, at 7.30 p.m.—M. J. Hobbs. 6657

YARDLEY, BIRMINGHAM.—During Lent practice ringing will take place on Saturdays, 5 to 6.30 p.m. All welcome. Tea and biscuits. Bring your own cup.—H. F. 6651

MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, March 1st, The Holy Trinity, Long Sutton (6, 17 cwt.). Note new time, please. Ringing 5.30 p.m. Service 6, followed by business meeting and ringing until 9 p.m. No teas.—Mrs. M. M. Legget, Branch Hon. Sec. 6647

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Meeting, Saturday, March 1st, Biddenham. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. D. Eyre, 27, Church End, Biddenham. Tel.: Bedford 61702. 6622

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Monthly meeting, Harbury, on Saturday, March 1st. Bells (6) 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by more ringing. Also Ladbroke (5), 2.30–3.30 p.m. Names for tea to H. Windsor, 5, Park Lane, Harbury, Leamington Spa (Harbury 504). Election of committee representatives and District secretary will take place at this meeting, so full attendance, please.—H. A. M. 6613

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Annual meeting of above at Hensingham, Saturday, March 1st. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Meeting 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss D. Gibson, Arlecdon Vicarage, Cumberland. Please note: no names no tea. 6680

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Branch.—Meeting, Topsham, Saturday, March 1st. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Berry, 45, Retreat Road, Topsham. 6654

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND WEST NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Evening meeting, Pleasley, Saturday, March 1st. Bells (5) available from 5.30 until 8.30 p.m. Please attend.—E. J. S. 6643

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting, Sutton, Saturday, March 1st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing after tea until 8.30.—R. J. Palmer, Dis. Sec. 6615

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. District.—Meeting, Ingatestone, March 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Fryerning 7–8.30 p.m. Names for tea to R. J. Harrison, 32, Gilmore Way, Great Baddow.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Evening meeting, Saturday, March 1st, Graveley (6), 5.30–7 p.m.; Great Wymondley (6), 7–8.30 p.m.—Mrs. C. A. Agg, Dis. Sec. 6627

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Bushey, March 1st, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to C. W. Woolley, 39, Titian Avenue, Bushey Heath.—G. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 6612

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting, Wrotham, Saturday, March 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to R. L. Sill, Glenavon, St. Vincent's Lane, Addington, W. Malling.

LADIES' GUILD.—Saturday, March 1st, joint meeting at Bristol for South Wales and Western Districts. Ringing arrangements: St. Mary Redcliffe (12), 3–4.20; St. John-the-Baptist's (6), 6–6.45; St. James' (10), 7–8.30. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and annual general meeting for Western District at St. Thomas-the-Martyr's (City), St. Thomas Street (near Bristol Bridge). Names for tea to Miss B. Johnson, 10, Lancashire Road, Bristol, BS7 9DL. 6639

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Lindsey Branch.—Meeting, Winterton (6), on March 1st, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to H. Hall, 32, West Street, Winterton, Scunthorpe, Lincs. 6648

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting at Guilsborough, Saturday, March 1st. Names for tea to P. Turner, 26, Greenhill Road, Long Buckby, near Rugby. 6664

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Carlton-juxta-Snaith, Saturday, March 1st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Please bring own food: cups of tea only available.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 6652

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The A.G.M. will be on Saturday, March 1st. Ringing: Eastwood (8) (Rotherham), 3–4 p.m.: Rawmarsh (8), 4–5 p.m. Tea in Rotherham Parish Hall 5.15. Ringing, Rotherham (10), 6.30–9 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. S. Armeson, 48, Cavendish Road, Rotherham (Tel. 77979). (No names no tea.)—R. Fletcher, Hon. Sec. 6616

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting, March 1st, Basford (8 bells), 5.30 p.m.—S. Adams, Hon. Sec. 6648

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Saturday, March 1st, Hammerwood (5), 3–4.30 p.m.: East Grinstead 4–5 p.m. Tea at East Grinstead 5–6 p.m. Service, East Grinstead, 6 p.m., with ringing afterwards. Names for tea, please, to me, Jean Osbon, 79, Blount Avenue, East Grinstead, Sussex. Tel.: E.G. 23815. 6640

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Christchurch and Southampton District.—Quarterly meeting, March 1st, Lyndhurst (8), 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. at Testwood Church. Tea 5.15 p.m., Testwood Church Hall. Eling bells (6) in evening. Tea, please notify J. Hartless, 14, Testwood Place, Totton.—Mrs. Gilian Davis, Dis. Sec. 6626

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting, St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, March 3rd, 7 p.m. 6672

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Branch practice at Witney (8), Tuesday, March 4th, 7.30 p.m. 6617

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Surprise Major practice at St. Mary-de-Castro's, Leicester, Wednesday, Mar. 5th, commencing at 7.30 p.m. All welcome.—Ron Hughes. 6594

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilkeston District.—Meeting to be held at Greasley on Friday, March 7th, to commence at 7.30 p.m., until 9 p.m.—R. J. T., Hon. Sec. 6668

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Hedon (8), March 8th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Bells after tea until 9 p.m. Names to Rev. C. E. Dann, The Vicarage, Hedon, E. Yorks. Don't forget the open practice, March 10th, at Holy Trinity, Hull. 6675

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting, March 8th: Barton (5), 3–4 p.m.; Toft (3), 4–4.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Evening ringing, Orwell (5), from 6.30.—Miss J. Sanderson, Dis. Sec. 6628

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting at Old Whittington, Saturday, March 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. J. Newman, 54, Brearley Avenue, New Whittington, Chesterfield. Tel.: Chesterfield 5416.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Berkeley (10), March 8th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Quarterly meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea to G. Minors, 1, Hesterville Villas, Purton, Berkeley, Glos, by March 6th. 6667

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Meeting at Stratton St. Margaret (8), March 8th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. C. New, 93, Tydeman Street, Swindon, by Mar. 3rd. 6629

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Guildford, Saturday, March 8th. Bells available: Stoke (6), 2.30–3.30 p.m.; Cathedral (10), 3–4.30 p.m.; St. Nicolas' (10) and Shalford (8) after meeting. Service conducted by the Very Rev. A. C. Bridge, Dean of Guildford, in the Lady Chapel at 4.30 p.m. Tea in the Refectory for those who notify Mrs. C. W. Munday, 37, Bradford Drive, Ewell, Epsom (Tel.: 01-393 4986), by previous Thursday. 6584

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, March 8th, Hertingfordbury (6), 3 to 4.30. Tea, own arrangements. Bengeo (8), 6 to 8.30. Business meeting in belfry 7.30.—Peter M. S. Searles, Dis. Sec. 6686

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—March 8th, Great Gaddesden (6). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to R. Goldsney, 4, Water End, Hemel Hempstead. 6686

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Bye-meeting, Halling, Saturday, March 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss M. Chidwick, 10, Barn Meadow, Upper Halling, Rochester, by previous Wednesday.—T. Barton. 6637

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, March 8th, at Bowness-on-Windermere. Bells (8) 2.30–4 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Meeting after tea. Ambleside bells after meeting. Names for tea to Mr. F. Wilson, The Cote, Beresford Road, Bowness-on-Windermere.—T. F. Metcalfe. 6642

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting, Bootle, Saturday, March 8th. Bells (6) available 4 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. R. Dennis, Christ Church Vicarage, Breeze Hill, Liverpool, 20, by Wednesday.—G. K. A. 6633

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting, Healey on Saturday, March 8th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Cups of tea at 5 p.m.—G. Cheetham. 6659

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Monthly meeting, Cossington, on Saturday, March 8th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Rev. Yates, The Rectory, Cossington, by March 4th.—M. R. A. Kirk, Dis. Sec. 6666

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, March 8th: St. George's-in-the-East, 3–4 p.m.; St. Botolph's, Aldgate, 5–6; St. Olave's Hart Street, 6.30–8 p.m. No business. Own tea.—M. R. Wycherley, Sec. 6669

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Mursley (6), Saturday, March 8th. Bells 2.45 p.m. Tea after 4 o'clock service. Names for tea to J. W. Hall, 44, Buckingham Road, Winslow, Bletchley, Bucks. 6660

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Harpole (5), on Saturday, March 8th. Names for tea to Mr. B. Hendry, 27, Carrs Way, Harpole, Northampton, by Monday previous.—I. Webb. 6684

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN and SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Joint meeting at Gorseinon, Saturday, March 8th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business will follow. Names for tea, please, by March 1st.—J. A. Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Fforestfach, Swansea. 6630

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—Meeting, March 8th, Stourton Caundle. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15. Ringing 3 p.m., also at Bishop's Caundle. Evening ringing at Stalbridge. Names to Miss R. Julius, Stourton Caundle, Sturminster Newton, by March 5th. 6653

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, St. Chad's, Prees (6), 3 p.m., March 8th. Service 4.30 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. Ringing afterwards until 8 p.m. Use of School Room for those taking flask and sandwiches.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District—Meeting, Shelford, March 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to W. L. Exton, St. Ouen's, Whatton, by Wednesday previous. 6677

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—N. Notts meeting at Rampton, March 8th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to H. Poyner, The Old Vicarage, Sturton-le-Steeple, Retford, Notts, by Wednesday, 5th, if possible. 6688

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South East District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, March 8th, at Bramford (6), 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Southgate, Fairlight, Ship Lane, Bramford, Ipswich. Ringing in evening at Sproughton (6).—W. L., Sec. 6681

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—Practice meeting, Binsted, Saturday, March 8th. Bells 6.30–8.30 p.m. 6685

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Shelsley Beauchamp, March 8th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting in Village Hall, Clifton-on-Teme. Bells (6) available from 7 p.m. Names for tea to J. J. Stanier, 14, Canterbury Road, Worcester, by Wednesday, March 5th. 6673

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting, Folkestone, Saturday, Mar. 15th. Bells (8) available 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea for those who notify F. J. Whittaker, 76, Surrenden Road, Folkestone. —A. P. S. B 6656

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Meeting, Shenstone, near Lichfield, Saturday, March 15th. Committee meeting in nave 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. and during evening. Names for tea, please, to Miss V. Blackaby, 24, Charnwood Close, Lichfield, Staffs (Tel.: Lich. 52185), by March 13th latest.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 6492

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting, Skipton (8), March 15th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Dr. M. F. D. Burton, Overdale Croft, The Bailey, Skipton, by previous Thursday.—A. B. Sullivan, Hon. Sec.

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N.E.B. ats. A.V.

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. F. Morris ("R.W." of January 31st, page 79), I venture to quote a telling couplet from Alexander Pope's "Epistle to Augustus".

"Authors, like coins, grow dear as they grow old:
It is the rust we value, not the gold."

Yours truly,
S. N. MORTIMORE.

Epsom.

Dear Sir,—I heartily agree with Mr. F. Morris: there is **no** comparison with the Authorised Version beauty and what T. S. Elliot called the crude, vulgar and pedantic N.E.B.—and his authority is better than mine. I hope N.E.B. quotations never appear again. —Yours, etc.,

W. FRANK STENSON.

Crewe, Cheshire.

SUGGESTIONS FOR NEW PEAL FORMAT

By A. YORK-BRAMBLE

Mr. Richard Speed, in his front page article (January 3rd), carries one's mind back over the years to another occasion when attention was once again focused on the format of "The Ringing World" in general, and that of peal performance reports in particular. One of the several recommendations one made at that time was that of transferring peal and quarter peal performance reports to the back of the journal which, as seen, was taken up. They became, in effect, part of what was suggested to be known as the "paid" section, which section was to be inclusive of all notices, advertisements and similar paid matter. The tie-up with this subject is the economics of space-cost with special reference to that of peal performance reports, meaning the possibility of careful "pruning" while retaining traditional characteristics. It may be of some interest, and perhaps utility, to those considering this problem to restate the proposals, some of which have been recently "written in".

In deriving what may be considered as an improved format, three prime factors may be examined: brevity (both in material and time of typesetting), clarity and traditional layout.

BREVITY

(a) The present form occupies a width equal to one-and-a-half colmuns of the normal three to a page. The improved form can occupy, in width (as Mr. George Pipe suggests), one "standard" column only; and this is possible by adopting other recommendations, as below. The extra "depth", incurred by using one column for the names instead of two, even for the Maximus stage, is only six lines; and, even so, these (up to) six lines cause the **whole** set-up to "deepen" through a **narrower** column which, on balance, occupies less space overall. Some figures given below show the truth of this.

(b) The following may be omitted as redundant: "At the Church of", "A Peal of" and the weight of tenor unless 1 ton or over.

(c) The following may be substituted by code symbols: "Conducted by", "Composed by".

(d) The code symbols, entered at the head of the first page of peal reports, should run continuously (as in a paragraph) to save space. Thus:—

> Code symbols used in the peal reports: (Cp) Composed by; (Cn) Conducted by; (Fp) First peal; (Fs) First in this stage; (Fm) First in the method; (Fen) First as Conductor; (Mo) In Memoriam."

Other symbols may suggest themselves, for instance (Rf) Rung for, to shorten any permissible footnotes (at the discretion of the Editor), which footnotes could be paid for at the current "R.W." rate of 2d. per word. More than one symbol can be used with one name, e.g., (Cp.Cn.). If the weight of the tenor is to be given it could be entered by weight only, just before the word "Tenor" in the last name line. If that space is already filled it could go (in brackets) just below the word "Tenor". Symbols are entered, appropriately, either just before the ringer's bell number, if of personal application, or below the names list if of general application, for example when indicating a composer not ringing. (E.g., "(Cp.) T. Thurstans", in Stedman Triples.)

There remains the question of the lengthy names list of methods in the multi-method peal. May one suggest that this is a matter to which, at this particular juncture, the Methods Committee might give specific attention (re space limitation) and then advise the Editor accordingly? Again, payment might come into it!

CLARITY

Here is a twofold objective: (a) To find a given peal in the peal pages with ease; and (b) To apprehend on sight the main features of the report. As to (a), not every reader appreciates that to promote this is one of the Editor's hardest jobs. The reports are segregated into groups according to Association or Guild, and these groups are arranged alphabetically by initial of the Association's name. (A note to this effect might follow the list of symbols at the head of the first page of the reports.) To make this arrangement more effective an exchange could be made of the form of type used for the name of the Association, with that of the method rung (similar to Mr. Pipe's example). Then move the name of the Association over to the left, to appear as a thick-type side heading, immediately below the horizontal group-dividing line. As to (b), a preferred arrangement and form of type is discussed under "Application" following.

APPLICATION

The effect of the application of the foregoing proposals may be seen by reference to Mr. Pipe's example on page 63 of the issue of January 24th, which example incorporates some of them. For the full effect, regard the following alterations:

(a) Move the group heading "Bath and Wells Association" over to the left to bring "B" of Bath in line with left edge of column.

(b) Omit "A peal of" and move "5040 Double Norwich" over to the left in place of it.

(c) Bring "C.B. Major" up on to that line to follow it

(d) Delete the two lines above and below the eight names.

(e) Move names as far as possible to the left and bell numbers as far as possible to the right.

(f) Insert (Cp. Cn.) after last name and on that line and insert weight (because over 1 ton) just before "Tenor". If not enough space then enter below "Tenor" in brackets.

As to clarity of layout, the type sizes and "heaviness", as in Mr. Pipe's example, seem adequate.

TRADITIONAL LAYOUT

It is submitted that the only ultimate apparent difference introduced is a narrower setting with single instead of double columns of ringers' names. In fact, the irreducible minimum seems to have been reached. The saving of space on one page alone would enable the inclusion of several more peals per page, while the saving on the total of peal pages would effect a considerable lessening, annually, of costs.

SPACE COMPARISON

An interesting comparison of space occupied by the three forms indicated in this article is got by deriving the area in each case, in units with a common denominator, the numerator being the comparator. Thus:—

Original "R.W." report of the peal (page 9)	Mr. Pipe's version page 63)	Proposed version
126 units	117 units	99 units

Those ringers really interested in this whole problem might care to take pencil and paper and, as an exercise, apply the proposals to other peals as reported.

NOTE.—The method suggested would give 18 peals on a page of three columns against 14 at present. On February 20th we had 161 peals over after this issue.—Ed.

KINGSTON UPON THAMES, SURREY.—On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Lesley A. Hawes 1, Anthea S. Bruce 2, Ann V. Salvage 3, Bryony P. Moorby 4, C. D. Collin 5, B. J. Stone (cond., 100th quarter) 6. For Holy Communion.

KIRK ELLA, E. YORKS. — On Jan. 19th, 1,296 Beverley Surprise Minor: Mrs. D. S. Johnson 1, Barbara Taylor (first in method) 2, G. K. Smith 3, K. Kirk 4, Ian G. Campbell 5, D. S. Johnson (cond.) 6.

LANGDON HILLS, ESSEX.—On Jan. 26th, 1,260 St. Martin's and P.B. Doubles: W. White 1, K. Lucas 2, J. Foster 3, D. Stott (first as cond.) 4, G. Lucas 5, L. Foster 6.

LEYTON, ESSEX. — On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Barbara Shaw 1, Jane Fransella 2, Jillian Turcan (first Stedman) 3, C. A. Hughes 4, J. S. N. Porter 5, A. M. Faulkner 6, D. Ellisdon (cond.) 7, R. Poole (first on eight) 8. For Evensong.

LYME REGIS, DORSET. — On Jan. 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. C. W. Powell 1, Angela Quick 2, Rev. R. Keeley 3, H. G. Keeley 4, R. Williamson 5, M. Hiller 6, F. G. Knight (cond.) 7, M. Symonds 8 For Evensong. Also on Jan. 26th, 1,344 London S. Minor: C. W. Powell (cond.) 1, Angela Quick 2, Mrs. C. W. Powell 3, H. G. Keeley 4, M. Hiller 5, G. S. Morris 6. A compliment to Ven. G. L. Tiarks (former Vicar) on consecration as Bishop of Maidstone on January 25th.

LYMINGTON, HANTS. — On Jan. 25th, 1,299 Grandsire Doubles: G. Pearce 1, S. Baybut (first quarter) 2, Mary Sutcliffe 3, Jennifer Quaife 4, W. Willans (cond.) 5, M. Cass 6. First of Grandsire Doubles for 1 and 4.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE. — At St. Peter's Church, on Jan. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (7, 6, 8 cover): D. Heapy 1, H. Lonyon 2, B. Schofield 3, Susan Corbishley (first "inside") 4, B. Corbishley (cond.) 5, M. Lindop (first quarter) 6, K. Poulton 7, P. Widdows 8.

MARKET WEIGHTON, YORKS.—On Jan. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Gwynneth Ducker 1, Elsie Chaddock 2, J. N. D. Chaddock 3, I. Campbell 4, N. Chaddock (cond.) 5, C. Frankish (first quarter) 6.

MARSTON, OXFORD. — On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret Allen 1, R. H. Jones 2, S. Buck 3, H. Page 4, L. R. Porter (cond.) 5. For Conversion of St. Paul, and as birthday compliments to Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Jones.

MEAVY, DEVON.—On Jan. 20th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. F. Steere 1, D. R. Bould 2, S. G. Pearce 3, J. C. Mitchelmore 4, G. E. Mudge 5, N. Mallett (cond.) 6. Rung in memory of Wing Commander H. G. Taylor, died January 13th.

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA. — At St. Paul's Cathedral, on Jan. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Margaret Aslett 1, Jennifer Murphy 2, M. Scowen 3, D. Roaf 4, R. Turner 5, H. Rossell (cond.) 6, A. Bolton 7, F. English 8.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICS. — On Jan. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: A. French (first quarter on eight) 1, H. Clayton 2, Mrs. D. Day 3, O. Homewood 4, R. Preston 5, J. Day 6, R. Manton (cond.) 7, W. Holmes 8. For Christian Unity Week of Prayer.

MICHELDEVER, HANTS. — On Jan. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. G. Freeman 1, A. Taylor 2, J. J. Hill 3, M. G. Palmer 4, J. Weaver (cond.) 5, G. F. Whitear 6. For dedication this day of new side chapel.

NEW ALRESFORD, HANTS.—On Jan. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Dorothy M. Huggins 1, J. Huggins 2, Jane E. Dando 3, A. J. Mason 4, L. A. Tremeer (cond.) 5, J. Hatch 6. First in four methods 1 and 2.

NORTHALLERTON, YORKS. — On Jan. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. Mudge (first quarter) 1, Jill Dunning 2, D. Town (cond.) 3, J. Soar 4, G. Harrison (first on working bell) 5, A. Willis 6.

OLD WHITTINGTON, DERBYS.—On Jan. 19th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: A. D. Rooke (first attempt, aged 10) 1, S. Lawrence 2, G. Newman 3, L. Gascoigne 4, H. T. Rooke 5, D. H. Rooke (cond.) 6. Rung for Evensong.

OLD WOLVERTON, BUCKS. — On Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): W. Bull 1, A. May 2, E. Whitlock (cond.) 3, F. Mynard 4, D. Bimson 5, S. Miller 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of George F. Eales, a ringer at this church for many years.

OTTERSHAW, SURREY. — On Jan. 5th, 1,440 Minor (St. Clement's and Plain Bob): R. L. Pashley 1 A. Anthony 2, J. J. Bailey 3, C. D. Collin 4, J. P. Ladd (cond.) 5, P. V. W. Feast 6. First of St. Clement's for the band. For Parish Youth Service.

QUARTER PEALS

PACKWOOD, WARKS. — On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Alison P. Rees (first quarter) 1, Pamela M. Turner 2, V. H. Nash 3, R. E. Tallis, jun. (cond.) 4, D. H. Walters 5, R. E. Tallis 6, R. G. Morris 7, G. D. Rushton 8. To congratulate Christine and Roger Tallis on the birth of their daughter, Nicola Jane, on January 21st.

PAINSWICK, GLOS.—On Jan. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Cantor 1, R. Cornock 2, Sara Cornock 3, R. Watts 4, T. Pritchard 5, R. Ashby 6, T. Witts (cond.) 7, F. Garland 8. To commemorate the completion of the porch and west screen.

PAPANUI, NEW ZEALAND. — At St. Paul's Church, on Jan. 25th, 1,320 Doubles (two methods and nine variations): P. Seward (first quarter) 1, L. Trott (first quarter) 2, J. Dunn 3, R. Stevens (first quarter) 4, R. H. Idle (cond.) 5. A farewell to J. Dunn, who is leaving for Perth, Australia.

PEMBROKE. — On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. Lingard 1, N. C. Rogers (first "inside") 2, S. P. Rogers 3, P. C. Rogers 4, J. Prytherch 5, I. Russant 6. Jointly conducted by 2, 3, 4 and 5. For Christian Unity. Also on Jan. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: A. Lingard 1, N. C. Rogers 2, Nesta M. Rosen 3, Betty M. Rogers 4, S. P. Rogers 5, A. R. Trickett 6, P. C. Rogers (cond.) 7, P. F. Kraus 8. For Evensong, and also a 21st birthday compliment (January 24th) to P. R. Huntbach.

PUCKINGTON, SOM.—On Jan. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. E. Welch 1, Mrs. B. Dean 2, A. Drayton 3, J. Cornelius (cond.) 4, R. J. Dean 5, R. Welch 6. A 44th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Welch

PUTNEY, S.W. — On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): Christine M. Cobb 1, L. Ann Mew 2, Julie S. Armstrong 3, L. Allen 4, M. J. Uphill 5, C. F. Mew (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

RAINHILL, LANCS.—On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Walsh 1, F. M. Latham 2, J. Dunbavin 3, A. Walsh 4, R. G. Latham (first as cond.) 5, G. K. Austin 6.

RICKMANSWORTH, HERTS. — On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: I. D. Harris (first quarter) 1, Miss M. A. Sears 2, D. M. Hibbert 3, R. E. J. Bunker 4, H. A. Bradbury (cond.) 5, J. R. Lloyd 6. For the engagements of R. E. J. Bunker and Miss M. A. Sears and G. Hall and Miss A. M. Clarey; also for the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Hibbert.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.—On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. E. Collins 1, O. Collins 2, D. Andrews 3, W. T. Perrins 4, D. Wilson 5, E. J. Whitfield 6, W. E. Cheater (cond.) 7, E. J. Turner 8.

RUSHALL, STAFFS.—On Jan. 16th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Lesley Danks (first quarter) 1, Rosemary White 2, Diana White 3, J. Humphreys 4, M. Mulvey 5, C. Bainham (cond.) 6. Also on Jan. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Susan Vesely (first quarter) 1, Kate O'Sullivan 2, Diana White 3, Rosemary White 4, C. Bainham (cond.) 5, M. Mulvey 6. For Matins. Also on Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Susan Vesely 1, Lesley Danks (first "inside") 2, Diana White 3, M. Mulvey (cond.) 4, C. Bainham 5, Rosemary White 6. For Matins.

ST. NICHOLAS-AT-WADE, KENT. — On Jan. 24th, 1,440 Spliced Surprise Minor (five methods): J. B. Keeler 1, C. Parkinson 2, R. J. Eliot 3, D. H. Niblett 4, R. J. Collis 5, D. J. Carr (cond.) 6.

SHADWELL, LONDON, E.—On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. J. Uphill (cond.) 1, R. L. Jones 2, K. G. Game 3, C. J. N. Dalton 4, M. J. Palmer 5, R. J. Collis 6, L. C. Way 7, P. N. Felton 8. The longest touch on the bells since before First World War. The top five bells rung without stays. For the Festival of the Conversion of St. Paul.

SANDON, ESSEX.—On Jan. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. Ainger 1, R. C. Chamberlain (first quarter) 2, Ruth E. Gay 3, G. A. Bainbridge 4, Jane Foster 5, P. M. Wilkinson (cond.) 6.

SAPCOTE, LEICS.—On Jan. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Lynn Sheward (first quarter) 1, Alison Butterfield 2, R. W. Smith 3, N. W. Harvey 4, L. Watkins 5, M. E. Brown (cond.) 6.

SHELFORD, NOTTS. — On Jan. 5th, 1,280 Rev. St. Martin's Bob Doubles: R. Mills 1, A. Lazzerini 2, Mrs. C. Mills 3, D. Lazzerini 4, B. Mills (cond.) 5. Also on Jan. 12th, 1,280 Rev. St. Simon's Bob Doubles: A. Lazzerini 1, Mrs. D. Bradley 2, D. Lazzerini 3, F. Bradley 4, B. Mills (cond.) 5.

STAFFORD.—On Jan. 19th, 1,265 Stedman Caters: R. A. Partridge 1, E. Fairbrother 2, F. Beech 3, N. Holland 4, Jennifer Beech 5, R. K. Mowforth 6, R. J. Warrilow (cond.) 7, A. E. Garbett 8, G. Stevens 9, J. C. Evans 10. For Evensong, and a birthday compliment to the conductor.

STAINES, MIDDX.—On Jan. 19th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Medway 1, Monica Blagrove 2, Margaret Wenban 3, F. G. Rawson 4, L. Stillwell 5, F. T. Blagrove 6, A. C. Wenban 7, S. Blyth 8. Rung for Evensong by Windsor Youths.

STONEY STANTON, LEICS.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Alison Butterfield (first on eight, aged 12) 1, N. W. Harvey (first "inside") 2, R. W. Smith 3, J. H. Bailess 4, B. P. Morris 5, N. W. Price 6, M. Vernon 7, M. E. Brown (cond.) 8.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On Jan. 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Sangwin 1, Miss B. M. Boyle 2, E Nunn 3, C. Sangwin 4, W. J. V. Conduct 5, H. Trewin 6, H. Stacey (cond.) 7, G. Halford 8. With best wishes to Miss Boyle on her retirement, and a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Ridler.

SUNBURY-ON-THAMES, MIDDX.—On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: R. Bettley-Cooke 1, Susan Attrill 2, C. H. Rogers 3, D. Brock (cond.) 4, A. J. Hampton 5, S. Bull 6. For Evensong.

THORNBURY, GLOS. — On Jan. 26th, 1,287 Grandsire Triples: G. Jackson (first quarter) 1, Miss J. E. Bell 2, Mrs. D. A. Chapman 3, C. J. Bell 4, S Poole 5, E. G. Mould 6, D. A. Chapman (cond.) 7, W. C. Exell 8. For Evensong; also as a birthday compliment to Augustus Bevys, verger.

THORLEY, HERTS.—On Jan. 26th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: P. Warboys (cond.) 1, L. Luck 2, K. Westwood 3, H. Watts 4, T. Camp 5, D. Kingston 6. First in method 2 and 3. For Evensong.

TINTINHULL, SOM. — On Dec. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): R. Field 1, D. Dean 2, Mrs. L. Parker 3, K. Prime (cond.) 4, R. Parker 5. First quarter peal by the Clarks Ltd. (Shoemakers) band.

WESTON ZOYLAND, SOM.—On Jan. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. E. Snelgrove 1, Mrs. H. A. Venn (first "inside") 2, L. Cavill 3, E. J. Venn 4, G. W. Rendell, jun. (cond.) 5, H. Greenham 6. First quarter 1, 6. Rung after the induction of Rev. C. C. A. Meredith, B.A., by members of his former deanery to wish him well.

WARSOP, NOTTS. — On Jan. 24th, 1,320 Plain Minor (Single Oxford Bob, Wavertree College): Miss S. Ettles 1, Miss I. Cooke 2, G. Challans 3, F. Cooke 4, F. Flint 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6. For Sung Eucharist.

WESTON-SUPER-MARE, SOM. — On Jan. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sandra Cox 1, J. Trimm 2, B Williams 3, H. Hooper 4, S. Lewis 5, G. Prescott (cond.) 6, D. Gay 7, G. Kingdon 8. In memory of Leslie Samuel Hallett who died a year ago.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY. — On Jan. 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Caroline Madge 1, M. J. Bangham 2, Elizabeth Bangham 3, A. E. Bagworth 4, D. C. Brookes 5, Julie Armstrong 6, C. F. Mew (cond.) 7, M. R. Burn 8. Rung as an engagement compliment to Alan Bagworth and Caroline Madge.

WITNEY, OXON.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. J. Hester 1, B. Coggins 2, L. T. Oliffe 3, G. J. Collett 4, P. G. Holden 5, B. J. Coggins (cond.) 6, A. Cornish 7, W. H. Clarke 8. Rung half-muffled for the passing of 1968. Also on Jan. 12th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: W. H. Clarke 1, G. J. Collett (first Surprise Major "inside") 2, B. W. Hall 3, F. Soden 4, P. Pearce 5, T. J. Hester 6, D. K. Adkins (cond.) 7, B. J. Coggins 8. To mark the tercentenary year of the Witney blanket manufacturing firm of Charles Early and Marriott (Witney) Ltd.

WIVELISCOMBE, SOM. — On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Lee 1, F. Casley 2, M. Bellamy (first "inside") 3, R V. Gunter 4, G. Maidment 5, W. J. Nurcombe 6, W. A. J. Knight (cond.) 7, H. V. Young 8. A birthday compliment for Simon Furtick.

WORLE, SOM. — On Jan. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): W. Lovell 1, R. Jones 2, J. Lambard 3, G. Prescott (cond.) 4, S. Lewis 5, W. Kingsbury 6. Rung in memory of Leslie Samuel Hallett who died a year ago.

YAXLEY, HUNTS.—On Jan. 17th, 1,300 Pl. Bob Minor: A. Whiteside 1, J. R. Charlton 2, Elizabeth E. Graham 3, J. D. Brown 4, W. J. Riley 5, D. T. Austin (cond.) 6. To welcome the new curate.

YORK MINSTER.—On Jan. 14th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: J. Blacktop 1, D. Clegg 2 H. Walker 3, S. Steel 4, A. Leggett 5, M. Staniforth 6, B. Sutton 7, A. E. Hartley (cond.) 8. To the glory of God.

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St. Mary-the-Virgin's Church, Newington-next-Sittingbourne, Kent

The County of Kent rightly rejoices in the title of the "Garden of Eden" and in the spring thousands of motorists tour the county to admire the luxuriant picture of the orchards in full bloom. The late 13th and early 14th century Church of Newington-next-Sittingbourne peeping through the cherry blossom makes a wonderful setting. The visitors will find here much of interest including mural paintings of the 14th century, which are to be renovated this year.

OUR COVER CHURCH

Newington-next-Sittingbourne, Kent

By LAURENCE MITCHELL

THE parish church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, Newington-next-Sittingbourne, is situated in North Kent approximately eight miles east of the Medway towns of Chatham, Rochester and Gillingham. It is familiar to the millions who have travelled by rail between London and the Kent coast and has been the subject of many press photographs in the spring owing to its situation amidst the blossom of the cherry orchards.

Although it is not mentioned in the Doomsday Book, the church is listed in a nearly contemporary ecclesiastical document known as "Doomsday Monarchorum" and was therefore in existence in the 11th century and possibly earlier. It consists of a western tower, nave and aisles with a lean-to south porch, chancel and south chancel. The original tower was, however, at the north-eastern corner adjacent to the chancel, which is 13th century. The nave and aisles are fine examples of the late 13th or early 14th centuries and maintain the ancient roofs of the later date, which have been plastered over until recently restored in the late 1950's.

One remarkable feature of the church is an arcaded tomb, with a marble top, situated in the south chancel and known as the "shrine of Sir Robert of Newington." The identity of Sir Robert is uncertain, but he was probably a murdered pilgrim. Newington was a regular stopping place for pilgrims, and St. Thomas-à-Becket, Archbishop of Canterbury, on his last journey from London to Canterbury in 1170, rested here and administered the rite of Confirmation to a number of villagers of Newington.

The wall paintings in the north aisle, executed c. 1340, are remarkable survivals of the work of this period, though in their present condition it is somewhat difficult to decipher them in detail. However, renovation is to take place during the spring of this year and visitors to the church this summer should see a vast improvement in these unique works. They are of an exceptionally fine type, and it is rare to have such a complete combination of fine architecture and the paintings with which it was completed.

The original organ was built in 1864 at a cost of £105 and enlarged in 1906 at a cost of £150. In 1961 the organ was rebuilt at a cost of £3,400. At this time more stops were added and the console was moved to the nave.

The church has a fine ring of six bells. Details as follows:

Treble: 4 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. cast in 1774.
2nd: 5 cwt. 0 qr. 22 lb. Cast in 1622.
3rd: 6 cwt. 4 qr. Casting date unknown.
4th: 8 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. Cast in 1662, recast in 1902.
5th: 10 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. Cast in 1622.
Tenor: 12 cwt. 0 qr. 14 lb. Cast in 1662, recast in 1902.
Inscription on recast tenor: Sursum Corda.
Inscription on 4th: Sancta Sanctis.
Inscription on both: A. St. Qn. Sproule Vicar.
W. G. Osborne
A. H. S. Webb Churchwardens.

Tenor, 4th and treble cast at Whitechapel; 5th, 3rd and 2nd cast by John Wilnar. The bells were rehung in new fittings and framework in 1903.

LEGENDS

Interesting legends exist concerning the bells and a prehistoric stone which is now situated some 75 yards from the church near the gateway. One version says that the devil was upset by the bells so one night he decided to take them away. He collected them into a huge sack, threw them on to his shoulder and leapt from the tower. He landed on the stone, overbalanced, and the bells rolled into a nearby stream. Many unsuccessful efforts were made to recover them.

Another version puts part of the blame on the churchwardens! It is said that the bells sadly needed repair and for want of funds the churchwardens agreed to sell the largest bell to enable them to repair the remainder. Thinking the local inhabitants would not approve arrangements were made for the removal of the bell at night. Just as work was about to start the devil appeared and, seizing the bell, leapt over the tower battlements and landed heavily on the stone. The imprint of his foot can still be clearly seen. He then threw the bell into a nearby spring. The churchwardens tried to recover the bell with ropes and grappling irons but without success. A witch told them that they could only raise the bell by drawing it up with four pure white oxen. These being secured, a final and desperate attempt was made. Slowly, but surely, the bell was raised to the surface, at which point a local lad remarked that one of the oxen had a black spot behind its ear. The rope instantly snapped and the bell was lost for ever.

The bells are, once again, sadly in need of repair, but any attempts to raise the necessary funds in a like manner are not likely to succeed if the local ringers have anything to do with it. Since June, 1966, the ringers have been working hard to raise the funds to have the bells rehung on ball-bearings and other work carried out, and have now raised over £430. Much is still needed however and anyone who would care to help should send donations to Mrs. H. V. Mitchell, 26, Gayhurst Drive, Sittingbourne Kent, and they will be most gratefully received and acknowledged.

The bells are still rung albeit with much effort and sweat and practice nights see visitors from local towers joining in methods up to London Surprise. Three quarter-peals were rung in 1968, but the "go" of the bells is now such that one could not ring for much longer than this anyway.

22 PEALS

During their life 22 peals have been rung, all of Minor, the first being in 7 methods on March 20th, 1909, in 2 hrs. 40 mins. Methods rung were Superlative, Double Oxford, Oxford T.B., College Single, Kent T.B., Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Ringers were William G. Kitchingham (until recently captain of the ringers at the neighbouring village of Hartlip), Joseph E. Grensted, William T. Hyland, Frederick A. Holden, William J. Walker and William H. B. Wilkins, who was the conductor. Only one peal has ever been rung by an entirely local band, this being on November 20th, 1922, in 2 hrs. 53 mins., the methods being College Single, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. The ringers were Edward A. Gilbert (first peal), Sidney Millard, Edwin Gilbert, sen., Thomas Jull, Frederick W. White and Charles Millard, who was the conductor. The first mentioned, Edwin A. Gilbert, is tower captain at the present time and it is his ambition that his second peal should be on these bells with an all local band once again—this time on an "inside" bell. It is hoped that this ambition will be achieved —the present band is capable of ringing a peal but the state of the bells will not permit it yet.

A summary of peals rung is as follows: 7 methods (15), 6 methods (1), 4 methods (3), 3 methods (1), Cambridge Surprise (1), Plain Bob (1).

The fastest peal was the most recent on August 18th, 1962, in 2 hrs. 37 mins.

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THE SEVEN DAY LIBEL ACTION OVER BIG BEN

STAINBANK v. BECKETT

By "CHESHIRE DELIGHT"

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THIRD DAY

Mr. John Imray, consulting engineer and founder, was the first witness called, and was examined as to the composition of the bell metal, and as to the porosity and want of homogeneity described by Dr. Percy in his report. He said the proportion of 22 of copper to 7 of tin would make a hard brittle bell-metal, and in the course of "setting" the tin, being the lighter metal, would be found in greater quantity upon the upper surfaces, especially upon the upper surface of the sound bow. He examined the bell in 1859, and again in April, 1881. As far as he could see the cracks were unchanged since 1859. He considered the casting an excellent one.

Cross-examined by Mr. Jeune: It was physically impossible that the metal in this case should have been otherwise than porous, unless the metal cracked.

Mr. Jabez James stated that he was a civil and mechanical engineer, and was the contractor for raising Big Ben to the tower where it now hung. He saw the bell when it was cast, and considered it an excellent casting, considering its size; but, at the time, he considered the proportions of copper and tin were dangerous, and told the defendant so.

Henry Hart, foreman to Mr. James, considered the casting a good one. He was told to bronze the bell with nitric acid.

Several witnesses were then called, who testified to the excellence of bells cast to their orders at the plaintiff's foundry, among them the Rev. E. F. Robinson (a skilled ringer), Rev. Prebendary Stephenson, Canon Hawkins and the Rev. Knatchbull-Hugesson.

Mr. Matthew A. Wood, examined by Mr. Russell, said that he had rung at St. Paul's, Bow, St. Michael's and All Hallows', London, and also at Yarmouth, St. Gabriel's, Pimlico, St. Peter's Norwich, and St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, and had assisted at the opening of many rings of bells, many of them coming from the Whitechapel Foundry. He had also rung on Warner's bells, Taylor's bells, etc., and decidedly gave Mears' the preference, big or little. In cross-examination the witness said he thought the words "oldest and worst" were intended to apply to the Whitechapel Foundry. He had no doubt that Mears' was the best foundry, and not the worst. He thought that many of the others were "not in it" at all. They might make one good bell, but casting a ring was another matter. It was very difficult for some of them to cast one.

Mr. Jeune: They are much the best?—Yes.

Of Warner's and Taylor's which is the better of the two?—Warner's.

Messrs. Taylor's are the worst?—I did not say that. You asked me with respect to the better of the two.

Mr. James Dwight, also a member of the College Youths, gave similar evidence.

Mr. Wm. Reed, solicitor, of North Shields, and president of the Durham Association of Change Ringers, examined by Mr. Russell, said he had examined a great many rings of bells throughout the country. Several in the North were supplied or augmented from the Whitechapel Foundry, and they had given the greatest satisfaction. In his opinion the bells coming from that firm had a distinctness of tone which no other bells possessed.

FOURTH DAY

Mr. Goslin was the first witness examined. He was manager to Messrs. Warner, the founders of the first Big Ben. He described the process of casting in some detail. During the setting the rising of the tin can be prevented by measures, but the witness would rather not say what those measures were. He thought that the present Big Ben had not been properly cooled. He would have taken away the sand from the "cope" of the mould at an earlier stage

Mr. Stainbank, the plaintiff, on being called said he joined the firm in 1861, but his name did not appear in the style of the firm till 1865. He had in his possession a continuous history of his firm since 1570. He frequently got letters addressed to him as "Mears & Co." or "Messrs. C. & G. Mears," and was often personally addressed as Mr. Mears. The proportion of tin to copper in Big Ben was higher than he would have wished, but it was fixed by the contract. Cross-examined by Sir J. Holker: He was especially aggrieved at these libels, because they were reiterations of statements made twenty years ago, and they were injurious to himself and the foundry of which he was the owner.

FIFTH DAY

On the assembling of the Court, Sir J. Holker addressed the jury on behalf of the defendant, and briefly sketched the history of Warner's bell and the arrangements made for the founding of the present bell. The old action of libel, "Mears v. Beckett," was then referred to. It was not the case that his client had waited till Mr. Mears was no more before renewing the attack. He would ask them to find that there was no proof of damage to the plaintiff.

Dr. Percy said he had, at the request of the Government, made several reports upon Big Ben. He had no practical experience, but expected that there was great difficulty in obtaining homogeneity, especially in a large casting, where some of the metal cooled before the rest. Cross-examined: It was a common thing to fill up small holes on the surface of castings —that might be seen in the paws of the lions of the Nelson column.

Mr. Taylor, a bell founder of Loughborough, stated that he had cast bells of 6½ tons without difficulty, and was now preparing to cast one of 14 tons for St. Paul's. It was quite possible to cast a homogeneous bell. Porosity was very prejudicial to tone. Cross-examined: He knew that the Manchester bell of 6½ tons was cracked. That was due to the weight of the hammer, which was 4 cwt. There was no fault in the casting. It was possible to conceal holes, unless they were suspected and scratched for.

Sir Edmund Beckett, the defendant, was then examined by Mr. Jeune. He said that he had great experience in bells, and was consulted about the first Big Ben, and, with Mr. Taylor, was appointed to approve the present Big Ben when cast. Without their approval there was, according to the contract, to be no payment to the founder. Many experiments had been made by him and at the School of Mines to discover the best proportion of tin to copper. Portions of Tom of Lincoln and other old bells were analysed, and, finally, the proportion of 7 to 22 was fixed upon as likely to give sufficient softness to prevent cracking and sufficient hardness to ensure a sonorous tone. In the old bells there was more of tin in proportion. He was not present at the casting of Big Ben.

SIXTH DAY

Examination of the defendant continued. When he saw the bell in November, 1859, the holes were visible. There were about 40 of them, and the largest had been filled with zinc. He should have rejected the bell if he had seen the holes. He examined the bell at the foundry and at Westminster, and was satisfied with it, and especially with its tone. If he had known what was disclosed in Dr. Percy's report he would not have withdrawn his pleas of justification in the former action. He did so under advice, not understanding the dodges of common law pleadings.

Mr. Ford, the defendant's solicitor, deposed that on Sir Edmund's behalf he had to publish in any way the plaintiff might desire his disavowal of any intentional reference to these letters to the plaintiff; but in cross-examination the witness said he had offered only a disavowal, not an apology.

Mr. Jeune, in the absence of Sir John Holker, summed up the defendant's case. After going over the evidence the learned gentleman said that the libels were reduced to two, viz., "that Big Ben was a disgrace to its founders," and the expression "the oldest and worst of the foundries in England." And in concluding he said there was no reason why the plaintiff had by this action sought to vindicate a character which Sir Edmund Beckett had never assailed.

Mr. Russell then replied on behalf of the plaintiff.

SEVENTH DAY

Mr. Russell having concluded his address, Mr. Baron Huddleston summed up with great care. The jury found that one letter was libellous, and applied to the plaintiff: but that the other two letters, although libellous, did not apply to the plaintiff, and that the plaintiff was entitled to £200 damages. Judgement was entered for the plaintiff accordingly.

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The Manchester bell referred was the Great Hour Bell of the Manchester Town Hall. It was cast by Messrs. John Taylor & Co. on October 18th, 1876, and developed a crack of 22 inches on May 30th, 1880. This came in handy for the plaintiff's lawyers.

Although I have read "The Times" account of the trial as well as that in "Bell News," I have been unable to discover the happy exchanges between Counsel and the College Youth referred to by Mr. W. T. Cook and Mr. E. A. Barnett. It is possible that neither bears much relationship to the original. There is quite a simple explanation. During a long trial the atmosphere gets pretty tense, and this can be broken up by laughter at a remark which would not normally strike the participants as at all witty. After the trial, when the tumult and the shouting has died, someone remembers that something very funny happened with one of the witness, realises that it was by no means the gem of humour it seemed to be at the time, and polishes it up before passing it on as authentic. Two people will improve the joke in different directions until it is sometimes a little difficult to recognise it as the same.

"The Times" report ignored the College Youths altogether, concentrating rather on porosity and homogeneity than on campanology. It did however produce one remark which they suggest produced "laughter in court," but it is difficult to see why it did.

More Feelers about a London Ringing Council

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION DINNER AND A.G.M.

While it was the desire of the Master, Mr. H. W. Rogers, that the dinner of the London County Association, held at the George, Strand, London, on February 26th, should be as informal as possible, opportunity was taken to ventilate the subject of one ringing Society for London.

MR. W. G. Wilson, who proposed "The Guests", said there was a letter on this hardy annual of one Association for London in "The Ringing World" recently. He thought the writer was mainly concerned at having to join six Societies because of his peal activities. About a week after the letter appeared he rang up the speaker and asked him what he thought.

Mr. Wilson said he replied that their Master had previously pleaded for more and more co-operation among London Societies: the Master held this view very sincerely. He also reminded their young friend that 30 years ago, before he was born, there was a leading article in "The Ringing World" asking for a Federation of London Societies that would enable them to preserve their own identity. As the writer of that article, Mr. Wilson added: "I still think that will come one day: I am beginning to think that I shall see it."

Two or three years ago a famous hotel firm wanted to put on a ringing festival in London and offered special facilities as regarded accommodation. He had to tell them that this was only possible if they could secure the towers and had the co-operation of all London Societies. He knew they tried and one Society refused to co-operate. That Association had since by another plan brought 200,000 visitors to London.

LOGICALLY SENSIBLE

Mr. E. A. Barnett, who replied for "The Visitors", took up the same theme. He said he thought from the point of view of practical logic it was difficult to deny that this would be a sensible idea. There were, however, difficulties. If one took the view that ringing Associations should be based on dioceses rather than geographical areas, even that ran into difficulties with the scheme outlined a year or two ago, the creation of a multiplicity of dioceses. Another proposal might be London north and south of the river. Those in the south knew that the north of the river was peopled by savages!

More seriously, Mr. Barnett said ringing organisations had never been based on logic. He felt that the writer of that letter was not a native of these parts. He did not know if he realised that the people living in the outskirts of the Greater London area did not like to be regarded as people of London but felt they belonged to the county whose area had been given up. He thought the whole idea was a non-starter.

The Master said he must agree with Mr. Barnett that a Federation would not come off, but he felt it was possible to have a Council of ringing Societies in London. There was no positive rejection, or did it mean that everybody was satisfied with present arrangements or too browned-off and was adopting a de Gaullism of "Non, non, non"?

The Master was accompanied by Mrs. Rogers, and the principal guests were Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Barnett. Sitting at the top table were Mr. W. G. Wilson, treasurer and librarian of the Association, and his daughter, Mrs. David Tate, wife of the auditor to "The Ringing World". Proceedings started with the presentation of bouquets to Mrs. Barnett and Mrs. Rogers. Mr. Frank Udall was the M.C. and an excellent dinner was served.

The Editor, who was present, publicly thanked Miss Dupré for her splendid co-operation with "The Ringing World" during the five years she was general secretary of the Association.

THE ANNUAL MEETING

The Association held another successful annual general meeting in central London on its usual second Saturday in February. Ringing took place at St Lawrence Jewry, St. Giles', Cripplegate, and St. Clement Danes', prior to an inspiring service at the last-named church. This was conducted by R.A.F. Staff Chaplain, Rev. A. F. Vickers, who had obviously taken enormous trouble in his pre-sermon researches. A well-struck course of Triples was rung during the service. Some 60 members and friends were present at the tea and meeting, held in the George Hotel.

The Master, Mr. Harold Rogers, in his report to the members, summed up the past year as having been very brisk and busy with no time wasted at the business meetings. This theme will be followed in the 1969 programme which, wherever possible, will have three towers in its Saturday meeting fixtures to be held on the second Saturday in each month, with the exception of April, August and December. Commenting on the 1968 meetings, the Master said that with the nine meetings which had been held the London area had been well catered for in the East, the North, the West and the South; together with monthly practices at St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, on the first Thursday in each month.

FIFTY RINGERS IN QUARTER PEALS

Mr. Meyer's work in arranging Sunday ringing at otherwise silent towers has continued the London County's tradition in this respect, and ringing has continued regularly throughout the year. Notable among the quarter peals which have been successful have been: Triples, Caters and Cinques in all three odd bell methods; Grandsire, Stedman and Erin. Additionally, quarter peals of Little Bob Maximus and Cambridge Surprise Maximus have been rung at Southwark Cathedral. 50 different ringers took part in these successful quarter peals. Mr. Meyer and all the officers extend very grateful thanks to all members who have supported this worthwhile Sunday evening activity.

Twenty-nine new members had been elected and among the peals rung had been one of Cinques, five Surprise Royal, two Treble Bob Royal, three Caters and one Stedman Triples by eight of the Association officers.

There were also favourable and appreciative comments from the Master to a group of young members who had put in hard work on mechanical and rope repairs at towers which would otherwise still have remained silent. He reminded these and other members that in the case of real need the Association might be able to provide the occasional new or second-hand rope to help approved cases.

NEW TEAM OF OFFICERS

At the earlier nomination meeting, Miss Dupré had indicated her desire to retire from the post of hon. general secretary, which she had held with distinction for the past five years. Mr. Michael Wycherley was nominated and accepted by the meeting for this most important position. Mr. Harold Rogers was again elected as Master for his last year, being ineligible for election next year. The supporting officer team is as follows: Deputy Master, Mr. J. Phillips; Treasurer and Librarian, Mr. W. G. Wilson; Assistant Secretaries, Mr. J. Lott and Mr. D. Hewitt; Stewards, Mr. S. Darvill and Miss Rosemary Cotton, who it was felt would have an attraction for sixpences (the L.C.A. steepleage). The new Central Council representatives for the next three years are Mrs. O. L. Rogers, Mr. H. W. Rogers, Mr. W. G. Wilson and Mr. W. Shanks.

A reminder was given to towers in the area that the tower- and handbell competition under the auspices of the Richmond Music Festival would be held at St. Mary's, Twickenham, on March 29th, and entries were still required. (Contact Dr. D. J. Neal-Smith, 93 Cole Park Road, Twickenham.)

During the social evening which followed, the Dawe handbell cup was competed for by teams from St. Luke's, Chelsea, and Isleworth, with the cup being awarded to Isleworth with a relatively fast well-struck course of Triples.

The grand illuminated peal books of the Association from 1827 onwards were available and received considerable appreciative inspection.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The A.G.M. of the Watford District was held at Watford on February 1st, when the ten bells were put to good use, under the guidance of Tom Norris, the District Ringing Master. A service was conducted by the lecturer, Rev. David Mowbray, followed by tea in the Old Free School.

The president, Dr. David Gullick, was in the chair at the business meeting. Mr. Geoffrey Seaman was re-elected District secretary and Mr. Tom Norris District Ringing Master, and thanks were accorded these gentlemen for their invaluable services. The committee, Messrs. R. Baldwin, R. G. Bell, H. Bradbury, K. R. Dunstan, R. G. Smith and J. Southey, with the secretary and Ringing Master as ex-officio members, were re-elected en bloc. Mr. R. G. Bell was appointed "Ringing World" correspondent. Mr. C. W. Woolley informed the meeting that it was hoped that Bushey bells would be rehung during the coming year, and an effort was being made to raise the sum of £3,000. A Ringers' Sunday would be held on May 11th. The secretary reminded the meeting of the Central Council's visit to St. Albans at Whitsun.

The usual votes of thanks were accorded and the proposer also expressed on behalf of all present appreciation of the presence of Mr. A. R. Agg, the Association's general secretary.

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A TIE IN 1968 INDIVIDUAL PEAL ANALYSIS

Compiled by GEORGE E. THODAY

AFTER months of speculation, the final analysis reveals a tie between two ringers, namely Messrs. D. E. Rothera and C. B. Dove. To compare their respective achievements would, to say the least, be difficult. Nevertheless one can summarise by saying that whilst David collected the majority of his peals roaming the countryside, Barrie on the other hand scored most of his in his native county of Yorkshire. David's total of 111 peals includes 102 peals of Surprise, of which 25 spliced all-the-work and Double Glasgow call for special mention. Barrie's main concern was on conducting 80 out of his 111 peals. The only other ringer to reach 100 was Frank R. Morton of Cheshire, his combined total of tower- and handbell peals amounting to 101. Leading the ladies for 1968 was Miss Julia A. Fellows of St. Albans. She scored 68 of which she conducted 2. Julia made great strides during 1968, taking part in several long lengths on handbells, including 17,824 Kent T.B. Major. We look forward to hearing more about her activities in the future.

A SLIGHT INCREASE

The number of people who rang a peal during 1968 was 3,777 (3,026 men and 715 women). This is a slight increase over 1967 (3,768). Out of this total some 260 completed 25 or more (238 men and 22 women). Conducting was shared by 637 ringers (621 men and only 16 women). The one peal a year contingent accounts for 1,410 of the grand total, whilst the number who rang two was 561. The above figures for 1968 show virtually the same pattern as in previous years, but compared with 1967 the number of women increased by 60 whilst the men took a backward step (a decrease of 49). 1,283 people who rang a peal in 1967 did not in 1968: conversely of those who did in 1968 1,209 did not ring one in 1967. This figure of 1,209 is broken down into 560 first pealers (376 men and 184 women), 324 who have not rung a peal since the present system started and 325 who have.

50 PER CENT RESPONSE

The greatest problem with the records is the ever-increasing volume of cards, between 7,000 and 8,000 now exist. To facilitate speeding up the analysis the current cards were extracted during the year, from the main pack, making it less arduous each week. Replies to the request for information regarding the leading peal ringers produced an almost 50 per cent response. Several points of interest arose from letters and a list of these follows:

(i) The Rev. R. D. St. John Smith reports that in 40 years of ringing this is the first time he has reached 25 in a year.

(ii) Anthony Davidson believes he is the first resident Cornishman to make the list.

(iii) Mr. A. P. Cannon's 54 peals were rung in 54 different towers.

(iv) Tom Goodyer is, I think, the first person from Australasia to be included in the list. (He certainly did not waste much time on his visit to the U.K.)

(v) Lastly, a hard luck story from Suffolk, where Katherine Thorley scored 21, having lost 4 attempts and had 2 cancelled in the month of December.

I must stress that to be 100 per cent accurate on a job of this nature is virtually impossible, so I do apologise for any inaccuracies which may have been made. The analysis for 1969 is in the hands of Mr. and Mrs. David House of Norwich

The list of leading ringers and other details will appear next week.

THE LEADERS

MEN

C. Barrie Dove	111 (c.80)
David E. Rothera	111 (7)
Frank R. Morton	101 (69)
Geoffrey A. Edwards	95 (—)

LADIES

Julia A. Fellows	68 (2)
Susan Smith	58 (—)
Judith M. Corby	53 (2)
Josephine Quilter	53 (2)

TOWER BELLS

C. Barrie Dove	111 (80)
David E. Rothera	111 (7)
George E. Thoday	93 (34)
Kenneth J. Hesketh	86 (15)

HANDBELLS

Frank R. Morton	49 (34)
Geoffrey A. Edwards	47 (—)
John R. Scott	47 (11)
Robert B. Smith	42 (20)

LEADING CONDUCTORS

C. Barrie Dove	80
Frank R. Morton	69
Michael J. Fellows	45
Geoffrey K. Dodd	41

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

MANSFIELD DISTRICT

The annual meeting of the Mansfield District was held at Mansfield on January 25th. A good company of over 60 was present, including visitors from East Yorks, Dewsbury, Sutton-on-Trent, Nottingham and Kirkham; all towers of the District were represented.

The Vicar (Rev. R. T. Warburton) conducted the service and also sat down to tea, as did Mr. Leaning, the District chaplain. At the business meeting the customary votes of thanks were accorded the ladies for providing the excellent tea, and the Vicar. The chairman (Mr. S. W. Fossey) was re-elected for the 12th year but the secretary (Mr. D. J. Beach) resigned after six years in office. He was thanked on behalf of the District by Mr. F. Adcock.

Mr. F. Cooke is the new secretary. Other elections: Ringing Master, H. T. Rooke; assistant Ringing Master, F. Adcock; committee, L. Smith and H. T. Rooke.

Ringing continued until 9 p.m. in various methods from Cambridge and Stedman to rounds.

BINGHAM DISTRICT

A membership of over 100 was reported at the annual meeting of the Bingham District held on January 11th at Bingham. Eight new members were elected and the secretary (Miss Ruth Blackshaw) said that the band at Woodborough (four bells) would soon be the holders of the strongest membership. Progress and enthusiasm were still well to the fore and the bell repair fund showed an increase.

Mr. J. D. Clarke was re-elected chairman and Miss Blackshaw secretary. Messrs. Hanson, Stainsby and G. G. Marsh are joint Ringing Masters and Mr. Harrison committee member

The meeting was well attended and Evensong was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Stephani.

No. 1 LADY

MISS JULIA A. FELLOWS

Heading the 22 ladies who rang 25 or more peals during 1968 is Miss Julia A. Fellows, with 68 to her credit (41 tower, 27 handbell).

Julia learned to ring at St. Albans Abbey and rang her first tower bell peal at first attempt in 1963. About this time, and thanks to Geoff and Joyce Dodds in particular, she took up handbell ringing. She confesses that the numerous attempts to get her first handbell peal nearly succeeded in putting her off handbells for good! Fortunately it didn't turn out like that.

At the end of 1968 her peal total was 176—118 tower bell peals and 58 "in hand". Her preference is for handbell ringing and in that respect her ambition is to ring Stedman "in hand". Last year's peals were very much in the quality street. Tower bells included Surprise Major, Royal and Maximus, Stedman Cinques and Triples, Plain Bob from Major to Maximus. Handbell peals were: Plain Bob Major and Royal (including first "in hand" as conductor), Kent Major (including 17,824) and Maximus, Oxford Major (including 10,784) and Maximus, Little Bob Maximus and various spliced and single Plain Major methods.

For the past four years Julia has been working as a research assistant at the Vickers Ltd. Ship-model Experimental Tank at St. Albans. So far this year work has had priority over ringing, as 1968 would be a hard year to follow ringing-wise! She expresses her thanks to all who had invited her for peals and to tours, as without them 1968 would not have been the successful year it was.

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Letters to the Editor

LONDON'S "GENUINE NEW LOOK"

Dear Sir,—Now that Mr. Harold Rogers has entered the last year of his term of office as Master of the London County Association, would it now be in order to make the following enquiries through the columns of the "Ringing World"? Most of these points were to have been raised at the Association's A.G.M. on February 8th, but Mr. Rogers seemed most anxious to close the meeting, and, indeed, the handbell competition was in progress before anybody realised "Any other business" was over!

Readers will remember, no doubt, Mr. Rogers' excellent article on page 165 (March 10th, 1967) reporting on the meeting at which he was elected Master, and referring to the "genuine new look" which he intended to bring to London ringing and the "1967 interpretation of the stated objects of the Association."

And then, from the issue of April 14th, 1967: "the need for the influence of the Association to extend to all quarters of its territory and to do all possible, in harmony with the overlapping Associations, to strengthen the weaker towers."

Would Mr. Rogers care to tell us how far, and how well, the Association's influence has extended, and how the "weaker towers" are now progressing?

We now move to 1968, when, on February 10th, Mr. Rogers was elected Master for the second year. He informed us in his first report as Master than 1967 had been "extremely brisk and busy" (members attending this year's A.G.M. no doubt remember that he described 1968 in exactly the same terms!). Then at the annual dinner, on February 24th, 1968, Mr. Rogers again expounded on his plans for "London Societies to organise and co-ordinate themselves as a composite whole by a Joint Council." Is it too much to expect of Mr. Rogers that he might launch this scheme during 1969?

I am prepared to doubt that Mr. Rogers would be able to answer these questions very convincingly. After two years of his Mastership the "weaker towers" **still** remain "weaker" (apart from two or three where progress cannot be attributed to the London County in any way). Ringing in London is as disorganised as ever, and the general standards of the London County are sinking lower.

One would dearly like to believe, as Mr. Rogers evidently does, that "the bright future of the Association lay in the hands of these two groups (young people and pre-war stalwarts): the first to provide enthusiasm and new ideas, and the second to provide the mature and tolerant influences so necessary to the products of youthful enthusiasm." But, before there can be any improvement Mr. Rogers will have to allow his younger members to have their say, especially those new to the committee, and he must not allow any new ideas they might engender to be stifled by the "mature and tolerant influences" of the "stalwarts" as in the past. For so long as Mr. Rogers and a few of his "stalwarts" continue to be of the opinion that their standards are above reproach, the London County Association will continue on the course of self-destruction that has been so synonymous over the past few years.—Yours faithfully,

"ANOTHER LONDONER"
(Name and address supplied).

DUDLEY CHURCH BELLS

Dear Sir,—On re-reading the article behind the cover picture of Dudley's noble, early Gothic Revival church (January 10th issue), I believe I had reason to think that I was not the **only** one who was not altogether happy with the sound of the bells. Let me quote: "As the tenor bell is light for its weight (sic) it would be a splendid opportunity to have all the bells recast . ." Also, even the minimum scheme involves recasting four bells.

However, I apologise to Mr. Montgomery for making what seemed to me a statement of the obvious but what must have seemed to him a rather unkind remark. I wish that I could retract it, but in honesty I cannot, and instead I will try to explain it as requested. Dudley bells belong to an era when a great number of new rings and individual bells were being cast but when, to my way of thinking at any rate, the tone and tuning of English bells was at about its worst. I should add that when I listened to Dudley bells, which I did as usual from several different points outside (they were scarcely audible inside), I was not aware of the date or the founder so I cannot be accused of bias on this count. I must admit, though, that I have no soft spot for T. Mears II: out of hundreds of rings which he cast the only ones I have heard which have given me any pleasure have been at East Grinstead and Edlesborough. Furthermore, he swallowed up four other foundries (Dobson of Downham Market, Briant of Hertford, Rudhall of Gloucester and Wells of Aldbourne), most of whose bells (especially Dobson's) I have good reason to prefer.

To return to Dudley, other factors which must have an adverse effect on the sound of the bells are (as so often) the acoustical properties of the materials of which the tower is built (especially the floors and ceilings between the bells and ringing room) and the atmospherical conditions in this industrial area. I cannot vouch for this, but I would expect the bells to have been affected by soot and corrosion, as has the stonework of the church. Yet these same conditions must obtain at Brierley Hill, just up the road from Dudley, where the bells still sound beautiful after 70 years!

Looking back on the hundred-odd tens which I have listened to, the majority of the best have been accurately tuned bells (like Brierley Hill's), and the majority of the worst have dated from the first half of the 19th century. This is why I am convinced that a complete recasting would be immensely worthwhile **now**, while there is the opportunity. Mr. Montgomery asks me to suggest "where to get the extra £1,700." Now I know full well what an enormous task it is to raise thousands of pounds for church restoration, but if £4,000 for the bells is a possibility then surely £5,700 is not out of the question for an infinitely superior job, providing that benefactors are made to realise how much more they would be getting. I cannot add to this, except to say that if I were faced with a similar problem, I would write round and glean what ideas I could from the experiences of other parishes.

Mr. Hayward evidently did not read my letter properly and his ridiculous insinuations in the February 21st issue seem to me to be hardly worth replying to. Anyway, who are these people he mentions with "very delicate and shallow pockets"? Is this not a wretched thing to say when every ring of bells, and indeed almost every church, in the country is the result of people's generosity, often extreme generosity?—Yours faithfully,

CHRISTOPHER DALTON.

Reigate, Surrey.

NOTE.—It must be remembered that bells are not the main objective of Church finances. Calls of the diocese and the Church overseas and keeping the fabric of the building dry and warm have prior consideration. Mr. Montgomery in his article appealed to the charity of ringers to help raise the £4,000 for a church where the finances have been very severely taxed. Get that first before dangling a second appeal for an extra £1,700.

We also acknowledge a letter from Mr. Richard Jones, London, S.W., making points similar to those of Mr. Dalton.—Ed.

Dear Sir,—Go ahead with your programme, Dudley. I have heard some good "spliced" rings, and you may be able to get the other recasting done later. On the other hand, I have heard poor brand new tens, and good splicing spoiled by recasting the older bells.—Yours faithfully,

JAMES HEDGCOCK.

Christ Church College, Canterbury.

"SILVER SPOON RINGERS"

Dear Sir,—I have just read the letter headed "Our 'Silver Spoon' Ringers" which appeared on January 31st and I feel that this was extremely ill conceived.

The writer has considered bell-ringing to be a completely isolated art, bearing absolutely no relation whatsoever to any other tradition that this country possesses. If this is done then his arguments are valid, but I'm afraid that things don't work out that way

If someone approached the incumbent of a church to play the organ and then admitted that he could not play the instrument I imagine that he would very quickly be turned out of the house of God. Similarly the choir.

As for praising people who have outstanding records, of course this must continue, and I fail to see the argument which the writer put forward. Can the writer give me an example of the outstanding person not receiving praise and someone less equipped being praised? I doubt it. If this is done then the standards are lowered since a chain is only as strong as its weakest link, and if there is one thing that is not wanted in ringing it is lowering the standard.

I see no reason for divorcing bellringing from all other aspects of society and therefore the writer has argued from completely false premises, and unless he can substantiate it further the letter must be treated with the contempt it deserves.—I remain, sir, yours faithfully,

DEREK J. CARR.

Eliot College, University of Canterbury.

A STUNT PICTURE

Dear Sir,—Like Mr. Penney, I was handed a copy of "Reveille" showing Clair Jolliffe's agile display and, oddly enough, I was able to make use of the picture. I was giving a talk on ringing to a local Women's Institute and used the picture to illustrate how **not** to handle a bell rope!—Yours faithfully,

W. B. KYNASTON.

Rodbourne Cheney, Wilts.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
SEE BACK PAGE

CHESTER CATHEDRAL BELLS LEAVE FOR MELTING POT

The bells of Chester Cathedral, silent for five years, have begun the first part of their journey away from the city and Cathedral of Chester. And the first stage was the spectacular and tricky operation of lowering them 130 feet from the great central tower. When they return it will be to the new free-standing bell-tower, the building of which is part of the Cathedral's £300,000 restoration appeal.

Biggest and heaviest of the bells to be removed was the tenor weighing some 32 cwt. In all nine bells were taken out of the tower and on February 21st they left for Loughborough where they will be recast. The journey was by road, unlike a previous occasion when bells from the Cathedral travelled down the River Dee and then by sea to London in the eighteen hundreds.

Up inside the bell chamber a gantry of wooden planks 20 feet high had been built to assist the removal of the bells, while down below the operation was made tricky by the presence of the 90-foot scaffolding erected as part of the restoration work programme.

GIFTS OF BELLS

It has been revealed that the cost of recasting four of the bells has already been met. Chester M.P. Mr. J. M. Temple, of Picton Gorse, whose wife is chairman of the Friends of Chester Cathedral, is one of the donors, having given moneys for the recasting of the number six bell. The number five bell has been paid for in memory of the late Mr. and Mrs. Tom Temple, Mr. Temple's parents. An anonymous donor in Cheadle has paid for the recasting of the number seven and the number eight bell has been paid for by the widow and family of the late Mr. John Worth, a former master of the Chester Diocesan Guild and one of the best known bellringers in the whole country. He was a ringer at Christ Church, Macclesfield, and died in 1967.

A provisional earmarking of funds has been made for another small bell and also for the tenor bell.

The cost of recasting the Cathedral bells ranges from about £250 for the smallest to £885 for the largest, the tenor bell. Two bells will remain in the bellchamber, one of them the bell on which the Chester curfew is rung.

Now the ringing chamber of Chester Cathedral is minus its bellropes and even peal boards recording first peals and record peals have been taken down. Among these souvenirs is a memento of wartime days, an aircraft recognition poster depicting Italian warplanes—a reminder of those other days when the Cathedral bells were silent.

THE 130 FEET LOWER

LETTERS—Continued

SURPRISE MINOR

Dear Sir,—Can anyone supply the names of these single change Surprise Minor methods?

This is the last of the unnamed Treble Bob Hunt methods in my collection.

—34—14—12—1236—12—16	l.e. 14	162534
—34—14—12—1236—14—36	l.e. 16	165243
—34—14—12—1236—14—56	l.e. 14	164235
—34—14—12—1236—34—16	l.e. 16	134625
—36—14—12—1236—12—36	l.e. 14	146325
—36—14—12—1236—12—56	l.e. 14	136524
—36—14—12—1236—14—16	l.e. 12	136245*
—36—14—12—1236—14—56	l.e. 16	134625
—36—14—12—1236—34—16	l.e. 14	154263
—36—14—12—1236—34—56	l.e. 14	136524
34—36.14—12—1236—12—36	l.e. 16	134625
34—36.14—12—1236—14—16	l.e. 12	165324
34—36.14—12—1236—14—36	l.e. 16	146532
34—36.14—12—1236—34—16	l.e. 12	154632
34—36.14—12—1236—34—16	l.e. 16	165243
36—36.14—12—1236—12—16	l.e. 14	152643
36—36.14—12—1236—12—36	l.e. 14	135642
36—36.14—12—1236—14—36	l.e. 14	154263
36—36.14—12—1236—34—16	l.e. 14	146325
36—36.14—12—1236—34—36	l.e. 14	145362

* Has this method been named as Fawley Surprise Minor? Will someone please confirm this point.—Yours faithfully,

A. BISHOP.

London, S.W.

ISLIP EDMONDS—BELLFOUNDER

Dear Sir,—I am trying to find out how many bells still exist which this little-known bellfounder cast, other than the one bearing his name which he gave to his native village of Melchbourne, North Bedfordshire, in 1764.

Islip Edmonds was apprenticed to Joseph Fayre of St. Neots, who described him as a good workman. He moved to London in 1764 to set up his own business, which seemingly lasted for only 18 months. His strange name has led to speculation at times as to whether he was a Mr. Edmonds of Islip, Northants, based on the coincidence that there was in recent times a family of bell-ringers there, but their name was Edmunds.—Yours sincerely,

P. AMOS.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The A.G.M. of the Llandaff Branch was held at St. Mary's, Aberavon, on February 8th. Attendance was adversely affected by a fall of snow and a warning against travelling issued by the B.B.C., but some 35 members turned up to enjoy ringing on this fine, good-going eight and to take part in the rest of the proceedings. Ringing ranged from rounds to Surprise Major.

The service was taken by the Vicar, Rev. H. G. B. Hopkins, M.A., and tea, kindly provided by the ladies of the congregation, was enjoyed at the Church Hall.

The Rev. G. J. B. Stickland, one of the Branch's most active ringing members, presided at the business meeting. Reporting on the year's activities, the hon. secretary commented on the continued low attendance figures at meetings, and it was to be hoped that better attendance figures might be achieved in future than the present average of 35 to 40.

21 NEW MEMBERS

21 new members had been elected, and there was a total of 155 fully paid-up members, 111 being full subscribers, 43 junior, or over-65, subscribers, one an hon. member and one non-resident life member. This represented a fall of some 20 as compared with the previous year, but it was hoped that this did not mean an actual lapse of membership in all cases.

54 peals had been rung for the Association in the Branch area. Worthy of special comment were peals by the Sunday service bands at both Aberdare and at Llandaff Cathedral: a peal of Minor in 17 methods (most of Minor for the Association) at Peterston-super-Ely; and the 100th peal on the bells of Cadoxton, Neath. In the last-named, Mr. David Lewis, now aged 88, took part, along with his son, Mr. G. I. Lewis, and his grandson, Mr. A. R. Lewis. Mr. David Lewis stood in the first peal on the same bells, in 1914, and the contribution to the Exercise made over the years by this fine ringing family is a source of pride to the whole Association.

ARCHBISHOP'S SON LEADING PEAL RINGER

N. W. H. Simon (son of the Most Rev. Dr. Glyn Simon, Archbishop of Wales, joint President of the Association) was the Branch's leading peal ringer for the year, with 25 peals, and leading conductor with 17. Twelve members had rung their first peal, and three their first as conductor. Leading "peal milestones" for the Association were: 175, Mr. G. I. Lewis; 150, Mr. T. M. Roderick.

The Branch officers were all re-elected for a further term, as follows: Branch Master, Mr. W. T. Petty, of Bridgend (also to be nominated at the Association A.G.M. for election as Master); Branch Hon. Secretary, Mr. Iolo Davies, of Llanblethian: Hon. Auditor, Mr. T. M. Roderick, of Newton Nottage.

It was decided to seek to hold Branch meetings for the coming year at Llantrisant, Cadoxton, Pendoylan and Penarth.

The gratitude of the meeting was expressed to the Rev. H. G. B. Hopkins; to the ladies who provided tea: to the tower secretary, Mr. W. John Thomas; and the chairman, Rev. G. J. B. Stickland.

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APPLETON, BERKS.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. White (first quarter) 1, A. Dyer 2, V. J. White 3, B. R. White 4, N. H. Leslie 5, D. A. Leslie (cond.) 6, F. A. White 7, H. White 8. For Confirmation service.

ARUNDEL, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss B. C. Haselgrove 1, Miss J. Frith 2, G. Lee 3, Miss J. Daughtry 4, Mrs. A. Daughtry (cond.) 5, J. Seller 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Richard G. Blackman.

ASTON, HERTS.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): L. A. Izzard 1, R. T. Falder 2, A. A. F. Peters 3, P. C. Worthington 4, M. R. Worthington (cond.) 5, A. Gray 6. For morning service.

BARTON ST. DAVID, SOM.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Miss S. A. Mayell 1, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 2, J. Kingsnorth 3, D. G. Mayell 4, A. J. Callow 5, F. J. White (cond.) 6. First in method 3 and 5. Rung for Septuagesima.

BASLOW, DERBYS.—On Feb. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. Wylie 1, G. A. Newman 2, G. W. Hawksworth 3, M. E. Hearnshaw 4, L. Udall 5, J. D. Arkwell (first as cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to Mr. P. Attwood.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,263 Stedman Caters: S. F. Kimber 1, D. Spittle 2, Kathleen Chilcott 3, A. G. Clark 4, P. D. Dawson-Taylor (first Stedman Caters) 5, Juliet Stoy 6, L. Bance 7, N. Thomson 8, R. J. Cook (cond.) 9, F. D. Jennings 10. For Evensong.

BIDDENDEN, KENT.—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: E. Clifton 1, Sylvia Knight 2, A. Bourner 3, H. Deacon 4, J. Hemsley 5, O. Webster 6, B. Johnson (cond.) 7, L. Payne 8.

BINSTED, HANTS.—On Feb. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jacqueline Read (first quarter) 1, R. Tipper 2, K. Sansom 3, D. Hatherly (75th quarter) 4, D. Hughes (cond.) 5, K. Tipper 6. Birthday compliments to Maureen Tipper and D. Hatherly.

BLITHFIELD, STAFFS.—On Feb. 4th, 1,260 St. Clement's and Pl. Bob Minor: Caroline Riggall (first quarter) 1, C. Collins 2, Penny Sedgwick 3, L. Monk 4, J. Webb 5, J. Allen (cond.) 6.

BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS.—At St. Peter's Church, on Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: R. Peckham 1, Kathleen Fletcher 2, Jean Dale 3, E. Booth 4, R. Pike 5, R. Philpott 6, C. Conway (cond.) 7, D. Grimwood 8. For Candlemas Evensong.

BRIDGNORTH, SALOP.—On Jan. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Jones 1, Gillian Bosworth-Smith 2, D. J. G. Bates 3, Elizabeth Timmins 4, S. G. Pick 5, P. R. Johnson 6, R. C. Stevens (cond.) 7, R. Winwood 8.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—On Jan. 26th, at the Cathedral, 1,299 Stedman Caters: D. J. Carr 1, Pamela E. Powell 2, D. C. Chatfield 3, N. Small 4, K. I. Davis 5, R. J. Elliott 6, D. H. Niblett (cond.) 7, T. H. Holmes 8, N. J. Davies 9, J. B. Keeler 10. For Evensong.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.—On Feb. 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Miles 1, Marion L. Lidgey 2, A. J. Davidson 3, F. M. Bowers 4, G. H. Baldam (first Stedman Triples) 5, Canon A. S. Roberts 6, C. G. Bryant (cond.) 7, T. J. Bell 8. Also on Feb. 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Miles 1, Jane M. Dennis (first Stedman) 2, J. J. George 3, Surg.-Lt. H. J. Verity 4, Canon A. S. Roberts 5, W. R. Cutris 6, Marion Lidgey (cond.) 7, D. Stephens 8. A farewell to the ringers of 2 and 4 on their departure from R.N.A.S. Culdrose.

CHEW MAGNA, SOM.—On Jan. 31st, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: T. Chapman (cond.) 1, Brenda Boyce 2, J. C. Sheppard 3, R. W. Rice 4, G. Hebden 5, W. S. Rice 6, E. T. Skipsey 7, P. J. England 8.

CHILHAM, KENT.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,280 Spliced Surprise Major (eight methods): Margaret Jones 1, F. G. Huckstepp 2, N. J. Davies 3, R. J. Elliott 4, D. C. Manger 5, P. S. Muchlinski 6, D. H. Niblett (cond.) 7, T. Cullingworth 8.

CHOBHAM, SURREY.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Pl. Bob): R. Collins 1, C. Hill 2, Miss P. Hill 3, J. Priest 4, J. Collier (cond.) 5, R. Collins 6. A compliment to Mrs. C. Davis on her retirement as verger after 31 years.

CHRISTCHURCH, N.Z.—On Feb. 9th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: J. N. Dunn 1, N. F. E. Reeve 2, G. N. Sloan 3, P. J. Perry 4, J. H. G. Gardner 5, R. J. Johnston (cond.) 6. Rung to welcome the Bishop of Aoteroa (Rt. Rev. Manu Bennett, D.D.) on his first official visit to the Cathedral, and as a farewell compliment to ringer of 1 on his departure for Perth, Western Australia.

QUARTER PEALS

CODSALL, STAFFS.—On Feb. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. W. Illidge 1, Gillian Bosworth-Smith 2, A. D. Collins 3, D. Head 4, A. G. Richards 5, P. R. Johnson (cond.) 6. A compliment to ringer of 1 on his birthday.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—At St. Peter's Church, on Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. J. Millatt 1, Heather Alford 2, Wendy Ferguson 3, Catherine Bew 4, I. L. C. Campbell 5, P. Abbott 6, M. J. Bew (cond.) 7, J. R. Norris 8. First Stedman 2, 3, 5.

COULSDON, SURREY.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Long (first quarter) 1, Geraldine Flook (first "inside") 2, D. Little 3, E. Ernshaw 4, A. Smith (first as cond.) 5. For Evensong.

CRANFIELD, BEDS.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Bob Doubles: P. Wilton 1, R. King 2, Sandra Trimmings 3, D. W. Manton (cond.) 4, R. R. Churchill 5. For evensong on ringer of 1's 11th birthday.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On Feb. 2nd, at St. John's Church, 1,299 Stedman Caters: R. Davies 1, E. Razzell 2, I. M. Parry 3, C. M. Foster 4, F. E. Mitchell 5, N. Brown 6, A. Brown 7, N. Steere 8, K. Taber (cond.) 9, K. Game 10. For Evensong.

DUNKERTON, SOM.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Perry 1, A. J. Coombs 2, H. J. Coombs 3, P. J. W. Hardwick 4, P. J. Devrell 5, A. F. Butt 6. Conducted jointly by each ringer.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On Feb. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. H. Webb 1, H. L. Bishop 2, Mrs. G. Churchman 3, G. W. Bishop 4, C. J. Garlick 5, M. Bishop (cond.) 6, J. H. Napper 7, L. F. Cox 8. Rung in memory of Elsie Nora Bishop, mother of the ringers of 3 and 6, who was laid to rest earlier this day.

EPSOM, SURREY.—At St. Martin's Church, on Jan. 4th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: J. Aranson 1, C. Chapman 2, Felicity Hamilton (first Grandsire Caters) 3, Jill Oakshott 4, M. Morris 5, J. Helder 6, S. Mortimore 7, D. J. F. Oakshott 8, J. C. Davidge (cond.) 9, S. Warren 10. A wedding compliment to Jean Croxford and John Wright. Also on Jan. 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. J. Munday 1, Jill Oakshott 2, Rosemary Astridge (first in method) 3, S. Mortimore (first in method) 4, W. Parrott 5, J. Munton 6, J. C. Davidge (first Stedman as cond.) 7, J. Aronson 8. Also on Jan. 24th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: P. J. Munday (cond.) 1, Jill Oakshott 2, M. Elliot (first Major "inside") 3, Rosemary Astridge 4, C. Chapman 5, S. Mortimore 6, M. Harbott 7, J. C. Davidge 8.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,312 Spliced Surprise Major (eight methods): D. N. Jennings 1, Beryl R. Simpson 2, A. D. Elsmore 3, R. S. Bradley 4, S. G. Ponting 5, W. J. Couperthwaite 6, M. J. Church (cond.) 7, T. Page 8. For Evensong.

FYFIELD, ESSEX.—On Jan. 25th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: D. Sloman 1, P. M. Fleckney (cond.) 2, N. Avis 3, D. Stott 4, D. Belcham 5.

GRANTHAM, LINCS.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss M. Cheesewright 1, D. A. Frith 2, V. Evans 3, L. Squires 4, D. Leafe (first Caters 5, B. Ward (first Caters "inside") 6, J. Holmes 7, K. Ketteringham 8, B. Buttery (first Caters as cond.) 9, P. A. Slight 10. For Evensong.

HEMINGTON, SOM.—1,440 Brentford Bob Minor: P. Gould 1, D. A. Burt 2, P. J. W. Hardwick 3, R. L. Coles 4, P. J. Devrell 5, A. F. Lee (cond.) 6. First in method by all, and on the bells. Rung in memoriam Frances M. Carter.

HESSLE, E. YORKS.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Gail P. Horton 1, Elizabeth Moss 2, G. F. Gardiner 3, K. Gatman 4, R. H. Sharp 5, R. R. Horton (cond.) 6. Rung to compliment the Vicar on being appointed a Canon.

HOYLANDSWAINE, YORKS.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,320 Oxford T.B. Minor: P. Carbutt 1, Frances Garfield (first "inside") 2, E. Stainrod 3, A. Dunn-Birch (cond.) 4, P. Charlesworth 5, H. Mann 6. Rung as a welcome to Arthur David, second son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Pagdin, born January 14th, 1969 (grandson of the conductor).

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Kirkcaldy 1, Maureen E. Kirkcaldy 2, P. D. Hepburn 3, J. Kirkcaldy 4, S. W. Brown (cond.) 5, J. A. Warren (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Miss A. Brumwell 1, C. E. Hill 2, P. Maggs 3, W. T. Hill 4, R. G. Jones (cond.) 5. To celebrate the rector's warden becoming a grandfather.

KEA, CORNWALL.—On Jan. 26th, 1,320 St. Columb Doubles: Barbara J. Duck 1, R. P. Pearce 2, A. J. Davidson 3, T. J. Bell (cond.) 4, A. Locke 5, D. Curry 6. First in the variation by all the band.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: C. P. Turner 1, W. F. Judge (cond.) 2, M. R. Turner 3, N. Leslie 4, D. Leslie 5, F. A. White 6, M. Journeaux 7, P. J. Heritage 8. First of Major 1, 3, 4 and 5.

KINGSTHORPE, NORTHAMPTON.—On Feb. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. F. Shepherd (first quarter) 1, J. W. Felce 2, G. Allard 3, E. J. Winkworth 4, J. Payne 5, S. Earl (cond.) 6.

KINGSTON, DORSET.—On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss C. E. N. Brown 1, Miss F. J. N. Brown 2, Miss M. E. Elmes 3, M. J. Young 4, G. W. Elmes 5, T. F. Collins (cond.) 6. Rung on the back six for Matins.

KINGSTON UPON THAMES, SURREY.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ann V. Salvage 1, Lesley A. Hawes 2, Bryony P. H. Moorby 3, J. P. Hull 4, M. J. Green 5, Anthea S. Bruce (first Triples as cond.) 6, B. J. Stone 7, P. T. Selwood 8. For Candlemas.

KIRK ELLA, YORKS.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,320 Oxford T.B. Minor: Barbara Taylor 1, Elizabeth Johnson (first quarter as cond.) 2, G. K. Smith 3, K. Kirk 4, D. S. Johnson 5, A. B. Cooper 6.

LANGDON HILLS, ESSEX.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Carter Doubles: D. Stott 1, Mrs. D. Belcham 2, D. Belcham 3, G. Lucas 4, P. M. Fleckney (cond.) 5, K. Lucas (aged 9) 6. First in the principle by all.

LEIGH COURT, WORCS.—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Douglass 1, Miss J. Hills (first "inside") 2, F. Stallard (first quarter) 3, R. Rowe 4, T. W. Lewis (cond.) 5, R. Grosvenor 6.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDS.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Margaret Durrington 1, H. B. Whitney 2, J. Dass 3, E. Conquest 4, A. J. Frost (cond.) 5, C. Radcliffe 6, K. Jackson 7, R. Gaylor 8. First of Cambridge S. Major 3, 4, 6.

LICHFIELD, STAFFS.—On Feb. 2nd, at St. Mary's Church, 1,264 Pl. Bob Major: Margaret Boam 1, Lucy Smith 2, F. Boam 3, P. Sheldon (first Major) 4, J. Dolman 5, L. Monk 6, C. Collins (cond.) 7, J. Webb 8. For Evensong.

LITTLE HORSTED, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): J. E. Baker 1, Mrs. G. S. M. Macadam 2, E. L. Macadam 3, A. Turner (cond.) 4, D. H. Thorpe 5, S. J. Osborne 6.

LLANDAFF, GLAM.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Lynne Parker (first Major) 1, D. G. Clift (cond.) 2, Anne Cooke (first "inside") 3, F. W. Corney 4, P. S. Reading 5, N. A. James 6, M. Pilgrim 7, J. W. Bull 8. For Candlemas.

LONDON, W.C.—At St. Clement Danes' Church, on Jan. 26th, 1,282 Yorkshire S. Royal: D. Wright 1, Valerie Jones 2, A. M. Faulkner 3, D. Brown 4, J. S. N. Porter (cond.) 5, Caroline Cole 6, D. Ellisdon 7, K. Warner 8, C. Rogers 9, K. Scott 10. First Yorkshire Royal 2 and 3. For Evensong.

LONDON, E.C.—At St. Vedast's Church, on Jan. 26th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: J. Dunning 1, M. Carruthers 2, T. Pett 3, J. Pladdys (cond.) 4, P. Holden 5. By U.L.S.C.R. for morning service.

LONDON, W.C.—At St. Giles-in-the-Fields Church, on Jan. 26th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Merrilyn Chambers 1, Pam Gough 2, Anne Horsford 3, L. Stillwell 4, G. A. Parsons 5, W. G. Knight 6, R. K. Russ 7, T. J. Lock (cond.) 8. For Evensong, to mark the completion of 20 years' ministry by the Rector, Rev. G. C. Taylor, at this church, and for Australia Day.

LUTTON, LINCS.—On Jan. 31st, 1,440 Plain Bob Doubles: R. M. Ragsdell (first from cover) 1, Mrs. G. R. G. Butler 2, G. H. Campling (first "inside") 3, G. R. G. Butler (cond.) 4, P. G. Butler 5, A. W. Townsend 6.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. G. Keeley 1, Angela Quick 2, C. W. Powell (cond.) 3, Mrs. C. W. Powell 4, Melvyn Hiller 5, F. G. Knight 6, R. Williamson 7, M. Symonds 8. A farewell to the ringer of 7 on leaving for Bristol.

MARCH, CAMBS.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Minor (St. Clement's and Plain Bob): A. Palmer 1, P. H. Langton 2, M. Goakes 3, W. Moore 4, D. Feek 5, T. A. Bevis (cond.) 6. For family service and in memoriam Mrs. C. Houlgrave.

MARKSBURY, SOM.—On Jan. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Perry 1, A. J. Coombs 2, P. Blacker 3, A. Swatton 4, P. J. W. Hardwick 5, P. J. Devrell (cond.) 6. First Minor 2, 3. A birthday compliment to H. J. Coombs, tower master.

CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

Preliminary Notice

The first session of the 27th Council (72nd Annual Meeting) will be held on Tuesday, May 27th, 1969, at the City Hall, St. Albans.

Election of Officers (Rule 10). Nominations for the offices of President, Vice-President, Honorary Librarian and Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, signed by two members of the Council, must be made to me by March 27th.

Committee Reports (Rule 12 (i)). Conveners are reminded that reports must be made, in writing, to me by March 31st.

Notices of Motion (Rule 14). Notices, signed by two members of the Council, must be sent to me by April 15th.

The names and addresses of representative members should be sent to me by the secretaries of affiliated Societies by April 29th. It will be helpful if this could be done as soon as the information is available.

In order to shorten the process of electing the Standing Committee and to reduce the work of the tellers a voting paper will be prepared and issued with the agenda. Members of the Council should send nominations, signed by two members, by April 29th. Provision will be made for nominations at the Council meeting, but the business of the Council will be expedited if members will use the postal procedure.

VERNON BOTTOMLEY,
Hon. Secretary.

45, Westercroft Lane,
Northowram,
Halifax, Yorkshire.

FIRST LADY PEAL RINGER

Mr. William Shepherd has heard from Mrs. Sullivan (née Alice White), who is living at Garth, Ontario. She comments: "Everyone I have shown the cutting from 'The Ringing World' thinks ringing is hard work and are surprised when I tell them climbing stairs is harder."

A THOUGHT ON THE "ART AND SCIENCE"

The Art makes listening ears rejoice;
The Science causes this to be.
The Art's the Science, given voice—
Or so it seems to me.

E. M. B.

THE OPEN LETTER TO MR. SPEED

Dear Sir,—In his opening paragraph Mr. Jackson writes: ". . . it is inevitable that a large number of readers will assume that a coup d'état has occurred and that they are reading the future gospel. Or, to use a countryside homily, 'There's no smoke without fire!'." Page 481 of the "R.W." of June 21st, 1968, will perhaps shed a little light on the matter. In proposing Mr. Speed on to the "R.W." Committee Mr. Bayles stated, and I quote: " . . . Therefore the committee should be enlarged by one member of my nomination, who will be there primarily to bring about an improvement in the way the committee is run and to ensure that decisions are properly acted on and proper agendas are prepared . . . ." Evidently that was the writing on the wall!—Yours, etc.

F. I. HAIRS.

Groombridge.

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OBITUARY

LT.-COL. C. F. JERRAM

We regret to learn of the death on January 12th of Lt.-Col. Charles Frederick Jerram, C.M.G., D.S.O., of Pengwedhen, Helford, Helston, Cornwall. The Colonel settled in Cornwall after a distinguished career in the Royal Marines

A former Master of the Truro Diocesan Guild, he did much to stimulate interest in change-ringing and was a frequent contributor to our columns. The Colonel had made a detailed study of Doubles and named these after Cornish parishes.

A memorial peal was rung on February 15th by members of the Guild at Manaccan, the Colonel's church, at which Cornish methods/variations were rung. After the peal the band were entertained to tea at the Vicarage.

MR. MARK L. LOCKWOOD

A faithful and regular member of Ossett (Yorks) Parish Church band for 47 years, Mr. Mark Logan Lockwood died on February 11th, aged 63 years. He was a member of the Yorkshire Association, the Barnsley and District and the Leeds and District Associations. A loyal churchman, he was a sidesman of many years standing and held in great respect by all who knew him.

Mark had his share of hard labour on Ossett's old ring of eight, cast in 1865, but when the time came for the new ring of ten he was present at the casting of the tenor at Loughborough, which he later rang at his own tower at the dedication of the bells on December 22nd, 1934. From then onwards he loved to handle the heavier bells and always insisted on perfect rhythm.

The funeral service was held at Ossett Parish Church on February 14th prior to cremation. Practically all the neighbouring towers were represented, among the many ringers attending. The bells were fully muffled and were rung before and after the service. The deep respect from the ringers and friends present is an assurance that his example will live on, and at least this gives some consolation to Mrs. Lockwood and family in their bereavement.

F. B.

MR. R. E. MARSH

The death occurred on January 27th at Dawlish, Devon, of Mr. Ryland Eric Marsh, a well-known ringer and chorister in Northamptonshire and Leicestershire. He was in his 65th year and retired to Devon about two years ago, having previously lived at Kettering, where he had been a member of St. Botolph's, Barton Seagrave, choir and a bellringer for 15 years. Previously he rang at SS. Peter and Paul's, Kettering, and before that at Market Harborough.

He was a most likeable man, for whom church life meant such a lot. For over 40 years he was a chorister, and it was at Kenton, Devon, his last choir, that the funeral service was held.

It is hoped to ring a commemoration peal at Barton Seagrave by the local band when the belfry restoration scheme has been completed.

M. D.

MR. A. G. STRIPP

The sudden death of Mr. Albert George Stripp on January 30th, at the age of 52, was a great loss to St. Giles', Totternhoe, Beds, where he had been an active ringer for over nine years. "Bert", as he was known to his friends, loved ringing, especially new and difficult peals. He took part in most of the striking contests and played an important part in the success of the Totternhoe team.

In a tribute at Evensong on February 2nd the Vicar (Rev. H. Handley) said: "He was kind, understanding and friendly, and we shall miss him. We give thanks to God for endowing him with these qualities, and for his faithful and dedicated service, which was a worthy contribution to our worship. We sympathise with his wife and son, Kenneth, in their great loss, and we pray that they may know the consolation of God's love and that he may rest in peace."

As a last token of respect a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Five members of the Percy family rang in the 21st birthday peal for Miss Janet M. Percy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. R. Percy, on February 8th, at Hailsham, Sussex.

The first peal of Treble Bob 14 for the Middlesex County Association—only the second peal of the method to be rung—was scored at Watford by the intrepid local band, conducted by John R. Mayne, on February 14th.

The Ven. C. O. Ellison, former president of the Yorkshire Association, is to retire at the end of this year from his appointment as Archdeacon of Leeds. He has been Archdeacon for 19 years and is now 70 years of age.

We publish this week two peals of Double Norwich Court Bob Major. Each peal had four firsts in the method. Is it a pointer to the method being less popular, as out of 71 peals published there are only three of Double Norwich?

We are pleased to learn that last week-end Mr. Walter Ayre was able to sit out for 1½ hours in his hospital ward. Miss Ayre writes: "Daddy is making progress, very slowly of course, and this must not be taken as leading to complete full health, but he really has a sparkle back in his eyes."

CORRECTION

The peal of Minor at North Muskham (page 147) was not Mr. H. Denman's 375th peal. He rang his 300th peal at Babworth on January 11th.

The peal of Stedman Cinques at Croydon Parish Church on February 1st was intended to be Maximus. As the band met short, Mr. Andrew Brown stood in with very little notice.

Canon C. R. Pouncey, Vicar of Tewkesbury Abbey, has three ringers in his family, all of whom are away at universities. For the 21st birthday of Elizabeth, a quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor was rung on the Abbey bells on February 2nd. It was the first quarter for Frank Matty, who rang extremely well.

Miss Susan D. Cowan is the first lady to ring a peal on the bells of Liverpool Cathedral. The peal was Stedman Cinques rung on February 22nd in 4 hours and 17 minutes for Liverpool University Society. Susan, who was on the second, had already rung for 3½ hours on the same bell in a previous attempt with a

A peal of 32 Spliced Surprise Major methods, the greatest number yet rung on handbells, was accomplished on February 24th at 170, Headstone Lane, Harrow. Mr. John R. Mayne, the conductor, informs us that this will be as far as the band will go at present. A great achievement!

Prior to the first peal of Worthington Surprise Major at All Saints', Leicester, on February 21st, beer was presented to Mr. John R. Ketteringham. This was later sent with a report of the peal on the back of the present to Cambridge University Guild, who rang a false peal of Worthington.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

CENTRAL COUNCIL LIBRARY CATALOGUED

We are pleased to learn that Mr. Frederick Sharpe continues to make progress towards a complete restoration of health. During his convalescence he has succeeded in making a catalogue of the Central Council library, a task that has baffled four previous librarians. Each volume now has its catalogue number and an index of titles and another of subjects have been prepared

Mr. Sharpe writes that he now rings regularly on light bells and has completed about 10 tower inspections this year but tries to restrict his longer journeys to one a week.

"A REMARKABLE ISSUE"

Michael King, of Wentworth Vicarage, regards our issue of February 21st as a remarkable number, with such a cross-section of "ringable" reading matter. He awards the highlight to Susan E. Cane's article. To Messrs. Bottomley and Southwood he comments: "Thank goodness they are at towers where they can ignore, or so it seems, the learner who doesn't 'catch-on' straight away.

"We enjoyed the articles by Mesdames Blades and Noon as seeing ringing from a feminine, down-to-earth point of view. Commonsense views came from Mrs. Rogerson (New English Bible), Derek Jackson (peal format—an old bogey) and Peter Hayward (Dudley's bells). Good, interesting stuff!

"Tune ringers received their merited praise, complete with photo. This is an art more popular with the public than ringing three-hour peals.

"And then there was a marvellous cover of Solihull. Well done, 'Ringing World', for providing us with such an interesting 'read-in'"

MR. A. D. BARKER NOT RE-ELECTED

The oldest representative member of the Central Council, Mr. Arthur D. Barker, was not re-elected a member at the annual meeting of the London County Association. He was first elected to the Council in 1924, and represented the London County Association until 1935. The following year he was elected as representative of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, of which he is the hon. treasurer, and continued to represent them until three years ago. In 1967 he was on the Council as representative of the London County Association. Arthur is not, however, the oldest in age member of the Council He was not born until 1890, whereas Mr. J. Frank Smallwood first saw the light of day in 1884.

CROSSWORD No. 12

This crossword baffled the majority of competitors. The stumbling blocks were 1 down, "Smart blows" (skelps) and 21 across, "Better not eat this although it's edible" (seed-corn). The winner was Mrs. Elizabeth Struckett, 17a, Longdene Road, Haslemere, Surrey, to whom a prize of 10/- has been awarded. Solution:—

Across.—1 Siphoned, 5 Accent, 10 Exeter Cathedral, 11 Prevail, 12 Starts, 14 Arpeggio, 16 Romeo, 19 Under, 21 Seed-corn, 24 Purist, 26 Coterie, 28 Ringing machines, 29 Sister, 30 Grandson.

Down.—1 Skelps, 2 Preferred, 3 Operate, 4 Excel, 6 Chester, 7 Error, 8 Talk shop, 9 Sty, 13 Dove, 15 Gist, 17 More rings, 18 Supports, 20 Respite, 22 Catch on, 23 Season, 25 Rungs, 26 Chair, 27 Agg.

BELL RESTORATIONS AND THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

To mention to the average parochial church councillor the subject of repairs or renovations to the bells of the parish church almost invariably produces a look of disdain upon his face which is usually followed by a reply guaranteed to dash the hopes of all but the most enthusiastic of ringers

Why do the bells so often have to be last in the queue whenever repairs to the fabric of the church are contemplated? If the organ needs rebuilding or the interior of the church redecorating, does not the Parochial Church Council ensure that these items are dealt with as quickly as funds will allow? Dilapidations such as these are to be seen by the congregation and surely questions are going to be asked if there is no organ to accompany the service or if the walls of the church are dirty.

Some people will argue that a ring of bells is an expensive luxury. Yes, bells are expensive as is underlined by the lack of towers and rings of bells in the designs of modern churches, but they are certainly not a luxury. Bells provide the media for pricking the numbed consciences of the twentieth century, as well as still serving the original purpose for which they were installed: the calling to worship of the people

Perhaps the ever-empty coffers of the Missions are a reason for delaying or even abandoning necessary work on the tower and bells. Let all parochial church councillors be well assured that charity begins at home, and that bellfounders' charges are for ever rising in common with most other things in life.

Those having the control of towers and bells must not sit back in the armchair of complacency. Don't take "no" for an answer. Employ forthright views and arguments to get what you want for your tower.

Let all Parochial Church Councils know that by law they are bound to keep the fabric and ornaments of the parish church in good order and condition NORWOS.

RINGING IN EXETER DISTRICT

New officers were elected at an extraordinary annual general meeting of the Exeter Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, held at Exeter Cathedral on February 15th. The Rev. J G. M. Scott is chairman, Mr. F. Wreford vice-chairman and Mr. J. N. Longridge secretary, treasurer and Ringing Master. The secretary's address is The Royal West of England School for the Deaf, Topsham Road, Exeter.

PEAL WEEK-END IN LEICESTER AND DERBY

On behalf of the Derby Diocesan Association, five peals were rung during the week-end starting February 21st by a party organised by John R. Ketteringham. The peals were: All Saints', Leicester: Worthington S.M. (conductor, T. G. Pett): Shepshed, Leics: Superlative S.M. (Robert E. Hardy): Loughborough: Bob Royal (A. W. R. Wilby): St. Andrew's, Derby: Cambridge Surprise Royal (T. G. Pett); handbell, Derby: Plain Bob Major (T. G. Pett).

AN EXTENT THAT DIDN'T

The handbells are grand,
And hopeful the band
  Intending Bob Doubles to ring.
If we all count like mad
It may not be too bad—
  It might even go with a swing.
5-6 and 1-2
To their tasks are both new:
  Conducting is "expert" 3-4;
A touch of Bob Doubles
Does **not** lack its troubles,
  Not even a simple six-score!

The lucky 1-2
Has little to do,
  But **must** keep that treble in place.
The luckless 3-4
Has quite a bit more—
  And an agonised frown on her face.
5-6 will have fun,
As he only has one
  Of his bells through the method to guide;
But he really must mind
That his tenor's behind—
  We'd rather not have it inside.

We start off with rounds—
How pleasant it sounds!
  Now each for the changes is ready.
The pace—fairly slow—
(It's safer, we know)—
  Is remaining remarkably steady.
The very first lead,
With astonishing speed,
  Brings Fourth-Observation behind,
So "Bob" yells 3-4,
Eleven leads more!
  If only the fates might be kind. . . .

The conductor soon sees
That increasing unease
  Is pervading Plain Lead Number Three;
At the next call appears
A loud clash of ideas
  As to where certain bells ought to be.
By much calculation
(From Fourth-Observation—
  And Treble-positions) is found
A place to restart—
The band takes fresh heart;
  Perhaps we may yet bring it round!

True changes proceed
Until the last lead,
  Where, for some reason hidden from view,
There's some tripping about,
After which it turns out
  That Five has changed places with Two.
But regardless 3-4
Is perfectly sure
  There's one more lead still left to come—
Through failing to hear
(Since Two's in the rear)
  That both of her own bells are home!

The impression grows strong
That something's gone wrong:
  The striking goes sadly awry;
And we grind to a halt,
Each demanding, "Whose fault?
  What, me out of place? No, not I!"
5-6 and 1-2
(To their tasks being new)
  Are far less to blame than 3-4;
No, a touch of Bob Doubles
Is not without troubles,
  Not even a simple six-score!

E. M. B.

1968 PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
CURRY MALLETT, Somerset.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Tues., Dec. 31, 1968, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 46 meth./var./spliced in 42 extents: 12 methods: Stedman, St. Simon, St. Martin, St. Nicholas, Winchendon, Rev. St. Bartholomew, All Saints, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, Grandsire, Minster Bob and Rev. St. Sebastian; 24 variations; 10 spliced compositions.
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in F.

Brenda M. Bindon	Treble	Mervyn A. Arscott	4
Adrian F. Arscott	2	*Keith E. Beale	5
John Cornelius	3	Mervyn R. Arscott	Tenor

Conducted by John Cornelius.
* 50th peal, and 50th for Association.
In memoriam 1968.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
REDBOURNE, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Nov. 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being extents of Lightfoot, Wearmouth, London, Wells, Cambridge, Ipswich and Norwich. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

George A. Reading	Treble	Brian M. Barker	4
C. Valerie Mills	2	Francis M. Byrne	5
Walter Ayre	3	Reg. E. J. Sheppard	Tenor

Conducted by Reg E. J. Sheppard.
First peal of seven Surprise as conductor.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
HOYLANDSWAINE, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist.
On Fri., Dec. 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

In seven methods: Woodbine, London Scholars', Kingstone, Sandal, Kent, Oxford Delight and Oxford T.B.
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in B flat.

Hedley Burton	Treble	Philip Charlsworth	4
Glyn Scourfield	2	Trevor Tarbatt	5
Peter Carbutt	3	Harry Mann	Tenor

Conducted by Trevor Tarbatt.
Rung "Cartwheel".

1969 PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
LONDON.—At the Church of St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside.
On Sat., Feb. 1, 1969, in 3 Hours and 37 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 41 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in C.

William A. Theobald	Treble	Alan F. Scholfield	7
Brian D. Threlfall	2	Christopher H. Rogers	8
Robert E. J. Dennis	3	David P. Hilling	9
David E. Rothera	4	John H. Fielden	10
Richard H. Youdale	5	Philip J. Rothera	11
Kenneth J. Hesketh	6	*Richard A. G. Inglis	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Parker. Conducted by Brian D. Threlfall.
* 50th peal on 12 bells.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
BLAGDON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Jan. 25, 1969, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. in E.

Richard W. Sweet	Treble	*Trevor Newlands	5
*Stephen J. Bateman	2	Edgar T. Skipsey	6
*Bruce Martin	3	D. John Hunt	7
*Nigel A. B. Dawson	4	A. Patrick Cannon	Tenor

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

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
LONGSTANTON, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Jan. 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5120 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Sixth place bobs. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in A flat.

V. Nutton (Selwyn)	Treble	A. T. Winter (Christ's)	5
*Jenny Field (Newnham)	2	†R. H. Youdale (Emman.)	6
R. A. G. Inglis (Selwyn)	3	D. Barton (Selwyn)	7
M. J. Pickup (Churchill)	4	R. L. Underwood (P'hse)	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Richard L. Underwood.
* First peal of Surprise. † 50th with the Guild.
Rung as a farewell to Rev. and Mrs. D. A. Youngman, leaving for Rampton.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
CONGLETON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Jan. 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb.

Roy Worrall	Treble	*Gerald Parsons	5
Norman Sherratt	2	*Paul J. Atkins	6
T. Felicity Ashford	3	*Richard C. L. Brown	7
*Christopher Morey	4	Ivor R. Nichols	Tenor

Composed by C. H. Kippin. Conducted by Ivor R. Nichols.
* First peal in the method.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Jan. 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

*Brian S. B. Kear	Treble	William H. Dowse	5
Arthur G. Mason	2	Robert B. Smith	6
†Alan F. Scholfield	3	Basil Jones	7
Derek F. Yates	4	Bernard F. L. Groves	Tenor

Composed by Ian M. Holland. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
* First peal of Surprise. † First in the method.

WRENBURY, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Sat., Jan. 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being extents of Single Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.
Tenor 14 cwt.

Victor Neal	Treble	John R. Scott	4
David A. Godfrey	2	Geoffrey A. Edwards	5
Frank R. Morton	3	Harry W. Howard	Tenor

Conducted by Harry W. Howard.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
PACKWOOD, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Wed., Jan. 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Geoffrey Randal	Treble	Derek Walters	5
Ian C. Maycock	2	Frederick Shallcross	6
Hazel Mackenzie	3	Maurice C. Hughes	7
*David Baker	4	Peter Randal	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Frederick Shallcross.
* First peal of Yorkshire. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in B flat.
Rung to celebrate the birth of Nichola Jane Tallis.

SHILTON, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Jan. 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, viz.: (1 and 2) Cambridge, (3) Oxford T.B., (4) Kent T.B., (5) St. Clement's, (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 6¼ cwt.

Garreth Higgs	Treble	Raymond D. Hart	4
Richard T. Liggins	2	R. Joy Pluckrose	5
George P. Hammond	3	George Pluckrose	Tenor

Conducted by George Pluckrose.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
DERBY.—At the Cathedral Church of All Saints.
On Thurs., Jan. 23, 1969, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Denis R. Carlisle	Treble	John T. Parsons	6
Brian A. Tomlinson	2	Gordon A. Halls	7
Brian L. Burrows	3	Geoffrey Bridges	8
*Timothy Wylie	4	Rev. Fred Ross	9
David W. Friend	5	Michael J. Fellows	Tenor

Composition: Traditional. Conducted by David W. Friend.
* 100th peal. Tenor 19 cwt. 2 lb. in D flat.

DUFFIELD, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Alkmund.
On Fri., Jan. 31, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in E.

Brian Burrows	Treble	David W. Parkin	6
Geoffrey Bridges	2	Gordon A. Halls	7
Rev. R. D. St. John Smith	3	Rev. Fred Ross	8
Timothy Wylie	4	A. Colin Banton	9
Clive Thrower	5	Michael Fellows	Tenor

Composed by E. Critchley. Conducted by Gordon A. Halls.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
BRADWELL-JUXTA-MARE, Essex.—At the Church of St. Thomas-the-Apostle.
On Wed., Jan. 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (12 callings). Tenor 6¼ cwt.

*Alfred J. House	Treble	David E. Belcham	4
David Sloman	2	Peter M. Fleckney	5
Bernard Saddler	3	†William White	Tenor

Conducted by Peter M. Fleckney.
* First peal of Doubles, and has completed Stedman from Doubles to Cinques. † First peal. First of Stedman Doubles by all the band, and on the bells.

THE EXETER COLLEGES GUILD.

BUCKLAND-IN-THE-MOOR, Devon.—At the Church of St. Peter. On Mon., Jan. 27, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 17 lb. in A sharp.

John N. Longridge	Treble	Kevin A. Hughes	5
Angela C. Hughes	2	Peter Bill	6
George Mudge	3	Frank D. Mack	7
John L. Anderson	4	D. Roy Bould	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by John N. Longridge.

Rung for the 95th birthday of Charlie Glass.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LONGNEY, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence. On Sun., Jan. 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 12 methods, comprising 640 each of Elford, London, Rutland and Wembley, 480 each of Belfast and Superlative, 320 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Lindum and Yorkshire, and 160 each of Lincolnshire and Pudsey with 149 changes of method. Tenor 11 cwt.

Anita D. O'Brien	Treble	Maurice A. New	5
Jeremy R. Pratt	2	†Anthony R. Peake	6
Brian Bladon	3	Peter H. Mackie	7
*Lewis F. Cobb	4	Stephen F. Royal	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.

* First peal of spliced away from treble. † 125th of Surprise Major. First of 12-spliced by all the band except the ringers of 3 and 6.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Margaret of Antioch. On Fri., Jan. 31, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 COVINGHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

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

Raymond J. C. Hulme	Treble	Peter J. Heritage	5
Anita D. O'Brien	2	Brian Bladon	6
Maurice A. New	3	Lewis F. Cobb	7
*W. Bertram Kynaston	4	*Anthony R. Peake	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.

* 50th peal together. First in the method.

COVINGHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
—38—14—56—36—34—3458—14—5 f.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HAWLEY, Hampshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity. On Sat., Jan. 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

*Alan D. Elsmore	Treble	Stanley G. Ponting	5
†Donald N. Jennings	2	W. John Couperthwaite	6
Beryl R. Simpson	3	Michael J. Church	7
Rowan S. Bradley	4	Tom Page	Tenor

Composed by Noel J. Diserens. Conducted by Michael J. Church.

* 50th peal. † First of Surprise Major "inside". First in method as conductor. Tenor 16 cwt. 7 lb. in E.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CHIPPING BARNET, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist. On Sat., Jan. 25, 1969, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in D.

Martyn L. J. Jordan	Treble	Robert E. Hardy	5
Katherine S. Hardy	2	Roger Baldwin	6
S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	3	Gerald Penney	7
Andrew W. R. Wilby	4	*John R. Mayne	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roger Baldwin.

* 1,000th peal.

KNEBWORTH, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Thomas-à-Becket. On Mon., Jan. 27, 1969, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. in F sharp.

*Jill A. Laud	Treble	Steven Laud	5
Philip M. Cuckson	2	†Michael J. Eastman	6
Stephen J. Crawley	3	John R. Whitham	7
*Graham J. Parsons	4	Barry R. M. Johnson	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Barry R. M. Johnson.

* First peal. † First of Major. First of Major as conductor.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DEPTFORD, London, S.E.—At the Church of St. John. On Sat., Jan. 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 18 lb. in F.

John R. Ketteringham	Treble	Geoffrey Bridges	5
Maureen J. Carruthers	2	G. William Shanks	6
Barbara Baggerley	3	†Geoffrey D. Armitage	7
*Jonathan P. Hill	4	John Pladdys	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by John Pladdys.

* First peal on eight bells. † First of Major.

Rung as a wedding anniversary compliment to the parents of the ringer of the seventh.

HEADCORN, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul. On Sat., Jan. 25, 1969, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt.

Olive D. Tester	Treble	David Parks	5
Peter F. T. Smith	2	Simon A. B. Wigg	6
Martin L. Howe	3	Alastair D. Macfadyen	7
Patrick K. King	4	Peter S. Muchlinski	Tenor

Composed by C. Charge (C.C.C. 99). Conducted by A. D. Macfadyen.

PRESTON-BY-WINGHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mildred. On Sat., Jan. 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in the following seven methods: Grandsire, St. Simon, St. Martin, Plain Bob, St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in G.

Crawford T. Hillis	Treble	Philip R. Staples	3
*Keith D. Butler	2	John B. Keeler	4
†David L. Cawley	Tenor		

Conducted by Crawford T. Hillis.

* First peal of Doubles † 25th peal for the Association.

Rung on the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul to mark the end of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and the second anniversary of the rededication of the bells.

HEVER, Kent.—At the Church of St. Peter. On Thurs., Jan. 30, 1969, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr.

Judith M. Corby	Treble	Richard Hayes	4
Maurice Thompson	2	John A. Howard	5
*Pauline Sutton	3	Harold Evans	Tenor

Conducted by Richard Hayes.

* First peal.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

OLDHAM, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mary. On Sun., Jan. 26, 1969, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 35 cwt. 4 lb. in D flat.

Jeffrey Brannan	Treble	Arthur G. Mason	7
Geoffrey R. Parker	2	Richard S. Starkie	8
*Jack L. Millhouse	3	Alan F. Scholfield	9
Michael Fishwick	4	Bernard F. L. Groves	10
Basil Jones	5	Brian Harris	11
Edward Jenkins	6	†Robert B. Smith	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Basil Jones.

* 100th peal of Maximus. † 100th peal for the Association, and 50th of Cambridge Maximus.

HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels. On Sat., Jan. 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in G sharp.

*Joseph Whalley	Treble	John Bagnall	5
*Alan Capstick	2	*Stanley Walmsley	6
Nicholas M. Newby	3	Thomas F. Metcalfe	7
Ernest Bennett	4	*Kevin M. Price	Tenor

Composed by Stephen H. Wood. Conducted by Kevin M. Price.

* First peal in the method.

Rung to mark the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, and in memory of John Usher, churchwarden, who died recently.

(Preston Branch.)

PENWORTHAM, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mary. On Sun., Jan. 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 Kent Treble Bob and 4,320 Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

Neil McCormick	Treble	Peter Gardner	4
Dennis H. McCormick	2	John Ascroft	5
Phillis Turner	3	Roger Barns	Tenor

Conducted by Dennis H. McCormick.

Rung by the regular Sunday service band.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile. On Tues., Jan. 28, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

Richard Clifton	Treble	Ronald D. Hughes	5
Roland Beniston	2	Frank Chambers	6
*Kenneth Burdett	3	G. Ronald Edwards	7
Alec Jones	4	Arthur E. Rowley	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Roland Beniston.

* First peal of Surprise Major.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Wed., Jan. 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

David F. Moore	Treble	David G Massey	5
Roland H. Cook	2	Martin Green	6
*Christine L. J. Mills	3	R. Brian Mills	7
W. Ernest Rawson	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
* First peal of London Surprise Major "inside".

CLAYBROOKE, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Feb. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

*Eileen J. Goodall	Treble	Barry E. Saunders	5
*Beryl E. Cawser	2	*E. Alan Jacques	6
*Alfred Ballard	3	Graham C. Paul	7
*J. Edward Cawser	4	Alan A. Paul	Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.
* First peal in the method. Rung with fourths place bobs.

PRESTWOLD, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Feb. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 BERKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Martin Green	Treble	Howard C. Palmer	5
R. Brian Mills	2	David F. Moore	6
Roland H. Cook	3	David G. Massey	7
W. Ernest Rawson	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
First peal of Berkshire Surprise Major by all the band, on the bells, and for the Guild. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in G.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
LONDON, E.—At the Church of St Leonard, Shoreditch.
On Fri., Jan. 31, 1969, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5009 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 28 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in C.

Joan Beresford	Treble	Norman Summerhayes	6
Edgar C. Shepherd	2	John S. Barnes	7
Michael H. O'Callaghan	3	Derek E. Sibson	8
John R. Pratchett	4	Dennis Beresford	9
Edwin A. Barnett	5	Peter Beresford	Tenor

Composed by Stephen H. Wood. Conducted by Dennis Beresford.

PINNER, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
On Sat., Jan. 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 OSBOURNBY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in E flat.

Maureen J. Carruthers	Treble	Frank Reed	5
Ronald K. Russ	2	*Peter G. Holden	6
Geoffrey Bridges	3	Timothy G. Pett	7
John R. Ketteringham	4	John Pladdys	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Timothy G. Pett.
* 75th peal. 50th on the bells. First in the method.

OSBOURNBY SURPRISE MAJOR
—36—1456—58—16—12—58—16—58 l.h. 12 B f.c.h. b. e.

WILLESDEN, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., Jan. 30, 1969, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 BENSON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in G.

Thomas J. Lock	Treble	Frank Reed	5
Ruth M. Foreman	2	G. William Critchley	6
Claudia A. Critchley	3	John Hill	7
Alick Cutler	4	Dennis Knox	Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by John Hill.
First peal in the method by all the band, and for the Association.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
COLE-ORTON, Leics.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
On Fri., Jan. 31, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
E. Morris's transposition of Parker's Twelve-Part (2nd observation).
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

William T. Goadry	Treble	Norman W. Attaway	5
Roland Beniston	2	Joseph W. Cotton	6
Sheila Parsons	3	Arthur E. Rowley	7
C. Wilfred Lord	4	Percival W. Grice	Tenor

Conducted by Roland Beniston.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
BUNWELL, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Thurs., Jan. 30, 1969, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being extents of Norwich Surprise, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

Frank C. J. Arnold	Treble	David Cubitt	4
Janet House	2	Geoffrey H. Pullin	5
Carole A. H. Patey	3	David E. House	Tenor

Conducted by David E. House.
Rung in memoriam King Charles I.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
APPLETON, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Laurence.
On Sat., Feb. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E.

Andrew J. Dyer	Treble	Frank White	6
Brian R. White	2	Dennis A. Leslie	7
J. Roger Mitty	3	Frederick C. White	8
John W. T. Hibbert	4	Francis A. White	9
Norman H. Leslie	5	Vivian J. White	Tenor

Composed by Albert M. Tyler. Conducted by Brian R. White.
Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to Henry C. White.

BLEWBURY, Berks.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., Jan. 25, 1969, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr.

Harold W. Dunsden	Treble	Harry E. Wells	5
Reginald W. Rex	2	Robert B. Blond	6
John H. Napper	3	Reginald F. Crook	7
Roy H. Jones	4	Geoffrey K. Dodd	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.
First peal of Double Norwich on the bells.

DEDDINGTON, Oxon.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Jan. 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 APPLEDORE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 10 lb. in E.

Jean Marlow	Treble	Christopher C. Clarke	5
Alan R. Pink	2	D. Kay Adkins	6
Peter J. Heritage	3	Wilfrid G. Wilson	7
*Barry J. Davies	4	George W. Holland	Tenor

Composed by Dennis Knox (Wratten, No. 25).
Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* 100th peal. First in the method (rung "spliced" at Stratton St. Margaret on December 17th, 1966).
Rung on the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul.

ADDERBURY, Oxon.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
On Sat, Feb. 1, 1969, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 FESTINIOG SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 10 lb. in D.

Robert A. Reeves	Treble	Barry J. Davies	5
Alan R. Pink	2	D. Kay Adkins	6
Christopher C. Clarke	3	Wilfrid G. Wilson	7
Michael Hatchett	4	George W. Holland	Tenor

Composed by E. W. Tipler (Wratten No. 32).
Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
First peal in the method (Tipler's B 69/1).
Rung for the Feast of the Purification.

FESTINIOG SURPRISE MAJOR
—58—16—12—38—12—1458—14, 36, 78
l.h. (2nds) 5738264. f.c.h. b. e.

NORTHMOOR, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Denys.
On Mon., Jan. 27, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 NEWCASTLE SURPRISE MINOR
Being two 2,160s and one extent. Tenor 11 cwt.

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

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

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THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

DAVENTRY, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of the Holy Cross. On Sun., Jan. 26, 1969, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in E flat.

Richard F. B. Speed	Treble	†Barry R. Care	6
Linda M. Foot	2	John K. Foot	7
Patrick I. Chapman	3	Rev. Malcolm C. C. Melville	8
*Stanley M. Ruddlesden	4	*Barrie Hendry	9
Malcolm J. V. Chown	5	Barry E. Saunders	Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by Barrie Hendry.

* 50th peal together. † First on ten bells. The tenor ringer has now "circled the tower" to peals.

THE NATIONAL POLICE GUILD.

HARDINGTON-MANDEVILLE, Som.—At the Church of St. Mary. On Sat., Jan. 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

S.C. Derek W. Irwin .. Treble
S.C. Sgt. Gilbert W. Rendell 2
Ex-S.C. Trevor E Marks .. 3
Ex-S.C. Sidney W. White .. 4
Chief Insp. Frederick G. Sandy 5
S.C. Harold G. Greenham .. Tenor

Conducted by Gilbert W. Rendell.

Rung as a farewell tribute to the Rector, Rev. W. A. Martin, who is shortly leaving the village on his retirement. Tenor 8 cwt.

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

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip. On Sat., Jan. 25, 1969, in 3 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5042 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

John N. Lindon	Treble	James Insley	7
Muriel Reay	2	Terry R. Hampton	8
Susan E. Smith	3	J. Alan Ainsworth	9
Roderick W. Pipe	4	Norman J. Goodman	10
Maurice F. Edwards	5	James W. Belshaw	11
John R. Insley	6	George E. Fearn	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

LITTON CHENEY, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Mary. On Sat., Jan. 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in F.

David W. Grimwood	Treble	Robert C. A. Philpott	5
Claire E. N. Brown	2	Derek S. Beaufoy	6
Mary E. Elmes	3	Graham W. Elmes	7
Ross G. W. Robertson	4	Timothy F. Collins	Tenor

Composed by W. Garrard. Conducted by Timothy F. Collins.

KINGSTON, Dorset.—At the Church of St. James. On Sat., Feb. 1, 1969, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in D.

*Katharine J. Maundrell	Treble	David Wilson	5
†Timothy F. Collins	2	†Ross G. W. Robertson	6
†Mary E. Elmes	3	*William T. Perrins	7
Graham W. Elmes	4	Frederick E. Collins	Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Timothy F. Collins.

* First peal of Kent Treble Bob. † First of Kent Treble Bob Major.

BRATTON, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. James-the-Great. On Sat., Jan. 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents, differently called. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in G.

*Frederick W. Box	Treble	Robert J. Purnell	4
Edgar C. Shepherd	2	*Philip S. Gaisford	5
Norman G. N. Knee	3	Charles F. Andrews	Tenor

Conducted by Charles F. Andrews.

* First peal of Surprise.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

BABWORTH, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of All Saints. On Wed., Jan. 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in A.

Harold Archer	Treble	Bryan Birkett	4
*Stephen Knights	2	Paul N. Mounsey	5
Philip Rogers	3	Harold Denman	Tenor

Conducted by Harold Denman.

* First peal "inside"

GAMSTON, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Peter. On Sat., Feb. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being two extents of Cambridge Surprise, 2,160 Oxford T.B. and an extent each of Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in A flat.

Stephen Knights	Treble	Harold Denman	4
Philip Rogers	2	Christine M. Wright	5
Paul N. Mounsey	3	Harry Poyner	Tenor

Conducted by Paul N. Mounsey.

LOWDHAM, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary. On Sat., Feb. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 11 meth./var., being four extents each of Marchington, Rushall, All Saints, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Rev. Canterbury, Little Aston, Clifford's Pleasure, Southrepps and three each of Plain Bob and Old. Tenor 9 cwt. 14 lb. in G.

Ruth Blackshaw	Treble	H. Geoffrey Wells	3
Pamela J. Clifton	2	W. Gordon Marsh	4

Maurice W. Harrison .. Tenor

Conducted by H. Geoffrey Wells.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Rev. F. G. H. Love, Vicar of this church, died January, 1969.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Paul. On Sat., Jan. 25, 1969, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 28 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in D.

Margaret Woolley	Treble	Cyril T. Haynes	6
Verona Naylor	2	*Anthony Marson	7
William J. Leach	3	Barnabas G. Key	8
Gerald Bowen	4	John K. Smith	9
Cyril Griffiths	5	Charles F. W. Eyre	Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.

* First peal.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

ROLLESTON-ON-DOVE, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary. On Sat., Jan. 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Being 2,208 Lincolnshire and 2,880 Yorkshire; with 56 changes of method, and all the work of both methods for every bell (Pitstow's).

Cyril T. Collins	Treble	*Derek K. Knowles	5
*Lucy Smith	2	Edmund Malin	6
Eric E. Speake	3	Harry Griffiths	7
J. Dennis Holden	4	Philip G. K. Davies	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Philip G. K. Davies.

* First peal of spliced.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

WILBY, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary. On Sat., Feb. 1, 1969, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 8 lb. in F.

Ernest G. Pearce	Treble	Walter W. Miller	5
Gilbert R. Goodship	2	Alan R. Feaver	6
Muriel R. Page	3	Charles Stannard	7
Dorothy M. Durrant	4	Leslie G. Brett	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Leslie G. Brett.

WENHASTON, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Peter. On Sat., Jan. 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being one extent of St. Clement's and two each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

Katharine M. Thorley	Treble	Ernest G. Pearce	4
Vernon B. Bedford	2	J. Martin Thorley	5
C. Jack Gibson	3	Stephen J. Bedford	Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

CROYDON, Surrey.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist. On Sat., Feb. 1, 1969, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 36 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in C sharp.

*Robert B. Smith	Treble	Arthur G. Mason	7
Richard S. Starkie	2	Bernard F. L. Groves	8
Christine Andrew	3	D. Paul Smith	9
Robert W. Hinde	4	Trevor A. Cross	10
Christopher M. Movley	5	Andrew J. C. Brown	11
Peter S. Muchlinski	6	Martin L. Howe	Tenor

Composed by Frederick H. Dexter. Conducted by Robert B. Smith.

* 900th peal.

ESHER, Surrey.—At Christ Church. On Sat., Feb. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 JURA SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in A flat.

Peter G. Holden	Treble	Laurence C. Way	5
Ronald K. Russ	2	Frank B. Lufkin	6
Maureen J. Carruthers	3	John Pladdys	7
John R. Ketteringham	4	Timothy G. Pett	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Timothy G. Pett.

First peal in the method.

JURA SURPRISE MAJOR

—38—1456—56—36—14—58—12—18 c. b.

PUTNEY, London.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
On Sat., Feb. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's One-Part. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F.

Caroline F. Madge	Treble	Rev. Michael Hart	5
*L. Ann Mew	2	Alan E. Bagworth	6
Elizabeth Bangham	3	Christopher F. Mew	7
†Ruby M. Myllys	4	Julie S. Armstrong	Tenor

Conducted by Christopher F. Mew.
* First peal on eight "inside". † First of Grandsire Triples.
Rung as a compliment to Alan Bagworth and Caroline Madge on their engagement.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
HENFIELD, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Jan. 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in E.

Timothy Banner	Treble	Geoffrey C. Rix	5
Edgar R. Rapley	2	Ian Wickens	6
*Harold Wood	3	David D. Smith	7
†F. Richard Verrall	4	W. Leslie Weller	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by W. Leslie Weller.
* First peal in the method "inside". † First in the method.
Rung in memoriam Mr. R. G. Blackman, one-time treasurer and Central Council representative of the Association.

ARUNDEL, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Feb. 1, 1969, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in E.

Patrick M. Wills	Treble	Timothy Banner	5
Anne M. Stevens	2	Geoffrey C. Rix	6
*Susan M. Wills	3	†E. Winifred Keys	7
Harold F. Wood	4	Philip Stevens	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by E. Winifred Keys.
* First peal on eight bells. † 325th peal.
Rung in memoriam Richard G. Blackman, former Central Council representative and past treasurer of the Association and who learnt to ring at this tower.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
LELANT, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Uny.
On Sat., Feb. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (15 callings). Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in G sharp.

F. Malcolm Bowers	Treble	Marion L. Lidgey	4
*Timothy J. Bell	2	†Anthony J. Davidson	5
Harry Miles	3	Denis Stephens	Tenor

Conducted by F. Malcolm Bowers.
* First peal of Stedman "inside". † First of Stedman Doubles.
Rung for the Feast of St. Uny.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
STOCKBRIDGE, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Jan. 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

Terry R. Tarrant	Treble	Robert G. Crocker	4
*David F. King	2	Geoffrey K. Dodd	5
Peter Furness	3	Jack C. Wimlett	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.
* First peal of Minor "inside".
Rung to welcome the Rev. Robert Kirkpatrick as Rector of Stockbridge (induction, January 9th).

ST. MARY BOURNE, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sun., Jan. 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 21 extents each of Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

*Ann M. Randall	Treble	Brian H. Oakes	4
A. H. Green	2	Robert J. Crocker	5
Mrs. M. Green	3	Christopher Pack	Tenor

Conducted by Robert J. Crocker.
* First peal.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. B. Hodgson, married January 11th, 1969.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
KIDDERMINSTER, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary and All Saints.
On Sat., Jan. 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in D.

Michael J. Fellows	Treble	*Martin W. Powell	6
*M. Irene Brown	2	Raymond Smith	7
Clifford Skidmore	3	*Robert Edwards	8
*A. Bryan Ellsmore	4	Martin D. Fellows	9
Gerald C. Hemming	5	*Peter J. Brown / *Morley P. Tobin	Tenor

Composed by M. A. Coleman. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
WAKEFIELD, Yorkshire.—At the Cathedral Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Jan. 25, 1969, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 3. Tenor 35¼ cwt. in D flat.

David Nichols	Treble	Wilfrid F. Moreton	6
Iris M. E. Lemare	2	Ron Ducker	7
*Maris C. Stephenson	3	John N. D. Chaddock	8
Ian G. Campbell	4	Stuart Armeson	9
Neil Donovan	5	Richard E. Price	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Stuart Armeson.
* First peal of London.

GUISELEY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Oswald.
On Sat., Jan. 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. in F.

*Ronald Crabtree	Treble	Stephen R. Munday	5
Jane Thurmott	2	Maurice J. Thurmott	6
Maurice Hillary	3	John Potts	7
William Dixon	4	Allan Wear	Tenor

Composed by F. Bennett. Conducted by Maurice J. Thurmott.
* First peal.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
EDGBASTON, Birmingham.—In Room 111, High Hall.
On Mon., Jan. 27, 1969, in 1 Hour and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN MINOR
Being seven different extents in four methods: (1) St. Clement's and Double Oxford, (2) St. Clement's and Rosehill, (3) St. Clement's and Plain Bob, (4 to 7) Plain Bob. Tenor size 11 in G.

John S. Hopwood	1–2	Christopher I. Rowson (cond.)	3–4
Robert M. Chambers	5–6		

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
CHELTENHAM, Gloucestershire.—At 48, Willersey Road.
On Tues., Jan. 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GAINSBOROUGH LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 12 in F.

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

Composed by John Reeves. Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.
First peal in the method by all except the conductor, and for the Association "in hand".

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire.—At 114, Park Street Lane.
On Tues., Jan. 14, 1969, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In eight methods, comprising 736 of Superlative, 704 each of London and Rutland, 608 each of Cambridge, Lincolnshire and Pudsey, 576 of Bristol and 544 of Yorkshire; with 120 changes of method. All the bells do all the work of each method. Tenor size 15 in C.

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	1–2	John R. Mayne	5–6
Christopher W. Woolley	3–4	Roger Baldwin	7–8

Composed by Noel J. Diserens. Conducted by John R. Mayne.
First peal of all the work spliced in eight methods to be rung on handbells.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
MAIDSTONE, Kent.—In the Belfry at the Church of All Saints.
On Mon., Jan. 27, 1969, in 1 Hour and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents Tenor size 12.

Peter S. Muchlinski	1–2	Thomas Cullingworth	3–4
Alastair D. Macfadyen (cond.)	5–6		

A 19th birthday compliment to Peter S. Muchlinski.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Bettyfold.
On Fri., Jan. 24, 1969, in 1 Hour and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Single Oxford and St. Clement's College and three of Plain Bob. Tenor size 14 in D.

Joseph Whalley	1–2	Mary W. Whalley	3–4
Kevin M. Price (cond.)	5–6		

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
HARROW, Middlesex.—At 170, Headstone Lane.
On Tues., Jan. 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In six methods, comprising 960 of London, 928 of Watford, 896 of Bristol and 832 each of Cambridge, Pudsey and Superlative; with 127 changes of method. All the bells do all the work of each method. Tenor size 15 in C.

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	1–2	Roger Baldwin	5–6
Christopher W. Woolley	3–4	John R. Mayne	7–8

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by John R. Mayne.

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BIRTH

LARTER.—Joan and Gilbert have pleasure in announcing the birth of their son, Duncan William, on February 10th, 1969. 6726

ENGAGEMENTS

GRYLLS—HANCOCK.—Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Hancock, 124, Coronation Road, Bristol, 3, have pleasure in announcing the engagement of their eldest daughter, Marian Dorothy, to the Rev. Michael John, only son of Rear-Admiral and Mrs. H. T. B. Grylls, of Wellington, Somerset. 6717

TAYLOR—RICHARDSON.—The engagement is announced between John, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Taylor, of The Laurels, Stone, Berkeley, Glos, and Gillian, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Richardson, of The Vales, Haresfield, Stonehouse, Glos 6707

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

DAVEY.—Rose and Albert have now moved to 69, Woodhurst Road, Stanground, Peterborough. All friends welcome. 6694

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ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

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H. S. PEACOCK, General Secretary.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

Preliminary Notice

COUNTRY MEETING

OXFORD

Saturday, April 19th

Lunch and tea will be arranged.

Further details later.

SOCIETY OF RAMBLING RINGERS 1969 TOUR

will take place in Cornwall from July 26th to August 10th. Tour list now available from R. B. Mills, 19, Magdalen Drive, East Bridgford, Notts. Large s.a.e., please. Subscriptions (5/-) now due.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Ringing Course at North Cadbury Village Hall, March 22nd, 2.30. Subjects: Maintenance; New Doubles methods; Tower management. Fee 6/-. Names for tea to Gen. Sec. by 18th 6714

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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Annual General Meeting and Ringing Festival

It has been found necessary to change the date to SATURDAY, MAY 31st, 1969. Full details will be published nearer the date 6679

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

1969 Annual Dinner

A Guild Dinner will be held on Saturday, March 22nd, 1969, at the Royal Hotel, Southampton. All members and friends are welcome. Southampton towers will be open during the day. Tickets, at 27s. 6d. each, may be obtained from Mr. D. C. Jackson, 13, Testbourne Road, Totton, Southampton. Please enclose s.a.e.—D. J. Forder, Hon. Gen. Sec. 6638

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Eastern District.—Supper and social in Little Baddow Memorial Hall, March 15th, 7.15 p.m. Tickets, 7/6 (schoolchildren 6/-), from R. J. Harrison, 32, Gilmore Way, Great Baddow 6550

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ST. DUNSTAN AND ALL SAINTS', STEPNEY.—Regret no ringing practices during Lent.—L J. Fox, Tower Captain. 6698

TENTERDEN, KENT.—Please note the two peals allowed each year at St. Mildred's Church are now booked for 1969.—R. C. O. 6711

UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCEMENT

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD

The Annual Dinner will be held in the Mersey Hotel, West Didsbury, on March 8th. Towers: The Cathedral (10), 1.30–2.30; the Town Hall (12), 2.30–4; St. James', Birch (8), 4–5; Christ Church, W. Didsbury, 5.30–6.30.

MEETINGS

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The March meeting will be held on the second Saturday (March 8th). Ringing arrangements: Thornhill (6), 3–4.15 p.m.; Dewsbury (8) 6–9. Tea at Dewsbury 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. V. Bottomley, 45, Westcroft Lane, Northowram, Halifax. **No names no tea.** Will all Society members who are also Yorkshire Association members please attend, to hear the directory of the officers.—T. Tarbatt. 6693

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION—Central District.—Meeting, Blaydon, March 8th Ringing from 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr R. W. Leighton, 15, Burnley Street, Blaydon. 6721

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, March 8th, at Coleman's Hatch (8). Ringing 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 and evening ringing. Ringing also at Lingfield 2.30–3.30, Danehill 3–4, Hartfield 7.30–9. Names for tea to J. Ryman, Vicarage Cottage, Coleman's Hatch, near Hartfield, Sussex, by March 7th. 6690

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting, March 8th: Barton (5), 3–4 p.m.; Toft (3), 4–4.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Evening ringing, Orwell (5), from 6.30.—Miss J. Sanderson, Dis. Sec. 6628

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting at Old Whittington, Saturday, March 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m Names for tea to Mr G. J. Newman, 54 Brearley Avenue, New Whittington, Chesterfield. Tel.: Chesterfield 5416.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Guildford, Saturday, March 8th. Bells available: Stoke (6), 2.30–3.30 p.m.; Cathedral (10), 3–4.30 p.m.; St. Nicolas' (10) and Shalford (8) after meeting. Service conducted by the Very Rev. A. C. Bridge, Dean of Guildford, in the Lady Chapel at 4.30 p.m. Tea in the Refectory for those who notify Mrs. C. W. Munday, 37, Bradford Drive, Ewell, Epsom (Tel.: 01-393 4986). 6584

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, March 8th, Hertingfordbury (6), 3 to 4.30. Tea, own arrangements. Bengeo (8), 6 to 8.30. Business meeting in belfry 7.30.—P. M. S. Searles, Dis. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—March 8th, Great Gaddesden (6). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to R. Goldsney, 4, Water End, Hemel Hempstead. 6686

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Bye-meeting, Halling, Saturday, March 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss M. Chidwick, 10, Barn Meadow, Upper Halling, Rochester. —T. Barton. 6637

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, March 8th: St. George's-in-the-East, 3–4 p.m.; St. Botolph's, Aldgate, 5–6; St. Olave's Hart Street, 6.30–8 p.m. No business. Own tea.—M. R. Wycherley, Sec. 6669

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Meeting on March 8th at Orlingbury (5), 3–5 p.m. All welcome. 6696

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Calne Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, March 8th, at Compton Bassett (5). Bells 2.45. Names for tea to F. Rumming, 12, Briar Leaze, Compton Bassett, Calne, Wilts. 6716

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District—Meeting, Shelford, March 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to W. L. Exton, St. Ouen's, Whatton.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—N. Notts meeting at Rampton, March 8th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to H. Poyner, The Old Vicarage, Sturton-le-Steeple, Retford, Notts. 6688

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South East District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, March 8th, at Bramford (6), 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Southgate, Fairlight, Ship Lane, Bramford, Ipswich. Ringing in evening at Sproughton (6).—W. L., Sec. 6681

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting at Angmering, Saturday, March 8th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. and in the evening. Service 4.30 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea.—R. Wake, Hon. Div. Sec. 6710

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—Practice meeting, Binsted, Saturday, March 8th. Bells 6.30–8.30 p.m. 6685

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Norton, Worcs. Saturday, March 8th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea to A. C. Berry, 25, Priest Lane, Pershore. Further ringing after meeting. 6692

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Shelsley Beauchamp, March 8th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting in Village Hall, Clifton-on-Teme. Bells (6) available from 7 p.m. Names for tea to J. J. Stanier, 14, Canterbury Road, Worcester. 6673

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Practice meeting, Elland (8), Saturday, March 8th, 6–9 p.m. Methods: Rounds, call-changes and Plain Bob. All welcome, especially learners.—Maurice Thurmott, Ringing Master. 6691

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Practice meeting, Hornchurch (8), on Tuesday, March 11th, at 7.15 p.m. 6697

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Pitminster, March 15th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Angersleigh (5), 2.30; Trull (6), 7.30 p.m. Names for tea, please.—A. H. Reed, 41, George Street, Taunton. 6704

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BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Nailsea (6), March 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business. Names for tea, please, to Mr. L. Derrick, Peacehaven, Old Church Road, Nailsea, by March 13th.—D. G. Yeo, Branch Sec. 6557

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Meeting at Sandy (6) and Great Barford (5), Saturday, March 15th. Ringing at Sandy from 3 p.m., then tea and business, followed by further ringing at Great Barford from 6.15 p.m. 6689

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Evening meeting, Shenfield, Saturday, March 15th. Bells (6) 5–8 p.m. Named methods, London and Stedman Doubles. 6699

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Meeting, Chedworth (6), March 15th, 3 p.m. Service 6. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to J. Pearse, Cotswold Cottage, Silver Street, South Cerney, by March 12th.—J. Pearse, Branch Sec. 6702

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Meeting, Painswick (12), Saturday, March 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to P. Screen, 22, Springfield, Hardwicke, Gloucester, GL2 6PX, by Tuesday, 11th, please. 6709

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, March 15th, at Hatfield (10). 3.15 p.m., with service and tea. Special methods: Little Bob and London Royal. Names for tea to Mr. R. Cochrane, 2, The Park, Hatfield.—R. E. Hardy, Dis. Sec. 6665

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting, Folkestone, Saturday, Mar. 15th. Bells (8) available 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea for those who notify F. J. Whittaker, 76, Surrenden Road, Folkestone. —A. P. S. B 6656

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting, Farnworth-with-Kearsley, near Bolton, March 15th. Bells (8) 2.45 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by Evensong. Names for tea, please, to Mr. J. Thornley, 50, Carlton Street, Farnworth, Bolton, by previous Wednesday.—R. K. Lister, Branch Sec. 6723

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Saturday, March 15th, at Ashby (8), 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea arrangements to be announced at meeting (names not required).—Hilary Watson-Walker, Dis. Sec. 6712

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berks Branch.—Please note rearranged date of monthly practice is now at Aston Tirrold on Saturday, March 15th, 6.30 p.m.—C. Corderoy. 6706

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—Quarterly meeting, March 15th, at Edith Weston (6). Bells 3 p.m. and after tea. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to A. Scholes, Harringworth, Corby, by Tuesday, 11th. 6708

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Meeting, Shenstone, near Lichfield, Saturday, March 15th. Committee meeting in nave 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. and during evening. Names for tea, please, to Miss V. Blackaby, 24, Charnwood Close, Lichfield, Staffs (Tel.: Lich. 52185), by March 13th latest.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 6492

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Central District.—Practice meeting, Helmingham (8), Saturday, March 15th, 6.30–9 p.m. 6718

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Aldrington (6), Saturday, March 15th. Bells 4 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Ringing after tea. Names for tea, please, to Miss Ann Evans (Div. Sec.), 17, Hollingbury Place, Brighton, Sussex, BN1 7GE, by previous Thursday. 6695

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting, Skipton (8), March 15th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Dr. M. F. D. Burton, Overdale Croft, The Bailey, Skipton, by previous Thursday.—A. B. Sullivan, Hon. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting, Gosfield (6), March 22nd. Bells from 2.30. Service 4. Names for tea to Miss H. G. Snowden, Cherry Cottage, Gosfield, Halstead. 6705

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Meeting, Ebbw Vale, March 22nd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Audrey Bruten, 8, Belle Vue, Ebbw Vale, Mon. Gentlemen welcome. 6683

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Sevenoaks on Easter Monday, April 7th. Service 12.30 p.m., followed by luncheon and meeting. Please do not apply for luncheon tickets until detailed notice appears on March 21st.—P. A. Corby, Hon. Gen. Sec. 6661

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—A.G.M. in Leicester on April 12th. Annual dinner on September 20th, **not** 27th as in Ringers' Diary. —A. J. Poynor. 6701

LATE NOTICES

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Bye-meeting, Faversham (8), Saturday, March 8th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. D. Nicholson, 58, The Mall, Faversham, Kent.—J. B. K. 6725

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. District.—District practice, Great Totham, Thursday, March 13th, 7.30–9 p.m. All welcome.—R. J. Harrison, Dis. Sec. 6728

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Holmes Chapel, March 15th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by March 12th.—W. Kerr, 107, Moreton Road, Crewe. 6729

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Bishop's Stortford District.—Meeting, March 15th, Brent Pelham (6). Service 4.45 p.m. Tea 5.15 and business meeting at The Bury, followed by ringing until 9 p.m. Afternoon ringing at Great Hormead (6), 3–4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. L. Goodman, The Bury, Brent Pelham, Herts.—K. Westwood, Dis. Sec. 6724

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting, March 15th, Great Tey (8). Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names for tea, please, to Mr. J. Dyer, 2, Guildhall Cottages, Great Tey, Colchester. 6727

Ringing and Conducting Standard Methods

By ROBERT B. SMITH

PART I KENT TREBLE BOB

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(b) Conducting, Touches and Peal Compositions

CONDUCTING

One of the best pieces of advice I was ever given when I enquired about conducting a certain method was "Learn the method". This sounds very simple but, as I have already mentioned, superficial learning of a method is not very useful, particularly if one wishes to conduct.

Conducting falls into three parts, which for want of better expressions we will call

(i) Bob calling.
(ii) Checking.
(iii) "Sorting out!"

A competent conductor must be able to do all these things, at the same time if necessary. Quite obviously one does not become proficient in all three at the same time: generally one progresses through the three stages in the order I have written them

(i) **Bob calling.** One usually begins to call bobs for short touches before attempting to call quarter peals or peals. It is most important that bobs be called at exactly the right place, not early or late as this can upset the members of a band without it showing immediately in the ringing. (They subconsciously start to wonder how long it will be before the touch, quarter peal or peal will be miscalled.) For this reason it is better to call simple touches or peals until one becomes completely conversant with the method.

(ii) **Checking.** Having learned to call the bobs in the correct position, it is necessary to check that they have been made! There is no point in continuing to ring a touch or a peal in which some of the bobs have not been made: the ringing may never come round!

It has been stressed already that the bobs should be called in the right place, and checking in the early stages of one's conducting career may have to be limited to checking "part ends" where it is known that the bells should fall in a certain order. When a conductor is at this stage of learning, the standard of ringing, particularly in peals, is often better than when he becomes more competent at correcting mistakes. (A band tends to rely on a good conductor being able to correct mistakes which may occur: when mistakes occur **because** there is a good conductor in the band this annoys me intensely!)

The most popular and successful method of checking that bells are working in the correct order is the use of coursing orders. All methods have a particular coursing order; in some methods it may be rather obscure, e.g., methods without Plain Bob lead ends.

Sorting out! The question of "sorting out" the bells which have gone wrong during ringing a touch or a peal is very much a question for individual consciences. Some conductors will grind on quite happily provided that they know where all the bells are and that they are approximately in the right order. The same conductors might, however, stop what has been perfectly good ringing if a trip occurs and they are not quite sure what has happened. It is not my intention to lecture on my beliefs at this point, but I mention the above facts so that the following points may be considered.

1. When to call the bells round or say "Stand":
   (a) If the standard of striking is not as good as can be expected of the band on the bells concerned.
   (b) When bells have crossed over,
   (c) When a trip occurs.
2. When to continue ringing:
   (a) If the band are ringing as well as they are capable of doing on the bells concerned.
   (b) If the band have travelled a long way to take part in the ringing.
   (c) If the ringing is for a special occasion.

Each conductor must "work out his own salvation with fear and trembling", as he is ultimately responsible for the performance.

KENT T.B. MINOR

Having considered the general implications of conducting, let us now consider precise details:—

The bob in Treble Bob methods should be called when the treble is in 2nds place before leading full. The bells which have already done one dodge in 5-6 do another dodge as 4ths is made and then repeat the lead that they have just rung (giving three dodges together). The bells going into and out of the slow work are not affected by the call but the bell which would have become a 5ths place bell makes another blow in 4ths place and takes up the work of the 4th in the plain course. The net effect of the call on this bell is that it makes 3rds, four blows in 4ths, 3rds and returns to lead.

The coursing order in Kent Treble Bob is exactly the same as for Plain Bob, i.e., 53246, which means that the transposition of the coursing orders for the methods is also the same. Some examples will be given shortly. **The most important thing to remember when conducting Kent Treble Bob is which bell is ringing the slow work.** It will be remembered that when we considered the ringing of the method we observed that the bells coursed in the same order in every lead, with the exception that the treble took the place of the bell which was in slow at the time. Should a trip occur, the above fact enables one to determine which position the treble should be in, in relation to the other bells, and so prevent a change in coursing order which would result from a treble "shift", e.g.:

If in ringing the plain course, with the 4th the slow bell, a trip occurred, resulting in the treble following the 6th down to lead instead of vice-versa, the new coursing order would be 45326 instead of 53246. This would be spotted easily on six bells, particularly if they should be in the plain course; it might not be picked up quite so easily on 12 bells, other than by observing that the resulting coursing order is "out of course".

TOUCHES OF KENT T.B. MINOR

A good selection of touches is given in the "Ringers' Notebook and Diary", but a few standard callings are given below.

72		Coursing orders
23456		53246
42356	—	52436
34256	—	54326
23456	—	53246

216		Coursing orders
23456		53246
42356	—	52436
34256	—	54326
23645		54326

Twice repeated.

Notice in the above touch of 216 changes the 5th becomes the "observation" bell in the first repetition, and the 4th the observation bell in the second repetition. However, it is preferable to relate all coursing orders to the 6th, which means that for the first repetition the coursing orders become 35426 and 32546. This problem only arises in Minor ringing where the coursing order system is not as useful as on the higher numbers of bells.

PEALS OF KENT T.B. MINOR

To ring a complete peal of Kent T.B. Minor it is necessary to ring the equivalent of seven 720s. This is usually done by ringing complete 720s, although at least one 5,040 containing each change seven times does exist. Because Kent T.B. Minor has a 6ths place lead end, bobs which are not to affect an observation bell must be called when that bell is about to become a 2nds or 3rds place bell at the lead end. For this reason the two standard 720s which are normally rung with the 5th or 6th unaffected have the calls made when the observation bell is coming out of, or going into slow.

720		Coursing orders
23456		53246
42635		53246
64235	—	25346
26435	—	24536
42563		24536
54326		24536
35642		24536
63542	—	52436
56234		52436
25463		52436
42356		52436

Twice repeated.

The above calling is generally remembered as "call the 6th in, out, in, three times". It will be noticed at the first two bobs the 5th is at the "home" position, i.e., dodging 5-6 down, and at the third bob the 5th makes 4ths. This is a useful secondary guide to calling the bobs in the correct position. Peal conductors should always learn a composition to a plan, which can help them to determine where the next call is to be made, should they forget where they are up to. This is one of the reasons that many conductors call their own compositions—they know how they have been constructed and are therefore less likely to miscall them.

The second "standard" 720 of Kent T.B. Minor is to call the 5th out, in, out For this calling the 6th makes 4ths at the first call and dodges 5-6 up at the other two calls. The same part ends are produced in the same order as for the first calling given. 5-6 are the right way throughout both callings, i.e., no 6-5s at backstroke.

The above callings may be used with any bell as observation, but 6-5s result at backstroke.

[To be continued]

5,088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

By JOHN PLADDYS

W	5/4	B	H	23456
	X*		—	36425
	X		S	52436
		X	—	52364
S			3	62354
S			2	23564

Repeat five times, single half-way and end.
* SB

Produces 144 combination roll-ups, with no 82s or 83s.

Rung at Deptford on January 25th, 1968, conducted by the composer.

"I am especially fascinated by the present cover of 'The Ringing World' showing very beautiful old churches and telling their history inside."—Miss M. A. Crane, Franklin, Massachusetts, U.S.A.

LATE NOTICE

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—South and West District.—Surprise practice, St. Mary's, Staines, Monday, March 10th, at 7.45 p.m. Evening practice at Ruislip, Wednesday, March 19th, 7.45 p.m.—J. Palmer, Dis. Sec. 6730

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Jarvis (first quarter) 1, G. O. Crane 2, L. Setton 3, T. V. Barnard (cond.) 4, E. C. Stuart 5, K. Bartle (first quarter) 6.

MINSTER-IN-SHEPPEY, KENT. — On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (six meth./var.): Susan Goodwin 1, Glynis Poppleton (first in six methods) 2, Mira Ford 3, Marianne Leworthy 4, D. P. Leworthy (cond.) 5, Ann Bryant 6. Rung to welcome David Hunt home from hospital.

NAILSEA, SOM.—On Feb. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Willis 1, W. Neath 2, E. Davey 3, L. Derrick (cond.) 4, J. Lott 5, L. Childs 6. A birthday compliment to ringer of 5.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS. — On Feb. 2nd, 1,320 London and Cambridge Surprise Minor: D. H. Stone 1, R. Weeks 2, M. Thomas 3, Susan E. M. Davis 4, B. J. Read 5, D. J. Forder (cond.) 6. First London 2, 4, 5. A 21st birthday compliment to Margaret J. Davies, of the S.U.G.C.R.

OXFORD.—At St. Ebbe's Church, on Jan. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Cooper 1, M. Journeaux 2, C. Woodward 3, C. Coles 4, B. Gray 5, R. Abbott 6, C. Holloway (cond.) 7, V. Fox 8. For Evensong.

OXFORD. — At the Church of St. Thomas-the-Martyr, on Jan. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: N. C. V. Pollock 1, D. Cooper (first Pl. Bob Minor) 2, N. R. D. Orchard 3, P. W. West 4, J. K. Walton 5, R. H. Johnston (cond.) 6. By O.U.S. for morning service. Also on Feb. 2nd, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: N. R. D. Orchard 1, Pam Whitfield 2, Shirley E. Jones 3, R. A. Yeates 4, R. H. Johnston 5, S. F. Royal (cond.) 6. For morning service.

PENN, BUCKS. — On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: J. Woolley 1, Margaret Stoneley 2, P. Badcock 3, P. Reynolds 4, G. Reynolds 5, D. Whitlock (first Minor as cond.) 6. First Minor 2, 4 and 5.

PERRY BARR, BIRMINGHAM.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Bob Triples: Voirrey Kennaugh 1, Janet Aston 2, Susan Chew 3, J. Perry 4, D. J. Purnell 5, M. Androlia 6, R. J. Tibbetts (cond.) 7, C. Kennaugh 8. Rung for the launching of St. John's appeal for fabric, organ and the bells.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.—At the Cathedral, on Feb. 2nd, 1,360 Kent T.B. Royal: Jennifer L. Quaife 1, A. S. Hayden 2, T. R. Natt 3, W. Willans 4, R. A. Gilliver 5, B. L. Burrows 6, G. J. Gammon 7, A. A. J. Buswell 8, W. Johnson 9, K. P. Gilliver (cond.) 10. First Royal 1, 2, 3, 4, 9. For Evensong.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX. — On Jan. 15th, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: B. Sadler 1, R. Tomlin 2, D. Sloman 3, P. M. Fleckney (cond.) 4, M. Hallett 5, D. Belcham 6, H. Turner 7, A. House 8. Also on Feb. 2nd, 1,360 Kent T.B. Royal: P. Bedford 1, D. Sloman (50th quarter) 2, Penny Halliwell 3, Sylvia Bedford 4, H. Furminger 5, J. Belcham 6, B. Sadler 7 P. Sadler 8, A. Cansdale 9, S. Halliwell (cond.) 10. First in method by all except 6, 7, 8. For Evensong.

PURITON, SOM.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Lesley Bawden (12) 1, J. Champion 2, Mrs. J. Broom 3, G. Nabb 4, R. Short (cond.) 5, L. Pope 6. First attempt 1, 2, 3. Believed first by Sunday service band. A farewell to Rev. and Mrs. T. E. Rogers, leaving for Australia.

PUTNEY, S.W.—At St. Mary's Church, on Feb. 2nd, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Josephine Patterson (first T.B.) 1, Jean Henderson 2, N. R. Waite (50th quarter) 3, Julie S. Armstrong 4, R. L. Jones 5, A. R. Patterson 6, C. F. Mew 7, M. J. Uphill (cond.) 8. For Patronal Festival Evensong; also to mark the baptism this day of Sarah Louise Tuppen and Richard Michael Bull, children of former Putney ringers.

RADCLIFFE-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—On Feb. 9th, 1,320 Minor (three methods): Mrs. A. Stainsby 1, Mrs. J. Bull 2, Miss R. Willey 3, B. J. Bull 4, A. King 5, M. A. Rose (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

ROLVENDEN, KENT.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Pamela Court 1, R. A. Birch 2, D. Manger 3, A. Bourner 4, H. Deacon 5, O. Webster 6, B. Johnson (cond.) 7, J. Hemsley 8.

ROUGHTOWN, LANCS.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: A. Wheeler 1, B. D. Holt 2, Lynn Backhouse (first quarter) 3, G. Rigby 4, W. H. Nield 5, G. Nield (cond.) 6.

RUSHDEN, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Triples B. Hodgekin 1, S. Hodgekin 2, Mrs. Brenda Dixon 3, Mrs. Ann Smith 4, G. Muncey 5, R. Whitworth 6, T. Smith (cond.) 7, D. Mason 8. Half-muffled in memoriam Mr. S. Clifton, senior sidesman, cremated this day.

QUARTER PEALS

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At St. Peter's Church, on Feb. 2nd, 1,360 Kent T.B. Royal: Frances Dodds 1, Elizabeth Forster (first T.B.) 2, K. J. Darvill (cond.) 3, Joyce Clarke (first T.B.) 4, R. W. Darvill 5, T. C. Holland (first T.B. "inside") 6, H. V. Frost 7, J. E. Ewer 8, G. W. Debenham 9, B. C. Johnson 10.

ST, ALBANS, HERTS.—At St. Stephen's Church, on Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Alison Malyan (first quarter) 1, Carol Parkhurst (first "inside") 2, P. T. Dale (first in method as cond.) 3, A. Ewer 4, P. J. Fells 5, A. Malyan 6. Rung before Evensong as a 71st birthday compliment to Arthur Malyan and a 14th birthday compliment to his grand-daughter, Alison.

SAMPFORD ARUNDEL, SOM. — On Feb. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Rev. M. J. Odlum 1, Miss G. Rixon 2, C. Rixon 3, P. Popplestone (cond.) 4, I. Atkinson 5, L. Hellings 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. George Stephens, died February 4th.

SANDHURST, KENT.—On Jan. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Hemsley 1, H. J. Pope 2, H. Deacon 3, R. Rummery (first quarter) 4, B. Johnson 5, Rev. Green 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam O. G. A. Phillips, churchwarden.

SAWLEY, DERBYS.—On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. N. Marshall (first in method) 1, Mrs. S. Marshall 2, Mrs. I. Simpson 3, Mrs. C. Charter 4, D. J. Marshall 5, J. Harvey 6, A. Humphrey (cond.) 7, R. G. Newsum 8.

SHELFORD, NOTTS. — On Jan. 19th, 1,280 St. Remigius Bob Doubles: R. Mills 1, A. Lazzerini 2, Mrs. C. Mills 3, D. Lazzerini 4, B. Mills (cond.) 5. Also on Jan. 26th, Rev. St. Osmund Bob Doubles: F. Bradley 1, A. Lazzerini 2, Mrs. D. Bradley 3, B. Mills (cond.) 4, D. Lazzerini 5. Both for Evensong.

SILVERTON, DEVON. — On Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Howe (first on working bell) 1, W. J. Ransom 2, J. Furbear 3, H. Ransom 4, W. E. Richards (cond. and capt.) 5, D. Petherick 6. For Confirmation service, and compliments to W. J. Ransom (birthday), J. Furbear (birth of a son) and for a grandson to Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Ransom.

SKIPTON-IN-CRAVEN, YORKS. — On Feb. 2nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: I. Cox 1, A. Stott 2, R. Crabtree 3, R. M. Harker 4, M. Hillary 5, D. Featherstone 6, E. Lee 7, M. F. D. Burton (cond.) 8.

SMARDEN, KENT.—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): Shirley Black 1, Sylvia Knight 2, A. Bourner 3, E. Clifton 4, B. Johnson (cond.) 5, J. Bennet 6. For Evensong. Also on Jan. 9th, 1,320 Minor (four methods): Sylvia Knight 1, D. Manger 2, A. Bourner 3, E. Clifton 4, J. Hemsley 5, B. Johnson (cond.) 6. First of four Minor methods for all the band. Also on Jan. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Shirley Black 1, J. Hemsley 2, Sylvia Knight 3, H. Deacon 4, B. Johnson (cond.) 5, A. Bourner 6. For Evensong. Also on Jan. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Veronica Johnson (first quarter) 1, Sylvia Knight 2, D. Manger 3, J. Hemsley 4, B. Johnson (cond.) 5, F. Goodearle 6. Also on Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Single Oxford Bob Minor: E. Clifton 1, H. Deacon 2, A. Bourner 3, J. Hemsley 4, K. Butler 5, B Johnson (200th quarter as cond.) 6. For Evensong.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 19th, 1,250 Yorkshire Surprise Major: M. L. Haigh (first quarter of Surprise) 1, M. S. Loveday 2, Caroline Mackie 3, B. J. Read 4, T. G. Williams 5, D. L. Nibbs 6, R. E. Stillwell 7, A. P. Foster (cond.) 8.

STORRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 19th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Taylor 1, Jean Horton 2, Bronwen Davies (first "inside") 3, M. Davies (cond.) 4, J. Taylor 5, G. Mercer 6. A birthday compliment to Michael Taylor. Also on January 31st, 1,320 Pl. Bob Doubles: M. Taylor 1, Jean Horton 2, B. W. Farhall 3, M. Davies (cond.) 4, J. Taylor 5, D. Nicholson 6. Rung in memoriam Mr. R. G. Blackman.

STRATFORD ST. MARY, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. E. Lester 1, D. Rose 2 L. Wright 3, R. Rose 4, L. Nice 5, M. J. Rose (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Harry Wright, ringer and chorister for over 60 years, interred the day before, aged 88 years.

STOTFOLD, BEDS.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Groom 1, P. Jewel 2, R. V. Webb (cond.) 3, D. Hope 4, P. Mehew 5, K. R. Webb 6. First quarter 1 and 6.

STRATTON, CORNWALL. — 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Sangwin 1, J. Sangwin 2, Miss B. M. Boyle 3, H. Trewin 4, W. J. V. Conduct 5, H. Stacey (cond.) 6, B. G. D. Vince 7, G. Halford 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. O. Dodd, wife of the Vicar, who passed away on January 30th.

SWINDON VILLAGE, GLOS. — On Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. House 1, Mrs. P. Barter 2, M. Maggs 3, R. Sadowska (first as cond.) 4, D. Brooks 5. A welcome to the new Vicar (Rev. M. E. Bennett).

TAUNTON, SOM. — At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, on Jan. 27th, 1,260 Stedman and Grandsire Doubles: W. H. Tarr 1, A. F. Arscott 2, F. Matravers 3, D. Adams 4, R. F. Arscott (cond.) 5. Rung on the first five bells.

TEWKESBURY, GLOS.—At the Abbey, on Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Matty (first quarter) 1, Naydene N. A. Price 2, Mary H. Schofield 3, J. Attwood 4, D. Deakin 5, H. B. Schofield (cond.) 6. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the Vicar's daughter, Elizabeth Pouncey, a ringing member at the Abbey.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS. — On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Hopkins 1, G. Harding 2, Mrs. Penn 3, R. Quartley (cond.) 4, R. Lucas 5, T. Holloway 6, F. Penn 7, G. Davis 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. R. A. Webb, choirman and church worker.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT. — On Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Green 1, C. Bassett 2, R. D. Divall 3, Lynn Warner 4, E. J. Ladd 5, H. Stacey (cond.) 6, J. E. Warner 7, I. Cockrane 8. For morning service.

WARNFORD, HANTS. — On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods): D. Pearce 1, Mary White 2, K. G. Waller 3, R. A. Stone 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, T. White 6. For the sixth anniversary of the union of the benefices of Warnford and West Meon.

WARSOP, NOTTS. — On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Plain Minor (Single Oxford, Pl. Bob): Miss S. Ettles 1, B. Moran 2, B. Richards 3, G. Challans 4, F. Cooke 5, D. H. Rooke (cond.) 6. For Festal Evensong.

WARWICK.—At St. Nicholas' Church, on Feb. 2nd, 1,280 Kent T.B. Major: D. Randall 1, P. Randall 2, Miss C. Dolphin 3, E. Gower 4, I. Maycock 5, G. Randall (cond.) 6, R. Randall 7, J. L. Garner-Hayward 8. First in method 1, 7. For Evensong by the Sunday service band.

WATERLOO, LONDON.—At St. John's Church, on Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. D. Grainger 1, Sandra C. Thexton 2, Deborah Bishop 3, A. J. Hampton 4, A. S. Bishop 5, K. J. Rider 6, C. M. Meyer (cond.) 7, R. D. Bing 8. For the "Visitation" by the Lord Bishop of Southwark.

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WELLS, SOM.—At St. Cuthbert's Church, on Feb. 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss S. Hallett 1, M. Whiteley (first Stedman) 2, S. Salmon 3, A. Whiteley (first Triples) 4, C. Jenkins 5, M. Bartlett 6, V. Roberts (cond.) 7, C. Wainwright 8.

WESTBOURNE, SUSSEX. — On Jan. 29th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Eileen Jayne (first Major) 1, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 2, Mrs. B. M. Hunt 3, Mrs. C. Rolph (first Major) 4, L. D. Duguid 5, E. Treagus 6, J. F. A. Rolph 7, M. Marshall 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss E. Jayne.

WINCHESTER, HANTS.—At the Cathedral, on Feb. 2nd, 1,231 Grandsire Cinques: P. M. Tubbs 1, A. M. Tubbs 2, J. M. Kippin 3, K. J. Maundrell 4, J. C. Baldwin 5, G. Cooper 6, W. G. Young 7, C. H Kippin (cond.) 8, R. Abbott 9, G. C. Grant 10, G. Benfield 11, J. A. Dodd 12. For Evensong.

WITHAM, ESSEX.—On Jan. 26th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. P. Chapman 1, J. Warner 2, R. Dorking 3, H. Dorking 4, T. Monk 5, W. Butler 6, P. Chapman 7, A. Piggott (cond.) 8. A farewell to A. Piggott on his departure to Somerset.

WOODBOROUGH, NOTTS.—On Jan. 28th, 1,344 Pl. Bob Minimus: D. W. Flower (first quarter) 1, Lynne Heskins (first quarter) 2, Patricia M. Hayward (first as cond.) 3, P. L. R. Hayward 4. First on bells by resident band. Rung for the 210th anniversary of the birth of Robert Burns.

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(Two methods)

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23456	M	W	H
43652	—		(3)
63254	—		3
52436	—	—	3
34625	—	—	3
23645		—	3

Twice repeated omitting (3) in the 2nd part. Each course called R.Y.R.

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5,088 OSBOURNBY SURPRISE MAJOR

Arranged by TIMOTHY G. PETT

B	M	W	H	23456
		—		52436
	—	—	—	63425
		—		26435
	—			46532
X			—	46325
	—	—	3	23564

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216453978	(a)		
214356		2	
413256	—	2	X
312456	—	2	X
314256	S	2	X
412356	—	2	X
213456	—	2	X
213465789	(b)		
214365	X		
213465978	X with bob at 1 in 1st course.		
215364879	(c)		
213465		2	
214365	X		

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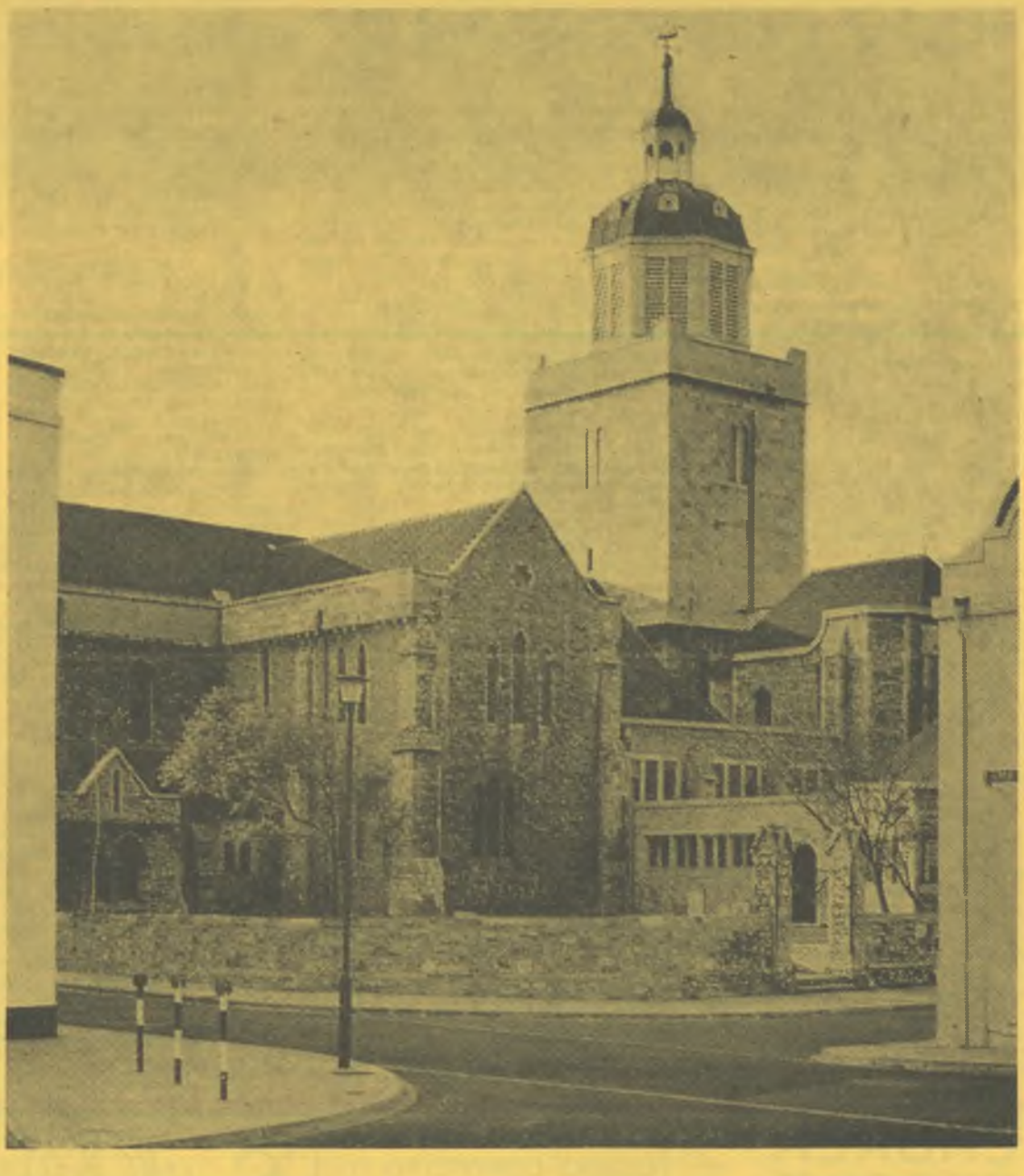

The Cathedral Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury, Portsmouth

PORTSMOUTH CATHEDRAL

"In the Beginning—"

"BE it known to all men, both present and future, that I, John de Gisors, have given, granted, and by this present Charter have confirmed, to God and the Church of St. Mary of Southwick and the Canons Regular there serving God, in free Alms for ever, for the repose of my soul and the souls of my father, my mother, my ancestors, and my heirs, a certain place, to build thereon a Chapel in honour of the glorious Martyr Thomas of Canterbury, formerly Archbishop, upon my land which is called Sudweda, in the Isle of Portsea, in the west part of that land which Lucas held of me, measuring 13 perches in length and 12 in breadth. And I therefore beg the said Canons and their successors always to keep memory of us in their prayers, and that we may be deemed worthy to be made partakers in all the benefits of the Church."

These words, written, it is conjectured, in 1180, start the long history of that church which is now Portsmouth Cathedral.

John de Gisors, a wealthy shipowner and merchant of Norman extraction, who held land on Portsea Island, was also Lord of the Manor of Titchfield. His traffic, as with most foreign merchants of that time, was chiefly in hides, and his small ships shuttled to and fro between southern parts and the French coast.

The chapel (in fact a good-sized church), which the Canons of Southwick built, was cruciform in shape and was completed in two sections. Although there is no written record of the consecration of the eastern altar, it is thought to have been in 1188 by Richard Toclyve, then Bishop of Winchester. We know that two altars in the transepts and the churchyard were consecrated on Tuesday, March 12th, 1196, by Godfrey de Lucy, Toclyve's successor.

At this time Portsmouth was no more than a tiny cluster of dwellings of seafaring folk round the little haven now known as the Camber. There are three more Charters by which John de Gisors gave several messuages and the tithe of his mill there for the upkeep of the Chapel.

It was Richard I, Cœur de Lion, who started the life of Portsmouth as an independent town six years after the Church of St. Thomas was consecrated. In 1194 he was himself at Portsmouth assembling a fleet, building himself a hall as a temporary residence not far from the church, and granting a Charter, fair and market to the inhabitants.

The loss of Normandy by King John checked the growth of the town, which was no longer a port of passage and was only occasionally needed for the assembly of military expeditions for the invasion of France. It does not appear to have grown sufficiently to become a separate parish until 1320.

Original Architecture

The parish church, of which the chancel and transepts still stand, was built when the Norman style of architecture was giving way to the Gothic, and is generally known as Early English. This period of transition was characterised by an outburst of originality and in this respect St. Thomas's is pre-eminent.

There is no other church in the country like it except Boxgrove, which appears to be a later version of the same design. The peculiarity of these two churches is the way in which the chancel aisles are fitted on, and is the outcome of an unusual method of planning in which the number of bays of vaulting in the aisle is double the number in the central space.

There was a low central tower between the transepts which was used as a watch tower for shipping in Spithead and in the reign of Henry VIII it was surmounted by a lantern to guide ships into the harbour.

Civil War

In the Civil Wars, when the Parliamentary forces attacked Portsmouth from Gosport on September 3rd, 1642, the garrison used the tower to observe the movements of the enemy. Consequently the Roundhead gunners aimed at it and damaged it with cannon balls which also fell on the nave. This war damage, combined with a subsequent long period of neglect, led to the ruin of the nave and tower.

After the Restoration, King Charles II spent large sums on the fortification of Portsmouth and interested himself in the rebuilding of the parish church. In order to raise the £9,000 required for a new tower and nave, on July 5th, 1683, he issued a "Brief" licensing a collection in churches throughout the country. The tower was completed in 1691, at the west end of the church, again to be used as a naval watch tower; and the nave, now the choir, was finished in 1693.

It is not surprising that 210 years later, in 1903, it became evident that the whole structure needed a thorough overhaul and the church was closed for a complete restoration.

New Diocese

In 1927, when it was decided that the Diocese of Winchester was much too large, Portsmouth became a diocese and the old Parish Church of St. Thomas was chosen as its Cathedral.

The old church was found to be too small and an appeal was launched to enlarge it to a design by Sir Charles Nicholson. It was only partially completed in 1939 at the outbreak of the war, and all building had to stop. The uncompleted nave was bricked up at the western end and has remained incomplete to the present time.

Completion of Appeal

An appeal has now been launched to raise money to remove this unsightly brick wall so that the nave may be completed. The design to be followed was originally envisaged by the late Lord Mottistone and subsequently developed by his partner, Mr. Paul Paget, A.R.I.B.A., in consultation with Professor Luigi Nervi, the world-famous engineer and architect, designer of the Olympic Stadium in Rome.

This design will give the Cathedral a great open nave unencumbered by pillars, with a roof span exceeded in the whole world only by St. Peter's in Rome. A congregation of 1,500 will be able to see and hear whatever is in progress, be it service, concert, oratorio or drama.

Portsmouth was, of course, the centre of operations on D-Day, June 6th, 1944, when landings on the Normandy coast heralded the liberation of Europe. So the completed nave is to be a world **memorial** to this historic event, and Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery, K.G., has already laid a commemoration stone in the Cathedral.

E. K. B.

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RINGERS' GUILD APPEAL

Of the various ways in which money is being raised (a further £343,000 is required) for this "Completion Appeal", the Cathedral Ringers' Guild has had a prize competition scheme (initiated by the tower captain) accepted by the Appeal Organisation Committee. Briefly it is this: Tickets (1/-) for the competition will shortly be available to members of the Associations, Guilds, etc., that are affiliated to the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers. Tickets will be for sale by the local Association officers. These are being approached by post for their kind help in this distribution and collection. Prizes for the successful competitors range from £5 up to a first of £100.

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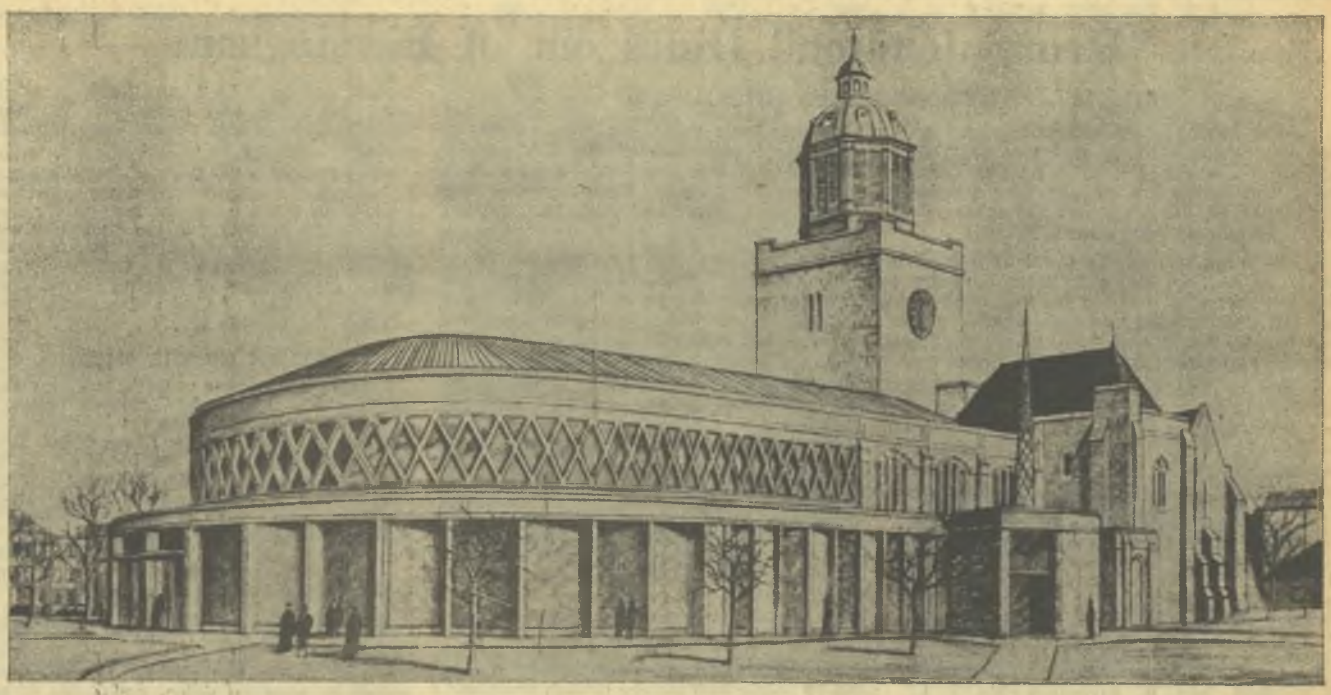

PORTSMOUTH CATHEDRAL

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The competition consists in "guesstimating", to the nearest second, the time taken to ring a peal specially arranged for the occasion. If the attempt should prove unsuccessful then the number of changes rung up to the point of breakdown (as decided by umpires) will be the deciding factor. Those taking part in the peal attempt are ineligible to enter the competition. The attempt will be made in the afternoon of Saturday, June 14th next, on the ten bells of Portsmouth Cathedral (tenor 25½ cwt. in E flat). The bells go well and the conditions of ringing are excellent. The composition is 5,040 of Grandsire Caters.

The names of the prizewinners will be announced that evening at a cheese and wine party in the adjacent Cathedral House and in a following issue of "The Ringing World". (Ticket distribution is ringing-worldwide!)

A. A. J. B.

THE CATHEDRAL BELLS

In view of the part they are playing in this wide appeal, a note on the history of the bells may be of some interest. Apparently there were two bells in the then church in 1229.

In a volume entitled "City of Portsmouth—Records of the Corporation. 1928-29-30—compiled and edited by William Gates, 1933", there occurs some information about the Cathedral bells, from which it would appear that a ring of eight bells first came to the Church of St. Thomas-of-Canterbury, as it was then, in 1703.

In February of that year a letter from Prince George of Denmark to the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Winchelsea, Lieutenant of Dover Castle, speaks of church bells as follows:

> "Having received an account that there are five bells in an old Church being entirely out of repairs and run to ruine and the place where they hang not in a condition to support the weight of them; and Sir George Rooke, Vice Admiral of England haveing made application to me and desired I would give them to the Church at Portesmouth where a steeple is now building and neer ready to receive them, and where the said bells will be put to the use for which they were designed, and being to gratifie Sir George in his request I doe hereby order and direct the said bells to be delivered to Sir George Rooke or to such person or persons as he shall appoynt and suffer them to take them downe and transport them to Portesmouth for the use aforesaid. For which this is my warrant. Given under my hand and seal this 24th day of February, 1703. GEORGE."

It is to be noted that the letter refers to a structure called "steeple" but, as seen today, it was virtually a square tower, with a dome-like timbered structure above. It was only then (1703) being built to take a ring of bells.

From this letter it is clear that the Lieutenant of the Castle was ordered to "release" the five bells from the ruin of the nearby ancient church; but, to quote from the volume above-mentioned: "In the 'History of the Portsmouth Parish Church' by Messrs. H. T. Lilley and A. T. Everitt, it is pointed out that these five old bells never came to Portsmouth." The account continues enigmatically: ". . . (they) were not removed from the castle till 1799." From this it may be assumed that the Castle Lieutenant, carrying out his orders, had the five bells removed from the ruined church and placed in safe keeping, for the time being, within the precincts of Dover Castle, where they lay apparently forgotten for the next 96 years, i.e., "till 1799". We may well ask: "How came this to happen?"

It is a matter of history that in the year 1703 (the year of Prince George's letter) the Gloucester bellfounder Abraham Rudhall supplied a new ring of eight bells for the newly-completed bell tower of St. Thomas' Church, now Portsmouth Cathedral.

A likely theory as to what happened would suppose that the Admiral who had asked for the Kentish bells may have consulted this bellfounder as to augmenting the ring of five old bells to eight bells, for the new Portsmouth tower. The bellfounder may then have advised a completely new set of bells, at the same time proposing a sort of business deal, i.e., the acceptance of the old five as bell metal in part exchange. Presumably then the Rudhall firm, for convenience, first deferred, then overlooked, for some years, the collection of the five old bells from the Castle. At all events it is recorded that "There was long a saying at Dover that 'Portsmouth bells are heard at St. Margaret's—a village three or four miles from Dover Castle'." This may well be interpreted to mean that since 1799, when the five old bells were reputed eventually to have been taken away from the Castle, they were re-installed locally—their reawakening sound recalling that, years before, they had been "earmarked" as "the bells for Portsmouth". Information that there is only one bell in the tower at St. Margaret's seems to indicate that the five went to another neighbouring tower, that of St. Margaret's being quoted in error.

The extract from the volume of Corporation records above-mentioned continues:

> "It appears from an old chronicler that the ringers of the (Portsmouth) bells were 'a very idle sort of personages who won't ring unless they are paid, or have a leg of mutton and turnips for supper by mine host of the Eight Bells, with flagons of Thomas Ridge's stout ales'. In consequence of this William Brandon, who was elected Mayor of Portsmouth in 1702, 'At his own proper cost by erudite and curious machinery attached to a large clock, set St. Thomas's bells chiming every four hours in spite of the ringers who had risen in open rebellion. On the 20th December, 1703, at 12 o'clock at noon, the ears of the listening townspeople were astonished and their pious feelings excited by the euphonious bells, resounding in long meter, the Old Hundredth Psalm and the Sicilian Mariner's Hymn'."

Some 209 years later the eight bells were recast (by Taylors, of Loughborough) and on November 10th, 1912, the Mayor and Corporation attended the ceremony of dedication. The original inscriptions on the bells were not retained bell for bell, but existing details are given below. "This ring of eight bells" on the tenor was appropriate enough, of course, before the more recent augmentation to ten.

Meanwhile the uniquely British art of change-ringing had been introduced into the tower, and an ancient peal board records the ringing, as far back as in 1749, of a full peal of changes, in the method of Grandsire Triples.

In 1957 Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, again rehung the eight bells with new fittings and added two new treble bells. Particulars and inscriptions are as follows:—

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Portsmouth Cathedral of the Future

"Henry Johnson" Dines out of Birmingham

SOLIHULL'S NEW TREBLES HONOURED

After having been held in Birmingham for 80 consecutive years, the Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner had this year, on March 1st, a new venue — the Civic Hall, Solihull. For the first time Birmingham was deserted and the occasion coincided with the recent dedication of two new trebles at St. Alphege's Church, Solihull — one the gift of Mr. C. W. Bragg to commemorate his 50 years as a ringer and the other by Ald. W. E. Wright and his sisters.

The other memorable event associated with this dinner was that it marked the resignation of Mr. G. E. Fearn after 20 years as secretary of St. Martin's Guild. And the secretaryship of the Guild is fantastically unique. In the past 100 years there have been five Guild secretaries and each has served for 20 years. There was a handsome presentation to Mr. Fearn and flowers for Mrs. Fearn, who to the regret of the company is in hospital recovering from an operation.

And to complete the picture an Old Solihullian, Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd, was chairman. Fifty years ago he joined St. Martin's Guild, and it was in this town that he went to school, sang in the church choir, learned to ring and rang his first peal. But his fame as a ringer, composer and writer extends far beyond the boundary of Solihull or the St. Martin's Guild. In 1962 he was chairman of the Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner, and his contributions to the Guild's history have been outstanding.

The banqueting hall made a splendid setting. With Mr. Shepherd was his wife, and the distinguished company included the Provost of Birmingham, Bishop Sinker, and Mrs. Sinker, the Archdeacon of Aston and Mrs. F. F. G. Warman, the Archdeacon of Birmingham and Mrs. V. S. Nicholls, Miss M. Reay, Master, Canon and Mrs. H. Hartley (Solihull), Canon D. McLean (Perry Barr), Mr. G. E. Fearn and his daughter, Mrs. R. Baverstock, Mr. P. L. Taylor, Mr. J. A. Ainsworth (hon. secretary) and Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Barron.

The toast of "The Queen" was followed by a presentation performed by the Master.

PRESENTATION TO MR. GEORGE FEARN

The Master (Miss Muriel Reay) before making a presentation of a handsome early morning electric tea set and cheque to Mr. George Fearn and a bouquet for Mrs. Fearn, which was received by her daughter, said 1969 was made a memorable and historic year by three things—the dedication of the two new trebles to St. Alphege's, Solihull, the decision to hold the Henry Johnson Dinner at Solihull instead of in the city, and the retirement of George Fearn from office after serving the Guild for about a quarter of a century, first as Ringing Master and then for 20 years as secretary.

Recalling her first meeting with George when he was Ringing Master, the Master said he was unlocking the belfry door of Birmingham Cathedral and said: "Hallo, are you a ringer? Come up into the belfry and we will ring something for you."

"A few months later when I had started peal ringing George said: 'Let me know when you are coming home again and I'll fix you up with a peal or two.' Like many more ringers I soon discovered what he meant. His letter went something like this: 'Be at Shirley Church at 10 on Saturday for Cambridge. There's a meeting at Aston in the afternoon. You had better ring at the Cathedral on Sunday. We are going to Bishop Ryder's on Monday so look up Rutland. I have got Yardley for Wednesday and we'll go to the Cathedral on Thursday for Yorkshire Royal—you can ring the treble if you want to! I may get Netherton for Friday and I will let you know what the arrangements are for Satorday when I see you.'

"George was a very capable Ringing Master and saw that everyone attending a practice had the opportunity to learn something. Now he has completed 20 years as secretary and has retired from office, thus completing a century in which five secretaries have each served exactly 20 years.

"We felt we could not let the occasion pass without showing some tangible recognition of what George has done for St. Martin's Guild and the Exercise at large. We have been joined in this by ringers in London and the Home Counties, Bristol, Hampshire and East Anglia . . . We hope George and Doris will find the gift useful for many years to come."

Expressing his sincere thanks, George said his only regret was that his wife was unable to be with them that evening. "Although my term of office as secretary has ended it does not mean that I shall minimise the amount of ringing I shall do. The habits of over 40 years are not easily cast aside, and I do not think I can envisage the future without Sunday service ringing and adequate facilities for peal ringing given to people who indulge in such practices."

PREDECESSORS IN OFFICE

It would not be out of place to mention the other secretaries of St. Martin's Guild during the last 100 years. Before Thomas Reeves there was Paddon Smith who became Lord Mayor of Birmingham, and prior to him William H. Godden. And lastly there was Alfred Thomas who was little known in ringing circles although his name appears on a peal board at St. Martin's. He was a contemporary of Henry Johnson, and in those days he (George) felt that the standard of striking was higher than today, although the number of methods was fewer.

Mr. Fearn said he noticed in a letter written by Henry Johnson in 1882 to Frank Dawe that "It is our invariable custom not to advertise a peal of any sort unless accurately rung." It appears that Dawe came from London to ring a peal at St. Martin's. Towards the end there was a change of course and Henry Johnson stopped the peal. Dawe thought that a great man like Henry Johnson should have put it right and the letter was written in reply. He thought it was men like Henry Johnson and Alfred Thomas who were really the background of the Guild.

The presentation was followed by the toast of "The Church", proposed by Mr. Paul L. Taylor. He said they all felt it was a great honour to be churchmen. When he was a young man his uncle said to him: "Look lad, you are a church bellfounder, or I hope you will become one." It was just 37 years ago that his uncle was in Solihull after having recast the bells, and ever since they had looked after the bells. They were very fortunate to have in Solihull parishioners who were keen on the bells.

CANON AND CANNON

Canon Harry Hartley, Rector of Solihull, who replied, said the word "canon" finds a proper place in campanology. "You are laughing at me and saying when we fire the bells we spell 'cannon' with two Ns in the middle. Similarly, of course, do people who want to fire me address me with two Ns in the middle.

"Even so, 'canon'—C-A-N-O-N—has a most vital link with bells, for it is the name given to the loop of metal on the top of each bell by which the bell is hung. I like to think that there could not have been chosen a more symbolic partnership in the ringing world to propose the toast of 'The Church' than a bellfounder and a canon! Without Mr. Taylor there is no bell; without the canon the bell is useless, it cannot be hung. So it is as this small metal loop that I speak for the whole bell. Though distinct we are inseparable and mutually necessary to each other.

"The Church is the Body of Christ made up of countless members under the one head. Each of us has a particular and specific function, equally important in the Body, and without each the Body is failing. Sincerely then, on behalf of the rest of the Church, I thank you of the Ministry of Ringing for your service to the Glory of God and calling all men to come and worship Him."

RETURN OF THE NATIVE

No man more fitting could have been chosen to propose the toast of "Continued prosperity to St. Martin's Guild" than the chairman, who stated it was a case of the return of the native as it was at Solihull he was brought up, went to school, joined the choir, learned to ring and rang his first peal exactly 50 years ago. It was his pleasure to see so many friends, some of them very old cronies. Fifty-five years ago he was ringing with Mr. William Leeson, and with his generous relative, Mr. Charles Bragg, they both had precious memories.

Speaking to the toast, Mr. Shepherd said real prosperity was far from static: the ancient Romans had a word for it that meant growth or increase. It was obvious that continued prosperity hung on doing, and doing in two ways—by ringing performances and perhaps what was more important the contribution they made to the welfare and progress of the Ringing Exercise.

Apply those tests to the St. Martin's Guild past, present and future. First, there was a long and splendid tradition of ringing bands, in the 18th century the performances at St. Philip's and at Aston, the remarkable band of 1820, the rise of Johnson and Hopkins and the establishment of the Birmingham Stedman Cinques tradition, the coming of Groves and Walker and the rise of the brilliant Stedman Cinques handbell bands.

The last quarter of a century had seen Surprise Maximus brought to an extremely high standard culminating in the securing of the Maximus record and the recovery of the Stedman Cinques record. With the present strength of the Guild's bands there was no fear of a falling away in the future.

And what of the contribution to the Ringing Exercise? In composition it was considerable and important. Henry Cooper, Thomas Day, Thomas Thurstans, Isaac Lates, Henry Johnson, John Carter—these names were immortal in change-ringing because they provided the foundation for all modern scientific study of methods and compositions. And today they had Roderick Pipe and Peter Border, two composers whose works were providing a forceful impact on ringing theory and practice.

Another of their contributions to the Exercise was the opportunities given to ringers from everywhere to bring their ringing—especially 12-bell ringing—to a very high standard. For this gratifying development much credit must go to Mr. George Fearn, for it had been through his capable management that this had been possible.

Concluding, Mr. Shepherd said: "The prospects for our Guild at this time are bright; let us remember that our future rests both on our ringing performances and on the contribution we can make to our fellow ringers. Then, like the Church that we serve, we shall be founded on a rock."

ST. MARTIN'S UNIQUE POSITION

The reply was from the new hon. general secretary of the Guild, Mr. J. Alan Ainsworth, who said the organisation of ringing throughout the country was in the hands of flourishing territorial Societies and famous Societies like the Ancient Society of College Youths and the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths (both of whom were strongly represented that

Henry Johnson Dinner—continued

evening). While the "élite" Societies did not have wide territorial responsibilities, the Exercise looked to them for the maintenance of their great individual traditions and for a high standard of ringing which ringers throughout the country used as a yardstick for their own progress and performances.

The St. Martin's Guild occupied a unique position. Ringers in the Diocese of Birmingham looked to the Guild to provide similar opportunities as the diocesan and county Societies and the Exercise looked to it to continue its traditions of welcome and a standard of ringing second to none. To fulfil these two different roles at the same time was not easy, but they hoped they succeeded.

The outstanding event of the year had been the dedication of the two new trebles at St. Alphege's. The splice had proved very successful and he congratulated all concerned. Looking ahead, they hoped the outstanding event of either 1969 or 1970 would be the bell restoration at Perry Barr.

In the field of peal ringing the Ringing Master had a heavy programme for them. On Easter Monday there was to be an attempt for 17,000-odd Surprise Maximus and the Guild had been granted permission to attempt peals in the same month at Exeter Cathedral and Beverley Minster.

The toast of "The Visitors" was wittily proposed by the Archdeacon of Aston (Ven. F. F. Guy Warman) and the response was by Mr. T. W. White, editor of "The Ringing World".

LOYALTY: NO ILL-FEELING

Proceedings concluded with the toast of "The Chairman", proposed by Mr. T. J. Warner. In a cordial wel[illegible] to Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Shepherd, he said in his long and close association with the chairman there were two characteristics that he had observed. The first was his loyalty to his own tower and the other was that he had never known their chairman to bear a grievance or carry an ill-feeling against anyone. There had been times in the course of ringing that he had expressed his annoyance about the bad effort by a ringer through carelessness or lack of concentration whilst ringing, but whatever was said those words or thoughts were never carried down the belfry steps, and once outside the matter was never referred to. Those two qualities gave him a character, and by that he would be remembered.

A novelty during the evening was a demonstration of a ringing teaching machine by Mr. George Morris, of Malvern Link, and there was the customary handbell ringing by Wilfred Williams, R. Pipe, F. E. Haynes, D. Beresford and Miss Joan Beresford.

THE COMPANY

In addition to those mentioned above, the company included:—

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Together They Head 1968 Peal List

C. Barrie Dove

Charles Barrie Dove commenced ringing in 1955 at the age of 11, being taught to handle a bell by his father, Mr. Ronald H. Dove, on the new ring of six at St. Matthew's, Chapel Allerton, Leeds.

His first peal, Plain Bob Minor on the treble, was conducted by Irvin Slack at Chapel Allerton in 1959, and his first peal as conductor, Plain Bob Doubles, was at Tong, Bradford, the following year.

His peal total to date is 370, of which he has conducted 275. This includes 13,440 Plain Bob Major which he called at Hanbury, Worcestershire.

Of his total of 111 peals in 1968, 58 were of Surprise Major in 30 different methods, and in doing this he is the first person to ring 100 peals for the Yorkshire Association in one year.

A peal which he valued most last year was one of Cambridge Royal at York Minster, which is the heaviest peal of Royal ever rung.

David E. Rothera

David E. Rothera, who in 1967 was leading peal ringer with one short of his century, is a native of Birmingham, and spent three years at Cambridge. He is a solicitor by profession. This week we have the pleasure of congratulating him on his engagement to Miss Susan Joan Jenkins.

His 1968 list of peals consisted of one peal of Plain Bob Major, eight of Stedman (four Cinques, two Caters, two Triples) and 102 peals of Surprise (11 Maximus, 34 Royal and 67 Major, including the first peal of Double Glasgow and 25 spliced all the work).

They were rung for 27 different Associations (including 15 for Essex, 13 Ely, 12 Hertford and 10 College Youths). Sixty-nine of these peals were rung with Kenneth J. Hesketh.

As to 1969, he comments: "Barrie Dove can have the field to himself, in view of my recent engagement!"

For list, see page 214.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

West Dorset Branch

The Langford-Beams-Cox memorial meeting was held at Bradpole on February 22nd. Six towers were represented and visitors from Maiden Newton and Bournemouth were welcomed. Ringing was in charge of the Ringing Masters until the Guild service, which was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. J. Barrington-Wood. The lesson was read by I. Andrews and the organist was Mr. D. Ellery. In this beautiful memorial service, with a touch of Grandsire Triples on handbells, we were paying our tributes to those pioneers of change-ringing in West Dorset who had led the Branch to the highlights of this meeting, when Yorkshire, Superlative and Bristol were among the methods rung.

A good tea was served in the nearby hall, prepared by ladies of local ringers. The business meeting followed, presided over by the chairman, Mr. C. W. Powell. A tribute was paid to Mr. C. Crabb, a past member of Bridport tower. Members were notified of the Guild festival at Wootton Bassett on Saturday, May 10th.

The following meetings were arranged: quarterly, Thorncombe, Saturday, April 19th; practice: Bradpole, Wednesday, April 9th; Broadwindsor, Saturday, May 17th. All subject to confirmation. J.D.

PORTSMOUTH CATHEDRAL BELLS

(Continued from page 199)

3rd.—Ring in the true. Ring out the false. Recast by the Children. 5 cwt. 19 lb.

4th.—Ring in the common love of Good. Recast by the Clergy of the Rural Deanery. 5 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb.

5th.—Health and prosperity to all our Benefactors. Recast by the Doctors. 6 cwt. 9 lb.

6th.—Peace and good neighbourhood. Recast by the Lawyers. 7 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb.

7th.—God save King George. Recast by the Soldiers. 10 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

8th.—Te Deum Laudamus. Recast by His Majesty. 12 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb.

9th.—God save our Queen, Prince and Fleet. Recast by the Sailors. 17 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

Tenor.—We good people all to prayer do call. We honour to King and Brides joy do bring. Good Tydings we tell and ring the Death's Knell. Recast by the Parishoners. 25 cwt. 2 qr.

This ring of eight bells was recast by John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, A.D. 1912.

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The total weight of bell metal is over 5 tons. The well-appointed belfry, with one or two unusual features including two sets of handbells in a glazed cabinet (12 diatonic in key G and 25 chromatic in same key), and its easy-going melodious tower bells are considered to be among the finest extant. The bells are becoming deservedly popular throughout the Exercise. A.J.W.

Letters to the Editor

CONDENSING PEALS

Dear Sir,—Before peal reports are so condensed that they become unintelligible without the aid of a code book, I would urge that peal ringers are very fully consulted. They deserve consideration, which I am afraid they do not always receive. Without peal ringing there would be no "Exercise" as we know it, and certainly no "Ringing World".

We keep hearing about rising costs of production, but cutting down is not the only way to meet these. The shilling charged today represents far less in purchasing power than the threepence charged in the '20s and '30s. Yet modern affluent society seems unable or unwilling to pay in full for what it receives and is always looking for means of reducing cost —often by getting things subsidised by others (hence Association peal booking fees). The price of "The Ringing World" should have been raised steadily as the years went by to keep pace with the lessening value of money.

Fnlly, if spc is t b svd, rtcls sch as ths by Mr. Rchd Spd nd Mr. Yk-Brmbl cd b cndnsd b lvng out vwls nd thr nn-ssntl lttrs. Bt wh th h wd rd thm?—Yrs fthflly,

C. W. WLLY.

Bushey Heath, Herts.

SIMILARITY

Dear Sir,—With regard to Roger Baldwin's composition of Worthington Surprise Major (page 162), I think he should have mentioned that it contains exactly the same courses as Simon Humphrey's well-known peal of Lincolnshire. The universality of Mr. Humphrey's composition has been recognised for some time and has in fact been rung to Worthington. I mention this partly because it gives conductors more variety of choice when ringing methods with difficult falseness and partly because it has a bearing on the composition/arrangement argument.

Taking Mr. Rowson's standpoint (page 122), this composition would have to be regarded as an arrangement of Humphrey's or merely as a "24-course block". Mr. Brannan's rules (page 163) are too hard and fast. For example, they would lead to the classification of the first peal of Bristol with 144 c.r.u.'s as an arrangement whilst any 27-course block reduced could be claimed as a composition if it was true to Yorkshire.

Personally, I feel that there are many aspects which have to be taken into consideration, such as originality, style, ease of learning and calling, and musical qualities, and if it is not practical for a Central Council committee to make the decision the present practice of leaving it to the discretion of the composer/arranger is as good as any.—Yours sincerely,

TIMOTHY G. PETT.

Tufnell Park, London, N.

SPLICED MINOR

Dear Sir,—May I draw the attention of conductors of Minor to the extent No. 4 in the Spliced Minor peal on page 131?

The composition is the well-known 15 methods by A. G. Driver, which I plagiarised (some may say desecrated) to include three leads of Ashbocking. In its widest sense one might call it an arrangement, but it is not my original thought.—Yours faithfully,

P. W. SALTMARSH.

Danbury, Essex.

DATE TOUCHES

Dear Sir,—I would like to reply to the points raised by "Anon." and Mr. Cane ("R.W.", February 28th) in connection with the 1,969 of Bob Major which was published on February 14th.

(1) I am well aware that it is possible to obtain this length using Plain Bob only. I did not do this because I wanted to avoid the 87s at backstroke which inevitably result. These can be avoided by starting with a method which has 8ths place at the lead end, thus putting the 7th into 6th place for the initial course end. If this is done and calls are made which change the relative position of 7 and 8 before they reach the back together, there will be no 87s at backstroke.

My tastes are obviously quite different from those of "Anon."; I happen to like roll-ups and dislike 87s at backstroke. It is largely immaterial which 8ths place method is used; I have obtained other 1,969s using Double and Single Norwich at the beginning and one of Double Norwich throughout. I chose to submit the one which uses Original because it is simple (in my opinion), more musical, and likely to appeal to a greater number of bands.

(2) The use of two types of bob. If the touch using Double Norwich had been published, would these two gentlemen have objected because I had not used fourths place bobs for the Double Norwich (or alternatively, sixths place bobs for the Plain Bob)? As far as I am concerned, a sixths place bob is the normal one for Original (if such an infrequently-rung principle can be said to have a "normal" bob). The C.C. Collection of Minor Methods contains several arrangements for extents of spliced Plain Minor which suggest that my interpretation is the correct one, e.g., extent No. 306 contains singled leads of Single Court (single made in 456), singled leads of Hereward (single made in 234) and bobbed leads of both seconds and sixths place methods, although of course on six bells these are both made in fourths place. Does this extent contravene the C.C. rules?

(3) Is there any general interest in date touches? Not only do people ring them, but they quite often in the reports of their performances indicate that the composition used was one which appeared in the "R.W.". Indeed it is quite possible that some of the date touches which appear in the "R.W." are subsequently rung more, even during the limited period to which they apply, than some of the peal compositions which are published.

(4) Even if there is an interest in date touches, Mr. Cane asserts that those interested can arrange their own. Since I am not personally acquainted with all of the people concerned I cannot judge whether this is correct or not, although I suspect it is not. However, the point made in (3) above shows that some conductors are quite happy to use other people's arrangements. I produced a 1,968 of Bob Major, but before an attempt to ring it could be arranged an arrangement was published in the "R.W." which I considered superior to mine in all respects, so that when the time came to ring the date touch I did not use my arrangement.

(5) Finally, what will "Anon." do in 1970 (if he is interested)? Unless he rings treble bob with an arrangement which comes round at the backstroke snap of the treble (and even in this case he will need one or some other odd number of leads of a plain method) he will find it difficult to obtain a date touch of Major without using at least a few changes of a principle such as Original (Duffield might be a good alternative). My slight knowledge of figures does not extend to the arrangement of touches of spliced T.B. and plain methods, so I shall have to continue to use Original (with 6ths place bobs).—Yours, faithfully,

PHILIP GAY.

Keele, Staffs.

"THE DISEASE" NOT SERIOUS

Dear Sir,—Having just arrived home from sea I was most interested to read the article on page 146 of "The Ringing World". If it is any consolation to Susan Cane, I would assure her that this particular disease is not serious, and given time the symptoms become less acute. I diagnose common Campanalogiseamea Tintinnalogy Continuous. Having suffered from this myself and recovered fairly successfully I think her brother, Roger, has a pretty fair chance. My sister also has always thought me mad, but as she is a nurse I have never disputed the fact, and although she rings herself she seems to be immune from the disease.

I used to spend every available hour in a belfry somewhere, and gallon upon gallon of petrol it has cost me. I also went through the shouting and bawling stages of the disease—very distressing to others. So I retired from my role as a conductor and turned my talents to composing.

I imagined myself as a 20th century Stedman, Parker or Holt. I composed many fine methods and peals only to find that they had either been composed many years ago anyway or else they were false or just unringable, being highly complex and of intricate irregularity. The disease can also produce hallucinations in the form of giant size coloured diagrams of Bristol, Superlative and Yorkshire on the bedroom walls, and I found myself ringing innumerable touches and quarter peals from the comfort of my bed, and these all came round with good striking.

As far as boy friends go, I am sure Miss Cane would find many young eligible bachelors in our belfries. Anyway, why not be a bit of a nut for an hour or two a week, pulling faces, twitching noses and chewing gum? Then the little trot across the road to the pub will be the best tonic!—Yours sincerely and nearly cured,

ROGER E. PECKHAM.

Hassocks, Sussex.

OLDEST RINGER TO SCORE 100 PEALS "IN HAND"

Dear Sir,—My heartiest congratulations to Mr. J. R. Mayne on his 1,000 peals at age 35. I often recall his young days when his father, his mother and himself used to visit our Guildford Guild meetings, and John at the conclusion of business would catch my eye and indicate handbells. We rang some nice touches on eight and ten. The three brothers Pye rang 100 peals "in hand" before the First World War and the three or four others who rose to 100 have also passed on, and as my 100 "in hand" was on February 27th, 1915, I am the oldest ringer living to claim 100 "in hand", which was one of my earliest ambitions in ringing.—Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Addlestone, Surrey.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
SEE BACK PAGE

Bishop Wants 12 Bells at Guildford Cathedral

STARTS FUND WITH PERSONAL DONATION

Presiding as president at the annual dinner of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, held at Harvey's Restaurant, Guildford, on February 28th, the Bishop of Guildford (Rt. Rev. G. Reindorp) suggested that the Cathedral ring of ten bells should be augmented to 12 and thus provide the diocese with its first ring of 12. He announced his willingness to start the fund with a donation of £10.

The Bishop was accompanied by his wife, Dr. Alix Reindorp, and they were received by the Master and Mrs. Peter Smart. The Dean (the Very Rev. A. C. Bridge) and Mrs. Bridge were also present. An excellent meal was served to a company of 155 and the dinner was followed by a dance.

Mr. P. A. Corby, the general secretary of the Kent County Association and immediate past Master of the College Youths, proposed the toast of "The Church and the Ringing Exercise". He said four years ago Sevenoaks were having their bells recast and rehung. He took lodgings in the Whitechapel Road so that he could look in frequently at the foundry and perhaps nag them to get on with the work. All was going well, and they had a date in mind, when he went into the foundry one morning and found the place in utter chaos and an atmosphere of nervousness. "I told them not to worry: Sevenoaks was after all just another job—take it easy. 'Oh no,' they said, 'sorry, but you won't get your job for a long time now—we had a 'phone call this morning from the Bishop of Guildford. They have got to have their bells and they must be in and ready to be dedicated on May 17th!" So Sevenoaks became a non-priority. However, compensation came. John Chilcott asked him to bring some others for a peal, and so he had rung in one of the first few peals rung on those beautiful bells.

CHURCH—MOTHER OF US ALL

"You hear so much on the subject of the Church, and so many seem to think it is an invention of the 20th century. We tend to forget that it is not only an aged and venerable establishment but is in the fullest possible sense the Mother of us all. We talk about men going to the moon, and other wonderful scientific things, but if man had not in the first place learned to read and write he would never have got round to these wonderful inventions. And where did he learn to read and write? — through the Church. Where would music or the arts be, or medicine? It was the Church that started healing and the arts." If they thought ringing was an art surely it was their duty, privilege and pleasure to work at it with all their mind, to enjoy doing it, but above all else to devote it to the Church, to Christianity.

In reply the Bishop said Mr. Corby was absolutely right about the bells in Guildford Cathedral, because he (the Bishop) had kept ringing Mears and Stainbank, the oldest firm in business, making guns to fight the Armada to electro-plating for submarines in the last war, and still making bells. He told them we must have them by May 17th when the Duchess of Gloucester was coming to the Cathedral anniversary service.

"A year ago," said the Bishop, "I stood here and said before the Dean leaves we ought to have a set of handbells for the Cathedral. You looked down your noses with the 'treasurer' look: 'What is it going to cost?' The answer was about £200: I said I would give the bell with the note G for my name and A for Alix's. It is a wonderful thing to stand here tonight and to say we have our complete set, and in use. What a wonderful moment it was for me at the Midnight Eucharist at the Cathedral as I was giving the Body and Blood of Christ: suddenly there was this wonderful sound of the handbells playing from the south gallery. I was moved almost to tears."

BELLS—A THANKOFFERING

"During this dinner I have been thinking a lot about mathematics, as I have been sitting next to the Master's wife, who teaches mathematics in a girls' school. She tells me we have no ring of 12 in the whole diocese. We have ten at the Cathedral—we need two more bells. What are two bells when we have ten? My mathematical friend says they would cost about £600 with another £100 to hang them. We have 60 towers in the diocese, say 45 active ones. I will start the fund off tonight with £10. We need these two as a thankoffering for what Dean Clarkson has done and as a welcome to his successor."

Called upon to make a speech, the Dean spoke of the joy it was to come to a cathedral supported with such enormous enthusiasm. He had just heard of a legacy of £25,000, of which the interest was to go to music in the Cathedral. It was quite fantastic in these days when people said the Church was "dead"—but no more marvellous than these gifts of time and love given through ringing. He hoped people would come up to him and introduce themselves, and accept his hospitality.

The last speech came from the Master of the Guild: "To the memory of John S. Goldsmith and other officers and members of the Guild." He said Mr. Goldsmith left a marvellous heritage in "The Ringing World" which was ably carried on He wondered what John Goldsmith would think of "The Ringing World" as it is today: its face had changed considerably. He was far from criticising "The Ringing World" but "thought it was time for us to look at ourselves when it becomes necessary to use gimmicks to sell a paper to a body of people whose interest is ringing. Is it not natural for us to buy the paper that is written for us?" It worried him not a little to think that it was difficult to sell it.

It did not need him to remind the company of the other members who had gone on—Alfred Pulling, Charles Hazelden; there were many others.

A plain course of Stedman Triples was then rung by Miss J. Oakshott, Miss J. Wernham, Mr. J. C. Davidge and Mr. John Helder (of St. Martin's, Epsom) on eight of the Cathedral handbells, followed by tunes. The company then moved into the Pimento Room for dancing, which continued until 1 a.m.

The hon. secretarial arrangements were made by Mr. David Tubbs.

Letters—continued

GIVE MORE SPACE TO PEALS!

Dear Sir, — In case "The Ringing World" Committee get the wrong ideas, I hasten to make a plea for peal reports to be recorded very fully and in as attractive a format as possible for the benefit of all readers whatever their views on peals.

It has been said that the peal ringer, although in the minority of ringers generally, is amongst the best supporters of "The Ringing World". I believe it is a fact the peal does more than any other cause to keep the art of change-ringing alive and maintain the Exercise. If this is so it plays no small part in maintaining the most essential task of calling people to worship and being of service to the Church. Good enough reasons that peals should hold an important place in "The Ringing World" and if necessary take up space.

In recent years, on the pretence of space or cost, we have gone backwards instead of forwards in the recording of peals. How much better "January," "February," "Saturday" and "Wednesday" look to Jan., Feb., Sat. and Wed. The word "Changes" some years ago was cut out; most of us are change-ringers and yet there are weeks when the word never appears in the paper. **I hope we never see the day when the special language of the ringer is gradually eradicated from "The Ringing World".** "5056 Norwich" for "A Peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 5,056 changes" may be a sign of the times we live in, but to my mind a backward step, or I am not with it.

In my home there is competition who can read "The Ringing World" first between my wife and I. My wife is a non-ringer but she is very interested in reading the peals for she sees in them what folk are doing, where they go, and excites many questions that I find sometimes difficult to answer. She is very interested in the names Tom, Richard and Harry, Miss, Mrs. and young So-and-so has called his first peal. She says that although she is not interested in weights of tenors generally, if she she has to have "Dove's" beside her and it looks like a knitting pattern to work out the abbreviations she will give up. I shall be very disappointed if I have to have "Dove's" beside me and it looks like a railway timetable to find out anything.

Much has been said about footnotes, and I was once, when young, very sceptical about them; but every year that goes by I find them more and more interesting until I consider they form a very useful function. Many which seem flippant now will have value historically, in fact must have a value immediately, because they encourage many ringers in their work, and some when related to folk outside our circle, or made to relate to such folk, have undoubtedly brought the interest of the layman to the cause of ringing generally

In conclusion I must emphasise that what I have said is in no way deliberately meant to be provocative but a point of view which I hope may be the wish of many ringers, and so give Richard Speed and "The Ringing World" Committee some positive views on the subject. —Yours sincerely,

FRANK B. LUFKIN.

Holland-on-Sea, Essex.

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DATE TOUCH

COULSDON, SURREY.—On Dec. 27th, 1,968 Doubles (four methods): Philippa Hewett 1, Geraldine Flook 2, D. Little 3, A. Brock 4, D. Atkins (cond.) 5. First date touch by all.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Feb. 9th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Kathryn Bone (first quarter) 1, Louise Powell 2, Wendy Wallace (cond.) 3, Penny Cocks 4, E. G. H. Godfrey 5, I. Wiltshire 6. For Evensong.

ALDINGTON, KENT.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Minor (Kent T.B., Plain Bob): G. Terris 1, D. P. Leworthy 2, M. Hitchcock 3, J. Clark 4, N. J. Cheason 5, P. D. J. Beal (cond.) 6.

ASHFORD, KENT.—On Feb. 12th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: F. G. Hucksteppp 1, M. M. Jones 2, C. Hillis 3, D. Manger 4, P Staples 5, R. A. Swift 6, N. J. Davies 7, R. Swift (cond.) 8. First Kent Treble Bob Major for 2, 5 and 6.

BENINGTON, HERTS.—On Feb. 9th, 1,280 Plain Bob Minor (7, 8 covering): N. R. Perrin (first Minor) 1, P. C. Worthington 2, Brenda J. Harris 3, Margaret M. Roden 4, M. R. Worthington (cond.) 5, Rosemary A. Spicer 6, R. T. Falder 7, P. J. H. Dobson (first quarter) 8. For Evensong.

BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.—On Feb. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss L. Doone 1, W. R. Chandler 2, R. J. Brown (cond.) 3, R. Coughlan 4, Miss B. Fisher 5, F. Southwood 6. For Matins.

BEWDLEY, WORCS.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. J. Fletcher 1, D. J. G. Bates 2, P. R. Johnson 3, S. G. Pick 4, Gillian Bosworth-Smith 5, C. J. Bennett 6, R. C. Stevens (cond.) 7, S. W. Illidge 8. A wedding compliment to Sylvia Leadbeater and Remi Hodster, who were married at St. Leonard's, Bilston, on the previous Saturday.

BINSTED, HANTS.—On Feb. 8th, 1,260 Seighford Bob Doubles: M. Cass 1, W. Willans 2, Mary Sutcliffe (cond.) 3, Jennifer Quaife 4, R. B. Walton 5, B J. Fry 6. First in the variation by all.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—On Feb. 11th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. W. Sear 1, Mrs. Sylvia Trotter 2, A. Kershaw 3, T. Page 4, A. B. Corden 5, A. E. Daniels 6, D. J. Meager 7, R. Cadamy (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Joseph Marks, for over 60 years ringer at St. Mary's, who died Feb. 5th, 1969.

BREASTON, DERBYS.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Minor and Doubles in various methods: Linda Brewin 1, C. Beswick 2, W. Northover 3, A. Lord 4, C. Slack 5, A. Humphrey (cond.) 6

BRINDLE, LANCS.—On Feb. 8th, 1,320 Doubles (Grandsire, St. Martin's): Miss S. E. Hill 1, B. D. Hill 2, P. S. Woods 3, R. Helliwell 4, J. Parsons (cond.) 5, M. F. Hill 6.

BROCKENHURST, HANTS.—On Feb. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. R. Eaton 1, W. T. Perrins (cond.) 2, N. Stock 3, S. Baybutt 4, A. A. Nunn 5, T. W. Lamerton 6. First quarter 1, 3, 6. Rung by pupils at Brockenhurst Grammar School.

BULKINGTON, WARKS.—On Feb. 16th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: H. E. Ashley 1, Rosemary Sillingsby 2, R. Liggins 3, A. F. Hinde 4, D. Mountford 5, B. Liggins 6, R. Joy Pluckrose 7, G. Pluckrose (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

CALVERLEY, YORKS.—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. P. Farrer 1, Stella G. Cousen 2, Joan M. Dawson 3, W. Lee 4, D. C. Johnstone 5, P. M. Dawson 6. Birthday compliments to 4 and 5. Also on Feb. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mandy Driver 1, Margaret Reddish 2, Stella G. Cousen 3, W. Lee 4, S. P. Farrer 5, P. M. Dawson 6. Birthday compliment to 1.

CHERITON, KENT.—On Feb. 15th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Mira Ford 1, J. Clark 2, M. Hitchcock 3, G. Wood 4, G. Terris 5, D. P. Leworthy 6, P. D. J. Beal 7, N. J. Cheason (cond.) 8.

CHIPSTABLE, SOM.—1,440 Kent T.B. Minor: H. Young 1, F. Casely 2, H. Purchase 3, G. Sparkes 4, W. Nurcombe 5, E. Quicke (cond.) 6.

CLEATOR MOOR, CUMBERLAND.—On Feb. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: O. Ellbeck 1, F. Richardson 2, Mrs. N. Dodd 3, W. Seward 4, J. E. Brown (cond.) 5, J. Robinson 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. W. Pearson, former chuchwarden.

CLIFFORD, HEREFORDS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods): B. Giddings 1, F. Harris 2, H. Instance 3, J. Clayton (first quarter as cond.) 4, J. Hope 5, D. Watkins 6.

QUARTER PEALS

DANBURY, ESSEX.—On Jan. 12th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: E. G. Roast 1, R. J. W. Housden 2, E. W. Roast 3, T. Spurgeon 4, P. J. Came 5, J. E. G. Roast 6, Yvonne Murray 7, J. L. Towler (cond.) 8. Also on Feb. 23rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Susan Spurgeon 1, Mary Roast 2, E. W. Roast 3, T. Spurgeon 4, P. J. Came 5, R. J. W. Housden 6, I. J. M. Saunders (cond.) 7, E. G. Roast 8

CRADLEY, WORCS.—On Feb. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Davies 1, H. J. Shuck (cond.) 2, L. R. Hall 3, Mrs. M. Hensman 4, J. H. White 5, R. Dunn 6, C. Cooksey 7, M. Green 8. First quarter 7 and 8. A 21st birthday compliment to ringer of 7.

CRANFORD, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Ayres (first quarter) 1, Miss G. Green (first Minor "inside") 2, Miss V. A. Hall 3, Mrs. F. E. Crosier 4, D. J. Attley 5, F. E. Crosier (cond.) 6.

CHAWTON, HANTS.—On Feb. 8th, 1,260 Doubles (21 m/v): M. E. Cass 1, Jennifer Quaife 2, Mary Sutcliffe 3, W. Willans (cond.) 4, R. B. Walton 5, B. J. Fry 6.

CODSALL, STAFFS.—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): A. G. Richards 1, A. D. Collins (cond.) 2, D. Head 3, S. W. Illidge 4, Gillian Bosworth-Smith 5, F. Fowell (first quarter) 6.

DITCHEAT, SOM.—On Feb. 15th, 1,280 Rutland Surprise Major: E. T. Lee 1, W. S. Rice 2, Diana M. Bridle 3, J. Brain 4, R. W. Rice 5, P. J. England 6, P. Bridle 7, S. Brown (first quarter as cond.) 8.

DOULTING, SOM.—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman Grandsire). P. H. Hull 1, P. Wareham 2, T. Nicholls 3, D. Withers 4, R. E. J. Baker (cond.) 5, H. Vennell 6. A 65th birthday compliment to Mr. J E. Metcalfe

EAST TYTHERLEY, HANTS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,280 Kent T.B. Major: R. Le Marechal 1, J. Hallett 2, J. Collins 3, Jane E. Dando 4, G. Cooper 5, M. J. Young (first Major in method) 6, I. H. Trueman 7, A. J. Mason (first Major as cond.) 8. First in method 1, 2 and 3.

EDINBURGH.—At St. Cuthbert's Church, on Feb. 8th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Miss J. Cleeve 1, R. S. Wilson 2, T. J. Windram 3, Miss M. A. B. Wilson 4, P. Robertson 5, M. J. Pink 6, J. M. Preston 7, M. M. Peterson (cond.) 8. First in the method for all the band.

EPSOM, SURREY.—At St. Martin's Church, on Feb. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Beverley Carr (first quarter) 1, J. Aronson 2, Adrienne Gibson 3, J. Helder 4, P. J. Munday 5, J. Munton 6, Jill Oakshott (cond.) 7, J. C. Davidge 8. Rung as a compliment to Adrienne on her birthday this day.

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FULHAM, LONDON.—At All Saints' Church, on Feb. 9th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: M. E. Dodd (first on ten) 1, Gwendoline G. Meyer 2, Deborah Bishop 3, E. J. Adams 4, R. Bettley-Cooke 5, A. J. Hampton 6, L. C. Way 7, K. J. Rider 8, C. M. Meyer (cond.) 9, R D. Bing 10. For Evensong.

GORING-BY-SEA, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (ten callings): Linda D. Stedman (first quarter) 1, R. M. Palmer 2, Ruth P. Watts 3, H. C. Weaver 4, R. M. Cox (cond.) 5, H. D. Butler 6.

GOSPEL OAK, LONDON, N.W.—On Feb. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Gazeley 1, Dorothea Robotham 2, Dianne Gazeley 3, W. G. Knight 4, B. C. Watson 5, Ruth Foreman (cond.) 6. For morning service, and a welcome to Andrew Gordon, a son for Gordon and Sue Ellis, of Newport Pagnell.

GREASLEY, NOTTS.—On Feb. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Barbara Hooks 1, D. Coulson 2, Margaret A. Eyre 3, T. Ford 4, D. J. Beach 5, Helen M. Simpson (cond.) 6, G. G. Knighton (cover) 7. For Evensong

HANNINGTON, WILTS.—On Feb. 4th, 1,260 Doubles (six methods): H. Hedges 1, Miss A. D. O'Brien 2, A. R. Peake (cond.) 3, D. J. Vowles 4, B. Bladon 5. First in six methods 1, 2 and 4.

HAWKLEY, HANTS.—On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods: 7, 6, 8 cover): Amanda Roberts 1, Sally Stacey 2, K. Sansom (cond.) 3, Carol Stacey 4, K. Tipper 5, R. Reeves 6, D. Fox 7, R. Cross 8. For Family Communion.

HAWKSHEAD, LANCS.—On Feb. 13th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Rev. R. Lindsay 1, Sheila H. Heaton 2, Mary W. Whalley 3, K. M. Price 4, W. Kenyon 5, J. Whalley (cond.) 6. Rung in memoriam John Pooley and Nellie Mason (née Webb), daughter of a former tower captain.

HAYES, KENT.—On Feb. 9th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: C. J. Mundy 1, M. H. O'Callaghan 2, Mrs. R. Lewis 3, M. F. Oaksheit 4, D. P. Smith 5, J. W. Smith (cond.) 6. For Confirmation service.

HENLOW, BEDS.—On Feb. 11th, 1,260 Bob Minor: L. H. Bywaters 1, M. Downs 2, A. H. Smith 3, D. Hope 4, D. Carr 5, P. Jewell (cond.) 6. In memoriam A. C. Sinfield, of Maulden, Beds.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Hazel Pady 1, Pam Bird 2, H. Colcombe 3, Anne Anthony 4, Dawn Colcombe 5, J. Bailey 6, J. King (cond.) 7, P. Hartt 8. A compliment to Dawn Colcombe and Martin Howells on their engagement.

HIGHCLERE, HANTS.—On Feb. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Watts 1, P. Furness 2, D. Goss 3, M. Goss 4, R. Crocker 5, P. Taylor 6, G. Dodd (cond.) 7, C. Taylor 8. Rung for Confirmation service by the Bishop of Winchester.

HILLINGDON, MIDDX.—On Feb. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Smith 1, J. Hill 2, Patricia A. Copas 3, C. J. Venn 4, A. R. G. Twinn 5, R. K. Russ (cond.) 6, M. J. Palmer 7, P. S. Venn 8. For Evensong.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On Jan. 26th, 1,320 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): J. M. March 1, A. Simpson 2, R. Blackshaw 3, W. J. Marsh 4, M. W. Harrison and R. Carlisle 5, H. Carter and M. W. Harrison 6. Conducted by M. W. Harrison and R. Blackshaw. For Evensong.

KINGSWOOD, SURREY.—On Feb. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. Vivienne Boustead (first quarter) 1, Barbara Minnion 2, B. Hawkins 3, E. W. Taylor 4, A. G. Clark (cond.) 5, D. Mealor (first quarter) 6.

SOUTH CADBURY, SOM.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Raymond 1, K. L. Laver 2, F. L. Andrews 3, W. J. Tiley (cond.) 4, H. F. Creed 5, T. Mead 6. A compliment to W. J. Tiley on his retirement as tower captain after many years of devoted service.

SOUTH KIRKBY, YORKS.—On Feb. 8th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Anne Whittaker (first Minor) 1, Gail Cater 2, R. Cater 3, P. Charlesworth 4, P. Carbutt 5, A. Clifton (cond.) 6. With compliments to Joan and Rodney Pagdin on the birth of a second son.

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OBITUARY

LT.-COL. C. F. JERRAM

With the tragic death of Lt.-Col. C. F. Jerram, C.M.G., D.S.O., at the age of 86, whose body was found on a small beach on the banks of the Helford River, the Truro Diocesan Guild has lost one of its oldest and keenest members. Col. Jerram's grandfather was Vicar of Chobham, Surrey. His father, a schoolmaster, brought the family to Talland, near Looe on the south coast of Cornwall, when his son, Charles Frederick, was 9 years old. When a boy there the four bells were restored and augmented to six. The tower is detached and is built into solid rock. This created in him an interest in bells, and he was taught to ring and trained in a strong call-change tradition which he always respected and understood.

His was a Service life in the Royal Marines, which naturally curtailed opportunities for regular ringing, but he made every effort to advance in method ringing which he was able to develop by being based on Devonport and so he always valued his associations with Charles Church and St. Andrew's, Plymouth, and the Dockyard Chapel, Devonport, which then had a ring of eight. He frequently spoke affectionately of those who had taught him so much—William and Ernest Marsh and Harry Myers—for it was in their company that he really mastered method ringing.

Col. Jerram retired nearly 40 years ago and first lived at Falmouth. He frequently visited Truro and became Master of the Guild. He moved to Pengwedhen, Helford, and gave his services to the little church at Manaccan, where he set out to train the local band in method ringing; to his great joy he got them through a peal of Grandsire Doubles, which was no mean achievement. The peal is recorded in the tower. Until shortly before his death he had served regularly at the altar.

Col. Jerram delved deeply into both the antiquarian and scientific sides of ringing. If he came to a conclusion he was quite adamant about it. His letters to "The Ringing World" frequently showed this, and his wide knowledge usually without doubt proved his point and all would respect him for it. The number of completely newly-compiled methods from Doubles to Caters he was constantly sending to the more progressive Cornish ringers showed he had an ingenious mind in this field right up to the end. He served for several years on the diocesan advisory committee and was able to guide the diocese in many restorations.

A memorial service at Manaccan took the form of a Solemn Requiem, at which the Vicar, the Rev. G. F. Dow, was the celebrant. The church was full and the Truro Guild well represented. A memorial peal has been rung on the bells which some three years ago Col. Jerram saw rehung. His wife predeceased him by several years and his son was killed in the Normandy landings; he leaves two daughters who still reside at Helford. A. H. R.

MR. EDWARD TINSLEY

A peal of Spliced Doubles was rung at St. Remigius' Church, Long Clawson, Leics, on February 22nd, to the memory of Mr. Edward Tinsley, who was in his 80th year. His service to the church was loyal and devoted. For 65 years he had been a ringer (50 years tower captain) and also a chorister for over 50 years. For over 18 years he climbed the wire ladder to wind the church clock daily.

He had been a member of the Framland Association for 60 years and took part in the first peal on the bells in 1927, conducted by the late Ernest Morris. He was also an honorary life member of the Leicester Diocesan Guild.

MR. F. J. HOPE

To the memory of Mr. Frank Joseph Hope, one-time ringer at Redditch, Worcs, a quarter peal was rung at St. Stephen's Church with the bells half-muffled on March 1st. He died on February 23rd, his 91st birthday.

Although he never aspired to great heights in the Art, his regular and loyal service to the Sunday service ringing revealed his great affection for his adopted parish church when he moved to Redditch from a Worcestershire village.

CORRECTIONS & AMENDMENTS

The peal at Greasley, Notts (page 974, Dec. 13th), was Richard Harris' first of Surprise, not his first peal.

The footnote to the peal at Worcester Cathedral (page 31, Jan. 10th) should be deleted.

LEADING PEAL RINGERS

Late peals have necessitated Mr. G. E. Thoday making corrections to the figures given in our last issue.

The total number of people who rang a peal is 3,780 (3,065 men and 715 women).

Number of conductors, 638 (622 men and 16 women).

People who have rung only one peal in 1968, 1,412.

BRISTOL DINNER DAY—continued

there would be no dinner without the visitors. The particular mention and thanks to the city ringers for all their help and co-operation was well deserved. Similarly, the faithful support of non-residents is always appreciated and, as a resident, may I put in a special "Thank you" to Mr. E. Mould, whose effort and time made the whole enterprise possible.

After "The Society" had been proposed in thoughtful and confident terms by Mr. P. A. Corby, the final speech, the reply, was the responsibility of Miss M. MacCallion (Master of the Society). She gave a clear and adequate outline of the year's activities; worth mentioning is the first residents' peal for 18 months, which was rung last autumn, especially as this was the first peal for one member of the band. It was hoped that the considerable numbers of learners at present, despite the difficulty of handling the available bells, was a reason for optimism for the future.

Whether it was handbell ringing or watching the residents' summer cycling tour filmstrip (with thanks to Mr. J. T. Parsons), surely the remainder of the evening was enjoyed by all.

J. M. G.

N.B.—A Schaeffer fountain pen was found outside one of the churches on Saturday. The owner should contact Miss J. Geiringer, 44, Royal York Crescent, Bristol, 8.

DINNER DAY AT BRISTOL UNIVERSITY

The fourth Saturday in January is again, for 1969, to be equated with the now widely-supported Dinner Day at Bristol University. For most people this involves the whole week-end—a very full and hectic one at that. Assembling, as custom "demands", at the Volunteer on Friday evening provides an admirable opportunity for meeting up with friends, and certainly a relaxed and cordial atmosphere was established in anticipation of the following couple of days.

Thirteen churches were open for ringing on Saturday, which enabled even the ringers most acquainted with Bristol to "grab" a new tower. The standard of ringing throughout the day oscillated between the extremes, but there was good striking and competent ringing discernible in many of the touches. Each member of the band which rang the successful peal of Stedman Cinques in silence at Newport that day is to be congratulated on his achievement.

The annual service was held at St. Michael-on-the-Mount Without; our thanks go to both the Rector for officiating and Rev. R. Fenwick for playing the organ. Dr. Hudson read the lesson, which was taken from I Corinthians 13—an astute passage reasonably seen as presenting the Society in two ways: on the one hand a group of "noisy gongs" (or bells), each appreciated and valued for his part as a member of the band, a set of purely functional relationships, dependent on the common interest and activity of bellringing—an "association"; the other aspect portrays a body of "persons" (?) related in the love available through Jesus Christ only, which is "patient, not jealous, not irritable . . . never ends", treating one another as "ends" and not "means"—a "community".

The special general meeting following the service saw the election of the Rev. Vyvyan-Jones as president of the Society, which makes official the interest and concern he has always had in the residents as Rector of St. Michael's. The retiring president, Dr. Hudson, kindly came down from Sheffield University to attend the meeting and dinner; the residents presented him with a decanter and glasses in gratitude for his three years of contribution to the Society.

TRADITION BROKEN

Congratulations to the organising committee for discovering Arno's Court as a suitable venue for the dinner. Despite the links of Senate House with the University, it was generally considered that this innovation was a "good thing"—notably the food and service were an outstanding improvement, at no extra price.

Mr. A. Cox's proposal to "The Visitors" competently expressed the feeling of the hosts;

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. John Chilcott is now working in Swansea and it is possible that he will buy a house there.

We have received an encouraging letter from Mr. Walter Ayre and he expected to return home on March 6th. He thanks the many friends old and new who sent him letters of encouragement, which he will try and answer.

Writing in appreciation of our article on Kent Treble Bob, a Worcestershire ringer states: "This has given me a new insight after many years of hoping to master something more than Grandsire and Plain Bob."

Mrs. C. M. Baldock, of Linden Cottage, Peelings Lane, Westham, Pevensey, is the new secretary of the Eastern District of the Sussex Association. She succeeds Mr. G. M. Fitz-Hugh, who has held the office for four years.

The 100th peal on the bells of St. Ebbe's, Oxford, was Cambridge Surprise Major, rung on February 24th. Seventy-six of these peals have been conducted by Mr. Alan R. Pink. The 100 peals include 36 different Surprise Major methods.

Miss Eunice Overend, who frequently contributes to our columns, was on the radio in "Today" (March 3rd), being interviewed respecting her tame badger and pet vixen. She was unable to refer to her ringing experiences.

Great Glenn (Leicestershire) handbell ringers raised £196 16s. for charity last Christmas, compared with £154 the previous year. Eleven charities benefited and £24 18s. went to the handbell repair fund.

This year Selby Abbey celebrates the 900th anniversary of its foundation by William the Conqueror, and a festival is being organised in commemoration. One of the items is the ringing festival of the Joint Council of Yorkshire Ringing Societies, which is to be held on Whit Saturday, May 24th.

Mr. Russell S. Young, of Groton School, Massachusetts, is unable to come to England this summer, but three boys are making the trip on their own and will be under the guidance of Mr. Frank Price. The first band who were in England two years ago in addition to Plain Bob now ring St. Clement's, Grandsire and Stedman Triples.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

A RECORD PEAL OF SURPRISE MAXIMUS

A record peal of 50 methods of Spliced Surprise Maximus was rung at Walsall, Staffs, on March 1st, in 3 hours and 25 minutes. The peal was composed by Neil Bennett and John H. Fielden and conducted by Robert B. Smith. It was rung for the Lancashire Association and constitutes the greatest number of methods in a 12-bell peal.

Four new methods not previously rung were introduced, viz.: Indiana, Pennine, Reading and Utah. Details next week.

47 YEARS AFTER

On February 22nd, 1922, the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus on the bells of St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, was rung, conducted by the late William Pye. This was only the 13th peal in the method, and the only surviving member of the band is the veteran Arthur G. Mason, of Orpington, Kent.

Forty-seven years later to the day Arthur returned to Shoreditch to enjoy yet another peal in the same method on the newly-rehung bells. Congratulations, Arthur; long may these anniversaries continue. J. M.

ST. PETER'S, CANTERBURY, DEDICATION

On February 2nd the augmented chime of four bells in the Church of St. Peter-the-Apostle, Canterbury, was rededicated by the Rt. Rev. Kenneth Warner, formerly Lord Bishop of Edinburgh. Pontifical High Mass was sung by His Lordship, assisted by the Rector, the Rev. D. Ingram Hill, and Mr. P. R. Major, of Christ Church College, Canterbury. Immediately before the Candlemas ceremonies the Bishop proceeded to the tower and rededicated the bells, formerly a ring of three but which have now been augmented by the use of the former treble of St. Margaret's Church, Canterbury. In his address the Bishop referred to the various uses of bells, and in particular stressed their important role in being the only outside communication many people had with the life of the family of God's Church.

It had been hoped to have the bells rehung for ringing, but the state of the tower precluded this: the last time they were rung "up" was in 1959 by members of the King's School Society of Change Ringers for the visit of the Archbishop. They now constitute a chime of four:—

Treble.—S. B. GOSLIN, FOUNDER, LONDON/ RECAST, EASTER, 1903. (27 inches diameter, 3 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in D.)

Second.—IOHN + LEE + SENIOR + AND + WILLIAM + BALLDVOKE + CHVRCH + WARDENS 1637 / IOHN + PALMAR MADE + MEE. (29 3/16", 4-3-22 in C sharp.)

Third.—+Iohannes Cristi Kare Dignare Pro Nobis Orare. (32½", 6-1-18 in B; cast by Wm Wodewarde, of the London Bellfounders' Guild, c. 1400.)

Tenor.—+SANCTA MARIA ORA PRO NOBIS. (35¼", 8-1-20 in A; by Wm le Belyetere, Canterbury, c. 1325.)

The work was excellently carried out by the Whitechapel Foundry. D. L. C.

A PEAL FOR AN APPEAL

The Church of St. James, Birch-in-Rusholme, which is situated on the south side of the city of Manchester behind Manchester Grammar School, is faced with a bill to the tune of £1,850 to replace the main beam in the roof which was found to be riddled with "dry rot".

Having heard of this, the Lord Mayor of Manchester, Ald. Harold Stockdale, J.P., who is a parishioner of the church, opened an appeal fund after morning service on November 23rd, 1968. With one thing leading to another, this inspired some members of the Manchester Branch to attempt a "sponsored peal" at the church.

A peal attempt had already been arranged for December 21st to mark the 25th anniversary of the ordination of the Rector, the Rev. W. R. Hartley, M.A., in Worcester Cathedral, so the Rector was asked if the attempt could be "sponsored" as a means of raising money to help with the appeal fund. The Rector willingly gave his consent and a successful peal of Lincolnshire Surprise Major was rung by an all-Manchester Branch band (see "R.W.", page 88). A. W.

MR. AND MRS. PERRENS' WORLD TOUR

A letter from Mr. F. W. Perrens states that he and Mrs. Perrens are thoroughly enjoying their world tour. The first stage of the trip was to British Columbia via Panama Canal. During his 11 days in the Province he rang at the two cathedrals, at Vancouver and Victoria.

On their trip by sea to Sydney they called at Auckland, where they joined local ringers in an 80-mile trip to have a ring on the very good eight at Hamilton. An overnight call at Melbourne enabled Mr. Perrens to get a ring at both cathedrals.

They are comfortably settled in a flat at Sydney, where they hope to remain until April 1st, when they start on their homeward trip round South Africa to London. "I have taken the opportunity of having a ring at all the places en route where there is any ringing, and I have received a most wonderful welcome everywhere. My visits have made me realise more than ever the enthusiasm of many of the ringers I have met and the difficulties they have to overcome to keep their bells ringing. Ringing, even in the more difficult parts of England, is a gift served on a plate in comparison."

DATE TOUCHES

Dear Sir,—Perhaps Mr. Cane could enlighten me as to why he is of the opinion that the Exercise at large has no interest in date touches composed by other people. There are surely many like myself who are capable of calling touches, quarter peals and the like but who lack either the time or the ability to compose touches for themselves and who are in consequence dependent on those published in "The Ringing World".

There are probably also a number of people such as myself who have very little interest in the large number of peals published each week but who would not consider writing to suggest that this practice be discontinued, as we believe the journal should cover the interests of as many people as possible.—Yours faithfully,

MICHAEL ROBINSON.

Keele, N. Staffs.

12-BELL PRACTICE AT ST. MARY-LE-TOWER

"When you know a thing, believe that you know it; and when you do not know a thing, admit that you do not know it: this is knowledge."—Confucius.

Twelve-bell ringing in Suffolk received a much-required boost at the first of the monthly 12-bell practices being held at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich (the bells of the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus in 1908), on Monday, February 24th, some travelling nearly 30 miles to attend, 36 ringers being present.

The bells were kept ringing from soon after 7 until 9 p.m., under the capable direction of Mr. George W. Pipe (Ringing Master of Suffolk Guild and R.M. of St. Mary-le-Tower Society). Much good work was achieved and some rang on 12 or methods on 12 for the first time. Although Cambridge S. Maximus or Stedman Cinques were not rung, much good progress was made in the striking of the bells to other methods. It is hoped that Cambridge S. Maximus and Stedman Cinques will be rung at the next 12-bell practice in four weeks' time.

Although it is impossible to mention names, two cannot be left out. It was fitting to be welcomed by that grand old man of ringing, Mr. George Symonds, now aged 94 years, and also to ring on 12 with Mrs. F. J. Muxlow, wife of the Vicar of Stowmarket. A. R. B.

UNUSUAL KENT RESTORATION

To the list of Kent fours published in this journal last year must be added the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, Sutton-at-Hone, near Dartford. Unfortunately the bells have had to be hung "dead" and it is a pity that the Kent County Association could not have given advice with a view to providing swinging bells.

However, the Whitechapel Foundry have made a very judicious restoration of the bells themselves and rectified an omission which they had made 105 years previously. The church originally possessed a ring of three bells, of which the treble was "blank", and possibly one of a mid-15th century group of such bells discovered by Messrs. R. W. M. Clouston and D. L. Cawley in 1968: the second was dated 1727 and was probably by Samuell Knight, and the tenor was inscribed in beautiful letters: +TEMPORA : FVLGVRA : DVM : PVLSO : CESSO : MARIA. Unfortunately this inscription was not reproduced when this bell was recast and refitted in 1862 by G. Mears and Co., but it was copied in the Kimber Books in the possession of the Whitechapel Foundry.

In 1967 the treble was cracked across the shoulder and all the bells were in very bad order; it was therefore decided to rehang the bells and to recast the cracked treble; to these a fourth bell would be added. It was laudable that the Whitechapel Foundry had now rectified the mistake of not placing the former inscription on the recast tenor of 1862 by placing it on the new bell added last year, where it can now once again be seen.

The bells are now as follows: Treble and second, Whitechapel, 1968; third (?), Samuell Knight, 1727; tenor, Mears and Co., 1862 (originally Peter de Weston, c. 1335), 35 in. diameter, 8 cwt. 12 lb. in A.

1968 PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Wirral Branch.)

WOODCHURCH, Birkenhead.—At the Church of the Holy Cross. On Sat., Dec. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being three extents each of Grandsire, Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas, Rev. Canterbury, and two each of St. Paul, St. Albans, Kennington, St. John, St. Andrew, Clifford's Pleasure, St. Leonard, Eynsham, April Day, St. Miles, St. Giles, Southrepps, St. Martin, St. Simon and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb.

*John Hyden	Treble	Alexander J. Martin	4
Robert Peers	2	Ernest T. Carvell	5
Thomas Howarth	3	*Malcolm G. Grant	Tenor

Conducted by Alexander J. Martin.

* First peal.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

LOUGHTON, Essex.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist. On Sat., Dec. 28, 1968, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E.

Philip M. Cuckson	Treble	Robert A. Beresford	5
Glynis E. Perry	2	John P. Ottaway	6
Roger E. Burbery	3	Christopher Ottaway	7
Lawrence F. Palmer	4	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed by R. J. Parker. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

1969 PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BECKINGTON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. George. On Sat., Feb. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in E.

George W. Massey	Treble	Peter J. England	5
*Geoffrey Hebden	2	Roy W. Rice	6
John C. Sheppard	3	Raymond E. J. Baker	7
Walter S. Rice	4	Edgar T. Skipsey	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by George W. Massey.

* First peal of Yorkshire.

MIDSOMER NORTON, Som.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist. On Sat., Feb. 1, 1969, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's variation. Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr.

Eric C. Wadman	Treble	David Mackay	5
*Jacqueline A. Purnell	2	Phillip H. D. Jones	6
Frederick Savage	3	Edward J. Chivers	7
Ronald G. Beck	4	Adrian P. Beck	Tenor

Conducted by Adrian F. Beck

* First peal in the method.

Rung with the best wishes of the band to Jacqueline Purnell, leaving to take a new appointment at Taunton.

DUNKERTON, Somerset.—At the Church of All Saints. On Sat., Feb. 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In two methods—9 extents of Plain Bob and one of 240 (Morris's) Grandsire; two spliced compositions, Dedworth and April Day, six extents each. Tenor 5 cwt. 18 lb.

George J. Hawkins	Treble	Alan F. Lee	4
Victor J. Bowring	2	Stanley C. Davis	5
Julian E. Newman	3	Albert F. Butt	Tenor

Conducted by Alan F. Lee.

Rung as a 47th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Butt.

LONG SUTTON, Somerset.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity. On Sat., Feb. 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Oxford T.B., two each of Kent T.B., Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob. Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr.

H. E. George Jeans	Treble	Frederick T. Sandy	4
Raymond P. Selway	2	Derek S. Beaufoy	5
Rev. C. J. B. Marshall	3	William E. Turner	Tenor

Conducted by William E. Turner.

Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Sandy.

SEAVINGTON ST. MARY, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary. On Sat., Feb. 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In nine methods/variations/spliced compositions, being 12 extents Rev. St. Bartholomew, six each Grandsire, Northrepps, three each Rev. Canterbury, Southrepps, Plain Bob and April Day, four Clifford's Pleasure, two Kennington. Tenor 6½ cwt.

Charles Gratton	Treble	Robert Parker	4
D. Lesley J. Parker	2	John Cornelius	5
Derek S. Beaufoy	3	Thomas J. Hill	Tenor

Conducted by John Cornelius.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MAULDEN, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary. On Tues., Feb. 11, 1969, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr.

Avril Ivin	Treble	Keith H. Fleming	5
C. Edward Jeffries	2	Robert L. Piron	6
Brian F. Sims	3	Alfred E. Rushton	7
Ronald J. Sharp	4	Stephen Ivin	Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by C. Edward Jeffries.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Andrew C. Sinfield.

HARROLD, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of All Saints. On Sat., Feb. 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of London, Cambridge, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., St. Clement's Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt. 6 lb. in F sharp.

Charlotte M. Harris	Treble	Robert L. Piron	4
Anthony H. Smith	2	Martyn J. Marriott	5
Frank W. Rivett	3	C. Michael Orme	Tenor

Conducted by Anthony H. Smith.

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.

LLANDAFF, Glam.—At the Cathedral Church of SS. Peter & Paul. On Wed., Feb. 12, 1969, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. in E.

Nicholas W. H. Simon	Treble	Anthony J. Cox	6
Tudor P. Edwards	2	*Jonathan G. Rose	7
Judy M. Geiringer	3	Patrick J. Bird	8
Michael J. Platt	4	Edward G. Mould	9
Mandi McCallion	5	†Ivor Newell	Tenor

Composed by Henry W. Haley. Conducted by Nicholas W. H. Simon.

* First peal of Caters. † First on ten bells.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

BEDFORD.—At the Church of St. Paul. On Mon., Feb. 3, 1969, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5078 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in D.

D. Barton (Selwyn)	Treble	A. T. Winter (Christ's)	6
R. H. Youdale (Emmanuel)	2	D. S. Pont (Christ's)	7
D. S. Bishop (Caius)	3	E. N. Thomas (St. John's)	8
D. E. Rothera (Trinity Hall)	4	R. A. G. Inglis (Selwyn)	9
R. L. Underwood (Peterhouse)	5	A. F. Scholfield (Clare)	Tenor

Composed by Richard Inglis. Conducted by Richard H. Youdale.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

HARBURY, Warwickshire.—At the Church of All Saints. On Sat., Feb. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in seven methods: (1–3) Winchendon Place, (4–6) Plain Bob, (7) St. Nicholas, (8–10) Grandsire, (11–13) Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, (14–16) Plain Bob, (17) St. Simon, (18–20) Plain Bob, (21) St. Martin, (22–24) Plain Bob, (25–27) Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, (28–30) Grandsire, (31–33) Plain Bob, (34–36) Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, (37) Grandsire, (40–42) Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 lb. in G.

*Peter C. Randall	Treble	John K. Foot	4
J. Susan Smith	2	Geoffrey W. Randall	5
Raymond A. Sheasby	3	John Ariss	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey W. Randall.

* 100th peal for the Guild.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

STRATFORD-ON-AVON, Warks.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity. On Sat., Feb. 1, 1969, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 WELLESBOURNE SURPRISE ROYAL

Jack Chadwick	Treble	Harold Taylor	6
Clive Thrower	2	*Gordon A. Halls	7
Michael Fellows	3	Denis R. Carlisle	8
Denis A. Frith	4	Rev. Fred Ross	9
David W. Parkin	5	David W. Friend	Tenor

Composed by Eric Critchley. Conducted by Gordon A. Halls.

* 150th peal as conductor. Tenor 19 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

WELLESBOURNE SURPRISE ROYAL

30—14—50—36—70—18—16—30—78—90. I.e. 1573 c.p.s.

ASHFORD-IN-THE-WATER, Derbys.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity. On Sat., Feb. 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt.

Mrs. Gladys Richardson	Treble	Herbert E. Taylor	4
Alex Richardson	2	Rev. R. D. St. John Smith	5
F. Martin Stanway	3	Anthony Laughton	Tenor

Conducted by Rev. R. D. St. John Smith.

Rung in honour of the marriage of Barrie Bateman, of Bakewell, and Miss Marjorie Frost at Sheldon this day. Good wishes are also extended to June Brocklehurst, married at Ashford to Mr. Harold Thompson; and to Malcolm Phipps and Marjorie Yarnold, married at Chesterfield.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
WHITCHURCH, Devonshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Mon., Feb. 3, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 13 cwt.

*George E. Mudge	Treble	*Peter L. Bill	4
*John C. Mitchelmore	2	*D. Roy Bould	5
*Stephen G. Pierce	3	Norman Mallett	Tenor

Conducted by Norman Mallett.
* First peal of Stedman Doubles. The ringers of 4 and 5 have now completed Stedman from Doubles to Cinques.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
LONG STANTON, Cambs.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Feb. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7¼ cwt. in A flat.

Philip S. George	Treble	Robert D. Bellamy	5
Peter T. Dale	2	George E. Bonham	6
*Geoffrey T. Horritt	3	Andrew W. R. Wilby	7
G. William Shanks	4	†George E. Thoday	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by George E. Thoday.
* First peal of Surprise. † 200th peal for the Association.
Rung as a farewell to the Vicar, the Rev. D. Youngman, and also as an engagement compliment to A. Stephen Taylor, of Tiverton, and Rachael Atack, of Burgh-le-Marsh, Lincolnshire.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
MALDON, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Fri., Feb. 14, 1969, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in F sharp.

Ian V. Foster	Treble	George E. Thoday	5
*Patrick J. Cross	2	Dennis A. S. Symonds	6
Yvonne A. Murray	3	Keith W. Brown	7
Joe E. G. Roast	4	James L. Towler	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by James L. Towler.
* First touch of Surprise Major.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
SWINDON, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Mark.
On Sat., Feb. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 MAULDEN SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt.

Raymond J. C. Hulme	Treble	Anthony R. Peake	5
Anita D. O'Brien	2	Brian Bladon	6
W. Bertram Kynaston	3	Eric Sutton	7
Peter J. Heritage	4	Maurice A. New	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Association.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
EGHAM, Surrey.—At the Church of St. John
On Sat., Feb. 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

*Catherine A. Elliott	Treble	†Christopher M. White	5
Joyce A. Parsons	2	Michael Hart	6
Norman Summerhayes	3	Alan D. Flood	7
David E. Parsons	4	Michael J. Uphill	Tenor

Composed by J. Parker. Conducted by David E. Parsons.
* First peal. † First of Cambridge Major. First of Cambridge Major on the bells.
Rung for the birth of Rachel Hunt (January 30th, 1969).

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
HARROW WEALD, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Feb. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.

*Christine M. Leslie	Treble	Gilliam M. Brearley	5
*Frances Dodds	2	Ruth M. Foreman	6
Julia A. Fellows	3	Katherine S. Hardy	7
Sheila M. Brown	4	S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	Tenor

Composed by George Lewis. Conducted by Katherine S. Hardy.
* First peal of Plain Bob Major.

BUSHEY, Herts.—At the Church of St. James the Apostle.
On Thurs., Feb. 6, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's transposition. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F.

David A. Carpenter	Treble	Martyn L. J. Jordan	5
Christopher W. Woolley	2	John R. Southey	6
David E. Rothera	3	Roger Baldwin	7
Robert J. Moore	4	S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	Tenor

Conducted by Christopher W. Woolley.

ALDENHAM, Herts.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Feb. 8, 1969, in 3 Hours.
A PEAL OF 5152 ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

Katherine S. Hardy	Treble	*Robert J. Moore	5
Christopher W. Woolley	2	*John R. Southey	6
*Barry R. M. Johnson	3	*David A. Carpenter	7
S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	4	Roger Baldwin	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roger Baldwin.
* First peal in the method.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, Herts.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Feb. 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Graham A. Parsons	Treble	Brian M. Barker	5
*Jacqueline M. Neal	2	Stephen J. Crawley	6
*Michael A. Jackson	3	Antony R. Kench	7
Ann P. Bond	4	Peter W. Harper	Tenor

Conducted by Antony R. Kench.
* First peal. Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in E.

TRING, Herts.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Feb. 15, 1969, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt.

*Theresa Wright	Treble	Richard G. Ouston	5
Christopher J. Badrick	2	*Robert M. F. Preston	6
Elizabeth M. Emmett	3	Howard Collings	7
Augustine V. Good	4	Francis M. Byrne	Tenor

Composed by A. P. Knights. Conducted by Francis M. Byrne.
* First peal of Major. First of Major as conductor.
Rung to welcome Marcus Kingsley Ferguson Preston, born to Rita and Robert Preston on January 16th, 1969.

RADLETT, Hertfordshire.—At Christ Church.
On Sat., Jan. 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In eight methods: (1) Bogedone Delight, (2) London Surprise, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Oxford T.B., (5) St. Clement's and Childwall College Bob, (6) St. Clement's and Buxton College Bob, (7) St. Clement's College Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 3 cwt. 16 lb.

Julia A. Fellows	Treble	Robert E. Hardy	4
Katharine S. Hardy	2	Peter T. Dale	5
Brian J. Woodruffe	3	D. Kay Adkins	Tenor

Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
COLEMAN'S HATCH, Sussex.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Feb. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in G.

Doris E. Colgate	Treble	†Philip J. Simmonds	5
John W. Smith	2	Edward J. Jenner	6
*Maxwell F. Oakshett	3	Harry Stacey	7
*Ernest J. Ladd	4	Stanley Jenner	Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Stanley Jenner.
* 25th peal together. † First peal in the method.

SEVENOAKS, Kent.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Feb. 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Being 1,184 Bristol, 1,280 each London, Superlative, Cambridge, 110 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell.
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in F.

Richard Hayes	Treble	Simon A. B. Wigg	5
Doris E. Colgate	2	*Philip J. Simmonds	6
D. Paul Smith	3	Michael H. O'Callaghan	7
Peter S. Muchlinski	4	Philip A. Corby	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.
* First peal of spliced.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Thurs., Feb. 6, 1969, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

Roland H. Cook	Treble	Howard C. Palmer	6
W. Ernest Rawson	2	*George W. Massey	7
*Robin A. Gilliver	3	*K. Paul Gilliver	8
*David G. Massey	4	R. Brian Mills	9
Martin Green	5	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by W. Barton. Conducted by Roland H. Cook.
* First peal in the method.

BIRSTALL, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. James the Great.
On Sat., Jan. 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
F. H. Dexter's variation of Thurstans' Tenor 10 cwt. 13 lb.

Bernard S. Payne	Treble	Peter J. Staniforth	5
Julian M. Morley	2	Russell S. Morris	6
Roger I. Kendrick	3	A. James Poynor	7
Alec R. Jones	4	Clive Mobbs	Tenor

Conducted by A. James Poynor.

SAPCOTE, Leicestershire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Feb. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in A flat.

*David M. Brown (10)	Treble	Robert W. Smith	4
*Alison Butterfield (12)	2	John Watkins	5
Neil W. Harvey	3	Michael E. Brown	Tenor

Conducted by Michael E. Brown.
* First peal
Rung by the Sunday service band.

WARNFORD, Hants.—At the Church of Our Lady of Warnford.
On Sat., Feb. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in G.

Brian L. Burrows	Treble	Robin A. Gilliver	4
*Andrew S. Hayden	2	William Johnson	5
Tony R. Natt	3	K. Paul Gilliver	Tenor

Conducted by K. Paul Gilliver.
* First peal of Minor "inside."

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

COITY, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Feb. 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents of Plain Bob, five 240's and 30 extents of Grandsire. Tenor 11 cwt.

Peter G. Mayle	Treble	Raymond J. Mayle	4
Nigel V. Hill	2	William T. Petty	5
Derek J. Godfrey	3	Cyril Phillips	Tenor

Conducted by William T. Petty.
Rung as a birthday compliment to P. G. Mayle and R. J. Mayle.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Tues., Feb. 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 DORCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

G. Ronald Edwards	Treble	Frank Chambers	5
Richard J. Clifton	2	Arthur E. Rowley	6
Derek P. Jones	3	Joseph W. Cotton	7
Gordon H. Lane	4	Roland Beniston	Tenor

Composed by J. L. Morris. Conducted by Roland Beniston.
First peal in the method by all except the ringer of third.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

EAST DEREHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Feb. 1, 1969, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 63 lb. in E flat.

David Cubitt	Treble	Kevin S. Hohl	5
Janet House	2	Geoffrey H. Pullin	6
*David G. Adams	3	David E. House	7
George P. Adams	4	Martin Cubitt	Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. Davies. Conducted by David E. House.
* First peal in the method.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HUGHENDEN, Bucks.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., Feb. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in F.

Joyce I. Cornwall	Treble	Percy Newton	5
Reginald Blaby	2	Roland Biggs	6
Robert H. Newton	3	Walter Lee	7
Arthur Newton	4	David A. Cornwall	Tenor

Composed by Joseph W. Parker. Conducted by David A. Cornwall.
First peal in the method by all the band.

STEWKLEY, Bucks.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., Feb. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F.

*Peter Aslett	Treble	John W. Sinfield	5
Ronald J. Sharpe	2	Jack S. Dear	6
†David Redfearn	3	Philip Mehew	7
Alfred E. Rushton	4	Dennis Knox	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Dennis Knox.
* First peal. † First in the method.
Rung as a farewell to the Vicar, the Rev. J. E. Brown, appointed Vicar of St. Luke's, Maidenhead.

SHIPLAKE, Oxon.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Feb. 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Harold W. Dunsden	Treble	John H. Napper	5
Mary Wells	2	Reginald W. Rex	6
James P. Blond	3	Geoffrey K. Dodd	7
Robert B. Blond	4	A. Patrick Cannon	Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Reg Rex, and an engagement compliment to Brenda Dunsden, daughter of the treble ringer, and Peter Lawton. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in F sharp.

WITNEY, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., Feb. 10, 1969, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.

Terence J. Hester	Treble	Peter Pearce	5
Alan R. Pink	2	Peter J. Heritage	6
*G. John Collett	3	Brian W. Hall	7
D. Kay Adkins	4	Bertram J. Coggins	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.
* First peal of Surprise Major "inside."
Rung as a farewell to the Rev. and Mrs. P. J. le Sueur.

CHOLSEY, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Jan. 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

*Eve Hodgson	Treble	†Rosemary Morris	4
P. J. Dye	2	*J. Hodgson	5
*K. W. Johnson	3	W. W. Rich	Tenor

Conducted by W. W. Rich.
* First peal † First of Minor. Tenor 10½ cwt. in G
Rung to celebrate the birth of a son (David) to ringer of 3rd.

GREAT BARRINGTON, Glos.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., Feb. 3, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SANDIACRE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

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

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

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

MARKET HARBOROUGH, Leics.—At the Church of St. Dionysius.
On Sat., Feb. 1, 1969, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Hubbard's 10-part. Tenor 19 cwt. in F.

*Pamela B. Dacre	Treble	*Alan J. Marks	5
Richard J. Cowley	2	John G. Mitchell	6
*Hazel J. Nichols	3	Murray A. Coleman	7
Allan R. Jones	4	James Mitchell	Tenor

Conducted by Murray A Coleman.
* First peal of Triples.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Ryland E. March, who died on January 27th, 1969.

COGENHOE, Northants.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Thurs., Feb. 6, 1969, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
In 11 methods: (1) Morning Star, (2) College Exercise and Norbury, (3) Duke of Norfolk and Ockley, (4) London Scholars and Kingston, (5) Sandal and Capel, (6) Oxford, (7) Kent.
Tenor 8 cwt. 20 lb. in A sharp.

David J. Morgan	Treble	Barry R. Care	4
Raymond Henman	2	Allan R. Jones	5
J Malcolm Tyler	3	Murray A. Coleman	Tenor

Conducted by Murray A. Coleman.
Most methods to a peal by all.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

LYTCHETT MATRAVERS, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Feb. 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In four methods, being one extent of St. Clement's Bob and two each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in B flat.

*Frances J. N. Brown	Treble	Mary E. Elmes	4
*Claire E. N. Brown	2	†Timothy F. Collins	5
Ross G. W. Robertson	3	†Graham W. Elmes	Tenor

Conducted by Timothy F. Collins.
* Most methods to a peal. † 25th peal together.

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BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Martin.
On Tues., Feb. 4, 1969, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

John H. Lindon	Treble	J. Alan Ainsworth	7
George E. Fearn	2	Stephen W. Barton	8
John R. Insley	3	Terry R. Hampton	9
Norman J. Goodman	4	James W. Belshaw	10
Vernon Green	5	John A. Anderson	11
James Insley	6	Clifford A. Barron	Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe. Conducted by Clifford A. Barron.
100th peal as conductor.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.
On Sun., Feb. 2, 1969, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Norman J. Goodman	Treble	J Alan Ainsworth	6
Muriel Reay	2	James W. Belshaw	7
George E. Fearn	3	Terry R. Hampton	8
James Insley	4	Clifford A. Barron	9
Maurice F. Edwards	5	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Peter Border.
Rung to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the consecration as Bishop of the Rt. Rev. George Sinker, M.A., Provost of Birmingham.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
ELVEDON, Suffolk.—At the Church of SS. Patrick and Andrew.
On Sat., Jan. 17, 1969, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt.

W. Keith Whittell	Treble	Richard Rose	5
*James B. Morley	2	Roger L. K. Whittell	6
Harry B. Fuller	3	†Robert J. Southgate	7
†Charles Stannard	4	†Alan G. Feaver	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by James B. Morley.
* First peal of Little Bob Major and in the method as conductor.
† First in the method.
Rung to mark the retirement of the Rev. C. J. Newton-Gates and in appreciation of his work in the parish.

HELMINGHAM, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sun., Feb. 2, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19½ cwt.

Walter W. Miller	Treble	Leonard E. Last	5
Muriel R. Page	2	Leslie G. Brett	6
Dorothy M. Durrant	3	Ernest G. Pearce	7
Cecil W. Pipe	4	J. Martin Thorley	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Leslie G. Brett.

GRUNDISBURGH, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., Feb. 3, 1969, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

Leslie G. Brett	Treble	Sylvia R. E. Pipe	5
Gilbert R. Goodship	2	Stephen Bedford	6
Muriel R. Page	3	Ernest G. Pearce	7
Vernon Bedford	4	Cecil W. Pipe	Tenor

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley. Conducted by Cecil W. Pipe.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Charles J. Sedgley, who reached the age of 82 this day.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
STAINES, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Feb. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Pitstow's. Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

Christopher M. White	Treble	Keith G. Game	5
Nigel Thomson	2	Laurence C. Way	6
Patricia A. Copas	3	Michael J. Palmer	7
Alan D. Flood	4	Michael J. Uphill	Tenor

Conducted by Michael J. Uphill.
First peal in the method for all the band except the conductor.

RICKMANSWORTH, Herts.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Feb. 8, 1969, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 20 cwt. 20 lb. in D.

John R. Ketteringham	Treble	Norman Summerhayes	6
*Maureen J. Carruthers	2	Timothy G. Pett	7
Michael Hatchett	3	Laurence C. Way	8
Alan Flood	4	†Peter G. Holden	9
Ronald K. Russ	5	Frank Reed	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Timothy G. Pett.
* First peal of Surprise Royal. † First of Royal.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
HAILSHAM, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Feb. 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's 12-part (6th observation).
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. in G.

*Susan J. Percy	Treble	†Clive Brettell	5
Betty Percy	2	Thomas M. Barlow	6
Janet M. Percy	3	Alan R. Baldock	7
Robert W. R. Percy	4	Charles R. Percy	Tenor

Conducted by Alan R. Baldock.
* First peal on eight bells. † First of Triples "inside."
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Janet M. Percy.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
ZENNOR, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Senara the Virgin.
On Sat., Feb. 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (15 callings). Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

F. Malcolm Bowers	Treble	Michael Peters	4
Timothy J. Bell	2	*Anthony Locke	5
*Robert Peel Pearce	3	Anthony J. Davidson	Tenor

Conducted by Timothy J. Bell.
* First peal of Stedman. First as conductor.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
BURGHFIELD, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
On Sat., Feb. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being three different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. in F sharp.

Jack C. Wimlett	Treble	Roy Jones	4
David Goss	2	Geoffrey K. Dodd	5
*Christopher Pack	3	Robert J. Crocker	Tenor

Conducted by Robert J. Crocker.
* First peal of Minor "inside". First of Minor as conductor.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Susan Rickard and Mr. Denby Murduck, married this day.

UPHAM, Hants.—At the Church of the Blessed Mary of Upham.
On Sat., Feb. 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In three methods, being eight extents Rev. Canterbury Pleasure Bob, 16 Grandsire and 18 Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

*Kenneth Stubbington	Treble	Ramon A. Stone	4
Betty J. Daysh	2	Charles E. Bassett	5
*Janet Yeates (14)	3	Walter J. Stubbington	Tenor

Conducted by Charles E. Bassett.
* First peal and first attempt. The tenor ringer is captain of the local band and father of the treble ringer.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
OLDSWINFORD, Stourbridge, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Jan. 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In five methods, comprising 1,120 London, 1,088 Superlative and 1,024 each of Bristol, Pudsey and Cambridge; with 107 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell.
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in F sharp.

Margaret Swain	Treble	†Clifford Skidmore	5
*M. Irene Brown	2	Michael J. Fellows	6
Martin D. Fellows	3	Robert Edwards	7
*Morley P. Tobin	4	Gerald C. Hemming	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.
* First peal of spliced in five methods. † 650th peal.

DODDERHILL, Droitwich, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Augustine of Canterbury.
On Sat., Feb. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in E.

Morley P. Tobin	Treble	†Joseph Warr	5
*Margaret A. Swain	2	Georffey Westwood	6
John E. Whithall	3	Martin D. Fellows	7
James Attwood, jun.	4	Martin G. Powell	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Martin G. Powell.
* 25th peal. † First of Bob Major. First as conductor.
Rung as a compliment to the Vicar and his wife, Canon and Mrs. J. S. Billings, shortly leaving the parish.

BRIERLEY HILL, Dudley, Staffs.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., Feb. 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F.

Michael J. Fellows	Treble	†M. Irene Brown	5
*Morley P. Tobin	2	Peter J. Brown	6
Clifford Skidmore	3	Martin D. Fellows	7
Joseph Warr	4	A. Bryan Ellsmore	Tenor

Composed by John Carter. (No. 39.) Conducted by Martin D. Fellows.
* First peal of Stedman Triples. † 100th peal. First of Stedman Triples as conductor.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to M. Irene Brown.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Michael, Headingley.
On Sat., Feb. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 DUBLIN SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr.

David Featherstone	Treble	Roger A. Smith	5
Iris M. E. Lemare	2	Alan E. Hartley	6
John Robinson	3	C. Barrie Dove	7
W. Eric Critchley	4	Richard E. Price	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.
First peal in the method by all except the conductor.

OSSETT, Yorks.—At the Church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity.
On Sat., Feb. 1, 1969, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Margaret White	Treble	Patricia Lockwood	5
Alan Clifton	2	*David Atkins	6
R. Ann Johnson	3	Ian North	7
David S. Lockwood	4	Robin Brown	Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Ian North.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.

ROTHERHAM, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sun., Feb. 2, 1969, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 DOUBLE GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 34¼ cwt. in C sharp.

David Nichols	Treble	Ian G. Campbell	5
Richard E. Price	2	Ron Ducker	6
Andrew J. Slade	3	Stuart Armeson	7
Neil Donovan	4	John N. D. Chaddock	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Stuart Armeson.
First peal in the method by all except the ringer of the third.

OSSETT, Yorks.—At the Church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity.
On Sat., Feb. 15, 1969, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 WINCHENDON PLACE BOB TRIPLES

*Pamela A. Lockwood	Treble	Alan Clifton	5
Margaret White	2	‡David S. Lockwood	6
Fred Bennett	3	Ian North	7
†Patricia Lockwood	4	Eric Robinson	Tenor

Conducted by Ian North.
* First peal. † 100th peal. ‡ 50th peal.
Rung half-muffled in memory of Mark L. Lockwood, ringer at the above church for 47 years, who died on Tuesday, February 11th, 1969. Tenor 27½ cwt. in D.

(The Hull Colleges Guild.)
RISE, East Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Feb. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
42 extents in 126 methods and variations, being 45 methods: Grandsire, Antelope, Newark, St. Simon, Rugby, Braywood, St. Martin, Slapton, Welford, St. Osmund, Merton, Longworth, Eynsbury, Caunton, Norwell, Sutton-on-Trent, St. Nicholas, Fundenhall, Longford, Winchendon, Thornborough, Haddiscoe, St. Remigius, Hascombe, Harpley, Huntley, Ossington, Westminster, Chesham, Knapton, Blackburn, Broughton, Lyng, St. Hilary, Ockham, Intwood, Dragon, Bilborough, Strelley, Plain, Candlesby, Boxford, Rev. St. Bartholomew, All Saints, Rev. St. Sebastian, with 81 variations.
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in G.

Delphine E. L. Sherriff	Treble	Robert W. Sherriff	3
Peter Church	2	George A. Dawson	4
Alan Bridges	Tenor		

Conducted by George A. Dawson.
Most methods/variations yet rung to a peal in the county.

(The Hull Colleges Guild.)
ROOS, East Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Feb. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 42 extents in 102 individual plain course methods, viz.: St. Simon, Rugby, Braywood, St. Martin, Slapton, Welford, St. Osmund, Merton, Longworth, Eynsbury, Caunton, Sutton-on-Trent, St. Nicholas, Fundenhall, Longford, Winchendon, Thornborough, Haddiscoe, St. Remigius, Hascombe, Harpley, Huntley, Norwell, Ossington, Westminster II, Chesham, Knapton, Blackburn, Broughton, Lyng, St. Hilary, Ockham, Intwood, Dragon, Bilborough, Strelley, New, Itchingfield, Forncett, Huntspill, Oakley, Ellingham, St. Vedast, Chipstead, Bedingham, Blaisdon, Shelford, Screveton, Hertfordshire, Huntingdonshire, Kent, Lancashire, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Herefordshire, Northamptonshire, Northumberland, Nottinghamshire, Oxfordshire, Rutland, Shropshire, Somerset, Staffordshire, Suffolk Surrey, Sussex, Warwickshire, Westmorland, Wiltshire, Worcestershire, Yorkshire, Monmouthshire, R. Union, Bedfont, Londonthorpe, R. St. Faith, Boveney, Casthorpe, R. St. Julian, Eton, Manthorpe, St. Owen, Brecon, Nunthorpe, Maltby, Cardiganshire, Caernarvonshire, Chevasse, Denbighshire, Flintshire, Callender, Glamorganshire, Merionethshire, Montgomeryshire, Pembrokeshire, Radnorshire Plain, Boxford, Candlesby, Rev. Canterbury, Dorton and Ravingham.
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in F sharp.

Peter Church	Treble	Robert W. Sherriff	3
Elizabeth J. Foster	2	Alan Bridges	4
George A. Dawson	Tenor		

Conducted by George A. Dawson.
Most methods to a peal of Doubles in the county.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
EDGBASTON, Birmingham.—In Room 111, High Hall.
On Sun., Feb. 2, 1969, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
360-course block reduced. Tenor size 11 in G.

Gwynneth R. James	1–2	James R. White	5–6
Christopher I. Rowson (cond.)	3–4	Robert M. Chambers	7–8

EDGBASTON, Birmingham.—In Room 111, High Hall.
On Sat., Feb. 1, 1969, in 1 Hour and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN MINOR
Seven different extents in four methods: (1) Double Oxford and Plain Bob, (2) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (3) Rosehill and St. Clement's, (4) St. Clement's, (5–7) Plain Bob. Tenor size 11 in G.

John S. Hopwood	1–2	Christopher I. Rowson (cond.)	3–4
Robert M. Chambers	5–6		

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
PRESTBURY, Cheshire.—At West Pines, Dale Brow.
On Sat., Feb. 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 15 in C.

Bernard F. L. Groves	1–2	Gerald Moorhouse	5–6
*Robert B. Smith	3–4	Ian M. Holland	7–8
†Christopher M. Movley	9–10		

Composed by Alan F. Scholfield. Conducted by Robert B. Smith.
* 250th peal on handbells. † First peal on ten handbells.

PRESTBURY, Cheshire.—At West Pines, Dale Brow.
On Tues., Jan. 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Alan A. Potts	1–2	Gerald Moorhouse	5–6
C. Kenneth Lewis	3–4	Neil D. Lomas	7–8

Composed by John Reeves. Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
SAWLEY, Derbyshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Thurs., Jan. 9, 1969, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 16 in B flat.

Peter Blight	1–2	John S. Harrison	5–6
Gordon A. Halls	3–4	David W. Friend	7–8
David J. Marshall	9–10		

Arranged and Conducted by David W. Friend.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
CHELTENHAM, Gloucestershire.—At 48, Willersey Road.
On Wed., Feb. 5, 1969, in 2 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR
In six methods, comprising 1,024 each of Plain, Double and Reverse Bob, 768 each of Gainsborough and Wellington Little and 512 Little Bob, with 383 changes of method. Tenor size 12 in F.

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

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire.—At 114, Park Street Lane.
On Mon., Feb. 3, 1969, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	1–2	Roger Baldwin	5–6
Julia A. Fellows	3–4	Christopher W. Woolley	7–8
*John R. Mayne	9–10		

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed. Conducted by John R. Mayne.
* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal. Tenor size 19 in F.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
CITY OF LONDON, E.C.—In the Belfry of St. Olave's, Hart Street.
On Sun., Feb. 9, 1969, in 2 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

Richard A. J. Bower	1–2	Maureen J. Carruthers	3–4
John Pladdys (cond.)	5–6		

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
LEICESTER.—At The Wayside, 150, Narborough Road South.
On Wed., Jan. 15, 1969, in 1 Hour and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

*David F. Moore	1–2	†Peter J. Staniforth	3–4
Alfred Ballard (cond.)	5–6		

* First peal of Doubles in the method "in hand". † Has now completed Doubles to sextuples in the method "in hand".

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
CROWTHORNE, Berkshire.—At Zermatt, Butler Road.
On Wed., Jan. 8, 1969, in 1 Hour and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Comprising two extents of Kent T.B. and five different extents of Plain Bob. Tenor size 27 in A sharp.

Susanne Sargeant	1–2	Frank C. Price (cond.)	3–4
*Jeffrey L. Claughton	5–6		

* 50th peal and first multi-method peal "in hand".

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MASONIC RINGERS' MEETING, 1969.—Evesham, Saturday, May 3rd. For details send s.a.e. to H. C. Spencer, 3, Washington Road, Wickhamford, Evesham, Worcs. 6776

ST. ALBANS CATHEDRAL.—Communications regarding ringing to be addressed, please, to the hon secretary: Mrs. K. S. Hardy, 23, Culver Road, St. Albans, Herts. 6755

ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN'S, Gt. Dunmow, Essex.—Festival of Flowers, Art and Music, Saturday, May 24th. Bells (8) 3–5 p.m. Names for tea (free) to G. H. Mason, 29, Springfields, Dunmow, Essex, by May 19th. 6739

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Evening rope-splicing course, given by Mr. Cyril T. Collins, in Walsall Ringing Room on Friday, March 21st next at 7.45 p.m. (No ringing.) Interested attenders are requested to bring two short lengths (min. 2 ft.) of three-strand rope. Anyone very welcome. 6759

UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCEMENT

UNIVERSITY OF WALES SOCIETY.—Summer Tour '69, August 18th – 24th, in Derbyshire. Enquiries to D. J. Morgan, St. David's College, Lampeter, Cards. 6762

MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Practice, Selworthy (6), on March 15th, 6 p.m., and Minehead (10), on March 22nd, 7 p.m.—E. R. T. B. 6754

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch. — Wallasey St. Hilary, March 15th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea free for those notifying Alexander J. Martin, 28, Glenmore Road, Oxton, Birkenhead, by Thursday previous. 6743

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Huntingdon District.—Meeting, Yaxley, Saturday, March 15th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special methods: Oxford T.B. and Beverley S.M.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 6740

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Evening meeting, Shenfield, Saturday, March 15th. Bells (6) 5–8 p.m. Named methods, London and Stedman Doubles. 6699

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — N.E. District.—Meeting, March 15th, Great Tey (8). Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names for tea, please, to Mr. J. Dyer, 2, Guildhall Cottages, Great Tey, Colchester. 6727

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting, Fyfield (6), Saturday, March 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by ringing at High Ongar (6) from 6.30–8.30 p.m.—G. Blake, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow. 6774

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, March 15th, at Hatfield (10), 3.15 p.m., with service and tea. Special methods: Little Bob and London Royal. Names for tea to Mr. R. Cochrane, 2, The Park, Hatfield.—R. E. Hardy, Dis. Sec. 6665

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Bishop's Stortford District.—Meeting, March 15th, Brent Pelham (6). Service 4.45 p.m. Tea 5.15 and business meeting at The Bury, followed by ringing until 9 p.m. Afternoon ringing at Great Hormead (6), 3–4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. L. Goodman, The Bury, Brent Pelham, Herts. — K. Westwood, Dis. Sec. 6724

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Saturday, March 15th, at Ashby (8), 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea arrangements to be announced at meeting (names not required).—Hilary Watson-Walker, Dis. Sec. 6712

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Husbands Bosworth, Saturday, March 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting after tea.—L. W. Allen. 6765

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch.—Combined practices will be held at Finchampstead on March 15th and Wargrave on April 19th, 6 to 9 p.m. Special method: London Surprise. 6738

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District. — Meeting, Southwell, Saturday, March 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea in Trebeck Hall 4.30, followed by business meeting in belfry.—D. J. T. 6775

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Central District.—Practice meeting, Helmingham (8), Saturday, March 15th, 6.30–9 p.m 6718

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Aldrington (6), Saturday, March 15th. Bells 4 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Ringing after tea. Names for tea, please, to Miss Ann Evans (Div. Sec.), 17, Hollingbury Place, Brighton, Sussex, BN1 7GE. 6695

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch. — Evening practice, St. John-the-Evangelist's, Miles Platting, Monday, March 17th. Bells (8) from 7.30–9. Special method: Double Norwich C.B. Major. All welcome; good attendance, please. — A. Ward, Branch Sec. 6745

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Evening meeting, Wood Green, Monday, March 17th, 7.30–9 p.m.—E. H. Kilby. 6769

GUILDFORD GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—Surprise practice, West Clandon, Tuesday, March 18th, 7.45–9.15 p.m. Methods: Cambridge, Yorkshire, London and Rutland.—J. P. O. 6746

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Meeting, Prestbury (8), Tuesday, March 18th, 7.30 p.m. 6772

SUNBURY-ON-THAMES.—No practices on Wednesday, March 19th (parish activities), and April 2nd (Holy Week). All other Wednesdays as usual—all welcomed.—Dennis Brock. 6741

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Farnham District. —Advanced practice, Ash (6). Friday, March 21st, 7.30–9 p.m.—Miss S. J. Tate-Mitchell, Dis. Dec. 6747

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Practice, Brent Knoll (6), March 22nd, 5 p.m.—M. Legg. 6764

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Meeting, Houghton Regis, Saturday, March 22nd. Bells (6) from 4–7 p.m. 6748

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—Meeting, Daresbury (8), Saturday, March 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Moore, Hon. Branch Sec. 6742

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. Meeting, St. Oswald's, Hartlepool, Saturday, March 22nd. Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by the service. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. J. Burton, 2A, Spring Garden Road, Hartlepool, Co. Durham, by previous Thursday. 6749

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech District.—Meeting, Emneth, March 22nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Everyone welcome.—D. A. Feek, Dis. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting, Gosfield (6), March 22nd. Bells from 2.30. Service 4. Names for tea to Miss H. G. Snowden, Cherry Cottage, Gosfield, Halstead. 6705

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Quarterly meeting, Witley, March 22nd. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting, Church Hut. Names for tea, please, to Miss Eloie, 109, Grange Road, Guildford, by Tuesday, 18th. 6732

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District. —Meeting, Ebbw Vale, March 22nd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Audrey Bruten, 8, Belle Vue, Ebbw Vale, Mon. Gentlemen welcome. 6683

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—March 22nd, Chalfont St. Giles. Ringing 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, to J. Muller, 14, Southwood Road, Cookham, by March 19th.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Wilton, on March 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Evening ringing, South Newton. Names for tea to G. A. Trimby, 24, West Street, Wilton, by Tuesday, 18th. 6744

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, March 22nd, Savernake, 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss H. Jones, High Green, Windmill Close, Aldbourne, Wilts, by Tuesday, 18th. 6778

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly, March 22nd, Clapham Park. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Meeting (6.15) and evening ringing at St. Leonard's, Streatham. Own arrangements for tea.—N. Thomson, Asst. Sec. 6736

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Hailsham, on March 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to me at Cartref, Arundel Close, Hawkswood, Hailsham (Tel.: Hailsham 3515), as soon as possible.—G. M. Fitz-Hugh, Hon. Div. Sec. 6753

LADIES' GUILD.—Kent Branch.—Meeting, Charing, March 29th. Ringing 3 p.m., followed by service and tea. Names to Mrs. Robbins, The Vicarage, Charing, near Ashford, Kent, not later than Thursday, March 27th. 6756

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Boughton, Saturday, March 29th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Ringing, Moulton (8), 7–9 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. R. Henman, 1, Church Lane, Brafield, Northampton, NN7 1BA, by Tuesday previous. 6734

SUFFOLK GUILD.—N.W. District.—Ringing meeting, Mildenhall (10), Saturday, March 29th. Bells from 3–8,30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting follow in the Bunbury Room. There will be ringing for 6-bell ringers. Names for tea, please, to Mr. P. Goodwin, 15, Brandon Road, Mildenhall, Suffolk. 6750

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—Meeting (A.D.M.), Llanfihangel Rhydeithon, with Llanbadarn Fawr (bells 6 and 5), Saturday, March 29th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting will follow. Names for tea, please, by March 22nd.—J. A. Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Fforestfach, Swansea. 6777

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Sevenoaks on Easter Monday, April 7th. Service 12.30 p.m., followed by luncheon and meeting. Please do not apply for luncheon tickets until detailed notice appears on March 21st.—P. A. Corby, Hon. Gen. Sec. 6661

BRISTOL RECORD APPRECIATED

An interesting gramophone record

Jafus writes: A friend recently obtained from the local library a record of some of the bells of Bristol. The bells of four churches are recorded—St. Mary Redcliffe, ringing Erin Cinques; St. Stephen's, with Stedman Caters; the Cathedral, ringing Spliced Cambridge and Little Bob Major; and the Lord Mayor's Chapel, with Grandsire Doubles.

The quality of the striking is outstandingly good and great credit is due to the ringers who took part. With the records is a pamphlet giving useful notes of the history of the churches, bells, inscriptions and some information about bellfounding. The record was produced by "Saydisc Specialized Recordings Ltd.", The Meeting House, Frenchay, Bristol. Mr. Emlyn Hancock's name appears as technical adviser.

It seems a pity that this useful contribution to our Art has been so little publicised, and it would be interesting to the Exercise to find out who the ringers were who took part in this most excellent production. It is a pleasure to draw attention to a really good piece of work.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

Despite the cold weather there was a very good attendance at the South Eastern District meeting held at Ingatestone on March 1st. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m., under the direction of the Master, Mr. A. S. Hudson, and continued until the service at 4.30. An interesting address was given by the Rector, Canon E. F. Hudson, who also conducted the service, assisted by the Rev. A. J. Abbey, of Sandon. The collection of £3 16s. 3d was for the Bell Restoration Fund.

An excellent tea was generously provided by the local ringers and their ladies in the Parish Hall. The Master took the chair for the business meeting which followed. The secretary reported that the District practice at Great Waltham on February 6th had been very well attended and that the next District practice would be held at Great Totham on March 13th. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Tollesbury on May 10th, when the District striking competition would be held.

Discussion followed on Mr. Don Cobb's proposals for revitalising the Essex Association and a vote of confidence in these proposals was passed. Several new members were elected, as follows: John Copsey, Great Baddow; Brian Walton, Frank Chittenden and Susan Balm (probationer), Ingatestone; Dr. and Mrs. B. Hale, Ruth Gay, Lynette Harper and Marilyn, Susan and Jeanette Freeman, Sandon. After the meeting the bells of Fryerning were available and ringing continued until 8.15 p.m.

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		Tower		Hand		Total	
		Rung	Cond.	Rung	Cond.	Rung	Cond.
1	C. Barrie Dove	111	80	—	—	111	80
1	David E. Rothera	111	7	—	—	111	7
3	Frank R. Morton	52	35	49	34	101	69
4	Geoffrey A. Edwards	48	—	47	—	95	—
5	George E. Thoday	93	34	—	—	93	34
6	John R. Scott	44	2	47	11	91	13
7	Kenneth J. Hesketh	86	15	—	—	86	15
8	Richard W. H. Hayes	85	32	—	—	85	32
9	Michael J. Fellows	71	44	10	1	81	45
10	Ronald J. Snack	74	1	6	—	80	1
11	Robert B. Smith	35	8	42	20	77	28
12	Bernard F. L. Groves	36	12	38	20	74	32
13	Tudor P. Edwards	72	33	—	—	72	33
14	James L. Towler	71	1	—	—	71	1
15	Alan F. Scholfield	52	5	18	4	70	9
15	James W. Belshaw	69	1	1	—	70	1
17	John A. Howard	68	9	—	—	68	9
17	Julia A. Fellows	41	—	27	2	68	2
19	J. Alan Ainsworth	63	28	—	—	63	28
19	Richard A. G. Inglis	53	12	10	—	63	12
19	George E. Fearn	63	3	—	—	63	3
22	Robert E. J. Dennis	62	25	—	—	62	25
22	Thomas J. Lock	59	8	3	—	62	8
22	Richard S. Starkie	62	—	—	—	62	—
25	Stephen W. Barton	61	—	—	—	61	—
26	Tony Lewis	60	8	—	—	60	8
26	Alan A Paul	59	4	1	—	60	4
28	Peter Border	59	35	—	—	59	35
28	Jeffrey Brannan	59	28*	—	—	59	28
28	Richard H. Youdale	55	7	4	—	59	7
31	Jack L. Millhouse	51	31	7	3	58	34
31	Roger Baldwin	31	15	27	4	58	19
31	Ronald R. Warford	52	2	6	6	58	8
31	Susan Smith	58	—	—	—	58	—
35	Graham C. Paul	56	22	1	1	57	23
35	Derek Slater	57	—	—	—	57	—
37	Philip J. Rothera	56	1	—	—	56	1
38	Geoffrey K. Dodd	55	41	—	—	55	41
38	Peter G. Brown	55	7	—	—	55	7
40	A. Patrick Cannon	54	20	—	—	54	20
40	Gerald Penney	31	15	23	2	54	17
42	Robert Edwards	53	3	—	—	53	3
42	Judith M. Corby	53	2	—	—	53	2
42	Josephine Quilter	53	—	—	—	53	—
45	Geoffrey W. Randall	52	10*	—	—	52	10
45	Maurice F. Edwards	52	—	—	—	52	—
47	C. Kenneth Lewis	30	22	21	10	51	32
47	Peter S. Muchlinski	50	5	1	—	51	5
47	George E. Bonham	51	3	—	—	51	3
47	John G. Gipson	51	3	—	—	51	3
47	S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	26	—	25	—	51	—
52	Richard L. Underwood	43	13	7	4	50	17
52	A. Colin Banton	45	22	15	14	50	36
54	Derek E. Sibson	49	29	—	—	49	29
54	Gordon A. Halls	46	17	3	—	49	17
56	Peter S. Bennett	48	18	—	—	48	18
56	Morley T. Tobin	48	—	—	—	48	—
58	David F. Moore	31	3	16	4	47	7
58	Gerald Moorhouse	9	—	38	3	47	3
58	Cecil W. Pipe	47	3	—	—	47	3
61	Michael J. Platt	46	3	—	—	46	3
62	R. Kingsley Mason	45	32	—	—	45	32
62	Simon A. B. Wigg	45	14	—	—	45	14
62	Neil Donovan	45	—	—	—	45	—
62	Barry E. Saunders	45	—	—	—	45	—
66	Richard J. Tibbetts	44	3	—	—	44	3
66	Norman J. Goodman	44	—	—	—	44	—
68	Stuart Armeson	43	25	—	—	43	25
68	Philip A. Corby	43	24	—	—	43	24
68	Joan Beresford	43	—	—	—	43	—
68	Martin Green	42	—	1	—	43	—
68	Arthur E. Rowley	43	—	—	—	43	—
73	Brian J. Woodruffe	12	5	30	20	42	25
73	Michael Maughan	42	18	—	—	42	18
73	J. Barry Pickup	42	13	—	—	42	13
73	Richard E. Price	42	12	—	—	42	12
73	Philip Mehew	42	10	—	—	42	10
73	R. Brian Mills	42	9	—	—	42	9
73	K. Paul Gilliver	41	9	1	—	42	9
73	Timothy Wylie	42	6*	—	—	42	6
73	John H. Fielden	42	5	—	—	42	5
73	Martin L. Howe	42	4	—	—	42	4
73	Ian G. Campbell	42	1	—	—	42	1
84	Kevin M. Price	19	14*	22	22	41	36
84	Martin D. Fellows	41	6	—	—	41	6
84	Trevor A. Cross	30	—	11	1	41	1
84	Joseph Cotton	41	—	—	—	41	—
88	Peter C. Randall	40	15*	—	—	40	15
88	Clifford A. Barron	40	12	—	—	40	12
88	Alfred Ballard	11	—	29	7	40	7
91	John R. Mayne	14	9	25	23	39	32
91	Peter M. Wilkinson	39	5	—	—	39	5
91	Andrew W. R. Wilby	38	3	1	—	39	3
91	Graham W. Elmes	39	1	—	—	39	1
91	Robin A. Gilliver	38	—	1	—	39	—
91	Donald F. Murfet	39	—	—	—	39	—
97	John Pladdys	33	16	5	5	38	21
97	Timothy F. Collins	38	15	—	—	38	15
97	Keith J. Walpole	32	14	6	1	38	15
97	John M. Jelley	34	13	4	1	38	14
97	Malcolm J. V. Chown	38	7	—	—	38	7
102	Denis Beresford	37	22	—	—	37	22
102	David E. House	37	22	—	—	37	22
102	John N. Longridge	33	5	4	4	37	9
102	Andrew J. Corby	37	6	—	—	37	6
102	David D. Smith	37	6	—	—	37	6
102	Robert J. Crocker	37	4	—	—	37	4
102	Edgar R. Rapley	37	1	—	—	37	1
102	Yvonne A. Murray	37	—	—	—	37	—
110	Frank B. Lufkin	36	29	—	—	36	29
110	Roderick W. Pipe	36	21	—	—	36	21
110	Christopher I. Rowson	25	13	11	8	36	21
110	J. Martin Thorley	33	19	3	—	36	19
110	Vernon B. Bedford	36	5	—	—	36	5
110	Ian G. North	36	4	—	—	36	4
110	Michael H. O'Callaghan	36	1	—	—	36	1
110	Paul A. Williams	36	1	—	—	36	1
110	Martyn L. J. Jordan	22	—	14	—	36	—
110	Patricia Lockwood	36	—	—	—	36	—
110	Geoffrey H. Pullin	36	—	—	—	36	—
110	Susan J. Withers	35	—	1	—	36	—
122	D. Kay Adkins	35	27	—	—	35	27
122	Denis R. Carlisle	33	12	2	—	35	12
122	William T. Perrins	35	5	—	—	35	5
122	D. Paul Smith	35	1	—	—	35	1
122	Susan Rothera	35	—	—	—	35	—
127	G. William Critchley	34	12	—	—	34	12
127	Christopher J. Groome	32	12	2	—	34	12
127	Timothy G. Pett	31	10	3	2	34	12
127	Raymond J. Ballard	34	10	—	—	34	10
127	Rev. M. C. C. Melville	33	—	1	—	34	—
127	Arthur C. Berry	34	7	—	—	34	7
127	J. Clifford Skidmore	34	—	—	—	34	—
134	Frank T. Blagrove	33	17	—	—	33	17
134	David J. Marshall	32	8	1	—	33	8
134	Christopher W. Woolley	25	3	8	—	33	3
134	Roger W. Smith	32	1	1	—	33	1
134	John R. Insley	33	—	—	—	33	—
134	Stanley G. Ponting	33	—	—	—	33	—
134	Joseph Whalley	11	—	22	—	33	—
141	Alan R. Pink	32	26	—	—	32	26
141	H. William Barrett	32	13	—	—	32	13
141	David W. Friend	29	7	3	1	32	8
141	Anthony H. Smith	32	8	—	—	32	8
141	Basil Jones	32	4	—	—	32	4
141	George S. Deas	32	3	—	—	32	3
141	Peter H. Mackie	32	3*	—	—	32	3
141	Frank Chambers	32	1	—	—	32	1
141	Stephen J. Bedford	32	—	—	—	32	—
141	Keith W. Brown	32	—	—	—	32	—
141	Ronald Ducker	32	—	—	—	32	—
141	Ralph G. Edwards	32	—	—	—	32	—
141	Geoffrey R. Parker	25	—	7	—	32	—
154	Ronald Beniston	31	26	—	—	31	26
154	David P. Hilling	31	19	—	—	31	19
154	Cyril Crossthwaite	31	15	—	—	31	15
154	James E. Andrews	31	7	—	—	31	7
154	Thomas W. Goodyer	24	3	7	2	31	5
154	Gerald C. Hemming	31	4	—	—	31	4
154	Andrew J. Slade	31	1	—	—	31	1
154	Mary E. Elmes	31	—	—	—	31	—
154	W. Ernest Rawson	31	—	—	—	31	—
154	Stanley M. Ruddlesden	31	—	—	—	31	—
164	Keith E. Beale	30	22	—	—	30	22
164	Peter J. Staniforth	11	3	19	13	30	16
164	Howard W. Egglestone	29	12	1	—	30	12
164	Philip G. Taylor	30	5	—	—	30	5
164	David G. Massey	30	1	—	—	30	1
164	Patrick I. Chapman	30	—	—	—	30	—
164	James Insley	30	—	—	—	30	—
164	Iris M. E. Lemare	30	—	—	—	30	—
164	John N. Lindon	30	—	—	—	30	—
164	Shirley E. Ruddlesden	30	—	—	—	30	—
174	J. Henry Fielden	29	10	—	—	29	10
174	Brian D. Threlfall	26	6	3	1	29	7
174	Roland H. Cook	29	4	—	—	29	4
174	Denis A. Frith	29	4	—	—	29	4

[To be continued]

LANE END, BUCKS.—On Feb. 9th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): A. Simpson (first quarter) 1, T. Wright 2, C. Meakes 3, S. Smith 4, C. Hagger (cond.) 5, R. Meakes 6.

LEWISHAM, LONDON, S.E.—On Feb. 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Grant 1, Miss R. Cotton 2, J. Machell 3, Miss C. Reed (cond.) 4, J. Ellams 5, D. Gebbett 6, D. Hollis 7, A. Long 8. Also on Feb. 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. Hollis 1, K. Small 2, R. Grant 3, Miss C. Reed (cond.) 4, J. Ellams 5, S. Nichols 6, D. Gebbett 7, T. Culver 8. Both rung for Evensong.

LINCOLN.—At the Cathedral, on Feb. 2nd, 1,440 Cambridge S. Royal: M. Parkinson 1, J. L. Millhouse (cond.) 2, C. J. Sharp 3, H. Lowman 4, P. C. Pitchford 5, D. Phillipson 6, H. L. Pask 7, J. Walden 8, H. Gibson 9, G. R. Parker 10. Rung for Candlemas.

LINCOLN.—At the Church of St. Giles, on Feb. 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Radley 1, I. Minns 2, J. Parkin 3, A. C. A. Hopkins 4, D. Phillipson 5, C. J. Sharp 6, J. L. Millhouse (cond.) 7, G. Paul 8. For Evensong.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFS.—On Feb. 9th, 1,260 Minor (Double Oxford, St. Clement's): C. Duckett (first quarter) 1, R. Duckett (first "inside") 2, J. H. Allen 3, Anita E. Foden 4, R. G. Paxton 5, M. W. Fairey (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

LITTLE SHELFORD, CAMBS.—On Feb. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Smart 1, Mrs. B. D. Threlfall 2, T. Sherman 3, G. Easy 4, B. D. Threlfall (cond.) 5, R. W. Balls 6. Rung as a farewell to Canon W. H. A. Butler on leaving for Kensington.

LONDON, W.C.—At St. Clement Danes' Church, on Feb. 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Hilda Oatway 1, M. Sprackling 2, A. M. Stacey 3, A. Fulwell 4, P. Felton 5, W. G. Wilson 6, W. F. Oatway (cond.) 7, N. Felton 8. For Matins, and in memory of Joe Marks, a member of the "second Sunday morning" band", killed in a road accident on Feb. 5th. Also 1,259 Grandsire Caters: K. J. Rider (cond.) 1, Miss J. Reynolds 2, M. H. O'Callaghan 3, E. J. Ladd 4, J. W. Smith 5, L. C. Way 6, P. J. Simmonds 7, T. Lewis 8, M. F. Oakshett 9, Miss D. E. Colegate 10. For Evensong.

LONG SUTTON, SOM.—On Feb. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. E. Turner 1, G. W. Rendall, sen. 2, T. Setter 3, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 4, R. J. Fox 5, Rev. C. J. B. Marshall 6. Rung by past and present officers of the Ilchester Branch prior to the Branch's annual social.

LUTON, BEDS.—On Feb. 8th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Brenda Redfearn 1, Mary Garrard 2, D. Redfearn (first Grandsire Caters) 3, P. Keens (first on ten) 4, A. E. Butcher 5, A. J. Smith 6, G. Hawkins 7, H. Wood 8, A. E. Rushton (cond.) 9, J. G. Newman 10. Rung to mark the dedication of the new church extensions by the Lord Bishop of St. Albans.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On Feb. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. P. Brotherston 1, Elizabeth A. Todd 2, M. Taylor 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, B. Butcher 6. For Evensong. Also on Feb. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. P. Brotherston 1, M. Taylor 2, Elizabeth A. Todd 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, B. Butcher 6. For Evensong.

MAIDS MORETON, BUCKS.—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. W. Yates (cond.) 1, Mrs. C. M. Skermer 2, G. Orchard 3, W. A. Yates 4, F. Pateman 5, W. H. Yates 6.

MARKSBURY, SOM.—On Feb. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): P. Blacker 1, A. Swatton 2, H. J. Coombs 3, P. J. Devrell (cond.) 4, R. Perry 5, A. J. Coombs 6.

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA.—At St. Paul's Cathedral, on Feb. 5th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Margaret Aslett 1, Jennifer Murphy 2, M. Scowen 3, Barbara Beeson 4, R. Turner 5, D. Roaf 6, H. Rossell 7, A. Bolton (cond.) 8.

MERRIOTT, SOM.—On Feb. 13th, 1,440 London Surprise Minor: H. Turner 1, Mrs. A. Medley 2, M. J. Medley 3, R. P. Selway 4, F. T. Sandy 5, W. E. Turner (cond.) 6. First London Surprise 1 and 2.

MONK'S KIRBY, WARKS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,792 Yorkshire Surprise Major: R. D. Hart 1, J. E. Harrold 2, Jean M. Whait 3, J. Evans 4, G. P. Hammond 5, R. Liggins 6, G. Pratt 7, G. Pluckrose (cond.) 8.

MOORLYNCH, SOM.—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Sally Nichols (first quarter) 1, Mrs. D. M. Bellamy 2, M. A. Arscott (first as cond.) 3, A. W. Knight 4, R. A. C. Cross 5, A. Cross 6.

QUARTER PEALS

NORTHFLEET, KENT.—On Feb. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Constant 1, S. Sandford 2, T. V. Barnard 3, R. M. Thompson 4, D. Shaw 5, R. J. Thompson 6, F. Matthews (cond.) 7, D. Wilkinson 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Amy Frances James, a worker at the church for many years.

NORTON, HERTS.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. H. Vigor 1, Maureen P. Colley 2, J. R. Leeming (cond.) 3, M. R. Worthington 4, I. R. Panton 5, Brenda J. Harris 6, C. W. Longden 7, D. Taplin 8.

OTTERSHAW, SURREY.—On Feb. 16th, 1,279 Doubles (four methods): J. Warinton 1, R. Pashley 2, I. Taylor 3, P. Feast 4, J. Ladd (cond.) 5, A. Tanner 6. First in four methods by all the band. Rung as a compliment to the ringer of 3 on the birth of a daughter.

OXFORD.—At St. Thomas-the-Martyr's Church, on Feb. 16th, 1,248 Kent T.B. Minor: J. R. Pratt 1, Bridget Sleath 2, Sue M. Heyworth 3, N. R. D. Orchard 4, R. A. Yeates 5, L. J. Haines (cond.) 6. For morning service.

PENKRIDGE, STAFFS.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mary J. Mowforth (first quarter) 1, F. Beech 2, Mrs. R. Fairbrother 3, Mrs. J. Beech 4, R. K. Mowforth 5, F. Wiggin (cond.) 6, E. Fairbrother 7, N. Holland 8.

PEMBROKE.—On Feb. 9th, 1,260 Minor (Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob): A. Lingard 1, N. C. Rogers 2 Betty M. Rogers 3, S. P. Rogers 4, Nesta M. Rosen 5, P. C. Rogers (cond.) 6, I. Russant 7. For Evensong.

PETERSFIELD, HANTS.—On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sally Stacey 1, R. Tipper 2, K. Tipper 3, K. Sansom 4, Carol Stacey 5, A. Betsworth 6, B. Walton (cond.) 7, R. Cross 8. For Evensong.

PINNER, MIDDX.—On Feb. 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Joan Beresford 1, Elsie Hart 2, Patricia Copas 3, Ruth Foreman 4, M. W. Seymour 5, M. J. Palmer 6, F. W. Goodfellow (cond.) 7, A. Warren 8. Rung in memory of W. Norman Genna by some of the annual week-end party whose gatherings he greatly enjoyed.

PORTSEA, HANTS.—On Feb. 7th, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (720 each Oxford and Kent): J. F. A. Rolph 1, Mrs. B. M. Hunt 2, E. Treagus 3, A. F. W. Burbidge 4, J. A. G. Ball 5, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 6. First T.B. Minor 1 and 4.

RADLEY, BERKS.—On Feb. 9th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Diana M. Brind 1, Susan A. Alexander Marie R. Cross 3, Margaret S. Allen 4, Daphne J. Pollard (cond.) 5, Diana Jones 6. Rung for the safe arrival of Nicholas Mark Brind, a brother for Diana.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Feb. 16th, 1,344 London Surprise Major: Janet Hallett 1, Penny Halliwell 2, Sylvia Bedford 3, S. Halliwell 4, P. Bedford 5, D. Sloman 6, M. Hallett 7, A. House (cond.) 8. First quarter in method for 1, 2, 3, 4, 6. For Evensong. Also on Feb. 18th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: D. Sloman 1, A. House 2, B. Sadler 3, F. May 4, S. Halliwell 5, C. Warboys (first in method) 6, D. Belcham 7, M. Hallett (cond.) 8.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—1,272 Plain Bob Major: Marie Hatswell 1, S. Bradbury 2, A. Holroyd 3, C. Newton 4, R. Harper 5, D. Nichols 6, N. Donovan 7, S. Armeson 8. Rung by the Sunday service band prior to a performance of "The Messiah" to mark the opening of the organ appeal fund.

ST. DECUMAN'S, SOM.—On Feb. 8th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Minor: C. T. Clarke 1, A. G. Kent 2, G. R. Marchant 3, E. T. Dibble 4, M. J. Stone 5, R. D. Short (cond.) 6.

SANDAL, YORKS.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Helen Williams 1, Gail Cater 2, R. Cater 3, Anne Johnson 4, P. Carbutt (cond.) 5, A. Clifton 6. With compliments to Joan and Rodney Pagdin on the birth of a second son.

SILSOE, BEDS.—On Feb. 13th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Minor: Susan Catlin 1, D. R. Brazier 2, P. A. Keene 3, M. F. Mitchell (first Minor "inside") 4, A. Wheeler (first "inside") 5, T. P. Harris (cond.) 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memoriam the late Andrew C. Sinfield.

STAINES, MIDDX.—At 141, Gresham Road, on Feb. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Wiggens 1–2, A. Craddock (cond.) 3–4, D. Norman 5–6. First "in hand" 1–2 and 5–6. Also on Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Wiggens 1–2, A. Craddock (cond.) 3–4, M. Pike (first "in hand") 5–6.

STEDHAM, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Judith S. Kirk 1, Gillian S. West 2, Sally J. Pett 3, Gillian P. Ewens 4, D. A. Kirk (cond.) 5, H. G. West 6. First quarter for all except conductor by resident Stedham ringers.

SUTTERTON, LINCS.—On Feb. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Holland 1, R. Howard 2, R. Stephenson 3, W. B. Dawson 4, A. E. Flatters 5, H. Barsley 6, P. H. Reynolds (cond.) 7, K. Stanley (first quarter) 8. For H.C. Also on Feb. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. B. Dawson 1, R. Stephenson 2, H. Barsley 3, W. E. Clarke 4, J. H. Taylor 5, A. E. Flatters 6, P. H. Reynolds (cond.) 7, K. Stanley 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Dr. P. Coffey.

STAFFORD.—On Feb. 9th, 1,260 Erin Triples: F. R. Wiggin 1, Jennifer Beech 2, E. R. Fairbrother 3, R. J. Warrilow 4, N. Holland 5, A. E. Garbett 6, F. Beech (cond.) 7, K. Daniels 8. For Confirmation. Also on Feb. 16th, 1,280 Double Norwich Major: F. Beech 1, F. R. Wiggin 2, E. R. Fairbrother 3, Jennifer Beech 4, R. J. Warrilow 5, R. K. Mowforth 6, N. Holland 7, G. Stevens (cond.) 8. For Matins.

TAUNTON, SOM.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, on Feb. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D Adams 1, W. H. Tarr 2, Mrs. B. Bindon 3, A. F. Arscott 4, F. Matravers 5, M. A. Arscott 6, A. H. Reed (cond.) 7, M. R. Arscott 8.

TOTTERNHOE, BEDS.—On Feb. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. J. Cook 1, June Sinfield 2, W. Sear 3, J. G. Newman 4, P. R. G. Aslett 5, R. Rowley 6, J. W. Sinfield (cond.) 7, R. J. Scott 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Albert G. Stripp.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.—On Feb. 9th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods; 7, 6, 8 covering): Shirley Goard (first quarter) 1, Erica Pankhurst 2, Hilary Jacobs 3, Kay Whittiker 4, R. L. Coles (cond.) 5, Teresa Nicholls (first quarter) 6, Valerie Thompson 7, A. F. Lee 8. For Evensong.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On Feb. 9th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Lynda Davey 1, R. E. J. Dennis (cond.) 2, Glynis E. Perry 3, Susan F. Thomas 4, G. H. Walker 5, D. J. Hawkins 6, D. E. Cobb 7, H. H. N. Duncan 8, J. E. Murfitt 9, R. J. Chapman 10. For Matins.

WANSTEAD, ESSEX.—On Jan. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Margaret Manser (first quarter) 1, E. Wright 2, J. Eyre 3, G. Walker (cond.) 4, M. Wareing 5, A. Moore 6. First in method 2, 3 and 6.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. I. Davey 1, Mrs. J. A. Smith 2, Miss J. E. Turner 3, M. Turner 4, N. Carter 5, D. D. Smith 6, G. Francis (cond.) 7, E. A. Latham 8. For Evencong.

WESTERLEIGH, GLOS.—On Feb. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire and Pl. Bob: Pamela Sturdy 1, K. Scudamore 2, W. F. Scudamore 3, H. Evans (cond.) 4, H. T. Ferris 5, J. Ferris 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Bessie Grace May, a faithful church worker, interred this day.

WESTON-SUPER-MARE, SOM.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. Chapman 1, D. Gay 2, B. Williams 3, E. Forrest 4, Mrs. J. Gay (first Stedman) 5, S. Lewis 6, G. Prescott (cond.) 7, G. Kingdon 8. A farewell compliment for Bryan Williams, moving to Taunton.

WHICKHAM, CO. DURHAM.—On Jan. 19th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Lesley Yates (first quarter) 1, Brenda Cooke 2, W. Davidson 3, P. Thomas 4, M. Poppleston (cond.) 5, C. D. Davis 6.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 8th, 1,312 Spliced Surprise Major (London, Bristol, Rutland, Cambridge, Yorkshire, Superlative and Lincolnshire): M. I. Davey 1, E. R. Rapley 2, D. D. Smith 3, I. Wickens 4, S. G. Ponting 5, J. A. Howard 6, M. J. Church (cond.) 7, G. Francis 8.

WRAGBY, YORKS.—On Feb. 8th, 1,260 Oxford T.B. Minor: Anne Whittaker (first T.B.) 1, P. Carbutt 2, Gail Cater 3, R. Cater 4, P. Charlesworth (first as cond.) 5, A. Clifton 6. With compliments to Joan and Rodney Pagden on the birth of a second son.

WRAXALL, SOM.—On Feb. 7th, 1,344 Spliced Surprise Major (12 methods): Heather Kippin 1, Diana M. Bridle 2, R. C. Kippin (cond.) 3, P. J. England 4, S. Brown 5, J. Brain 6, J. R. Taylor 7, P. Bridle 8. First 12-Spliced for 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

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St. John's Church, Perry Barr, Birmingham

OUR COVER PICTURE

St. John's Church, Perry Barr, Birmingham

By RICHARD J. TIBBETTS, Tower Captain

ON the first of February this year an appeal was launched by the Parish of Perry Barr to raise £8,500 for work on the fabric, organ and bells.

The building of the church commenced in 1831, under the generous benefaction of John Gough, of Perry Barr. John Gough was, however, the last of his line and only the grounds of Perry Hall remain, as part of the playing fields system of the City of Birmingham. The church was regarded as one of the gems of the County of Stafford, lying as it did on a gentle bend of the River Tame, with a commanding view from its tower of farming in the valley.

The Industrial Revolution caused many changes in the valley. The Tame, once stocked with fish, is now no better than an industrial sewer. Birmingham was forced to extend her boundaries. In 1911 the urban district of Perry Barr was absorbed into the environs of Greater Birmingham. By 1927 the Birmingham Extension Act had ended the urban district, and parts of Perry Barr were allocated to Birmingham, West Bromwich and Sutton Coldfield.

The majority of the Parish of Perry Barr was taken under the auspices of the Diocese of Birmingham. Since the 1930s housing estates have sprung up around the church. The population has increased in consequence and daughter parishes have developed within the original bounds of the St. John's Parish.

The bells were placed in the tower in 1868 so that the sound of them, calling successive generations to Sunday service, has echoed over the changing face of the parish in its transition from fields to flats.

Cast by John Taylor, the bells are an octave, the tenor weighing 13 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb., in the key of F sharp. The inscriptions on the bells are:—

Treble.—Laus Deo in Jesu Christo.

2nd.—Gloria Patri Filioque et Spiritu Sancto.

3rd.—In Loving Remembrance, John Fawkener Winfield.

4th.—Taylor and Co., Founders, Loughborough.

5th.—Presented by Mrs. Dickenson.

6th.—Presented by R. W. and Mrs. Winfield, Rev. C. B. and Mrs. Snapp, Rev. Phillip and Mrs. Brown.

7th.—The Rev. C. B. Snapp, vicar. John Gilbert, Henry Davenhill, churchwardens.

Tenor.—This peal of bells erected in memoriam Frederick Lord Calthorpe, 1868, by friends and Parishioners of Perry Barr. Laus Deo.

Although the bells had been rung more or less continuously since their installation, they fell silent during the late 1950s, the increasingly bad "go" of the bells possibly being a major contributory factor.

The nucleus of the present band was started in 1963 by the happy coincidence of churchgoers wishing the bells to be rung again and the arrival of an enthusiastic and competent instructor in the form of David Purnell. Despite the difficulty of ringing the bells, a band of mainly young people was established, and since then it has consolidated on the initial framework.

In 1965 the band formed the St. John's Society and a constitution was drawn up. Each year the Society holds several outings, designed to give experience to the younger members. An annual dinner at the Vicarage is now a well-established tradition; this year we were pleased to welcome the secretary of the St. Martin's Guild. Sunday service ringing has been maintained with very little break since the band was re-formed and it has figured regularly in the quarter peal columns of "The Ringing World". The present objective is to ring a peal on the bells before work on them commences.

The bells, urgent though their need is, must obviously take second place to the requirements of the fabric. The ringers, however, are anxious to raise as much money as they can for the restoration of the bells. Various schemes dealing with the future of the bells are at present under analysis, but they all have one factor in common: we need money urgently if the bells are to be restored before they are ultimately declared unfit to be rung.

To help raise money for the bells the majority of the fees charged for weddings are placed in the Bell Fund. Over the past year the fund has been bolstered by the sale of greeting cards and stationery. We hope to hold a Ringing Festival at Perry Barr in late July, depending on when the bells can be dismantled.

Will you help to further the tradition of ringing at Perry Barr by sending a donation to the Bell Fund? By subscribing to this venture you will undoubtedly further the art of change-ringing and prevent a tower from falling silent on Sundays. All contributions will be personally and gratefully acknowledged, and should be addressed to the tower captain, Richard J. Tibbetts, 54, Sandringham Road, Perry Barr, Birmingham, 22B.

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BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The Society held its A.G.M. at Beverley on February 8th. Members met for afternoon ringing, after which they adjourned to the Parish Hall, where Mr. W. F. Moreton (general secretary of the Yorkshire Association) presented the Albert Sellers Memorial Cup to St. Mary's, Beverley, who were the band judged by the Ringing Master and cup committee to have made the most progress in 1968.

Sixty-seven members and friends sat down for tea, after which the business meeting was held. The annual report was presented and approved, and the following officers were elected: President, Mr. K. Kirk; vice-president, Mr. N. W. Castle; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. D. S. Johnson; assistant secretary, Miss J. Gray; Ringing Master, Mr. R. Ducker; assistant Ringing Master, Mr. N. Pailing; the committee—Messrs. J. I. Booth, J. Brook, J. Chaddock, R. Horton and D. S. Johnson.

Seven new members were elected.

After the meeting there followed a short service and ringing until 9 p.m.

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REFORM OF CENTRAL COUNCIL URGED

GUILDFORD GUILD'S ACTION

GUILDFORD Diocesan Guild at its annual meeting on March 8th at Guildford Cathedral Refectory expressed itself in no uncertain terms in favour of a more business-like approach towards the meeting of the Central Council. It was contended that the meeting should have priority over ringing and social functions.

Without dissent, the following motion was passed to be forwarded to the secretary of the Council for inclusion in the Council's agenda for its meeting at St. Albans on May 27th.

> "This Council instructs the Standing Committee to examine the constitution of the Council and to make recommendations with a view to ensuring that the business of the Council, particularly at its annual meeting, is completed in a satisfactory manner."

Moving the resolution, Mr. Douglas A. R. May said he had been a representative on the Central Council for the last six years, but what he had seen of that body he had not really liked. There were ringing things he liked and also the pleasure of meeting people whose names frequently appeared in "The Ringing World". His general impression was that it was a very good ringing week and good social evenings and a little time tacked on for business. There was a tremendous waste of time because the business meeting was left until the end. At Worcester "Any other business" was cut down to five minutes and the general secretary to the Council had enough of his own for 15 minutes.

EARLIER MEETING

"I would like to mention how I think the arrangements could be improved. First of all I think the time of the meeting should be altered from Tuesday to earlier in the week-end. The motion is an instruction to the Standing Committee and they should consider this thing and arrange for the ringing to take place after the meeting and not before."

Another matter was that he would like to press for the Central Council to appoint a chairman in addition to its president. Without mentioning any names, in the past some presidents had made poor chairmen. "We want a chairman elected for his high ability in the chair."

REDUCE MEMBERSHIP

Another thing was to cut down the number of representatives sent to the Council. Non-territorial members in general ought to be cut out. Certain Associations like the London County had only one subscription—when joining. At their meetings they would not get more than 20 to 25 members and yet they had four members. They had to go to the Oxford Guild for members to represent them.

A voice: He was not elected at the annual meeting.

Mr. J. F. M. Maybrey seconded and said he agreed wholeheartedly with what Mr. May had said in general terms. It should go to the Standing Committee.

Mr. W. Viggers, another member of the Council, said he agreed with what had been said.

Mr. P. G. Sherwood said the main problem was too many members on the Council. If they cut the number down it would be useful.

Mr. T. W. White pointed out that the Central Council had very little income of its own and the main source was the affiliation fee of 10/- per representative. If the number of representatives was reduced there would have to be a very substantial increase in the affiliation fee, probably fourfold or more, and with small Guilds or Associations this would be a hardship. For the 10/- per member from affiliated bodies the service rendered was remarkable when the size of the reports was taken into consideration.

The motion was carried nemine.

PEALS AND ELECTION OF MEMBERS

There was a long discussion on an amendment of Rule 14, to read: "Members may be elected at any Guild or District meeting. The election of a member may also take place before a peal which it is intended to ring for the Guild provided there are present at least three members who reside within the diocese or who ring regularly on Sunday at a church within the diocese. The election is subject to confirmation at a Guild or District meeting."

Winding up the debate, Mr. D. A. R. May said the Executive Committee considered this carefully and thrashed it out at length. First of all, Mr. Church took the view that peals in their towers should be for their Guild. The executive came down on this: The present rule required a majority of members to be present before an election could take place. The revised rule required three members present but it would be necessary for them to be resident members.

An amendment submitted by Mr. Michael Church was defeated 35 against and 11 for, and the motion carried.

During the discussion there was strong resentment to a peal having been rung in Guildford for the Yorkshire Association. It was regarded as an act of discourtesy.

25% IN ARREARS

Presenting the report the Master, Mr. Peter G. Smart, said one of the important features of the report was membership, which showed little change compared with 1967. In 1967 they had to note that 17 per cent. had not paid their subscription: this year the situation had worsened and was 25 per cent. This was a serious situation: it could be that 25 per cent. were no longer interested, but he did not think it was true. He asked members in arrears to pay their subscription: it was important as subscriptions were their principal form of income.

LOSSES BY DEATH

The members stood while the following who had died since the last report were remembered: Miss N. Bragg (Aldershot), Messrs. F. C. Hagley (Witley), W. Jelley (Holy Trinity, Guildford), S. Petter (Worplesdon), F. Radford (St. Nicolas', Guildford) and W. J. Robinson (Holy Trinity, Guildford).

There were 36 peals rung during the year, the same number as in 1967. They were rung in 22 towers (23 in 1967) by 138 members (119) in 21 different methods or numbers of methods. Fifteen members rang their first peal (six) and two (Messrs. A. D. Elsmore and R. D. Mills) their first as conductor. Mr. R. Collins rang his 100th peal and Mr. M. J. Church his 50th. The four peals rung on February 10th were specially arranged to mark the 40th anniversary of the Guild.

Quarter peals reported in "The Ringing World" numbered 117 (114 in 1967). They were rung in 36 towers: Ashtead's with 16 quarters was the leading one. Striking competitions were held in all four Districts and in the Farnham District eight of the 15 towers competed.

Copies of the 1967 report and the Guildford Guild issue of "The Ringing World" were sent to all parochial church councils in May, with the suggestion that each Council should consider increasing the affiliation fee to at least one guinea a year. Nearly half the councils replied and the income from this source amounted to £25 9s. compared with £4 5s. in 1967.

ANCIENT BELLS CENSUS

The Diocesan Advisory Committee asked for help in checking ancient church bells in the diocese. Information about bells cast prior to 1750 was extracted from "Surrey Bells and London Bellfounders" (Stahlschmidt, 1884) and "Hampshire Church Bells" (Colchester, 1920) and sent to all towers where they had members. By the end of the year most had replied. In towers where there were less than five bells and no members the work was proving more difficult and visit by volunteers had been made. A schedule of bells to be preserved had been drawn up in 1934, and the investigations carried out so far had revealed that some of the scheduled bells had been melted down. A full report would be sent to the Diocesan Advisory Committee in due course.

The general secretary (Mr. C. W. Munday) said he was still waiting to hear from people who had volunteered to go to the remote towers. It had been an interesting job.

Restoration work had been carried on at West Clandon and Epsom. The Master congratulated Mr. John Davidge (Epsom) and his merry men on an extremely creditable job. (The front seven bells were rehung on ball bearings, all the work in the tower being done by the local band.)

Major E. J. Bragg, peal recorder, said 15 people rang their first peal this year, which was very creditable. He hoped they would list their names in future reports.

Mr. E. Warner seconded the adoption of the report, which was agreed to.

The financial statement was presented by Mr. G. K. Williamson, which showed that the balance carried forward was £286 against £244. The Cathedral Bell Fund had a balance of £291.

OFFICERS FOR 1969

The following officers were elected for 1969: Master, D. A. R. May (West Clandon); general secretary, C. W. Munday (Ewell); treasurer, G. K. Williamson (Aldershot); auditor, P. G. Sherwood (Ash). There were six nominations for the Central Council and a ballot resulted in the election of D. A. R. May, T. Page, P. G. Smart and W. H. Viggers. Two former members of the Council were unsuccessful—Messrs. J. F. M. Maybrey and S. H. Ponting.

The retiring Master in an address said in a Guild of 600 members that they could only find one person being willing to be nominated to succeed him was a very poor show. In an appeal for loyalty to the officers he said most ringing organisations must have those rebels who were nonconformists. "Don't let them mislead you or sidetrack you from the ideals in ringing, and one of those ideals is ringing for Sunday service. If you do that regularly you will be worthy of the Art."

Mr. W. Viggers proposed a vote of thanks to the Master and associated with it Angela, his wife.

Another amendment to the rules approved was that an honorarium of £5 5s. each be paid to the Master and to the general secretary.

12 BELLS FOR CATHEDRAL

In reply to a question the Master said the appeal made by the Bishop for two extra bells for the Cathedral, giving the diocese its first ring of 12, was being considered by the executive committee. It would be a great advantage to the diocese to have a ring of 12 bells.

Mr. F. Housden pointed out that an additional bell to make a light eight would be a great asset.

The Master promised to bring the matter forward.

Mr. T. Page asked for more discipline in the Cathedral belfry while the ringing was in progress.

A vote of thanks was passed to Mrs. Munday and Mrs. Smart and their helpers, for preparing an excellent tea and catering for 170 people.

There was ringing on the Cathedral bells during the afternoon, and the Lady Chapel was too small for all who desired to attend the service which was conducted by the Dean (the Very Rev. A. C. Bridge). Mr. S. G. Ponting was the organist. The Dean joined the ringers at tea and was thanked by the Master. Evening ringing was at St. Nicolas' Church and Shalford.

Ringing and Conducting Standard Methods

By ROBERT B. SMITH

PART I KENT TREBLE BOB

(c) Conducting, Touches and Peal Compositions

(Continued from page 194)

IN the last article we looked at the general points on conducting the method and then in detail at some Minor touches and peal compositions. Turning now to Kent Treble Bob on 8. 10 and 12 bells, we find that the calls are made in the same positions as for Plain Bob, i.e, M.B.W.H. in the case of Major and M.W.H. in the case of Royal and Maximus, i.e., the principle of calling the observation bells in and out of slow work used in Minor compositions does not apply on higher numbers. It will be remembered that when considering the "bob work" for the method it was shown that all the bells above 4ths place do two extra dodges in the positions they happen to be dodging in when the bob is called, and repeat the lead that they have just rung. For this reason methods of this type are referred to as being "extending lead" methods and derive much of their music from repetition of leads when the tenor is in the Middle, Wrong and Home positions.

KENT T.B. MAJOR

When conducting Kent Treble Bob it has already been suggested that the coursing order should be remembered and transposed in exactly the same way as for Plain Bob. In addition, however, it is important to remember which bell is ringing the slow work. This serves two important purposes:

(i) To check that the treble works out the back and returns to the lead in the correct position relative to the working bells, i.e., in the position which would have been occupied by the slow bell had it not been in slow.

(ii) To see that the slow bell does not leave the slow before the treble returns to the lead. It should also be noted that when the slow bell is leading full all the other bells are plain hunting and when the slow bell is making 2nds all the other bells are dodging. (This latter point is most useful when ringing handbells.)

The most familiar touch of Kent T.B. on any number of bells is obviously three leads (three consecutive bobs), the figures for which were given in the touches of Minor. There are very few short touches of Kent T.B. Major because the plain course takes 224 changes and the addition of bobs, other than the touch mentioned above, extends the course to a length which is longer than there is normally time for at meetings or practices.

288 KENT T.B. MAJOR

53246 (Coursing order)	M	B	W (Calling)
53462	1	X	1
25346			
53246			

576 KENT T.B. MAJOR

	W	H (Calling)
53246 (Coursing order)	1	1
32546	1	1
35426		
54326		
53246		

Turning now to simple peal compositions and how to learn them! Those who read the series of articles I wrote on Plain Bob may remember that I said that compositions should be learned to a plan; I now propose to apply such a plan to each of two straightforward compositions.

5,120 KENT T.B. MAJOR by John Reeves

Course ends 23456	M	W	H	Coursing orders 53246
56342	1	2	2	53462
53462		1	2	34562 *
54632		1	2	45362
Four times repeated.				43652
				46532
				65432
				64352
				63542
				35642
				36452
				34562 *

The first thing that one notes in the above composition is that there are always two bobs at home. The second point to note is that the same bell is in 6ths place for the whole of one part; this can be extremely useful when one is first attempting to conduct. It will also be observed that the same bell is in 2nds place at each course end in one part; this of course is a guide to having called the correct number of homes and also that the next call is a "Wrong", unless the part end has just been rung, when the next call will be a "middle". It is not necessary to remember all the part ends, although it is useful to do so, as they can be transposed quite readily for this composition. The coursing order 34562 (*) is the coursing order at the first part end, and also the coursing order after calling M.W. in the first course. Having rung the first part, the second part end coursing order can be obtained by transposing M.W., i.e., 34562 call M gives 34625, call W gives 46325.

The only difficulty one could experience when attempting to call this composition is deciding when to call the "middle" which occurs at the beginning of each part. This can be solved, however, by noting that the bell which was previously in 6ths place (for three courses, remember) makes the last bob of the calls at home; this is the only bob at home made by that bell in the part and no problem should arise in this direction.

5,088 KENT T.B. MAJOR by J. Nicholl

Course ends	Calling		Coursing orders		
23456	B	W	53246		
35264	X		65324		
56342	X		46532		
42563	X	2	24653	46253	62453
26435	X		36245		
63254	X		53624		
35642	X		45362		
42356	X	2	24536	45236	52436
Twice repeated.					

This composition if anything is simpler than the one by Reeves, but the fact that there are no calls at home means the music is lacking somewhat. The plan for calling this composition is as follows. Call bobs before until the 6ths is in 2nds in the coursing order. Call wrongs until the 6th is in 5ths in the coursing order. Call befores until the 6th is in 6ths in the coursing order, then call wrongs until the 5th comes home. Repeat the whole twice.

KENT T.B. ROYAL

Kent T.B. Royal, being a "clean proof" method, i.e., no internal falseness, has a large number of good compositions. From the point of view of simplicity, however, the following composition by John Reeves is hard to beat.

5,040 KENT T.B. ROYAL by John Reeves

Course ends 23456	M	W	H	Coursing orders 53246
52364	2	2	2	53462
65243	2	2	2	53624
53246	1		2	36524
Twice repeated.				65324
				63254
				62534
				62345
				62453
				24653
				46253
				42563
				45623
				45236
				42356
				43526

One merely calls two bobs at every calling position until the 6th makes the bob at a middle; then call two homes on this coursing order and repeat the whole twice.

KENT T.B. MAXIMUS

The same statement I made about Kent T.B. Royal can be applied to Maximus. Maximus compositions are only seven or eight courses long and are often one-part compositions. The following composition is, however, a simple two-part peal.

5,088 KENT T.B. MAXIMUS by D. Prentice

Course ends 23456	Calling M	W	H	Coursing orders 53246		
52436		1		32546		
64235	1		1	32465	34625	
62345		1	2	46325	43265	42635
32465		2	1	26435	64235	62345
Repeated.						

The plan for this peal can easily be worked out, and I will leave the reader to do this.

[To be continued]

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The March meeting of the Ilchester Branch was held at Long Sutton, the home tower of the Branch chairman, Rev. C. J. B. Marshall.

The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar, with Miss Packham as organist, and at the business meeting new members elected were Malcolm A. Wheeler (West Coker), R. Fish (Norton-sub-Hamdon), Miss Lesley Frost and Mr. R. Gill (Hardington Mandeville). Certificates were presented to L. J. Harris (Preston Plucknett) and M. Wheeler, J. Lovell and Mrs. L. Lovell (West Coker).

The hon. secretary (Mrs. M. Legget) reported on the Association committee meeting at Bridgwater and also the social evening at Long Sutton in February. It was recorded also that Mr. E. T. Paul Field had rung in 2,000 towers in the British Isles and Mr. W. E. Turner had conducted his 125th peal.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar, the organist and the tower Master, Mr. Albert Lewis, for their help in making the meeting a success.

Ringing on the heavy, good-going 17¼ cwt. six was under the direction of the Ringing Master, Mr. Gordon Rendell, and a goodly number took part in Bob Doubles, Grandsire, Plain Bob Minor, Stedman, London, Kent and Double Oxford. M. M. L.

NAILSEA, SOM.—On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. D. Strong 1, L. Childs 2, D. Willis 3, L. Derrick (cond.) 4, W. Neath 5, H. Hardwidge 6. Also on Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): D. Willis 1, Mrs. R. Short 2, L. Childs 3, L. Derrick (cond.) 4, W. Neath 5, H. Hardwidge 6. Rung for the wedding of C. Boultbee, a ringer at this tower.

UNIVERSITY ACTIVITIES

Oxford Society's Annual Dinner

The annual dinner of the Oxford University Society was held on February 1st. Ringing started at 12.30 at St. Thomas's, and altogether during the course of the day 12 churches were open. The ringing was generally of a high standard for such an occasion and included a half course of Yorkshire Maximus at the Cathedral. After ringing at the University Church of St. Mary-the Virgin, the Vicar (Rev. Philip Martin) took Evensong.

The dinner was held in Jesus College Hall. The Society's president, Canon Elliot Wigg, was in the chair.

Proposing the toast of "The Church", Mr Philip West, in a very witty speech, examined the ringers' place in the society of the Church. He drew a picture of a ringers' Valhalla full, of course, of pubs and Indian restaurants and also of the most notorious members of the Society engaged in an everlasting strop session. In more serious vein he drew attention to the necessity of the ringing fraternity forgoing its frequently aloof and patronising attitude to the Church and taking its proper place in the Church's community. Experience showed that unless ringers recognised their commitments the Church in its present state would be forced to amputate its diseased limb.

The Rev. Raymond Lowe, of St. Cross, replying, assured the Society that if the ringers were a limb of the Church amputation would take place only over his dead body The welcome Mr, Lowe always extends to ringers is greatly appreciated by the Society.

Although he declared his intention to return his "Teach Yourself Guide" back to the library forthwith, Mr. Nigel Orchard regaled us with his amusing descriptions of the trials of the novice. He welcomed the Society's guests—Mr. Lowe, Mr. Andrew Stubbs, Master of the College Youths, Mr. Alan Scholfield, Master of the C.U.G., and his wife, and the Masters of the London and Bristol University Societies. Mr. Stubbs replied.

Mr. Scholfield proposed the toast of "The Society". He appeared to have left his notes on the train but nevertheless remembered enough scurrilous stories about the O.U.S. to convince any who were previously unaware of the fact that he comes from Cambridge.

The Master, Mr Jeremy Pratt, replied in the traditional manner When he announced his intention to review the activities of another very successful year an illustrious ex-Master from Brightwell-cum-Sotwell was heard to say: "You leave my sister out of it," to which Mr. Pratt replied: "It appears that your sister does not wish to be left out."

The formal part of the dinner then being concluded, the assembled company adjourned to the College Bar to partake of equally enjoyable, but less formal, activities until closing time. J. H. H.

University of Wales Rag Week Tour

February 28th–March 1st saw the U.W. hold their tour and meeting in Radnorshire and Shropshire. Towers visited were Presteigne, Knighton, Leominster, Atcham, Wrockwardine and Market Drayton. Ringing was of a good standard, this being especially so at Market Drayton, where the A.G.M. was held.

Members were in attendance from Aberystwyth, Swansea, Lampeter and Cardiff, and with the assistance of Lyndon and Diane Hatfield the band was further strengthened.

Ringing included Bob Major, Grandsire Triples, Kent, Cambridge, Stedman, Bob Minor as well as the more usual Doubles methods

At the A.G.M the Master's and secretary's posts fell vacant: Miss Margaret Twigg, U.C.W., Aberystwyth, was unanimously re-elected to the office of Master, and David J. Morgan, U.C.St. David, Lampeter, elected secretary. It was proposed that the summer tour be held in Derbyshire between August 18th–24th and all interested are asked to contact the secretary as soon as possible. The October meeting will be on the 25th in the Swansea area.

It was a well-worthwhile tour, and thanks must be extended to Mr. H. Hatfield, Presteigne, for providing accommodation, incumbents and all others who made the tour a success. We ended up, in the traditional way, with an oriental meal in Shrewsbury.

D. J. M.

ATTEMPT FOR MAXIMUS RECORD

Dear Sir,—The Provost of Birmingham, the Rt. Rev. George Sinker, has kindly agreed that another long peal attempt may be made on the bells of St. Philip's Cathedral, Birmingham.

The attempt will be on Easter Monday, April 7th, 1969, commencing as soon as possible after 8.30 a.m., and will be for 17,328 Newgate Surprise Maximus (Newgate has Londinium work above the treble; the work under the treble is very similar to that of London Royal (No. 3)). The band will be Messrs. A. N. Stubbs, D. J. Purnell, B. Jones, J. R. Insley, R. A. G. Inglis, N. J. Goodman, M. J. Fellows, M. D. Fellows, M F. Edwards, P. Border, C A. Barron, J. A. Ainsworth. Messrs. R. W. Pipe, G. E. Fearn and A. R. Patterson have agreed to act as umpires.

It is suggested that a suitable rendezvous for any ringers in Birmingham that day should be at either the Windsor in Cannon Street or the Trocadero in Temple Street.—Yours faithfully,

C. A. BARRON.

Birmingham.

17,328 NEWGATE S. MAXIMUS

By RODERICK W. PIPE

23456	M	W	H
64352	—		—
62453	2		—
25346	—	2	3
42356		—	
63254	—		—
24536	—	—	2
52436	— x	—	—
35426		—	
52364	2	2	
46325	—	—	—
36243		2	—
43265		—	
45362	2		—
53462	— x	—	2
26435	—	—	—
32465		—	
42563	—	3	3
65324	—	—	
23456	—	—	

x = 6ths, Out, 7ths.

LADY DISTRICT CHAIRMAN FOR MIDDLESEX

An attendance of over 50 assembled at All Saints', Harrow Weald, for the annual meeting of the N. and E. District on February 15th—and this despite a weather forecast of snow and gales.

The secretary reported a satisfactory year, 16 ringing and 19 non-resident members being elected to the Association. Successful meetings had been held at various parts of the District and it was pleasing to know that the bells of St. Giles-in-the-Fields continued to ring regularly for the Thursday mid-week service (assistance from those working within the area and able to spare the time from 1 to 1.30 p.m. would be most welcome).

Reference was made to the continued success of John Mayne and his handbell band, culminating in a peal of Spliced Surprise Major in 28 methods, also to the peal of Spliced Surprise Major in 25 methods on the bells of St. Ann's, Stamford Hill, conducted by Jonathan S. N. Porter Congratulations were also extended to Mr. T. J. Lock, the general secretary, who passed three notable milestones in his ringing career during the year. In June he joined the very select band who have rung 1,000 peals. Shortly afterwards he completed his 500th peal for the Middlesex Association, and to complete the year in December he rang his 300th peal on the bells of St. Mary's, Willesden. To the best of the writer's knowledge, apart from sickness, etc., Tom has never missed his duty as a Sunday service ringer.

Three members had passed to higher service, viz., A W. Coles, former Master and vice-president and a member since 1905; W. J. Langley, a stalwart of the Monken Hadley band, a member since 1921; and Miss Pauline Gearing, of Hendon (1961), who died at a tragically early age

The following members were elected to office for the ensuing year: Miss G. E. Newcombe (chairman) replaced Mr. H. G. Hart, who had occupied the chair for the past 14 years and did not seek re-election; Mrs. H. G. Hart (Master), T. G. Hawkins (deputy Master), E. H. Kilby (secretary), D. T. C. Smith (assistant secretary), Miss V. E. Ware (auditor) and H. G. Hart, R. Gage and J. M. Steele (committee representatives).

Mr. C. W. Ward was congratulated on completing 50 years as a ringer, principally at Monken Hadley and Barnet, and for which a celebration quarter peal had been rung at the former tower.

A number of new ringing members were elected, namely, M. Ellington and the Misses J. Hawes, K. Hughes, M. Piper, J. Stobart, D. F. and D. M. Whilloch, of Southgate; R. Farley, J. A. Kelsey and L. Roberts, of Hackney; C Lowry (unattached) and A. J. Muskett and B. Smith, of Pinner Miss Stephanie Green, of Essendon, was elected as a non-resident ringing member, while the provisional election of 19 similar members prior to participating in peals was ratified.

Prior to closing the meeting the chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. Derek Bond, Vicar of Harrow Weald, for conducting the service; to the Rev. S. R. Skemp, Rector of Stanmore, whose bells had been enjoyed; to Mrs. Beedie, for accompanying at the organ; and to Mrs. Hart and the local band, for providing tea—hot mince pies were admirable and suited the outside elements. E. H. K.

Monthly Meetings popular with Cheltenham Branch

There was a good attendance of over 30 ringers for the Cheltenham Branch meeting at Leckhampton on Monday, February 17th. Ringing started promptly at 7.30 and continued briskly throughout the evening with a variety of methods, including Oxford Bob, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Cambridge Major

After the bells were lowered at 9 p.m. ringers went to the Vicarage, where coffee and biscuits were provided. During a short business meeting the Association chairman, Miss E M. Bliss, presented the Branch with a certificate for coming second in the striking competition held at North Cerney in November.

Mr. W. A. Farmer, Branch chairman and captain of the team, thanked Miss Bliss, saying it was a team effort. He hoped the Branch would win the Croome trophy in 1969.

Letters to the Editor

PEALS—DISCUSSION NOT POLICY

Dear Sir,—Mr. Hairs, who was not present at Worcester, according to the record should beware of attributing to "The Ringing World" with its slender resources the authenticity of Hansard in reporting debates. It may be recalled that other people as well as myself have already pointed out some of the errors.

The sentence he quotes does not represent the view that I expressed. My view is that matters should be fully debated with all the information made available in good time for proper consideration before decisions are taken.

This was the intention in asking Mr. Speed to write a letter about the reporting of peals. It is clearly stated and he emphasised in his final paragraph that its purpose was to encourage discussion and was not already committee policy.

Messrs. Jackson and Hairs are really accusing Mr. Speed and the rest of the committee of dishonesty in this matter.

Perhaps Mr. Hairs would have done better to read the editorial on page 478 of the issue of June 21st, 1968, and then remind Mr. Jackson of its final sentence.—Yours sincerely,

DENIS A. BAYLES.

Chester-le-Street.

STAINBANK v. BECKETT

Dear Sir,—I was very interested in the recent articles by "Cheshire Delight" on the lawsuit between Mr Stainbank and Sir Edmund Beckett and can perhaps add an item in which Beckett had the last word.

This was related to me about 1931 by the late Edwin Gibbs, a prominent London ringer and a member of St. Paul's Cathedral band under Mr. Pettit and Mr. Cockerill.

Mr. Gibbs was a native of Eye who came to London as a young man about 90 years ago. He was an interesting person to talk to and had a wonderful store of anecdotes of London ringers of that period. These were aptly described about ten years ago by the late Mr. A. A. Hughes to an interviewer in "The Times" as "quaint, colourful characters".

The last years of his life were spent in a local nursing home crippled with arthritis. He was a very lonely man too, and my son (then at school) and I seldom missed visiting him on Sunday afternoons.

It was during one of these visits he told us my son's version of Mr. Cook's story of Counsel and the College Youth (who, incidentally, he said was George Stockham, steeplekeeper at St. Clement Danes') and added that when Beckett paid the damages awarded against him he wrote on the cheque "Big Ben is cracked!"

Some years later, in conversation with Mr. Hughes, he confirmed this.—Yours sincerely,

E. BARNETT.

10, Kings Close,
Crayford, Kent.

LT.-COL. C. F. JERRAM

Dear Sir,—Lt.-Col. Jerram was well known in the Chertsey District and we rang a peal at Chobham on November 29th, 1919, when he was leaving the district. He wrote to me more than 40 years ago asking for particulars of the peal band, and I replied that we two were the sole survivors. He wrote to me frequently and also when I was in hospital.—Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Addlestone, Surrey.

"UNIVERSAL" COMPOSITIONS

Dear Sir,—With reference to Roger Baldwin's letter on page 162, perhaps it should be pointed out that the composition is in fact even more versatile than he admits.

It consists of the 12 positive courses with 3 in 3rds and the 12 negative courses with 3 in 4ths. However, any other pair of positions will also give a composition, provided that the two positions can be connected with a single (of any sort) and that each position permits a bob. It may also be considered desirable that rounds should be included.

Other examples of this which provide very fine compositions are 2 in 2+ and 4— in Double Glasgow (see Mr. Baldwin's composition on page 1016, 1968) and 6 in 6+ and 5— in Yorkshire and Pudsey (see page 919, 1968).

A number of possible arrangements of these types of courses are available. Apart from that published by Mr. Baldwin (and its reversal, which I prefer on practical grounds) there are such types as the following:—

M	W	H
2		S
	—	S
3		S
	—	S
3		S
	—	S
—		S
	—	S
—		S
	3	S
—		S
	3	S
—		S
	2	S

M	W	H
—		S
	—	S
2		S
	2	S
—		S
	—	S

Repeated twice

The Three-Part, of course, already has wide currency as Simon Humphrey's Lincolnshire.—Yours faithfully,

CHRISTOPHER I. ROWSON.

Edgbaston, Birmingham.

SETTLE DIFFERENCES

Dear Sir,—I was very surprised indeed that an anonymous letter consisting entirely of a personal attack on the Master of the London County Association was allowed to appear in the issue dated March 7th. Surely if the writer of this letter had not the courage to append his name the letter should not have been published. I have no wish to defend the London County Association, but I cannot see anything constructive in this letter. There is far too much ill feeling amongst ringers in London and I would suggest that this correspondent would be better employed in trying to settle differences instead of making things far worse than they need be. Perhaps when this person is a little more mature he will realise that anyone trying to reform any Society has an UPHILL task before him. Surely if the membership of the London County Association is not satisfied with its Master, or any other officer for that matter, there is a constitutional way of remedying the situation?—Yours sincerely,

JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM.

Bayswater, W.

CHESTER CATHEDRAL APPEAL

Chester Cathedral appeal had reached, by March 4th, £185,164. Among the contributions are: Cheshire County Council, £15,000: Chester City Council, £10,000: Stockport Borough Council, £1,000: Northwich R.D.C., £200: Hale U.D.C., £150: Sale Borough Council, £105: Lymm U.D.C., £100.

HE WON THROUGH

Dear Sir,—A few comments from one tryer to others may help your correspondent of February 28th. The ability to learn new techniques slows dramatically after the age of 50. The tower captain who learnt at 15 cannot be expected to appreciate this and he may well write you off as one who will never make a bellringer. After all, as captain he has other distractions, and the patient, outstanding instructor is a rare bird.

The difficulty with bellringing is that it requires the simultaneous exercise of manual learning (bell control), mental learning (changeringing), a reasonably quick eye (rope-sight) and a quick response, as there is little or no time for correcting errors while ringing. The young can cope with all these elements together. Not so the learner over 50. If the captain writes you off to concentrate on the quick learner then you will have to teach yourself. The elements of bell control he will give you: competence comes only with practice.

As to learning rope-sight, the tenor may be the best introduction for, provided you strike last, it does not matter if you miss "seeing" every time the bell you should be ringing after. Rope-sight is best learnt on the treble. Stand behind the treble ringer whenever he or she is plain hunting, and keep standing there until you see what they are doing I assure you that light will dawn. Once you see it grab the treble and have a go. The plain hunt on the treble is the first great hurdle to overcome. Thereafter progress will quicken. Change-ringing requires lots of homework not only in learning the method but also the order in which "your" bell meets the others at key points—leads, dodges and particularly where you pass the treble. Again I assure you that light will dawn.

Visit neighbouring towers on their practice nights and your District meetings when you can. You will be surprised at the number of friendly, patient and experienced ringers who are ready to help you. And even if it takes you ten times longer than your children to acquire the technique, eventually your captain will come to appreciate and value a member of the band who can be relied upon to turn up not only at practices but at the services and who is not subject to the distractions of "O" Levels, higher education or courtship. "Keep at it" is the enthusiastic advice of yours faithfully,

ANOTHER TRYER WHO HAS.

(Name and address supplied.)

COMBINATION ROLL-UP

Dear Sir,—Please can somebody tell me what is a combination roll-up?

None of my friends locally seem to know, though we are agreed that it must be something mathematical and not, as the name suggests, winter clothing for peal ringers!—Yours faithfully,

J. V. LONSBROUGH.

Newhaven, Sussex.

BELLHANGING IN THE WEST

Mr. J. P. Fidler who with his son, Arthur, is living at Bow, Crediton, writes that their reception in the West Country has been very good and a number of contacts have been made.

Among the jobs tackled by his son are the overhauling of a ring of five at Elworthy, Somerset, overhauling a ring of eight at Hatherleigh and attending to bells at Huntsham and Woolbrook.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
SEE BACK PAGE

Reminiscences of the Rev. H. Law James

By C. T. H. BRADLEY, of Folkingham, Lincs.

HAVING lived in Lincolnshire all my life, I was particularly interested in the correspondence concerning the late Rev. H. Law James, whom I first met over 50 years ago. I felt prompted to write as the 37th anniversary of his death has recently passed, when on February 6th, 1932, ringers from various parts of the country gathered at Surfleet to pay their last respects to a great ringer. I feel it would be most appropriate if some ringing could be organised each year on a Saturday nearest to the date of his death as a token of remembrance and esteem.

H. Law James was undoubtedly one of the greatest authorities on campanology and doggedly held on to his own convictions regarding composition and other ringing subjects, invariably winning his point of view in the end. Some of us remember back in the 1920s, when a battle royal would take place in "The Ringing World" on the subject of "What is a legitimate method?" between H. L. J., the late Armiger Trollope, the late W. Willson, of Leicester, and others. He was a great authority when advice was sought on bell restoration, recasting, augmentation, etc.

LEARNT TO RING IN A CATHEDRAL

He once told me he took up ringing at an early age and had his first lesson in handling a bell at Gloucester Cathedral. In the 1890s he came to Lincolnshire and was curate at St. Martin's, Stamford, for some years, and to put it in his own words he found the scene extremely dark concerning ringing in the county. At that time the chief activity was in the north of the county, where the old North Lincolnshire Association was in being; there was some activity in the south.

It was in 1898 that he accepted the living of Surfleet, where he remained a devoted parish priest for the rest of his life. He soon became a great inspiration in ringing circles in Lincolnshire and ringing flourished under his guidance.

L.D.G. FOUNDED

In April, 1899, at a meeting held at Lincoln, the Lincoln Diocesan Guild as we know it today was founded, and the Rev. H. Law James was unanimously elected Master of the Guild, which office he held until his death. It was at this meeting that the Guild was divided into four Branches—the Northern, Southern, Eastern and Elloe Deaneries—which made organisation more acceptable.

It was not long after H. L. J. had been at Surfleet before his attention was turned to the five bells in his church. He and his churchwardens discovered that one bell was cracked, and they made a brave attempt to weld the bell in the tower, but without success, so the bell went to Loughborough for recasting.

Some years later it was decided to augment the ring to six. The new bell was cast at Loughborough and dispatched by rail to Surfleet. Here it was removed by H. L. J. and helpers at 9 a.m., hoisted and hung during the day, and a 720 had been rung by 9 p.m. Round about 1913 a bigger restoration was undertaken, when the six bells were retuned and hung in a new iron frame, with the addition of four more trebles, making a ring of ten—the lightest in the country. The new bells were given by H. L. J. as a memorial to his late sister.

In the years that followed great activity in ringing took place at Surfleet, both by ringers in the county and from outside. Many memorable ringing weeks were held at Glyn Garth, the home of that well-known ringer the late Rupert Richardson and Mrs. Richardson. As headquarters, Glyn Garth was often described as home from home for all ringers. Happily, Mrs. Richardson is still at Surfleet, ably serving as tower captain and giving instruction to a young band in order to maintain Sunday service ringing.

SPLICED MINOR INTRODUCED

By 1911 the standard of ringing in general improved in the county and new fields in Spliced Minor ringing emerged, arranged by H. L. J. and his brother, Rev. Bankes James, who was equally brilliant in this field of ringing. The first peal in 14 Spliced Minor methods, comprising seven true extents, was rung in 1911 at Edenham, the home of that well-known Lincolnshire ringer the late Arthur I Holmes, and was arranged and conducted by Rev. H. L. James.

As a ringer-cyclist H. L. J. must have been unique, for it was most unusual if one did not see him turn up in the familiar knickerbockers and putties, which stood him in good stead whether for peal attempt, practice or meeting; in fact a 100-mile journey was quite commonplace for him. He was always available in giving help to a struggling band, and would often cycle on a winter's night from Surfleet to Grantham (some 25 miles) to give assistance to a band at St. Wulfram's. It was not until he was more advanced in years that he took to a motor car.

LINCOLNSHIRE'S FIRST 12

Soon after the end of the 1914–18 war suggestions were made concerning the placing of a war memorial in the Cathedral in memory of the Lincolnshire ringers who had given their lives in the war. Some were in favour of a scheme to increase the Cathedral's splendid ring of eight to ten by the addition of two trebles. H. L. J. thought it should be 12, thus making the first 12 in the county, also a ring of 12 was more worthy for such a magnificent edifice as Lincoln Cathedral. After he had discussed the project with the Cathedral authorities the augmentation was agreed to and the work entrusted to John Taylor and Co. The bells arrived at the Cathedral early in 1928 and were hallowed by the Dean on April 28th before being hung in St. Hugh's tower.

The first peal on the 12 was rung on December 28th, 1929, in 4 hours 9 minutes, being 5,280 Cambridge Surprise Maximus, composed and conducted by the Rev. H. Law James. Of this peal I think he was particularly proud, as the footnote suggests:—

(1) First peal on the 12 bells.

(2) First peal of Cambridge Maximus by all the band.

(3) First peal of Maximus by all except the conductor.

(4) The conductor's 200th peal as conductor.

(5) Rung by all residents of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

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NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Reepham Wants £600 for its Bells

Aylsham was the venue for the quarterly meeting of the Northern Branch on March 8th, when over 60 members were present.

A warm welcome from the Vicar (Rev. F. B. Evans) even if, as he said, we were a bit of a nuisance as the date coincided with the match between Wales and Ireland and he had had to leave the television. Anyway, he had the satisfaction of Wales winning.

The Rev. P. Kelly assisted with the service; Mrs. J. Wells played the organ; the Branch Ringing Master (Mr. M. Cubitt) read the lesson.

The secretary told members that Mr. B. Howchin was in Eatbn Hall, suffering with thrombosis; Mr. F. Davey had improved from his heart attack, and he had spoken to the oldest member that afternoon, Mr. P. Artis, who had reached the age of 93.

Bernard Wells, of Aylsham, Mrs. M. Bibby, Paul Cadman and Keith Record, of Marsham, were elected members. Aylsham ringers have now five fathers and five sons as members of the company. The Branch striking competition is to be held on Saturday, May 17th, at Wroxham and Coltishall.

The next Branch meeting is to be held at Reepham and Salle on June 14th. It was sad news to learn that the treble is out of action at Reepham; the estimated cost of repairs to the six bells is £600 We feel sure, with the enthusiasm of the Rev. P. Kelly, this money will soon be raised. (He will be delighted to receive donations for the project.)

The chairman (Mr. G. Sayer) proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar, the Rev. P. Kelly, Mrs. J. Wells, Mr. N. J. A. Pumphrey, and to all who had assisted in making the meeting a success

The ten bells were rung to various methods, including rounds and London Royal, under the leadership of the Branch Ringing Master (Mr. M. Cubitt). C. B.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Northern District

The Northern District again met at two towers for its monthly evening meeting on March 1st. Ringing took place at St. Mary's Church, Graveley, for the first part of the evening, the six being put to good use to cater for the tastes of all present. Rounds were rung by the many learners and various methods up to Spliced Plain Minor by the more experienced.

The company then moved on to St. Mary's, Great Wymondley, for a period of further ringing on the six with a fairly long draught. Everybody then dispersed to find a warmer place in which to spend the rest of the evening.

N. N. R.

(Continued from previous column)

Sad to say, only four members of this band are still living, viz.: John Walden, Leslie Pask, Harold Marcom and Harold Walker.

Looking back to the beginning of the century and onwards we owe a deep sense of gratitude for the life and work for campanology given by Rev. Henry Law James for the Guild, and indeed for the Exercise at large.

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HALF PEAL

MIDGHAM, BERKS. — On Feb 22nd, 2,520 Doubles (three methods, six variations): H. Page (first half peal) 1, A. Gammon 2, R. H. Jones (cond.) 3, R. D. Bing 4, L. R. Porter 5. A wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Mathew Butler, married this day.

ABBOTS BROMLEY, STAFFS. — On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): S. W. Illidge 1, Gillian Bosworth-Smith 2, S. G. Pick 3, C. J. Bennett 4, P. R Johnson (100th quarter, 25th quarter as cond.) 5.

ADDINGHAM, YORKS.—On Dec. 21st, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: 1, Cox (first quarter) 1, M. Harker (first quarter) 2, R. Crabtree 3, A. Stott (first quarter) 4, M. Hillary 5, D. Featherstone (cond.) 6. Rung for Christmas, and also Man's first journey round the moon. Also on Feb. 22nd, 1,440 Pl. Bob Minor: V M. Bean (first quarter) 1, G. Featherstone 2, M. Harker 3, R. Crabtree 4, M. Hillary 5, D Featherstone (cond.) 6. Rung for the birth of David Allan Harker (February 21st, 1969), nephew of ringer of 3.

ALBRIGHTON, SHROPSHIRE. — On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): A. E Garbett 1; N. Holland 2, R J. Warrilow 3, G. W. Stevens 4; R. A. Partridge 5, G. Binnersley 6. Rung to mark the 88th birthday of Dr M. Legge.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,280 Plain Bob Triples: I. A. Laver 1, Elizabeth Gibbs 2, J. V. A. Stedman 3, Gillian Laver 4, G. Bromley 5, Felicity Hamilton 6, T. Skilton (cond.) 7, D. Barnes 8. For Evensong. Also on Feb. 25th, 1,280 Plain Bob Minor (handbells): G. Bromley 1–2, N. D. Robinson 3–4, T. Skilton (cond.) 5–6. First "in hand" 3–4 and 5–6.

BABBACOMBE, DEVON. — On Feb. 16th, 1,287 Grandsire Triples: Mavis Hawkins 1, A. J. Garbett 2, Valerie Stephens 3, W. Simmonds 4, K. Fursdon 5, W. Wayman 6, D. J Roberts (cond.) 7, G. J. Roberts 8. For Evensong, and for the 79th birthday of Arthur Garbett. Also on March 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Susan Dunn 1, A. J. Garbett 2, R. J. Edden 3, J E. Read 4, W. Wayman 5, G. J. Roberts 6, D. J. Roberts (cond.) 7, R. A. Caffry 8. First in method 1, 4, 5 and 8. For Evensong

BANBURY, OXON. — 1,259 Grandsire Caters: B. Davis 1, C Wightman 2, Miss J. Marlow 3, Mrs. D. Bentley 4, Mrs. J. Parritt 5, H. Alexander 6, R. Bentley 7, J. Easley 8, J. Stretton 9, H. Bishop 10. Rung half-muffled to the memory of William Norman Genna, vice-captain of the tower, who died on February 1st, 1969.

BARRINGTON, SOM. — On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (five m/v): Mrs. E. Welch 1, Mrs. B. Dean 2, J. Cornelius (cond.) 3, R. Welch 4, R. J. Dean 5, A. Drayton 6. A 77th birthday compliment to James Stenner, of Ilminster.

BARROW-ON-SOAR, LEICS.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Lynne Brookes 1, Cherrill L. Everard 2, H. Christine Younger 3, P. G. Chambers 4, B. S Payne (cond.) 5, R. I. Kendrick 6. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Charles Lovett, verger and a member of the tower for many years.

BATHEASTON, SOM.—On Feb. 17th, 1,280 Spliced Surprise Major (five methods): W. S. Rice 1, P. Bridle 2, R. W Rice 3, P. J. England 4, S. Brown 5, M J. Horseman (first Spliced Surprise) 6, J. Brain 7, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 8.

BRAFIELD-ON-THE-GREEN, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Christine Wright (first quarter) 1, Anne Henman 2, B. R. Care (cond.) 3, I. G. Morgan 4, D. J. Morgan 5. Birthday compliments to ringers of 2, 4 and 5.

BRAY, CO. WICKLOW. — On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (Rev. Canterbury, Pl. Bob): C. E. S. Hall 1, C. A. Lewis (cond.) 2, J. Shields 3, C. T. Mason 4, A. R. MacKenzie 5.

BRISTOL.—At St. Mary Redcliffe, on Feb. 16th, 1,275 Grandsire Cinques: Miss S. Mayell (first Cinques) 1, Mrs. M. Mayell 2, Mrs. A. Burcher 3, Miss J. Murrell 4, J. Stallard 5, S Badman 6, W. Adams (first Cinques) 7, R. Sweet 8, D. Mayell 9, N P Hancock 10, E. F. Hancock (cond.) 11, M. J. Hancock 12. Rung for Evensong and Foundation Day, also to mark the engagement of Rev. M. J. Grylls and Miss M. D. Hancock, member of the Guild.

CAMBORNE, CORNWALL.—On Feb. 17th, 1,344 Grandsire Major: R. P. Pearce 1, Canon A. S Roberts 2, F. M. Bowers 3, T. J. Bell 4, A. Locke 5, A. J. Davidson 6, G. H. Baldam 7, C. G. Bryant (cond.) 8. First of Grandsire Major by all the band.

QUARTER PEALS

CANTERBURY, KENT. — At the Cathedral, on Feb. 23rd, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: P. M Hills 1, Frances Templeman 2, Pamela E. Powell 3, L. Huckstep 4, J. Drage 5, D H. Niblett (cond.) 6, J. B. Keeler 7, K I. Davis 8, T. H. Holmes 9, A. S. Phelips 10. For Evensong.

CARDIFF, GLAM.—At St. John's Church, on Feb. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. Yeomans 1, P. Thomas (first in method) 2, Mary Pryor 3, J Pryor 4, C Quartley 5, N. Simon (cond.) 6

CHIGWELL, ESSEX.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,280 Plain Bob Doubles: Marion Cass (first quarter) 1, P. Dickinson 2, Susan F Thomas 3, M. Waring 4, D. A. Tovell (first as cond.) 5, G. H. Walker 6.

CLIFFORD, HEREFORDS.—On Feb. 17th, 1,296 Surprise Minor (720 Ipswich, 576 Cambridge): H. Istance 1, T. Jones 2, B. Giddings 3, F. Harris 4, J. Hope 5, R. Hatcher (cond.) 6.

COULSDON, SURREY. — On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Warner 1, G. Long 2, D. Burstow 3, I Saysell 4, D. Little (cond.) 5. For Evensong

DRAYTON PARSLOW, BUCKS.—On Feb 26th, 1,440 Minor (Cambridge Surprise, Plain Bob): Marion Addy 1, Brenda Redfearn 2, P. Aslett 3, R. J. Sharp 4, D. Redfearn 5, J. W. Sinfield (cond.) 6.

EGHAM, SURREY.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Warr (first quarter) 1, I. Summerhayes 2, Miss C. Elliott 3, N. Summerhayes 4, D. E. Parsons (cond.) 5, S. Elliott 6

EPSOM, SURREY. — At St. Martin's Church, on Feb. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Oakshott 1, J. Aronson (first P.B "inside") 2, S. Mortimore 3, M Morris 4, M. Harbott 5, J. Munton (cond.) 6.

EWELL, SURREY.—On Feb. 26th, 1,280 Lincolnshire S M: R. D Mills 1, Felicity Hamilton 2, Christine Harbott 3, R. C. Splittle 4, T. Skilton 5, D. W. James 6, P. J. Munday 7, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 8. First in method 2, 4, 5. By Leatherhead District band.

FAREHAM, HANTS.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Renee Sturgess 1, Cdr. J. Merritt, R.N. 2, Helen Haines 3, Rosemary Ball 4, Gillian Boyd 5, J Ball 6, R. Haines 7, A. Scott 8, A. Sturgess (cond.) 9, F. Fagg 10. For Confirmation service.

FECKENHAM, WORCS.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: A. Jones 1, Angela Styler 2, Jennifer Newton 3, R. H. Hunt 4, M. Leek 5, E. Styler (first as cond.) 6. Rung for Evensong, and as a 20th birthday compliment to Michael Leek. First quarter of Minor by the local band.

GEDLING, NOTTS. — On Feb. 23rd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Dawson 1, P. R. Wild (first "inside") 2, J. R. Anthony 3, S. M. O'Neill (first as cond.) 4, J. R. Rigby 5, R. Adey 6. For Evensong.

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GROTON, MASS, U.S.A. — In Oct., 1968, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: H. J. S. Cheever 1, A. G. K. Solbert 2, G. McC. Johnson 3, S. B. Prudden 4, J. R. Chandler 5, P. L. Chandler (cond.) 6, F. E. Ulen, jun. 7, R. S. Young 8. In memory of the Rev. Paul L. Abey, friend and chaplain of the ringers. Also on Nov. 17th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: A. McDonald (cond.) 1, E. R. Cowles 2, R. G. Woolworth 3, P. L. Chandler 4, J. R. Chandler 5, J. W. Poor 6. First quarter 2, 3 and 6.

HAWKHURST, KENT. — On Feb 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S Piper 1, A. H. Kemp 2, Miss A. Harris 3, W. Gorringe (cond.) 4, E. West 5, G. S. Waters 6, I. V. J. Smith 7, D. West 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Roy West, chorister for 50 years, interred this day.

HAWKLEY, HANTS.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Maureen Tipper 1, Carol Stacey 2, R. Tipper 3, K Tipper 4, D. Hughes 5, D. Hatherly 6, B Walton (cond.) 7, B. Gambrill 8. For Family Communion

HEADCORN, KENT.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Taylor (first quarter) 1, H. Baker 2, N. Sheppard (first quarter as cond.) 3, R. Jean Vidler 4, G. W. Grant 5, R. Millidine (covering) 6. For Evensong and a birthday compliment to H. Vidler.

HEANOR, DERBYS.—On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Triples: M. Camm 1, D. Beach 2, D. Camm 3, D. Coulson 4, G. Futters 5, R. Marchbank 6, G. Faulks (cond.) 7, T. Ford 8. In memory of the Rev. S. R. Futters, a former vicar.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX. — On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Marion Bibby 1, Joan M. Peacock 2, J. Fowler 3, S. Penfold 4, C. C. M. Pain 5, J. W Stephenson 6, F. V. Gant (cond.) 7, P. Sippitt 8.

REYNSHAM, SOM.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Lesley While 1, Susan Moore 2, F. C. Mogford 3, J. W. Owen 4, R. J. Moore 5, R. Hillman 6, T. W. Harris (cond.) 7, W. G. Dinham 8. First Triples 1 and 8. For rehallowing service after church redecoration

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.—On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: R Barker (first Minor) 1, Mrs. D. M. Barker 2, D. J. Goodman 3, G. Spratt 4, B. H. Barker 5, P. W. Harper (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK. — At St. Margaret's Church, on Feb 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: D. Gagen 1, R. Newson 2, P. Gagen 3, W. W. Cousins 4, R. Harrop 5, O. Claxton 6, C. Tovell 7, L. W. Houghton 8, C Cousins 9, N. V. Harding (cond.) 10. Rung as a compliment to Miss Shelagh R. Collins and the Rev M. C. C. Melville on the announcement of their engagement, and also to mark the 60th birthday of the conductor and tower captain, Mr. N. V. Harding.

KINGSTON UPON THAMES, SURREY.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Ann V. Salvage 1, Lesley A Hawes 2, Katharine Salvage 3, C. D. Collin 4, M. J. Green 5, B. J. Stone (cond.) 6. For Holy Communion, and as a birthday compliment to ringer of 3.

KNOWLE, BRISTOL.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,280 Grandsire Triples: R J. Tutton (first on eight) 1, Wendy Treble 2, D. P. Treble 3, D. A Powney 4, M. J. K. Griffiths 5, W. G. Cocks (first "inside") 6, B. G. North (cond.) 7, J. F. Boulter (first on eight) 8. For Evensong.

LANGDON HILLS, ESSEX.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): W. White 1, D. Stott ("circled the tower") 2, G. Lucas 3, J. Foster (most methods "inside") 4, P. M. Fleckney (cond.) 5, L. Foster 6.

LINCOLN.—At the Cathedral, on Feb. 20th, 1,280 Cambridge S. Major: W. Froggett 1, I. Minns 2, J. L. Millhouse (cond.) 3, C. J. Sharp 4, P. C. Pitchford 5, D. Phillipson 6, H. L. Pask 7, G. Paul 8.

LLANDAFF, GLAM.—At the Cathedral, on Feb. 9th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Anne Cooke 1, N. W. H. Simon (cond.) 2, Ann Pilgrim 3, N. A. James 4, P. S. Reading 5, M. Pilgrim 6, J. W. Bull 7, C. P. Quartley 8. First in method 3, 4. Before Evensong for St. Teilo's Day. Also on Feb. 23rd, 1,280 Stedman Triples: N. W. H. Simon (cond.) 1, F. W. Corney 2, Judith Ashcroft 3, J. B. Plumb 4, N. A. James 5, S. Fenwick 6, P. S. Reading 7, J. James 8. For Evensong.

LODSWORTH, SUSSEX. — On Feb. 23rd, 1,296 Cambridge S Minor: D. O. Haslam 1, C. B. Fynes 2–3, Juliet Fynes 4, Rev. J. H. Greene 5, W. L. Weller (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Rear-Admiral A. R. Hammick (1887–1969), donor of the second bell.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD

The Guild held its 42nd A.G.M. at Coleman's Hatch on the sunny afternoon of March 8th. In the afternoon Danehill and Lingfield towers were also open for ringing. At 4.30 p.m. members assembled at Coleman's Hatch in an assortment of vehicles, including a very-well-preserved elderly black Trojan.

The service was conducted by the president, Rev. J. R. Missen. Afterwards tea was taken by 32 members in the Church Hall. The chairman (Mr. B. E. Jeffrey) opened the meeting by thanking the president for the service, the organist for playing at such short notice, and Mr. and Mrs. Ryman and their helpers for preparing the tea

The chairman remarked how glad he was to have present Mr. A. Relfe, the oldest vice-president (not the oldest member, as stated previously). There were 12 apologies for absence and one new member was elected. The meeting on April 12th will be held at Newdigate and Capel (subject to confirmation) and it is hoped to visit Cudham on May 10th. The chairman's report and the treasurer's report were passed, though there was a disagreement as to the layout of the statement of accounts.

The president and vice-presidents were re-elected with one alteration (Mr. J. W. Ritson was deleted as he no longer lived in the area). The chairman said that he felt a change in his office might be beneficial to the Guild, but as there were no other candidates he was re-elected for another year. The vice-chairman (Mr. J. E. Warner) did not wish to stand for the office again and Mr. P. R. Everest was elected as his successor. The hon. secretary, hon. treasurer and the hon. auditor were all re-elected unopposed. Mr. B. E. Jeffrey declined to stand as C.C. representative again and Mr. K. Game was elected to succeed him. Mr. M. W. Thompson was re-elected to the committee and the two other committee members are now Mr. R. P. Sherlock and Mr. J. E. Warner.

The route for the outing this year to East Kent on October 17th was approved. Mr. E. J. Ladd was authorised to book a dinner for January 10th, 1970, up to the cost of £1 5s. per head.

A motion from the committee that the peal booking fee should be dropped was passed, but with the suggestion that the ringers should make a donation to the church where the peal was rung. A fee for the booking of the peal should be paid out of Guild funds.

Because of increase in expenditure the subscription is to be raised to 3/- for adults and 1/- for junior members (these amounts were chosen as they will convert nicely into decimal coinage: 15p. and 5p.). The treasurer pointed out that the increase would not have been necessary if members had paid their subscriptions early in the year. The new subscription rates will operate from January 1st, 1970. It was also passed that the Guild should continue with evening practice meetings. An idea to hold a Hallowe'en party received no support.

A copy of Wilfrid G. Wilson's "Change Ringing" was donated by Mr. B. V. Collison and presented by the president to the young ringer who was considered to have made most progress during 1968. The recipient was Chris Bassett, of Tunbridge Wells.

Ringing continued till 9 o'clock, with Hartfield also available R. J. E.

CORRECTIONS & AMENDMENTS

In the peal of 127 methods of Spliced Treble Bob Minor (page 127) rung at Holme Pierrepont the sixth extent was composed by P. W. Saltmarsh and not as submitted.

Mr. H. Denman, of Rockley, Retford, asks us to state that he rang his 350th peal at Babworth on January 11th and not his 300th as printed on page 185.

In the list of leading peal ringers of 1968 (page 214) the position of Colin A. Banton should be 26. His total number of peals was 60 and not 50 as submitted.

FOR THE BEGINNER

What is Good Rhythm and Striking, and how is it Achieved?

By NORMAN CHADDOCK

"In ringing, the hand is used to swing the bell, the eye to enable its proper position to be maintained amongst the ropes and the ear is required to judge that both these faculties are rightly used, and at the same time the attention of the mind must never be relaxed from consideration of the method by which the changes are being produced. The ear must, therefore, criticise the work of the eye and hand, in order that if they be defective the swing of the bell may thereafter be made longer or shorter as required."

JASPER W. SNOWDON, Founder President of the Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers, 1875.

The most important skill for a ringer to attain is good rhythm and striking. Simple methods well struck sound pleasant. Ringing which is badly struck gives little satisfaction to anyone.

Good striking is a question of rhythm and timing and can only be attained if each ringer can hear his own bell and indeed all the others, counting from the lead. He is thus aware of any inaccuracies and can correct them.

In change-ringing the beat of the whole ring of bells should be constant, i.e., 123456123456-123456123456-123456123456-, etc. In 6-bell ringing there should be equal intervals of about a quarter second between each succeeding note plus an extra quarter second for the open lead at handstroke. The timing of each bell, however, varies throughout the changes according to whether or not it is hunting up, hunting down, staying in one place as at lead, when behind, or when making an internal place.

For instance, a study of the plain course of Bob Minor reveals that if the interval of the open lead is included, the time intervals between consecutive blows of No. 6 bell in the following change-rows are 7, 8, 5, 8 and 6 quarter second intervals respectively:—

	351624
Backstroke	315264
Handstroke	132546
Backstroke	135264
Handstroke	312546
Backstroke	321456

There is, of course, less variation when plain hunting. For instance, when plain hunting down there is, apart from the difference between handstroke and backstroke due to the open lead, a steady rhythm.

Even a good band may take a little while to achieve really good timing and striking when ringing unfamiliar bells since they have to adjust themselves to the bells and to each other at the particular speed at which they are ringing.

It is essential for each ringer to count the beats of each change row and ensure, for example, that if his bell is to strike in 6th place it does in fact strike on the 6th beat.

We can regard ringing on six bells as "ringing six beats to the bar"; ringing five bells as "five beats to the bar", ringing eight bells as "eight beats to the bar", allowing, of course, an extra beat every other bar for the open lead.

If the above-mentioned five, six and eight bells were part of the same ring of bells and the same bell used as the tenor, then there would be little difference in the duration of the "bar" no matter how many bells were being rung, but the greater the number of bells being rung the closer they should strike to each other.

When plain hunting from 2nd to 6th place and back to lead in Minor (if rung with open leads), something like the following should be going through the mind of the ringer:

"**123456**123456-**123456**123456-**123456**123456-**123456**123456-**123456**123456-**123456**123456-", etc. The number in black type are the beats of the ringer's own bell. The numbers in plain type are the beats of the other bells.

HOW GOOD STRIKING IS ACHIEVED

The ringer must listen to all the bells, count the beats from the lead as every change is rung and emphasise in his mind the particular beat on which his bell is to strike.

A good deal of mental and physical skill and co-ordination is needed to achieve really good striking. When plain hunting the bell itself acts as a governor in keeping steady timing. When succeeding time intervals are changing the time the bell is held over balance, or the arc through which the bell swings, has to be varied.

TYPICAL FAULTS IN STRIKING

Badly timed leads
Too wide in 2nd place when hunting up.
Too close when making the second blow last.
Too wide at backstroke when hunting down.
Ringing too closely over big bells.
Ringing too widely over little bells.
Failure to allow for the odd-struckness of one's own bell or of the bell over which one is striking.
Failure to dodge back fully to the required beat.
Ringing persistently too wide or too close.

These and other faults in timing and striking may be summarised as failure to ring exactly ON the appropriate beat. This may be caused by inexperience, poor bell and rope control, or inability to hear the bells and their beats.

The value of handbells as a means of training beginners towards good striking cannot be over-emphasised. A tape-recorder can also be used for self-criticism.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The peal at Rickmansworth in our last issue was rung for the patronal festival and also as a 21st birthday compliment to Andrew Wilby.

At All Saints' Church, Basingstoke, on December 31st, 1,260 rounds were rung for the old year. Getting ready for the quarter peal in 1969?

Perry Barr ringers have lost a stalwart of many years standing in Mr. Harry Wright. A farewell quarter peal was rung on February 23rd, with the company's best wishes for the future.

Probably through the enthusiasm of his son-in-law, Mr. "Bill" Coles, of Hillingdon, has been induced to ring two handbell peals. His last peal "in hand" was 45 years ago at Taunton with his brother, the late S. George Coles, and Arthur Reed. Comments Frank Price: "He rang extremely well."

If Miss L. Bright sends her address to the Editor she will receive a reply to her letter.

Aylsham, Norfolk, ringers have five fathers and five sons in their company.

The quarter peal at Langdon Hills on February 23rd was a farewell to three members of the band. Peter Fleckney is moving to Kettering and John and Lewis Foster to Exeter.

The band who rang the peal at Clowne on July 27th apologise for the delay in it being submitted to "The Ringing World". This was caused by a misunderstanding between the conductor and the organiser

In honour of his receiving the Imperial Service Medal on retirement from the G.P.O., Mr. F. G. Knight conducted his first peal in his home tower, Whitechurch Canonicorum, Dorset, on March 1st. The peal, Stedman Triples, was also for his 60th birthday.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

A NOTED ANNIVERSARY PEAL AT SHREWSBURY

The peal of Grandsire Triples rung at St. Mary's, Shrewsbury, on February 15th, was the first peal of Triples on the bells for 105 years, and by a happy coincidence it was rung in the same time as the 1864 peal—a level three hours.

The 1864 peal was honoured by the following peal board, still hanging in the belfry:—

On 15th February, 1864, was rung in this tower a true and complete peal of Grandsire Tripples, containing 5,040 changes in 3 hours, consisting of 194 bobs and 46 singles by

John Gough 3rd
John Boylin 4th
Thomas Price 5th
Thomas Burd 6th
Henry Moore 7th
James Smith 8th
John Scholes 9th
John Rowley 10th
Call'd by James Smith
Rev. T. B. Lloyd, M.A., Minister.

Mr. Ernest F. Willcox, who conducted this year's peal, writes: "It is obvious that both peals were rung on the same eight, but the old ringers were known to call their bells 3, 4, 5, etc., instead of Treble, 2, 3, etc." He thanks his band for taking part in a well-struck peal.

ONE-DAY YORKSHIRE COURSE

A strong team of tutors has been arranged for the one-day course in bellringing to be held at Market Weighton in East Yorkshire on Saturday, May 10th, and the bells available for practical sessions include some fine and notable rings.

Tutors include Messrs. W. F. Moreton, W. E Critchley, J. H. Fielden, D. S. Johnson, R. Ducker, S. Armeson and N. Chaddock (course organiser).

Details of the course appear in our Notices columns.

INDIVIDUAL PEAL RECORD

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. House, of 59, Caernarvon Road, Norwich, are undertaking the compilation of individual peal records for 1969 in succession to Mr. G. E. Thoday, to whom we extend our best thanks for a difficult and complicated job. Will ladies who marry in the course of the year inform Mr. House of their change of name.

PREFERMENT FOR REV. P. NEWING

The Bishop of Gloucester has appointed the Rev. Peter Newing to be priest-in-charge of the parishes of Tibberton and Taynton, two villages about five miles north-west of Gloucester on the edge of the Forest of Dean. Peter and Angela hope to leave Blockley, Moreton-in-Marsh, early in June.

Unfortunately the Bishop has placed one of his few ringing curates in a parish without bells. There are three old bells at Tibberton and one small bell at Taynton. We wish them every blessing in their new sphere of Church work.

NEW GUILD MASTER

DOUGLAS A. R. MAY

Taught to ring at West Clandon, Surrey, by the then general secretary of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, George L. Grover (secretary for 19 years), in 1956. First peal was two Doubles methods on October 16th, 1957, at Ockham, which was the first peal by all the band, conducted by D. A. R. May. A broken rope had prevented first peal being one of Yorkshire at Holy Trinity the previous week. It was rung two weeks later, conducted by F. A. Munday, to whom thanks are due for tuition in Surprise Major. Master of University of London Society in 1961 and at age of 21 became Master of Guildford Diocesan Guild in 1962, continuing in that office until 1966. Central Council 1963 onwards.

Rang several peals for Cumberlands, including one of the six peals of 9-Spliced S. Major on March 9th, 1968, a few for other Societies, and about 80 for the Guildford Guild, 38 as conductor. Highlight of last period in office was the opening of the bells at Guildford Cathedral on May 17th, 1965. Married Jill Lane, of Merrow, in 1961, who has rung 55 peals with him. 9-month-old son, Timothy. Captain at West Clandon since a new band was formed in 1966, when they returned to the neighbourhood after two years at Old Woking.

JOINT MEETING AT DENHAM

The meeting at St. Mary's, Denham, on January 22nd, was attended by ringing members and their families from the Middlesex County Association (South and West Branch), the Ladies' Guild and the Oxford Diocesan Guild (East Berks and South Bucks Branch). The programme began with ringing on the 24 cwt. eight and this was followed by a service conducted by the Rector (Rev. E. Corr). The sermon was preached by Mr. Geoff Hadrill, one of the lay readers in the parish and himself a ringer.

An excellent tea was prepared by the ladies of Denham, and the remainder of the evening was spent as a social. The highlights of this were the film "This then is Denham", which portrayed aspects of parish life and activities and was made by the Higher Denham Film Society, and the tunes played on handbells by Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Eldridge, of Cookham, and Miss Diana Seal, of Maidenhead.

J. R. A. M.

OUTING IN MID-SOMERSET

On March 8th a small party of ringers from the Bath area held a pleasant outing in glorious sunshine around the Taunton/Bridgwater area. Details:—

Pawlett.—A pleasant ring of five on plain bearings; a trifle loud in ringing chamber. The tenor the oldest bell, 1625; fourth recast in 1938 by Mears and Stainbank.

Puriton.—This six go well but are not in tune. Local band has done a good job with decorating the ringing chamber. The bell chamber spotlessly clean with blue headstocks and yellow wheels. Louis Pope and Ron Short joined us in the ringing

Chedzoy.—A pleasant-toned six but are showing signs of neglect. Clock no longer in motion, plaster falling down and ringing room dirty. Two items that struck us as uncommon: (1) The rope circle with 1, 2 and 3 bunched tightly together and then a partition which obstructs the vision of the other three; (2) the frame is set at an angle of 45° in the tower with 1 and 4 on plain bearings and the rest on ball bearings. The tenor is well known for slipping wheel, but it was found that with a perfectly tight rope and keeping it absolutely straight no further trouble was experienced even when turned in. If this bell does slip wheel, the ringer stands a more than even chance of some grazed knuckles as the rope comes down near the partition. The ring is tuned to the key of F.

Goathurst.—A pleasant, average ground floor ring on ball bearings. We were pleased to meet the Rector.

Enmore.—Heavy six on plain bearings which sound more pleasant outside. One or two bells tend to drop but considering they are not rung too often are not too bad. Bells are in the key of E.

Cothelstone.—Note that the tenor is now unringable due to badly worn bearings and the rope has been removed for safety. The other five are rather unmusical and tend to drop, but considering ringing has only been revived in late years they are not too bad. The bells are in E, rung from the ground with rope guides. The church has a beautiful setting on an estate and is well worth a visit.

Kington St. Mary.—A pleasant-looking tower; bells rehung 1968 by Mears and Stainbank. Clean, well-looked-after ringing room. Architect will not allow the bells to be rung for long periods due to the tower, so peals, etc., are out of the question. But in our humble view the tower could as well fall down in short spells of ringing as in a peal.

Creech St. Michael.—A pleasant, average six in the key of E. The Vicar made us very welcome.

Our ringing aspired to the heights of Spliced Surprise and several courses of London, but one or two touches could have been better. We do wish to thank those who came to meet us and we were pleased to meet new friends.

A. F. L.

CHILCOMPTON DOES IT AGAIN

On March 1st at Ashwick four Chilcompton ringers were in the team that rang 10,080 Surprise Minor. The peal, believed at present to be a record length for the Bath and Wells, consisted of 14 different 720s of Surprise Minor. The conductor was Adrian Beck.

1968 PEAL

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
CLOWNE, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., July 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of St. Clement's, three of Oxford Bob, two of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in B flat.

Herbert T. Rooke	Treble	David A. Whetton	4
George Challans	2	Frank Cooke	5
*Barry Moran	3	John A. Coates	Tenor

Conducted by Herbert T. Rooke.
* First peal in three Minor methods.

1969 PEALS

RECORD PEAL

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
WALSALL, Staffs.—At the Church of St. Matthew.
On Sat., March 1, 1969, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MAXIMUS

In 50 methods, comprising 144 each of Albanian, Aldenham, Brigstow, Cambridge, Deansgate, Gartree, Halifax, Langley, Lindsey, Manitoba, Newgate, Pontefract, Prittlewell, Pudsey, Redfield Solihull, Southwark, Stoneygate, Superlative, Wycombe, York and Yorkshire, 96 each of Bedford, Belgrave, Belvoir, Feering, Lambeth, Lincolnshire, Londinium, Oldham, Rochester, Saskatchewan and Wembley, 48 each of Ashton, Birmingham, Buckinghamshire, Conisborough, Eldon, Indiana, Kidderminster, Leicestershire, Metropolis, Pennine, Quex, Reading, Stoodley, Timaru, Utah, Westminster and Wigston, with 104 changes of method. Tenor 26 cwt. 18 lb. in D.

Christine Andrew	Treble	Basil Jones	7
Richard S. Starkie	2	Tudor P. Edwards	8
Frank Osbaldiston	3	Neil Bennett	9
John H. Fielden	4	Robert B. Smith	10
C. Kenneth Lewis	5	Brian Harris	11
*Bernard F. L. Groves	6	Jeffrey Brannan	Tenor

Composed by Neil Bennett and John H. Fielden.
Conducted by Robert B. Smith.
* 900th peal. This is the greatest number of methods yet rung in a 12-bell peal.

INDIANA: —38—147T—1250—369T—147T—38—169T—50—16—5T—18—7T. 1.h. 1T. 1426.
PENNINE: 78.56.90.14.78.56.90.3T.14.7T.90.58.90.14.9T.70.14.58.14.5T.14.50.14.7T. 1.h. 12. 1426.
READING: 3T.—3T.14—12.—3T.—14.—58.—16.—3T.—1478—347T.—78—3T. 1.h. 12. 1573.
UTAH: —3T—14—125T—36—147T—38—169T—50—16—5T—18—7T. 1.h. 1T. 1426.

For Composition see page 234.

OTHER PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
HAWKHURST, Kent.—At the Church of St. Laurence.
On Sat., Feb. 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's transposition. Tenor 23 cwt. 19 lb. in E flat.

Andrew J. Corby	Treble	John A. Howard	5
John Chilcott	2	*S. Geoffrey Waters	6
Robert T. Lambert	3	Philip A. Corby	7
Reginald E. Lambert	4	Richard Hayes	Tenor

Conducted by Philip A. Corby.
* First peal of Stedman.
Rung as a birthday compliment to William Gorringe, at whose request the peal was rung.

THE BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.
KINGSTON-UPON-HULL.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Wed., Feb. 12, 1969, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Peter Church	Treble	George A. Dawson	6
Robert W. Sherriff	2	Michael Maughan	7
Charles F. Hobson	3	Ian G. Campbell	8
Andrew J. Slade	4	Ron Ducker	9
*J. Ian Booth	5	Alan H. Bridges	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Michael Maughan.
* First peal of Cambridge Royal "inside."
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Canon R. Iliff, Vicar of this church for nine years. Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in D.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
OVER, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Feb. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. in F.

V. Nutton (Selwyn)	Treble	D. S. Pont (Christ's)	5
R. L. Underwood (P'house)	2	E. N. Thomas (St. John's)	6
*Jenny Field (Newnham)	3	A. T. Winter (Christ's)	7
D. Barton (Selwyn)	4	D. S. Bishop (Caius)	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by David S. Bishop.
* First peal of Yorkshire. First of Surprise as conductor.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Wirral Branch.)
PORT SUNLIGHT, Cheshire.—At Christ Church.
On Sat., Feb. 8, 1969, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in F.

*John G. Lifton	Treble	Charles B. Pemberton	5
Alexander J. Martin	2	Robert Peers	6
Charles F. Pocock	3	Eric J. Gilbert	7
F. Leslie Coventry	4	Ernest T. Carvell	Tenor

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by Alexander J. Martin.
* First peal of Treble Bob.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Angela Peers.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
BERE FERRERS, Devon.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Mon., Feb. 17, 1969, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in G.

Norman Mallett	Treble	Stephen G. Peirce	4
*John F. Steere	2	John C. Mitchelmore	5
Peter L. Bill	3	D. Roy Bould	Tenor

Conducted by D. Roy Bould.
* First peal "inside."

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
TRUMPINGTON, Cambs.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Michael.
On Tues., Feb. 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 XANADU SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in G.

Walter C. Chandler	Treble	Donald F. Murfet	5
Brian D. Threlfall	2	John G'. Gipson	6
Geoffrey Pearson	3	Philip J. Rothera	7
Hilary Muirhead	4	Kenneth J. Hesketh	Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. Speed. Conducted by Brian D. Threlfall.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Association.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
DUNMOW, Essex.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Lawrence.
On Sat., Feb. 1, 1969, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation. Tenor 22 cwt. in D.

Colin H. Gillingham	Treble	Robert J. Lindsell	5
*Jean Simmons	2	‡Roy Threadgold	6
Josephine A. Quilter	3	Alan R. Syder	7
†Keith W. Brown	4	Peter G. Brown	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Peter G. Brown.
* First peal of Major. † First in the method. ‡ First of Surprise.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

BRAINTREE, Essex.—At the Church of St. Michael the Archangel.
On Sat., Feb. 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11½ cwt. in F sharp.

Colin H. Gillingham	Treble	Cecil J. Barker	5
Jennifer M. Millbank	2	Keith W. Brown	6
*Jennifer M. Syder	3	Alan R. Syder	7
*Roy Threadgold	4	Robert J. Lindsell	Tenor

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by Robert J. Lindsell.
* First peal of Yorkshire.
Rung to mark the occasion of the laying of the foundation stone, this day, of the new daughter Church of St. Paul, by the Archdeacon of Colchester.

DANBURY, Essex.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Feb. 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in A flat.

*†Peter G. Brown	Treble	‡Yvonne A. Murray	5
Richard J. W. Housden	2	Dennis A. S. Symonds	6
Josephine A. Quilter	3	James L. Towler	7
Peter J. Eves	4	*Joe E. G. Roast	Tenor

Composed by Arthur F. Lewry. Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.
* 75th peal together. † 150th for the Association. ‡ First in the method.
Rung as a 62nd birthday compliment to Edward W. Roast.

FOBBING, Essex.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Feb. 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation. Tenor 10 cwt.

Peter Sloman	Treble	Neil V. Avis	5
*Stephen G. Halliwell	2	Frank B. Lufkin	6
*Bernard C. Sadler	3	Bernard W. Fairhead	7
†David Sloman	4	Walter Arnold	Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
* First peal of Surprise. † 25th peal.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
HANNINGTON, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sun., Feb. 16, 1969, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In seven methods, comprising 720 each of St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place, St. Martin, St. Simon, Rev. Canterbury, Plain Bob and Stedman.
Tenor 11 cwt.

Anita D. O'Brien	Treble	Anthony R. Peake	4
*Ronald E. Peckham	2	Brian Bladon	5
*David J. Vowles	3	Harold Hedges	Tenor

Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.
* First peal of Doubles. First peal on the bells.
Rung as a farewell to Ronald E. Peckham, who is leaving Hannington to live in Southampton.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Feb. 8, 1969, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5031 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 23 cwt.

Bertram C. Johnson	Treble	Harold V. Frost	6
Roger King	2	A. Rowland Tysoe	7
Kenneth J. Darvill	3	John E. Ewer	8
*Peter T. Dale	4	Frederick W. Ellis	9
Gillian M. Brearley	5	George W. Debenham	Tenor

Composed by Nolan Golden. Conducted by Kenneth J. Darvill.
* First peal of Stedman "inside." Bertram C. Johnson has "circled the tower" to peals.

LANGLEYBURY, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Paul.
On Sat., Feb. 15, 1969, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOGEDONE DELIGHT MINOR
Being two 2,160's and one 720. Tenor 8 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

Kenneth R. Dunstan	Treble	Andrew W. R. Wilby	4
Julia A. Fellows	2	Brian J. Woodruffe	5
Robert E. Hardy	3	Peter T. Dale	Tenor

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

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
FRINDSBURY, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Feb. 15, 1969, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in F.

*Helena M. Carter	Treble	Terence Barton	5
George Kenward	2	†Timothy D. Wickins	6
Rev. Stanley M. Evans	3	Trevor A. Cross	7
*Laurence Mitchell	4	Peter S. Muchlinski	Tenor

Composed by John Reeves. Conducted by Trevor A. Cross.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First of Kent Treble Bob. First of Treble Bob as conductor.

RAINHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Sat., Feb. 15, 1969, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.
A PEAL OF 5088 PICCADILLY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 20 lb. in E flat.

Tony Lewis	Treble	Arthur S. Richards	5
Margaret E. Oram	2	Ralph Bird	6
Ann Jenner	3	Ian H. Oram	7
Doris E. Colgate	4	Stanley Jenner	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Ian H. Oram.
First peal in the method by all the band, in the county and for the Association.

SMARDEN, Kent.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Feb. 15, 1969, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In six methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford and St. Clement's and two of Plain Bob, each called differently.
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in E.

*James Hedgcock	Treble	†Philip R. Staples	4
*Rachel J. Sinden	2	Crawford T. Hillis	5
†Richard A. Birch	3	†Colin E. J. Wyld	Tenor

Conducted by Crawford T. Hillis.
* Most methods to a peal. † Most Minor methods to a peal.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
BURTON-IN-KENDAL, Westmorland.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sat., Feb. 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise and Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt. 17 lb. in G.

Nicholas M. Newby	Treble	Alan Capstick	4
James E. Burles	2	*Kenneth J. Foster	5
John Bagnall	3	Kevin M. Price	Tenor

Conducted by Kevin M. Price.
* First peal in four methods. First in four methods as conductor on tower bells.
Rung in thanksgiving for the life of Mrs. Hodgson (wife of the Association's president) and also in memory of George E. Braithwaite, chief ringer here for many years, who died in 1968.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Thurs., Feb. 13, 1969, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 ALBANIAN SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

Martin Green	Treble	*K. Paul Gilliver	6
W. Ernest Rawson	2	Roland H. Cook	7
*Robin A. Gilliver	3	*R. Brian Mills	8
*David F. Moore	4	G. Ronald Edwards	9
*David G. Massey	5	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by John M. Jelley. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
* First peal of Albanian Surprise Royal.

LEICESTER.—At the Prebendal Church of St. Margaret.
On Mon., Feb. 17, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Rung on the Margaret eight. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb. in F.

Monica M. Jelley	Treble	David G. Massey	5
Martin Green	2	John Bramley	6
W. Ernest Rawson	3	Roland H. Cook	7
David F. Moore	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by H. Law James. Conducted by Roland H. Cook.
Rung to the affectionate memory of Margaret L. Morris.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Tues., Feb. 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 DORCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

Richard J. Clifton	Treble	*Ronald D. Hughes	5
Arthur E. Rowley	2	B. Stedman Payne	6
Frank Chambers	3	G. Ronald Edwards	7
Joseph W. Cotton	4	Roland Beniston	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Roland Beniston.
* First peal in the method.

MARKET HARBOROUGH, Leics.—At the Church of St. Dionysius.
On Tues., Feb. 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 STAFFORDSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb. in F.

Roland H. Cook	Treble	K. Paul Gilliver	5
Robin A. Gilliver	2	R. Brian Mills	6
W. Ernest Rawson	3	David G. Massey	7
Martin Green	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by Samuel H. Wood. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
First peal of Staffordshire Surprise Major on the bells and by all the band except the ringer of the third.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
LINCOLN.—In St. Hugh's Tower of the Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
On Thurs., Feb. 6, 1969, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in D.

John Walden	Treble	Walter Tomlinson	7
*Jack L. Millhouse	2	‡Philip C. Pitchford	8
Peter A. Sharp	3	H. Leslie Pask	9
George E. Fairn	4	Harold F. Gibson	10
Raymond F. Smith	5	John Freeman	11
†David Phillipson	6	Geoffrey R. Parker	Tenor

Arranged by Peter Border. Conducted by Peter A. Sharp.
* 100th peal of Surprise Maximus. † 25th peal. ‡ First of Maximus.
Rung for the installation of the Hon. the Very Rev. Oliver William Twisleton-Wykeham-Fiennes as Dean of Lincoln.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
WHITCHURCH, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., Jan. 20, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods: (1, 2 and 3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Kent T.B., (5) Oxford T.B., (6) Single Oxford, Plain and Double Bob, (7) Grandsire.
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr.

William H. Harford	Treble	John W. Bull	4
James Clatworthy	2	David J. Llewellyn	5
Nicholas W. H. Simon	3	Charles P. Quartley	Tenor

Conducted by Nicholas W. H. Simon.
Most methods on the bells.

THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.
SALFORD, Lancashire.—At the Church of the Sacred Trinity.
On Tues., Feb. 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

Chris. L. D. Munday	Treble	Marcus C. W. Sherwood	5
*Maris C. Stephenson	2	Wyn Pugh	6
Lynda M. Deebank	3	Christopher M. Moyley	7
Margaret Ellwood	4	Peter G. Bellamy-Knights	Tenor

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by Christopher L. D. Munday.
* 25th peal. First in method by all.
Rung for the Manchester and Salford students' rag day.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Tues., Feb. 11, 1969, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 TIVERTON LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

G. Ronald Edwards	Treble	Ronald D. Hughes	5
Richard J. Clifton	2	Arthur E Rowley	6
Frank Chambers	3	B. Stedman Payne	7
Joseph W. Cotton	4	Roland Beniston	Tenor

Composed by Nolan Golden. Conducted by Roland Beniston.
First in the method by all the band and for the Guild.
Rung in memoriam Mrs. J. H. Brittan, a much respected honorary member of the Guild, interred in Burton Cemetery this day.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

UTTOXETER, Staffs.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Feb. 1, 1969, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17¼ cwt.

G. Richard King	Treble	Geoffrey Gardner	5
Kenneth R. Davenport	2	Raymond Ballard	6
Stephen T. Yates	3	Philip G. K. Davies	7
Sidney Hough	4	Denis Mottershead	Tenor

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by Denis Mottershead.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WYMONDHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Thomas of Canterbury.
On Sun., Feb. 16, 1969 in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 26 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in D.

H. William Barrett	Treble	*Thomas E. Spight	6
*David Cubitt	2	†Leslie F. Bailey	7
Janet House	3	Peter Adcock	8
Martin Cubitt	4	Martin L. Howe	9
Geoffrey H. Pullin	5	David E. House	Tenor

Composed by Frank E. Darby. Conducted by David E. House.
* First peal of Surprise Royal. † First of Yorkshire Royal. First of Yorkshire Royal for the Association by a resident band.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(North Bucks Branch.)

BLETCHLEY, Bucks.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Fri., Feb. 14, 1969, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's 12-part Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in F.

James Linnell	Treble	John W. Euston	5
George W. Holland	2	William A. Yates	6
Terry Page	3	Donald T. Meager	7
Albert E. Daniels	4	Roger Cadamy	Tenor

Conducted by William A. Yates.
Rung half-muffled in memory of W. Daniels and J. Marks, both respected members of the local band.

BURFORD, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Feb. 15, 1969, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 EWELL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb.

Leonard Stillwell	Treble	William Birmingham	5
Angela Newing	2	Brian W. Hall	6
Alan R. Pink	3	D. Kay Adkins	7
Barry J. Davies	4	Christopher C. Clarke	Tenor

Composed by C. H. Hattersley. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
First peal in the method by all the band and on the bells. With this peal Brian W. Hall completes the alphabet to Surprise Major methods.

SOMERTON, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Fri., Feb. 14, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In eight methods, being Stedman, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, Winchendon Place Bob, St. Nicholas, St. Martin, St. Simon, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F.

Jean Marlow	Treble	Mark W. Sayers	4
Diana Reeves	2	Robert A. Reeves	5
Barry J. Davis	3	Philip R. Davis	Tenor

Conducted by Robert A. Reeves.
Rung in memory of William Norman Genna, who died on February 1st, 1969.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

HOOK NORTON, Oxon.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Feb. 15, 1969, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in E.

Rodney A. Yeates	Treble	J. Paul Coad	5
Richard H. Johnston	2	P. Gerald McIlhone	6
*Shirley E. Jones	3	Peter H. Mackie	7
Roger H. Abbott	4	Jeremy R. Pratt	Tenor

Composed by Simon Humphrey. Conducted by Jeremy R. Pratt.
* 25th peal.
Rung with the band's congratulations to the ringer of the 4th on gaining the degree of Doctor of Philosophy.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

STANWICK, Northants.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.
On Thurs., Feb. 13, 1969, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Kent, Cambridge, Oxford, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clementt's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in B flat.

Julian C. Parker	Treble	Barry R. Care	4
Iestyn G. Morgan	2	J. Malcolm Tyler	5
David J. Morgan	3	Murray A. Coleman	Tenor

Conducted by Murray A. Coleman.

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

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral of St. Philip.
On Thurs., Feb. 13, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

George E. Fearn	Treble	*Maurice F. Edwards	5
Roderick W. Pipe	2	James W. Belshaw	6
Norman J. Goodman	3	J. Alan Ainsworth	7
Susan E. Smith	4	Clifford A. Barron	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.
* First peal in the method.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral of St. Philip.
On Sat., Feb. 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 38 lb. in A.

John M. Lindon	Treble	Richard J. Tibbetts	5
Muriel Reay	2	James W. Belshaw	6
George E. Fearn	3	Norman J. Goodman	7
Stephen W. Barton	4	J. Alan Ainsworth	Tenor

Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

WOOL, Dorset.—At the Church of the Holy Rood.
On Sat., Feb. 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In four methods, being three extents of Stedman and 13 extents each of Rev Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire.
Tenor 11 cwt. 24 lb. in G.

Timothy F. Collins	Treble	†Graham W. Elmes	4
*Claire E. N. Brown	2	†Ross G. W. Robertson	5
*Mary E. Elmes	3	‡Reginald W. Young	Tenor

* First peal of Doubles † Most Doubles methods to a peal.
‡ Most methods to a peal.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION

SHREWSBURY, Salop.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Feb. 15, 1969, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in E flat.

Frederick G. Beddow	Treble	†Ernest F. Willcox	5
*Gillian Bosworth-Smith	2	Philip R. Johnson	6
*Michael J. Orman	3	†Philip J. Evans	7
Reginald H. Newton	4	Alfred E. G. Owen	Tenor

Composed by J. Bruerton. Conducted by Ernest F. Willcox.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † 25th peal together. First Grandsire Triples as conductor. First of Triples on the bells for 105 years, the last peal of Triples being rung on February 15th, 1864.

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THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

ASPLEY, Nottingham.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Sat., Feb. 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in G sharp.

*John R. Seagrave	Treble	‡Jonathan Blacktop	5
William L. Exton	2	Horace E. Seagrave	6
Andrew L. B. King	3	Donald J. Beach	7
†Rosemary J. Willey	4	R. Brian Mills	Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker. Conducted by William L. Exton.
* First peal of Triples. † First of Grandsire "inside." ‡ First of Triples and in the method.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Olave Lady Baden-Powell, Chief Guide, 80 this day.

BRANT BROUGHTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Helen.
On Sat., Feb. 8, 1969, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents, 10 different callings. Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in E.

Paul Raithby	Treble	Frederick G. Hooper	4
Derick E. Kirton	2	Derek J. Tysoe	5
Frederick Derry	3	F. William Midwinter	Tenor

Conducted by Frederick G. Hooper.
Rung half-muffled as a tribute to Chloe Richardson.

CODDINGTON, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of All Saints
On Sat., Feb. 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In five methods, being one extent Oxford Bob, two St. Clement's, one Oxford Treble Bob, two Kent Treble Bob and one Plain Bob.
Tenor 7 cwt. 12 lb. in B flat.

F. William Midwinter	Treble	Frederick G. Hooper	4
Derek E. Kirton	2	Paul Raithby	5
*Keith C. Vernon	3	Colin W. Reed	Tenor

Conducted by Colin W. Reed.
* First peal in five methods.

HOLME PIERREPONT, Notts.—At the Church of St. Edmund.
On Sat., Feb. 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. in G.

*Peter L. R. Hayward	Treble	W. Gordon Marsh	4
Pamela J. Clifton	2	Ruth Blackshaw	5
†Rosemary J. Willey	3	Maurice W. Harrison	Tenor

Conducted by Maurice W. Harrison.
* First peal. † First of Minor.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to John Alan Blackshaw.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

WILLENHALL, Staffs.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Sat., Feb. 15, 1969, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 16¼ cwt. in F sharp.

Howard Howell	Treble	Peter J. Barker	6
Christine J. Turner	2	David J. Wilkes	7
Bert Horton (81)	3	James S. Eastwood (76)	8
Edgar Marlow (77)	4	Maurice G. Turner	9
George W. Hughes	5	*Leonard Yorke	Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Howard Howell.
* First peal at first attempt.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Christine J. Turner, and a birthday compliment to Mr. James S. Eastwood.

AMBLECOTE, Worcs.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Feb. 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in B.

Clive M. Smith	Treble	Cyril T. Collins	5
Eric E. Speake	2	Leslie E. Monk	6
*A. Paul Sheldon	3	J. Dennis Holden	7
Stephen T. Yates	4	Philip G. K. Davies	Tenor

Conducted by Philip G. K. Davies.
* First peal on eight bells.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Sylvia Leadbeater and Remi Hodister, married this day at St. Leonard's, Bilston.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

GRUNDISBURGH, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Fri., Feb. 14, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

Gilbert R. Goodship	Treble	Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzey	6
Leslie G. Brett	2	Sylvia R. E. Pipe	7
Vernon Bedford	3	Michael J. Howes	8
Muriel R. Page	4	Ernest G. Pearce	9
Stephen Bedford	5	Cecil W. Pipe	Tenor

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley. Conducted by Cecil W. Pipe.
First peal of Oxford Royal for all except ringers of 2, 7 and tenor.
Arranged and rung as an 82nd birthday compliment to James Bennett.

LAVENHAM, Suffolk.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Feb. 15, 1969, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 7 lb. in D flat.

Wilfred Jarvis	Treble	George E. Thoday	5
Maurice T. Symonds	2	George W. Pipe	6
Arthur J. Haynes	3	Howard W. Egglestone	7
Donald L. Mills	4	Kenneth J. Hesketh	Tenor

Composed by James S. Wilde. Conducted by George W. Pipe.
150th peal as conductor.
Rung as a welcome to Kevin Lloyd Mills and a thanksgiving for the life and work of Oliver G. Barnard, of Stowmarket.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

BARNES, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Feb. 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
27-course block reduced. Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

John R. Ketteringham	Treble	Geoffrey Bridges	5
*Maureen J. Carruthers	2	Frank Reed	6
*Peter G. Holden	3	Laurence C. Way	7
Ronald K. Russ	4	John Pladdys	Tenor

Conducted by John Pladdys.
* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.
Rung as a compliment to Malcolm Phipps and Marjorie Farnold, married this day at Chesterfield Parish Church.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

RUSPER, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Mon., Feb. 10, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

George Francis	Treble	John R. Norris	5
*M. Iain Davey	2	David D. Smith	6
Valerie J. Howard	3	Frank H. Hicks	7
Edgar R. Rapley	4	John A. Howard	Tenor

Composed by Simon Humphrey. Conducted by George Francis.
* First peal of Surprise Major "inside."

KIRDFORD, Sussex.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Tues., Feb. 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

Jennifer A. Smith	Treble	*Ian Wickens	4
David D. Smith	2	John A. Howard	5
*M. Iain Davey	3	George Francis	Tenor

Conducted by David D. Smith.
* First peal in the method.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

MANACCAN, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Dunstan.
On Sat., Feb. 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being nine methods/variations in 42 extents: one method—St. Martin and eight variations—St. Breward, St. Clether, St. Merryn, St. Samson, St. Clement, St. Endellion, Jacobstowe and Zennor.
Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in G.

Alan Carveth	Treble	Anthony Locke	4
Robert Peel Pearce	2	*F. Malcolm Bowers	5
Anthony J. Davidson	3	Timothy J. Bell	Tenor

Conducted by Anthony J. Davidson.
* 25th peal.
Rung as a tribute to the life and work of Charles Frederick Jerram, former Ringing Master of the Guild, who died on January 12th, 1969.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

PORTSMOUTH, Hampshire.—At the Cathedral of St. Thomas of Canterbury.
On Sat., Feb. 15, 1969, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. in E flat.

John N. Longridge	Treble	*David Wilson	6
*Katharine J. Maundrell	2	Raymond Haines	7
Thomas H. Francis	3	William T. Perrins	8
Graham W. Elmes	4	Frederick E. Collins	9
†Timothy F. Collins	5	Ronald N. Marlow	Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Ronald N. Marlow.
* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal. † 50th peal.

SOBERTON, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Feb. 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in G.

William Willans	Treble	Alan A. J. Buswell	5
Betty J. Daysh	2	Richard Green	6
William F. J. Cope	3	Michael S. Bruce	7
*Mary Sutcliffe	4	Edward W. Colley	Tenor

Composed by Michael S. Bruce. Conducted by William Willans.
* First peal at first attempt. First as conductor.

WOLVERTON, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Catherine.
On Sat., Feb. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in A flat.

Michael S. Holbrook	Treble	*Jack Weaver	4
*Lynette M. Holbrook	2	Howard E. J. Smith	5
*J. Jeffery Hill	3	*Douglas Cane	Tenor

Conducted by Howard E. J. Smith.
* First peal of Doubles.
Rung half-muffled to the memory of John Pares, who died on January 20th, 1969.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
PERSHORE, Worcs.—At the Abbey Church of the Holy Cross.
On Sat., Feb. 15, 1969, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.
A PEAL OF 5056 BARNES SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 27 cwt. (approx.) in D.

Harold B. Schofield	Treble	R. George Morris	5
Shirley M. Drew	2	Ian Lloyd	6
Francis Fairbank	3	Arthur C. Berry	7
Valerie Willard	4	Geoffrey R. Drew	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Arthur C. Berry.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Association.

BERROW, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Faith.
On Tues., Feb. 11, 1969, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 42 extents in 19 individual plain course methods: (1, 2, 7) Plain Bob, (3, 4) Spliced Plain Bob and Candlesby S.C., (5, 6) Spliced Plain Bob and Boxford, (8, 9, 14) Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, (10, 11) Spliced Rev. Canterbury and Raveningham S.C., (12, 13) Spliced Rev. Canterbury and Dorton, (15, 16, 21) St. Simon's Bob, (17, 18) Spliced St. Simon and Rugby S.C., (19, 20) Spliced St. Simon and Braywood, (22, 23, 28) St. Martin Bob, (24, 25) Spliced St. Martin and Slapton S.C., (26, 27) Spliced St. Martin and Welford, (29, 30, 35) St. Nicholas' Bob, (31 32) Spliced St. Nicholas and Thornborough S.C., (33, 34) Spliced St. Nicholas and Fundenhall, (36, 37) Winchendon Place Bob, (38, 39) Spliced Winchendon and Longford Slow Course, (40, 41) Spliced Winchendon and Haddiscoe, (42) Grandsire. 55 bobs, 2 singles, 193 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell (Grandsire excepted).
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in A flat.

Christopher J. Pickford	Treble	Arthur C. Berry	3
Paul Cattermole	2	David G. Franklin	4
John Clements	Tenor		

Conducted by Paul Cattermole.
First peal on the bells since 1929. Most methods of Doubles to a peal by the Association and the first peal of this type.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
ARKSEY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Jan 11, 1969, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in F sharp.

Harry Winter	Treble	*John R. Whitham	5
W. Eric Critchley	2	Alan E. Hartley	6
*Robert H. Jordan	3	Roger A. Smith	7
*Alan Winter	4	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed by N. Smith. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal of Rutland Surprise Major. Fastest peal on the bells.

(Beverley and District Society.)
PATRINGTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Patrick.
On Sat., Feb. 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
27-course block reduced. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

Elizabeth Ewan	Treble	David Johnson	5
Gwynneth Ducker	2	Richard D. Gibson	6
Ronald Ducker	3	Roderick Horton	7
Elizabeth Johnson	4	John N. D. Chaddock	Tenor

Conducted by John N. D. Chaddock.

GIGGLESWICK-IN-CRAVEN, Yorks.—At the Church of St. Alkelda.
On Sat., Jan 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in A flat.

A. Pattie Clapham	Treble	*David Featherstone	5
Iris M. E. Lemare	2	*Peter H. Gardner	6
*Linda D. Shaw	3	Robert A. Beresford	7
Robert H. Jordan	4	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed by N. Smith. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal of Rutland Surprise Major.

BIRSTWITH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. James, Ap.
On Mon., Jan. 20, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G.

Peter H. Gardner	Treble	John J. Durham	5
Iris M. E. Lemare	2	*Robert A. Beresford	6
*Robert H. Jordan	3	*Ronald R. Warford	7
*David Featherstone	4	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal of London Surprise Major. First of London Major as conductor.

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Mon., Feb. 10, 1969, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 4 lb. in F.

Christopher J. Easton	Treble	John J. Durham	5
David Featherstone	2	Robert A. Beresford	6
Robert H. Jordan	3	Ronald R. Warford	7
*John P. Ottaway	4	†C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal of London Surprise Major. † 25th peal on this bell.

BENTLEY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Jan. 11, 1969, in 2 Hours and 9 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 42 extents, containing 42 methods/variations.
Tenor 5 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in C.

*Garry Robinson	Treble	C. Barrie Dove	3
†Alan Winter	2	†Robert H. Jordan	4
†John R. Whitham	Tenor		

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal. † First of 42 methods/variations.

LEEDS, Yorks.—At the Church of St. Matthew, Chapel Allerton.
On Tues., Jan. 14, 1969, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in 12 methods: (1) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (2) Single Oxford, (3) Double Oxford, Pinehurst, Thelwall, (4) Cambridge, (5) Rev. Canterbury, (6) St. Clement's, Childwall, Buxton, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in B flat.

*Janet Jurica	Treble	John Potts	4
†Christopher J. Easton	2	†David Featherstone	5
C. Barrie Dove	3	†Robert H. Jordan	Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal. † First in 12 Minor methods.

BENTHAM, Yorks.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Jan. 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of London, Wells, Norwich, Ipswich, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge.
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in F.

A. Pattie Clapham	Treble	*David Featherstone	4
*Linda D. Shaw	2	Robert A. Beresford	5
*Robert H. Jordan	3	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal of seven Surprise Minor.

ROYSTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. John.
On Sat., Feb. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 WATH DELIGHT MINOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

Graham S. Miller	Treble	Suzanne J. Withers	4
Christopher N. Grandidge	2	Ronald J. Snack	5
Jane P. Lawrence	3	Ronald R. Warford	Tenor

Conducted by Ronald R. Warford.
First peal in the method by all the band.
Rung by Chapel Allerton Sunday service band.

LEEDS, W. Yorks.—At the Church of St. Matthew, Chapel Allerton.
On Thurs., Feb. 13, 1969, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in B flat.

Ronald R. Warford	Treble	*David Whitehead	4
Margaret Warford	2	Ronald J. Snack	5
*Jane P. Lawrence	3	Suzanne J. Withers	Tenor

Conducted by Ronald J. Snack.
* First peal of Surprise "inside."
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. R. W. T. Warford, of Selby.

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NOTICES

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DEATHS

GODLEY.—On March 10th, 1969, peacefully at Yetminster, Sherborne, Dorset, Rev. Arthur Forster Godley, aged 81 years. 6810

MILNER.—John Frederick, suddenly on Tuesday, March 11th, 1969, at his home, 4, Heath Road, Sheringham, Norfolk, aged 69: beloved husband of Ruth and formerly of Kirklington, Notts. 6813

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The address of Mr. B. P. Morris, general secretary, is now 40, Spa Drive, Sapcote, Leicester, LE9 6FN. Tel.: Sapcote 686. 6798

PERSONAL

"But now, O Lord, thou art our father; we are the clay, and thou our potter: and we are all the work of thy hand,"—Isaiah lxiv, 8.

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Has anyone a SET of HANDBELLS we could purchase at a reasonable price for use amongst the children and young people of our Sunday School and Youth Organisations? Replies to: Rev. J. Wesley Peacock, The Manse, 24, Sandringham Road, Parkstone, Poole.

PUBLICATIONS

"ABOUT BELLS AND BELLRINGING"
(Reprint)

A useful handbook about bells and bellringing for the public and ringers.
(For review, see "R.W.", No. 2999, October 11th, 1968.)
2/6 post free from R. H. Jones, 118, Oxford Road, Marston, Oxford.
Proceeds to St. Nicholas' Bell Augmentation Fund.
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JUBILEE ISSUES NOW AVAILABLE

Another package of Jubilee Issues of "The Ringing World" (March 24th, 1961) has been found. This number, which gives an historical survey of the journal, is obtainable, price 1s. 6d., from "The Ringing World" Office, c/o Seven Corners Press, Onslow Street, Guildford.

MISCELLANEOUS

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MASONIC RINGERS' GATHERING at Evesham, May 3rd. Details available from Herbert W. Spencer, 3, Washington Road, Wickhamford, Evesham. 6807

ONE-DAY BELLRINGING COURSE

On Saturday, May 10th, 1969

At MARKET WEIGHTON COUNTY SECONDARY SCHOOL

Organised by the Institute of Further Education, Market Weighton, and the Beverley and District Society of Ringers

All ringers are welcome.

Instruction will be given in the following:—

Bell Control.
Raising and Falling.
Elementary Change Ringing.
Six-, eight- and ten-bell Method Ringing.
Conducting.
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Practical sessions will be held at nearby towers (five 6-bell towers, two eights and two tens). Transport between towers will be arranged for those without their own vehicle.

Write: N. Chaddock, Blencathra, Spring Road, Market Weighton, near York.
CLOSING DATE: April 26th, 1969.
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WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

1969 Annual Dinner

March 22nd. Ringing arrangements:

Bitterne Park	2.30–3.30
St. Mary's, Southampton ..	3.30–4.30
St. Michael's, Southampton	4.30–5.30

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The SNOWDON DINNER
will now be held on
Saturday, October 25th, 1969
at YORK
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STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Evening rope-splicing course, given by Mr. Cyril T. Collins, in Walsall Ringing Room on Friday, March 21st next at 7.45 p.m. (No ringing.) Interested attenders are requested to bring two short lengths (min. 2 ft.) of three-strand rope. Anyone very welcome. 6759

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UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCEMENT

SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY GUILD.—At the A.G.M. held on Wednesday, March 5th, 1969, the following were elected officers of the Guild: Richard Weeks, Master; Phillip Butler, Vice-Master; Jeremy Cheesman, re-elected. Kate Richardson, Secretary and Treasurer, c/o J. C. R. Post, The University, Southampton. SO9 5NH. 6779

TOWER PRACTICES

CIRENCESTER PARISH CHURCH.—There will be no practice on Saturday, April 5th. Next practice May 3rd, 6.30–8.30 p.m. Peal attempts fully booked until 1971. 6783

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Surprise Major practice at Shalford on Thursday, March 27th, 8 p.m. Ealing, Bristol, Lincolnshire.—F. W. Housden. 6801

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Farnham District.—Advanced practice, Ash (6), Friday, March 21st, 7.30–9 p.m.—Miss S. J. Tate-Mitchell, Dis. Dec. 6747

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—Practice meeting, Malmesbury (8), Tuesday, March 25th, 7.30 p.m. 6805

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Surprise practice, Norton, Tuesday, March 25th 7.30–9 p.m. No monthly meeting in April.—Mrs C. A. Agg, Dis. Sec.

PORTSMOUTH CATHEDRAL

The usual weekly practice for Thursday, March 27th, has been cancelled and will be held on Monday, March 24th, at 7.30 p.m., instead.—E. H. Jones, Hon. Sec. 6811

PUTNEY, S.W.—No practices on Mondays, March 31st, April 7th and 14th.—Miss J. S. Armstrong, Sec.; telephone: 748 5012. 6790

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North East District.—Practice meeting, Yoxford (6), Saturday, Mar. 29th, 7–8.30 p.m. 6800

MEETINGS

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Meeting, Houghton Regis, Saturday, March 22nd. Bells (6) from 4–7 p.m. 6748

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech District.—Meeting, Emneth, March 22nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Everyone welcome.—D. A. Feek, Dis. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—Meeting at Kemerton, Saturday, March 22nd. Bells (6) (rehung) 3–4 and 6–8 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to D. Devereux, 5, Bayliss Road, Kemerton, Worcs, by March 22nd. 6799

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Quarterly meeting, Witley, March 22nd. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting, Church Hut. Names for tea, please, to Miss Eloie, 109, Grange Road, Guildford. 6732

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—March 22nd, Chalfont St. Giles. Ringing 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, to J. Muller, 14, Southwood Road, Cookham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, March 22nd, Ramsbottom (8), 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m. Ringing after tea. Beginners especially welcome.—H. Parkinson, Branch Sec. 6784

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Meeting, Leire, Saturday, March 22nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. H. Dove, Main Street, Leire, Rugby, by the Wednesday previous.—C. M. Wells, Dis. Sec. 6786

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Practice meeting at Aldeby (note change of venue) on Saturday, March 22nd. Bells (5) from 6.30 p.m.—N. C. 6806

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Mansfield District.—Meeting, Greasley (8) on March 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. D. J. Beach, Peasholm, 17, Coach Drive, Eastwood, Nottingham, NG16 3DR. 6785

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly, March 22nd, Clapham Park. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Meeting (6.15) and evening ringing at St. Leonard's, Streatham. Own arrangements for tea.—N. Thomson, Asst. Sec. 6756

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Hailsham, on March 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to me at Cartref, Arundel Close, Hawkswood, Hailsham (Tel.: Hailsham 3515), as soon as possible.—G. M. Fitz-Hugh, Hon. Div. Sec 6753

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the Lord Raglan, 61, St. Martin's-le-Grand, E.C., on March 25th at 8.15 p.m. Practices: March 25th, St. Paul's Cathedral; April 8th, St. Lawrence Jewry; April 15th, St. Giles', Cripplegate; all at 6.30 p.m.—J. G. A. Prior, 21a, Fieldhouse Road, London, S.W.12. 6788

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Meeting, Weaverham (6), on March 29th. Bells 3 p.m. and after meeting. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to A. C. P. Pugh, Oakfield, Weaverham Road, Sandiway. Special method: Sandal T.B. 6794

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Adwick-le-Street, Saturday, March 29th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. Johnson, 58, Tenter Balk Lane, Adwick-le-Street. 6767

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Pucklechurch (6) and Abson (6) on Saturday, March 29th, 3 p.m. Service 5 at Pucklechurch. Tea and meeting at Miners Hall, Pucklechurch, 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. N. J. Smart, 35, Shortwood Road, Pucklechurch, Bristol, BS17 3PL, by March 27th. 6815

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth Branch.—Meeting at Claverley, March 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. No name no tea. Names to Joan Bennett, 7, Rudge Heath Road, Claverley, not later than March 27th. 6817

LADIES' GUILD.—Kent Branch.—Meeting, Charing, March 29th. Ringing 3 p.m., followed by service and tea. Names to Mrs. Robbins, The Vicarage, Charing, near Ashford, Kent, not later than Thursday, March 27th. 6756

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Monthly meeting, Saturday, March 29th, St. Michael's, Aughton (6), 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea, business meeting and evening ringing. Special method: Norwich Surprise. All welcome, especially learners.—C. D'Aeth, Hon. Sec. 6795

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting, Birstall, Saturday, March 29th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. David North, Garfield House, 269, Healey Lane, Batley, by previous Thursday. 6802

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—The District striking competition will be held at Whetstone on March 29th, commencing at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in nearby school. General ringing after competition, time permitting. Non-competitors' names for tea to Mr. H. Needham, 13, Victoria Road, Whetstone, Leicester, LE8 3JY, by Wednesday, March 26th, please. Competitors' names to me.—Ron Hughes. 6792

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Meeting, Grantham (10), on Saturday, March 29th. Bells 3.30–5 and 6.30–8.30 p.m. Own tea arrangements. Evensong 5.30. Business meeting in belfry 6 p.m. All welcome. 6806

SUFFOLK GUILD.—N.W. District.—Ringing meeting, Mildenhall (10), Saturday, March 29th. Bells from 3–8.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting follow in the Bunbury Room. There will be ringing for 6-bell ringers. Names for tea, please, to Mr. P. Goodwin, 15, Brandon Road, Mildenhall, Suffolk. 6750

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, March 29th, Limpsfield and Oxted. Limpsfield bells 3.30–4.30 p.m. and in evening. Oxted bells 3–4. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea to E. Jarrett, 65, Granville Road, Limpsfield, by March 26th.—K. G. Game, Dis. Sec. 6782

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—Meeting (A.D.M.), Llanfihangel Rhydeithon, with Llanbadarn Fawr (bells 6 and 5), Saturday, March 29th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting will follow. Names for tea, please, by March 22nd.—J. A. Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Fforestfach, Swansea. 6777

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Sevenoaks, Easter Monday, April 7th. Service 12.30 p.m. Luncheon tickets and full programme of events, 10/- each: children of resident members under 14, 4/- each: obtainable for first 200 applicants with cash and stamped, addressed foolscap envelope to me not later than first post Tuesday, April 1st.—P. A. Corby, Sec., 10, The Close, Montreal Park, Sevenoaks, Kent. 6662

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Annual General Meeting, Trumpington, Monday, April 7th. Service 4.15 at Trumpington Church. Tea 5 p.m. in School Room, followed by business meeting. Tickets for tea, 4/- per head, now available from general secretary. Please send money and stamped, addressed envelope.—H. S. Peacock, Gen. Sec., 8, Roscrea Terrace, St. John's Street, Huntingdon.

Ringing arrangements:—

Bottisham (5)	10.30–11.45	Duxford (6)	1.30– 3.00
Fen Ditton (5)	10.30–11.45	Meldreth (8)	1.30– 3.00
Orwell (5)	11.30–12.30	Foxton (5)	2.00– 3.00
Great Wilbraham (5)	11.30–12.45	Whittlesford (6)	2.00– 3.15
Cherry Hinton (5)	11.30–12.45	Little Shelford (6)	2.30– 3.15
Guilden Morden (6)	12.00– 1.30	Barton (5)	2.30– 3.30
Stapleford (6)	12.00– 1.30	Haslingfield (5)	2.30– 3.30
Sawston (8)	12.30– 2.00	Harston (6)	3.00– 4.00
Litlington (6)	12.30– 2.00	Trumpington (8)	3.45– 4.15 and evening
Ickleton (8)	1.00– 2.30		
Melbourn (6)	1.00– 2.30		

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SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD
Annual General Meeting
Nottingham, Saturday, April 12th

RINGING:
Afternoon—All Saints', 1.30–2.30; Aspley, 2.30–3.30: Basford, 2.30–3.30; St. Mary's, 3–4.15.
Evening—St. Mary's and St. Peter's.
CHOIR (under direction of Mr. R. Carlisle) meet St. Mary's, 3 p.m. Additional volunteers most welcome.
SERVICE, St. Mary's, 4.15.
TEA, 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. E. Beardsley, 139, Surgeys Lane, Arnold, Nottingham, by Saturday, April 5th. (Sorry, no name no tea.)
MEETING follows tea in St. Mary's Institute, Barker Gate.—W. L. Exton, Hon. Gen. Sec. 6809

LATE NEWS

We have received a most gratifying message concerning the health of Mr. Walter Ayre, who is now home at Leverstock Green, and he is rapidly approaching normality. He has been for two short walks.

FORTHCOMING FRONT PAGE COVERS

Mar.	28.	St. Paul's, Shadwell, London
April	4.	Dunster, Somerset
„	11.	Plympton, Devon
„	18.	Highclere, Hants
„	25.	Lincoln Cathedral
May	2.	Bushey
„	9.	Hallow, Worcs
„	16.	Newchurch, Kent
„	23.	St. Albans Abbey
„	30.	Horbling, Lincs
June	6.	Selby Abbey
„	13.	Mortlake
„	20.	Braintree
„	27.	Vacant
July	4.	Vacant
„	11.	Vacant
„	18.	Tunbridge Wells
„	25.	Lyng, Taunton
Aug.	1.	Finchingfield

One of the youngest companies in Essex is at Thorpe Bay, the oldest member being Paul R. Sentance (19). We look forward to many quarters from Thorpe Bay.

The peal at Stratford on February 15th was a compliment to Mr. Malcolm Phipps and Miss Marjorie Yarnold, who were married the same day at Chesterfield Parish Church.

When the North Dorset Branch met at Stourton Caundle on March 8th they had the biggest attendance for 21 years with over 50 members and visitors present.

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OBITUARY

MR. J. F. MILNER

John Frederick Milner died suddenly at his home in Sheringham, Norfolk, on Tuesday, March 11th, 1969. He was 69.

Mr. and Mrs. Milner retired from their business at Kirklington, Notts, and settled on the Norfolk coast some six years ago. Fred, a man of outstanding size, strength, charm and generosity, had motored tens of thousands of miles in the course of his ringing career and had taken part in more than 500 peals, many in multi-method Surprise Major. He was particularly proud of his association with the late Harold Poole, with whom he rang many peals, and of the restoration and augmentation of the new ring at Southwell Minster, at which tower he conducted London Surprise Major on March 27th, 1954, for his 500th peal.

At Kirklington Fred was a churchwarden and Ruth organist for many years. He was well-known as a splendid craftsman in wrought iron, and many examples of his work will survive for centuries. N. G.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Despite the snow and ice, there was an average attendance for the time of year at the Biggleswade District meeting on February 8th at two 5-bell towers—Compton and Meppershall. At the business meeting the gathering stood in silent tribute to Mr. Andrew Sinfield, of Maulden, and it was sad that not more of his contemporaries could have braved the cold to honour his memory.

The annual outing is to be held on the third Saturday in May, with a venture into Rutland for the first time in many years. Our thanks to Mr. Philip Rogers for his efforts to make the outing a success year after year. L. E.

LEADING PEAL RINGERS OF 1968

(Continued from page 214)

		Tower		Hand		Total	
		Rung	Cond.	Rung	Cond.	Rung	Cond.
174	Anthony J. Cox	29	2	—	—	29	2
174	Barry R. Care	29	1	—	—	29	1
174	John K. Smith	29	1	—	—	29	1
174	Clive A. Thrower	29	1	—	—	29	1
174	Robert D. Bellamy	29	—	—	—	29	—
174	Maureen J. Carruthers	21	—	8	—	29	—
174	Anthony R. Carter	29	—	—	—	29	—
174	Jack Durham	29	—	—	—	29	—
174	G. Ronald Edwards	29	—	—	—	29	—
174	M. Jane Foster	29	—	—	—	29	—
174	Christopher M. Movley	28	—	1	—	29	—
174	Christopher H. Rogers	29	—	—	—	29	—
190	Walter Ayre	24	17	4	2	28	19
190	W. Eric Critchley	28	15	—	—	28	15
190	Joe E. G. Roast	27	14	1	—	28	14
190	George A. Dawson	28	12	—	—	28	12
190	D. John Hunt	28	9	—	—	28	9
190	Derek Butterworth	28	6	—	—	28	6
190	Charles P. Quartley	28	2	—	—	28	2
190	Eric N. Harrison	28	1	—	—	28	1
190	M. Irene Brown	28	—	—	—	28	—
190	Claudia A. Critchley	28	—	—	—	28	—
190	Derek F. Yates	28	—	—	—	28	—
201	Nicholas W. H. Simon	27	18	—	—	27	18
201	Cyril A. Wratten	20	10	7	5	27	15
201	Rev. R. D. St. John Smith	27	10*	—	—	27	10
201	Christopher T. Osenton	20	2	7	7	27	9
201	Stephen B. Bell	27	4	—	—	27	4
201	R. Keith Lister	27	5	—	—	27	5
201	Geoffrey Bridges	15	—	12	1	27	1
201	Ian Wickens	27	—	—	—	27	—
201	Christine Andrew	27	—	—	—	27	—
201	Walter Arnold	27	—	—	—	27	—
201	Edward Jenkins	27	—	—	—	27	—
212	Murray A. Coleman	26	16	—	—	26	16
212	Philip G. K. Davies	26	12	—	—	26	12
212	Peter A. Slight	26	12	—	—	26	12
212	Harry W. Howard	26	10	—	—	26	10
212	Ian C. Maycock	26	9	—	—	26	9
212	Wilfred Williams	26	9	—	—	26	9
212	Brian L. Burrows	25	7	1	—	26	8
212	William L. Exton	26	7	—	—	26	7
212	Barrie Hendry	26	5	—	—	26	5
212	Mervyn A. Arscott	26	1	—	—	26	1
212	Martin Cubitt	26	1	—	—	26	1
212	Alan E. Hartley	26	1	—	—	26	1
212	Peter G. Pitt	26	1	—	—	26	1
212	Roy Worrall	26	1	—	—	26	1
212	Robert A. Beresford	26	—	—	—	26	—
212	William Birmingham, sen.	26	—	—	—	26	—
212	James Crowther	26	—	—	—	26	—
212	E. Frederick Gobey	26	—	—	—	26	—
212	Brian W. Hall	26	—	—	—	26	—
212	Terry Hampton	26	—	—	—	26	—
212	Peter J. Heritage	26	—	—	—	26	—
212	Terence J. Hester	26	—	—	—	26	—
212	Kilby R. Holtom	26	—	—	—	26	—
212	John R. Ketteringham	24	—	2	—	26	—
212	Frank Reed	26	—	—	—	26	—
212	Mary W. Whalley	4	—	22	—	26	—
238	Frank C. Price	14	3	11	10	25	13
238	Anthony J. Davidson	25	10*	—	—	25	10
238	Neil Bennett	15	8	10	1	25	9
238	Robert C. Kippin	25	8	—	—	25	8
238	Christopher Forster	25	4	—	—	25	4
238	Peter G. Holden	21	2	4	1	25	3
238	Christopher P. Starbuck	24	2	1	—	25	2
238	Christopher Ricketts	25	1	—	—	25	1
238	Kenneth R Davenport	17	—*	8	—	25	—
238	Mervyn R. Arscott	25	—	—	—	25	—
238	T. Felicity Ashford	25	—	—	—	25	—
238	David J. Atkinson	2	—	23	—	25	—
238	Alan H. Bridges	25	—	—	—	25	—
238	Richard J. Clifton	25	—	—	—	25	—
238	Alick Cutler	25	—	—	—	25	—
238	Janet House	25	—	—	—	25	—
238	Monica M. Jelley	25	—	—	—	25	—
238	Philip A. Mason	25	—	—	—	25	—
238	Katherine J. Maundrell	25	—	—	—	25	—
238	David J. Midgley	25	—	—	—	25	—
238	Michael P. Moreton	25	—	—	—	25	—
238	Peter Pearce	25	—	—	—	25	—
238	Norman Summerhayes	25	—	—	—	25	—

* Denotes a fraction of a peal.

N.B.—Unofficial peal total for the year: 3,459 (3,118 tower, 341 hand).

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35264		—	—	Conisborough, Pudsey, Newgate.
23564	3		—	Pontefract, Deansgate, Manitoba, Solihull, Westminster, Birmingham, Brigstow, Redfield, Prittlewell, Metropolis.
52364			—	Reading, Langley, Saskatchewan, Southwark, Wycombe, Wembley.
43265	—	3	—	Halifax, York, Aldenham, Stoneygate, Leicestershire, Superlative, Gartree, Bedford, Rochester, Londinium.
24365			—	Cambridge, Lindsey, Albanian, Lincolnshire, Yorkshire, Belgrave.
36245		—	—	Belvoir, Pudsey, Newgate.
23645	3		—	Pontefract, Deansgate, Manitoba, Solihull, Oldham, Feering, Brigstow, Redfield, Prittlewell, Lambeth.
62345			—	Ashton, Langley, Saskatchewan, Southwark, Wycombe, Wembley.
53246	—	3	—	Halifax, York, Aldenham, Stoneygate, Buckinghamshire, Superlative, Gartree, Bedford, Rochester, Londinium.
25346			—	Cambridge, Lindsey, Albanian, Lincolnshire, Yorkshire, Stoodley.
34256		—	—	Belvoir, Pudsey, Newgate.
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HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
PRESTBURY, Cheshire.—At West Pines, Dale Brow.
On Tues., Feb. 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS
Tenor size 15 in C.

Alan A. Potts	1–2	J. David Atkinson	7–8
John Gander	3–4	Gerald Moorhouse	9–10
C. Kenneth Lewis	5–6	Herbert M. Heaton	11–12

Arranged and Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
SHEFFIELD, Yorkshire.—At 194, Gleadless Common.
On Wed., Feb. 12, 1969, in 1 Hour and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents with 5–6 right way throughout.
Tenor size 14 in D.

Geoffrey Bridges	1–2	Michael J. Fellows	3–4
A. Colin Banton (cond.)	5–6		

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
HARPENDEN, Hertfordshire.—At 81, Overstone Road.
On Fri., Feb. 14, 1969, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Sheila M. Brown	1–2	Roger D. R. Brown	5–6
Kenneth J. Darvill	3–4	Brian J. Woodruffe (cond.)	7–8

Composed and Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
NETTLEHAM, Lincolnshire.—At Iona, Sudbrooke Lane.
On Tues., Jan. 14, 1969, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Geoffrey R. Parker	1–2	*Christopher J. Sharp	5–6
Margaret A. Parker	3–4	Jack L. Millhouse	7–8

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

* First peal of Major on handbells.

NETTLEHAM, LINCS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,440 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: W. Booth 1, Mrs. M. A. Parker 2, Mrs. S. Sinden 3, J. L. Millhouse (cond.) 4, M. Sinden 5, G. R. Parker 6. For Ash Wednesday evening Mass.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—At the Cathedral, on Feb. 18th, 1,296 Stedman Caters: S. C. Wells 1, Miss C. H. Telfer 2, M. E. Johnson 3, J. E. Anderson (cond.) 4, A. Dempster 5, D. Martin 6, M. A. Beaumont 7, G. S. Deas 8, E. N. Harrison 9, J. H. Taylor 10.

NEWHEY, LANCS.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: D. Leach (first quarter) 1, Mrs. N. Lawson 2, D. Butterworth 3, R. Lawson 4, B. M. Boardman 5, M. Fishwick (cond.) 6. Also on Feb. 24th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: J. Dover (first quarter) 1, Mrs. N. Lawson 2, D. Butterworth 3, R. Lawson 4, B. M. Boardman 5, H. Fishwick (cond.) 6.

NORTH MYMMS, HERTS.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Linda Saunders (first quarter) 1, Jennifer M. Indge 2, Julia E. Indge (first "inside") 3, G. A. Austin 4, J. E. T. Wiseman 5, T. J. Lock (cond.) 6. Rung to welcome Rev. J. Abdy, assistant curate.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Kate Richardson (first quarter) 1, I. F. Galpin (first quarter) 2, P. A. Butler 3, D. H. Stone 4, R. Weeks 5, M. R. Hutcheson 6. Jointly conducted by 3, 4, 5. For Evensong by S.U.G.C.R.

ORMSKIRK, LANCS.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Garner 1, J. Ellison 2, J. Dilworth 3, John Dilworth 4, W. G. Ellison 5, G. Austin 6, J. Brown (cond.) 7, H. Robinson 8. For Girl Guides' Thinking Day.

OXFORD.—On Feb. 23rd, at St. Ebbe's Church, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: R. H. Jones 1, A. R. Pink 2, D. K. Adkins 3, C. Coles 4, R. J. Wilsher 5, R. A. Post 6, F. A. H. Wilkins 7, P. J. Heritage (cond.) 8.

PERRY BARR, BIRMINGHAM.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Bob Triples: Voirrey Kennaugh 1, Janet Aston 2, Susan Chew 3, J. Perry 4, R. C. Ingram 5, D. J. Purnell 6, R. J. Tibbetts (cond.) 7, C. Kennaugh 8.

RICKMANSWORTH, HERTS. — On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: J. Hibbert 1, Janet Knowles (first quarter) 2, Margaret Sears 3, R. Bunker 4, D. Hibbert (cond.) 5, J. Lloyd 6. A compliment to Patty and David Hibbert on the birth of their daughter, Sarah Rose, on February 5th.

RINGWOOD, HANTS. — On Feb. 15th, 1,316 Grandsire Triples: J. C. Duff 1, O. Collins 2, W. E. Cheater 3, E. G. Cork 4, D. Wilson 5, W. T. Perrins (cond.) 6, F. E. Collins 7, L. T. Perrins 8.

ST. PETER-IN-THANET, KENT.—On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: V. Pursey 1, Mrs. W. Bridges 2, Mrs. M. Firman 3, A. W. Bridges 4, I. Whorlow 5, I. Whorlow 6, G. Firman (first Triples as cond.) 7, R. Holebrook 8. For Evensong. Also on Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. A. Bridges 1, Mrs. W. Bridges 2, I. Whorlow 3, J. Whorlow 4, G. Firman 5, Rev. P. L. Baycock 6, A. W. Bridges (cond.) 7, E. Fowles 8. First of Stedman. Also on Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss V. Pursey 1, Mrs. W. Bridges 2, I. Whorlow 3, Miss J. Whorlow 4, G. Firman 5, Rev. P. L. Baycock 6, A. W. Bridges (cond.) 7, E. Fowles 8. A birthday compliment to Mr. Jarrett, 85 on February 16th.

SANDON, ESSEX.—On Feb. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Lynette Harper (first quarter) 1, C. M. J. Saltmarsh (first Minor) 2, P. Anne Edwards 3, Ruth Gay 4, P. W. Saltmarsh 5, R. J. Harrison (cond.) 6. For Confirmation service.

SAPCOTE, LEICS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Mrs. M. E. Brown 1, Alison Butterfield (first Surprise "inside") 2, N. W. Harvey 3, R. W. Smith 4, L. Watkins 5, M. E. Brown (cond.) 6. For Ash Wednesday Holy Communion service.

SHELFORD, NOTTS.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,280 Rev. St. Nicholas Bob Doubles: R. Mills 1, Mrs. D. Bradley 2, A. Lazzerini 3, D. Lazzerini 4, B. Mills (cond.) 5. Also on Feb. 9th, 1,260 Eynesbury Bob Doubles: F. Bradley 1, A Lazzerini 2, Mrs. D. Bradley 3, D. Lazzerini 4, B. Mills (cond.) 5. Also on Feb. 16th, 1,260 Huntley Bob Doubles, same band. Also on Feb. 23rd, 1,320 Blaisdon Bob Doubles, same band. All for Evensong.

SHREWSBURY, SALOP.—At St. Chad's Church, on Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Smith (first Minor) 1, R. H. Newton 2, Patricia C. Stocken 3, F. H. Bennett 4, F. Leech 5, P. J. Evans (cond.) 6. For Evensong, also to mark the visit of Sir John Lanford-Holt, M.P., to the tower.

QUARTER PEALS

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP, SOM.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Pond (aged 72, first on a working bell) 1, J. Cornelius 2, R. Welch 3, F. Welch (cond.) 4, K. Welch 5, G. Glyde 6. An 80th birthday compliment to Mrs. A. Glyde, 6th ringer's mother. Also on Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (1 and 2 leading): L. Pond 1, G. Glyde 2, A. Drayton 3, E. Rice (first "inside") 4, J. Cornelius (cond.) 5, F. Welch 6, A. Rowswell 7, R. Welch 8.

SOUTHILL, BEDS.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: M. Down 1, M. Stallard 2, Miss S. King 3, B. Bellamy 4, D. Goss (cond.) 5, A. Norman 6.

SOUTHWARK, S.E.—At the Cathedral, on Feb. 16th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: M. T. Sprackling 1, Olive L. Rogers 2, S. P. Darvill 3, K. J. Rider 4, P. N. Felton 5, W. G. Wilson 6, C. M. Meyer 7, L. Goodall 8, J. W. Smith (cond.) 9, H. W. Rogers 10. For "Sunday Evenings in Southwark", on the birthday of Aubrey Winn, Belfry Master.

STOWE, BUCKS.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (720 Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire): W. G. Ashcroft (first quarter) 1, W. D. Lanyon 2, D. N. Weston 3, P. J. Lankester 4, J. L. Thorogood (cond.) 5. First quarter rung by a Stowe School band; average age 16½.

STRATTON, DORSET.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Rev. Canterbury Pleasure Bob Doubles: Miss M. E. Elmes 1, D. L. Cull 2, G. W. Elmes 3, R. G. W. Robertson 4, T. F. Collins (cond.) 5.

STUDLEY, WARKS.—On Feb. 9th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: R. Sutor 1, Mrs. D. Stock 2, G. Stock 3, D. French 4, J. Perkins 5, R. Spray (cond.) 6. First quarter of Bob Minor by a local band. For Evensong.

TACKLEY, OXON.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. P. Turner 1, M. Journeaux 2, W. F. Judge 3, M. R. Turner 4, C. Holloway 5, P. J. Heritage (cond.) 6.

TAUNTON, SOM. — At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, on Feb. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (six meth./var.): K. E. Beale 1, A. F. Arscott 2, A. H. Reed 3, D. Adams (first in six meth./var.) 4, R. F. Arscott (cond.) 5, F. Matravers 6.

TETTENHALL, STAFFS. — On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (five meth./var.): P. J. Day 1, Miss C. Tebbot (first quarter) 2, R. W. Humphries (cond.) 3, S. G. Pick 4, P. R. Johnson 5, Miss L. C. Slater 6. For Confirmation service.

THORLEY, HERTS. — On Feb. 23rd, 1,440 Kent T.B. Minor: D. Hutley 1, K. Westwood 2, P. Warboys (cond.) 3, A. Richardson 4, T. Camp 5, R. Walker 6. For Evensong.

THORPE BAY, ESSEX. — On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Thumpston (first quarter attempt) 1, Miss M. Hunter 2, P. Sentance 3, B. Sentance 4, H. H. Furminger (cond.) 5, J. Foster 6.

TOOTING GRAVENEY, LONDON. — On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Susan D. A. Trousdale (first quarter) 1, Margaret A. Robinson 2, Sandra C. Thexton 3, R. J. Cooles (cond.) 4, E. J. Adams 5, P. J. Keen 6. Rung after the wedding of Pamela Black to Terry Searle.

TURRAMURRA, N.S.W.—On April 21st, 1,240 Pl. Bob Minor: Alison Goodman (first quarter) 1, P. Goodyer 2, Margaret Shain (first quarter) 3, J. Rainsford 4, K. Stacey 5, T. Goodyer (cond.) 6. Also on May 26th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Alison Goodyer 1, Margaret Goodyer 2, S. James 3, J. Rainsford 4, K. Stacey 5, R. Jolly (cond.) 6. Also on Aug. 25th, 1,260 Kent T.B. Minor: J. Rainsford 1, S. James 2, Beverley Watts 3, K. Stacey 4, J. Watts 5, T. Goodyer (cond.) 6. Also on Nov. 17th, 1,260 Kent T.B. Minor: Alison Goodyer 1, P. Goodyer 2, Margaret Goodyer 3, Jennie Smith 4, J. Rainsford 5, P. Gray (cond.) 6. For Jennie Smith before her wedding on December 12th.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Lynda Davey 1, Susan F. Thomas 2, Miss J. Whitcher 3, J. E. Murfitt 4, R. J. Chapman (cond.) 5, M. C. Austin 6, H. H. N. Duncan 7, M. Cook (first quarter) 8. For Matins.

WARFIELD, BERKS. — On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): A. N. May 1, Mrs. R. Oliver 2, Mrs. R. Murrell 3, G. Murrell 4, F. Price (cond.) 5, G. Shepherd 6. Rung as a 70th birthday compliment to Mr. A. Chaney, ringer at this tower.

WARNFORD, HANTS. — On Feb. 20th, 1,320 Doubles (11 methods): D. Pearce 1, Mary White 2, K. G. Waller 3, R. A. Stone 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, F. W. Sherfield 6.

WELDON, NORTHANTS. — On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Doubles (12 methods): Sheila M. Hope 1, Susan Kemp 2, Susan M. Fitton ("circled the tower" to quarters) 3, R. Newby 4, R. A. Webster (cond.) 5, Penny McCreadie 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to Jane Fellows. Also on Feb. 23rd, 1,320 St. Simon's Doubles: Sheila M. Hope 1, Susan M. Fitton 2, Susan Kemp 3, R. L. E. Newby 4, R. A. Webster (cond.) 5, Penny McCreadie 6.

WEST BRIDGFORD, NOTTS.—On Feb. 11th, 1,340 Plain Bob Doubles: E. P. Woolsey 1, P. Selby (first "inside") 2, A. L. B. King 3, Miss J. Carter 4, Miss R. J. Willey (first as cond.) 5, Miss J. L. Wall (first quarter) 6. Rung for the Rushcliffe School Society.

WIGGENHALL, NORFOLK.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Minor (Cambridge, Oxford T.B., Plain Bob): J. E. Fox 1, W. W. Cousins 2, R. Newson 3, D. P. Gagen 4, C. Cousins 5, N. V. Harding (cond.) 6. Rung for Deanery Evensong.

WINTERBOURNE, GLOS.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Thomas 1, T. J. Jefferies 2, H. Taysom 3, J. W. G. Jefferies 4, H. T. Ferris (cond.) 5, R. H. Driver 6. For Evensong, and a wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Jefferies.

WOOTTON ST. LAWRENCE, HANTS.—On Feb. 1st, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: R. J. Wilson (first on working bell) 1, Lynette M. Holbrook 2, M. G. Lynds 3, H. E. J. Smith (cond.) 4, M. S. Holbrook 5, C. L. Mew 6.

WORLE, SOM.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (ten methods): J. Lambard 1, R. Jones (first in ten methods as cond.) 2, J. Coombs 3, S. Lewis 4, B. Mills 5, W. Kingsbury 6. Rung in honour of the coming-of-age and engagement of Miss Eira James.

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63254	2	2	
45362	2	2	
26543	2	2	
64523	2	3	
56342	—	—	
35264	—	—	
23456	—	—	3

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(32 methods)

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34625	—	—		Shore. Lang. Leath.
23645		—		Lind. Linc. Bris.
54632	—	—	—	Here. Dub. Hit. East.
65432			—	Ash. Rad. Berks.
43652		—	—	Rut. Camb. Acton
36452			2	Lon. Puds. Ex. Yead.
53462		—		Ben. Ald. Elf.
46532		—	—	Ux. Pains. High.
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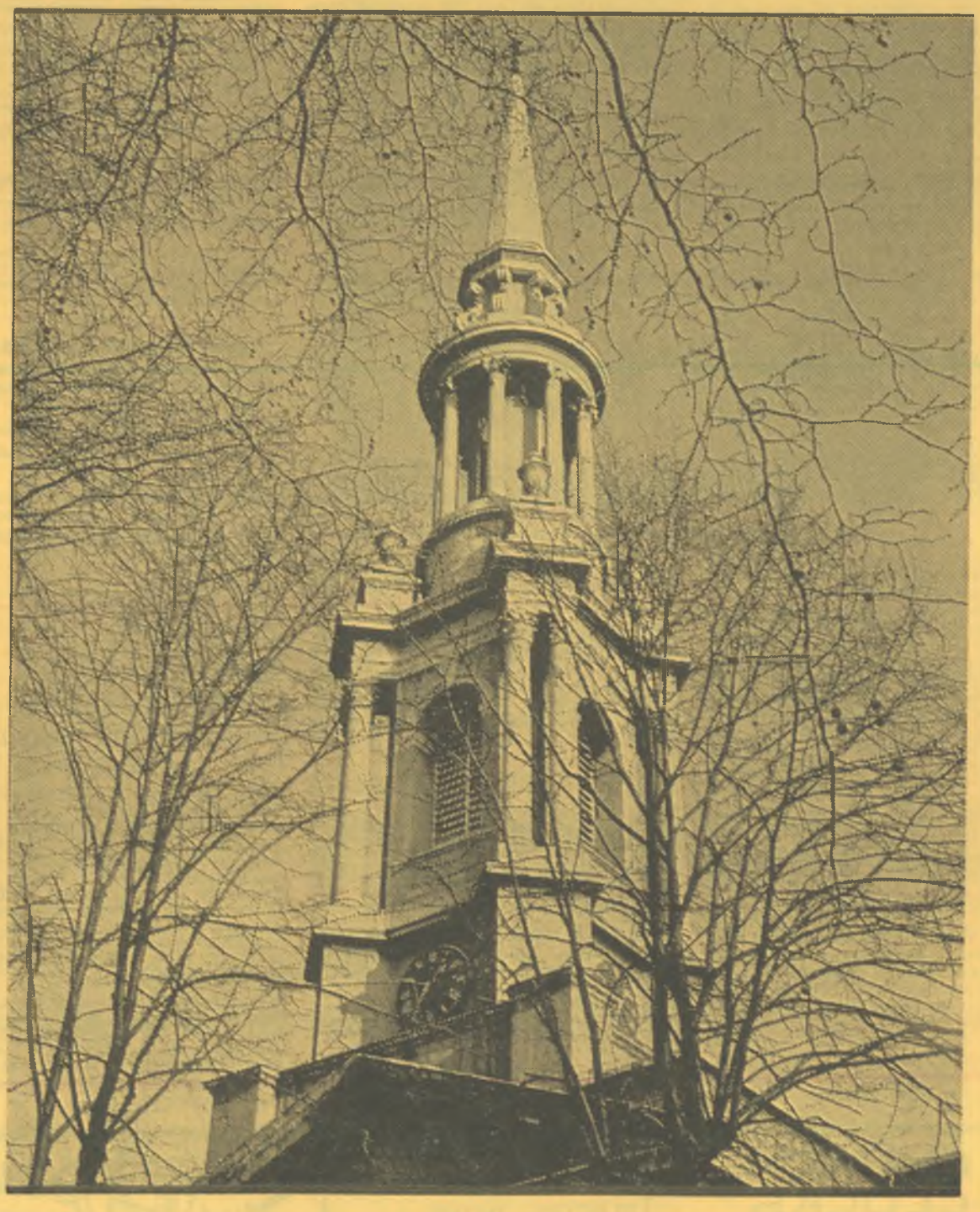

The Church of St. Paul, Shadwell

[Photograph by Christopher Dalton

A SUNDAY IN LONDON

By CHRISTOPHER DALTON

AS has so often been said, London has far more than its fair share of forlorn and neglected rings of bells: due partly to its shifting population and partly—dare one say it?—to the attitude of many of its well-established ringers. One thing was clear to us: matters would only be improved by someone going out and *doing* something, and not by being discussed *ad nauseam* at various business and committee meetings. Encouraged by the success of a Sunday venture last year when we rang quarter peals at Aldgate, Dalston and Penge (the first neither forlorn nor neglected — just hard work), we planned another Sunday, this time ringing at *five* towers with which we were associated.

Half-past nine on January 26th saw us assembled at Christ Church, Cubitt Town, Isle of Dogs, where a quarter peal of Superlative was unfortunately lost after half-an-hour's good ringing. This tower was in a sorry state until recently: when we went there on an outing in 1966 some of the bells went appallingly badly and a well-known London figure had to heave so hard on the fifth that he broke the rope. The next time that we applied to go there, on a Sunday 14 months later, we were told that the bells were unringable but that we were welcome to come and *look* at them! In the event a good oiling effected a transformation—before the Vicar's very eyes—into an easy-going, if musically indifferent and rather sour-toned, ring of eight.

Our next appointment was at the astonishing belfry of St. Paul's, Lower Homerton: a tile-hung timber structure perched over the crossing of the tall brick church. This was the first of three churches where we were marking the patronal festival; we were also able to give the new local band, whom three of us have been teaching, their first taste of "open" ringing. This tower was quite dead a year ago and has often been written off as "unsafe". In fact there was nothing more amiss than dryness, and one or two loose bearings and two broken stays, the latter a vestige of a brief and ill-run spell of local activity about four years ago. The ringing room is like an attic, with a post in the centre from which struts branch out in all directions. The bells are a fairly typical Victorian light six, but have an interesting history, in that five of them were recast from the ring at the City church of All Hallows, Staining.

Coffee at the Rectory followed, and then the short journey to St. Mark's, Dalston: an enormous and almost whimsical, but undeniably impressive, brick church — pure Victoriana, with a grand, hefty ring of eight by Warner. The bells hang in a good oak frame, but this is placed rather high in the tower (as usual), which causes it to sway considerably though not as much as, say, Bishopsgate or Bow; also the fittings are showing distinct signs of wear and maltreatment. The belfry was in a dreadful state when we "adopted" the tower: only four bells would set, the second headstock was smashed up, the treble wheel was half unshrouded and other wheels and clappers were loose. We undertook to patch things up so as to get the eight bells going and keep them so until the promised complete rehanging can be undertaken. Ringing here is quite tough work but rewarding, and today touches of London and Superlative followed morning service.

The real task of the day was St. Paul's, Shadwell, where a quarter peal of 1,260 Grandsire Triples — the first for at least half a century (the last peal was rung in 1900)—was brought round in fine style in 42 minutes. This was the culmination of many evenings' work in very trying, cramped and filthy conditions: refixing clappers, mending wheels, tightening nuts, clearing out and unseizing pulleys, etc., etc. How we enjoyed the refreshments which were always waiting for us afterwards at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bell. It should be added that at present, owing to the worn state of the fittings and the lack of stays and/or sliders on the front five bells, ringing at Shadwell (which had been non-existent since 1918) is very reasonably restricted to special occasions.

Elated by our success at Shadwell, we rather raced the Stedman at Hounslow: a somewhat seventh-dominated, light Warner octave which goes incredibly well for its age and has come in useful for practice at "double-handling"! Two broken wheels were all that prevented these bells from being rung between 1963 and 1968: they were very ably repaired by Mr. Collis.

We all look forward to the next Sunday among the neglected rings (or "inadvisable towers", to quote Mr. Theobald) of London, and are particularly grateful to Mr. J. Way for helping us out, at such short notice, at Hounslow and in the London Apprentice in the evening.

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Isle of Dogs, Christ Church (Cubitt Town).—Church built 1852 (William Cubitt, architect); bells (8) by Mears, 1854/1907.

Lower Homerton, St. Paul's. — Church built 1890 (H. C. Boyes, architect); bells (6) by Mears, 1890.

Dalston, St. Mark's.—Church built 1864–1880 (Chester Cheston and Edward Blackburne, architects); bells (8) by Warner, 1877.

Shadwell, St. Paul's.—Church built 1820 (J. Walters, architect); bells (8) by Mears, 1819–1820.

Hounslow, St. Paul's. — Church built *circa* 1875; bells (8) by Warner, 1881.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Rochester District

Over 80 members attended the by-meeting of the Rochester District held at Halling on March 9th. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m., under the direction of Mr. David Leworthy, one of the District's Ringing Masters, and continued until 4.30 p.m., when the Vicar conducted the service. Tea was kindly provided by the Halling ringers in the nearby Institute Hall and was followed by a short meeting at which new members were elected. The Association's general secretary and his wife were warmly welcomed.

A collection amounted to £4 13s. 6d. and was given to the St. Mary's, Newington-next-Sittingbourne Bell Repair Fund. Ringers then returned to the six bells in the tower for further ringing, under the direction of Mr. Laurie Mitchell, and later adjourned to the Five Bells for other social activities. L. M.

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A VISIT TO KILIFI CHURCH, KENYA

By BARRY J. COUZENS

LAST November, by a lucky chance, I was able to visit Kilifi, and of course went to see the church and bells. The church, dedicated to St. Thomas, stands in an open grassed area almost surrounded by trees and is of a pleasant, modern design. The architect was Mr. Richard Hughes who, with the then District Commissioner, Mr. Paul Kelly, was largely responsible for securing the necessary financial and other support. It was consecrated on August 25th, 1961, by the Most Rev. L. J. Beecher, Archbishop of East Africa, in the presence of a congregation of over 200 people.

The church, open to all denominations, is intended as a memorial to two pioneer missionaries of East Africa—Dr. Johannes Ludwig Krapf, who served in Africa from 1838 to 1853 and wrote the first grammar and dictionary of the Swahili language, and his colleague the Rev. Johannes Rebman, who served in this area from 1846 to 1875. These two men founded the mission station at Rabai, in Kilifi District, in 1846, and discovered the snow-capped mountains of Kilimanjaro and Kenya, which aroused the interest of the civilised world in East Africa. The dedication to St. Thomas recalls the tradition that there were Christian churches founded on this coast by missionaries from the Church of India, which claims to have been established by St. Thomas the Apostle.

THE CHURCH AND BELLS

The nave is open on one side and has large doors along the other, well suited to this hot climate. The congregation sit in comfortable wooden armchairs. The square tower, at the south-west corner, is quite large and solidly built, having been designed, on the advice of the structural engineers, to take a ring of six bells with a 14 cwt. tenor. In the event, a decision had to be made between a light ring (identical to that at Saxthorpe, Norfolk) and three or four bells of the heavy ring. It was regretfully decided to go for the light ring. The ringing room, about ten feet above ground level, is reached by stairs and is open on one side to the gallery, which contains a harmonium. Some 12 feet above is a clock room, only five feet high and reached by a ladder.

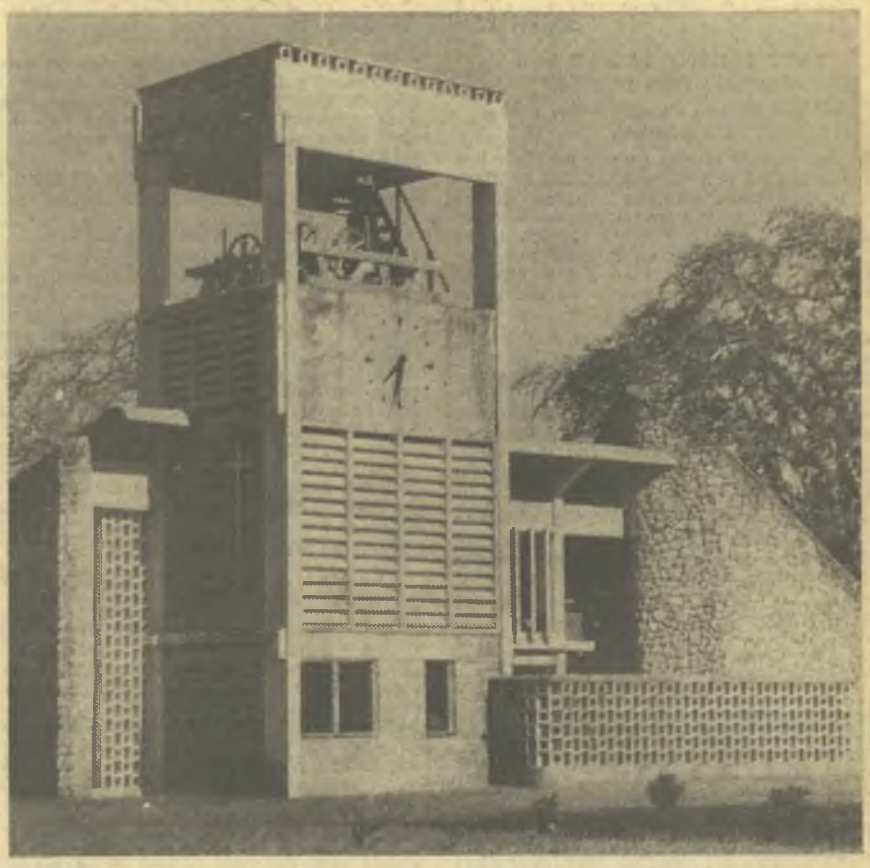
Another short ladder leads to the bells. The belfry has no walls but a roof supported by pillars at the corners. The solid wooden frame, with pits for eight bells, occupies most of the belfry floor. It was made and presented by the late Mr. W. G. Lillywhite who, since his arrival from England in 1913, played a leading part in the development of the Kenya Coast. Mr. Lillywhite also made many other contributions to the building of the church, which enabled the cost to be kept as low as £4,250 (including the bells)! The six bells, cast by John Taylor and Co., are as follows:—

Treble: C sharp, 66·7 kg (1 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.)*
Second: B, 77·2 kg (1 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.)
Third: A, 82·2 kg (1 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.)
Fourth: G sharp, 92·6 kg (1 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.)
Fifth: F sharp, 111·2 kg (2 cwt. 21 lb.)
Tenor: E, 143·9 kg (2 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.)

The tenor was recast and augmented from an old bell of Stanford, Norfolk, given by the Bishop of Thetford and inscribed "JOHN BREND MADE ME 1653". The frame and fittings, when I examined them, were in good condition except that only Nos. 2 and 4 had stays intact. The bells, hung on ball-bearings, swung freely. The ropes, though lichen-encrusted inside the wheels, were sound.

BELLRINGERS

Before the departure of Mr. Kelly several local Africans were trained to handle the bells and ring rounds. The schoolmaster, the senior Government driver, Mr. Enoch (a Ministry of Works official, who is now in charge of a Lutheran church in Tanzania), a mechanic from the County Council workshop and two schoolboys were the best.



ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, KILIFI, KENYA

The ringing has since passed through the usual vicissitudes. A few years ago a ringer off a ship bound for Australia reported that there were 12 ringers, and a Rhodesian on holiday in 1967 mentioned that the bells were being rung. But at the time of my visit there was apparently no one left who knew how to handle the bells properly.

I had been invited to spend Christmas at Malindi, some 35 miles away, so a "crash course" on bell handling was a possibility. There are now only about 20 Europeans living in or near Kilifi and English language services are held there only two or three times a year; normal Sunday services are in Swahili. So it seemed obvious that further recruiting should be attempted from among the African congregation, and Mr. R. A. Hammond, who is very keen that ringing should be resumed at Kilifi, kindly offered to seek out volunteers and to replace the broken stays.

Came Christmas Day: then—better the day, better the deed—and we had our first tied-bell session. There were four volunteers—Gerishom Katenya, who works at the Post Office, Walter E Ofula, from the D.C.'s office, Charles K. Bomu and Stephen E. Kenga, both still at school. Five more training sessions followed, one every day until I had to return to Nairobi, by which time all four were very keen and making good progress, starting to ring rounds. Since then I have made one brief return visit, in February, and found the ringers as keen as ever, with bell-control improving all the time, though rounds still very shaky. They have also started teaching another young learner, with very creditable results.

It now seems hardly likely that I shall go there again, so please, any ringers who find yourselves in Mombasa or anywhere near Kilifi, do go along and lend a hand; you will be most welcome and the bells are a gorgeous light six, just crying out to be rung. I suggest you contact Mr. R. A. Hammond, c/o Post Office, Kilifi, Kenya, or ask for Mr. Gerishom Katenya at the Post Office for details of ringing times. (Another picture, page 241.)

* Kenya officially went "metric" on January 1st this year.

BATH & WELLS ASSOCIATION

The Taunton Branch held its spring meeting at Pitminster on March 15th. Ringing commenced at Angersleigh (5) at 2.30 and at Pitminster at 3 prior to the Association service, which was conducted by Rev. W. W. Harris, of Corfe, with Mrs. B. Bindon (a Branch member) playing the organ.

After the tea, kindly prepared by the local ladies, the business meeting was held with the chairman, Rev. Michael Odlum, presiding. Only 30 members were present. The secretary, Mr. A. H. Reed, spoke of the recent death of Mr. Harold Bristowe, of Ashbrittle, whose membership of the Association went back over some 30 years. A short period of silence was observed in his memory.

The Ven. G F. Hilder, Archdeacon of Taunton, was elected an associate member.

Next quarterly meeting, June 28th, North Curry, with Milverton as an alternative. Practice meetings: Ashbrittle, April 10th; Bishop's Lydeard, May 22nd; both at 6.30 p.m. Mr. Keith E. Beale gave notice of the striking competition to be held at Ash Priors on April 26th and asked for entries to be sent to him as soon as possible. He pointed out that it includes call-changes as well as change-ringing this year.

The chairman asked to be kept informed of any changes in practice nights in the Branch as he intended to visit each tower during the year.

Ringing continued at Pitminster (6) and Trull (6), ranging from Grandsire to London Surprise.

Ringing and Conducting Standard Methods

By ROBERT B. SMITH

PART I KENT TREBLE BOB

(Continued from page 220)

(d) The Method on Handbells; Peal Compositions

In the series of articles I wrote on Plain Bob I recommended that those interested in handbell ringing should purchase "Change Ringing on Handbells", written by Christopher Woolley and published by the Central Council (price 2s 6d.), and I now repeat that recommendation. I would like to make a few remarks about the method on handbells without going into intimate details.

Kent Treble Bob on handbells is the next logical step in handbell ringing after becoming proficient at ringing Plain Bob. In many respects Treble Bob is simpler to ring than Plain Bob as it is more static, i.e., dodging with every alternate bell slows down the progress of each bell from back to front and vice versa. Basically the work can be divided into two parts:

(i) Parallel hunting and dodging with one or more bells in between.

(ii) Scissors dodging, with an even number of bells in between.

Within the lead the place notation for the method is alternately 18.—12—.18—12—., etc., for Major and the dodging in 34, 56 and 78 takes place when 2nds is made. This, incidentally, is the basis of ringing by place notation, i.e., one dodges above an even section and plain hunts above an odd section; the reverse is true below even and odd sections. The problem of whether one is above or below an internal place does not arise in Kent Treble Bob as every bell, apart from the one which is leading, is above 2nds and therefore dodges.

Parallel dodging always takes place with an odd number of bells in between, i.e., 1, 3, 5, etc. (on the higher numbers), and always takes place at backstroke. This means that bells dodging up are in an odd place at backstroke (with an even number of bells below them) and bells dodging down are in an even position at backstroke (with an odd number of bells below them)

Scissors dodging always takes place with an even number of bells in between, i.e., 0, 2, 4, 6, etc. (on the higher numbers). For example, if one is ringing a pair of bells with one dodging 5-6 up and one 7-8 down, they strike in adjacent places at handstroke (6ths and 7ths), with two bells in between at backstroke and the following handstroke they strike again in (6ths and 7ths) before crossing over to dodge 5-6 down and 7-8 up The same relative movement takes place if a pair of bells are dodging 3-4 up and 7-8 down, but the number of bells in between now becomes 242, before the two bells move together in 5-6.

Some people have difficulty in making the Kent places, particularly when they are ringing a coursing pair. There are two reasons for this:—

1. The place making is "wrong", i.e., backstroke and handstroke.

2. It seems at first to be unnatural that a coursing pair should strike together (that is, in consecutive places) in 4-5 for one row and then have two bells in between on the following stroke when they strike in 3-6. This situation occurs in the two leads either side of the first bell being in slow, and the reverse situation exists in the two leads after the second bell has been in slow.

If one experiences difficulties in this direction the obvious solution is to write out the few rows which give trouble, with dots to indicate the other bells.

CONDUCTING

When a band reaches the stage of ringing Kent Treble Bob on handbells the only real problem which can arise as a result of a trip is that the treble can be pushed into the wrong position. To keep a close check on this, in addition to remembering the coursing order, it is important to remember which bell is in slow and ensure that the treble works out to the back and returns to the lead in the position which would normally have been occupied by this bell.

COMPOSITIONS—MAJOR

For one's first attempt at calling Kent Treble Bob Major on handbells a composition with few bobs and therefore few changes of coursing order is easiest. The composition by Nicholl I gave in the previous article is particularly suitable in this respect as 5-6 course for the first three courses in each part and "come home" at each part end. This composition is not, however, in its most musical form and 5-6 finish each part of the peal with four rather awkward courses By starting the calling at the 3rd course 2-3 "come home" at the part end and 5-6 course up to the last call in the peal, as shown below.

5,088 KENT T.B. MAJOR by J. Nicholl

Calling		Course ends	Coursing orders
B	W	23456	53246
1	2	56234	65324
4	2	56423	53624
2		23645	36524
Twice repeated.			43652
			24365
			52436
			65243
			52643
			26543
			32654
			43265

There are numerous 5-part and 3-part compositions of Treble Bob Major available without my taking up more space with them here. Compositions with many calls in them at M. W. H. positions and combinations of 4, 5 and 6 in 5-6 can be a joy to listen to when a band becomes proficient at ringing Treble Bob Major on handbells.

COMPOSITIONS—ROYAL

The composition by John Reeves which I gave in the previous article is quite suitable for handbell ringing. 3 and 6 coming home at the part end, which means that the ringers of the "working pairs" each have a bell in the same positions for each part. By the time a band is ringing Kent Treble Bob Royal on handbells the calling of the peal is not usually much of a problem; the difficulty is generally in seeing precisely how the bells are working in relation to each other. To overcome this problem a composition with a lot of coursing for the ringers of 3-4 and 5-6 may be desirable and the composition below has such qualities. As far as I know, it has not yet been rung, so I hope that the composer does not mind my publishing it.

5,000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL FOR HANDBELLS by Robert Peers

M	W	H	23456
	2	1	43526
	1		24536
1	2	2	36452
	1	1	45362
	2	2	63542
2	2	2	46325
2		1	45623
1	2	1	35264
1	1	2	24653
2		1	23456

Coursing orders

53246	54632	25463
	46532	
32546	45362	25634
25346	43652	56234
23456		62534
	43526	65324
34256	43265	
	32465	65243
34562	24365	52643
45362	23645	56423
53462	26435	54263
54632		
56342	26354	54632
	26543	54326
63542		53246
65432		

COMPOSITIONS—MAXIMUS

Compositions of Kent Treble Maximus with 3-4 coursing between the Middle and Wrong positions in every course (i.e., the majority of the course, when the fixed bells are ringing their slow work leads) are not as difficult to obtain as for Royal as less courses and bobs are required. I give two such compositions, the one by Alan Scholfield having been rung twice to Oxford Treble Bob Maximus but not at this point in time to Kent. The composition by David Atkinson has not been rung so far and has 5-6 coursing between the Middle and Wrong as well as 3-4 in all but the first and last courses.

5,136 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS FOR HANDBELLS by Alan F. Scholfield

M	W	H	23456
		2	
	2	1	
2	2	2	
2	2	1	
2	2	2	
1	2	1	
1		2	
	1		

Coursing orders

53246	64235	45236
	62345	42356
52436		43526
54326	62453	
	62534	43265
43526	25634	32465
35426	56234	24365
34256	52364	23645
34562	52643	23456
34625	52436	24536
46325	24536	25346
63425		
		53246

5,040 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS FOR HANDBELLS by J. David Atkinson (No. 5)

M	W	H	23456
		1	42356
2	1	2	64523
2	2	1	64235
1	1	1	53246
2	2	2	45362
	1	1	36452
2	2		65324
1	1		23456

Coursing orders

53246	34625	56342
52436		
	34256	56423
52364	42356	56234
52643	43526	62534
26543		25634
25463	43265	
24653	43652	25346
	36452	53246
24536	64352	
24365	63542	
43265	65432	
32465		
	54632	

[To be continued]

UNIVERSITY ACTIVITIES

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY

THE annual dinner was held this year on March 8th in Selwyn College, with 93 people present.

Earlier in the day a peal of London had been rung at St. Neots and Cambridge had been lost at Ickleton after two hours' ringing, after a disagreement over the correct coursing order. A peal of Superlative was also rung at Meldreth for the Ely Diocesan Association, composed of Guild members, visitors and local ringers, this being the eve of the 30th anniversary of John Gipson's first peal. Ringing also took place in the afternoon at Chesterton and at the four city churches, although it was unfortunate that the R.C. bells were only available at lunchtime, when less people were around.

An excellent dinner was served and appreciated by all, and Richard Inglis, the dinner secretary, must be thanked for all the arrangements. During the ceremony of the Loving Cup, conducted Selwyn fashion, a touch of Stedman Cinques was rung, not without some initial difficulty, by F. E. Haynes 1-2, A. F. Scholfield 3-4, R. A. G. Inglis 5-6, B. D. Threlfall 7-8, V. Nutton 9-10, R. H. Youdale 11-12.

The president Bill Ridgman, was in the chair, and after "The Queen" Philip Chalk, proposing "The Guild" remarked that he was the first non-clerical president the Guild had had. The earlier history of the Guild, now in its 91st year, closely resembled the earlier history of the Clerical Guild, since most of them became clergymen. He paid tribute to the first two presidents, the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey and Canon A. C Blyth, who had held office for 50 and 25 years respectively and helped to give continuity to the Guild. He was very pleased at the present output of peals by the residents but hoped that they didn't devote too much time to ringing. Quality rather than quantity was more important in peals

The Master, Alan Scholfield, replying gave a brief résumé of the Guild's activities over the past year. Thirty peals had been rung, slightly less than last year, including the 700th peal, which was Stedman Cinques, one of a number of handbell peals. A peal of 11-spliced had been rung, passing the previous Guild record, and one in 13 methods was to be attempted (this was successful). One peal had unfortunately to be withdrawn, although a second attempt was made, using a true composition, but was lost after two hours due to illness. The method had subsequently been pealed elsewhere and a beer mat marking the performance had been received, although not the promised beer. The Michaelmas term had been particularly successful, culminating in a cordial outing with the O.U.S. The Guild had recently taken a fancy to squash, to prove that it didn't just ring.

The secretary, Richard Underwood, proposed "The Visitors". Of the unofficial guests he made mention of John Gipson, Bob Smith and Brian Woodruffe. On the top table were the Rev. R. N. Evans, Vicar of St. Andrew's, who had recently been elected an honorary member of the Guild, and Mrs. Evans, Percy Pigg and Jim Quinney, of the Cambridge Youths. Jonathan Barry, Master of the Trinity College, Dublin, Guild (or was it Agricultural Society?), and Jeremy Pratt, Master of the O.U.S., who responded suitably on behalf of the visitors.

The company then retired to the Tower Room for further drinks until 1 o'clock, where those still intrepid enough to ring handbells brought round three leads of Treble Bob Fourteen.

FAWLEY, HANTS.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,320 Stedman Doubles: Susan V. Banks 1, Catherine A. Roberts 2, Elizabeth A. Banks 3, M. G. Wills 4, R. Allinson (cond.) 5, J. C. Banks 6. First Stedman 1, 4. For morning service. Also on Feb. 27th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: G. W. Murley 1, Catherine A. Roberts (cond.) 2, J. C. Banks 3, M. G. Wills 4, R. Allinson 5, L. V. Smith 6.

NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY

THE most important event of the spring term was the ninth annual dinner of the Nottingham University Society of Change Ringers which was held in the Talbot, a Yates Wine Lodge, on March 22nd. This was attended by nearly 60 people who, apart from past and present members of the Society, came from Manchester and Leicester Universities and from such far away places as Hampshire and Kent. The guest speakers were Mr. Gordon A. Halls and Mr. William F. Scudamore and the dinner was chaired, as usual, by the Society's president, Mr. Paul Taylor. This was the first time the dinner had been held outside the University grounds, which made a pleasant change and had the added advantage that the bar stayed open later. Rung for the dinner were successful peals of Kent Treble Bob Major and Double Beeston Exercise. In reciprocation to the M.U.G.'s coming to Nottingham, N.U.S.C.R. enjoyed a visit to sunny Manchester for their dinner on March 8th.

The annual general meeting was held on March 5th, at which the Master, Peter N. Mackley, was re-elected. The secretary is now J Martin Rice and the treasurer is Hilary Derham

North-East Staffordshire was the area chosen for this term's outing, which was held on March 15th. The numbers were sufficient to fill completely the minibus, making a change from having an empty coach, and the driver, though competent, drove at a hair-raising speed in order to keep to the rather tight schedule. The towers visited were Uttoxeter, Rocester, Dilhorne, Draycott-in-the-Moors, Ellastone, Mayfield and finally Belper. The ringing was of a fairly high standard at some places and included Double Norwich, Yorkshire and Cambridge Spliced, and Lincolnshire.

The Society is very grateful to the vicars for allowing us to ring at their churches and to the local ringers who kindly met us.

P. N. M.

ROVING RINGERS' REUNION 1969

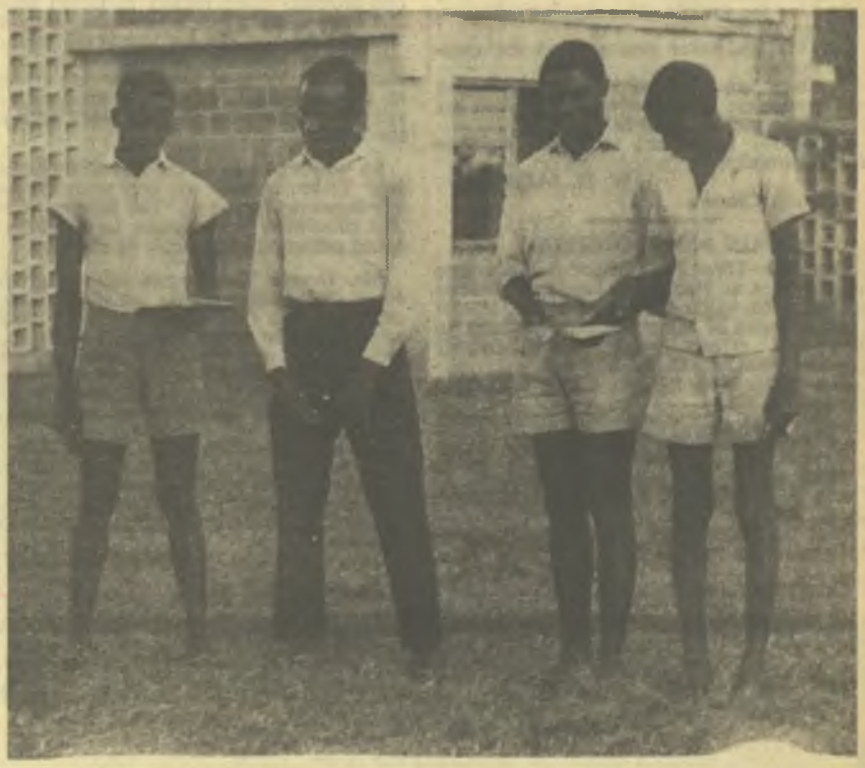
A COLD, damp and foggy day greeted the Roving Ringers as they descended on Birmingham for their annual reunion. Ringing at Yardley, Harborne and Edgbaston included some good touches, and at Edgbaston a course of Glasgow was rung before proceeding to Aston, where a little more thought would have produced a good half course of Yorkshire Maximus.

Back to the Imperial Hotel, where 43 of us enjoyed a good meal before the meeting, chaired by the president, John Brain. The retiring Master, John Slater, gave a very good résumé of the tour and said that three peals had been rung for the Society (Grandsire Caters, Cambridge Major and Stedman Cinques) during the year.

Coming to this year's tour, two proposals were put forward: Plymouth to Exeter and Carlisle to Manchester, the latter being chosen under the leadership of Ian Dear, this year's Master. John and Louise Slater were elected secretaries and John Slater to stay as recorder. Under any other business the secretary asked members to return their forms and not answer the circulars by word of mouth because this led to confusion; also when returning the forms to send the money too, as otherwise advanced bookings to Youth Hostels had to be financed out of one's own pocket, often to the tune of £80; prompt replies also helped.

The chairman closed the meeting by thanking George Fearn, whom we were also pleased to have at the dinner with us, for escorting us to various towers during the day.

On Sunday ringing was also in and around Birmingham culminating on the new 12 at Solihull. We should also like to thank Alan Ainsworth for his help in organising the towers, and incumbents and tower captains for the use of the bells. "ADIE".



KILIFI BELLRINGERS, CHRISTMAS, 1968 (left to right): Stephen E. Kenga, Walter E. Ofula, Gershom M. Katsaya and Charles K. Bosu.

Letters to the Editor

ATTACKING UNDER CLOAK OF ANONYMITY

Dear Sir,—The Editor is supreme, but you have welcomed comment and even controversy on "Ringing World" matters. I do not think I am alone in my dismay today to see first place (or indeed any place) being accorded to an anonymous personal attack in a published letter. Of the merits and demerits of London County affairs I know nothing. It is the principle of the attack—in modern idiom, "character assassination" — from concealment which nauseates. I very much regret that you should countenance this despicable kind of act.

Very occasionally there may be a case for the anonymous letter. For example, when the writer has real reason to fear victimisation. But I cannot conceive of any ringing issue within this category. Most of our disputes, thank goodness, are settled in meeting or bar parlour All of them could be, but if irreconcilable the protagonists should be known to each other, if only to take avoiding action.

The fact that you are supplied with the name and address is not, I think, an extenuating circumstance. These facts should be known to the subject of the attack and to the fellow members of both subject and attacker.

Inevitably you will continue to receive "anonymous" letters of this type I hope you will remember the useful receptacle beside your desk—the w.p.b.—Yours faithfully,

DAVID GULLICK.

Stevenage, Herts.

NOTE.—Will correspondents please note this strong condemnation, with which the Editor agrees.

A VOICE FROM CANADA

Dear Sir, — I wonder if the person whose mean and negative imputations about Harold Rogers appeared in "The Ringing World" of March 7th will one day be mature enough to look back and wonder how such an approach could rationally have hoped to further the cause of good ringing—anywhere? Might I make two suggestions, sir:—

(1) That the writer's name **remains** unknown, for all our sakes.

(2) That the writer now ponders the question:
"How can I in 1969 help Harold Rogers to achieve his objectives, with which my letter implies I am in sympathy?"

To destroy is human; to create, divine.—Yours faithfully,

W. H. JACKSON.

Toronto, Canada.

PLAIN MINOR METHODS

Dear Sir,—Three Plain Minor methods were rung to 720s at Harlaxton, Lincs, on December 7th. 1968 Although named in Mr. Harold Chant's "Index of Minor Methods" there is no record of extents being rung previously (checked with Mr. C. A. Wratten).

The names used by Mr. Chant have been adhered to, viz.:

ELTERWATER 36.14—16—56. 2nds. 42563.
LOWESWATER 36.14—16.34.56. 2nds. 42563.
WASTWATER 36.14—16.34.16. 2nds. 36245.

Those taking part were T. A. Relf, V. P. Evans, P. A. Slight, B Buttery. O. Homewood, D. A. Frith.

It is thought that all Plain Minor methods have now been rung to 720s.—Yours faithfully,

D. A. FRITH.

Grantham, Lincs.

PRESENT FORMAT ABSOLUTE MINIMUM

Dear Sir, — I should like to endorse the points of view raised by Messrs. Frank B. Lufkin and C. W. Woolley regarding "Peal Space" (pages 202/3) and to add my views in their support whilst sympathising with the committee faced with the difficult task of pleasing the majority at minimum cost.

The publishing of peals should, in my opinion, be presented in such a manner to be comparable with the part that peals play within the Exercise. The present format is the absolute minimum, and the more notable peals, record lengths, multi-Surprise, etc., should be given more space.

Rising costs are a serious problem as we all know in our everyday life, but this should not panic us into any form of devaluation. The aim of this paper must be forward-looking to keep and improve circulation, and any further steps taken backward in peal presentation must act in time like a tourniquet tightened once too often.

I am personally opposed to any cuts, but if there has to be compromise then I should prefer the committee's axe to fall on wasteful reporting, in particular on articles published for the very small minority group

As much as I realise that such utterances provoke the wrath of the least heard, I must say that in my opinion a report by Mr. "X" on a tower-grab with Tom, Dick and Harry, together with all their little idiosyncracies, is wasted space except, perhaps, for Tom, Dick and Harry, who should know all about it anyway.

Competition news could be cut to a monthly or quarterly "results" column of placings and points. Originality is difficult to find for this type of article and generally the reports are very similar. Competitions are becoming a regular Branch event but only of local interest, and although some readers in Devon may be interested to learn that a Lancashire team have won a Yorkshire cup (or vice versa) they cannot be so interested in the weather at the time . . . ! Votes of thanks for teas are made at most meetings, where the appreciation is felt at the time—not in print some time after the event

So why waste space on this sort of reporting? Trimming peals will only undo the generally improved format of "The Ringing World". The circulation must increase to dispel fear of raised subscription and cuts in standard.

Mr. George Thoday has recently given us some interesting statistics on the number of peal ringers in 1968—a number which must be reckoned with before the peal columns are changed, before abbreviations take the "gilt off the gingerbread". I like to read the words of a book and would not be interested in decoding a mass of hieroglyphical mumbo-jumbo.

To the above-mentioned Toms, Dicks and Harrys, I am not a prolific peal ringer but I am interested in reading in full, the details of performances which I hope set an example to the up-and-coming prolific peal ringers.—Yours sincerely,

STANLEY G. SCOTT.

Easthampstead, Berks.

"UNIVERSAL" COMPOSITIONS

Dear Sir,—When I saw the universal "composition" submitted by Roger Baldwin (page 162) for Worthington S. Major I was struck by its similarity to my 5,376 of Lincolnshire and, upon further investigation, the remarkable resemblance proved to be more than coincidental

It may be noticed that composition No. 1, below, is what might be termed "over-connected", that is it contains more Q-set links than the minimum number required to join all the courses together.

If one of the M or W links other than those symmetrical in 4-5-6 is removed two round blocks of 11 and 12 courses and one separate course are produced, which may be connected by adding (or omitting) singles at the appropriate H — arrangements 2 and 4. These arrangements may of course be reversed to give Nos. 3 and 5 respectively.

If two M links, or two W links, or one M and one W link are discarded from No. 1, one round block of 22 courses plus two odd courses result: these courses may be singled in to produce arrangements 6, 8 and 10 respectively. Reversing Nos. 6 and 8 gives Nos. 7 and 9.

We can now see that Mr. Baldwin's arrangement is simply the reverse of No. 10.

In all fairness, therefore, I do not see how Roger Baldwin can claim his arrangement to be an original composition.—Yours faithfully,

SIMON HUMPHREY.

Note.—All these 5,376s (reducible to 5,152 by omitting an adjacent pair of singles) are true to any Major method whose f.c.h. are a subset of groups b. i. l. n. o. p. r. s. A. B. C. E. In particular they are true to Lincolnshire and Worthington.

No. 1

M	W	H	23456
—		S	46352
	—	S	53462
2		S	25364
	2	S	53624
—		S	64325
	—	S	23645

Repeated twice.

NEW AIRPORT THREAT

Dear Sir,—It may interest you to know that the Roskill Commission proposals to site the third London Airport in the vicinity of Wing would appear to require the demolition of the entire village of Stewkley (pop. 1,150) with its unique, completely unspoiled late-Norman parish church, containing a ring of eight bells.

Other parish churches similarly threatened are at Cublington and Dunton, neither of which has a ring of bells.

Wing village, with its Saxon parish church containing a heavy six, would appear to escape demolition.—Yours faithfully,

P. R. G. ASLETT.

Stewkley, Leighton Buzzard.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOL
SEE BACK PAGE

Appendix to Central Council Doubles Collection

(Continued from page 719, Sept. 13th, 1968)

Add these names to methods on page 575, July 19th, 1968.

39V Bedfordshire 51U Berkshire
45V Bristol 55V Pensthorpe

Add these methods to pages 575 and 719.

III (a) One hunt, four-lead plain course.

52F ..... Bob
3, 1, 125, 1, 345, 1, 125, 1, 3, 1.
55C ..... Bob
3, 145, 125, 1, 345, 1, 125, 145, 3, 1.
57P ..... Place
345, 1, 125, 1, 5, 1, 125, 1, 345, 123.
58C ..... Place
345, 1, 125, 1, 345, 1, 125, 1, 345, 1.
61C Tallington Place
345, 145, 5, 1, 125, 1, 5, 145, 345, 1.
62F ..... Bob
345, 145, 5, 1, 145, 1, 5, 145, 345, 1.
63D Rev. St. Owen Place
345, 145, 5, 1, 345, 1, 5, 145, 345, 1.
64F ..... Place
345, 145, 5, 123, 145, 123, 5, 145, 345, 1.
65D ..... Bob
345, 145, 5, 3, 145, 3, 5, 145, 345, 1.
66P ..... Place
345, 145, 125, 1, 5, 1, 125, 145, 345, 123.
67F ..... Place
345, 145, 125, 1, 345, 1, 125, 145, 345, 1.
68F ..... Place
345, 145, 125, 3, 145, 3, 125, 145, 345, 1.
69P ..... Place
5, 1, 125, 1, 5, 1, 125, 1, 5, 123.
70C ..... Place
5, 1, 125, 1, 345, 1, 125, 1, 5, 1.
73F Rev. Minster Place
5, 1, 125, 123, 345, 123, 125, 1, 5, 1.
75C ..... Place
5, 145, 5, 1, 125, 1, 5, 145, 5, 1
76D Hordle Place
5, 145, 5, 1, 345, 1, 5, 145, 5, 1.
78E ..... Place
5, 145, 5, 123, 125, 123, 5, 145, 5, 1.
79F ..... Place
5, 145, 5, 123, 345, 123, 5, 145, 5, 1.
81E ..... Bob
5, 145, 5, 3, 125, 3, 5, 145, 5, 1.
82D ..... Bob
5, 145, 5, 3, 145, 3, 5, 145, 5, 1.
83F ..... Bob
5, 145, 5, 3, 345, 3, 5, 145, 5, 1.
85E ..... Place
5, 145, 125, 3, 125, 3, 125, 145, 5, 1.
86F ..... Bob
5, 145, 125, 3, 345, 3, 125, 145, 5, 1.
87R Montgomeryshire Place
5, 145, 125, 123, 5, 123, 125, 145, 5, 123.
88F ..... Place
5, 145, 125, 123, 345, 123, 125, 145, 5, 1.

III (b) One hunt, three-lead plain course.

64U ..... Bob
3, 1, 125, 1, 345, 1, 125, 1, 3, 123.
65J ..... Bob
3, 1, 125, 1, 345, 1, 125, 1, 3, 125.
67V ..... Bob
3, 145, 125, 1, 345, 1, 125, 145, 3, 123.
69V ..... Place
345, 1, 125, 1, 345, 1, 125, 1, 345, 123.
71V Buckinghamshire Place
345, 145, 5, 1, 125, 1, 5, 145, 345, 123.
72U ..... Bob
345, 145, 5, 1, 145, 1, 5, 145, 345, 123.
73S Cambridgeshire Slow Course
345, 145, 5, 1, 345, 1, 5, 145, 345, 123.
74U ..... Place
345, 145, 5, 123, 145, 123, 5, 145, 345, 123.
75S ..... Slow Course
345, 145, 5, 3, 145, 3, 5, 145, 345, 123.
76U ..... Place
345, 145, 125, 1, 345, 1, 125, 145, 345, 123.
77U ..... Place
345, 145, 125, 3, 145, 3, 125, 145, 345, 123.
81V Cheshire Place
5, 145, 5, 1, 125, 1, 5, 145, 5, 123.
82S Cornwall Slow Course
5, 145, 5, 1, 345, 1, 5, 145, 5, 123.
83T Denbighshire Slow Course
5, 145, 5, 123, 125, 123, 5, 145, 5, 123.
84U Flintshire Place
5, 145, 5, 123, 345, 123, 5, 145, 5, 123.
85T Cardiganshire Slow Course
5, 145, 5, 3, 125, 3, 5, 145, 5, 123.
86S ..... Slow Course
5, 145, 5, 3, 145, 3, 5, 145, 5, 123.
87U Caernarvonshire Bob
5, 145, 5, 3, 345, 3, 5, 145, 5, 123.
88U Radnorshire Place
5, 145, 125, 123, 345, 123, 125, 145, 5, 123.
89T Glamorgan Slow Course
5, 145, 125, 3, 125, 3, 125, 145, 5, 123.
90U Merionethshire Bob
5, 145, 125, 3, 345, 3, 125, 145, 5, 123.

Add these methods, each having bells striking eight consecutive blows in one place. They have been rung to peals and named by the Southwell Diocesan Guild.

806G Shelford Slow Course
3, 1, 125, 123, 125, 123, 125, 1, 3, 125.
814G Bilborough Slow Course
3, 145, 125, 123, 125, 123, 125, 145, 3, 125.
823G Norwell Slow Course
345, 1, 125, 123, 125, 123, 125, 1, 345, 125.
827Q Essex Place
345, 145, 5, 1, 5, 1, 5, 145, 345, 145.
829A Suffolk Place
345, 145, 5, 123, 5, 123, 5, 145, 345, 125.
830G Surrey Slow Course
345, 145, 5, 123, 125, 123, 5, 145, 345, 125.
832H Sussex Place
345, 145, 5, 123, 345, 123, 5, 145, 345, 125.
833A Shropshire Bob
345, 145, 5, 3, 5, 3, 5, 145, 345, 125.
834G Somerset Slow Course
345, 145, 5, 3, 125, 3, 5, 145, 345, 125.
835H Staffordshire Bob
345, 145, 5, 3, 345, 3, 5, 145, 345, 125.
843A Worcestershire Place
345, 145, 125, 123, 5, 123, 125, 145, 345, 125.
844G Yorkshire Slow Course
345, 145, 125, 123, 125, 123, 125, 145, 345, 125.
848A Warwickshire Bob
345, 145, 125, 3, 5, 3, 125, 145, 345, 125.
849G Westmorland Slow Course
345, 145, 125, 3, 125, 3, 125, 145, 345, 125.
851H Wiltshire Bob
345, 145, 125, 3, 345, 3, 125, 145, 345, 125.
856T Brecon Slow Course
5, 1, 125, 123, 125, 123, 125, 1, 5, 123.
857K Caunton Slow Course
5, 1, 125, 123, 125, 123, 125, 1, 5, 125.
859Q Devon Place
5, 145, 5, 1, 5, 1, 5, 145, 5, 145.
861B Lancashire Bob
5, 145, 5, 123, 5, 123, 5, 145, 5, 125.
862K Leicestershire Slow Course
5, 145, 5, 123, 125, 123, 5, 145, 5, 125.
864N Lincolnshire Bob
5, 145, 5, 123, 345, 123, 5, 145, 5, 125.
865B Hertfordshire Bob
5, 145, 5, 3, 5, 3, 5, 145, 5, 125.
866K Huntingdonshire Slow Course
5, 145, 5, 3, 125, 3, 5, 145, 5, 125.
867N Kent Bob
5, 145, 5, 3, 345, 3, 5, 145, 5, 125.
873B Nottinghamshire Bob
5, 145, 125, 123, 5, 123, 125, 145, 5, 125.
875T Pembrokeshire Slow Course
5, 145, 125, 123, 125, 123, 125, 145, 5, 125.
876K Oxfordshire Slow Course
5, 145, 125, 123, 125, 123, 125, 145, 5, 125.
879J Rutland Bob
5, 145, 125, 123, 345, 123, 125, 145, 5, 125.
880B Herefordshire Bob
5, 145, 125, 3, 5, 3, 125, 145, 5, 125.
881K Northamptonshire Slow Course
5, 145, 125, 3, 125, 3, 125, 145, 5, 125.
883N Northumberland Bob
5, 145, 125, 3, 345, 3, 125, 145, 5, 125.

N.B.—The bob for methods marked Q is 125 at trebles lead, and not as given on page 575.

Cumberland is a bobbed lead of 4C Uffington and of 39V Bedfordshire.
Durham is a bobbed lead of 82S Cornwall and of 76D Hordle.
Derbyshire is a bobbed lead of 5D Union and of 37S Poyle.
Gloucestershire is a bobbed lead of 71V Buckinghamshire and of 61C Tallington.
Hampshire is a bobbed lead of 73S Cambridgeshire and of 63D Rev. St. Owen.
Dorset is a bobbed lead of 81V Cheshire and of 75C.
Brigstock is a bobbed lead of 19B Rev. Canterbury. [To be continued]

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

Ringing is restricted at many of the 8-bell towers which predominate within the Leeds Society, owing to their being situated in densely-populated areas. These restrictions are usually met by having more than one tower open during the day, and such was the position at the Society's last meeting on February 22nd.

The bells of Idle, which now forms part of the city of Bradford, were available in the afternoon, whilst ringing took place at nearby Calverley in the evening. Tea and the business meeting afterwards were held in the Church School at Idle.

The heavy snowfall on the previous two days made travelling conditions difficult in the area, but about 25 members and friends joined the ringing.

Both sets of bells were found to go fairly easily, and Calverley's in particular had the advantage of being clearly heard. It was gratifying that the standard of striking during the day was generally good, and the ringing included courses of several Surprise methods up to the standard of London

Next meeting: March 29th, at Birstall (provisional). R. C.

Two Welsh Guilds at Gorseinon

The excellent weather on March 8th was very helpful for the joint meeting of the Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild and the St. David's Guild at Gorseinon, Glam, there being a good attendance, with many travelling long distances.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. Trevor Evans), and after tea the Guilds divided for their separate business

The Swansea and Brecon Guild decided to hold a practice meeting at St. Mary's, Brecon, on the first Saturday in September and the A.G.M. at St. Paul's, Sketty, on the first Saturday in December.

The Vicar of St. Florence, Pembroke, thanked those responsible for the tea, and the Vicar of Gorseinon was thanked for being so helpful in granting the use of the bells and conducting the service. J. A. H.

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LONG LENGTH

BRISTOL.—On Feb. 15th, 3,743 Grandsire Caters: Heather A. Kippin 1, S. Bateman 2, B. Martin 3, N. Dawson 4, T. Newlands 5, R. J. Bowden 6, P. J. Bird 7, A. Tubb 8, R. C. Kippin 9, D. J. Hunt 10. A peal attempt called round. First quarter of Caters by 2, 3, 4 and 5.

FOUR QUARTERS IN A DAY

On Saturday, March 1st

ILCHESTER, SOM.—1,320 Northrepps Doubles: C. Gratton 1, Mrs. L. Parker 2, J. Cornelius (cond.) 3, G. Nabb 4, R. Parker 5. First in the variation by all.

BABCARY, SOM.—1,260 St. David's Doubles: Mrs. L. Parker 1, J. Cornelius (cond.) 2, R. Parker 3, C. Gratton 4, D. S. Beaufoy 5, G. Nabb 6. First in the variation by all.

WEST LYDFORD, SOM.—1,260 Clifford's Pleasure Doubles: J. Cornelius (cond.) 1, Mrs. L Parker 2, C. Gratton 3, G Nabb 4, R. Parker 5, D. S. Beaufoy 6. First in the variation by all.

CHARLTON MACKRELL, SOM.—1,260 Doubles (1 meth. 3 var.): Mrs. E. Welch 1, Mrs. L. Parker 2, C. Gratton 3, J. Cornelius (cond.) 4, R. Parker 5, R. Welch 6.

ADDINGTON, SURREY. — On Feb. 23rd, 1,320 Bourne Surprise Minor: A. Hobbs 1, Louise Powell 2, E. G. H. Godfrey 3, Amanda Powell 4, Wendy Wallace 5, C. H. Macve (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on March 2nd, 1,320 York Surprise Minor: E. G. H. Godfrey 1, Louise Powell 2, N. Bennett 3, Wendy Wallace (cond.) 4, I. Wiltshire 5, C. H. Macve 6. For Evensong.

ALBURY, SURREY.—On March 1st, 1,320 Stedman Doubles: R. A. Grant 1, R. J. Talbot 2, Carol Martin 3, A. H. Long 4, A. J. C. Brown 5, K. G. Game (cond.) 6. First Stedman Doubles 1, 3, 4, 5, 6.

ALLESLEY, WARKS.—On March 2nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Joan Hutchinson (first quarter) 1, Clare Dolphin 2, D. M. Callow 3, E. J. Gower 4, H. G. Summers 5, I. D Thompson (cond.) 6, P. Stone 7, T. W. T. Taylor 8. For Matins.

AMPORT, HANTS.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. M. Donaldson (25th quarter) 1, R. J. M. Bavin (first Minor) 2, Jane Dando 3, R. W. T. Slack 4, S. M. Jack 5, A. J. Mason (cond.) 6. Rung by the Winchester College Society.

ANGERSLEIGH, SOM. — On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (11 m/v): D. Roberts 1, Miss M. J. Beale 2, K. E. Beale (cond.) 3, J. Cornelius 4, M. A Arscott 5. Also on March 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): A. K. Whatmore 1, K. E. Beale 2, M. A. Arscott (cond.) 3, A. W. Knight 4, R. A. C. Cross 5.

ASH PRIORS, SOM.—On Feb. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Morris 1, R. Bartlett 2, T. Hancock 3 A. Knight 4, R. Cross (cond.) 5, F. Pike 6. Rung in honour of the birth of the first grandchild of the tenor ringer. Also on Feb. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Knight 1, A. H. Reed 2, Miss M. J. Beale 3, J. Cornelius 4, K. E. Beale (cond.) 5, R. A. C. Cross 6. Rung after the christening of Caroline Mary, daughter of Mr and Mrs. R. A. C. Cross.

BATH, SOM.—At the Abbey, on March 2nd, 1,265 Stedman Caters: E. Naylor 1, D. Mackay 2, G. Salmon 3, A. Reed 4, R. E. Beck 5, P. H. D. Jones 6, A. P. Beck (first Stedman as cond.) 7, R. G. Beck 8, E. J. Chivers 9, V. Savage 10. For Evensong.

BETTON, LINCS.—On Feb 16th, 1,320 Minor (three methods): Miss E. Pearson 1, J. Selby 2, Miss J. Arrand 3, D. Arrand 4, S. Selby 5, M. A. Rose (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on March 2nd, 1,320 Minor (four methods): Miss E. Pearson 1, Miss J. Arrand 2, J. Selby 3, D. Arrand 4, S. Selby 5, M. A. Rose (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.—On March 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. Hardy 1, W. R. Chandler 2, Catherine Hardy 3 Robert Coughlan 4, R. J. Brown (cond.) 5, Miss B. Fisher 6. For Evensong.

BERKHAMSTED, HERTS.—On March 8th, 1,344 Double Norwich C.B. Major: Sue M. Heyworth 1, Judith H. Harvey 2, R. A. Yeates 3, R. J. Wilsher 4, N. C. V. Pollock 5, J. P. Coad 6, L. J. Haines (cond.) 7, J. R Pratt 8.

BISHOP'S SUTTON, HANTS.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): Lt.-Cdr. G. Wardle 1, R. R. Crook 2, R. J. Latham 3, A. M. Donaldson 4, A. J. Mason (cond.) 5. For Matins.

QUARTER PEALS

BILSTON, STAFFS.—On Jan. 26th, 1,250 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Sylvia J. Leadbeater (first T.B. Major) 1, D. J. G. Bates 2, I. A. Sheffield (first Surprise Major) 3, R. B. Dorrington 4, C. J. Bennett 5, A. J. Fletcher 6, P. G. K. Davies (cond.) 7, S. T. Yates 8. A wedding compliment to Sylvia Leadbeater and Remi Hodister, both ringers at St. Leonard's Church, married there February 8th. First Surprise Major by local Sunday service band.

BRINKLOW, WARKS.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Susan Bagshaw 1, R. Liggins 2, B. Elliott 3, D. Mountford 4, I. F. Garvie 5, I. D. Thompson (cond.) 6.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.—1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: C. Hammond 1, D. Patten 2, H. Halls 3, S. Bignore 4, J. Eaton 5, L. Leonard (cond.) 6.

CHURCHSTANTON, SOM.—On Dec. 27th, 1,272 Treble Bob Minor (Oxford, Kent): M. R. Arscott 1, A. F. Arscott 2, J. Cornelius 3, M. A. Arscott 4, K. E. Beale (cond.) 5, R. F. Arscott 6.

CROYDON, SURREY.—At St. John's Church, on March 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Taber (cond.) 1, Mrs. H. Steere 2, E. Razzell 3, R. Davies 4, N. Brown 5, P. Humphries 6, A. Brown 7, I. M. Parry 8. For Evensong.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—On March 2nd, 1,344 Rutland Surprise Major: Mrs. V. Copleston 1, D. E. Potter 2, Mrs. R. Armstrong 3, P. J. Bloomfield 4, G. C. King 5, Miss J. Pullen 6, R. E. Copleston 7, J. Armstrong (cond.) 8. First in method by all except the conductor.

DRAYTON, NORFOLK.—On Feb. 25th, 1,320 Pl. Bob Doubles: M. A. Frost (first quarter) 1, D. E. House 2, Barbara Payne 3 Janet House (first as cond.) 4, Carole Patey 5, G. H. Pullin 6.

DUNKERTON, SOM. — On March 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Thelma Kidley 1, S. C. Davis 2, T Barrett 3, V. J. Bowring 4, S. Milverton 5, A. F. Butt 6. Conducted by 4 and 5. For Matins.

EALING, MIDDX. — At St. Mary's Church, on Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. Sprackling 1, A. H. Fulwell 2, A. M. Stacey 3, F. Bishop 4, Susan Davis 5, P. N. Felton 6, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 7, N. F. Felton 8. For morning service.

ELING, HANTS.—On Feb. 9th, 1,260 Minor (three methods): Susan V. Banks 1 Catherine A. Roberts 2, Elizabeth A Banks 3, D. C. Jackson 4, L. D. Smith (cond.) 5, R. Allinson 6. For evening service.

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FOLKESTONE, KENT. — On March 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. L. Webb 1, Anne Barber 2, J. Hedgcock 3, P. C. Sinden 4, A. P. S. Berry (cond.) 5, J. F. Wellard 6.

GODSHILL, I.o.W.—On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Kim Evans 1, C. Callaway 2, Elsie Wyatt 3, A. Evans 4, L. Bailey (cond.) 5, J. Mullins 6 To mark the 40th wedding anniversary of C. H. Denness (tower captain) and Mrs. Denness.

GRANTHAM, LINCS.—On March 2nd, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: D. Leafe 1, D. A. Frith 2, F. W. Pinchbeck 3, V. Evans 4, J. Holmes 5, P. A. Slight 6, B. Buttery (cond.) 7, R. H. Woods 8. First Oxford Bob for 1, 4, 5, 6 and 7. For Evensong.

GREAT HOLLAND, ESSEX.—On March 8th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: Vivian Cooper (first quarter) 1, J. C. Walters 2, S. Leach 3, R. J. Isgar 4, F. B. Lufkin (cond.) 5, G. H. Isgar 6.

HATFIELD BROAD OAK, ESSEX. — On March 1st, 1,376 Plain Bob Major: Lesley Tibbitts 1, Susan F. Thomas 2, G. H. Walker 3, M. Waring 4, B. J. W. Foley 5, P. Dickinson 6, D. A. Tovell 7, J. E. Murfitt (first Major as cond.) 8. First Major 1, 3, 4 and 6. Rung for the 21st birthday of the tenor ringer (following day).

HENSINGHAM, CUMBERLAND.—On March 2nd, 1,260 Bob Doubles. G. Eilbeck 1, F. Richardson 2, J. E. Brown 3, W. Seward 4, Mrs M. Dodd (first as cond.) 5. For Evensong.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On March 9th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Hazel Pady 1, Pam Bird 2, Dawn Colcombe 3, H. Colcombe 4, P. Henry 5, J. King (cond.) 6. A silver wedding compliment to John and Kitty King.

HESSLE, E. YORKS.—On March 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. Hessey (first quarter) 1, G. P. Horton 2, G. F. Gardiner 3, E. Moss 4, R. R. Horton (cond.) 5, K. Gatman 6. Rung for the Stewardship Campaign and Evensong.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Triples: J. A. McCutcheon (first quarter) 1, Jacky Saker 2, G. Horritt 3, Maureen P. Colley 4, P. J. Cranfield 5, W. Gates 6, I. R. Panton (cond.) 7, A. Gentle 8. For Ash Wednesday.

HORSELL, SURREY. — 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. H. Long 1, R. J. Talbot 2, A. J. C. Brown 3, Carol Martin 4, R. A. Grant 5, K. G. Game (cond.) 6. First Grandsire Doubles 3 and 4

HUISH EPISCOPI, SOM.—On Jan. 7th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Triples: R. Selway 1, R. Parker 2, Mrs. R. Parker (first on eight) 3, K. Prime 4, T. Marks 5, D. Beaufoy 6, F. Sandy (cond.) 7, G. Jeanes 8.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints' Church, on Jan. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. T. Howes 1, J. R. Hough 2, Miss J. K. A. Cook 3, B. Whatley 4, P. E. Wells 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. Rung with best wishes to the ringers of 2 and 3 upon their recent engagement.

INGRAVE, ESSEX.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): M. Bradshaw (first quarter) 1, Merrilyn Chambers 2, Sylvia Bedford 3, E. Potter 4, P. Bedford (cond.) 5. For Evensong.

KINGSBURY EPISCOPI, SOM.—On March 6th, 1,260 Antelope Doubles: F. J Morris 1, K. E. Beale (cond.) 2, J. Cornelius 3, M A. Arscott 4, R. A. Cross 5, A. Cross 6. First in the method by all.

OBITUARY

MR. JACK CLEGG

With deep regret we announce the death of Mr. Jack Clegg, of Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Manchester, in hospital on March 5th. He was 52 years of age and had only been ill a few weeks, being admitted to hospital five days before he died.

The funeral service took place at Christ Church, West Didsbury, Manchester, on March 8th, and the interment was in Southern Cemetery.

Jack was taught to ring by the late Mr. L. J Williams at Church Kirk in 1934. At the outbreak of war he was called upon to serve his country both at home and abroad. He married after the war and settled in Manchester, where he continued to ring.

Jack was a member of the Lancashire Association and the Ancient Society of College Youths. He rang 84 peals and of these he conducted 25, some to his own compositions. Owing to pressure from his work he was unable to ring during the last few years.

The sympathy of ringing friends is extended to his widow, Margaret, his two sons and daughter. C. C.

MR. L. VEAL

The sudden death at the age of 58 years of Mr. Leonard Veal at St. Martin's Hospital, Bath, on March 9th, came as a great shock to the villagers of Camerton and Dunkerton, where he was well known and greatly respected.

A regular and devoted worshipper at St. Peter's, Camerton, Somerset, he was for many years churchwarden, bellringer and secretary of the tower. He was a member of the Frome Branch, Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, and although he never advanced beyond Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles he could always be relied upon to ring for the Sunday services and help with any church work.

It was a great sorrow to him when the bells at Camerton became unringable. He worked hard to try to raise the money to recast and rehang the bells in a new frame, but he died with his wish unfulfilled.

Leonard was always ready to help other struggling bands, and when Dunkerton band were striving to master method ringing he would come along every practice night and stand in. All at Dunkerton will miss him sadly.

He was laid to rest at St. Peter's, Camerton, on March 13th, and in the evening a half-muffled quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung by the local band at Dunkerton.

S. C. D.

MR. A. T. FLEET

When Albert Thomas Fleet came to live within earshot of St. Mary's, Eastbourne, he was near retirement age, having already given long service to the Exercise at Husborne Crawleay, Woburn, Ickleton, Finchampstead, Stockbridge and Caversham

Within a few weeks he joined the local band and showed that, health permitting, he would be one of its most regular members, always eager to "fill up the gaps for rounds", yet unwilling to ring anything more complicated if there were youngsters present who could benefit from the experience. In fact it was months before we realised that here was a ringer in advance of us all—at home in Stedman and Double Norwich, competent in a number of Surprise methods, able to conduct and ring "in hand" with the best of us

Newcomers to the tower were likewise misled, and sometimes approached Bert, sitting quietly by, with a kind enquiry as to whether he could manage the treble to a plain course of Doubles. This would cause him much silent merriment, though he was always careful not to embarrass the enquirer. His occupation, too, as a gardener in some of England's stately homes, did not lead one to anticipate his lively conversation and the vital careers of his children

Peal ringing was stopped by the doctor when his total was 84. The list, mostly Minor and Major Surprise, includes four as conductor and five on handbells. His first peal in 1919 was also his father's first; his last, some 15 years ago, was his son's first.

The funeral at St. Mary's on March 11th was preceded by half-muffled touches of Stedman and Bob Major by his friends, and in the evening half-muffled ringing was continued. Among the flowers received were some from the Caversham ringers, and several quarter peals will be recorded elsewhere in "The Ringing World"

In the few years during which we were privileged to know him he created in our memories a true example of Christian humility. As a friend, no less than as a ringer, he will be sadly missed by all. His ashes lie beside the centuries-old path which leads to the belfry door. H. R.

MR. ROBERT N. A. SMITH

Robert Smith, who started learning at Bushey some six months ago, collapsed and died at work on March 7th at the early age of 17. By his keenness and determination he had raised high hopes, and his passing is a severe loss to the tower. A quiet, unassuming young man, he was much liked by all who knew him and he will be greatly missed. C. W. W.

MR. WILLIAM HENRY MARSH

"Bill" Marsh died at Street, Somerset, on February 19th, at the age of 76. He was born in the town and spent his working life at Clark's shoe factory there. A loyal servant of the church and a chorister at Street for over 60 years, he became a ringer like his father and brother and was elected to the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association in 1918. In due course he took charge of the ringing at Street and had been tower captain since 1926 at least. Later he served as secretary of the Glaston Branch for 24 years from 1938 to 1962, and his retirement from office was marked by the Association, who elected him an honorary life member.

We cannot record a long list of ringing achievements—he rang only one peal, Grandsire Triples, at his own tower; but his contribution to local ringers and ringing was much valued and many local ringers paid their last tribute at his funeral on February 26th. J. Badman, R. Lampert, B. Chivers and F. Paramore were bearers, the Rev. H. F. S. Stubbs, chairman of the Glaston Branch, read the lesson, and local towers were represented by C. Dinham, P. H. Hull, H. Atwell, S. Atwell, Miss S. Hallett, C. R. Jenkins, G. Salmon, V. Voisey, J. Metcalfe and W. A. Osborn, as well as the Street band

Street bells were rung half-muffled for the service and again in the evening, together with those at St. Cuthbert's, Wells. In memoriam a quarter peal was rung for Evensong at Dinder on February 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Morgan 1. P. H. Hull 2, J. E. Metcalfe 3, H. Crabbe 4. G. Salmon (cond.) 5. T. Crabbe 6.

We remember W. H. Marsh's work with gratitude.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

The quarterly meeting of the North Dorset Branch, held at Stourton Caundle on March 8th, attracted over 50 members and visitors, the biggest attendance for 21 years. There was a good proportion of juniors, especially from Durweston, where they have six senior and 12 junior ringers to man their six bells.

Ringing started at Bishop's Caundle (5) shortly before 3 p.m. and continued both there and at Stourton Caundle (4) until the service at 4.30. In his address the Vicar (Rev. L. G. Inge) extended a warm welcome and spoke of the service given to the Church by ringers in the performance of their art. During the prayers the late Mr. H. G. Ricketts, of Durweston, was remembered as a former Branch member who had died recently.

After an ample tea in the Village Hall, served by the Misses Julius and their helpers, the Branch chairman (Rev. R. G. Chaffey Moore) presided over the business meeting and dealt with a long agenda in his usual masterly manner. Five new members were elected and the secretary gave a reminder that those wishing to go on the Branch outing on September 6th should give in their names at the next meeting, i.e., at Stourton on June 14th.

Most members went on to Stalbridge (6) for further ringing until 9 p.m.

CORRECTIONS & AMENDMENTS

MR. EDWARD TINSLEY

Through a misunderstanding we reported the death of Mr. Edward Tinsley, of Long Clawson, Leics, on page 205. We are happy to state that Mr. Tinsley is very much alive. The local ringers desired to have recorded not only a peal but also a tribute to his long and faithful service to the church.

Mr. Arthur Mason is not the sole survivor of the band who rang a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, 47 years ago (see page 206) He informs us that Mr Harold Clarke, who is now living in the Midlands, rang the treble.

The Cambridge University Guild peal at Bedford (page 207) was 5,079 changes in 3 hours 7 minutes and not as printed.

BELFRY GOSSIP

By the peal of Grandsire Cinques at Painswick, three of the band—Messrs. R. G. Beck, R. E. J. Baker and E. J. Chivers—completed the Grandsire family from Doubles to Cinques.

The Cumberlands scored a good peal of London Surprise Royal at Wells Cathedral on March 8th with Dennis Beresford on the tenor. The Master, Derek E. Sibson, conducted.

A member of the Cambridge University Guild, Christopher Daws, of Kingswood, Surrey, will be rowing with the light blues against Oxford in the boat race on Saturday, April 5th.

Mr. Martin Denyer, of Ash, Surrey, a young member of St. Peter's band, has now returned to work after a scooter accident, which necessitated treatment at a Guildford hospital. In addition to his Sunday service ringing Martin acts as steeplekeeper at Ash. He is a member of a well-known ringing family residing in Aldershot and district.

Mr. Alan R. Pink has rung 100 peals on the bells of St. Ebbe's, Oxford. The number of peals in the tower is probably near 300

Mr. David Rothera asks us to state that the number of Surprise Major peals he rang last year was 57 and not 67 as was inadvertently printed on page 201

A quarter of Triples was arranged at Hawley, Hants, to honour the wedding of Christine Jennings, the daughter of the tower captain. Unfortunately Mr. Jennings was taken ill shortly before the start and Minor had to be substituted.

The band who rang the peal at Wymondham on February 16th would like to congratulate Mr. Tom Spight, the popular secretary of the local company, on ringing his first peal of Surprise Royal at the age of 64 and ringing it extremely well. They are grateful to him both for arranging the peal and for providing a splendid tea afterwards at the Abbey Hotel.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

FIVE PEALS IN A WEEK-END

(See page 247)

Friday, February 21st, saw seven dedicated peal ringers braving the snowy weather and heading north for Leicester; Wilb, Tim and Laurie travelling by train and Bob, Kath, J. R. K and John P. by car. After a quick "cuppa" and sandwich in Leicester Bus Station café we made our way to All Saints'. Geoff Bridges met us here and presented J. R. K., who had discovered that Simon Humphrey's composition of Lincolnshire was true to Worthington Surprise Major, with a Worthington beer mat as a lucky charm. This must have worked as we succeeded in ringing the first true peal in the method, under Tim's guidance, in 2 hours and 32 minutes. We then rushed to St. Margaret's and were pleased to be allowed to join in the ringing at the end of practice. Then after a quick pint with the St. Margaret's ringers we made our way to Derby where we were staying the night.

Saturday morning found us at Shepshed for an attempt at Superlative which, despite the ringer of the fifth losing his rope, was successful. Wilb insisted on taking his shirt off to ring the tenor, so he was made respectable by Bob combing the hairs on his chest (all ten of them) with a large comb found in the belfry. After a reviving drink in the Red Lion we made our way to Loughborough for a Chinese meal. Another diner fainted while we were there but was ably revived by some of our party. With time on our hands after lunch we knocked up Tony Clayton at the foundry and were pleased to be shown round. We weighed the morning's peal band—10 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. (in F?): it must have been that Chinese food sitting heavy!

Our next attempt was to have been Albanian Surprise Royal on the foundry bells, but after trying the bells we thought it wiser to change to Bob Royal and a good peal was rung. We were joined for this attempt by Denis Carlisle and Geoff's brother, Alan, and Kath rang her first peal of Royal on "the heavy end!". After a very welcome cup of tea, provided by Tony, we adjourned to a Worthington pub in Kegworth, but not before one of the band had tried to persuade enough people to join him for another peal that night at the foundry! Some of the party in their hurry went through the first door they came to: did they forget which sex they were? Back to Derby with fish and chips for some and then to bed.

Most of us managed to get up in time to join the local ringers at Derby Cathedral on Sunday morning, and the peal grabbers Geoff, Alan, Tim and John P. rang a peal of Bob Major "in hand" before lunch. Unfortunately Bob's car was involved in a slight accident in Derby due to the car behind not stopping when he did, but we all managed to reach St. Andrew's in time for the last attempt of the week-end, for which we were joined by Geoff Randall. The tenor man, John P., was in fine form and we rang Cambridge Royal in 2 hours 52 minutes, a very good finish to the week-end. After an excellent spread, prepared by Mrs. Bridges, it was time to make our separate ways home.

Our thanks go to Geoff Bridges and John Ketteringham for all the arrangements, to Mr. and Mrs. Bridges for their hospitality and to the incumbents and Paul Taylor who allowed us to ring peals on their bells. K. S. H.

SPLICED SURPRISE MAXIMUS ON HANDBELLS

On February 20th the first peal of the above was rung at Marple, Cheshire. This was the third occasion on which this band had attempted it, and after a couple of very brief false starts they were successful. The quality of ringing after the initial settling down period improved throughout the peal; indeed it was a disappointment for the ringing to stop at the end.

The composition was John Reeves' 27 courses extended to 35, each called Wembley, Yorkshire, Wembley.

The speed of ringing settled to almost exactly five minutes per course, having started at 7.07 p.m. and finishing at 10 p.m. Several tape-recordings were made of different sections of the ringing, as is our custom.

In view of the eventual success of this venture and the number of ringers in the area who are up to Oxford T B. Maximus, I do not think it will be long before the number of Surprise Maximus methods rung spliced "in hand" will be increased.

GILES B. THOMPSON
(Umpire).

NOTE.—Peal report on page 251.

THE BELLS ARE RINGING

In the "Staffordshire Weekly Sentinel" James Williams writes knowingly in an article "Ring Out the Bells". After pointing out that church dignitaries and functionaries get a fair share of the parochial limelight (although not deliberately courting publicity), he asks: "But what about bellringers? Nobody sees them at work except other bellringers. They ply their craft in a little cell of their own immured in a stone tower, cut off from all communication with the outside world.

"While other worshippers make a point of dressing up, bellringers labour in their shirt sleeves, unseen, unknown and unhonoured.

"No service starts without them. They are there before parson, clerk or choir; no one sees them come; no one sees them go; no one knows of their existence.

"'The bells are ringing. We had better hurry,' people say, with no acknowledgement that men are ringing them. No thought assails them for the well-being of those whose arms are going unceasingly up and down in a complicated rhythm in an endeavour to call them early to their devotions.

"'The bells are ringing,' they say. Bells no more ring themselves than organs play, anthems sing, sermons preach or banns call.

"It is the campanologists' lot to make more noise than all the others put together and to be heard of least of all. They will doubtless get their reward elsewhere."

WHEN THE BELLS RING AT HEREFORD CATHEDRAL

The "Hereford Times" had a most readable feature article on the Cathedral bells and ringers last month, written by Sally Hesmondhalgh. Commenting on the bells (tenor 33 cwt.), the article states: "They are so heavy that each time they are struck the huge beams in the ringing chamber vibrate, the floor shakes and the whole tower seems to quiver."

"But if they don't sway, towers are unsafe and will crack eventually," adds the knowledgable Mrs. Edna Pannell, the new secretary of the Hereford District.

INVESTITURE RINGING

At the meeting of St. David's Guild at Gorseinon on March 8th the Master (Rev. R. W. Thomas) suggested that during Investiture Year a peal should be rung in every tower in the diocese.

Mr. Adrian Boorman, of St. David's, announcing arrangements for ringing at the Cathedral during Investiture Week, said that a peal attempt by the Cambridge University Guild (of which Prince Charles is an honorary member) would take place on Saturday, June 28th. On the day of the investiture it was hoped to ring a peal or quarter peal and on the Thursday after, when His Royal Highness was to attend Matins at the Cathedral, the local ringers would ring before the service and a quarter peal by a band selected from Guild members would be attempted afterwards. The bell tower would remain open for the rest of the day and all bellringers will then be welcome. B. M. R.

SHEFFIELD CATHEDRAL £20,000 APPEAL

The Provost of Sheffield has launched a fund to raise £20,000 for the restoration of the bells of Sheffield Cathedral, which have been out of action for more than a year. An improvement to the belfry will be the transfer of the clock to the modern Cathedral tower.

READING UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

At the A.G.M. of the Reading University Society, held on March 13th, the following officers were elected for the forthcoming year: Rev. J. G. Graham (University Chaplain), president; Mr. J. R. Leary, Master; Mr. L. Barber, steeplekeeper; Miss S. K. Taylor, secretary/treasurer. Address for correspondence is now: Letters Rack, Geography–Geology Department, University of Reading, Whiteknights Park, Reading, Berks. L. M. G.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The St. Albans District meeting at Hatfield on March 15th was well supported, and during the day both the special methods, Little Bob and London Royal, were rung successfully, although some people found the long draught made the bells difficult to handle.

The service was taken by the Rector, Rev. J. Stowe. Tea in St. Michael's Church Hall was followed by the business meeting, for which Mr. T. J. Lock took the chair. One new member, Linda Saunders, of North Mymms, was elected. The secretary announced that the District dinner would be held on December 6th at the Peahen Hotel, St. Albans, and also asked for annual subscriptions, which are now overdue.

District members were urged to give as much support to special practices for learners as they were willing to give to more advanced practices. The next special practice is on May 7th at North Mymms. The profit made on the tea was given to the Voluntary Bell Fund.

Next District meeting, April 19th South Mymms. Association A.G.M. on April 12th, Hemel Hempstead. K. S. H.

1968 PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

FRODSHAM, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.
On Mon., Sept. 9, 1968, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

*Nicholas Green	Treble	H. Lyndon Hatfield	5
Keith Hackney	2	Oswald Claybrook	6
Lucy P. A. Hopkins	3	Keith J. Walpole	7
John E. Bibby	4	John R. Bibby	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by John R. Bibby.
* First peal. Tenor 12 cwt.

FRODSHAM, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence,
On Mon., Sept. 23, 1968, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

*Linda B. Jones	Treble	Graham K. Austin	5
Nigel P. A. Goulding	2	Oswald Claybrook	6
John R. Ridley	3	Keith J. Walpole	7
John E. Bibby	4	John R. Bibby	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by John R. Bibby.
* First peal. Tenor 12 cwt.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION

ST. MARTIN'S, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Martin.
On Sat., Dec. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

*M. Clarke	Treble	†Linda Wilkinson	4
J. Parry	2	‡R. Hotchkiss	5
K. Morgan	3	D. Parry	Tenor

Conducted by D. Parry.
* First peal. † 25th peal. ‡ First "inside."

ST. MARTIN'S, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Martin.
On Tues., Dec. 31, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 18 extents each of Grandsire and Plain Bob and three 240's of Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt.

R. Hotchkiss	Treble	J. Parry	4
A. Watkin	2	K. Morgan	5
D. Parry	3	*T. James	Tenor

Conducted by D. Parry.
* First peal.
Rung as a farewell compliment to Mr. David Britton on his departure as organist of this church.

FIVE PEALS IN A WEEK-END

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LEICESTER, Leics.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Fri., Feb. 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 WORTHINGTON SURPRISE MAJOR

Geoffrey Bridges	Treble	Laurence C. Way	5
Katherine S. Hardy	2	Andrew W. R. Wilby	6
John Pladdys	3	Timothy G. Pett	7
John R. Ketteringham	4	Robert E. Hardy	Tenor

Composed by Simon Humphrey. Conducted by Timothy G. Pett.
First peal in the method. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in A.

WORTHINGTON SURPRISE MAJOR
—38—14—56—16—12—38—14—38 B b,n.

SHEPSHED, Leics.—At the Church of St. Botolph.
On Sat., Feb. 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

Timothy G. Pett	Treble	Laurence C. Way	5
*Katherine S. Hardy	2	John Pladdys	6
*Geoffrey Bridges	3	Robert E. Hardy	7
*John R. Ketteringham	4	*Andrew W. R. Wilby	Tenor

Composed by Sir Arthur P. Heywood. Conducted by Robert E. Hardy.
* First peal in the method.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Sat., Feb. 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

John R. Ketteringham	Treble	Alan H. Bridges	6
Robert E. Hardy	2	Katherine S. Hardy	7
Timothy G. Pett	3	Laurence C. Way	8
Denis R. Carlisle	4	†Andrew W. R. Wilby	9
*Geoffrey Bridges	5	John Pladdys	Tenor

Composed by H. J. Tucker. Conducted by Andrew W. R. Wilby.
* First peal of Royal in the method. † 75th peal.

DERBY, Derbys.—At East Wing, St. Andrew's Churchyard.
On Sun., Feb. 23, 1969, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 8 in C.

Alan H. Bridges	1–2	*Geoffrey Bridges	5–6
Timothy G. Pett	3–4	John Pladdys	7–8

Arranged and Conducted by Timothy G. Pett.
* First peal of Major on handbells.

DERBY, Derbys.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sun., Feb. 23, 1969, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in E.

John R. Ketteringham	Treble	Geoffrey Bridges	6
Andrew W. R. Wilby	2	Timothy G. Pett	7
*Katherine S. Hardy	3	Alan H. Bridges	8
Robert E. Hardy	4	Geoffrey W. Randall	9
Laurence C. Way	5	John Pladdys	Tenor

Arranged by Giles B. Thompson. Conducted by Timothy G. Pett.
* First peal of Royal in the method.

OTHER PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CURRY RIVEL, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Jan. 11, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Hubbard's 10-part. Tenor 18 cwt. 21 lb. in E.

Keith E. Beale	Treble	†John Cornelius	5
Trevor E. Marks	2	‡Robert Dean	6
*Arthur H. Reed	3	Derek S. Beaufoy	7
Mervyn A. Arscott	4	†Mervyn R. Arscott	Tenor

Conducted by Keith E. Beale.
* First peal of Triples in the method. † First on eight. ‡ First of Triples.

YATTON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Feb. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's 12-part. (2nd obs.). Tenor 21 cwt. 4 lb. in D.

Marjorie Legg	Treble	Arthur H. Reed	5
George Prescott	2	*John Cornelius	6
*Brenda M. Bindon	3	‡Keith E. Beale	7
*†Adrian F. Arscott	4	Sidney G. Smith	Tenor

Conducted by George Prescott.
* First peal of Grandsire. † First on eight. ‡ First of Grandsire Triples.

BATHEASTON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Feb. 22, 1969, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 QUEDGELEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 13 cwt.

Ronald G. Beck	Treble	*P. Hardwick	5
Walter Rice	2	Raymond J. Baker	6
C. Hebden	3	Adrian P. Beck	7
Roy Rice	4	Edward J. Chivers	Tenor

Conducted by Adrian P. Beck.
* First peal of Major. First in the method by all.

AXBRIDGE, Somerset.—At the Church of St. John.
On Sat., Feb. 8, 1969, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 19 cwt 3 qr. 14 lb. in E flat.

John C. Sheppard	Treble	Walter S. Rice	4
Brenda H. Joyce	2	Roy W. Rice	5
*Geoffrey Hebden	3	Edgar T. Skipsey	Tenor

Conducted by Edgar T. Skipsey.
* 25th peal.

ILTON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Feb. 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 8 lb. in F.

*Mervyn R. Arscott	Treble	‡Derek S. Beaufoy	4
†Rodney A. C. Cross	2	†John Cornelius	5
†Mervyn A. Arscott	3	†Keith E. Beale	Tenor

Conducted by Keith E. Beale.
* 25th peal on the treble. † First of Oxford T.B. ‡ First of Oxford T.B. Minor. First of Oxford on the bells.

SHAPWICK, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Feb. 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MINOR
Being seven extents called differently. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

Graham Nabb	Treble	Brian J. Wylde	4
Michael J. Stone	2	†Edwin T. Dibble	5
*Alan G. Kent	3	Cecil T. Clarke	Tenor

Conducted by Cecil T. Clarke.
* First peal in the method. † First "inside" in the method. First in the method as conductor.

COTLEIGH, Devon.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Feb. 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of seven methods: Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's College, Kent Treble Bob, Grandsire, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt. in B flat.

Mervyn R. Arscott	Treble	John Cornelius	4
*Brenda M. Bindon	2	Mervyn A. Arscott	5
Keith E. Beale	3	*Raymond F. Arscott	Tenor

Conducted by Keith E. Beale.
* Most Minor methods.

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.
BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. Mark, the Lord Mayor's Chapel.
On Sat., Feb. 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. in F.

*Shelagh Plumb	Treble	Colin C. Monson	4
Mandi McCallion	2	Anthony J. Cox	5
Ivor Newell	3	Michael J. Platt	Tenor

Conducted by Michael J. Platt.
* First peal.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
CAMBRIDGE.—At the Church of St. Andrew the Great.
On Tues., Feb. 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 11 methods, being 576 Cambridge, Yorkshire, Pudsey, Superlative, 448 Bristol, 384 Ashtead, Cassiobury, Lincolnshire, London, Rutland, Uxbridge, with 124 changes of method. Tenor 10 cwt, 3 qr. 11 lb. in G.

A. T. Winter (Christ's)	Treble	R. A. G. Inglis (Selwyn)	5
R. H. Youdale (Emmanuel)	2	*B. D. Threlfall (Trinity)	6
R. L. Underwood (P'house)	3	D. S. Pont (Christ's)	7
Hilary Muirhead (Newnham)	4	A. F. Scholfield (Clare)	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Richard Inglis.
* 75th peal with the Guild.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
CHURCH LAWTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Feb. 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Ivor Nicholls	Treble	*Christopher Morey	5
Charles A. S. Webb	2	Gerald Parsons	6
Roy Worrall	3	Raymond J. Ballard	7
Norman Sherratt	4	Paul J. Atkins	Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. Davies. Conducted by Raymond J. Ballard.
* First peal of Rutland. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb. in G.

WISTASTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Fri., Feb. 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 4 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being three extents each of Grandsire, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Rev. Canterbury, Plain Bob, and ten variations.
Tenor 4 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in C sharp.

Gordon K. Green	Treble	John R. Scott	3
James S. Baker	2	Geoffrey A. Edwards	4

Frank R. Morton .. .. Tenor
Conducted by Frank R. Morton.
Rung as a wedding compliment to James S. Baker and Ronwyn J. Edmondson, which took place the following day at Wybunbury.

KNUTSFORD, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Feb. 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*Nigel Davies	Treble	Frank R. Morton	4
Christopher J. Jones	2	Geoffrey A. Edwards	5
John R. Scott	3	Harry W. Howard	Tenor

Conducted by Harry W. Howard
* First peal attempt.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

NEWCHURCH, Warrington, Lancs.—At the Parish Church.
On Sat., Feb. 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

F. John Nelson	Treble	Peter Watson	5
G. Richard King	2	Timothy Wylie	6
Neil D. Lomas	3	Geoffrey Gardner	7
Sidney Hough	4	Denis Mottershead	Tenor

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by Denis Mottershead.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
KENILWORTH, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Feb. 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In five methods and two variations, viz.: (1–4) Stedman, (5–8) Plain Bob, (9–14) Kennington, (15–16) St. Simon, (17–18) Plain Bob, (19–22) Grandsire, (23–26) Rev. Canterbury Pleasure Bob, (27–32) Southrepps, (33–36) Plain Bob, (37–42) Grandsire.
Tenor 14 cwt. 22 lb. in F sharp.

David R. Randall	Treble	Raymond A. Sheasby	4
Pam Whitfield	2	Peter C. Randall	5
David P. Crawley	3	Anthony D. Jones	Tenor

Conducted by Peter C. Randall.

THE DEVON GUILD.
(Exeter Colleges Guild Branch.)
BROADCLYST, Devon.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Feb. 22, 1969, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 21 cwt. 25 lb. in E flat.

John C. Mitchelmore	Treble	Kevin A. Hughes	5
John L. Anderson	2	D. Roy Bould	6
David J. Atkins	3	John N. Longridge	7
Alan N. Frost	4	Frank D. Mack	Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker. Conducted by D. Roy Bould.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
CLAINES, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Feb. 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 13 cwt 3 qr. 26 lb.

*Valerie Willard	Treble	*Cyril A. Wratten	6
*Angela M. Newing	2	*Austin T. Wingate	7
*Harold B. Schofield	3	*Leonard C. Edwards	8
‡†Margery A. Wratten	4	†Patrick H. Allen	9
*Ivor Goulter	5	*William A. Farmer	Tenor

Composed by Henry W. Wilde. Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.
* First peal of Kent and Oxford T.B. Royal † First of Royal.
‡ 25th peal.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
ALDERSHOT, Hants.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Feb. 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt.

*Marilyn A. Reay	Treble	William H. Viggers	5
Peter G. Smart	2	Dudley P. Elsmore	6
Peter J. Ostley	3	G. Kenneth Williamson	7
Peter G. Sherwood	4	Tom Page	Tenor

Composed by Frank Bennett. Conducted by Tom Page.
* First peal.
Rung to welcome the Rev. Stanley Zeal and Mrs. Zeal to the Parish of St. Michael.

HASLEMERE, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.
On Sat., Feb. 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's 12-part. Tenor 13 cwt. 6 lb. in F sharp.

*Eric G. Venton	Treble	Harold A. May	5
Jill M. May	2	David J. Tubbs	6
Carolyn Tubbs	3	Douglas A. R. May	7
David W. Struckett	4	*Ronald Burford	Tenor

Conducted by Douglas A. R. May.
* First peal at first attempt.
Rung as a farewell to the Rector (the Rev. Walter Crooks) and the curate (the Rev. Edgar Heathcote), who have left to take up positions at St. Martin,'s Epsom, and Ashbrittle, Somerset, respectively.

STOKE-NEXT-GUILDFORD.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist.
On Sat., Feb. 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents St. Clement's and four Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

*M. Novell	Treble	Harold A. May	4
Carolyn Tubbs	2	David W. Struckett	5
W. Savill	3	David J. Tubbs	Tenor

Conducted by David J. Tubbs.
* First peal of Minor. First of Minor as conductor.
Rung half-muffled in memory of Olive Ponting.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
LEWISHAM, S.E.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Feb. 22, 1969, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

Christopher P. Starbuck	Treble	Michael H. O'Callaghan	5
*Angela M. Wright	2	Stanley G. Ponting	6
Margaret E. Oram	3	Ian H. Oram	7
Edgar R. Rapley	4	John R. Pratchett	Tenor

Composed by S. Humphrey. Conducted by Christopher P. Starbuck.
* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.

CHART SUTTON, Kent.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Feb. 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of Cambridge Surprise and five of Plain Bob.
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in E.

Peter R. Butler	Treble	Peter J. Beal	4
Maurice Thompson	2	Nicholas J. Chesson	5
Edward J. Jenner	3	Richard Hayes	Tenor

Conducted by Richard Hayes.
Rung to mark the appointment of the Rev. John Elson as priest-in-charge of Chart Sutton.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
LANCASTER.—At the R.C. Cathedral of St. Peter.
On Sat., Feb. 22, 1969, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 25 cwt. in E.

Tudor P. Edwards	Treble	Kenneth J. Hesketh	6
Donald F. Murfet	2	John G. Gipson	7
Martin Cubitt	3	Philip J. Rothera	8
Geoffrey Pearson	4	James L. Towler	9
David E. Rothera	5	David E. House	Tenor

Composed by Peter Border. Conducted by Kenneth J. Hesketh.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Preston Branch.)
BILSBORROW, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Hilda.
On Thurs., Feb. 27, 1969, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

Lawrence Walmsley ..	Treble	John D. Nixon	5
John Nelson	2	Richard Palmer	6
Donald G. Lawson	3	*Roger Barnes	7
David Marsden	4	*Cyril Crossthwaite ..	Tenor

Composed by D. John Hunt. Conducted by Cyril Crossthwaite.
* 25th peal together.
Rung as a welcome to the Vicar, the Rev. Owen Vigeon, who was inducted the previous Saturday.

BLACKBURN, Lancs.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Mary.
On Sun., Feb. 23, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores Rung on the front six.
Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in D.

*Audrey M. Hill	Treble	Bryan D. Hill	4
Philip S. Woods	2	John T. Parsons	5
†Ian Smith	3	Maurice F. Hill	Tenor

Conducted by John T. Parsons.
* First peal. † First in the method and of Doubles. First of Grandsire Doubles for all the band

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
LEICESTER.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Martin.
On Mon., Feb. 24, 1969, in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5077 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 25 cwt.

Herrick B. Bowley	Treble	David G. Massey	6
*John Harrold	2	Rupert A. Clarke	7
David F. Moore	3	T. Edward Harrold	8
Peter J. Staniforth	4	William J. Root	9
Jack P. Kesterton	5	Roy Stephenson	Tenor

Composed by Frederick H. Dexter. Conducted by Herrick B. Bowley.
* First peal of Stedman Caters.
Rung half-muffled to the memory of the Rev. H. A. Jones, B.Sc., former Provost of Leicester (1938–1954).

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Fri., Feb. 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

B. Stedman Payne	Treble	E. Guy Slater	5
Julian M. Morley	2	Clive J. Mobbs	6
Hazel J. Nichols	3	G. Ronald Edwards	7
J. Richard Perkins	4	Roger I. Kendrick	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Roger I. Kendrick.
First peal of Major as conductor.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs Betty Morley.

CLAYBROOKE, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Feb. 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

William Johnson	Treble	Tony R. Natt	5
Roland H. Cook	2	John Watkins	6
Alfred Ballard	3	K. Paul Gilliver	7
Robin A. Gilliver	4	A. James Poynor	Tenor

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by A. James Poynor.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Wed., Feb. 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

K. Paul Gilliver	Treble	Roland H. Cook	5
Martin Green	2	E. Alan Jacques	6
Rupert A. Clarke	3	G. Ronald Edwards	7
David G. Massey	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Roland H. Cook.

(The Framland Association.)
LONG CLAWSON, Leics.—At the Church of St. Remigius.
On Sat., Feb. 22, 1969, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED DOUBLES
42 extents in 122 methods/variations; 16 methods: Stedman, Grandsire, Westminster II, St. Hilary, Blackburn, Dragon, St. Nicholas, St. Remigius, Winchendon, Huntley, St. Simon, St. Osmund, St. Martin, Eynesbury Plain Bob, Rev Canterbury and 106 variations.
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr 12 lb. in E.

*Roland H. Cook	Treble	*Charles E. Cooper	3
Peter A. Slight	2	Denis A. Frith	4
Owen Homewood	Tenor		

Conducted by Denis A. Frith.
* Most methods to a peal, and most for the Melton District and in the tower.
Rung as a tribute to Edward Tinsley, ringer for 65 years.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
SHOREDITCH, London, E.—At the Church of St. Leonard.
On Sat., Feb. 22, 1969, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 28 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in C.

Edwin Jenkins	Treble	Arthur G. Mason	7
Jack L. Millhouse	2	Herbert E. Audsley	8
Bernard F. L. Groves ..	3	Basil Jones	9
Geoffrey R. Parker	4	*Richard A. G. Inglis ..	10
Peter A. Sharp	5	Brian Harris	11
Alan F. Scholfield	6	Robert B. Smith	Tenor

Composed by Peter Border Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* 25th peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus.
Rung in memoriam John Worth.

LINCOLN.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Sat., Feb. 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

*Gillian Radley	Treble	*Phillip C. Pitchford ..	5
*Kathleen Fox	2	Christopher J. Sharp ..	6
*M. Ian Minns	3	*David Phillipson	7
Walter Tomlinson	4	Geoffrey Paul	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by David Phillipson.
* First peal of Plain Bob Major. First peal as conductor.

LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS.
LIVERPOOL.—At the Cathedral Church of Christ.
On Sat., Feb. 22, 1969, in 4 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 82 cwt. 11 lb. in A flat.

Cyril Crossthwaite	Treble	Michael Pilgrim	7
Susan D. Cowan	2	Christopher K. Cooper ..	8
Richard S. Starkie	3	Geoffrey H. Pullin	9
W. David Jenner	4	Peter S. Bennett	10
David F. Moore	5	John H. Fielden	11
David G. Wilford	6	Jeffrey J. Fox .. .. / John K. Foot	Tenor

Composed by J. Carter. Conducted by Cyril Crossthwaite.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
MACHEN, Monmouthshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Mon., Feb. 17, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

John W. Bull	Treble	Paul Williams	5
J. Michael Lakin	2	Charles P. Quartley	6
Stephen Fenwick	3	Peter S. Bennett	7
Nicholas W. H. Simon ..	4	Tudor P. Edwards	Tenor

Composed by D. R. Carlisle. Conducted by P. S. Bennett.
Rung to welcome Jonathan David, son of Michael and Ena Lakin.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
HILLINGDON, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Feb. 22, 1969, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MIDDLESEX SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in E flat.

Claudia A. Critchley ..	Treble	Michael J. Palmer	6
Joan Beresford	2	Thomas J. Lock	7
G. William Critchley ..	3	William S. Deason	8
Christopher H. Rogers ..	4	Frank T. Blagrove	9
John Hill	5	John R. Mayne	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by John R. Mayne.
First peal in the method by all the band and on the bells.

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
WILLESDEN, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., Feb. 20, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 TENDRING SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

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

Composed by S. Burton. Conducted by Thomas J. Lock.
First peal in the method (Corrigan's No. 311).

THE NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
GREASLEY, Notts.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Fri., Feb. 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in F.

Rev. Donald Wheat	Treble	Hugh J. Baker	5
Rosamund M. Rawlings	2	Peter N. Mackley	6
J Martin Rice	3	Brian L. Burrows	7
Roger M. Day	4	Paul J. Bagshaw	Tenor

Composed by J. Nichol. Conducted by Brian L. Burrows.
First peal in the method by all except the conductor.
Rung on the occasion of the Society's annual dinner.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
WOKINGHAM, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Paul.
On Sat., Jan. 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. (approx.) in F.

Joan A. Rance	Treble	Bernard C. Castle	5
Violet N. Castle	2	Harold Smith	6
Stanley G. Scott	3	Arthur J. N. Rance	7
William H. Coles	4	Frank C. Price	Tenor

Composed by John Howes. Conducted by Frank C. Price.
Rung to celebrate the Patronal Festival.

ROUSHAM, Oxon.—At the Church of SS. Leonard and James.
On Mon., Feb. 17, 1960, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 8½ cwt. in A.

Robert A. Reeves	Treble	*Philip J. Davis	4
*Jean Marlow	2	Mark W. Sayers	5
Diane Reeves	3	Barry J. Davis	Tenor

Conducted by Barry J. Davis.
* First peal of Surprise Minor "inside."

WARFIELD, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Fri., Feb. 14, 1969, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Comprising seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in F.

*Brian J. Kingdom	Treble	*Joan M. Kingdom	4
*Rosslyn A. Oliver	2	Alan H. Long	5
*Rosamond W. Murrell	3	Frank C. Price	Tenor

Conducted by Frank C. Price.
* First peal. Believed to be the first peal at Warfield by a local band.
Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter, Mary Louise, to Susanne and Michael Sargeant, of Warfield.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
BLEWBURY, Berks.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., Feb. 22, 1969, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. in E.

J. Paul Coad	Treble	John R. Leary	5
Peter H. Mackie	2	P. Gerald McIlhone	6
Richard J. Wilsher	3	Stephen F. Royal	7
Rodney A. Yeates	4	Jeremy R. Pratt	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by John R. Leary.
First peal of Yorkshire on the bells.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
WOBURN, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Feb. 22, 1969, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in D.

Christopher C. Stokes	Treble	Graham C. Paul	5
Shirley E. Ruddlesden	2	Malcolm J. V. Chown	6
Roger W. Smith	3	Barry E. Saunders	7
Richard J. Danby	4	Alan A. Paul	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Graham C. Paul.

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St. Luke, Duston.
On Sat., Jan. 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being extents of Double, Double Oxford, Childwall, Fulbeck, Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain. Tenor 8 cwt. 11 lb. in B flat.

Raymond A. Vickers	Treble	Barry R. Care	4
Bridget Bates	2	Graham C. Paul	5
Alan A. Paul	3	Malcolm J. V. Chown	Tenor

Conducted by Graham C. Paul.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
BANBURY, Oxon.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Feb. 22, 1969, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5080 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in E.

Raymond Aldington	Treble	Stephen W. Barton	6
Susan E. Smith	2	Norman J. Goodman	7
Richard J. Tibbetts	3	David J. Purnell	8
James Insley	4	J. Alan Ainsworth	9
Roderick W. Pipe	5	Clifford A. Barron	Tenor

Composed by Peter Border. Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
ESAT COKER, Som.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., Feb. 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. in G.

Mary E. Elmes	Treble	David L. Cull	5
Claire E. N. Brown	2	Derek S. Beaufoy	6
*Jean Dale	3	Graham W. Elmes	7
Ross G. W. Robertson	4	Timothy F. Collins	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Timothy F. Collins.
* First peal on tower bells.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
STURTON-LE-STEEPLE, Notts.—At the Church of SS. Peter & Paul.
On Mon., Feb. 17, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Comprising one extent each of Sandal, London Scholars', Kingston T.B., Cambridge Surprise, Oxford, Kent T.B., Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt. (approx.)

Mary C. Poyner	Treble	Harry Poyner	4
*Stephen Knights	2	*David W. Jack	5
Paul N. Mounsey	3	B. Stedman Payne	Tenor

Conducted by Harry Poyner.
* First peal in seven methods.

HOLME PIERREPONT, Nottingham.—At the Church of St. Edmund.
On Tues., Feb. 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. in G.

*Joyce M. Marsh	Treble	Ruth Blackshaw	3
*W. Gordon Marsh	2	*Pamela J. Clifton	4
Maurice W. Harrison	Tenor		

Conducted by Maurice W. Harrison.
* First peal of Grandsire.
Rung with congratulations from all the band to Robert D. Marsh and Janet Carey on their engagement.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
TANNINGTON, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Ethelbert.
On Fri., Feb. 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Double Court, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 4 lb. in A flat.

Muriel R. Page	Treble	Leslie G. Brett	4
Katharine M. Thorley	2	Vernon B. Bedford	5
J. Martin Thorley	3	Stephen J. Bedford	Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.
Rung in memoriam F. Bernard Ditcher.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.
SWANSEA, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Feb. 22, 1969, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's 12-part (7th obs.). Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in E.

*Gillian Armstrong	Treble	Ellis N. Thomas	5
*Susan Harber	2	Alwyn R. Lewis	6
William P. Nash	3	Gwyn I. Lewis	7
Thomas Yeomans	4	William T. Petty	Tenor

Conducted by Gwyn I. Lewis.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
ST. DENNIS, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Denys.
On Sat., Feb. 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5376 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in A flat.

Derek A. Trethewey	Treble	Canon A. S. Roberts	5
F. Malcolm Bowers	2	Alan Carveth	6
Anthony Locke	3	*Timothy J. Bell	7
Arthur F. Burley	4	Anthony J. Davidson	Tenor

Composed by J. A. Trollope. Conducted by Anthony J. Davidson.
* 25th peal.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
TWYNING, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Sat., Feb. 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, consisting of one extent each of London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., St. Clement's, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

Roman Sadowski	Treble	S. Barnaby Bell	4
Fred Hawkes	2	Martyn Hawkes	5
Peter D. Sell	3	John Clements	Tenor

Conducted by John Clements.
Conductor's 100th peal.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
WAKEFIELD, Yorkshire.—At the Cathedral Church of All Saints.
On Mon., Feb. 24, 1969, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 35 cwt. 1 qr. in D flat.

*John L. Birdsall	Treble	John R. Leary	7
*John P. Ottaway	2	John N. D. Chaddock	8
John R. Insley	3	John Potts	9
*John P. Partington	4	D. John Hunt	10
*John J. Durham	5	John H. Fielden	11
John Seager	6	John Murfitt	Tenor

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by John H. Fielden.
* First peal in the method. First peal on 12 by a John band.

(Sheffield and District Society.)
SHEFFIELD, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. John, Ranmoor.
On Sat., Feb. 22, 1969, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in F.

*Ann Waldron	Treble	†Andrew J. Jobson	6
Simon R. Cole	2	*Richard Fletcher	7
John Hartley	3	John J. L. Gilbert	8
†John F. S. Eborall	4	Richard Farnsworth	9
Susan E. Thompson	5	A. Colin Banton	Tenor

Composed by Henry J. Tucker. Conducted by A. Colin Banton.
* First peal. † First on ten bells.
Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the life of F. Bernard Ditcher, for many years Ringing Master at this church and a past president of the Sheffield and District Society, who died on January 17th, 1969.

HECKINGTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Feb. 15, 1969, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. in E flat.

A. Pattie Clapham	Treble	Robert H. Jordan	5
Christopher J. Easton	2	John J. Durham	6
*Richard J. Chantler	3	Robert A. Beresford	7
David Featherstone	4	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed by S. Humphrey. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, Notts.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Feb. 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in G

Christopher J. Easton	Treble	†Robert H. Jordan	5
*A. Pattie Clapham	2	John J. Durham	6
†Richard J. Chantler	3	Robert A. Beresford	7
†David Featherstone	4	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal of Surprise Major "inside." † First of Lincolnshire.

METHERINGHAM, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.
On Sun., Feb. 16, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5184 BRAUNSTONE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in C sharp.

Richard J. Chantler	Treble	C. Barrie Dove	5
A. Pattie Clapham	2	David Featherstone	6
Christopher J. Easton	3	John J. Durham	7
Robert H. Jordan	4	Robert A. Beresford	Tenor

Composed by H. Poyner. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Association.

SELBY, Yorks.—At the Abbey of SS. Mary and Germanus.
On Sat., Feb. 22, 1969, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt.

David Whitehead	Treble	John N. D. Chaddock	5
F. Charles Hobson	2	Ian G. Campbell	6
Ronald R. Warford	3	J. Henry Fielden	7
C. Barrie Dove	4	Richard E. Price	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by J. Henry Fielden.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND ASSOCIATION.
CAULFIELD, Victoria.—At St. Mary's Vicarage.
On Sun., Feb. 16, 1969, in 1 Hour and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor size 12 in F.

Anne E. Doggett	1–2	Helen S. Henderson	3–4
Andrew Bolton (cond.)	5–6		

THE BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
EDGBASTON, Birmingham.—In Committee Room 4, The Students' Union.
On Thurs., Feb. 13, 1969, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
360-course block reduced. Tenor size 12 in G.

John S. Hopwood	1–2	John R. Insley	5–6
Christopher I. Rowson (cond.)	3–4	Rupert A. Clarke	7–8

Rung on the eve of St. Valentine's Day with the compliments of the band to Roger D. Bailey.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
BROMBOROUGH, Cheshire.—At 35, Croft Avenue.
On Fri., Feb. 14, 1969, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS
Tenor size 17 in A.

Keith J. Walpole	1–2	N. David Lane	7–8
Eric J. Gilbert	3–4	Robert Peers	9–10
Kenneth R. Davenport	5–6	F. Leslie Coventry	11–12

Composed by Robert Peers. Conducted by F. Leslie Coventry.
First peal of Treble Bob Maximus for all the band.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At 6, Ashwood Crescent.
On Thurs., Feb. 20, 1969, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MAXIMUS
In two methods, being 3,360 Wembley and 1,680 Yorkshire, with 70 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

Alan McFall	1–2	Robert B. Smith	7–8
Neil Bennett	3–4	*J. David Atkinson	9–10
Bernard F. L. Groves	5–6	*Gerald Moorhouse	11–12

Composed and Conducted by Robert B. Smith.
Umpire Giles B. Thompson.
* First peal of Surprise Maximus.
This is the first peal of Spliced Surprise Maximus to be rung on handbells. The umpire checked every call, coursing order and course-end throughout the peal.
First peal of Surprise Maximus on handbells for the Guild and by all the band except the conductor. First peal of Surprise Maximus on handbells as conductor.
Rung in memory of John Worth (February 25th, 1967).

BEBINGTON, Cheshire.—At 14, Highcroft Avenue.
On Fri., Feb. 21, 1969, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS
Tenor size 17 in A.

Keith J. Walpole	1–2	N. David Lane	7–8
Kenneth R. Davenport	3–4	Robert Peers	9–10
Eric J Gilbert	5–6	F. Leslie Coventry	11–12

Composed by Robert Peers. Conducted by F. Leslie Coventry.

AUDLEM, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. James the Great.
On Fri., Jan. 31, 1969, in 1 Hour and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In two methods, being seven extents each of Rev. Canterbury and Plain Bob and seven extents each of four variations. Tenor size 13 in E.

Geoffrey A. Edwards	1–2	Frank R. Morton (cond.)	3–4
*Leon A. Perry	5–6		

* First handbell peal.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At 40, Ridge Crescent, Hawk Green.
On Thurs., Feb. 6, 1969, in 1 Hour and 55 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

*Frank Osbaldiston	1–2	Robert B. Smith	3–4
†Bernard F. L. Groves (cond.)	5–6		

* First peal of Surprise "in hand." † First of Surprise Minor "in hand."

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
DERBY, Derbyshire.—At 6, Vernon Street.
On Wed., Feb. 19, 1969, in 1 Hour and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In two methods, being one extent of Surfleet and six extents of Cambridge with 5–6 the right way throughout. Tenor size 14 in D.

Geoffrey Bridges	1–2	Michael J. Fellows	3–4
A. Colin Banton (cond.)	5–6		

First peal of Surprise in more than one method on handbells for all the band and for the Association. 25th handbell peal as conductor.
Rung on Ash Wednesday as a compliment to Malcolm Phipps and Marjorie Yarnold, married at Chesterfield on February 15th, 1969.

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Orwell (5)	11.30–12.30	Foxton (5)	2.00– 3.00
Great Wilbraham (5)	11.30–12.45	Whittlesford (6)	2.00– 3.15
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Melbourn (6)	1.00– 2.30		

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EASTER WEEK PUBLICATION

Because of the recognition of Good Friday (April 4th), the issue of April 11th will go to press on Thursday, April 3rd, at 12 noon.

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June 20th–22nd
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MEETINGS

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION. — Monmouth Branch. — Evening practice meeting, Usk, Friday, March 28th, 7.30–9 p.m. Methods: Double Norwich and Cambridge. 6821

LADIES' GUILD.—Kent Branch.—Meeting, Charing, March 29th. Ringing 3 p.m., followed by service and tea. Names to Mrs Robbins, The Vicarage, Charing, near Ashford, Kent. 6756

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch — Meeting at St. Cuthbert's Church, Lytham on Saturday, March 29th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. 6823

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Meeting, Grantham (10), on Saturday, March 29th. Bells 3.30–5 and 6.30–8.30 p.m. Own tea arrangements Evensong 5.30. Business meeting in belfry 6 p.m. All welcome. 6806

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Holy Week practice at Manchester Town Hall on Wednesday, April 2nd, from 6–9 p.m. Call-changes to Surprise Maximus. All welcome.—Alan Ward, Manchester Branch Sec. 6820

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—Quarterly meeting, Felmersham, Saturday, April 5th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names must be sent to Mr. C Payne, 4, Grange Road, Felmersham, by 3rd. Tel.: Bedford 57312. 6824

EAST DERBYS AND WEST NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Blackwell on Easter Monday, April 7th. Bells (6) 2–9 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names to Mr. A. Smithson, 27, Littlemoor Lane, Newton, Derbys, by Friday previous.—E. J. S., Hon. Sec. 6826

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Sevenoaks, Easter Monday, April 7th. Service 12.30 p.m. Luncheon tickets and full programme of events, 10/- each; children of resident members under 14, 4/- each: obtainable for first 200 applicants with cash and stamped, addressed foolscap envelope to me not later than first post Tuesday, April 1st.—P A. Corby, Sec., 10, The Close, Montreal Park, Sevenoaks, Kent. 6662

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Bank Holiday Monday meeting, April 7th, Chesterfield (10), 3–5.30 p.m. Tea 5.30. Dronfield (8) 7–9 p.m. Names for tea to M. P. Phipps, 23, Walton Drive, Boythorpe, Chesterfield. All welcome.—R. Fletcher, Hon. Sec.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held in the Chapter House, Worcester Cathedral, on Easter Monday, April 7th, at 12 noon. Service at All Saints' 11 a.m. (Bells 10 a.m.) Ringing arrangements: Worcester, St. John's (8), 1.30–2.45; Powick (6), 2–3.15; then either route A: Hanley Castle (6), 2.30–3.45; Upton-on-Severn (8), 3.15–4.30; Earl's Croome (6), 4–5.15: or route B: Malvern Link (8), 2.30–3.45; Malvern Priory (8), 3.15–4.30: Welland (6), 4–5.15; Worcester Cathedral (12), 6–7.30; All Saints' (10), 7–8.30.—D Beacham, Gen. Sec. 6839

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Next meeting, Kirby Moorside (6), Easter Monday, April 7th Bells from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. A. Marsterman, Kirby Mills Lane, Kirby Moorside, York, by Thursday, April 3rd.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Sec. 6845

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Evening practice meeting at Lillington, Tuesday, April 8th. Bells 7.30–9 p.m. Ringing to suit all tastes.—H. A. M. 6834

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Over Stowey, Saturday, April 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m Names for tea, please, to J. Aldridge, Longstone, Holford (Tel.: Holford 345), by April 9th. 6841

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Branch.—Practice meeting, April 12th, 7–9 p.m., St. Michael and All Angels', Haselbury Plucknett (6, 6¼ cwt.).—M. M. L. 6771

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION. — The annual general meeting will be held at St. Elisabeth's, Harraby, Carlisle, on Saturday, April 12th. Bells available 1.30 p.m Thursby bells also at 1 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30 A.G.M 5.15 p.m. It is imperative that those requiring tea must inform Mr. J. Butterfield, 11, St. Nicholas Street, Carlisle, on or before April 9th, as there may be no other means of obtaining refreshment.—J. W. Brownrigg, Gen. Sec. 6808

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Derby, Saturday, April 12th. Service in Cathedral at 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting in St Michael's Church House. Please send names for tea to Mr. G. A. Halls, 54, Willson Avenue, Littleover, Derby, by April 9th. Bells: Cathedral (10), 2.30–3.55 p.m.; St. Andrew's (10), after meeting until 8 p.m.; St. Peter's (8), 7.30–8.30 p.m. —B. P. Morris, Sec. 6840

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—N.E. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Cullompton, Saturday, April 12th. Bells (10) from 3 p.m. Service 4.15, tea and business after. Names for tea to G. Hollis, 26, The Avenue, Tiverton. 6822

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Hemel Hempstead on Saturday, April 12th. General committee meeting (St. Mary's Hall) 4 p.m. Service 5. Tea and meeting (St. Mary's Hall) 5.30 p.m. Notice is given of resolution proposing amendments to Rule 10. Names for tea must be sent to P. Harper, 29, Rockliffe Avenue, King's Langley (4771). Ringing arrangements: Route 1—St. Peter's, St. Albans (10), 9.30–11; Redbourn (6), 10.30–12; Flamstead (6), 11.30–1; Berkhamsted (8), 12.30–2; Tring (8), 1.30–3; Northchurch (8), 2.30–4; Gt. Gaddesden (6), 3.15–4.30. Route 2—North Mymms (8), 9.30–11; Radlett (6), 10.30-12; Aldenham (8), 11.30-1; Watford (10), 12.30–1.45; Sarratt (5), 1.30–3; King's Langley (8), 2.30–4; Apsley (6), 3.15–4.30. Hemel Hempstead not available until after tea due to weddings.—A. R. Agg, Gen. Sec. 6837

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Barrowby, Saturday, April 12th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to the Rev. E. R. G. Harris, The Rectory, Barrowby, Grantham, Lincs, by Monday, April 7th.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 6829

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting Cardiff, Saturday, April 12th. Bells available: St. John's, Cardiff (10), 2–4 p.m. and after meeting; Whitchurch (6), 2–3.30; Llandaff Cathedral (10), 7–9. Service in St. John's at 4 p.m. Tea and meeting in the Wood Street Congregational Church Rooms (near the General Station). Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, April 9th.—M. J. Pryor, 43, Downton Road, Rumney, Cardiff. 6787

NORWICH ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch.—Monthly practice meeting for Western Deaneries, Saturday, April 12th, Ketteringham (6), 2.30–4.30 p.m.; Intwood (5), 4.30 onwards. Tea 5.30. Service 6.30 p.m. Names to Rev. P. Kelly, Reepham Rectory, Reepham, NOR 69X, by Wednesday, April 9th; Tel.: Reepham 220. 6833

SALISBURY GUILD—Devizes Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Melksham (8), Saturday, April 12th. Ringing commences 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please.—C. Andrews, 9, The Close, Melksham, Wilts.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD
Annual General Meeting
Nottingham, Saturday, April 12th

RINGING:
Afternoon—All Saints, 1.30–2.30; Aspley, 2.30–3.30; Basford, 2.30–3.30; St. Mary's, 3–4.15.
Evening—St. Mary's and St. Peter's.
CHOIR (under direction of Mr. R. Carlisle) meet St. Mary's, 3 p.m. Additional volunteers most welcome.
SERVICE, St. Mary's, 4.15.
TEA, 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. E. Beardsley, 139, Surgeys Lane, Arnold, Nottingham, by Saturday, April 5th. (Sorry, no name no tea.)
MEETING follows tea in St. Mary's Institute, Barker Gate.—W. L. Exton, Hon. Gen. Sec. 6809

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

The Annual General Meeting will be held in St. Margaret's Schoolroom, Dalton-in-Furness, on Saturday, April 26th.

Ringing at Dalton (10), 2–3.45; Flookburgh (6), 12.30–2.30; Kirkby (6), 1–3.15; Barrow (8), 1–3.15; Ulverston (6), 1–3. All except Ulverston after the meeting until 7.15. Service 3.45. Tea 4.30 Meeting follows tea Names for tea (5/- each) to W. Wall, 19, Chapel Street, Dalton-in-Furness. Please send s.a.e. with requests. Names for tea (5/- each) by **Tuesday, April 22nd.** No names no tea.—F. Reynolds, Gen. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Annual General Meeting will be held at Penistone on Saturday, April 26th. Service in St. John's Church at 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in St. John's Old School Hall. Names for tea to Mr. C. A. Moxon, 48, Mayfield, Oxspring, Sheffield, by Wednesday, April 23rd. Please send s.a.e. for tea tickets or collect them at towers during the day. Parking in School Yard or Town Hall Car Park The election of a president will take place at the meeting after tea. Reports will be available and subscriptions are due.

BELLS:—

10–11 a.m.: Holmfirth (8), Ecclesfield (8) and Hemsworth (8).
10.45–11.45 a.m.: Kirkburton (8), Wentworth (6) and Felkirk (6).
11.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m.: New Mill (6), Bradfield (6) and Royston (6).
12.15–1.15 p.m.: Shelley (6), Bolsterstone (8) and Barnsley (8).
2–3.45 p.m.: Cawthorne (6), Silkstone (6), Wortley (8) and Bolsterstone (8).
2–4 p.m.: Hoylandswaine (6) and Penistone (8).
6.45–7.30 p.m.: Silkstone (6).
6.30–9 p.m.: Penistone, Hoylandswaine, Cawthorne, Wortley and Barnsley

—W. F. Moreton.

LATE NOTICES

IN MEMORIAM

MYERS.—In loving memory of our dear brother, Thomas George, who passed away on March 27th, 1967. Treasured memories, too, of our beloved parents, George Harry, who passed away on March 14th, 1960, and Blanche, who passed away on July 24th, 1961. Loved and remembered every day. 6852

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

HAINES.—As from April 1st, the address of Mr. and Mrs. R. Haines will be 50, Fishweir Fields, Bradpole, near Bridport, Dorset. 6853

MISCELLANEOUS

HILLINGDON, MIDDX.—The bells will be rededicated after rehanging and quarter turning on Sunday, March 30th, at 2.30 p.m. First practice, Monday, April 14th. Joint meeting on November 22nd, not October.—F. W. Goodfellow. 6850

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Preliminary notice.—The annual dinner will be held in Chelmsford on October 18th, 1969. 6849

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—South and West District.—Eight-bell practice at St. Mary's, Staines, Friday, March 28th, at 7.45 p.m. Surprise practice, Hampton, Thurs., April 10th, 7.45. Evening practice, St. Peter's, Staines, Tuesday, April 15th, 7.45.—F. J. Palmer, Dis. Sec. 6851

MEETINGS

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Saturday, April 12th, at Capel (6), Surrey. Ringing 3–4.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Evening ringing 6.30–8.30. 6854

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Tewkesbury, April 12th, 2 p.m., Abbey Mill. Association service in Abbey at 6 p.m. Towers open: Ashchurch, Ashton-under-Hill, Beckford, Tirley and Tredington, 10 a.m. to 12 noon, and 7.30 to 8.30 p.m. Hasfield, Twyning and Kemerton (recently rehung), 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Tewkesbury Abbey, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and after service till 8.30 p.m. The Leigh, 7.30 to 8.30 p.m. Eckington (new eight), by permission, 11 a.m. to 12 noon. No ringing permitted during times of meeting and service. Tea, tickets in advance 6/-, with s.a.e., from D. E. Deakins, 47, Paddocks Lane, Cheltenham, Glos, not later than April 9th.—Charles Rouse, Hon. Sec. 6848

LADIES' GUILD JOINT MEETING AT BRISTOL

A joint meeting was held in Bristol for the South Wales and Western Districts on March 1st. Ringing took place in three towers—St. Mary Redcliffe, during which time rounds were rung for a short period on the 12 bells by an all-ladies' band, St. John-the-Baptist's and St. James', where one member reported to have counted 42 persons in the ringing room at one stage during the proceedings!

A service was held at the Church of St. Thomas-the-Martyr (City), conducted by the priest-in-charge, the Rev. Leonard Dryden, with Colin Lukins (a member of the choir) at the organ, after which tea was taken in Becket Hall. Visitors were welcomed from Chepstow, Ebbw Vale, Usk, Mitcheldean, Newport, besides friends from various parts of the West Country, and some 62 sat down to tea which was provided by the committee.

The vice-president (Miss B. Johnson) began the A.G.M. of the Western District by asking members to stand in memory of a former member, Mrs. Frances Carter, who died early in the year after a long illness. The present officers were re-elected, there being no other nominations, and two new members elected—Miss Heather Jones, of Longbridge Deverell, and Mrs. Heath (associate member), from Chippenham. Good wishes were sent to Mrs. Margaret de Jong, at present in New Zealand, and Mrs. Bennett was welcomed after a long period of absence owing to illness. It was decided to hold only one Saturday meeting during the year, besides the A.G.M., and concentrate on evening practices since these had proved very successful. B. J.

BARGAINS

20 Different Tinted-covered "Ringing Worlds" (not specified) 7/6 Post Free

Also 20 different any year from 1955, not specified, for 7/6, post free.

SUFFOLK GUILD

A.G.M., Bury St. Edmunds, Saturday, April 12th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5.15. A.G.M. 6.15 p.m. Details of towers open next week. Names for tea to Rev. L. R. Pizzey, Bramford Lodge, Bramford, Ipswich. 6855

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS COUNTRY MEETING AT OXFORD
Saturday, April 19th

Ringing Arrangements:—

All Saints' (8)	..	11–12.15
New College (10)	..	2.30– 3.30
St. Ebbe's (8)	..	2.30– 3.30
Magdalen College (8)		3– 4.15
Christ Church (12)	..	6.15– 7.30
(?) (8)	..	7– 8

Lunch, from 5/6, at the Clarendon Restaurant, George Street, at 12.30 p.m. Tea, followed by business meeting, in St. Aldate's Church Hall, 4.30. Names for lunch and tea to J. S. Barnes, 56, Leamington Avenue, Orpington, Kent, BR6 9QB. 6856

TOWER GRABBERS, 1968

Compiled by ROBIN COLLIS

Name	Tower	Total 1968	Overall	Year's Ringing
Geoffrey Hansard	Holloway	276	1,982	16
Christopher Venn	Hillingdon	222	406	4
Malcolm Loveday	St. Peter's, Staines	203	522	9
Ian West	Stapleford (Cambs)	170	254	13
James Hedgcock	Canterbury	167	364	7
Robert Newton	Hughenden	161	466	10
Anne Deebank	Coleshill (Warks)	160	225	3½
Suzanne Withers	Leeds	156	256	5
Gillian Brearley	Wheathampstead	153	758	7
Simon Mortimore	Epsom	152	309	3
Richard Darrington	Kingston	150	344	5
Bryony Moorby	"	150	223	3½
Peter Abbott	Brampton	149	482	6½
Gillian Radley	Dunholme	149	299	4
Margaret Jenner	Rolvenden	148	173	2
Julie Radley	Dunholme	146	285	4
Harold Radley	"	145	306	22
Roy Ward	Houghton Conquest	143	2,040	20
Lynda Deebank	Coleshill (Warks)	142	239	5
Peter Furness	Highclere	136	316	5
David M. Brown	Sapcote	134	176	3
Derek Carr	Rodbourne Cheney	124	872	5
Rachel Sinden	Folkestone	123	443	7
"Unreadable"	Cossington	123	304	5
Merilyn Chambers	Chelsea	121	289	3
Peter Hepburn	Hurstpierpoint	120	179	4
E. H. Cole	Heckington	117	914	24
Richard Andrews	Harbury	114	692	13
Bruce Martin	Bristol	114	341	3½
David Massey	Frome	113	664	12
Paul Bagshaw	Charing	112	237	4
John Norris	Hurstpierpoint	112	772	9
G. Baldam	West Lyng	110	365	5
Graham Duke	Ealing	109	160	3
David Brown	Langley Marish	108	272	5
David Rothera	Hendon	108	859	6
Raymond Sheasby	Harbury	107	129	5
Ronald Snack	Leeds	105	1,076	7
Rev. Malcolm Melville	Bedford	103	2,164	40
Peter Hayward	Woodborough	103	103	1
Geoffrey Armitage	Harrogate	102	—	—
Rhian Bagshaw	Charing	100	288	6
Mary Barrass	Shepshed	100	394	5
Louise Evans	Little Missenden	100	270	4½
Angela Newing	Moreton-in-the-Marsh	100	1,218	12

HANDBELL PEALS

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
WATFORD, Hertfordshire.—At 15, Harford Drive.
On Sat., Feb. 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Margaret D. Woolley .. 1–2 | S. Kathleen M. Baldwin .. 5–6
*John R. Southey .. .. 3–4 | Christopher W. Woolley .. 7–8

Arranged and Conducted by Christopher W. Woolley.
* First peal of Major on handbells.

HARPENDEN, Hertfordshire.— At 81, Overstone Road.
On Fri., Jan. 17, 1969, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR
In six methods, being 1,184 Plain Bob, 960 each of Reverse Plain and Double Plain, 480 Little Bob and 720 each of Gainsborough Little and Wellington Little Court, with 360 changes of method.
Tenor size 15 in C.

Kenneth J. Darvill .. .. 1–2 | Roger D. R. Brown 5–6
Brian J. Woodruffe .. .. 3–4 | *Andrew W. R. Wilby .. 7–8

Arranged and Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.
* First peal in six methods on handbells.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Bettyfold.
On Sat., Feb. 1, 1969, in 1 Hour and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Cumberland, St. Clement's College, Single Court, Single Oxford and College, and two extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor size 14 in D.

Joseph Whalley .. .. .. 1–2 | Mary W. Whalley 3–4
Kevin M. Price (cond.) .. 5–6

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mary W. Whalley and Kevin M. Price (both January 30th).

HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Bettyfold.
On Fri., Feb. 14, 1969, in 1 Hour and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Ennerdale, St. Clement's College, Single Court, College and Single Oxford and two of Plain Bob.
Tenor size 14 in D.

Joseph Whalley .. .. .. 1–2 | Mary W. Whalley 3–4
Kevin M. Price (cond.) .. 5–6

HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Bettyfold.
On Sat., Feb. 22, 1969, in 1 Hour and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SINGLE COURT BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor size 14 in D.

Joseph Whalley .. .. .. 1–2 | Mary W. Whalley 3–4
Kevin M. Price (cond.) .. 5–6

50th peal together "in hand."

HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Bettyfold.
On Sat., Feb. 22, 1969, in 1 Hour and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SINGLE OXFORD BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor size 14 in D.

Joseph Whalley .. .. .. 1–2 | Mary W. Whalley 3–4
Kevin M. Price (cond.) .. 5–6

HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Bettyfold.
On Sat., Feb. 22, 1969, in 1 Hour and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor size 14 in D.

Joseph Whalley .. .. .. 1–2 | Mary W. Whalley 3–4
Kevin M. Price (cond.) .. 5–6

50th peal together at Bettyfold. First time that three peals in a day have been rung by all the band.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
LEICESTER.—At The Wayside, 150, Narborough Road South.
On Wed., Feb. 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 1 Minute,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

David F. Moore .. .. .. 1–2 | Alfred Ballard 5–6
Mrs. P. J. Staniforth .. .. 3–4 | Peter J. Staniforth 7–8

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Peter J. Staniforth.

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LANE END, BUCKS.—On March 9th, 1,272 Kent T.B. Minor: S. J. Smith 1, T. Wright (first "inside" in method) 2, W. Avery 3, Mrs. R. G. Hazell 4, C. Meakes 5, R. G. Hazell (cond.) 6.

LITTLEDEAN, GLOS. — On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. W. Morgan 1, W. Reece 2, Ann Butcher 3, Howard Meek 4, J. J. Webb (cond.) 5, Harold Meek 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Ex-P.S. H. J. Lewis-Watkins, rector's warden at this church.

LLANGYFELACH, GLAM.—On March 1st, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: Janet Emms 1, Marilyn E. Evans 2, Gillian B. Armstrong 3, P. Mainwaring (cond.) 4. First Minimus for all the band. For St. David's Day.

LONDON, E.C.—At St. Vedast's Church, on Jan. 26th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Jennifer A. Dunning 1, Maureen A. Carruthers 2, T. G. Pett 3, A Pladdys (cond.) 4, P. G. Holden 5. Also on Feb. 9th, Spliced Minor (ten methods): G. D. Armitage 1, Maureen A. Carruthers 2, R. R. Churchill 3, A. Pladdys 4, P. G. Holden 5, R. D. Bailey (cond.) 5.

LONDON, W.C.—At St. Clement Danes' Church, on Feb. 16th, 1,287 Stedman Caters: Audrey R. Alexander 1, Gillian M. Breachey 2, Angela M. Wright 3, R. Fentiman 4, P. G. Holden 5, P. Bosworth 6, C. I. Rowson 7, R. D. Mills 8, R. W. Powell 9, J. Pladdys (cond.) 10.

LUTTON, LINCS.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): R. M. Ragsdell 1, G. H. Campling 2, Mrs. G. R. G. Butler 3, G. R. G. Butler (cond.) 4, P. G. Butler 5, P. W. Campling 6. First in two methods for 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,320 Doubles (seven method)s: R. Stainer (first quarter) 1, Elizabeth A. Todd (cond.) 2, M. Taylor 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. Neilson 5, B. Butcher 6. For Evensong.

LYNEHAM, WILTS. — On March 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Mrs. B. Stracey 1, A. J. Cox 2, B. Evans 3, R. A. Wright 4, M. E. Stracey 5, G. Godwin 6. For Evensong, and a farewell tribute to Sgt. Frank Gill (lay reader) on his retirement.

MANSFIELD, NOTTS.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. F. Adcock 1, W. F. Adcock 2, J. Adcock 3, A. Brown 4, Mrs. M. Robinson 5, F. Adcock 6, S. W. Fossey (cond.) 7, J. Robinson 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Frank Robinson, former churchwarden and a friend of the ringers.

MARKSBURY, SOM. — On Feb. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Rev. Canterbury and Grandsire): Susan A. Coombs 1, Susan Willis 2, P. Devrell 3, A. J Coombs 4, P. Blacker (first as cond.) 5, H. Coombs 6

MELBOURNE, VICTORIA.—At St. Paul's Cathedral, on Feb. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. English 1, Margaret Aslett 2, M. Scowen 3, Barbara Beeson 4, R. Turner 5, H. Rossell (cond.) 6, J. Roper 7, A. Bolton 8. Also on March 5th, 1,256 Spliced Plain and Little Bob Major: Margaret Aslett 1, Jennifer Murphy 2, R. Turner (cond.) 3, M. Lawrence 4, Barbara Beeson 5, D. Heyes 6, G. Heyes 7, A. Bolton 8.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICS. — On Feb. 23rd, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. B. Woodcock (first on ten) 1, O. Homewood 2, H. Clayton 3, Mrs. D. Day 4, W. Clamp 5, R. Preston 6, R. Looker 7, J. Day 8, R. Manton (cond.) 9, A. French 10. Also Mar. 2nd, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: W. Holmes 1, Mrs. D. Day 2, W. Clamp 3, R. Preston 4, R. Looker 5, J. Day 6, H. Clayton 7, O. Homewood (cond.) 8. For Evensong, also a wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. O. Homewood.

MONKEN HADLEY, HERTS. — On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Platten (first quarter) 1, Harriet Platten (first "inside") 2, Valerie Maynard 3, M. Soper 4, C. Ward 5, C. King 6, T. Pink (cond.) 7, W. Bradbrook 8. For Evensong.

MUCH MARCLE, HEREFORDS.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. R. Cox 1, F. Phillips 2, Ann Butcher 3, L. C. Meadows 4, J. J. Webb (cond.) 5, R. A. Brewer 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of H. E. Cox, ringer in this tower for 60 years and tower captain for many years.

NORTHCHURCH, HERTS.—On March 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. R. D. Orchard (first Triples) 1, Judith H. Harvey 2, Shirley E. Jones 3, P. H. Mackie (cond.) 4, R. J. Wilsher 5, R. H. Johnston 6, S. K. Thompson 7, N. C. V. Pollock 8.

NORTON FITZWARREN, SOM.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (ten methods): H. T. Thorne 1, K. E. Beale (cond.) 2, J. Cornelius 3, M. A. Arscott 4, R. A. C. Cross 5, A. F. Cross 6.

QUARTER PEALS

ORMSKIRK, LANCS.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Garner 1, J. Ellison 2, James Dilworth 3, John Dilworth 4, W. G. Ellison 5, G. Austin 6, J. Brown (cond.) 7, H. Robinson 8. For Guides' "Thinking Day".

OSSETT, YORKS.—On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Ward 1, Margaret White 2, F. Bennett 3, Patricia Lockwood 4, M. Johnson 5, M. L. Bennett 6, I. North (cond.) 7, D. S. Lockwood 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mark L. Lockwood, ringer at Trinity Church for 47 years, who died Feb. 11, 1969.

OTTERSHAW, SURREY.—On March 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. Tappin 1, C. D. Collin 2, W. Gilbert 3, J. M. Warinton 4, P. V. W. Feast (cond.) 5, J. P. Ladd 6. Rung for the first flight of "Concorde", and a birthday compliment to Jennifer Congreve.

OXFORD. — At the Church of St. Thomas-the-Martyr, on Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jenny Unsworth (first quarter) 1, J. R. Pratt (cond.) 2, D. Cooper 3, R. J. Wilsher 4, N. R. D. Orchard 5, R. H. Johnston 6. First of Grandsire 3, 5. For morning service by O.U.S. Also on March 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Bridget Sleath 1, Frances E. Miller 2, Sue M. Heyworth 3, J. R. Pratt (cond.) 4, L. J. Haines 5, N. R. D. Orchard 6. For morning service. Also on March 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. R. Petchey (first quarter) 1, N. R. D. Orchard 2, Shirley E. Jones 3, J. K. Walton 4, R. A. Leates (cond.) 5, R. H. Johnston 6. By O.U.S. for morning service. N. R. D. Orchard has "circled" this tower to quarters this term.

OXFORD.—At St. Ebbe's Church, on March 2nd, a quarter peal: R. H. Jones 1, C. Woodward 2, V. Fox 3, D. Woodward 4, C. Coles 5, B. Bray 6, M. Journeaux 7, C. Holloway (cond.) 8.

PERRY BARR, BIRMINGHAM.—On March 2nd, 1,344 Bob Triples: Voirrey Kennaugh 1, Janet Aston 2, Susan Chew 3, J. Perry 4, M. Androlia 5, D. J. Purnell 6, R. J. Tibbetts (cond.) 7, C. Kennaugh 8.

PETHAM, KENT.—On Feb. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Cynthia Southon 1, Dawn Petts (joint cond.) 2, P. Southon 3, C. Beeching (joint cond.) 4, H. Seward 5, D. Sara 6.

PRISTON, SOM.—On March 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): P. Blacker 1, A. J. Coombs 2, H. J. Coombs 3, A. Swatton 4, R. Perry (cond.) 5, P. J. Devrell 6.

QUEEN CAMEL, SOM. — On March 8th, 1,296 Beverley Surprise Minor: E. C. Shepherd 1, N. G. Knee 2, F. S. Slatford 3, C. F. Andrews 4, L. E. Hitchins 5, E. J. Hitchins (cond.) 6.

REDDITCH, WORCS. — On March 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. W. Perkins 1, W. R. Jackson 2, F. W. James 3, A. C. Freeman 4, E. Styler (cond.) 5, R. H. Spray 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Frank Joseph Hope, one-time ringer here, who died on his 91st birthday, February 23rd.

ROPLEY, HANTS.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (seven methods): J. W. Maundrell (first quarter) 1, R. J. M. Bavin 2, R. W. T. Slack 3, Katharine Maundrell 4, A. J. Mason (50th quarter, 25th as cond.) 5, A. M. Donaldson 6. 25th quarter together 5 and 6. Rung by the Winchester College Society.

RUSHDEN, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: B. Hodgkins 1, R. Coley 2, Brenda Dixon 3, Ann Smith 4, S. Hodgkins 5, G. Muncey 6, R. Whitworth 7, T. Smith (cond.) 8. For the induction of the Rev. M. Wilson to St. Mary's Church.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS. — On March 2nd, at St. Peter's Church, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Barbara Morland (first on ten) 1, Pauline Freeman (first quarter) 2, K. J. Darvill 3, Elizabeth Forster (first in method) 4, Joyce Clarke 5, T. C. Holland 6, Frances Dodds 7, R. W. Darvill 8, H. V. Frost (cond.) 9, G. W. Debenham 10.

SAWBRIDGEWORTH, HERTS. — On March 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Brooks 1, R. Hayden 2, C. Moore 3, G. Goodman 4, P. Warboys (cond.) 5, R. Walker 6, W. Hunt 7, E. Rochester 8. For Confirmation service.

SEND, SURREY.—On March 1st, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: R. A. Grant 1, A. H. Long 2, K. G. Game (cond.) 3, Carol Martin 4, R. J. Talbot 5, A. J. C. Brown (first Plain Bob Minor) 6.

SIDBURY, DEVON.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. R. C. Woodley 1, K. T. Clarke 2, Mrs. G. E. Retter 3, R. C. Woodley 4, G. Retter 5, A. J. Holway 6, C. C. Turner (cond.) 7, A. Clarke 8.

STAPLEGROVE, Taunton, SOM.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Staplegrove and St. John's Doubles: H. T. Thorne 1, A. H. Reed 2, J. Cornelius 3, M. A. Arscott 4, K. E. Beale (cond.) 5, F. H. Mills 6

TEWIN, HERTS.—On March 2nd, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: N. Blamire-Brown (first Minor) 1, D. S. Harris 2, A. G. Sears 3, H. Shire 4, D. Digby 5, P. Owen (first Minor as cond.) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to R. J. Wilsher.

TILNEY ALL SAINTS, NORFOLK.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Rich 1, W. Cousins 2, E. Emerson 3, R. Newson 4 J. Fox (cond.) 5, C. Cousins 6. Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. P. Baker, ringers at All Saints' Church.

TITCHFIELD, HANTS.—On March 2nd, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Miss L. Ranson 1, Mrs. B. M. Hunt 2, Miss S. Murchie 3, N. George 4, W. F. J. Cope 5, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 6. First quarter peal by 1 and 3.

TRING, HERTS.—On March 8th, 1,344 8-Spliced Major: Caroline Mackie 1, Shirley E. Jones 2, J. R. Pratt (cond.) 3, L. J. Haines 4, P. H. Mackie 5, P. G. McIlbone 6, S. F. Royal 7, A. P. Foster 8.

TWYNING, GLOS.—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (Rev. St. Bartholomew, Grandsire): Ann Hill 1, F. Hawkes 2, W. Williams 3, Iris Milton 4, M. Hawkes (cond.) 5, D. Williams 6 Rung as a 91st birthday compliment to Mr. George Boulton. Also on Feb. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Ann Hill 1, M. Hawkes (cond.) 2, W. Williams 3, Iris Milton 4, F. Hawkes 5, D. Williams 6. Rung half-muffled to the respected memory of Mrs Brookes, a parishioner, interred this day.

USK, MON. — On March 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Kear 1, Mrs. E. Hughes (first quarter) 2, L. Jones 3, F. Hobbs 4, G. Knight 5, R. Shea 6, R. Clench (first as cond.) 7, C. Richards 8. For morning service, and 1,260 Grandsire Triples for Evensong: S. Hughes (first quarter) 1, D. Hughes (cond.) 2, Mrs. S. Clench 3, G. Knight 4, F. Hobbs 5, R. Clench 6, L. Jones 7, R. Shea 8.

WALKLEY, Sheffield, YORKS.—On March 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. D. Cooper 1, Susan E. Thompson 2, R. Padbury 3, R. Fletcher 4, J. S. Seager 5, A. C. Banton (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of the Littlewood family, who donated the bells.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On March 2nd, 1,299 Stedman Caters: R. G. Bell 1, W. J. Arnold (cond.) 2, R. G. Smith 3, M. Eastman 4, R. D. Bell 5, W. G. Paul 6, D. Laud 7, A. R. Ling 8, G. W. Seaman 9, S Laud 10. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Arnold on the birth of a grand-daughter, Hilary Jean, at Auckland, N.Z., on January 4th. Also with best wishes to the Tower Master, Mr. R. G. Bell, on his retirement from business.

WEST BAGBOROUGH, SOM. — On Feb. 14th, 1,260 St. Valentine's Doubles: M. R. Arscott 1, K. E. Beale (cond.) 2, J. Cornelius 3, M. A. Arscott 4, R. A. C. Cross 5, A. F. Cross 6.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On March 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: A. S. Richards (cond.) 1, Jacqueline Allen 2, L. W. G. Skinner 3, W. A. Hughes 4, M. A. Gay 5, S. H. Gay 6. First of Stedman for all except 1 and 4.

WHICKHAM, CO. DURHAM. — On March 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss B. Cook 1, C. D. Davis 2, W. Davidson 3, P. D. Thomas 4, M. Poppleston 5, J. Crowther (cond.) 6.

WILLESDEN, MIDDX.—On March 4th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: C. E. Lankester 1, Elsie Lankester 2, F. Howson 3, D. T. C. Smith 4, T. A. Getty 5, A. Cutler (cond.) 6, E. H. Kilby (covering) 7. Rung on the occasion of the centenary of the installation of the church clock (March 4th, 1869).

WINCHESTER, HANTS.—At St. Mary's College Chapel, on March 1st, 1,280 Grandsire Doubles: J. W. Maundrell 1, R. J. M. Bavin 2, A. M. Donaldson 3, R. W. T. Slack 4, S. M. Jack (first as cond.) 5, R J. Latham 6. Rung by the Winchester College Society for Confirmation service

WITTERSHAM, KENT. — On Jan. 31st, 1,440 Beverley Surprise Minor: Elizabeth Stewart 1, Violet Ring 2, W. W. Ring 3, E. Clifton 4, J. R. Cooper 5, G. Stewart (cond.) 6.

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St. George's Church, Dunster, Somerset

OUR COVER PICTURE

Church of St. George, Dunster, Somerset

"Who ryngs his Bell
Let him loke welle.
To honde and hedde and herte.
Ye honde for werke
Ye hedde for witte
Ye herte for worshippe."

THIS Elizabethan exhortation to ringers is written in scarlet and black letters four inches in height around the walls of the ringing chamber of the tower of the Church of St. George, Dunster. It has been well heeded by local ringers for many centuries, for although the numerous peal boards that adorn the walls indicate that Grandsire Triples have been rung in the tower since 1875 (when change-ringing began in Dunster) records show that the tower has housed bells long before this date.

Dunster is one of the most famous and oft-visited villages in the county of Somerset and is renowned for its picturesque charm and historic interest. It lies some two miles from Minehead, 24 miles from Taunton, standing in a sheltered position, dominated by two hills, on one of which stands the Castle and on the other a tower —a folly built in the 18th century.

Amongst the many buildings of note (which include the unique Yarn Market, the ancient inn, the Elizabethan houses) the most interesting is, without doubt, the Church of St. George, originally erected in the early Norman period by Benedictine monks. Its principal glories are the magnificent carved oak rood screen (built about 1500) and the central tower, erected by John Marys in 1443, which rises in three stages above the roofs to a height of 100 feet. William Pyson, who in 1419 bequeathed for the building of the tower 40 soladi sterling, also left 20 soladi sterling for new bells there. In the same year Joan Wedmore gave to the bells of Dunster 8d. It seems reasonable to suppose, therefore, that when the tower was completed it soon housed bells.

GOWN FOR BELL REPAIRS

There are many recorded references to the bells. John Wethers in 1532 gives "my gowne to the reparynge of the bells". In 1533 Adam Bell also leaves his "gowne", and Rich. Holcome "12d.", while in 1532 John Whyte—obviously a well-to-do man—left "to the reparacyon of the Bells 6s. 8d." The existing churchwardens' accounts which begin in 1670 shows as the first entry 4s. 6d. for a bell rope. In 1677 "William Warman and his two sons receive £1 17s. 10d. for work about the third Bell; and eight bell ropes costing £1 8s. 0d.", indicating that there was already a ring of eight at this early period. In 1684 one of the bells was cast locally at Loxhole Bridge for the total sum of £15 13s. 9d. This included several interesting items, e.g., cost of casting, £10; an extra 52 pounds of "metell", £1 19s.; "Pd Wm. Warman and his sons for taking donne the Bell and ffor hanging ofen up 11.0s.". It must have been thirsty work for there's an item for "Beare when they took down the bell—1.0s." and "Beare when they hung the Bell—2.0s.". However, the casting was not very successful. In 1688 the fourth bell was taken for repair by boat from Watchet to Bristol and returned via Minehead. Other interesting entries are "1685—Pd ye ringers ye 9th July upon ye Rout of Monmouth 7s. 6d." "1688 July 1st Pd. the Ringers for ringing for the Bishops and Prince of Wales for joy of his birth in meat drink and money £2.5.3". Obviously this was a celebration that lasted more than one day!

The oldest reference to the bells in the ringing chamber is the following metrical code of belfry rules dated 177(1) which is still to be seen painted on the wall.

THE ARTICLES OF RINGING

I You that in Ringing take delight
Be pleased to draw Near
These Articles you must observe
If you mean to ring here.

II And first if any Overturn
A Bell as that he may
He forthwith for that only Fault
In Beer shall sixpence pay.

III If any one shall Curse or Swear
When he come Within the door
He then shall Forfeit for that Fault
As mentioned before.

IV If any one shall wear his Hat
When he is Ringing here
He straightway then shall sixpence pay
In Cyder or in Beer.

V If any one these Articles
Refuseth to Obey
Let him have nine Stripes of ye Rope
And to depart Away.

There are many more references to the bells giving ample evidence that the tower has been an object of special interest to the parishioners of Dunster.

The ring of bells was entirely rehung in 1875 by Messrs. J. Warner and Sons, of London, and except for the welding of a crack in the crown of the treble nothing had been done to them until 1967. At this time the ring consisted of No. 1, recast by Warner and Sons, London, 1875; No. 2, cast by Henry Bagley, of Chacombe, Northants, 1679; Nos. 3 and 6, recast by Thomas Bailey in 1744; No. 4, cast by Roger Purdue, of Salisbury, 1688; No. 5, recast by Jeffries and Price, Bristol, 1853; No. 7, cast by T.W. (?), 1719, inscribed "God Save the Church"; and the tenor—weighing over a ton—recast (for the third time) in 1782 by George Davis, of Bridgwater, inscribed "I to the Church the living call, and to the grave I sommon all". Obviously bells of such varying vintages and castings were not particularly tuneful or sweet; there was movement in the frame, the bearings were worn, and the tower had earned an unenviable reputation and the bells were even referred to by visiting ringers as "those Dunster Buckets!".

When the bells were rehung in 1875 a clock was also installed with a carillon, and since that date at one, five and nine o'clock day and night the church clock, after striking the hour, would set off the carillon, playing such tunes as "O rest in the Lord", "Drink to me only", "Home sweet home", "Bluebells of Scotland", etc.—a tune for every day of the week. Visitors regard these melodious tintinnabulations as an important part of the intrinsic charm and attraction of the village. However, the mechanism was a ponderous affair, the whole system driven by three enormous weights totalling up to 16 cwt. which took over half-an-hour a day to wind up by hand. The weights were a source of danger; there were frequent irregularities in the tunes; and it was obvious that it would soon be difficult to find labour for the regular winding of the weights. A major overhaul and another system of driving the mechanism were urgently needed.

£6,500 RAISED

In November, 1965, a public meeting was called to discuss such a project. It was very well attended and the suggested improvements were received with surprising enthusiasm, so much so that before the meeting closed organisers found themselves committed to the raising of not a mere £750 but at least £4,000 for the recasting of the bells, in addition to the original project. The interest of the whole community was thoroughly aroused. Within three years, by fêtes, exhibitions, donations and many other means of raising funds, £6,500 was raised. Meanwhile John Taylor's contract to remodel and recast the eight bells in the key of E (including the tenor, weighing 20 cwt. 90 lb.), to supply new fittings of the best and most up-to-date type, and to hang the bells in a new cast iron frame, was accepted. John Smith and Sons, of Derby, were commissioned to convert the clock and carillon to automatic electric drive and to supply new wires and hammers for the carillon. In due course the bells were lowered (with the local ringers and the carpenter bearing a hand) and taken to Loughborough. Several of the ringers went on a trip to the foundry to see the recasting of the bells. Meanwhile the tower was prepared for the new frame and in February, 1968, the newly-cast bells were returned and rehung, every step of the process being well oversighted by the ringers and a film record of the entire project was made.

It was a momentous occasion when, after six months' silence, the bells were rung for the first time; to hear them "surge and gambol, rise and fall with effortless serenity", all in tune, all beautiful to handle; and once more the carillon "making the slow arrival of the hour, with legendary chimes and melodies". J. H. P.

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HARPENDEN BELLS AT FOUNDRY

DROPPING A CLANGER.—Mr. Leslie Coburn (right) gives Mr. Eric Fowler, of John Taylor and Co., a hand to remove the clapper from the tenor bell. He is watched by his wife and younger son, Martin, and Mr. Arthur Day, who has been ringing the bells for 57 years. (Photo by courtesy of the "Hertfordshire Advertiser".

THE bells of St. Nicholas', Harpenden, are now at the foundry at Loughborough for a complete overhaul and retuning prior to being rehung with new fittings. It is expected they will be away about six months.

The eight bells, tenor reputed to be 15 cwt. but probably nearer 12½ cwt., were last restored in 1898. Then there were five bells: three were recast, two dated 1612 and 1613, cast by Robert Oldfield, quarter turned and a treble added. In 1903, to mark the coronation of King Edward VII and Queen Alexandra, two additional bells were added. Since that time the bells have been rung regularly, with the exception of the wartime ban.

Just over a year ago the plain bearings began to show signs of considerable wear; detailed inspection revealed the need for a thorough overhaul and limited ringing was advised. Retuning was recommended and thoughts began to turn towards raising the necessary money for the work of restoration.

Harpenden is a Stewardship Parish: this being so, the P.C.C. decided that no special fund-raising scheme could be organised by the church. As bells are appreciated—it is hoped—by parishioners who do not necessarily attend church, an appeal to the public was launched in May, 1968, by the then chairman of the Urban District Council.

To begin with donations were slow to come in, but a generous anonymous donation of £500 boosted the fund and money came in steadily from then on. The local ringers gave a proportion of their wedding fees to the fund and when the fund reached £800—the target set by the P.C.C.—the order was placed for work to begin. A recent donation of £50 from the St. Albans District Voluntary Bell Fund has brought the fund up to very little short of the estimated cost of restoration, which is expected to be in the region of £1,150.

Among those awaiting the return of the bells is Mr. Arthur Day, who has rung at Harpenden for 57 years, and a promising bunch of youngsters who up to now have had to be content with practising on the front five.

M. A. C.

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J. FREDERICK MILNER: A MEMOIR

J. Frederick Milner was born in November, 1899, the youngest member of a family of six in a small Nottinghamshire village, where he was to spend most of his life. It was here that he learnt the craft of his father, his first interest in ringing and his love of his church. In the village he was considered the "general factotum"—the blacksmith, the agricultural engineer, the garage proprietor, the special constable, the churchwarden and bell-ringer. He was a skilled craftsman and there are many examples of his work to be found in Notts, and any visitor to The Wayside, Leicester, will be reminded of this skill by the ornamental gates at the front of the house.

It was his great love of the music of the bells that took Fred to Southwell Minster, where he was Ringing Master for many years, and the intricacy of methods that attracted him to John Flint and the Bolsover band in the 1920s. It was in October, 1925, that Fred began his long association with Leicester, and the month of October from then on became a most significant month in the lives of the Milners and the Pooles. Almost every week Fred would be travelling up and down the Fosse to strike his first blow in a method and, like the great ringer he was, his bell would be in the right place. He possessed a great sense of humour and told his stories with a straight face, but always ended them with a chuckle which was only typical of Fred Milner. When starting a peal he would always turn to "H. J P." and ask where he wanted "the spot of bother" and also stated "It's a pity we don't know the time"—inferring that they were certain of ringing the peal. At the end of a peal Fred would always express his disappointment at having to stop because he was enjoying it so much.

In all he rang over 600 peals, and to collect this total he was probably one of the most travelled peal ringers in so far that very few were on his own doorstep—week-days he was in Leicestershire, Saturdays in Yorkshire. It was with Eric Critchley, Wilf Moreton and company that he took part in many notable performances in the field of Spliced Surprise Major. Of all methods, however, his best love was London, and how thrilled he was on Saturday, March 27th, 1954, when he conducted his first peal in the method, which was also his 500th peal at his own tower, Southwell Minster. His last peal was at Claybrooke, Leics, in October, 1965, which also proved to be London and which I had the privilege to conduct.

Six years ago Fred and Ruth retired from business at Kirklington and moved to Sheringham where he still maintained an interest but was handicapped by arthritis from taking an active part in ringing. It is with Kirklington, however, that we shall always associate Fred: it was here that many a ringer had a truly warm welcome and enjoyed the kindness and hospitality of both.

On March 11th, 1969, J. Frederick Milner passed away suddenly at his home, and on the following evening a handbell peal was rung to his memory at The Wayside. On Saturday, March 15th, many ringers and friends gathered not only to mourn his passing but also to give thanks for his life and for the privilege of having him as a friend. He was a craftsman at his work and this perfection he endeavoured to show in his life.

To Ruth, ringers from all parts of the country extend their deepest sympathy. P. J. S.

(See also page 265)

Truro Guild Honours Mr. Harry Miles

THE 1969 annual general meeting of the Truro Diocesan Guild was held at Helston on March 1st and was attended by about 65 ringers. The president, Mr. Alan Carveth, opened the meeting by ringing the Guild bell and reading the objects of the Guild. Prayers were led by the Vicar of Helston, Rev. J. E. M. Woollan, who welcomed the meeting to Helston.

There were several apologies for absence, including ones from the Guild treasurer and Guild librarian. Silent tribute was paid to the members who had died since the last meeting —F. B. Ditcher, C. F. Jerram, R. Pethick, E. Sanders, R. G. Williams, W. Wood and, though not a member of the Guild, Mr. J. E. Jeater, who latterly had become well known to some members.

There were no matters arising from the minutes and on behalf of the treasurer the general secretary presented the accounts, balances of £116 in the general fund and £58 in the badge account being recorded.

PEALS—FAVOURABLE ADVANCE

The Ringing Master, Mr. W. C. Boucher, spoke well of the various functions he had attended, and the assistant Ringing Master, Mr. A. Locke, called on all senior ringers to assist in helping less experienced ringers along. The peal secretary, Miss M. L. Lidgey, gave as comprehensive a report as last year's. There were 28 peals in 1968, comparing very favourably with the 15 in 1967. The majority were rung by residents only, six first pealers taking part, of which five were from the Cathedral band. Notable were the attainment of the 500th peal for the Guild, three peals in one day, and 84 Doubles. The quarter peals reached three figures, totalling 106. Eight ringers accomplished their first quarters and four new conductors emerged.

The most far-reaching report of the meeting was that of the librarian. Mr. R. P. Pearce was unfortunately unable to be there through sickness but his report was read by the chairman. Mr. Pearce had just finished his first year in office and realised the need for a grant to keep abreast of new publications. The meeting agreed to £5 being made available for this purpose during 1969. A scheme to provide binders for the recently-acquired "Ringing Worlds" for the years 1946–1968 was launched and every tower requested to contribute to the fund. Several individual contributions followed the meeting. After discussion it was agreed that the library be denoted to include the C. F. Jerram Collection, as the Colonel had been a great supporter and contributor until his death some two months previous to the meeting.

MANY NON-RESIDENT MEMBERS

The Ringing Master gave an account of the Central Council meeting at Worcester and this was followed by the confirmation of non-resident life members elected during 1968: M. Androlia, R. Ashman, J. W. Belshaw, B. C. Castle, V. N. Castle, S. Chew, H. Chorley, R. Edwards, M. D. Fellows, M. J. Fellows, M. I. Foskett, S. Foskett, G. C. Hemming, A. Humphrey, M. G. Ingram, A. Lawson, E. Lawson, R. Newton, D. J. Purnell, A. K. Sadowska, M. A. Swain, R. J. Tibbetts, M. P. Tobin and D. Vincent.

The Guild officers were re-elected with the addition of Mr H. Miles as a vice-president. This was eloquently proposed by Miss M. L. Lidgey, seconded by Mr. W. R. Curtis, strongly supported by Mr. H. Lander and was a popular election. Mr. Miles was also voted on to the report sub-committee, together with Mr. T. J. Bell.

It was decided that the Guild summer festival be held on July 12th (details in "The Ringing World" later) and the invitation to hold the 1970 A.G.M. at Linkinhorne on March 7th be accepted.

A motion to remodel the rule relating to the election of officers at the A.G.M. was defeated after careful thought and reasoned argument, but a second motion to change the Branch annual meetings from the autumn to the spring was carried.

Further items were speedily dealt with under Any Other Business and the meeting was closed and followed by tea, for which the Helston people were thanked by Mr. A. Locke. Hand- and tower bells in the neighbourhood were then soon in use. A. J. D.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

MAIDSTONE DISTRICT

The quarterly meeting of the Maidstone District at Wrotham on March 1st was attended by about 40 members and friends. The service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. V. G. Nickless) and the organ played by D. Parks.

After a most enjoyable tea, provided by the Wrotham ringers, the business meeting was held, under the chairmanship of the Rev. V. G. Nickless. Visitors were welcomed from Shorne, Northfleet and Swanscombe, and apologies for absence received from P. Muchlinski and M. Barden.

Following a rather lengthy discussion re the future of District beginners' practices it was decided to "leave it all to Colin". Are Surprise Major practices to continue? was the next question, and it was decided to carry on as already arranged, filling in the time from April 8th to July 12th with Surprise Minor practices and then reviewing the situation at the next quarterly meeting.

By a small majority it was decided that, with the incumbent's permission, the collection should be given to the belfry repair fund.

Under the heading of "Other Business" mention was made of a ringing festival to be held at Aylesford in May. Ringing, ranging from rounds to Surprise, was then continued until 8.30 p.m., when the bells were duly lowered.

ASHFORD DISTRICT

Seventy-seven ringers and friends were present at the Ashford District meeting on a foggy March 15th at Folkestone. The service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. A. V. Kingston) and the assistant curate (Rev. D. J. New), the lesson read by the county chairman (Mr. E. A. Barnett), and Miss Anne Barber, of the local band, was at the organ. This was followed by an excellent tea in the Woodward Hall.

In the absence of the chairman (Mr. A. S. Phelips) the secretary welcomed the visitors, particularly Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Barnett, and it was agreed that Mr. Barnett should chair the business meeting.

Notice was given of the tidy tower competition and the Expo Belfry for the Lympne Festival of Flowers and Music on April 19th, 20th and 21st; also that Woodchurch practice night is now Mondays and Newchurch is on Wednesdays. The county chairman then addressed the meeting. The collection, amounting to £4 11s., was donated to Lympne Bell Restoration Fund.

Mr. D Manger accorded the usual vote of thanks and the secretary thanked Mr. Barnett for presiding. Ringing continued on the fine octave until 9 p.m., under the guidance of the Ringing Master. A. P. S. B.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Hertingfordbury and Bengeo were the chosen towers for the Eastern District's March meeting. Ringing started at Hertingfordbury at 3 p.m. and was reasonably well supported.

After tea the light eight at Bengeo were put to good use. During the evening a business meeting was held in the church; however, this did not interrupt the ringing programme as we were well supported by visitors, who carried on. The county president, Dr. Gullick, presided and the main topic was the ringing outing on April 19th, which includes a visit to the Loughborough Bell Foundry.

Evening ringing included Double Norwich, Cambridge and Superlative. B. J. W.

APPENDIX TO C.C. DOUBLES COLLECTION

Additions to names of Variations, No. 5

(No. 4 is on page 80)

301 Totton	305 Portsmouth
302 Geranium	306 Rhododendron
303 Lymington	307 Bournemouth
304 Snowdrop	308 Forsythia

Add the following variations to page 699, September 6th, 1968.

(w) Using a single indicated by S—Stithian's, Q—Gwendroc, E—Earls Court, B—Baron's Court. Twelve callings, such as SPPPSSPPPSPP.

	Plain Course	Single
521	Plain Bob	S
522	,, ,,	Q
523	Shipway Place	S
524	,, ,,	Q
525	Rev. Canterbury	S
526	,, ,,	Q
527	Rev. St. Bartholomew	E
528	,, ,, ,,	B
529	All Saints Place	E
530	,, ,, ,,	B
531	Rev. St. Sebastian	E
532	,, ,, ,,	B
533	Minster Place	E
534	,, ,,	B
535	Chase Bob	E
536	,, ,,	B

Add the following to the Section II variations on page 739, September 20th, 1968.

Canterbury Var. is Grandsire using its own bob and a Rev. Canterbury bob as single.

Canterton Var. is New Grandsire using its own bob and a Rev. Cant. bob as single.

All other variations using these singles with Antelope, Newark, Wollaton, etc., and/or the other types of bobs are false. For example, Lawtonshill, Wistleton, Wansford, etc., published in 1966.

There are a further 160 variations of Grandsire, Antelope, Newark, Wollaton and their New alterations, using the Grandsire, Antelope, Wallflower and Pink bobs, and Stithian's, Gwendroc, Earls Court, Baron's Court and Denmark Hill singles. Use the standard calling BPBPBP, doubling with singles 60 changes apart, called so that they do not affect the observation bell. The following have been named:—

Plain Course	BOB–Single	Variation
Grandsire	G–S	Stithian's
,,	G–Q	Gwendroc
,,	G–E	Earls Court
,,	G–B	Baron's Court
,,	G–D	Denmark Hill

These singles are made:—

S	Q	E	B	D
23451	21354	23145	32541	23415
24315	23145	32415	23451	24351
24135	23415	32451	23415	24531
21453	24351	23541	32145	25413

MELTON DISTRICT DINNER

Melton District Guild held their annual dinner at the King's Arms, Scalford, Melton Mowbray, on March 15th. Fifty-nine members and friends attended and filled the room to capacity.

Guests for the evening were the Rev. and Mrs. J. J. A. Hodgins, of Eaton Parish. Also present was the Vicar of Waltham, Rev. A. G. Lancaster, together with 10 members and supporters from Waltham tower. Most towers in the District were well represented and it was a delight to see so many younger ringers present.

Mr. R. Preston, chairman, welcomed the large gathering and proposed the loyal toast.

After an amusing and witty speech the Rev. J. Hodgins called for a toast to the Guild. Prizes after the dinner were won by Miss Amy Warnes (Barkby) and Mr. Richard Day (Melton).

LETTERS

CENTRAL COUNCIL PROCEDURE: ANSWERS TO GUILDFORD GUILD

Dear Sir, — Reports of Guild meetings are usually of little interest to those not directly concerned; however, I find that of the Guildford Guild on page 219 a notable exception.

The motion for debate at the next Council meeting reflects the views of many ringers and, to a degree, I sympathise with them. However, before we launch into heated debate at St. Albans some points are worth setting out in this journal:—

(1) A number of procedural changes took place during the last session aimed at speeding things up and improving the running of the meeting; most notable is that which will enable this motion to be debated before the committee reports and the onset of post-prandial lethargy. An innovation at St. Albans will be the issue of ballot papers before the meeting.

(2) Prior to the meeting of the Council the Standing Committee meets and before that some other committees may need to meet. In order to avoid unnecessary travelling it is sensible to have these meetings at this time.

(3) Over the years it has frequently been suggested that the Council meet on a different day. The members themselves have always voted this down.

(4) Many people do not regard it as "a very good ringing week", partly because most of the ringing is diabolical anyway, but mainly because in the brief time that most of us can spare we are, in fact, occupied with things related to the meeting.

(5) The statement was made that "the business meeting is left to the end". It would be equally true to say that proceedings culminate in the business meeting, and everything else, including the ringing, is subordinated to this.

(6) Representation is always a knotty problem. Societies are often affiliated with little enquiry as to their status, and so far as I am aware there is no automatic review of the membership rights of the Societies. Many members rarely speak at meetings but they influence those who do and give expression to the views of the mass of ordinary ringers

(7) Criticism of the abilities of presidents to chair meetings are ill-founded and ill-timed. Presidents have been selected by the Council specifically to chair the meetings of the Council: it is difficult to imagine how the creation of another officer could alter the situation except possibly to make the office of president purely honorary and lay the chairman open to criticism on his running of meetings.

Two suggestions have been made to me about Council meetings. Each year we are subjected to local worthies greeting us with speeches which are often boring and seldom relevant. Let us have just one speech of welcome from someone representing our hosts (usually the local ringing Association). If we must be inflicted with the banalities of the Mayor let us have them at the reception afterwards.

The other point relates to the introduction of new members. Now this ceremony has been largely emasculated; it could well go altogether.

There were a number of other interesting points discussed at the meeting but only one more I wish to raise here. Can someone please explain rationally why it is an act of discourtesy to ring a peal for the Yorkshire Association in the Diocese of Guildford? I hasten to add that I know nothing about this particular peal and I am assuming that this was the real reason why the local ringers were upset.—Yours sincerely,

RICHARD SPEED.

Hillmorton, Rugby.

CENTRAL COUNCIL "NOT A SATISFACTORY FORUM FOR BELLY-ACHING"

Dear Sir,—I suspect quite a few members of the Central Council will feel some sympathy with the Guildford Diocesan Guild's resolution. And yet I doubt whether I have been entirely alone in feeling at recent meetings that the time allotted for some debates has been too long, as the same old well-worn phrases are repeated year after year. There is very little that has been said, for example, about "The Ringing World" which I have not now heard four or five times

The truth is, I think, that the value of the Central Council is not to be measured by the time it spends in full session, the number of representatives present (*pace* you, Mr. Editor), the size of the affiliation fee or even, pray Heaven, most of what is said or left unsaid.

If it were not for the fact that there are matters of great importance to the Ringing Exercise as a whole which can only be dealt with on a national (or even international?) scale, there would be no point in the Central Council at all. The quality of expertise required year in and year out to run "The Ringing World", to provide authoritative opinions on towers and belfries, to give sound advice on the intricacies of method and peal composing or to produce worthwhile books, films and records on ringing is not going to be found by unco-ordinated local initiative. The people who actually do these things are a relatively small part of the Council members, but at least the annual full plenary session of the Council does enable the rest of us to hear at first hand from them, see who they are and to get to know them personally. If it were not for this it would be very much more difficult than it is for us to keep our "constituents" informed about such affairs. Being able to meet people for a day or two prior to the meeting more informally also helps this process.

To me, much the most important part of the full Council's business is the election of its officers and committee members. It is little use pretending that most of the other votes taken by the Council have much meaning to anybody. Nor is the Council at all a satisfactory forum for belly-aching

In a few weeks' time Mr. John Freeman will take the president's chair—surely the most important and, perhaps, the most difficult appointment the Exercise has to bestow. I for one would like to offer him every good wish for all he does during his term of office. This year, too, we must elect afresh every one of our committee members; I hope that we shall perform that duty with serious-minded attention. Finally, let those of us who have been on the Council before resolve not to say the same old things in the same clichés yet again; those who will be new to the Council can easily brief themselves beforehand on what not to say from back numbers of "The Ringing World".—Yours truly,

P. M. J. GRAY.

Australian and New Zealand Association.
Stoke Bishop, Bristol.

MASTER PLEADS FOR COUNCIL'S CLEMENCY

Dear Sir,—I would like to disagree with the reporting of two topics (on page 219) which arose at the Guildford Diocesan Guild A.G.M.

The impression is given that the Guild does not like bands ringing peals in its towers for other Societies. Nothing could be further from the truth. The amendment to the rules, discussion of which gave rise to the reported remark, was designed (a) to make tower elections easier **provided three resident members are present**, and (b) to discourage predominantly non-resident bands from crediting peals to the Guild. It is well known that successive general officers have not favoured the false bolstering of the Guild's peal total by non-resident bands. Mr. Barrie Dove's action was only criticised by a small minority (one voice) as far as I am aware, and certainly no official complaints have been made in the past in similar circumstances (e.g., St. Martin's Guild's two peals of London Royal a few years ago).

My remarks about the Central Council were in the main forceful, and you reported the more sensational comment. The general tenor was, however, one of restraint and it is a pity that my summary, in which I stressed the importance of being moderate in approach and encouraging the Council to reform itself rather than pulling it to pieces with personal attacks, was not reported. I trust the Council will be generous enough to lend me an unprejudiced ear in May.—Yours faithfully,

D. A. R. MAY,
Master.

West Horsley, Surrey.

PEALS IN OTHER AREAS

Dear Sir,—Though I listened carefully to all the discussion at the Guildford A.G.M. I completely failed to notice the "strong resentment" you report to the peal of Minor rung for the Yorkshire Association. Nor do I, or I am sure, most other members of the Guildford Guild, regard it as "an act of discourtesy". After all, did not the Birmingham men ring two peals of Surprise Royal in Guildford for the St. Martin's Guild a few months ago? Would this then be "gross discourtesy"? Of course not.

Quite a large number of peals are rung each year in the Guildford diocese for other Guilds and at times Guildford Guild peals are rung outside our own boundaries. I have myself rung in a number but do not consider I have been rude to other Guilds by doing so.

The late Alf Pulling rang quite a lot of peals for the Guildford Guild at Warnham, Sussex, and there have been Guildford peals in Dorset (conducted by C. W. Denyer) and Warwickshire (conducted by M. J. Church). And why not?

Surely it is more honest to credit the peal to the Guild from which most of the band come. In the case of a mixed band, the majority decide.

At present we have a band trying hard to improve on the number of Spliced Surprise Major rung for the Guild. Why should their enthusiasm be damped by a "foreign" band coming in and making it more difficult by raising the number first?

I am sure most members of the Guildford Guild would say to Barrie Dove: "Ring as many peals for the Yorkshire as you like, so long as proper consent is sought and granted for the attempt."—Yours sincerely,

ROY COLLINS.

Farnham, Surrey.

CANNINGTON, SOM.—On March 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Carol Walton 1, G. G. Davis 2, M. J. Fackrell 3, G. Brown 4, D. K. Lane (cond.) 5, M. J. P. Krajniewski 6. First quarter 1, 6. Half-muffled in memory of Mr. A. Short, devout churchman, whose funeral took place this day.

Letters to the Editor

ASCERTAIN FACTS LATER?

Dear Sir.—May I be allowed space to comment upon "A. F. L.'s" article, "Outing in Mid-Somerset". on page 226?

Firstly, Cothelstone (6, 18-1-25): A. F. L.'s note that "the tenor is now unringable due to badly worn bearings and the rope has been removed for safety" is completely incorrect and defamatory of the condition of the bells.

On the last occasion I took a party of local ringers to Cothelstone. last September, 30 minutes were spent amongst the bells giving them a thorough check-up. All that was required was the tightening of one or two clappers and general oiling. A rope was inserted in the tenor and a good quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles then rung. The only reason for no rope being in the tenor is because there is not one available at Cothelstone, the previous rope from the tenor being in the treble, the treble rope having disintegrated after being in a poor state for some years. Also the Bishop's Lydeard ringers, who occasionally ring at Cothelstone, have not bothered to insert a rope as they consider the tenor to be unringable—unringable to them.

No, A. F. L., the bearings are nothing near worn! If the bells were rung each week they would never be claimed as "unringable" but more as "hard going".

Secondly, Kingston St. Mary bells: as A. F. L. so rightly points out, they were only last year rehung by Mears and Stainbank. It is a great pity the local tower captain does not have the founders back to put them right: I am sure A. F. L. will agree they are quite oddstruck at the moment!

As to the safety of the tower, no doubt the founders could give a report as to whether or not the tower is safe for peals, etc. All I will say is that I have obtained permission from the Vicar for a peal, but I am afraid the local tower captain insists that the church architect says that the tower is unsafe for ringing in excess of 20 minutes. I also, A. F. L., would have thought if the tower was going to tumble down it would do so with any length of ringing, but I fear this particular tower has the same trouble as the one only three miles away with double the number of bells!

I only hope that A. F. L. will, in future, make sure of his facts before publishing his reports. Who knows, if he is not careful he may condemn Twerton-on-Avon!—Yours sincerely,

KEITH E. BEALE.

Taunton, Somerset.

AN ANOMALY

Dear Sir,—Congratulations to Robert Smith and his band on ringing 50 Surprise Maximus. **You** know it is a record, I know it is a record, but officially the Central Council merely records it as the first peal of Maximus in 50 Surprise methods, in the same category as the first peal of Twiddlecombe Bob Minor. To be a Record (capital R) it must surpass **in length** a previous performance. Presumably all Bob Smith and his band have to do now, to ring an official Record, is to ring the same 50 methods but take a few more changes about it!

To be fair, some at least in the Council are aware of the anomaly, but just how one details Record conditions in this case presents problems. Any ideas?—Yours sincerely,

GEOFFREY DODDS.

St. Albans, Herts.

PEALS IN ANOTHER'S TERRITORY

Dear Sir,—I am disturbed to read in the "R.W." (page 219) that the Guildford Diocesan Guild regarded the ringing of a peal at Guildford by the Yorkshire Association as "an act of discourtesy". While I know nothing of the inside details of this particular incident, I would like to comment generally on the subject of peals rung "away". It seems there are several points to consider.

(i) Most Associations have a rule governing belfry elections and it seems to me a little hard that a visiting peal band should be accused of a discourtesy which they may well be unable to prevent because of such a rule. In some cases this requires a majority in a peal band to be resident members of the "host" Association, while in others as few as two resident members, who need even be in the peal band. If the "host" Association is going to insist that all peals rung in its affiliated towers must be credited to that Association then it is surely not a very hospitable attitude if it means that any visitors' peal band **must** include also a number of resident members Or are we to infer that the existence of such rules, coupled with this attitude, means that visiting peal bands just are not welcome, unless they "conform"?

(ii) If a visiting band from a particular Association should by chance ring a peal in another Association's territory it is no credit whatsoever to that Association. On the contrary, it is the **members** who make any Association, and the peal should be credited to that to which the visitors belong. It is immaterial **where** the peal is rung. If any accusations of "poaching" should arise, it is a simple matter for the local tower captain to ensure that, when allocating the year's peal attempts a proportion of these are set aside for the local ringers. This is done in many towers already.

(iii) There is also the case when a peal band is made up from a very wide area. This is happening more and more these days as ringers travel about and make new friends. When such a group of friends meet for a peal it is often difficult to decide for which Association the peal should be rung. More often than not, the Association with the least restrictive rules has to be chosen.

It seems to me that this whole idea of crediting peals to the Association in whose area they are rung is now completely out of date, at least in the case of a non-resident band. The rules drawn up when these Associations were founded may have been expressly designed for this purpose, but conditions have changed and ringers nowadays are able to travel many miles in a day for a peal. Is it not time that the rules and attitudes were also changed and brought up to date?

In closing, let me say again that these comments are general, and I do not intend to apply them more to the Guildford Guild than to any other Association. But I do wonder what would be their reaction if a peal were to be rung at Guildford by the College Youths or the Cumberlands.—Yours faithfully,

ROBERT E. HARDY.

St. Albans, Herts.

NOTE.—The Guild as a body did not regard the incident as "an act of discourtesy."—Ed.

WAITING FOR THE DAWN

Dear Sir.—May I reply briefly to the letter "He won through" from "Another tryer who has", in "The Ringing World" dated March 21st.

Whoever this "Tryer" may be, he has certainly given me great heart, being still in the learning stage. After a little under 12 months I can only ring the tenor behind (and that in not too proficient a manner) and often feel that I shall **never** progress to ringing the treble, let alone an "inside" bell. Ropesight is as elusive as ever, hard as I try to acquire it by watching other ringers in a variety of methods.

I fully endorse his remarks re visiting other towers, not only from the point of view of it providing excellent experience on different bells but as regards the friendliness extended to mere "rabbits" such as myself, who must at times try the patience of those who can ring as easily as reading a book.

His assurance that "light will dawn" is very heartening—but it is, unfortunately, a very slow process.—Yours in hopefulness.

G. EDMANDS.

Chilvers Coton.

NOT THE GUILD OPINION

Dear Sir,—It could be inferred from your report of our annual general meeting (page 219) that the Guildford Diocesan Guild considered it an act of discourtesy that a peal had been rung in Guildford for the Yorkshire Association. It was also said during the discussion to which you refer that a Guild or Association should not claim a peal unless a large proportion of the ringers taking part were "resident" members. The Guild has never expressed a view on this controversial matter. —Yours faithfully, C. W MUNDAY, General Secretary.

Epsom, Surrey.

NOTE.—These were individual views and not the collective opinion of the meeting.—Ed.

THE REV. H. LAW JAMES

Dear Sir,—As Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild H. L. J. submitted a yearly report which was always short and to the point. His report for 1928 consisted of three sentences. Firstly he congratulated the band which rang the first peal of London for the Guild and which was the first of London to be rung in Lincolnshire. Then he went on:—

> "The next thing is the completion and opening of the ring of 12 bells in the Cathedral Tower, and the fact that the whole arrangement of Bells and Tower is the most perfect Bell Tower in the country."

Finally he complained about certain conductors who failed to send in compositions at the proper time.

The opening of the new ring of 12 took place at a meeting of the Guild on December 15th, 1928, and it was H. L. J.'s desire that the first peal on the 12 should be rung within 12 months. A representative band was chosen and a peal of Cambridge Maximus was rung at the sixth attempt. All attempts had to be mid-week after Evensong. At the fifth attempt everything went very well until the last two or three leads when there was a slight mix-up, but the bells came round all right after 4 hours and 15 minutes. After he had called "Stand", H. L. J. said: "Well gentlemen, the bells came round but it was not good enough. When can we meet again?" The next attempt was satisfactory.

In 1930 William Pye took a band of experts to Lincoln and rang a peal of Cambridge Maximus, but he was most annoyed that it took 4 minutes longer than the first peal.—Yours faithfully, HAROLD WALKER.

York.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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MORE MEMORIES OF LIFE AT SURFLEET WITH REV. H. LAW JAMES

By C. RAWDING

INTERESTING as it was, there is much more in the lives of these two brothers than appears in Mr. Sheppard's letter.

Henry Law James taught science at Stamford Grammar School whilst he was curate at St. Martin's Church There the peal boards show some of his peals. In 1897 Bishop King asked him to take the living of Surfleet but, after seeing the state of the church, he refused. However, Bishop King eventually persuaded him to come to Surfleet and he preached his first sermon on Septuagesima, February 28th, 1898.

At that time the living had been held by an old vicar, the Rev. H. Parry, who still lived in the village. The living was then worth £120 per annum, of which Mr. Parry took, according to Church law, £30 per annum, leaving Law James with an income of £90 per annum.

There was no vicarage, so Law James stayed with the churchwarden, Mr. J. Richardson (no relation to Rupert), until he was able to rent a cottage near the bridge.

The church fabric was in a very poor state. The chancel was used as a lumber room, there being only a side altar in the north aisle. Law James then set about raising money, and in the space of three years, with the help of his parishioners and friends, £2,000 was raised. This is recorded by the Spalding Gentlemen's Society.

New seating, choir stalls, rood screen erected; in fact the church interior as it stands today. The organ was built in 1907.

THRASHED WITH LEG BONES

The belfry was one of his main objects. At some earlier date the original belfry had been filled in with rubble, etc., and a way had been broken into the belfry steps at the height of some 12 feet. Law James, with an architect from Durham, had it all taken out and the belfry restored in its present form. It was also found that the tower leant so that the top of the spire was 6ft. 4½in. out of true.

This caused some graves to be disturbed, and the sexton (a Mr. Rudkin) was thrashed by two old ladies with the leg bones of their relatives' corpses. He fought back and so was taken to court, where he was bound over.

Next door to Law James then lived a Mr. Herbert Leverton (founder of H. Leverton and Co., caterpillar tractor agents). Together they built a steamboat in which they use to fetch people to church on a Sunday evening and take them home.

At this time there were five bells in the tower, one being cracked. These two got some clay and tried to electro-weld it by placing batteries on it for a month, but alas, when the clay was taken away the crack still remained.

In 1908 Law James was able to purchase an acre of land on the bank of the river at a cost of £100 with the idea of building a vicarage. The present one was built in 1913 by Messrs. Bowmans, of Stamford. It cost £1,900 which was met by grants from the Lincoln Queen Victoria Clergy Fund (£600), Lincoln Diocesan Conference Maintenance Committee (£100), Ecclesiastical Commissioners (£800), the balance being paid by the incumbent.

PAGE BOY AT VICARAGE

In May, 1914, the writer left school and went to live in the Vicarage with Law James as a page boy for £8 per annum.

War broke out in 1914 but the Cambridge U.G.C.R. came in force, headed by Canon A. H. F. Boughey, together with others who were known by their initials H.S.R.R., E.M.A., J.B.W., E.B.J. and others I can recall. Perhaps some of them can remember the handbell peals of an evening, and the staff waiting to serve dinner any time from 7 till 10 p.m., hoping they would break down!

Until 1916 Law James was an Evangelical, but at that time the National Mission of Hope and Repentance swept through our area. The Rev. W. I. Rawson, together with little Reggie Bond (brother to Mr. Wilfred Bond, the diocesan architect), converted Law James to Anglo-Catholicism. Altar frontals were made into chasubles and all of us lads were made servers or acolytes. Daily Communion was the order of the day, with a rota of communicants and servers.

We had been used to Morning Prayer, Litany and Ante-Communion, so to be able to have the full Communion service Law James altered the time of the service from 10.45 to 10.30 a.m. At times when he had a cold he would insist that the Litany was sung by two choir men.

At a dinner in Lincoln the late Mr. Freeman, speaking of Law James, said that he used to get some of his household goods from away. This was correct: joints of lamb came from the Welsh mountains, tea from a café in Cheltenham, tobacco from Gloucester and groceries from S. and J. Leicester Fish came direct from Grimsby.

GREW OWN TOBACCO

During the First World War we grew our own tobacco. This was dried in a glasshouse, the leaves then being soaked in rum and brown sugar and afterwards rolled tight in tarmac, which produced wads like rolling pins. After smoking that the study ceiling Mr. Sheppard mentioned used to be like treacle.

Law James was also very good to the poor of the parish. Always on Mondays after washday we used to fill the copper with bones and vegetables to make soup. This I had to take round to the aged and infirm in the evening. It was greatly appreciated.

He always holidayed in North Wales, staying at the Royal Hotel, Capel Curig, for a month, but he always had a priest staying in the Vicarage to carry on the daily services. He also formed a Scout troop

Rupert Richardson was the backbone of his ringing band. Rupert had two brothers, William and Hugh, who also rang. William was the father of Alan Richardson, who was captain of Pinchbeck belfry.

The incident mentioned by Mr. Sheppard concerning Bankes James and father and sons took place in Surfleet belfry. Mr. Joe Flowers was the father and the sons were Charles, Joe, Tom, Len, Ernest, Sydney, Herbert and Fred, all reasonable change-ringers.

At Christmas we all went to the Vicarage with the choir for a very good supper and entertainment.

The ringer in Mr. Sheppard's tale was the late Mr. J. T. Brown, of Spalding He mostly rang the treble, and often when he should have been leading one would meet him at the back and Law James would shout at him, with the answer coming back: "I know where I am, but I can't get there!"

Before Law James' High Church days, the bread used at the Communion used to be a brown bread known as Standard bread, and this was cut into pieces Being a server I had very often to consume what was left over, as the rubric says. Then wafers came into use.

He also introduced acolytes with candles, and it was often like a pantomime when we went to choir and servers' festivals for Mr. Judd, Vicar of Wigtoft, who was dead against lights, would blow the candles out and then Law James would relight them until one or the other would give way.

THE REV. E. BANKES JAMES,

I do not know much about his early days apart from the fact that he was a teacher at Wykeham College, Lee-on-Solent, Hants. He used to spend his holidays with his brother, bringing scholars dressed in long belted coats and straw hats down with him. The chief ones I remember were A. Wilkins, Lionel White and Polly White.

When Bankes James preached it was the job of one of these lads to hold up a finger for him to stop after a quarter-of-an-hour. Both brothers never used notes, and if they got carried away they could last a long time!

When Law James died Bankes James rented the old Vicarage again and took the old housekeeper with him. She was a Miss Wander, known to visitors as "She". Bankes James then asked me to look out for a quiet cottage which he could buy, and this I did. But he definitely gave it the name of ERYRI, a method he composed, and I think Peter Border last called a peal in this method.

Unfortunately the poor old housekeeper was fatally injured outside the old Vicarage. Bankes James then got the assistant matron from Winchester College, a Miss L. Holland, to come along with him.

Law James was responsible for the lovely 6-bell chimes. He was able to get an old chiming barrel from a church in Gloucester, and with the help of the organist, Donald Rokksby, worked the chimes out. Later Mr. Rupert Richardson electrified the clock and chimes. The old clock workings were over 200 years old.

When the Second World War started the Chancellor of the Exchequer appealed for silver, etc., and Bankes James gave them about all the family crested silver.

The family crest can still be seen in the Vicarage porch. I have in my possession a small silver medallion. One side bears the letters C.U.G.C.R. with the dates: April 28, 1890; Nov. 17, 1890; Feb. 23, 1890; April 17, 1894. I think these were the first peals of the Guild.

The other side is divided into four quarters with a lion in each quarter

Henry Law James was named after one of his godparents, Henry Law, who was Dean of Gloucester at the time of his birth.

E. Bankes James took the name of Bankes, which was his mother's maiden name. She was a descendant of the Lady Bankes who defended Corfe Castle at its siege. The legend goes that she baked mince pies, making them cradle-shaped. So if we had mince pies they had to be baked in cradle tins otherwise the James brothers would not eat them.

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QUARTER PEALS

ALWALTON, HUNTS. — On March 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): R. W. Smith 1, Mrs. Ann Smith 2, G. Davis 3, F. Sismey 4, R. W. Spencer (cond.) 5. For Evensong.

ARRETON, I.o.W.—On March 8th, 1,260 Antelope Doubles: B. J. Fry 1, Jennifer L. Quaife (25th quarter) 2, Mary Sutcliffe (cond.) 3, W. Willans 4, A. A. Nunn 5, M. E. Cass 6. First of Antelope for all.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.—On March 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. W. Gordon (first quarter) 1, Elizabeth Gibbs 2, Gillian Laver 3, J. V. A. Stedman 4, Felicity Hamilton 5, T. Skilton (cond., 75th quarter) 6. For Evensong.

ATTENBOROUGH, NOTTS.—On March 1st, 1,184 Cambridge Surprise Major: Ann H. Whaley 1, R. K. Mason (cond.) 2, Susan M. O'Neill 3, A. R. C. Harris 4, Sheila M. Anthony 5, S. B. Bell 6, M. Green 7, R. B. Mills 8. First Cambridge Major 3 and 4.

BARCOMBE, SUSSEX. — On March 4th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): F. Smith 1, P. Tomsett 2, Mrs. G. S. M. Macadam 3, S. Brook 4, A Turner (cond.) 5, S. J. Osborne 6. An engagement compliment to John Smith (a local ringer) and Rosemary Nippard.

BARROW-ON-SOAR, LEICS. — On March 16th, 1,260 Spliced Minor (Plain Bob, Cambridge Single): C. L. Younger 1, M. D. Barsby 2, B. S. Payne (cond.) 3 P. G. Chambers 4, J. R. Perkins 5, R. I. Kendrick 6 For Mothering Sunday Evensong.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On March 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: May Wingrove 1, Belinda Wood 2, R. Lee 3, D. Lamb 4, J. Ellams 5, D. Francis (cond.) 6. D. Wood 7, H. J. Wingrove 8. A farewell to the Rector (Rev. C. R. Warner) on his last Sunday in the parish after 22 years' ministry.

BIRMINGHAM.—At St. Chad's R.C. Cathedral, on March 3rd, 1,250 Yorkshire S. Major: Gillian Bosworth-Smith 1, Janet E. Blake 2, A. J. Fletcher 3, P. R. Johnson 4, C. J. Bennett 5, S. G. Pick (50th quarter) 6, D. J. G. Bates 7, R. C. Stevens (cond.) 8. Rung within the Octave of the Festival of St. Chad.

BLUNSDON, WILTS.—On March 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Anne Ford 1, Donald Naylor (cond., aged 11) 2, W. H. Trueman 3, H W. Ball 4, E. W. Ford 5, W. W. J. Grubb 6. Rung as a wedding anniversary compliment to the parents of the conductor, and also to the sixth ringer Also on March 12th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Pl. Bob): Anne Ford 1, P. D. Naylor 2, W. B. Kynaston (cond.) 3, W. H. Trueman 4, E. W. Ford 5, W. J. Cook 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Warr, of Broadbush, on their golden wedding day.

BUCKERELL, DEVON. — On March 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Pike (first quarter) 1, F. Parr 2, L. Stevens 3, J. Broadhurst 4, W. Webb (cond.) 5, T. Virgin 6.

BUSHEY, HERTS.—On March 16th, 1,264 Pl. Bob Major: Jill V. Eastman (first quarter) 1, D. A. Carpenter 2, T. J. Clark 3, M. J. Eastman 4, C. W. Woolley 5, S. Kathleen M. Baldwin 6, P. F. Windley 7, R. Baldwin (cond.) 8.

CATHERINGTON, HANTS.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: E. W. Colley 1, Betty J. Daysh 2, S. T. Kirby 3, M. Laborda (first in method) 4, M. S. Bruce 5, R. Green (cond.) 6.

CALVERTON, BUCKS.—On Feb. 28th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: M. G. Hooton 1, A. Haseldine 2, K. Brown 3, R Haseldine 4, D. Coxhill 5, B. R. Eglesfield 6. Rung fully-muffled in memoriam John Spencer Payne (78), last Vicar of this parish, interred this day.

CHILDWALL, LANCS. — On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. W. Peacock 1, K. Dickens 2, R. F. Mack 3, H A. E. Caldecote 4, G. K. Austin (cond.) 5, G. V. Morris 6. First quarter 1 and 4. A farewell compliment to Canon W. H. Wade, 21 years Vicar of Childwall.

CHILVERS COTON, WARKS. — On March 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Lloyd 1, Elizabeth Wood 2 J. Evans 3, J. Draycott 4, J. Gibbons 5, G. A. Bell 6, L. Trevor (cond.) 7, G. Edmands 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. H. Fitchett, verger at this church.

CODSALL, STAFFS.—On March 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. W. Illidge 1, A. G. Richards 2, A. D. Collins 3 D. Head 4, Gillian Bosworth-Smith 5, P. R. Johnson (cond.) 6. Also on March 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. W. Illidge 1, A. D. Collins (cond.) 2, R. E. Lyons 3, D. Head 4, A. G. Richards 5, Gillian Bosworth-Smith 6, P. R Johnson 7, H. E. Green 8.

COLLINGHAM, YORKS. — On Feb. 12th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Elizabeth J. Campbell 1, J. J. Durham 2, M. G. Dodson 3, G. J. Jones 4, C. Forster (cond.) 5, R. A. Beresford 6, P. J. Crossthwaite 7, I P. Ottaway 8.

DEWSBURY, YORKS. — On March 13th, 1,280 Double Norwich C.B. Major: J. Bottomley 1, A. Thompson 2, J. Ineson 3, V. Bottomley 4, I. Sykes (first quarter) 5, K. Ineson 6, G. Richardson (cond.) 7. J. Wightman 8. First in method 2, 3, 4, 6. Also on March 16th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. Bottomley (cond.) 1, A. Thompson 2, J Ineson 3, R. Richardson 4, V. Bottomley 5. J. Wightman 6, G. Richardson 7, D. Carruthers 8. First in method 2, 3, 6, 7, 8. For Mothering Sunday.

DOWNE, KENT. — On Feb. 2nd, 1,260 St. Clement's Bob Minor: R. K. Long 1, V. Hayward 2, P. R. Butler 3, K. Burgess 4, A. H. Long 5, R. A. Grant (cond.) 6. First in method for all the band. For Evensong.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On March 9th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Miss D. A. Wood 1, Miss R. A. Collins 2, Mrs. M Turner 3, Miss J. M. Collins 4, E. J. Futcher 5, J. A. Collier 6, A. D. Elsmore 7, R. Collins (cond.) 8. First Major 1, 2, 5. For Evensong.

HOYLANDSWAINE, S. YORKS.—On March 10th, 1,320 Hoylandswaine Delight Minor. Frances Garfield 1. Gail Cater 2, R. Cater 3, P. Charlesworth 4, P. Carbutt 5, T. Tarbatt (cond.) 6. Rung "Cartwheel".

HUYTON, LANCS.—On March 6th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: J. P Richardson (first quarter) 1, F. M. Latham 2, N. P. A Goulding 3, D. C. Simpson 4, R. G. Latham 5, G. K. Austin (cond.) 6.

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ICKLETON, CAMBS. — On March 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Monica Coningsby (first on eight) 1, D. Lilley 2, G. Lilley 3, W. Chandler 4, L. Flitton 5, R. Griggs 6, J. Quinney (cond.) 7, C. Rule 8. In memory of Mr. Albert Fleet, of Eastbourne, a respected member of the local band for several years cremated this day.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS. — On March 2nd, 1,260 Plain and Oxford Bob Minor: P. W. Harper 1, D J. Goodman 2, B. M. Barker 3, R. J. Picton 4, K D. Waples (cond.) 5, G. Spratt 6. For Evensong. Also on March 16th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Minor: P. Brenthall 1, Miss G. Barker (first in method) 2, Mrs. D. Barker 3, B. M. Barker 4, K. D. Waples 5, P. W. Harper (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

KINGSTON UPON THAMES, SURREY.—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Ann Burt (first quarter) 1, C. D. Collin 2, Lesley A. Hawes 3, M. J. Green 4, Anthea S. Bruce (cond.) 5, J. P. Hull 6. Rung half-muffled by members of Kingston schools in memory of Mary Haslett, headmistress of Coombe County Girls' School.

KINGSTON UPON THAMES, SURREY. — On March 9th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Anne E. Anthony (first Major) 1, R. B. Dorrington (cond.) 2, S. H. Gay 3, Bryony P. H. Moorby 4, M. A. Gay 5, J. J. Bailey 6, A. H. Long 7, R. A. Grant 8. A birthday compliment to Bryony Moorby.

KIRBY BELLARS, LEICS.—On March 6th, 1,260 Doubles (five meth./var.): A. French 1, H. Bonshor 2, R. Looker 3, H. Clayton 4, O. Homewood (cond.) 5. Rung to the glory of God.

KNEBWORTH, HERTS.—On March 1st, 1,280 Lincolnshire Surprise Major: Jackie Saker 1, M R. Worthington 2, Margaret M. Roden 3, R. D. Bellamy 4, J. S. Dear 5, J. R. Leeming 6, G. E Bonham 7, P. Mehew (cond.) 8.

LANCHESTER, DURHAM.—On March 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. E. B. Reed 1, H. P. Thompson 2, W. Tyson 3, C. T. Lamb 4, A. C. Walker 5, B. Street (first as cond. of Minor) 6. For Matins and Holy Communion.

WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX. — On Feb. 17th, 1,440 Minor (Norwich Surprise, Kent T.B.): C. Longhurst 1, T Banner 2, E. R. Rapley 3, R. F. Verrall 4. G. C. Rix 5, D. D. Smith (cond.) 6. Also on March 11th, 1,440 Cambridge S. Minor: E. R. Rapley 1. P. Stevens 2, R. F. Verrall 3, G. C. Rix 4, C. Longhurst 5, D. D. Smith (cond.) 6.

WEST MEON, HANTS.—On March 9th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Janet Yeates 1, Mary White 2, J. D. Flook 3, B. E Pink 4, K. G. Waller (cond.) 5, R. A. Stone 6. For morning service.

WINSCOMBE, SOM.—On March 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Susan Stott 1, S. Lewis 2, H. Hooper 3. J. Coombs 4, B. Mills 5, J. Creber 6, P. Ham (cond.) 7, C. Fields 8. First of Triples for 1 and 8.

OBIT.—J. F. MILNER (continued)

From J. E. Cawser

I first met Fred in December, 1924, when, as young recruits to John Flint's band, we took part in a peal of Yorkshire Surprise at Worksop, the first peal of Yorkshire in Nottinghamshire. During the next few years we took part in a number of peals together, one notable one being Cambridge Royal at Beverley Minster, with the incomparable Ted Jenkins on the tenor.

From the mid-1930s work prevented us meeting very often, but in 1947 he stood in the first peal of Bristol by our South Yorkshire band, and from then on was a regular member of the band. We travelled the length and breadth of Yorkshire together, to Whitby in the North and Bradford in the West, and it is possible that Fred rang peals in more Yorkshire towers than anyone who has never been a resident. He took part in all the multi-method Spliced Surprise Major peals conducted by Eric Critchley, which remained a record for about ten years.

The bulk of his ringing was, however, with the late Harold J. Poole. Mr. and Mrs. Milner and Mr. and Mrs. Poole were great friends of many years' standing, and Fred was justly proud of the many fine peals he rang with the Leicester ringers. The successes of this band under the brilliant leadership of Harold Poole were truly great, and Fred took part in many of them.

Many of these peals took place at Leicester Cathedral in the early days on the old ten and later on the magnificent 12, and it was fitting that a half-muffled peal of Stedman Cinques was rung on these bells to his memory. It was conducted — appropriately and so ably — by Mrs. P. J. Staniforth, and I felt very privileged to take part in this tribute to such an old friend.

I fully endorse the comments of "N. G." in last week's "Ringing World" regarding Fred's charm and generosity, and would add great modesty and intense loyalty

To Mrs. Milner goes the sympathy of a host of ringing friends in her great loss.

MRS. P. W. CAVE

With deep regret we report the death on March 14th, after a short illness, of Mrs. Cave, wife of P. W. Cave, captain of the band of St. George's, Beckenham, Kent.

Although Mrs. Cave was not a ringer she took a lively interest in those ringing affairs with which her husband was associated in Beckenham, Liverpool and Bristol, and her friendly personality will be greatly missed by all who knew her. To Percy and his family we extend our deepest sympathy.

A quarter peal of Stedman Triples was rung half-muffled at St. George's, Beckenham, on March 18th, the day of the funeral, by T. Lewis 1, D. G. Brown 2, Miss H. Oakshett 3, M. F. Oakshett 4, Mrs. C. Shiers 5, S. Nicholls 6, J. W. Smith (cond.) 7, J. E. Powell 8.

MR. D. L. HUGHES

We regret to record the sudden death of David L. Hughes, aged 71, on March 19th. He had been a regular service ringer at St. Illtyd's, Bridgend, Glam, for 40 years and will be greatly missed.

CORRECTIONS & AMENDMENTS

The peal of Double Norwich rung at Holy Trinity, Ossett (page 211, "R.W."), was in fact rung at All Saints', Pontefract.

The name of the Vicar when Perry Barr bells were installed was the Rev. C. B. Snepp, not Snapp as appeared on page 218.

Mr. Anthony Smith informs us that he did not conduct the peal of Minimus at St. Clement (page 171) More than one member of the band ensured that it was rung correctly, he adds

The footnote to the peal of Double Glasgow Surprise Major at Rotherham (page 211) should read: "First peal in the method for all the band."

OBITUARY

MR. GEORGE S. LUXTON

George Luxton died at the age of 68 on February 26th, and though his last few years had been a weary tale of sickness and failing health he retained his love of ringing to the very end of his life, and will be much missed by his fellow-ringers.

He was for 53 years a member of the Newton St. Cyres band, learning to handle a bell when the band were ringing call-changes and learning method ringing during the 1920s when the tower "went scientific". During the '30s the Newton St. Cyres ringers had the distinction—unique even now—of being a band who could strike Grandsire and Stedman Doubles to Devon call-change standards and get into the first six of the Devon Six-bell; George's name on a number of peal boards and certificates alike bears witness to his part in the achievement. His name also stands on the second of the eight at Newton with those of his fellow-ringers who gave and raised the money for it; he was until last year the band's treasurer.

When slowly-ebbing strength made it impossible for him to ring any more, he would often drive over from his home to listen to a competition or a peal attempt, and nothing delighted him more than to talk ringing with anyone who called. The day before he died he was told of the Exeter Branch's decision to propose him for election as a resident life member of the Guild: if long service and enthusiasm for the Exercise are any qualifications, few men have deserved the honour more than he did. J. G. M. S.

MR. ARTHUR TILSON

We regret to record the death of Mr. Arthur Tilson, head ringer at the Church of All Saints, Gresford, Denbighshire, suddenly after a heart attack on Sunday, March 23rd. Mr. Tilson had been a ringer at Gresford since about 1900 and a member of the North Wales Association from 1905.

The funeral was held at Gresford on March 27th.

MR. WILLIAM STOWELL

Bristol's oldest ringer, Mr. William Stowell, of Church Hill Cottages, Brislington, Bristol, passed away on February 5th, soon after his 88th birthday. In his younger days he was an ardent peal ringer with his brother, Albert, and together they took part in many famous peals in and around the West Country.

He joined the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association in 1900 and in June of that year rang his first peal at St. Luke's, Brislington—Plain Bob Minor, conducted by John A. Burford In the following two years he rang some 35 peals, one of the most notable of which was the fully-muffled peal of Grandsire Caters rung at St. Nicholas' (City) on the occasion of the funeral of H.M. Queen Victoria. By 1915 he had rung 70 peals for the Association, including the first of Cambridge Surprise Maximus in Bristol, at St. Mary Redcliffe, and his name can still be seen on almost every peal board in the area for the early 1900s. He was made an honorary life member of the G. and B. in 1966

His ashes were buried right under the tower of St. Luke's, Brislington, where he had rung for over 65 years, his regular and loyal service to the Sunday service band revealing his great love and devotion for the Church. M. J. H.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

The Northern District held its spring meeting at St. Catherine's, Gosfield, on March 22nd.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. E A. Burdon, and was followed by tea and the business meeting. Five new ringing members were elected from Gosfield, Belchamp St. Paul and Kelvedon

During the afternoon and evening the light six bells (a new ring in 1963) were rung to a variety of methods ranging from Plain Bob to London R. T.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Christopher Dalton makes this addition to his excellent article last week: St. Paul's, Hounslow, was built in 1877 and the architects were Messrs. Habershon and Pike.

Mr. M. J. Uphill informs us that he has no desire ever to become Master of the London County Association as was rather suggested in Mr. J. R Ketteringham's letter on page 222 (March 21st).

This week we received news that Mr. Frank Perrens, librarian to the Central Council, had rung in a quarter peal of Stedman Triples at Burwood, N.S.W Four of the band were ringing their first in the method.

Friends of Mr. Edward Jenkins will be sorry to learn that he is at present in Oldham General Hospital, Boundary Park, Oldham (Ward CM/1B). He will be home in the near future and is in very high spirits.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Poole, of Creech St. Michael, Taunton, on their 40th wedding anniversary. Mr. Poole conducted the complimentary quarter peal on March 22nd.

Henley, Suffolk, is losing the services of Mr. Jeffrey M. Lawrence. He and his wife are leaving for a three years' tour of Zambia. Jeffrey took part in a farewell peal on March 2nd by the local band, which was his first of Major.

Saydisc are planning some interesting recordings. To be expected shortly is an L.P. of the Loughborough carillon. Also planned are an L.P. of the bells of St. Mary Redcliffe and an E.P. of the bells of the Midlands.

The bells of Sidcup Parish Church were rung half-muffled for an hour-and-a-half on March 21st by the local band and visitors in memory of the crew of the Longhope lifeboat from the Isle of Hoy, who sacrificed their lives to help others.

The Northampton Branch Newsletter is now edited by V. P. W., of The Poplars, Barrack Road, Northampton, who invites contributions.

More quarters of Stedman Triples have been rung so far this year by the Truro Diocesan Guild than any other method

The Chester Guild dinner is on October 11th. A different date is given in "The Ringers' Notebook and Diary".

The 200th peal on the bells of St. Peter's, Nottingham, on March 22nd, coincided with the placing in the tower of a cupboard in memory of Frederick A. Salter, who rang more than 80 of his 350 peals there and who was Ringing Master.

The Ancient Society of College Youths rang two peals of London Surprise Maximus on Saturday, March 22nd. One was in London at St Mary-le-Bow's, conducted by David Hilling, and the other at Waltham Abbey, conducted by Wilfred Williams.

"The Ringing World" Committee will be able to report a 100% attendance to the Council. At the last meeting on March 22nd the audited accounts for 1968 were approved and instructions given in respect to drafting the Committee's report.

Part I of "The Tutors' Handbook" is now ready to be added to the list of Central Council publications. It is written by the well-known instructor Mr. Wilfrid F. Moreton, and will be reviewed in our next issue by Canon Gilbert Thurlow.

Mr. F. W. Goodfellow retired from the Civil Service this Easter, having completed 50 years' service. He started in the G.P.O. headquarters and later served in the Savings Bank, the Ministry of Health and finally the Ministry of Housing and Local Government. We wish him good health and a happy retirement!

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THE 775th ANNIVERSARY OF ROCHDALE PARISH CHURCH

The 775th anniversary of Rochdale Parish Church of St. Chad was held on March 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

The church has just undergone a £25,000 restoration and to celebrate this on March 1st the bells pealed out over the town, while the church was floodlit.

The local ringers were assisted on the occasion by Ringing Masters and tower secretaries from other towers in the area, the towers represented being Oldham Parish Church; St. Thomas', Moorside; St. Peter's, Walsden; Todmorden Parish Church; St. James', Milnrow; St. Thomas', Newhey; Christ Church, Healey; St. Leonard's, Middleton; St. Luke's, Heywood. Mr. F. Reynolds, secretary of the Lancashire Association, and Mrs. Reynolds, the chairman (Mr. J. M. D. Bateman), the Ringing Master (Mr. D. Howarth) and the secretary of the Rochdale Branch (Mr. C. Cheetham) were also present.

After the ringing a party was held at the Queens Hotel, Rochdale. Here the Vicar and Rural Dean of Rochdale (Canon H. Nightingale) spoke on how much church bells meant and also the part that bellringers played in the 900th celebration at Westminster Abbey. He hoped that the bellringers would do the same during Rochdale's anniversary year.

The Rochdale Branch chairman thanked the Vicar for the privilege of being invited to ring on such a great occasion. He also thanked the parish church ringers for the party.

The bells were rung for morning service, at which the preacher was the Lord Bishop of Manchester, and again after the service. Then ringers and congregation joined the Bishop at a reception in the Town Hall. The ringers for this service were assisted by those from St. Thomas', Newhey, and St. Luke's, Heywood.

The preacher at the evening service was the Bishop of Hulme and the bells for this service were rung by the parish church ringers.

The week-end ended on Monday, March 3rd, with a peal of Plain Bob Triples, with two parish church ringers scoring their first peal.

LEAGUE CUP FINAL BEFORE RINGING

The presence of Swindon in the League Cup final at Wembley on March 15th was too big a counter-attraction for the Marlborough Branch meeting at Savernake Forest that day. A postponement to March 22nd resulted in a good attendance of ringers of both sexes and all ages.

There was a cordial welcome to the Guild at the service conducted by the Vicar (Rev. W. G. Currie), with Mr A. Keen as organist, and an excellent spread in the schoolroom, prepared and served by Mrs. Powell and Mr. and Mrs. N. Tilley. In appreciation a collection was taken for local funds.

Mr. G. Newman presided at the business meeting and Mr. A. Keen presented a comprehensive report on the Guild committee meeting at Salisbury. A decision on a coach party to the Guild annual festival at Wootton Bassett was deferred until the April meeting.

After a comprehensive vote of thanks from the chairman, ringing was resumed on St. Katherine's five of medium weight and on the much heavier six at nearby Great Bedwyn.

W. A. E.

MR. HARRY MILES, M.A.

The latest vice-president of the Truro Diocesan Guild is Mr. Harry Miles. Before his retirement to Cornwall 22 years ago he was a highly-esteemed member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, of which he has been a member for 72 years. His service in Oxford was conspicuous. He was secretary of one of the Guild Branches, Master of the Oxford University Society and twice Master of the venerable Oxford City Society, whose records date back to 1733. For many years he taught undergraduates to ring.

Mr. Miles first joined the Central Council in 1929 and for six years represented the Oxford University Society. In 1948 he was elected for the Truro Diocesan Guild and outstanding work he fulfilled was compiling the Ringers' Roll of Honour for World War II, a task that took him five years to complete. He also served on the Standing Committee and the Peals Analysis Committee. It was with regret that at the end of 15 years' service for the Truro Guild he decided to retire, for he was a popular member at Council meetings.

His membership of the Truro Guild goes back 40 years, and since leaving Oxford he has spent considerable time in teaching ringing at Gorran, Mullion, Redruth, Zennor, Paul and St. Mary's, Penzance, besides being captain of Lelant tower for many years. He has been instructor at a number of combined practices held by the Penzance Branch.

He had the honour of ringing in the Coronation peal in 1953 and he has been a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths for 46 years.

M. L. L.

ANOTHER 1,000-PEAL RINGER

Congratulations to Mr. Alfred Ballard, of Hinckley, Leics, who rang his 1,000th peal on March 19th, the 42nd anniversary of his first peal. The happy occasion was at The Wayside, 150, Narborough Road South, Leicester, the venue for many of Mr. Ballard's peals. It was 5,019 Stedman Cinques, conducted by Mr. Peter J. Staniforth. Mr. Ballard thus becomes the 32nd ringer to reach the 1,000 peal mark.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AT LONGPARISH

The last member of the pre-war Highclere Sunday service band, Mr. William F. Kewell, celebrated his 73rd birthday in a fitting manner on February 27th by taking part in a peal of Doubles at Longparish. To enable him to ring in the peal the choir practice was cancelled. After a good peal, his first for over five years, he produced a bottle of wine and the members drank his health. The band's congratulations were voiced by Mr. Geoffrey K. Dodd, the conductor, who hoped that he would be as active as Mr. Kewell at 73 and looked forward to another birthday peal in seven years' time.

MAXEY COMES TO LIFE AGAIN

Peals at St. Peter's Church, Maxey, Northants, are very infrequent. Originally the bells were rung from the first floor but then came an alteration to a ground floor ring. The ringers stood round a square font on which ropes occasionally caught. The bells were lumpy and unpleasant to ring and for years there was no resident band.

Recently a keen young lady ringer, Miss Susan Aveyard, came to live at Maxey, and under her influence a young band has started and is able to ring rounds for services. Another great improvement has been the transfer of the ringing room back to the first floor, resulting in a great improvement in the "go" of the bells.

CHEW DEANERY REPORTS PROGRESS

St. George's flag was flying gaily from the tower to mark the quarterly meeting of the Chew Branch which was held at Nailsea on March 15th. If ringing on the six before the service was traditional the service itself certainly wasn't: it made a refreshing change not to have ringers or bells as the main theme, and what other Branch can claim to have sung "Finlandia" as a hymn tune before today!

A bountiful tea was served in the Church Hall afterwards at ridiculously low expense to about 35 members and friends, together with Mr. Gilbert, the general secretary, and his family.

At the business meeting Portishead was proposed for the June quarterly meeting and Kingston Seymour for the May practice, whilst Mr. M. Horseman gave a final reminder of the striking competition at Publow on April 19th, which Mr. Arthur Reed, of Taunton, has agreed to judge. Winford was proposed as the venue for the joint meeting with the Frome Branch in July and Nailsea for the Corporate Communion in June.

New members were elected from no less than eight towers: particularly encouraging was the election of eight members forming the new band at Clevedon St. John's, due entirely to the hard work and encouragement of Victor James, from nearby St. Andrew's.

Discussion followed on recommendations put forward by the officers to try to improve Branch activity, especially practices. The general secretary thought towers should be visited regularly by the officers and proposed as a start that a new Branch instructor should be appointed. Len Derrick, of Nailsea, was voted in in no time.

"Any Other Business" produced two ideas. First, that the Branch should agree to fix a rota of towers for the ensuing year at its A.G.M., and second, a proposal from Mr. Horseman, which was supported by all, that the Association itself should arrange a "play-off" of Branch winners in the various parts of the diocese. The suggestion will be raised at the annual meeting in June.

J. B.

1968 PEAL

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
PUTNEY, S.W.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Dec. 14, 1968, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in F.

Robert C. Underwood	Treble	Christopher P. Starbuck	5
Peter G. Holden	2	Timothy G. Pett	6
Adrienne Gibson	3	Edward F. P. Bryant	7
Alan Bagworth	4	John R. Pratchett	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Edward F. P. Bryant.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
SAFFRON WALDEN, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., March 1, 1969, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5042 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.

Alan R. Patterson	Treble	Christopher M. P. Johnson	7
Brian Bladon	2	John Armstrong	8
John M. Jelley	3	Brian D. Threlfall	9
Christopher H. Rogers	4	David E. House	10
David P. Hilling	5	Frank C. Price	11
Antony R. Kench	6	Michael P. Moreton	Tenor

Arranged by Peter Border. Conducted by David P. Hilling.

ASHWICK, Somerset.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sat., March 1, 1969, in 5 Hours and 5 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 10080 SURPRISE MINOR
Being 14 extents in the following methods: (1) Hexham, (2) Berwick, (3) Carlisle, (4) Cunecastre, (5) London, (6) Wells, (7) York, (8) Durham, (9) Beverley, (10) Surfleet, (11) Primrose, (12) Norfolk, (13) Ipswich, (14) Cambridge. Tenor 7 cwt.

Eric Naylor	Treble	Philip H. D. Jones	4
Ronald G. Beck	2	Adrian P. Beck	5
Edward J. Chivers	3	Robert E. Beck	Tenor

Conducted by Adrian P. Beck.
Longest length by all.

BRUSHFORD, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., March 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of seven methods: Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford T.B., St. Clement's, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt 1 lb. in B.

Mervyn R. Arscott	Treble	†David R. Clayton	4
Arthur H. Reed	2	Mervyn A. Arscott	5
*Adrian F. Arscott	3	Keith E. Beale	Tenor

Conducted by Keith E. Beale.
* Most Minor methods. † First peal.
Rung on St. David's Day.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
HODNET, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Luke.
On Sat., March 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 24 lb. in F.

*Michael F. Gee	Treble	Edward V. Rodenhurst	5
Ernest Pimlott	2	Geoffrey A. Edwards	6
Frederick S. Sutton	3	Frank R. Morton	7
John R. Scott	4	†Harry W. Howard	Tenor

Composed by J. Barker. Conducted by Harry W. Howard.
* First attempt for a peal. † 475th peal.
Rung in honour of the birth of a daughter (Emily Jane) to Mr. and the Hon. Mrs. Heber-Percy, of Hodnet Hall, Hodnet.

MORETON CORBET, Salop.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.
On Sat., March 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., and three extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in A.

*A. Doreen Edwards	Treble	*Harry W. Howard	4
Ernest Pimlott	2	†John R. Scott	5
Geoffrey A. Edwards	3	Frank R. Morton	Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.
* 50th peal together. † 100th peal of Minor.
Rung as a 90th birthday compliment to the father-in-law of the ringer of the fourth.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
WARWICK.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sun., March 2, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in F.

John L. Garner-Hayward	Treble	Peter Randall	5
Clare Dolphin	2	Geoffrey Randall	6
Ian C. Maycock	3	Ernest Gower	7
Hubert G. Summers	4	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed by S. Ivin. Conducted by Peter Border.
Rung for the last service to be taken by the Vicar, the Rev. G. M. Smallwood, who is leaving on preferment to Cannock Chase, Stafford.

NAPTON, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.
On Sat., March 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in six methods, viz.: (1) Beverley Surprise, (2) Surfleet Surprise, (3) Kent Treble Bob, (4) St. Clement's Bob, (5) Cambridge Surprise, (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. in F.

Peter C. Randall	Treble	Brian R. Danby	4
Pam Whitfield	2	John K. Foot	5
David P. Crawley	3	John F. Thorne	Tenor

Conducted by Peter C. Randall.

THE DEVON GUILD.
(Exeter Colleges Guild Branch.)
NEWTON ST. CYRES.—At the Church of SS. Cyr and Juletta.
On Sat., March 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb. in F sharp.

William A. Theobald	Treble	John L. Anderson	5
Angela C. Hughes	2	D. Roy Bould	6
Kevin A. Hughes	3	Frederick Wreford	7
David J. Atkins	4	John N. Longridge	Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker. Conducted by D. Roy Bould.

(Exeter Colleges Guild Branch.)
THORVERTON, Devon.—At the Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury.
On Thurs., Feb. 27, 1969, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents Cambridge Surprise and five Plain Bob.
Tenor 17 cwt.

Linda V. Cull	Treble	Kevin A. Hughes	4
David J. Atkins	2	John L. Anderson	5
Angela C. Hughes	3	John N. Longridge	Tenor

Conducted by John N. Longridge.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
MELDRETH, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Fri., Feb. 14, 1969, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In eight methods, comprising 864 Rutland, 672 London and Pudsey, 640 Cambridge and Superlative, 608 Adelaide, 544 Brighton and 384 Bristol, with 146 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 11¼ cwt. in F sharp.

Derek E. Sibson	Treble	Richard H. Youdale	5
Donald F. Murfet	2	John G. Gipson	6
Hilary Muirhead	3	Brian D. Threlfall	7
Geoffrey Pearson	4	Kenneth J. Hesketh	Tenor

Composed by Richard G. Crosland. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.

TRUMPINGTON, Cambs.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Michael.
On Sat., March 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in G.

Susan J. Jenkins	Treble	*Allen Twyman	5
David E. Rothera	2	Hilary Muirhead	6
Janet House	3	John G. Gipson	7
Geoffrey Pearson	4	Kenneth J. Hesketh	Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. Davies. Conducted by Hilary Muirhead.
* First peal in the method.
Rung with the best wishes of the rest of the band to Susan Jenkins and David Rothera on their engagement.

MELDRETH, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sun., March 2, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in F sharp.

Alan F. Scholfield	Treble	Philip J. Rothera	5
Janet House	2	Geoffrey H. Pullin	6
Kenneth J. Hesketh	3	John G. Gipson	7
Donald F. Murfet	4	David E. House	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by David E. House.
First peal of London Major on the bells.

WILLINGHAM, Cambs.—At the Church of St. Mary and All Saints.
On Sat., Feb. 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In two methods, being 2,520 each of St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

*Gina Carter	Treble	Alan M. Barber	4
Mervyn G. Brown	2	Geoffrey A Lucas	5
†Richard P. Turnill	3	George E. Thoday	Tenor

Conducted by Alan M. Barber.
* First peal. † First "inside." Tenor 11 cwt. 94 lb. in G.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

FINCHINGFIELD, Essex.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., March 1, 1969, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's 12-part. Tenor 18 cwt.

*James Green	Treble	†Peter Perkins	5
Thomas Bird	2	Frank W. J. Roper	6
Robert J. Lindsell	3	Frank B. Lufkin	7
†Roy Threadgold	4	*Michael J. Hunter	Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
* First peal. † First of Grandsire Triples.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PAINSWICK, Glos.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Feb. 8, 1969, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5103 GRANDSIRE CINQUES
Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in D.

George W. Massey	Treble	*David MacKay	7
Norman G. N. Knee	2	†Raymond E. J. Baker	8
*Ronald G. Beck	3	†David J. Orledge	9
*Peter J. England	4	Eric J. Hitchins	10
Laurence E. Hitchins	5	*Edward J. Chivers	11
†Philip H. D. Jones	6	†Victor G. Savage	Tenor

Composed by Richard F. Deal. Conducted by George W. Massey.
* First peal of Grandsire Cinques. † First on 12 bells. First of Cinques as conductor.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ERITH, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Fri., Feb. 28, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Tenor 15 cwt. in F sharp.

*Maureen J. Carruthers	Treble	Herbert E. Audsley	5
Arthur G. Mason	2	Timothy G. Pett	6
*Nigel Thomson	3	John Pladdys	7
Frederick J. Cullum	4	James T. Stevens	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by John Pladdys.
* First peal of Stedman Triples. First of Stedman Triples as conductor.
For composition see "The Ringing World," July 20th, 1962.

FAIRWARP, Sussex.—At Christ Church.
On Sat., March 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. in F sharp.

Peter S. Muchlinski	Treble	Tony Lewis	5
*Judith M. Corby	2	*Martin L. Howe	6
*John A. Howard	3	Richard Hayes	7
*Simon A. B. Wigg	4	*Philip A. Corby	Tenor

Composed by John E. Spice. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.
* First peal in the method.

TONBRIDGE, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., March 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods: 1,824 Cambridge, 1,472 Superlative, 992 London and 768 Bristol, with 99 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. in E.

George Fry	Treble	Lawrence T. Pope	5
Sheila M. Dobbie	2	*Vernon J. Benning	6
William Rogers	3	Walter H. Dobbie	7
Ann Jenner	4	Stanley Jenner	Tenor

Composed by Harold G. Cashmore. Conducted by Stanley Jenner.
* First peal of spliced "inside."
Rung by members of the local band.

LEEDS, Kent.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Fri., Feb. 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents, viz.: (1) St. Clement's and Plain Bob, (2) Oxford Treble Bob, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Kent Treble Bob, (5) St. Clement's and Plain Bob, (6) Cambridge Surprise, (7) Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

David Parks	Treble	Martin L. Howe	4
Malcolm J. Hitchcock	2	Simon A. Berket-Wigg	5
Peter M. Wilkinson	3	Peter S. Muchlinski	Tenor

Conducted by Peter S. Muchlinski.

SALTWOOD, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Mon., Feb. 24, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In six methods/variations, being six extents each of Plain Bob, Kennington, Plain Bob/Rev. St. Bartholomew, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Southrepps, Rev. Canterbury/Rev. St. Bartholomew, Grandsire.
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

Michael J. Taylor	Treble	Richard A. Birch	4
Rachel J. Sinden	2	Brian G. Butcher	5
Elizabeth A. Todd	3	*Robert G. Baldock	Tenor

Conducted by Elizabeth A. Todd.
* First peal.

HEVER, Kent.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Fri., Feb. 28, 1969, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Plain Bob, Single Oxford and St. Clement's. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. in A.

Valerie J. Howard	Treble	Maurice Thompson	4
Derek Slater	2	Harold Evans	5
Richard Hayes	3	John A. Howard	Tenor

Conducted by Richard Hayes.
Rung to mark the appointment of the Rev. J. B. Collins, Rector of Hever, as Vicar of Mark Beech. Also to compliment Stephen Maber and Heather Mantle on their engagement.

MILTON REGIS, Kent.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., March 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Consisting of seven extents in seven methods: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Double Oxford Bob, (3) Oxford Treble Bob, (4) St. Clement's, (5) Single Oxford Bob, (6) Kent Treble Bob and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in G.

*George Kenward	Treble	‡Terence Barton	4
†David P. Leworthy	2	Brian E. Jemmett	5
Peter D. J. Beale	3	§Laurence Mitchell	Tenor

Conducted by Laurence Mitchell.
* 425th peal. † First in seven methods. ‡ 75th peal. § First in seven methods "inside." First peal as conductor.
Rung on St. David's Day and as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Wed., Feb. 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in E.

Christine Andrew	Treble	Edward Jenkins	5
D. Paul Smith	2	Christopher M. Movley	6
Robert A. Beresford	3	Jeffrey Brannan	7
John J. Durham	4	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
275th peal as conductor. Fastest peal on the bells.

ROCHDALE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Chad.
On Mon., March 3, 1969, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

*Jack Brierley	Treble	Wyn Pugh	5
Christine Broadley	2	John Illingworth	6
*Colin F. Thompson	3	Geoffrey Fothergill	7
John P. Partington	4	Michael D. Fishwick	Tenor

Composed by H. Hubbard. Conducted by Geoffrey Fothergill.
* First peal attempt.
Rung to mark the 775th anniversary of the known history of the church. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb. in E.

CROSTHWAITE, Westmorland.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sun., March 2, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 10½ cwt.

Alan Capstick	Treble	†Robert A. Gillies	4
Joseph Whalley	2	Kenneth J. Foster	5
*Kevin M. Price	3	Thomas F. Metcalfe	Tenor

Conducted by Kevin M. Price.
* 100th peal. † First in the method.
Rung as a tribute to Mr. Frank Wilson on his retirement from tower captaincy of St. Martin's, Bowness-on-Windermere, after more than 23 years.

THE LEEDS UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

SHAROW, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. John the Divine.
On Sat. Feb. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5022 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 5 lb. in G.

Roger G. Green	Treble	Robert A. Beresford	5
*Gillian R. Cleaver	2	John J. Durham	6
*Michael G. Dodson	3	John P. Ottaway	7
*Laurence F. Palmer	4	Christopher Forster	Tenor

Composed by S. Humphrey. Conducted by Christopher Forster.
* First peal of Lincolnshire.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LEICESTER.—At the Cathedral of St. Martin.
On Sat., March 1, 1969, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 STANCIL SURPRISE MAXIMUS

E. Alan Jacques	Treble	Barry E. Saunders	7
W. Eric Critchley	2	J. Henry Fielden	8
Beryl E. Cawser	3	Alan A. Paul	9
Geoffrey W. Randall	4	Graham C. Paul	10
J. Edward Cawser	5	Russell S. Morris	11
Rupert A. Clarke	6	Richard E. Price	Tenor

Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.
First peal in the method. Tenor 25 cwt. 20 lb. in D.

STANCIL SURPRISE MAXIMUS
3T 14 5T 16 7T 18 9T 10 18 9T 1270 ET. 2nds at 1.6.

HATHERN, Leics.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul
On Sat., March 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

Frank Chambers	Treble	Roland Beniston	5
*Mary Barrass	2	†John Tickle	6
Cecilia D. Harris	3	Roland H. Cook	7
Tom Harris	4	Arthur E. Rowley	Tenor

Composed by Sir Arthur P. Heywood. Conducted by Roland H. Cook.
* First peal of Surprise Major "inside." † First of Surprise Major.

STONEY STANTON, Leics.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., March 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.

Hazel J. Nichols	Treble	E. Guy Slater	5
Raymond H. Martin	2	*David Manship	6
Julian M. Morley	3	Clive J. Mobbs	7
Edward W. Martin	4	B. Stedman Payne	Tenor

Arranged by H. Poyner. Conducted by B. Stedman Payne.
* First peal of Major.

HIGHAM-ON-THE-HILL, Leics.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., March 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being two extents each of Beverley and Surfleet and three of Cambridge. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in A flat.

Robert W. Smith	Treble	K. Paul Gilliver	4
Brian L. Burrows	2	Christopher M. Sturgess	5
Jane M. Tooby	3	Robin A. Gilliver	Tenor

Conducted by Robin A. Gilliver.
First peal as conductor.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

DUNHOLME, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Chad.
On Sat., March 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

M. J. Minns (15)	Treble	*David W. Bee (16)	4
Kathleen Fox (15)	2	*Aidan C. A. Hopkins (16)	5
Gillian Radley (17)	3	Christopher J. Sharp (17)	Tenor

Conducted by Christopher J. Sharp.
* First peal of Plain Bob. First as conductor.

WITHAM-ON-THE-HILL, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Mon., March 3, 1969, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR
In 14 methods, viz.: (1) Norfolk and Primrose, (2) Hexham and Berwick, (3) London and Wells, (4) York and Durham, (5) Lightfoot and Wearmouth, (6) Cambridge and Ipswich, (7) Surfleet and Beverley.
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

Joan Payne	Treble	Harvey E. Burrell	4
Edwin T. Chapman	2	Alan G. Payne	5
Cecil Wade	3	Cyril R. Burrell	Tenor

Conducted by Cecil Wade.
Rung to mark the birth of a son to Bryan and Daphne Cox, and a belated wedding compliment to Gillian Burrell and Alex Smith.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRIDGEND, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Illtyd.
On Sat., March 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's 12-part. Tenor 16 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

*Paul W. Thomas	Treble	Thomas Yeomans	5
William T. Petty	2	‡David J. Llewellyn	6
†Raymond J. Mayle	3	Gwyn I. Lewis	7
Alwyn R. Lewis	4	Harold Preece	Tenor

Conducted by Gwyn I. Lewis.
* First peal on eight bells. † 25th peal. ‡ 250th peal.
Cenir clychau ar ddydd Gwyl Dewi Sant.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Tues., Feb. 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

Arthur E. Rowley	Treble	Joseph W. Cotton	5
Richard J. Clifton	2	Frank Chambers	6
Rev. M. C. C. Melville	3	G. Ronald Edwards	7
Charlotte M. Harris	4	Roland Beniston	Tenor

Composed by John R. Mayne. Conducted by Roland Beniston.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Tues., March 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 HELMINGHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

Richard J. Clifton	Treble	Frank Chambers	5
B. Stedman Payne	2	Arthur E. Rowley	6
Ronald D. Hughes	3	G. Ronald Edwards	7
Joseph W. Cotton	4	Roland Beniston	Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Roland Beniston.
First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

GRESFORD, Denbighshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., March 1, 1969, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qr 12 lb. in D.

George Ledsam	Treble	George H. Randles	5
Jack L. Millhouse	2	Robert J. Warrilow	6
John W. Griffiths	3	Eric J. Gilbert	7
*Christopher Jones	4	*Geoffrey Parting	Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SCOLE, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., March 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Oxford T.B'., two extents of Kent T.B. and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 4 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in D flat.

Owen P. Claxton	Treble	J. Martin Thorley	4
Frank C. J. Arnold	2	Vernon B. Bedford	5
H. A. Jack Mowle	3	Katharine M. Thorley	Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

NORWICH, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. George, Colegate.
On Thurs., March 6, 1969, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven extents in 13 methods: College Exercise and Norbury T.B., London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston T.B., London and Wells S., Cambridge and Ipswich S., Beverley and Surfleet S., Kent and Oxford T.B., Norwich S, with 39 changes of method.

John A. Cox	Treble	Carole A. H. Patey	4
David Cubitt	2	Geoffrey H. Pullin	5
Peter Adcock	3	David E. House	Tenor

Conducted by David E. House.
First peal in 13 Treble Bob Minor methods by all the band and on the bells. Tenor 9 cwt. 80 lb. in G sharp.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ABINGDON, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Helen.
On Sat., March 1, 1969, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

John R. Ketteringham	Treble	William Butler	6
Alan R. Pink	2	Ronald K. Russ	7
*Melvyn J. Hiller	3	Peter J. Heritage	8
*A. Keith P. Poole	4	Christopher C. Clarke	9
Reginald W. Rex	5	Eric Sutton	Tenor

Composed by W. H. Barber. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* First peal on ten bells. Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.
Rung as a farewell to the Rev. J. H. S. and Mrs. Dixon on their departure to the parish of Aston Rowant-with-Crowell.

BRIGHTWELL, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Agatha.
On Sat., Jan. 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in G.

Mrs. A. Diserens	Treble	Frank W. Lewis	5
Albert Diserens	2	John N. Diserens	6
*Angela M. Ayres	3	Ronald F. Diserens	7
P. Gerald McIlhone	4	Noel J. Diserens	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Ronald F. Diserens.
* First peal of London. First of Surprise Major on the bells.

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Ebbe.
On Mon., Feb. 24, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Malcolm Journeaux	Treble	Ronald K. Russ	5
*Dianne Gazeley	2	Peter H. Mackie	6
†Alan R Pink	3	Christopher C. Clarke	7
Charles Coles	4	Peter J. Heritage	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* Second peal and first of Surprise. † 100th peal on the bells.
Rung for the Feast of St. Matthias. Tenor 4 cwt 3 qr. 19 lb.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ALDERMASTON, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Wed., Feb. 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in G.

Reginald W. Rex	Treble	Michael J. Church	5
*Angela M. Ayres	2	Geoffrey K. Dodd	6
Beryl R. Simpson	3	Tom Page	7
Rowan S. Bradley	4	Noel J. Diserens	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Noel J. Diserens.
* First peal of Bristol.

BEACONSFIELD, Bucks.—At the Church of St. Mary and All Saints.
On Sat., March 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's 12-part. Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

Roland Biggs	Treble	*L. David Wood	5
*Belinda M. Wood	2	Robert H. Newton	6
Kathleen E. Fletcher	3	David A. Cornwall	7
†Richard C. Lee	4	*Henry J. Wingrove	Tenor

Conducted by David A. Cornwall.
* First peal in the method. † First peal.
Rung as a farewell to the Rev. C. R. Warner and to mark the ordination of the Rev. R. Wood.

THE OXFORD SOCIETY.

APPLETON, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Laurence.
On Sat., March 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E.

Edwin Drewitt	Treble	Andrew N. Stubbs	6
Norman H. Leslie	2	Roger F. Overington	7
Richard A. Hunt	3	Dennis A. Leslie	8
J. Roger Mitty	4	Trevor N. J. Bailey	9
Frank White	5	Brian R. White	Tenor

Composed by Albert M. Tyler. Conducted by Brian R. White.
Rung to celebrate the 151st anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

HINTON WALDRIST, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Sat., March 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, as follows: (1) Double Court, (2) St. Clement's Bob, (3) Oxford Treble Bob, (4) Kent Treble Bob, (5) Double Oxford Bob, (6) Plain Bob, (7) Cambridge Surprise.
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in B flat.

Nicholas C. V. Pollock	Treble	Richard H. Johnston	4
Judith H. Harvey	2	Lawrence J. Haines	5
Shirley E. Jones	3	Jeremy R. Pratt	Tenor

Conducted by Lawrence J. Haines.
Rung by the officers of the Society for the 151st anniversary of Appleton bells.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

MAXEY, Northants.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., March 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 21 lb.

Gilbert F. Cowlin	Treble	Alf Waller	4
Susan Aveyard	2	Geoff Davis	5
Frank Sismey	3	Roy W. Spencer	Tenor

Conducted by Roy W. Spencer.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Michael Glendenning.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

SHOREDITCH, London, E.—At the Church of St. Leonard.
On Sat., Jan. 18, 1969, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5042 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 28 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in C.

Joan Beresford	Treble	*Michael H. D. O'Callaghan	7
*M. Louise Slater	2	Edward F. P. Bryant	8
†Adrienne Gibson	3	John S. Barnes	9
James A D. Woolford	4	Derek E. Sibson	10
John R. Pratchett	5	Thomas H. Francis	11
†Christopher P. Starbuck	6	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
* First peal of Maximus † First of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus.

LAMBETH, London, S.E.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat. Jan. 25, 1969, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in E flat.

Sheila M. Dobbie	Treble	Edwin A. Barnett	5
Joan Beresford	2	Derek E. Sibson	6
Herbert E. Audsley	3	John S. Barnes	7
Frederick J. Cullum	4	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
Rung on the 50th anniversary of the election of Frederick J. Cullum to the Society.

BALCOMBE, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., March 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, comprising 1,312 Bristol and 1,280 each of Cambridge, London and Superlative, with 112 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 9 cwt. 10 lb. in A.

Derek E. Sibson	Treble	*Ian Wickens	5
Angela M. Wright	2	Christopher P. Starbuck	6
David D. Smith	3	C. Martin Press	7
Edward F. P. Bryant	4	John R. Pratchett	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
* First peal of four-Spliced Surprise Major.

SHOREDITCH, London, E.—At the Church of St. Leonard.
On Tues., March 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in G.

Angela M. Wright	Treble	Stanley G. Ponting	5
Joan Beresford	2	*Christopher J. Groome	6
Maureen J. Carruthers	3	Derek E. Sibson	7
John R. Pratchett	4	Stanley Jenner	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
* First peal in the method.

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

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Martin.
On Tues., March 4, 1969, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDINIUM SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 36 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in C.

George E. Fearn	Treble	Cecil W. Pipe	7
Norman J. Goodman	2	Roderick W. Pipe	8
Terry R. Hampton	3	James W. Belshaw	9
Maurice F. Edwards	4	Clifford A. Barron	10
John R. Insley	5	J. Alan Ainsworth	11
James Insley	6	John A. Anderson	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.
Rung on the day that Air Commodore John S. Mason received his C.B.E. at Buckingham Palace from H.M. the Queen.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Edburgha, Yardley.
On Sat., March 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in F sharp.

George E. Fearn	Treble	James W. Belshaw	5
Stephen W. Barton	2	Roderick W. Pipe	6
Edgar C. Shepherd	3	Cecil W. Pipe	7
*Roger A. Smith	4	Clifford A. Barron	Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.
* First peal in the method.
Rung on the occasion of the 81st annual Henry Johnson Dinner.

SHIRLEY, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. James the Great.
On Sat., March 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 29 lb. in B flat.

Mrs. Margaret Ranken	Treble	Reginald H. Newton	5
John E. Anderson	2	*Norman V. Harding	6
David J. G. Bates	3	Ernest F. Willcox	7
Terry R. Hampton	4	J. Alan Ainsworth	Tenor

Composed by Charles Middleton. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.
* 400th peal.
Rung on the occasion of the 81st annual Henry Johnson Dinner.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

WHITECHURCH CANONICORUM, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Candida and Holy Cross
On Sat., March 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's variation. Tenor 17¼ cwt. in D.

Henry G. Keeley	Treble	Arthur J. Scott	5
Mrs. C. W. Powell	2	Cuthbert W. H. Powell	6
David Ellery	3	Francis G. Knight	7
*Robert Williamson	4	*Michael Symonds	Tenor

Conducted by Francis G. Knight.
* First peal. First as conductor. First conducted by a member of the local band.
Rung as a 60th birthday compliment to the conductor and the award of the Imperial Service Medal on his retirement from the G.P.O.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

BEESTON, Notts.—At the Church of St John the Baptist.
On Sat., Feb. 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 DOUBLE BEESTON EXERCISE MAJOR

B. Stedman Payne	Treble	Brian L. Burrows	5
Sheila M Anthony	2	Edmund Shuttleworth	6
Peter N. Mackley	3	David J. Orledge	7
Paul J. Bagshaw	4	Simon Humphrey	Tenor

Arranged by Edmund Shuttleworth. Conducted by Simon Humphrey.
First peal in the method. Tenor 17¼ cwt.
Rung on the Nottingham University Society's Dinner-Day.

DOUBLE BEESTON EXERCISE.
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BALDERTON, Notts.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Sat., March 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 GAINSBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR

*William L. Exton	Treble	*Mary C. Poyner	5
Christine L. J. Mills	2	David Phillipson	6
John C. Shonfield	3	Harry Poyner	7
Beryl N Reed	4	Colin W. Reed	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Harry Poyner.
* 25th peal together. First in the method by all the band and for the Guild. Tenor 8 cwt. 24 lb.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
GRUNDISBURGH, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Tues., Feb. 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5376 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

Dorothy Durrant	Treble	Leslie G. Brett	5
Stephen Bedford	2	J. Barry Pickup	6
Muriel R. Page	3	Vernon Bedford	7
Cecil W. Pipe	4	Howard W. Egglestone	Tenor

Composed by Vernon Bedford. Conducted by Howard W. Egglestone.

DEBENHAM, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Sat., March 1, 1969, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Charles R. Stannard	Treble	George E. Thoday	5
*Alan G. Feaver	2	J. Barry Pickup	6
George W. Pipe	3	John A. Underwood	7
Michael J. Howes	4	Howard W. Egglestone	Tenor

Composed by F. Dench. Conducted by Howard W. Egglestone.
* First peal of London.
Rung as a farewell to John A. Underwood, who is leaving the county. Tenor 21½ cwt. in E.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
BOLNEY, Sussex.—At the Church of St Mary Magdalene.
On Tues., Feb. 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 ZANZIBAR SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. in F.

M. Iain Davey	Treble	Frank H. Hicks	5
Edgar R. Rapley	2	John A. Howard	6
Valerie J. Howard	3	David D. Smith	7
Derek Slater	4	George Francis	Tenor

Composed by S. H. Wood. Conducted by George Francis.
First peal in the method by all the band and for the Association.

THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.
EDGBASTON, Birmingham.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.
On Sat., March 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
24-course block reduced. Tenor 10 cwt. 14 lb. in G.

Jennifer A. Dunning	Treble	Richard J. Tibbetts	5
Richard Wilcox	2	Peter G. Holden	6
Christopher S. Nokes	3	John R. Insley	7
John S. Hopwood	4	Christopher I. Rowson	Tenor

Conducted by Christopher I. Rowson.
Rung for Henry Johnson Dinner-Day.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
EAST TYTHERLEY, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Peter
On Sat., March 1, 1969, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in F.

Katharine J. Maundrell	Treble	Robert C. A. Philpott	5
Graham W. Elmes	2	David W. Grimwood	6
Frances J. N. Brown	3	Ross G. W. Robertson	7
Mary E. Elmes	4	Timothy F. Collins	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Timothy F. Collins.

LONGPARISH, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Thurs., Feb. 27, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In three methods, being 18 extents Grandsire, 12 Plain Bob and 12 Spliced Rev. St. Bartholomew and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

William F. Kewell	Treble	Frank R. Tonge	4
Peter Furness	2	Philip B. Taylor	5
Geoffrey K. Dodd	3	Christopher Kendall	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.
Rung as a 73rd birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
KINGSWINFORD, Staffs.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., March 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's 12-part (7th obs.). Tenor 10¼ cwt.

*Thomas Pilsbury	Treble	†Stephen Mallen	5
Clifford Skidmore	2	Bernard Lawton	6
Charles Peakman	3	C. Frederick Jukes	7
R. Arthur Peakman	4	*John H. Dudley	Tenor

Conducted by C. Frederick Jukes
* First peal. † First "inside."
Rung to commemorate the first anniversary of the death of Mr. Bert Morgan, who died on February 25th, 1968, and was for many years secretary of the local band.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
ROTHERHAM, West Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Jan. 18, 1969, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 34 cwt. 3 qr. in D flat.

F. John Nelson	Treble	John Robinson	6
Richard King	2	Richard J. Starkie	7
Sidney Hough	3	Denis Mottershead	8
Timothy Wylie	4	Richard Price	9
Geoffrey Gardiner	5	Neil D. Lomas	Tenor

Composed by Albert M. Tyler. Conducted by F. John Nelson.

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Mon., Feb. 24, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Christopher J. Easton	Treble	*John J. Durham	5
*Robert H. Jordan	2	†H. David Holland	6
*David Featherstone	3	Ronald R. Warford	7
*Robert A. Beresford	4	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed by S. Thomas. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal of Bristol Surprise Major. † 200th peal. First of Bristol Surprise Major as conductor. Tenor 17 cwt 4 lb. in F.

BIRSTWITH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. James the Apostle.
On Mon., March 3, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G.

Christopher J. Easton	Treble	John J. Durham	5
Robert H. Jordan	2	Ronald R. Warford	6
David Featherstone	3	H. David Holland	7
Robert A. Beresford	4	*C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed by J. L. Morris. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* 325th peal for the Association.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire.—At 10, Eden Drive.
On Thurs., Feb. 27, 1969, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.
A PEAL OF 5136 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS

Robert B. Smith	1–2	†J. David Atkinson	7–8
*C. Kenneth Lewis	3–4	Gerald Moorhouse	9–10
Bernard F. L. Groves	5–6	†John W. Gander	11–12

Composed by Alan F. Scholfield. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
* First peal of Maximus in the method "in hand." † First of Maximus in the method. First of Maximus in the method as conductor. Tenor size 15 in C.

AUDLEM, Cheshire.—At Churchfields.
On Mon., Feb. 17, 1969, in 1 Hour and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor size 18 in G.

Geoffrey A. Edwards	1–2	Frank R. Morton	3–4
John R. Scott (cond.)	5–6		

First peal of Minor as conductor.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
SHEFFIELD, Yorkshire.—At 194, Gleadless Common.
On Wed., Feb. 26, 1969, in 1 Hour and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In three methods, being one extent Surfleet, two Beverley, one extent and a 2.160 block of Cambridge, with 5–6 the right way throughout.

Geoffrey Bridges	1–2	Michael J. Fellows	3–4
A. Colin Banton (cond.)	5–6		

Greatest number of Surprise methods to a handbell peal for all the band and for the Association. Tenor size 14 in D.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
HARROW, Middlesex.—At 170, Headstone Lane.
On Mon., Feb. 24, 1969, in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 32 methods, comprising 160 each of Acton, Aldenham, Ashtead, Benington, Berkshire, Bristol, Cambridge, Dublin, Ealing, Eastcote, Elford, Exminster, Hereford, Highgate, Hitchin, Langley, Leatherhead, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Northwood, Painswick, Pudsey, Radlett, Rutland, Shoreditch, Superlative, Uxbridge, Watford, Wembley, Yeading and Yorkshire, with 159 changes of method.

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

Composed and Conducted by John R. Mayne.
Umpire: Martyn L. J. Jordan:
* 300th peal of Surprise. † 50th peal of Surprise on handbells. This is the greatest number of Surprise methods yet rung in a peal on handbells. The umpire checked every lead-end and call throughout the peal. Tenor size 13 in E.

ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire.—At 114, Park Street Lane.
On Fri., Feb. 28, 1969, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5000 OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 15 in C.

Gerald Penney	1–2	Julia A. Fellows	5–6
John R. Mayne	3–4	*Martyn L. J. Jordan	7–8
Christopher W. Woolley	9–10		

Composed and Conducted by John R. Mayne.
* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal.
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BIRTHS

ASLETT.—To Hilary (née Knight) and Peter, on March 25th, 1969, a son, Christopher Michael. Thanks be to God. 6888

KIMBER.—On March 24th, 1969, at St. Helier Hospital, Carshalton, to Jean (née Lavender) and Stewart, a son, Nicholas Ian.

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

FURSDON—MITCHELL.—The marriage between Elaine and Keith will take place at Old Torre Church, Torquay, on Saturday, April 12th, 1 p.m. All friends welcome at the church. 6874

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

A. NEWBOULD.—The previous address, 27, Ellers Road, Leeds, 8: the new address 3, Hilton Road, Leeds, LS8 4HB. Business phone now Leeds 73621 Ext. 30. 6875

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MISCELLANEOUS

HANDBELL RINGERS OF GREAT BRITAIN

4th ANNUAL RALLY

At Nunnery Wood Secondary Modern School, Worcester

On May 3rd

Commencing at 2.30 p.m.

All registered teams have been circularised. Any other team wishing to take part should send for details (s.a.e.) to the Secretary J. P. Partington, 1, Bankfield Lane, Rochdale, Lancs. 6867

St. Michael's, Braintree, Essex

FLOWER AND MUSIC FESTIVAL

June 20th–22nd

Details of programme, ringing, routes, teas, etc., later. 6752

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.—No Guild practice at St. Martin's on Bank Holiday Tuesdays, the first Tuesday in a month, or on April 29th or May 13th.—J. A. Ainsworth, Hon. Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Annual General Meeting, Trumpington, Monday, April 7th. Service 4.15 at Trumpington Church. Tea 5 p.m. in School Room, followed by business meeting. Tickets for tea, 4/- per head, now available from general secretary. Please send money and stamped, addressed envelope.—H. S. Peacock. Gen. Sec., 8, Roscrea Terrace, St John's Street, Huntingdon.

Ringing arrangements:—

Bottisham (5)	10.30–11.45	Duxford (6)	1.30– 3.00
Fen Ditton (5)	10.30–11.45	Meldreth (8)	1.30– 3.00
Orwell (5)	11.30–12.30	Foxton (5)	2.00– 3.00
Great Wilbraham (5)	11.30–12.45	Whittlesford (6)	2.00– 3.15
Cherry Hinton (5)	11.30–12.45	Little Shelford (6)	2.30– 3.15
Guilden Morden (6)	12.00– 1.30	Barton (5)	2.30– 3.30
Stapleford (6)	12.00– 1.30	Haslingfield (5)	2.30– 3.30
Sawston (8)	12.30– 2.00	Harston (6)	3.00– 4.00
Litlington (6)	12.30– 2.00	Trumpington (8)	3.45– 4.15 and evening
Ickleton (8)	1.00– 2.30		
Melbourn (6)	1.00– 2.30		

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SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS COUNTRY MEETING AT OXFORD

Saturday, April 19th

Ringing Arrangements:—

All Saints' (8)	11–12.15
New College (10)	2.30– 3.30
St. Ebbe's (8)	2.30– 3.30
Magdalen College (8)	3– 4.15
Christ Church (12)	6.15– 7.30
(?) (8)	7– 8

Lunch, from 5/6, at the Clarendon Restaurant, George Street, at 12.30 p.m. Tea, followed by business meeting, in St. Aldate's Church Hall, 4.30. Names for lunch and tea to J. S. Barnes, 56, Leamington Avenue, Orpington, Kent, BR6 9QB 6856

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Farnham District.—Additional practice, Yorktown (8), on Easter Monday, April 7th, 6 p.m. All welcome. 6879

STISTED, ESSEX.—Open call-change competition for bands under 21, April 19th Bands interested should contact Miss H. G. Snowden, Cherry Cottage, Gosfield, Halstead, Essex, as soon as possible 6889

MEETINGS

EAST DERBYS AND WEST NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Blackwell on Easter Monday, April 7th. Bells (6) 2–9 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names to Mr. A. Smithson, 27, Littlemoor Lane, Newton, Derbys by Friday previous.—E. J. S., Hon. Sec. 6826

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Sevenoaks, Easter Monday, April 7th. Service 12.30 p.m. Lunch for ticket holders only. Too late for fresh applications. P. A. Corby, Hon. Gen. Sec. 6663

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY—Bank Holiday Monday meeting. April 7th, Chesterfield (10), 3–5.30 p.m. Tea 5.30. Dronfield (8) 7–9 p.m. Names for tea to M. P. Phipps, 23, Walton Drive, Boythorpe, Chesterfield. All welcome.—R. Fletcher, Hon. Sec

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held in the Chapter House, Worcester Cathedral, on Easter Monday, April 7th, at 12 noon. Service at All Saints' 11 a.m. (Bells 10 a.m.) Ringing arrangements: Worcester, St. John's (8), 1.30–2.45; Powick (6), 2–3.15; then either route A: Hanley Castle (6), 2.30–3.45; Upton-on-Severn (8), 3.15-4.30; Earl's Croome (6), 4–5.15; or route B: Malvern Link (8), 2.30–3.45; Malvern Priory (8), 3.15–4.30; Welland (6), 4–5.15; Worcester Cathedral (12), 6–7.30; All Saints (10), 7–8.30.—D Beacham, Gen. Sec. 6839

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Evening practice meeting at Lillington, Tuesday, April 8th. Bells 7.30–9 p.m. Ringing to suit all tastes.—H A. M. 6834

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Meeting, Blunsdon (6), Wednesday, April 9th, 7 p.m.—C. A. New, Branch Sec. 6825

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Practice, Swainswick, Bath, Thursday, April 10th, 7.30 p.m. Gentlemen and friends welcome.—B. J. 6814

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Evening meeting, Tamworth, Friday, April 11th. Bells (10) available 7–9 p.m. All ringers welcome.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—District practice, St. Mary's, Alverstoke, Friday, April 11th, 7.30–9 p.m. Methods: Plain Bob and Stedman Triples. 6860

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The April meeting will be held on the second Saturday in the month, the 12th, at Felkirk, near Barnsley. Cups of tea and biscuits only provided. All ringers welcome. 6887

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—Meeting, Bathford, Saturday, April 12th. Usual arrangements. Tea names to A. Cannings, 19, Church Street, Bathford, by April 9th.—A. F. L. 6892

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Wanstrow, Saturday, April 12th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 6886

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—April meeting to be held at Eaton Socon (8), 3–4.30 p.m., and Tempsford (6), 6–8.30 p.m., on Saturday, 12th. Tea and business at Tempsford Village Hall 5 p.m. sharp. 6887

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, April 12th, Kirk Ella (6). Bells 2.30–4.15 p.m., Hessle (6) 6.30–9 p.m. Service and tea at Kirk Ella. Names to Mrs. D. S. Johnson, 5, Redland Drive, Kirk Ella, Hull, by previous Thursday. Don't forget the open practice at Holy Trinity, Hull, April 14th, 7.30–9 p.m 6858

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Elisabeth's, Harraby, Carlisle, on Saturday, April 12th. Bells available 1.30 p.m Thursby bells also at 1 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30 A.G.M. 5.15 p.m. It is imperative that those requiring tea must inform Mr. J. Butterfield, 11, St. Nicholas Street, Carlisle, on or before April 9th, as there may be no other means of obtaining refreshment.—J. W. Brownrigg, Gen. Sec. 6808

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Derby, Saturday, April 12th. Service in Cathedral at 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting in St Michael's Church House. Please send names for tea to Mr. G. A. Halls, 54, Willson Avenue, Littleover, Derby, by April 9th. Bells: Cathedral (10), 2.30–3.55 p.m.; St. Andrew's (10), after meeting until 8 p.m.; St. Peter's (8), 7.30–8.30 p.m.—B. P. Morris, Sec. 6840

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—South West Branch.—Spring meeting, Wembury, Saturday, April 12th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Evening ringing at Brixton (6), 7.30. Numbers for tea by April 7th, please.—R A. Southwood, 11, Sydney Close, Plympton. Phone: Plymouth 36891. 6780

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—N.E. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Cullompton, Saturday, April 12th. Bells (10) from 3 p.m. Service 4.15, tea and business after. Names for tea to G. Hollis, 26, The Avenue, Tiverton. 6822

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Central District.—Meeting, Chester-le-Street, Saturday, April 12th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr I. Wintrip, 20, York Terrace, Chester-le-Street, Co. Durham. 6884

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Saturday, April 12th, at Capel (6), Surrey. Ringing 3–4.30 Service 4.30. Tea 5. Evening ringing 6.30–8.30. 6854

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Evening meeting, Swavesey, Saturday, April 12th. Short service 6 p.m., followed by ringing until 8.30 p.m 6828

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Terrington St. Clement, April 12th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Everyone welcome.—D. A. Feek, Dis. Sec. 6872

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Meeting, Havering (6), Saturday, April 12th. Ringing 7–9 p.m.—K. Warner, Dis. Sec. 6873

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Tewkesbury, April 12th, 2 p.m., Abbey Mill. Association service in Abbey at 6 p.m. Towers open: Ashchurch, Ashton-under-Hill, Beckford, Tirley and Tredington, 10 a.m. to 12 noon, and 7.30 to 8.30 p.m. Hasfield, Twyning and Kemerton (recently rehung), 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Tewkesbury Abbey, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and after service till 8.30 p.m. The Leigh, 7.30 to 8.30 p.m Eckington (new eight), by permission, 11 a.m. to 12 noon. No ringing permitted during times of meeting and service. Tea, tickets in advance 6/-, with s.a.e., from D. E. Deakins, 47, Paddocks Lane, Cheltenham, Glos, not later than April 9th.—Charles Rouse, Hon. Sec. 6848

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—District meeting, Grayshott (8), Saturday, April 12th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in New Hall in church grounds. Names to Mrs. C. S. Spry, Glendevon, Highfield Crescent, Hindhead, by Wednesday, April 9th.—Miss S. J. Tate-Mitchell, Dis. Sec. 6880

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Hemel Hempstead on Saturday, April 12th. General committee meeting (St. Mary's Hall) 4 p.m. Service 5. Tea and meeting (St. Mary's Hall) 5.30 p.m. Notice is given of resolution proposing amendments to Rule 10. Names for tea must be sent to P. Harper, 29, Rockliffe Avenue, King's Langley (4771). Ringing arrangements: Route 1—St. Peter's, St. Albans (10), 9.30–11; Redbourn (6), 10.30–12; Flamstead (6), 11.30–1; Berkhamsted (8), 12.30–2; Tring (8), 1.30–3; Northchurch (8), 2.30–4; Gt. Gaddesden (6), 3.15–4.30. Route 2—North Mymms (8), 9.30–11; Radlett (6), 10.30-12; Aldenham (8), 11.30-1; Watford (10), 12.30–1.45; Sarratt (5), 1.30–3; King's Langley (8), 2.30–4; Apsley (6), 3.15–4.30. Hemel Hempstead not available until after tea due to weddings.—A. R. Agg, Gen. Sec. 6837

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Quarterly meeting, April 12th. Ringing, East Peckham, 2–4 p.m. Tea, Tonbridge, 4.30, followed by service at Tonbridge 5.30, meeting and more ringing. Names for tea to me by April 8th.—Hayes, Forest Cottage, Chiddingstone Hoath, Edenbridge. 6864

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, April 12th, Broughton-in-Furness. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. Langtree, The Square, Broughton-in-Furness.—T. F. Metcalfe. 6859

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The Branch ringing competition will be held at Clitheroe on April 12th. Bells (8) available from 14.30 hours. Competition commences 15.15 hours. Tea at 17.00 hours, followed by business meeting and further ringing until 20.30 hours. Names for tea to Miss S. Washbrook, Halcyon, Whalley Road, Limehouse, Clitheroe, by April 9th.—Maurice Hill, Branch Sec. 6819

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at St. Peter's, Woolton, on Saturday, April 12th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss L. Challinor, 10, Dominic Close, Childwall, Liverpool, L16 1JZ, by Wednesday. G. K. A. 6894

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, April 12th, St. Leonard's, Walton-le-Dale. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m. Please bring own food. All welcome.—R. Barnes, Branch Sec. 6846

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting, Oldham Parish Church, on Saturday, April 12th. Bells (12) from 3 p.m. Business 6 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea.—G. Cheetham. 6868

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Barrowby, Saturday, April 12th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to the Rev. E. R. G. Harris, The Rectory, Barrowby, Grantham, Lincs, by Monday, April 7th.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 6829

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting Cardiff, Saturday, April 12th. Bells available: St. John's, Cardiff (10), 2–4 p.m. and after meeting; Whitchurch (6), 2–3.30; Llandaff Cathedral (10), 7–9. Service in St. John's at 4 p.m. Tea and meeting in the Wood Street Congregational Church Rooms (near the General Station). Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, April 9th.—M. J. Pryor, 43, Downton Road, Rumney, Cardiff. 6787

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—An evening meeting at Rocester (8) on Saturday, April 12th. Bells available from 6–8.30 p.m. —R. J. Ballard. 6896

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berks Branch.—Branch monthly practice on Saturday, April 12th, Appleton, 7 p.m.—C. Corderoy. 6881

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Culworth Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, April 12th, Sulgrave. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to A. E. R. Walker, Eydon, Rugby, by Tuesday previous. 6891

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Nether Heyford (6), Saturday, April 12th. Names for tea to Mr. W. Collins, Furnace Lane, Nether Heyford, Northampton, by Monday previous.—I. Webb. 6893

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Meeting, Milborne St. Andrew, April 12th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. P. J. A. Baillie, Milborne St. Andrew Vicarage, Blandford, by Wednesday previous. 6865

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD
Annual General Meeting
Nottingham, Saturday, April 12th

RINGING:
Afternoon—All Saints, 1.30–2.30; Aspley, 2.30–3.30; Basford, 2.30–3.30; St. Mary's, 3–4.15.
Evening—St. Mary's and St. Peter's.
CHOIR (under direction of Mr. R. Carlisle) meet St Mary's, 3 p.m. Additional volunteers most welcome.
SERVICE, St. Mary's, 4.15.
TEA, 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. E. Beardsley, 139, Surgeys Lane, Arnold, Nottingham, by Saturday, April 5th. (Sorry, no name no tea.)
MEETING follows tea in St. Mary's Institute, Barker Gate.—W. L. Exton, Hon. Gen. Sec. 6809

TRURO GUILD.—Penzance Branch.—Spring festival, April 12th, at Paul. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss M. Christopher, Higher Boskinning Cottage, Heamoor, Penzance. 6883

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, April 12th, West Meon. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in Village Hall. Evening ringing. Numbers for tea, please, by 8th.—C. E. Bassett, 85, Brook Lane, Warsash. Tel.: Locks Heath 2404. 6882

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting, Stockbridge, Saturday, April 12th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea essential, please, to Mr Lambert, Darfield Farm, Stockbridge, Longstock and Leckford after 6 p.m. 6816

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Practice, Huddersfield Parish Church (10), Saturday, April 12th, 6 p.m. Methods: Rounds, Plain Hunt and Plain Bob. All welcome, especially learners.—Maurice Thurmott, Ringing Master. 6871

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Practice meeting at Tackley (6), Monday, April 14th (to avoid Easter Monday), 7 p.m. 6842

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Quarterly District meeting, Saturday, April 19th, will be at Cobham. Ringing 3.15 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. R. Hayward, 43, Leigh Road, Cobham. Names by Wednesday, 16th, please.—J. P. O.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Contest and meeting, April 19th, at Elland. Draw 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. P. Birkett, 2, Napier Road, Elland, Yorkshire, by Wednesday, April 16th. 6844

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting and striking competition, Milton-next-Gravesend, Saturday, April 19th. Competition 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. General ringing after tea and business. Names for tea, please, to Miss J. Jarvis, 248, Livingstone Road, Gravesend, by previous Wednesday.—T. Barton. 6890

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, April 19th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea. Names for tea to Rev. Evans, St. Michael's Rectory, Bassingham, Lincoln, by Wednesday, April 16th.—A. Richardson. 6895

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting, April 19th, Tanworth-in-Arden. Bells from 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea to J. Corbett, Robin Hood Farm, Tanworth-in-Arden, Solihull, Warwickshire. 6877

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Striking competition to be held at Mavesyn Ridware (near Rugeley) on Saturday, April 19th next. Teams draw for ringing 2.45 p.m., to start 3 p.m. Half-hour "open" ringing afterwards, followed by **evening practice meeting** at Hoar Cross. Bells (6) available 6.30 p.m. onwards. All welcome: own arrangements for tea.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 6760

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting, St. Andrew's, Rugby, Saturday, April 26th. Ringing arrangements as follows: Bilton and Newbold-on-Avon, 2–4 p.m.; Rugby (5), 3–4.30 p.m.; Rugby (8), after meeting. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea in local café. Business meeting in ringing chamber of St. Andrew's. Names for tea (very important) to J. L. Garner-Hayward, Lowfold, Ashorne, Warwick. 6885

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Annual General Meeting will be held at Penistone on Saturday, April 26th. Service in St. John's Church at 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in St. John's Old School Hall. Names for tea to Mr. C. A. Moxon, 48, Mayfield, Oxspring, Sheffield, by Wednesday, April 23rd. Please send s.a.e. for tea tickets or collect them at towers during the day. Parking in School Yard or Town Hall Car Park. The election of a president will take place at the meeting after tea. Reports will be available and subscriptions are due.

BELLS:—

10–11 a.m.: Holmfirth (8), Ecclesfield (8) and Hemsworth (8).
10.45–11.45 a.m.: Kirkburton (8), Wentworth (6) and Felkirk (6).
11.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m.: New Mill (6), Bradfield (6) and Royston (6).
12.15–1.15 p.m.: Shelley (6), Bolsterstone (8) and Barnsley (8).
2–3.45 p.m.: Cawthorne (6), Silkstone (6), Wortley (8) and Bolsterstone (8).
2–4 p.m.: Hoylandswaine (6) and Penistone (8).
6.45–7.30 p.m.: Silkstone (6).
6.30–9 p.m.: Penistone, Hoylandswaine, Cawthorne, Wortley and Barnsley

—W. F. Moreton.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
NETTLEHAM, Lincolnshire.—At Iona, Sudbrooke Lane.
On Tues., Feb. 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C
Geoffrey R. Parker .. .. 1–2 | Christopher J. Sharp 5–6
Margaret A. Parker .. .. 3–4 | Jack L. Millhouse 7–8
Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
HARROW, Middlesex.—At 170, Headstone Lane.
On Fri., Feb. 14, 1969, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB FOURTEEN
S. Kathleen M. Baldwin .. 1–2 | Martyn L. J. Jordan 7–8
Julia A. Fellows .. .. .. 3–4 | Roger Baldwin 9–10
John R. Mayne .. .. .. 5–6 | Gerald Penney 11–12
Christopher W. Woolley 13–14
Arranged and Conducted by John R. Mayne.
First peal on 14 bells by all the band. This is only the second peal of Treble Bob Fourteen to be rung, and the first of Treble Bob Fourteen for the Association. Tenor size 19 in F.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
CROWTHORNE, Berkshire.—At Zermatt, Butler Road.
On Wed., Jan. 8, 1969, in 1 Hour and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Comprising two extents of Kent T.B. and five different extents of Plain Bob. Tenor size 27 in A sharp.
Susanne Sargeant .. .. .. 1–2 | Frank C. Price (cond.) .. 3–4
*Jeffrey L. Claughton .. 5–6
* First handbell peal in more than one method.

WARFIELD, Berkshire.—At The Willows.
On Wed., Jan. 15, 1969, in 1 Hour and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Comprising two extents each of Kent T.B. and St. Clement's College Bob and three different extents of Plain Bob. Tenor size 27 in A sharp.
Susanne Sargeant .. .. .. 1–2 | Frank C. Price (cond.) .. 3–4
*Jeffrey L. Claughton .. 5–6
* First handbell peal in three methods.

CROWTHORNE, Berkshire.—At Zermatt, Butler Road.
On Tues., Feb. 4, 1969, in 1 Hour and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Comprising seven different extents. Tenor size 27 in A sharp.
Jeffrey L. Claughton .. .. 1–2 | Frank C. Price (cond.) .. 3–4
*William H. Coles 5–6
* First peal of Minor "in hand."
Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter, Mary Louise, to Michael and Suzanne Sargeant.

CROWTHORNE, Berkshire.—At Zermatt, Butler Road.
On Wed., Feb. 12, 1969, in 1 Hour and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Comprising seven different extents. Tenor size 27 in A sharp.
Jeffrey L. Claughton .. .. 1–2 | Frank C. Price (cond.) .. 3–4
William H. Coles 5–6

THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.
LONDON, E.C.—In the Belfry of the Church of St. Olave, Hart Street.
On Sun., Feb. 16, 1969, in 1 Hour and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor size 14 in D.
Jennifer A. Dunning .. .. 1–2 | Christopher I. Rowson .. 3–4
John Pladdys (cond.) 5–6

EDGBASTON, Birmingham.—In Committee Room No. 4, The Students' Union.
On Thurs., Feb. 27, 1969, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
360-course block reduced. Tenor size 16 in C.
John S. Hopwood .. .. 1–2 | Robert M. Chambers .. 5–6
Christopher I. Rowson (cond.) 3–4 | *Peter G. Holden 7–8
* First peal of Major on handbells.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
CITY OF LONDON.—In the Belfry of St. Olave's, Hart Street.
On Mon., Jan. 20, 1969, in 1 Hour and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents with three different callings. Tenor size 14 in D.
Timothy G. Pett (cond.) .. 1–2 | *Maureen J. Carruthers .. 3–4
†John Pladdys 5–6
* 50th peal. † First of Minor "in hand".

CITY OF LONDON.—In the Belfry of St. Olave's Hart Street.
On Mon., Jan. 27, 1969, in 1 Hour and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor size 14 in D.
Maureen J. Carruthers .. 1–2 | Timothy G. Pett (cond.) .. 3–4
John Pladdys 5–6

CITY OF LONDON, E.C.—In the Belfry of St. Olave's, Hart Street.
On Sun., Feb. 2, 1969, in 1 Hour and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor size 14 in D.
Peter G. Holden .. .. .. 1–2 | Maureen J. Carruthers .. 3–4
John Pladdys (cond.) .. 5–6
First peal of Minor "in hand" as conductor.

LONDON, E.C.—In the Belfry of the Church of St. Olave, Hart Street.
On Tues., March 4, 1969, in 1 Hour and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor size 14 in D.
*Catherine A. Salter .. .. 1–2 | †Jennifer A. Dunning .. 3–4
John Pladdys (cond.) 5–6
* First peal of Minor "in hand." † First "in hand" on an "inside" pair.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
OSSETT, Yorkshire.—In the Ringing Chamber of the Church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity.
On Sat., Feb. 22, 1969, in 2 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor size 13 in E.
Alan Clifton .. .. 1–2 | Patricia Lockwood 3–4
Ian North (cond.) 5–6

LATE NOTICES

MISCELLANEOUS

MALVERN LINK.—A TEACH-IN. Composition and proof of S.M. by Mr. R. Pipe. April 20th, 7 p.m. Names, please, to G. Morris, 31, Westward Road, Malvern Link, Worcs. (Ringing, 5.30–6.30.) 6900

The Minster Church of St. Cuthburga, WIMBORNE MINSTER, DORSET.
Restoration of bell tower now complete. Ringing resumes Easter Sunday.
Practice night—Tuesdays.
6898

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, Bungay, Suffolk.—Rededication of the eight bells (tenor 16 cwt.). Work by John Taylor. Saturday, April 12th, at 3 p.m. Ringers' open day, Saturday, May 17th, commencing 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Pearce, 40, Southend Road, Bungay.

MEETINGS

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Practice meeting, Wortley (8), April 10th, 7.30 p.m. Call-changes and Plain methods.—J. Seager. 6902

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Dunster Branch. — Practice at Brompton Regis (5) on Saturday, April 12th, at 7 p.m. 6899

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, St. Nicholas', Ash (8), Saturday, April 12th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Miss J. Turner, Ivy Cottage, Lower Goldstone, Ash, Canterbury, not later than April 9th.—J. B. K. 6966

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Joint Bolton and Wigan Branch meeting at St. Bartholomew's, Westhoughton, on Saturday, April 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to R. K. Lister, 37, Church Street, Westhoughton, Lancs, by previous Thursday, please. Ringing after tea until 8 p.m. All welcome.—R. K. Lister, Branch Sec. 6907

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—A.G.M. on April 12th. Bells: Sileby, 10–11; Syston, 11–12; Thurcaston, 12–12.45; Claybrooke, 9.30–10.30; Broughton Astley, 10.30–11.15; Whetstone, 11.30–12.15; Whitwick, 10–11; Newton Lindford, 11–11.45; Anstey, 11.45–12.45; Leicester St. John, 1–2; Leicester St. Margaret, 2–3.15; Leicester All Saints, 2–3; Leicester Cathedral, 3 to service 4.15. Tea at Alderman Newton Boys' School 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Names for tea to A. J. Poynor, 20, Kirksland Road, Braunston, Leicester (823117), not later than Wednesday, April 9th. Social at Tudor Hotel, Tudor Road, Leicester, in evening. 6903

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting, South Harting and Rogate, Saturday, April 12th. South Harting (6) 2.30. Tea 4.30. Service at Rogate 6 o'clock. Rogate (6) bells until 8.30 p.m. Please notify for tea R. Wake, 28, Keynor Estate, Sidlesham, Chichester. 6905

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Christchurch and Southampton District.—Practice meeting, St. John's (Surrey Road), Bournemouth, on April 12th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in St. John's Hall 5.15 p.m. St. Peter's bells (8) evening. Names for tea to Mrs. H. A. Mitchell, 107, Kinson Road, Wallisdown, Bournemouth. —Gilian W. Davis, Hon. Sec. 6901

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—An evening meeting, Hertford All Saints' (10), Tuesday, April 15th, 7.30. Final collection of names for District outing. —Peter M. S. Searles, Dis. Sec. 6904

QUARTER PEALS

COMPTON BISHOP, SOM.—On March 1st, 1,260 Doubles (ten methods): B. Dodds 1, Susan Stott 2, S Lewis 3, R. Jones 4, H. Hooper (cond.) 5, C. Fields 6. For St. David's Day.

FAR HEADINGLEY, YORKS. — On Jan. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Gillian R. Cleaver 1, G. J. Jones 2, Elizabeth J. Campbell 3, J. P. Ottaway (cond.) 4, L. F. Palmer 5, R. G. Green 6, C. Forster 7, C. J. Easton 8. For service of Unity.

GEDLING, NOTTS.—On March 9th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: P. Wild 1, Sheila Z. Anthony 2, J. R. Rigby 3, Susan M. O'Neill 4, R. Anthony 5, A. R. C. Harris (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to Mr. Ralph Adey.

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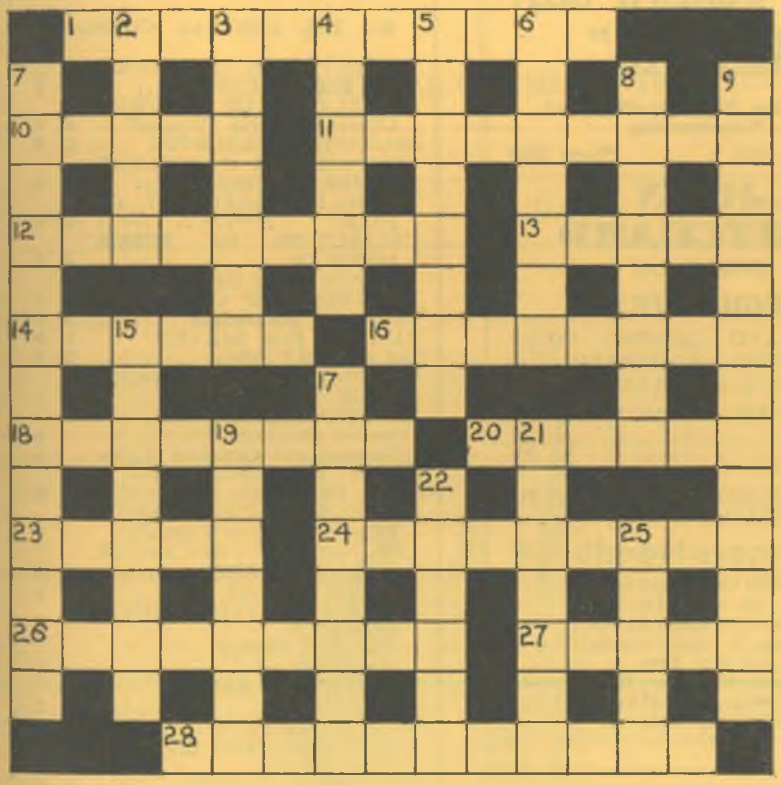

CLUES

ACROSS

1. Abbey where the bells have a very restricted circle—of ringers! (11).
10. Alter with a penny after the last word (5).
11. One of the meteorologist's instruments (4-5).
12. These follow versicles (9).
13. Handy pub? (5).
14. Sucrose with a shilling off makes a block of changes (6).
16. A . . . . . and a flowing sea (A. Cunningham) (3, 5).
18. Detectives reverse into coils and supplement wills (8).
20. One of Persian descent living in India (6).
23. Cherish (5).
24. Cannon due! might be proclaimed (9).
26. Do bells go down as this sort of expense in the church accounts? (9).
27. Stay behind (5).
28. If the conductor should do this the peal will be lost (4, 3, 4).

DOWN

2. Strangely enough this could be odds! (5).
3. Edward has debts—how wearisome (7).
4. Likely result when a coach load of ringers arrives for a snatch (6).
5. She has no husband who is a ringer (8).
6. Swallows up (7).
7. Famous ringer whose initials seem to qualify him for the Police Guild (7, 6).
8. Murders with cruelty (8).
9. Special occasions in the calendar (3, 6, 4).
15. Fred is backward in a mass of sand and has upset it (8).
17. Cheerful form of sea plant (8).
19. Your diary may have been sent out from this town (7).
21. Not on the beer—on water! (7).
22. Agreement (6).
25. Tale or alabaster is a source of this material (5).

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QUARTER PEALS

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.—On March 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. G. Wright 1, Sally Porter (first "inside") 2, D. A. Wright 3, G. Walker 4, R. Brown 5, A. White 6, K. Warner (cond.) 7, R. A. Poole 8.

LINTON, KENT.—On Feb. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. O. Tester 1, Miss S. Town 2, Mrs. L. Cullingworth 3, P. Muchlinski 4, A. Macfadyen 5, C. Tester 6, T. Cullingworth (cond.) 7, P. Town 8. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. Bridgen (Feb. 15th) and to thank them for their loyal support of the Church. Mr. Bridgen has been treasurer to the P.C.C. for 16 years.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFS.—On March 9th, 1,440 Spliced Surprise Minor (six methods): J. Paxton 1, Anita E. Foden 2, P. G. Golder 3, R. G. Paxton 4, J. H. Allen 5, M. W. Fairey (cond.) 6. First spliced for 1, 2 and 4. For Evensong.

LLANDAFF, GLAM.—At the Cathedral, on March 9th, 1,250 Stedman Triples: Judith Ashcroft 1, Mary Pryor 2, J. B. Plumb 3, N. A. James 4, P. S. Reading 5, J. W. Bull 6, N. W. H. Simon (cond.) 7, M. Pilgrim 8. For Evensong.

LONG STRATTON, NORFOLK.—On March 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. G. Tooke 1, I. Lowther (first "inside") 2, Miss A. Walton (first quarter) 3, G. Elvin 4, T. E. Spight 5, H. Tooke (cond.) 6.

LONGWOOD, YORKS.—On March 9th, 1,320 Old Oxford and Willesden Delight Minor: A. Lunn 1, S. Williams 2, S. Lunn 3, D. Williams 4, B. Ellis 5, I. Roberts (cond.) 6. Before Evensong, to mark the birth of a second son to Ian and Carole Roberts.

NAILSEA, SOM. — On March 1st, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Miss C. Stone 1, Mrs. R. Short 2, L. Childs 3, J. Brain 4, L. Derrick (cond.) 5, H. Hardwidge 6.

NEW ALRESFORD, HANTS. — On March 9th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: A. J. Mason 1, J. P. Colliss 2, Jane E. Dando 3, R. Slack 4, S. M. Jack 5, A. Reeves 6, R. Green 7, R. B. Walton (cond.) 8. First of P.B. Major for 2, 4 and 5.

NEWHEY, LANCS.—On March 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Butterworth 1, Miss K. Lawson (first "inside") 2, Mrs. R. Lawson 3, R. Lawson 4, B. M. Boardman 5, M. Fishwick (cond.) 6.

OSWESTRY, SALOP.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: A. Watkin 1, Linda Wilkinson 2, J. Parry 3, H. Hughes 4, R. S. Evans 5, D. Parry (cond.) 6. For Harvest Sunday. Also on Dec. 27th, 1,440 Pl. Bob Minor: M. Clarke 1, R. Hotchkiss 2, A. Watkin 3, J. Parry 4, K. Morgan 5, D. Parry (cond.) 6.

PAPANUI, NEW ZEALAND. — On March 8th, 1,320 Doubles (11 different methods): Jill Richardson 1, Mary Spence 2, Gillian Spence 3, J. R. Williams 4, R. H. Idle (cond.) 5. A wedding compliment to Judith Seward and Herbert Smith, married this day.

PETERSFIELD, HANTS. — On March 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Sally Stacey 1, R. Tipper 2, K. Tipper 3, A. Betsworth 4, D. Hatherly (cond.) 5, D. Cross 6. For Evensong.

PONTEFRACT, YORKS.—On Jan. 25th, 1,344 Pl. Bob Major: J. P. Ottaway (cond.) 1, J. Draper (first "inside") 2, Elizabeth J. Campbell 3, Gillian R. Cleaver 4, R. W. Jones 5, R. H. Roberts 6, G. J. Jones 7, L. F. Palmer 8.

POPLAR, E.—At Christ Church, Cubitt Town, on March 2nd, 1,280 Pl. Bob Major: Dorothea Robotham 1, Shirley Ruddlesdown 2, Maureen Carruthers 3, T. G. Pett 4, D. Wilcox 5, P. Bosworth 6, G. D. Armitage 7, J. Pladdys (cond.) 8.

PYLLE, SOM.—On March 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. D. G. Mayell 1, Miss S. A. Mayell 2, Miss G. M. Beckett 3, J. Kingsnorth 4, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 5, R. S. Tucker (first Minor) 6.

QUORN, LEICS.—On March 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. J. Mobbs 1, M. F. Seal (first Minor "inside") 2, D. Alderton 3, H. F. Watson-Walker 4, A. E. Clayton 5, R. I. Kendrick (cond.) 6.

REWE, DEVON. — 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Bibey 1, R. W. Trickey 2, W. J. Ransom 3, H. Ransom 4, W. Ware 5, C. Barnes 6.

RUSHDEN, NORTHANTS.—On March 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Hodgekin 1, Mrs. Brenda Dixon 3, G. Muncey 4, B. Whitworth 5, T. G. Smith 6, R. L. Coley (cond.) 7, L. Hall 8. Rung for the engagement of Roger L. Coley and Miss J. Clark.

SKIPTON-IN-CRAVEN, YORKS.—On March 16th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: I. Cox 1, A. Stott 2, M. Hillary 3, R. Crabtree 4, E. Lee 5, R. M. Harker 6, D. Featherstone (cond.) 7, M. F. D. Burton 8. For Matins.

SUTTON MADDOCK, SALOP. — On March 5th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): D. D. Walton (first quarter) 1, I. A. Sheffield 2, R. B. Dorrington (cond.) 3, S. G. Pick 4, P. G. K. Davies 5. A 21st birthday compliment to Ivan Sheffield.

SOUTHWARK, S.E.—At the Cathedral, on March 9th, 1,320 Grandsire Cinques: Caroline Mackie 1, R. I. Vaughan 2, Lesley A. Hawes 3, J. P. Hull 4, T. G. Williams 5, B. J. Read (cond.) 6, Anthea S. Bruce 7, C. D. Collin 8, A. W. Bond 9, M. S. Loveday 10, B. J. Stone 11, A. P. Foster 12. First Cinques 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11. Rung by St. Peter's, Brighton, and Kingston upon Thames ringers for Evensong.

STOKE CANON, DEVON. — 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Bibey 1, W. J. Ransom 2, H. Ransom 3, C. Barnes 4, R. W. Trickey (cond.) 5, W. Ware 6.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS. — On March 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Grace Burchnall (cond.) 1, Katharine Burchnall 2, Susan Moxon 3, Olive Moxon 4, N. Moxon 5, Eleanor Rose 6, A. Wilson 7, H. Hawcroft 8. A compliment to Eleanor Rose and Leslie Hall on their engagement.

TENTERDEN, KENT.—On March 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Mary Meynell (first in method) 1, Violet Ring 2, R. C. Offen 3, M. P. French 4, E. J. Clifton 5, W. W. Ring (cond.) 6, D. C. Manger 7, P. V. H. Relf 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Harold D. Austen, for many years cross bearer at this church.

TETTENHALL, STAFFS.—On March 10th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, April Day, Grandsire): Christine Tebbot 1, Helen Roberts 2, R. Humphries (cond.) 3, A. G. Newman 4, F. Brotherton 5, D. Jones (first quarter) 6.

THORPE BAY, ESSEX. — On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Thumpston (first quarter) 1, Miss M. Hunter 2, P. Sentance 3, B. Sentance 4, H. H. Furminger (cond.) 5, J. Foster 6.

TWICKENHAM, MIDDX.—On March 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jane H. Palmer (first quarter) 1, Jo Hampton 2, P. W. Bevington 3, Mary Knight 4, A. J. Hampton 5, J. M. Lovell 6, E. A. Morris (cond.) 7, T. J. White (first quarter) 8. For Evensong.

UCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Treena Honess 1, R. Kennard 2, J. Franklin 3, A. Turner (cond.) 4, W. Ledward 5, D. Thorpe 6. For the christening of Rebecca Hilary, daughter of Rev. Norman and Mrs. Janet Chatfield.

WANSFORD, PETERBOROUGH.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: L. Hall 1, Virginia Hall 2, D. Smith 3, Hilary Ellison 4, A. Waller (cond.) 5. First quarter by the local band for evening service.

WELDON, NORTHANTS.—On March 9th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): T. Fellows 1, Susan Kemp 2, Sheila M. Hope 3, R. A. Webster 4, Susan M. Fitton (cond.) 5, Penny McCreadie 6. For Evensong.

COMPOSITIONS

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S			3	3246578
S		—		4253678
	S 3rds	3		2347856
	4ths			4263578
	In		—	4237568
		S	3	5237468
		S	2	2347568
	S 2nds		3	2347658
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The Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Plympton, Devon

OUR COVER PICTURE

Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Plympton

By ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD

THERE is an old local saying which runs: "Plympton was a busy town while Plymouth was a fuzzy down." This saying is perfectly true, for Plympton was indeed a busy town of considerable importance when Plymouth, or Sutton-on-Plym as it was then, was merely a small fishing settlement at the mouth of the River Plym.

Towards the end of the 9th century there existed at "Plymentum" a Saxon monastery which was a college of secular clergy, not being a community of monks in the accepted sense; it was free from episcopal jurisdiction, being a chapel of the foundation of one of the Saxon kings. In 1121 the secular community was dispersed at the direction of William Warelwast, Bishop of Exeter, and a charter was gained to enable him to establish a community of Augustinian canons, the priory being dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Peter and St. Paul. The Priory grew in power and came to be regarded as the wealthiest in the Diocese of Exeter, collecting tithes from at least a dozen other parishes. The old connection is still indicated in the modern names of two of the parishes, Shaugh Prior and Dean Prior.

Unhappily, in 1539 the Priory was dissolved and its wealth and possessions appropriated by Henry VIII. So thorough was the work of destruction that nothing now remains save the priceless heritage of the great church dedicated to St. Mary-the-Virgin which was built by the monks to serve the townspeople of Plympton and which was consecrated on October 29th, 1311, by Bishop Stapledon, of Exeter.

The church stands in what was probably the cemetery of the old Priory and is one of the largest in the diocese. It measures 165 feet in length, 102 feet in width and the tower rises to a total height of 111 feet. It is built of Dartmoor granite, mainly in the Decorated and Perpendicular styles, with piers and arches of stone from the nearby estate of Lord Roborough. It is interesting to note that the church stands only very little above sea level, and the writer can recall the time in the late 1940s when the whole building was flooded to a depth of at least 2 feet. This occurred again in 1954, resulting in severe damage to furnishings and fittings; however, the consequential dredging and banking of the adjacent Tory Brook has eliminated the risk of this situation arising again.

THE BELLS

Of the bells, we know that in 1614 two bells, the fourth and tenor of the present ring, were cast by George Purdue. The "Great" bell was the gift of Lady Marie Strode, wife of Sir William Strode, whose son, William Strode, Member of Parliament for Plymouth, figures in history as one of the five Members of Parliament whose attempted arrest by Charles I in 1642 precipitated the Civil War between King and Parliament.

St. Mary's appears to have possessed only the two bells until the 18th century, when the West Country bellfounding family of Pennington came on the scene. In 1725 Christopher Pennington, of Lezant, added two more bells, the present sixth and seventh. The bell to make a true five was not added until 1754, when Christopher Pennington, then of Stoke Climsland, cast the present fifth. Although the fifth and seventh are of relatively poor tonal quality, the authorities of St. Mary's must have been well pleased for in 1766 they commissioned John and Fitz Antony Pennington to provide a treble to complete the ring to six; this bell is of much better quality than the two previous Pennington additions.

Nothing more appears to have been done to the bells until 1868, when John Warner and Sons, of London, added two trebles to complete the octave, at the same time recasting the old Pennington fourth which presumably had become cracked. It is a great pity he did not also recast the old Pennington third and fifth, as his work here is of a very high quality. The completed eight produced a noble sound, the old Purdue tenor being recognised as one of the finest bells in the West of England, a bell whose sound would carry as far as Plymouth Hoe, nearly six miles away, and indeed it should have done for it possessed a clapper of nearly 3 cwt. to send its sound bawling out over the other seven bells. It was a bell whose "go" at that time would have daunted even our present day "tenor kings" for it required the full effort of two ringers to keep it up.

TROUBLE OVER TENOR

By the early 1930s the ringers of St. Mary's must have had their fill of this state of affairs for in 1933 a full restoration of the bells was carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, who provided a new steel frame and all new fittings as well as tuning the bells. The restored ring was dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Exeter on December 2nd, 1933. Apparently they dared to desecrate the fine old Purdue tenor by tuning it, for uproar immediately followed the restoration and the local consensus of opinion was that the bell was ruined; heated arguments ensued to the extent that one well-known local ringer, who shall be nameless, narrowly missed a libel action by the bellhangers. The writer, who at that time had only reached the ripe old age of two, cannot pass comment on the bell before restoration, but it is nevertheless still recognised as being an extremely fine bell. It is well known how locals tend to exaggerate the weight of a bell and it has been stated that, before tuning, the bell weighed 29 or 30 cwt., although how any bellfounder could scrape out nearly 5 cwt. of metal to reduce it to its present weight of 25 cwt. and still leave something worth listening to is beyond the comprehension of the writer.

WEIGHTS AND INSCRIPTIONS

The weights and inscriptions of the present ring are as follows:—

Treble.—6 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. Note: D. The gift of Henry Hele Treby. Cast by John Warner and Sons, London, 1868.

Second.—6 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. Note: C sharp. In memory of Henry Hele Treby from many friends. Cast by John Warner and Sons, London, 1868.

Third.—8 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb. Note: B. John Parker Senior, John Parker Junr. and Mount Parker Esqrs. 1766. R. Honey, W. Wyatt. C.W. J.P. F.A.P.M.

Fourth.—9 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. Note: A. G.P. Anno Domini 1614.

Fifth.—11 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. Note: G. John Parker Esqr. Trism: avant: gent: John Pearse: C.N. Wardens: C.P. 1754.

Sixth.—13 cwt. 18 lb. Note: F sharp. Cast by John Warner and Sons, London, 1868.

Seventh.—19 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. Note: E. John Parker and Francis Parker Esquires. Stephen Cudlip: Richard Tenaman: Wardens: C.P. 1725.

Tenor.—25 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. Note: D. Marie : Strode : the : founder : of ; thi : s [inverted] bell. Anno Domini : 1614 : G.P.

Since the days of the Priory the population of the parish of St. Mary's has grown from around 500 to nearly 16,000. The town of Plympton, which witnessed and nurtured the birth and growth of Plymouth, has now been completely taken over by her ever-hungry child. The ancient church of St. Mary is, I suppose, technically speaking the Mother Church of Plymouth, although this honour is more generally accorded to the Church of St. Andrew in the city centre. The present incumbent is the Ven. F. A. J. Matthews, M.A., Archdeacon of Plymouth, and he has a live church with many willing workers; it possesses a large, well-trained choir and a competent band of call-change ringers who man the bells regularly, producing a reasonably high standard of striking.

It is wonderful to consider that, in this age of space travel, the old Purdue tenor, the product of a master craftsman of over 300 years ago, still sends its booming notes over a parish that has seen so much change over the years. One wonders how many products of today's craftsmen will still be in use 300 years from now.

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"CROWN BOB" — & JAMES PLATT

By CYRIL A. WRATTEN

ONE of the most notable advances in change-ringing during the past 50 years has been the development of Spliced. Although the idea of joining more than one method into a touch is almost as old as change-ringing itself, it was not until 1911, when a peal of Minor in 14 methods was rung at Edenham in Lincolnshire, that it began to attract general interest.

The brothers E. Bankes and H. Law James are generally accepted as the originators of modern "spliced", which differs fundamentally from the "Crown Bob" of the 18th and 19th centuries in its requirement that spliced extents and peals should be true. Recent research has, however, shown that many of the principles developed in the 1910s and 1920s, and in particular those concerning the splicing of Minor, had already been realised and utilised half-a-century earlier, and that by the end of the 1850s true 720s of Minor in more than one method were being rung. That this was so was entirely thanks to a single man—a still rather nebulous figure named James Platt, of Saddleworth Fold, Yorkshire.

THE ORIGINS

Until Platt arrived on the ringing scene —and indeed for a number of years afterwards—the only form of splicing in anything approaching general practice was Crown Bob.

This had first appeared in print as early as 1702, in the first edition of the J. D. and C. M. "Campanalogia Improved", and consisted of consecutive leads of Oxford Treble Bob, College Pleasure and College Treble Bob. By repeating this sequence of leads four times a touch of 360 changes was obtained. By the late 1720s Benjamin Annable, at least, was aware of its falseness, and in the 4th edition of the "Campanalogia", published in 1752, the figures of the touch were omitted, the introductory remarks—"Now the practitioner being perfect in these three peals [i.e., Oxford T.B., College Pleasure and College T.B.], he may proceed to the next following; which is to ring an Eighteenscore without a Bob, as followeth." —being left to hang tantalisingly in mid-air.

Nevertheless, the falseness of the arrangement was not apparently generally realised. The touch was even doubled by singles, as at Newport, Isle of Wight, in 1793. 720s of Crown Bob at Wilby, Suffolk, in 1734, and at Cambridge in 1783 may have been similarly obtained. As late as 1851 the original 360 was being rung in Yorkshire, at Bingley.

The band here, however, were more venturesome than most, for they tried joining other methods in a similar way, albeit probably no less falsely. On August 17th, 1849, they rang "a 'Crown Bob' on the 'Three Flowers'," and on November 16th, 1851, "the company went successfully through various 'Touches' on some of the most intricate peals, including 'Snappers', and after that rang two 'Crown Bobs' on the following arrangements: Oxford, College Pleasure, College Treble, and Violet, Tulip, Primrose. . . . The latter portion of this feat (that is, the two 'Crown Bobs') is admitted by the best judges to be a most severe test, and is rarely attempted where the performers are all members of the same company."

JAMES PLATT

Such then was the situation when James Platt turned his attention to splicing. Of the man himself little is yet known. He lived and rang at Saddleworth, a 6-bell tower on the moors not far from Oldham, and, according to Morris's "History and Art", died at the age of 72 in September, 1858. Although he composed some peals of Treble Bob Major in addition to his pioneering work on 5- and 6-bell "peals", there is little evidence of his ability as a practical ringer. Certainly all his known theoretical work dates from the last 15 years of his life, and during this period he did not participate in any of the peals rung by the Saddleworth company nor in any with that at Glossop, a neighbouring tower with which he also had connections. He did ring a 720 of Plain Bob Minor at Saddleworth in 1845, but even this was on the treble.

It is not known what made Platt become interested in joining methods together, but it may well have been the first peal of Hudson's New Light Major, rung at Sheffield on March 21st, 1843. This was basically Kent T.B. with a lead of Oxford T.B. in each course keeping the tenors out of the slow. The idea at once became a "seven-day wonder" in the Midlands. A 7,200 was rung at Castleton in September the same year, and the following January a 5,040 of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Triples, composed by Thomas Day, was rung at Shifnal in which "by the union of the two original methods, all additional place-making is avoided".

James Platt took Hudson's idea and turned it to Minor. On October 22nd, 1843, "the celebrated ringers of Saddleworth, Yorkshire, rang a true peal of treble bob, consisting of 720 changes, in twenty-five minutes, on their sweet-toned bells. In this peal there is neither bob nor single when the treble dodges before the third and fourth places are made both in the Oxford and Kent treble bob methods. This is the first peal ever rung in this method on six bells. . . . . The peal was composed by James Platt, and conducted by Ralph Broadbent."

It is clear from the description that this was a 720 in what is now generally known as the Worcester Variation of Treble Bob, a form of "splicing" that was rediscovered by the Rev. E. Bankes James just after the end of the First World War. It was given its present name when a 720 of this arrangement was included in a peal at St. Nicholas', Worcester, in September, 1919, although a single 720 had been rung at Tichfield, Hants, a few months earlier.

23456		For the next five or six years Platt experimented with single
35246	a	method extents. In March,
54326	a	1844, Ralph Broadbent called
42536	a	a 720 of Bob Minor of his at
24536	b	Saddleworth, in which there
43256	a	was a single at each lead, "four
35426	a	different singles [being] made
52346	a	use of in this peal". The
23546	d	figures of this 720 are interest-
34256	a	ing. Singles were made in
45326	a	1256 (a), 1236 (b) and 1234 (c);
54263	c	the fourth "single" required
		third's and fourth's places to
Repeat		be made as the treble passed
four times.		from 2nds to lead, followed at
		the next change by a "normal"
		1256 single.

A year later the Glossop company rang another of his 720s of Bob Minor, this one having only six bobs and six singles as though to balance the multiplicity of calls in the earlier extent. The same day (March 7th, 1845) they also rang 720 Oxford Treble Bob which he had composed. This was "rung without a bob, when in the treble dodges before there were 15 sixth places made instead of fourth places", an original form of three-bell shift which does not seem yet to have been resurrected.

His next production, however, has had very recent echoes in the columns of "The Ringing World". Holt's arrangement of Bob Minor to give extents without a single caught his eye, as it did Frank Blagrove's not long ago, and he set to to elaborate the idea. The result was a regular three-part with 18 calls in each part, "the treble assisting in making bobs". This Platt himself called from the treble at Saddleworth on September 28th, 1845. A contemporary report says (rather disdainfully, one feels): "In Mr. Holt's peal, the in and out of course changes are only changed twice; in this peal they are changed 24 times."

Some idea of the thoroughness with which Mr. Platt investigated such a simple method as Bob Minor can be gauged from his calculation that "a true peal can be rung of Plain Bob Minor, with making only two singles, one in the middle and the other at the end of the peal, in 30,968 different ways." He later estimated that, by changing the in and out of course as Holt had done —only twice in an extent—the 720 could be rung in 60,000 different ways.

[To be continued]

DRAYTON, NORFOLK.—On March 11th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: D. E. House 1, Margaret A. Bunting (first quarter) 2, M. P. Cubitt 3, Carole A. Patey 4, G. H. Pullin 5, Janet House (first Minor as cond.) 6.

STEEP, HANTS.—On March 15th, 1,260 Doubles (seven methods): Mandy Roberts 1, Sally Stacey (first in seven methods) 2, Carol Stacey 3, D. Hatherly 4, B. Walton (cond.) 5, A. Betsworth 6.

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A Nostalgic Taste of Honey at Hayes

IT was in 1923 that the old six at Hayes, Middlesex, were last rung. Chiming may have taken place up to the outbreak of war, but there are few ringers left who remember what the old bells were like.

The tower has lain dilapidated ever since, until a year or two ago when extensive church restoration included the repointing of the tower. It was then that Percy Venn, himself in the building business, came to take an interest in the church. He rings at Hillingdon but lives in Hayes, and he volunteered to refit completely the inside of the tower and have the bells made into a ring of eight.

The old floors were in a dangerous condition and replacement was imperative. The first to go was the old clock chamber floor and, unfortunately, such is the march of progress that a staircase of antiquarian interest had to go with it — one of only six left in the country employing huge stiles with split logs as treads. A new clock chamber floor was installed 3 feet below the old one, being completed on Friday, March 14th. Work was to have started on dismantling the bells almost immediately, but Percy was away for the week-end and his son, Christopher, had other ideas. Why not try and ring the old six? After all, no one knew what they were like, and the repointed tower with its new floor was half the battle. A close inspection proved the frame to be still sound, and it was amazing that all the fittings were still intact as well, despite the floor beneath the bells having half fallen to pieces.

A small working party was formed on Sunday, March 16th, including another of Percy's sons, Tony. Its members laboured enthusiastically, and only three hours' work was necessary before all was ready for the try out. Drastic action had to be taken on the choked-up pulleys, but by the time enough ringers had arrived, and Frank and Tony Price had cast a weather eye over the situation, all the bells had been pulled up single-handed. The ease with which they handled was quite fantastic. From the first rounds we went straight into a course of Bob Minor for the 4.30 p.m. service and before ringing finished for the day Frank and Tony had rung two bells each to Grandsire Doubles, which proved the easy "go" without question. Having gone this far, a quarter peal was arranged for the following evening.

TENOR CRACKED

The initial ringing over, we had time to reflect. We had expected the bells to be extremely noisy, but alas, they also proved to be sadly out of tune. The tenor did not have quite the same resonance as the others and an old rumour that she is cracked was found to be quite true when those who rang her last took a close look and discovered a crack in the crown. This finally put paid to any ideas Percy had about retaining her in the new ring. We concluded that the bells are too high in the tower and too heavy for it as well. Both 5 and tenor have a high arched frame at the end of their pits, and the arc of the tenor swing carries right into the wall, which has been chiselled out for the purpose. This no doubt explains why her clapper has no flight as well. The back four (tenor 14 cwt.) are by Thomas Mears, 1795, with two trebles added by Warners in 1901.

Before the quarter some temporary covers were rigged over the gaps in the bell chamber floor, and with noise considerably reduced 1,440 Plain Bob Minor was scored without much difficulty in 52 minutes by P. S. Venn 1, R. A. Fardon 2, Patricia A. Copas 3, C. J. Venn 4, R. K. Russ 5, M. J. Palmer (cond.) 6.

Our taste of honey was complete, even if the bearings were fast drying up! The Vicar was delighted and so was Percy Venn, who couldn't resist the temptation to put off dismantling the bells for a few days and so give more people a chance to ring them. Word got round and recorders appeared to capture the last ringing on this old ring, suddenly given a final chance to fulfil the purpose for which it was made. Some ringing on Tuesday was followed by more on Thursday, when a touch of Cambridge Minor was rung for Confirmation service, conducted by the Bishop of Kensington.

It was on Sunday evening, March 23rd, that the old bells were heard for the last time, work on dismantling them starting the following day. A new light eight for Middlesex is just around the corner, hung 9 feet below its predecessors, and Percy Venn will be a proud man the day they ring from the tower to proclaim another chapter in the 1,000-year history of St. Mary's, Hayes. But for those who were privileged to give the old six bells their final breath after a silence of close on 50 years that nostalgic taste of honey will remain.

R. K. R.

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REVIEW

A TUTOR'S HANDBOOK, PART 1, BELL CONTROL TO PLAIN HUNTING

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One's first reaction is to say that this book is worth learning by heart. If this seems a bit too much at least one can say that every word is worth careful reading and thought. It is not a book for learners, though no doubt they would profit by reading it, and doing so would help them realise what it means to be an instructor and so to sympathise with him. But it is, very definitely, a book for every instructor and would-be instructor, and there must be few indeed, however experienced, who need learn nothing from its pages.

Part 1 is written by Mr. Wilfrid Moreton and Part 2, to be out in a few months' time, by Mr. Norman Chaddock, on behalf of the Sunday Service and Education Committee of the Council. The excellent photos of right and wrong methods are by Mr. J. N. D. Chaddock and the illustrations of the Launton silencers are by Mr. D. Hughes. Other prominent ringers have given valued help and advice.

Two sentences in the book might be described as implied refrains running right through it: "Insistence on a high standard from the beginning is vital, particularly for what is, after all, a public performance", and "It is doubtful whether sufficient attention is given to this method of learning."

The would-be instructor must answer several preliminary questions **before** beginning work. How best to use the time; how to maintain interest, how many pupils to have at any time; what bells to use . . . . He must be patient, a skilled ringer with a sense of style himself, and always use a silenced bell. The learner should be given a general picture of the Exercise, by attending on Sundays, by seeing what happens in the bell chamber, and how it relates to work in the ringing room. He must learn how to stand, how to hold the rope, and its length must be right. Safety and discipline are vital. Not until then can he begin to learn, and the stages up to full control are carefully detailed. No less than 41 faults, with their cures, are detailed. All this may give a superficial impression that learning takes a long time. On the contrary, the better the instructor knows the 18 close-packed pages the more speedily yet thoroughly will his pupils progress.

There follow several pages on the next stage — up to Plain Hunting. The tutor must have a scheme for the pupil and a minimum standard at every stage. Call-changes are deemed a worthy step in the process. **Now** is the time to learn to dodge without "clipping" and to learn that natural accuracy which sets the rest of the band at ease and the absence of which can drive them mad. Now is the time to learn what to do when in **every** place, hunting up or down, and conversely the common faults to avoid.

Details about raising and lowering and 17 suggestions for teaching a completely new band complete a brilliant 35 pages.

This book should be in every tower where it is hoped that the succession of learners will be maintained through the years. And no doubt the same will apply to Part 2, when it appears.

GILBERT THURLOW.

NEW OFFICERS FOR CENTRAL COUNCIL

The following will be the officers of the next Council as from the Whit Tuesday meeting, as they were the only nominees:—

President, John Freeman.

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CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

St. Albans Meeting

Civic Reception. The City Council will hold a reception after the Council meeting. Applications for tickets (two per representative) should be made as soon as possible, but in any case not later than **April 30th**, to the General Secretary of the Hertford County Association, Mr. A. Rex Agg, 76, Wymondley Road, Hitchin.

Breakfast, Whit Tuesday. This meal will be provided in the Abbey Institute at 3s. per head from 8.15 to 9 a.m. for those attending the Holy Communion service. It will only be available to those who book with Mr. A. Rex Agg before **May 10th.**

Coach Tour. One of the Monday tours to towers around the county will be a coach tour, leaving St. Albans at 9 a.m. and returning in time for the Standing Committee meeting. Five towers will be visited and lunch is being provided for an inclusive charge of £1 5s. Again, names for this should reach Mr. A. Rex Agg by **May 10th.**

Hotel Lists. These are still available from Mrs. M. A. Coburn, 3, Lea Road, Harpenden, to whom a stamped and addressed envelope must be sent.

Arrangements have been made for a conducted tour of Hatfield House on Whitsunday afternoon at 3 p.m. at a reduced entrance fee of 3s. 6d. each. One of the guides is a local ringer and he will be available to take those visitors who wish to go round the house.

REMINDER

Notices of Motion (Rule 14). Notices, signed by two members of the Council, must be sent to me by April 15th.

The names and addresses of representative members should be sent to me by the secretaries of affiliated Societies by April 29th. It will be helpful if this could be done as soon as the information is available.

In order to shorten the process of electing the Standing Committee and to reduce the work of the tellers a voting paper will be prepared and issued with the agenda. Members of the Council should send nominations, signed by two members, by April 29th. Provision will be made for nominations at the Council meeting, but the business of the Council will be expedited if members will use the postal procedure.

Some affiliation fees are still unpaid. May I now please have them?

VERNON BOTTOMLEY,
Hon. Secretary.

45, Westercroft Lane,
Northowram, Halifax,
Yorkshire.

A PEEP IN A CANADIAN BELFRY.—Looking down on the bellringers at practice in the belfry of Christ Church, Calgary, which is approached by a climb up a short iron ladder from the building's second floor. This belfry is the scene of romance. The head ringer, Mr. Michael Simpson, who at one time lived in Lincolnshire, is engaged to Miss Judy Midgley, formerly of Plymouth. They are planning to get married at the end of April and are flying home to U.K. for a four-week honeymoon on May 18th. [Photo by courtesy of "Calgary Herald".

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Eleven towers were represented at the Bingham District monthly meeting at Shelford on March 8th, when the new form of Evensong was conducted by the Rev. G. Turner. Local ringers provided an excellent tea.

At the meeting the Guild secretary (Mr. W. L. Exton) explained the scheme for insuring ringers. Tower captains were asked to submit the scheme to their P.C.C.

Congratulations were accorded to the team who had made history by holding the Doubles and Minor record in peals for the Guild. Mr. Bull, of Radcliffe, is planning an interesting outing to North Staffordshire in September. It is hoped that seven towers will enter for the District round of the Crawford cup at Willoughby-on-the-Wolds in May.

Forthcoming meetings: June — Woodborough, Calverton and Lowdham; July—East Bridgford; August—Gedling. R. B.

PEAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR C.C. MEETING

A certain number of towers have given permission for peals to be attempted during the Whitsun period.

Members and friends will be accommodated, as far as possible, if they state their requirements when applying to the arranger, enclosing s.a.e. These bells will be allocated in order of application, but the arranger will not be responsible for the completion of the bands.

I hope we can fit in everybody who asks.

WALTER AYRE (peal organiser),
The Old School House,
Leverstock Green.
Hemel Hempstead.

OBITUARY

MR. ALBERT HURST

The death on January 2nd of Mr. Albert Hurst at the age of 72 was a sad loss to Little Shelford, Cambridgeshire. For many years he had been captain and it was largely through him that the bells have continued to be rung for Sunday services.

He started as a ringer in 1933, when Charlie Cook persuaded a group of men to join together to form a band. Albert Hurst became captain and he was always proud of the fact that he rang the tenor to the first recorded peal on the bells, 5,040 Grandsire Triples. Although not an active peal ringer, he seldom missed a Branch meeting during his younger days and was always on hand to return the welcome when the meeting was at his own tower. It was mainly through his efforts that the bells were augmented to six, and his only regret was that he had been unable to do this sooner.

Members of the Ely Diocesan Association rang a short touch on the bells after the funeral and a quarter peal of Grandsire, conducted by Derek Sibson, was rung during the evening as a tribute to his memory. C. A. H.

In a peal at Hughenden, Bucks, in which seven local ringers took part, on March 29th, one member of the band rang for over half the peal with his trousers round his feet. Fortunately it was an all-male band and concentration overcame mirth until the end of the peal.

Letters to the Editor

METHOD CLASSIFICATION

Dear Sir,—In this day and age there seems to be throughout the Exercise a certain snob value in ringing Surprise methods —why? It seems to me that there are many hundreds of perfectly good methods, particularly in the Major field, which will never be rung merely because they do not happen to have at least one internal place made every time the treble crosses from one dodging position to the next within the half lead. I realise that the complexity of a method is supposed to depend upon whichever class it may belong to; however, whereas it is true that no Surprise method should be called simple, it is certainly not true that all treble bob methods are of a simple construction after the manner of Oxford and Kent.

I have been puzzled for some time now as to the origin of the definitions of these various method classes (Surprise, Delight, Exercise, etc.) and I cannot imagine where they came from, what they are for, or why we have to have them! I therefore beg to suggest what I believe is a more rational system of method classification, using the same names, maintaining most of the well-known methods with the names they already have and yet giving the average ringer information about the method which might actually be of use to him. As follows:—

(i.) Let all plain methods in which seconds place is made at the lead end be called BOB methods.

(ii.) Let all plain methods in which no internal place is made at the lead end be called COURT BOB methods.

(iii.) Let all treble bob methods in which no internal place is made at the lead end be called TREBLE BOB methods.

(iv.) Let all treble bob methods in which seconds place is made at the lead end be called SURPRISE methods.

(v.) Let all little plain methods be called LITTLE BOB or LITTLE COURT BOB methods, depending upon the type of lead end as in (i) and (ii).

(vi.) Let all little treble bob methods be called LITTLE TREBLE BOB or LITTLE SURPRISE methods, depending upon the type of lead end as per (iii.) and (iv.).

(vii.) Let all alliance methods, regardless of which place is made at the lead end, be called ALLIANCE methods.

(viii.) Let all methods with more than one hunt bell, and all principles used as methods, remain unclassified as Grandsire and Stedman are now.

The only notable changes which would occur would be that Bristol Surprise Major would become Bristol Treble Bob Major, and Norwich Surprise Minor would become Norwich Treble Bob Minor; also methods such as Reverse Bob would have to be renamed.—Yours sincerely,

VERNON BEDFORD.

Aldeburgh, Suffolk.

"JOHN" 12-BELL PEALS

Dear Sir,—From time to time some of the footnotes appended to peals make one wonder if those people who are responsible for them think that ringing history only began with their birth certificate.

An example is the one "First peal on 12 by a John band" which appears under the peal of Stedman Cinques at Wakefield on February 24th.

In 1912 a "John" peal of Stedman Cinques, with such well-known names in it as John S. Goldsmith, John Carter, John H. Cheesman, John D. Matthews, John H. B. Hesse, John Neal, John Thomas, John Sharman, etc., was rung at St. Giles', Cripplegate.

Also less than ten years ago a "John" peal of Cambridge Maximus was rung at St. John-the-Baptist's, Croydon.—Yours sincerely, E. BARNETT.

10, Kings Close,
Crayford.

NOTE.—The peal at Wakefield Cathedral was a fake. One cannot expect an irresponsible to have such knowledge.—Ed.

NOTE.—Mr. John G. Nash, of Muswell Hill, N.10, is thanked for sending us similar information regarding the two 12-bell peals rung by Johns.—Ed.

BILL COLES RECALLS HANDBELL PEALS OF 1924

Dear Sir,—It was kind of you to mention in "The Ringing World" my recent handbell peals, but I would like to correct certain details.

My previous peals were rung in 1924 with the brothers Fred and Percy Sparks, of Staplegrove. Fred unfortunately passed away last year but Percy, happily, is still with us and lives at Templecombe, Som. We rang the peals at the residence of my brother, the late S. George Coles.

Our friend Arthur Reed learned to ring with us on the old five at Staplegrove, where he still rings. We all sang together in the choir and I believe Arthur still sings in the same choir! Ringing in Taunton owes much to him, where he is the Branch secretary but he is not "addicted" to handbells.

The late Jim Hunt, one of the famous Guildford handbell band, umpired our peals and it is good to have, after so many years, feelings of gratitude and pleasure at having a son-in-law whose handbell feats with John Mayne and his friends are well known.

As one of the survivors of the then record peal of Surprise Minor for the Bath and Wells Association rung at Wilton, Taunton, in 1927, I should like to offer congratulations to the Chilcompton ringers and the rest on their achievement. Living in an age of wonderful ringing performances, it is good to see friends bringing such credit upon themselves and their Association.—Yours sincerely,

"BILL" COLES.

Hillingdon.

CARTER TRIPLES

Dear Sir,—I very much appreciated your interest in putting into the "R.W." my appeal for touches of Carter Triples. To date I have only had one reply, from J. G. Hawkins, of Westminster, but having exchanged three letters the following has come to light:

Carter Doubles as given in Snowdon's diagrams and from which I made my extension to Carter Triples is, according to Collection of Doubles Methods by the C.C., Reverse Carter Doubles, although the start is different. Mr. Hawkins sent me the figures for Carter Triples and Reverse Carter Triples, but the method I had devised was neither of these but a variation of the Reverse Carter Triples which Mr. Hawkins has named Roberts Triples.

Using the start in the Doubles Collection we have:—

Carter Triples	Reverse Carter Triples
1234567	1234567
2135476	2143576
2314567	1234756
- - - - -	- - - - -
3241657	1327465
2346175	3172456
2431657	1327546
4236175	3172564
4321657	1327654
3426175	3172645
- - - - -	- - - - -
4362715	3716254
4637251	7361524
6432715	3716542
4623175	3175624

Roberts Triples	Bob
1234567	1234567
2135476	2135476
1253746	1253467
- - - - -	- - - - -
1527364	
5123746	
1532764	
5137246	
1573264	Bob
5172346	5172346
- - - - -	- - - - -
5713264	5713264
7531624	7531246
5736142	5732164
5371624	

The advantage of my variation is that the Reverse Carter "Slow" shown under Carter Doubles in "Diagrams", whereby there are two snap leads 15 changes apart, is maintained on "the front". All the dodging is done in 45 and 67 which is more usual in Triples methods. The division heads are the Bob Major lead heads with each bell number reduced by one to suit bells 1 to 7 instead of 2 to 8.

I believe that a proven composition of Carter Triples may be adapted to fit the other two methods above, and I again ask you to appeal for the figures of a peal of Carter Triples if you think my observations would evoke interest.—Yours sincerely,

DON ROBERTS.

Torquay, Devon.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOL
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Liverpool University Society Dinner

RAGING blizzards, torrential rain and gale-force winds failed to prevent scores of addicts of the art from converging on Liverpool for the University Society's eighth annual dinner, which epic undertaking was ably organised by Dr. J. J. Fox.

As has become customary, activities began on the Friday evening, February 21st, with the arrival of visitors for the practices at St. Francis Xavier's, St. Nicholas' (Pier Head) and the Pig and Whistle. At Pier Head Mr. E. C. Birkett kindly handed over the practice to the Society, and with the reunion of so many past members and friends we were able to ring methods ranging up to Cambridge Maximus.

Saturday dawned early for some. Mr. Joe Ridyard, Cathedral Ringing Master, had some time previously invited the Society to attempt a Dinner Day peal at the Cathedral, and this began at 9.30. Stedman Cinques was successfully conducted by Mr. Cyril Crossthwaite in the "short" time of 4.17 and Miss Susan Cowan, who rang the second, thus became the first lady to ring a peal on the bells. Meanwhile another peal attempt of Yorkshire Surprise Major, arranged by Mr. Martin Snape for the visitors at Southport Emmanuel, was unfortunately lost after an hour's good striking.

For non-peal ringers, five local towers were open. The first of these was Halewood (8) at 11.30, and the interval between ringing here and at Woolton at 1.30 saw the consumption by the "Ravenous Resident Ringers" of large quantities of pies and curried chips in a Woolton bus shelter —they obviously could not wait for the dinner! Breathing fire, we then descended on the towers of Woolton (8), Childwall (6) and, once more, St. Nicholas' (12) and S.F.X. (8).

The dinner was held for the second consecutive year at Bedford House, where a really excellent five-course meal was enjoyed by all.

HONOUR FOR MR. RIDYARD

Following the loyal toast to the Duke of Lancaster the Master, Mr. Geoffrey Sparling, announced that a referendum of the Society had unanimously approved the proposal that Mr. Joe Ridyard, a long-standing friend of the Society, be elected an honorary life member. This news was greeted with applause and it was noted that Joe was already sitting with the "terrible twins", Mr. Alec Martin and Mr. Tudor Edwards, so they now become a trio.

The Master then proposed the toast of "The Church" and in reply the Dean of the Anglican Cathedral, the Very Rev. Edward H. Patey, said that he had never before heard the health of the Church proposed! He went on to tell a number of anecdotes about his experiences with ringers, including a tale that when he had to cope with complaints about the Cathedral bells, he usually said, when asked to "go up and stop them", that it really is not safe, for bellringers go quite mad on the end of a rope! It was one of the best after-dinner speeches heard by the Society.

Mr. Cyril Crossthwaite proposed the toast of "The Visitors", who had come in force from Norfolk, Essex, Lancashire, Cheshire, Warwickshire, London and Glamorgan. The junior steward of the College Youths, Mr. David Rothera, replied and also proposed the toast of "The Society", speaking of his several visits to Liverpool dinners. The reply was undertaken by the secretary, Mr. Harold Dobbin, who gave an account of some of the year's activities, including the ordinary committee member's unfortunate reference to the "annual fox-holding". He reported on the peal attempts of the last year, notably the peal at Southport (Christ Church) of Plain Bob Triples, which had been a "first" for seven of the band, although most could ring Surprise. He congratulated Society members Mr. and Mrs. David Jenner and Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Veitch (who unfortunately could not be present) on the birth of sons, friends of the Society the Rev. Stephen Pedley and Miss Mary Macdonald on their engagement, and past member Mr. Dave Keast (in his absence) on achieving his ambition of going to India.

The formal proceedings over, the rest of the evening was spent in the lounge renewing old friendships.

THE COMPANY

The Master was accompanied on the top table by Miss S. D. Cowan, Mr. David Rothera, Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Crossthwaite, the Very Rev. E. H. Patey and Mr. H. Dobbin.

Also present were Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. J. Fielden, Mr. and Mrs. J. Foot, Dr. and Mrs. J. J. Fox, Mr. and Mrs. J. Gipson, Mr. and Mrs. R. Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Hatfield, Mr. and Mrs. D House, Mr. and Mrs. V. D. Jenner, Mr. and Mrs. R. Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. M. Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. M. Pilgrim and Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Rothera.

Drs. A. Bennett, T. P. Edwards; Messrs. J. Atack, G. Austin, D. Bennett, M. Bowden, K. Brown, P. Brown, N. Bury, M. Corry, D. Cubitt, M. Cubitt, A. Dobbin, T. Fitzgerald, N. Goulding, P. Cranfield, D. Haynes, K. Hesketh, M. Hughes, K. Labbett, A. J. Macefield, D. Machin-Taylor, A. J. Martin, D. F. Moore, D. Murfet, J. Parry, J. Parsons, D. Peers, S. Pedley, C. Pocock, G. Pullen, J. Ridley, J. Ridyard, R. J. Shea, M. Snape, R. Starkie, R. Stephens, B. Wakefield, S. Wellington, D. Wilford.

Mesdames C. D'Aeth, H. Mackenzie.

Misses E. Cranfield, C. Forgan, A. Fellows, B. Fox, H. Gilbert, L. Hopkins, P. A. Jenkins, S. Jenkins, M. Macdonald, Y. Murray, B. Payne, J. Quilter, G. Sims, E. Timmins. P. A. J. and A. J. M.

OBITUARY

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MR. KENNETH RUTHERFORD

An Appreciation

From time to time there appears in our journal an obituary of a non-ringer—somebody near and dear to the hearts of ringers who has shown an interest in the tower's activities.

Such a person was Kenneth Rutherford, a keen musician who in his younger days played in a famous London orchestra. He took a keen and lively interest in the Highclere band, and although his wife, son and daughter learned to handle a bell he was content to watch from the sideline.

But he did more than just watch. He entertained us every New Year's Eve to a meal and social evening before ringing the old year out, joined us on our outings, became our official photographer (as can be seen in the belfry) and was indeed just one of us over many years.

We learned of his sudden death on March 6th, and such was his popularity that we arranged a half-muffled peal on the evening prior to the funeral. Only three such peals have been rung at Highclere in 99 years, the two previous being for the captain and vice-captain of the tower.

A quarter peal with the bells half-muffled was also arranged for the Sunday evening following his death. The method was Winchester Bob Minor, the first recorded quarter peal in the method, and the ringers were B. Doe 1, D. Goss 2, P. Furness 3, M. Goss 4, R. Crocker 5, G. K. Dodd (cond.) 6.

Reg Rex was specially asked to ring in the memorial peal as he served under Kenneth Rutherford in the local Scout troop, when it boasted of having the best bugle band in the area. His memory will remain with us at Highclere. G. K. D.

MR. SEDMAN HEWITT STEEL

The York Minster Society has lost its oldest member by the sudden death of "Syd" Steel. He was 69 and rang as usual on March 23rd but had to be taken to hospital on the following day suffering from pneumonia. Unfortunately he died early on March 26th.

"Syd" learned to ring at Whitby, where his father was a ringer. He moved to York in 1922 and was elected a Minster ringer in 1923. He joined the Yorkshire Association in 1922 and was Ringing Master for the Eastern District from 1946 to 1961. Peal ringing did not appeal to him very much and he only rang 40 for the Association.

The funeral service was in the Minster and was followed by cremation.

The sympathy of many ringing friends is extended to his widow, Olive, and his son. H. W.

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ADDINGTON, SURREY. — On March 9th, 1,320 Rossendale Surprise Minor: Wendy Wallace 1, Louise Powell 2, N. Bennett 3, Carol Rodgers 4, I. Wiltshire 5, E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on March 16th, 1,260 Single Oxford and Plain Bob Minor: A. Hobbs 1, Penny Cocks 2, Wendy Wallace 3, N. Bennett 4, I. Wiltshire 5, E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 6. For Evensong, and to celebrate the wedding of Maureen Lewis and Christopher Macve.

ALBURY, HERTS.—On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. S. Kent 1, K. Westwood 2, L. Luck 3, D. R. Hutley 4, W. Hunt (cond.) 5.

ALBURY, SURREY.—On March 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. G. Beeson 1, Jane Oscnton 2, P. Saunders 3, D. Stacey 4, H. Arthur (cond.) 5, H. Mackman (first quarter on tenor) 6.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.—On March 23rd, 1,344 Pl. Bob Major: Susan Barnard 1, E. Ashby 2, Irene Mayfield 3, S. Kathleen M. Baldwin 4, A. Wootton 5, R. J. Moore 6, J. R. Southey (cond.) 7, R. Baldwin 8. First of Bob Major 1 and 8.

ALTON, HANTS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,488 Plain Bob Major: A. Kersey 1, Catherine M. Law 2, Jane E. Dando 3, D. M. Hughes 4, D. Fox 5, R. J. Corke 6, C. Chennell-White 7, R. E. Finch (cond.) 8. First in method 1, 2, 5. Also on March 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ann Biddlecombe 1, Catherine M. Law 2, H. Moody 3, G. Noakes 4, A. Kersey (first "inside") 5, C. Chennell-White 6, R. J. Corke (cond.) 7, A. Bone 8.

ASH PRIORS, SOM.—On March 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. W. Knight 1, F. J. Morris 2, K. E. Beale (cond.) 3, M. A. Arscott (first P.B. Minor) 4, R. A. C. Cross 5, J. Cornelius 6. For Mothering Sunday.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.—On March 2nd, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: R. E. Lester (cond.) 1, St. J. Perry 2, Mrs. E. J. Lockwood 3, J. J. Prentice 4, E. J. Lockwood 5, R. K. L. Whittell 6. For Police service.

BEDWORTH, WARKS. — On March 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Draycott 1, L. Trevors 2, G. P. Hammond 3, J. Evans 4, R. Liggins 5, R. Joy Pluckrose (cond.) 6, G. Pluckrose 7, A. Hinde 8. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Hammond on the birth of a daughter, Joanne

BELTON, LINCS.—On March 16th, 1,320 Minor (three methods): J. Selby 1, Miss E. Pearson 2, Miss J. Arrand 3, D. Arrand 4, S. A. Selby 5, M. A. Rose (cond.) 6.

BINSTED, HANTS.—On March 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: K. Sansom (100th as cond.) 1, R. Tipper 2, D. Fox (first in method) 3, D. Hatherly (first in method) 4, B. Walton 5, D. Hughes 6.

BLEWBURY, BERKS. — On March 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Corderoy 1, H. W Dunsden 2, P. E. Corderoy 3, E. J. Grace 4, J. H. Napper 5, Claude Corderoy (cond.) 6, R. B. Blond 7, Cecil Corderoy 8. For Confirmation service.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.—On March 23rd, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: C. J. Barker 1, Anne Simkins (first Major) 2, A. Wiffen 3, Jennifer Syder 4, Josephine Quilter 5, H. G. Felton 6, A. R. Syder 7, R. J. Lindsell (cond.) 8. For Confirmation service.

BRAUGHING, HERTS. — On March 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: K. Westwood 1, P. Glazebrook 2, W. Hunt 3, R. Walker 4, L. Luck 5, T. Camp (first in method) 6, P. Warboys (first as cond.) 7, E. Mardell 8.

BRAUNSTON, RUTLAND.—On March 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Naylor 1, J. A. Ellis 2, R. J. Chantler 3, Cynthia E Barnett 4, L. Atton 5, C. J. Groome (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Arthur Cooper, for many years a bellringer and churchwarden; also in memory of L. C. W. ("Ben") Bentley, choirmaster at Uppingham Church.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At St. Nicolas' Church, on March 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: R. Percy 1, R. Jean Osbon 2, Betty Percy 3, Janet Percy 4, R. Johnson 5, A. Baldock (cond.) 6, P. Hepburn 7, J. Norris 8, T. Barlow 9, D. Smith 10. First Royal 6, 7 and 9. Also on March 16th, 1,282 Cambridge Surprise Royal: Carol Martin 1, A. P. Feater (cond.) 2, P. A. Butler 3, T. G. Williams 4, Susan E. M. Davis 5, R. Weeks 6, J. D. Cheesman 7, R. E. Stillwell 8, D. L. Nibbs 9, R J. Talbot 10. First Surprise Royal 3, 6 and 7. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Brenda Jackson.

BRISTOL. — At the Church of St. Michael-on-the-Mount, on March 14th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Miss M. McCallion 1, E. G. Mould 2, A. Tubb 3, A. Swatton (50th quarter) 4, P. J. W. Hardwick (first Cambridge) 5, B. G. North (cond.) 6. By Bath and Bristol University Society.

QUARTER PEALS

BURWOOD, N.S.W.—On March 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Perrens 1, Margaret Goodyer 2, P. Goodyer 3, C. Herbert 4, R. Ferris 5, R. Bampton 6, T. Goodyer (cond.) 7, N. Shaw 8. First in method for 3, 4, 5 and 8.

CHESHAM, BUCKS.—On March 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Sarah Taylor 1, P. Badcock 2, D. Whitlock (cond.) 3, H. Jones (first Pl. Bob) 4, G. Reynolds 5, P. Reynolds 6. Rung by local band as a wedding compliment to Gillian Hoar, a ringer at this church.

CHURCH EATON, STAFFS. — On March 17th, 1,260 Minor (Plain Bob, St. Clement's): S. W. Illidge 1, Gillian Bosworth-Smith 2, S. G. Pick 3, C. L. R. Bainham 4, R. C. Stevens 5, P. R. Johnson (cond.) 6. For St. Patrick's Day.

CLARE, SUFFOLK.—On March 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jennifer Garwood 1, J. Mayle 2, S. Twitchett 3, O. Ballard 4, P. Mayle 5, W. Perry 6, F. Gilbert (cond.) 7, I. Ellingham 8. First quarter 1, 2 and 8. By local band for Mothering Sunday.

CREECH ST. MICHAEL, SOM.—On March 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Rossiter (first quarter) 1, Mrs. P. Jenkins 2, D. Locke 3, F. Matravers 4, W. H. Poole (cond.) 5, B. Holt 6. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Poole on their 40th wedding anniversary.

CUMNOR, BERKS.—On March 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles F C. White 1, F. Absolam 2, B. R. White (cond.) 3, N. H. Leslie 4, D. A. Leslie 5, F. A. White 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Harry Snell, for many years verger and ringer at this church.

DANEHILL, SUSSEX.—On March 16th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: R. Johnson 1, A. Lucas 2, Mrs. P. Penfold (cond.) 3, Miss A. Gardner 4, A. Butcher 5, W. Sale 6. 50th quarter on the bells. For Mothering Sunday, and a farewell to Miss A. Gardner and Mrs. P. Penfold.

DOULTING, SOM.—On March 7th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Stedman, Grandsire): P. H. Hull 1, A. C. Kingston 2, J. E. Metcalfe 3, H. Crabbe 4, T. Nicholls (cond.) 5, T. Crabbe 6. A birthday compliment to the Rector, Rev. J. P. Stubbs

DUNKERTON, SOM. — On March 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Rosemary Gooding 1, S. C. Davis 2, T. Barrett 3, V. J. Bowring 4, S. Milverton 5, A. F. Butt 6. Conducted by 4 and 5. Rung half-muffled in memory of Leonard Veal, laid to rest this day.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—At All Saints' Church, on March 12th, 1,280 London S. Major: H. Reynolds 1, Christine Baldock 2, Ann Harris 3, Janet Percy 4, Betty Percy 5, T. Barlow 6, I. Smith 7, A. Baldock (cond.) 8. Rung in memory of Albert Fleet, a ringer at St. Mary's, Eastbourne, who died March 5th.

EAST RETFORD, NOTTS.—On March 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. W. Knights 1, J. A. Coates 2, Miss C. M. Wright 3, P. N. Mounsey (cond.) 4, Miss L M. Wilkinson 5, P. Rogers 6, R. G. Fanthorpe 7, B. Birkett 8. For Evensong.

LATE NOTICES

TELEPHONE NUMBER

Will all ringing friends please note that Rex and Helen Corke, 21, Upper Grove Road, Alton, Hants, are now on the telephone—Northanger 4509 (temporary number). 6940

MEETINGS

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Sherburn-in-Elmet, April 12th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, to Mr. J. Potts, North Sweemings Farm, Lennerton, S. Milford, near Leeds, before 10th. 6939

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Practice meeting, Thursday, April 17th, Ashbrittle, 6.30 p.m. 6142

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Barthomley, April 19th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by April 16th.—W. Kerr, 107, Moreton Road, Crewe, Cheshire. 6944

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—Spring meeting, Glinton, April 26th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to R. Daw, Sec., 97, Fane Road, Peterborough, by Wednesday previous. 6945

PUTNEY, S.W. — On March 16th, 1,296 Minor (Cambridge, Plain Bob): Josephine Patterson 1, C. R. Harris 2, Julie S. Armstrong 3, M. J. Uphill 4, A. E. Bagworth 5, C. F. Mew (cond.) 6. For Confirmation service.

RANDWICK, GLOS. — On March 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. H. Simpson 1, Sara Cornock 2, R. Watts (cond.) 3, J. E. Taylor 4, R. Cornock 5, Rev. and Hon. N. R. Morrison (first attempt) 6. For family flower service, Mothering Sunday; also engagement of ringers Gillian Richardson (Haresfield) to J. H. Taylor (Stone, Glos).

RAYNE, ESSEX.—On March 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: I. Messenger 1, J. Green 2, Anne Simkins (first in method) 3, S. Sudbury (first "inside") 4, R. Threadgold (cond.) 5, F. Roper 6. For Evensong.

ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK.—On March 16th, 1,260 Kent T.B. and P.B. Minor: R. Rose 1, D. Rose 2, C. Hancock 3, B. Coley 4, L. Nice 5, M. J. Rose (cond.) 6. For Confirmation service.

RUARDEAN, GLOS. — On March 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): Howard Meek 1, Christine Manns 2, D. Wilson 3, G. Young 4, K. Tyler (cond.) 5, Harold Meek 6. Half-muffled at the funeral of Mr. W. Beard, life member of Gloucester and Bristol Association, and with many years of service to St. John's Church.

SALISBURY, WILTS.—On March 17th, at St. Martin's Church, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: H. Rumens 1, I. Ann Abrahams 2, Rev. R. Keeley 3, D. Wilson 4, C. Monson 5, W. T. Perrins 6, F. E. Collins 7, R N. Marlow (cond.) 8.

SHEBBEAR, DEVON.—On Dec. 8th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: A. L. Hooper (first away from tenor) 1, G. R. Heal (first "inside") 2, A. N. Hine 3, R. H. Toop 4, J. L. Queen (cond.) 5, G. S. Brimacombe 6 For Matins. Also on Feb. 9th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: A. C. Rivett 1, G. R. Heal 2, R. H. Toop (first as cond.) 3, P R. Denton 4, A. N. Hine 5, T. J. Daniel 6. For Matins.

SHEPSHED, LEICS.—On March 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Smith 1, Mary Barrass 2, E. Walley 3, C. W. Hall 4, G. Butler 5, J. Manners 6, M. Roberts (cond.) 7, R. Rossell 8. A compliment to the ringer of 5 on his 78th birthday.

STAINES, MIDDX. — At St. Mary's Church, on March 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Medway 1, Margaret Wenban 2, Monica Blagrove 3, L. Stillwell 4, J. Glass 5, A. C. Wenban 6, C. H. Rogers (cond.) 7, S. Blyth 8.

STAVERTON, NORTHANTS. — On March 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. L. Webb (first quarter, aged 10) 1, Gillian Pipe 2, Linda M. Foot 3, J. S. W. Townley 4, Iris R. D. Webb (cond.) 5, S. F. Webb 6. For Evensong.

STOKE BISHOP, BRISTOL.—On March 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Taylor (first Minor) 1, Susan Riley 2, J Riley 3, Joan Gray 4, D. Bentley 5, P. Gray (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On March 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Christine Worth 1, R. G. Pearce 2, J. W. Sangwin 3, J W. V. Conduct 4, H. Trewin 5, H. Stacey (cond.) 6, C. Sangwin 7, G. Halford 8. A birthday compliment to Mrs. Penny Vince.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS. — On March 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Grace Burchnall (cond.) 1, Katharine Burchnall 2, Susan Moxon 3, Olive Moxon 4, N. Moxon 5, Eleanor Rose 6, A. Wilson 7, H. Hawcroft 8. A compliment to Eleanor Rose and Leslie Hall, both local ringers, on their engagement.

SWANSEA.—At the University, on March 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. C. Hanney (first "in hand") 1–2, Hazel Way 3–4, J. A. Hoare (cond.) 5–6.

TOTTERNHOE, BEDS. — On March 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Rowley 1, June Sinfield 2, R. J. Scott 3, P. Aslett 4, J. W. Sinfield (cond.) 5, W. J. Gladman 6. For Mothering Sunday.

TOWEDNACK, CORNWALL. — On March 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. H. Baldam 1, A. J. Davidson 2, Valerie C. Allen (first Stedman) 3, Canon A. S. Roberts 4, F. M. Bowers 5, T. J. Bell 6, C. G. Bryant (cond.) 7, D. Stephens 8.

UXBRIDGE, MIDDX. — On March 23rd, at St. Andrew's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. J. Palmer (cond.) 1, J. Walters 2, A. R. G. Twinn 3, J. Sexton 4, Patricia A. Copas 5, R. K. Russ 6, C. J. Venn 7, P. S. Venn 8. Rung for Evensong by members of the Hillingdon band, whose bells are being rehung.

WARKTON, NORTHANTS.—On March 21st, 1,260 Doubles (Pl. Bob, Grandsire): D. Isaitt 1, Mrs. P. Denny 2, L. G. Toseland 3, C. N. Stephenson 4, B. P. Morris (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled in tribute to the late H. O. Mutton, a ringer and chorister for 50 years.

TWO CENTURIES AGO AT DERBY

A Ringing Tour: March 15th, 1769

Any resemblance between the sponsored charity ringing tour organised on March 15th, 1969, by the Derby Diocesan Association and that reported below is purely fictitious.

And word went out to all the Diocese that a grand ringing tour was to be held on Saturday, March 15th. And on the appointed day a goodly company of ringers, some threescore and ten, assembled 'neath the shadow of the great Cathedral Tower in the County Town of Derby. Many had journeyed from distant parts of the Diocese such as Chesterfield, Long Eaton and Sawley, to take part in this great pilgrimage, never before known in the history of bell-ringing. Each ringer, well stocked with victuals for the day, was dressed in a manner befitting the rigours of winter and with stout footwear.

Details of the day's venture were distributed among the assembled company, and after a few kind words from a cathedral dignitary, and under the watchful eye of the Constable, the gallant 70 set forth in a north-westerly direction on the 16-mile marathon tour.

MASTER AND DOG

The first obstacle to negotiate was the dangerous River Derwent, where flooding had weakened the ancient ford. Thence with a brisk pace, and led by the redoubtable Ringing Master of Pinxton, with his dog, Judy, the band made for the distant spire of Breadsall. Here a total of 1,149 changes were rung in masterly fashion in methods ranging from Grandsire Doubles to Plain Bob Minor.

After Breadsall came Horsley, some four miles distant, which is famous for its annual ringing contest. This treacherous route came near to claiming the lives of some of the pilgrims. Intent on getting to Horsley on time they ventured upon a shorter route and unhappily fell into a quagmire. They were rescued by the timely intervention of those following, but even so several of these poor unfortunates were covered above their ankles with evil-smelling mire.

A FINE BROTH

After ringing on the unsurpassed six bells at Horsley, those intent on sustenance entered the village and at the meeting place sampled a fine broth prepared by local ringers, under the direction of one called Gwen. Replenished, the company strode off in divers directions — some eastward by a longer route to attempt a ring on the six bells at Denby, and others westward to the ancient parish of Duffield to try their skill on the magnificent bells numbering half a score, which vie with Derby Cathedral and Chesterfield's twisted spire for pride of place.

As dusk fell the weary pilgrims entered upon the last stage of the tour—the long walk back to the County Town of Derby. Arriving there late in the evening they assembled to partake of a sumptuous repast. A stock of the day's venture was taken, as each ringer participating had been sponsored, and the goodly sum of 290 golden sovereigns is expected to be gathered towards the cost of repairing the ancient Cathedral.

The unanimous opinion of the day was that it will be a long time before the horse-drawn carriage is used on such ringing tours. YE DERBY CHRONICLER.

OBITUARY

MR. E. SPILLER

The death of Mr. Ernest Spiller at the age of 86 on March 7th meant the passing of a ringer who had been a continuing link between generations of ringers at All Saints', Maidstone, over the last 70 years.

He was taught to handle a bell towards the end of the last century at the Parish Church and rang his first peal there in 1903; this was Stedman Triples and was conducted by Alfred Palmer. He was never a prolific peal ringer: the few he rang were mostly of Stedman and conducted by Louis Head.

It was fitting, therefore, that a half-muffled quarter peal of Stedman Triples should be rung on the back eight at All Saints' immediately following the funeral service on March 14th. Many of his old friends rang, including Louis Head, who conducted the quarter peal.

Ernest Spiller was a true Maidstone gentleman, upright and outspoken. He was captain of the Maidstone band from 1923 until 1948 and earned respect for his esteem and diplomatic approach to everyone. Although poor health prevented him from ringing in recent months, he never lost contact with old and young friends and always kept up with the latest news.

As a bookbinder he was a first-class craftsman and served the same firm of printers for 60 years before retiring in 1956. On warm, sunny days one would often find Ernie at his favourite spot just down the steps from the church and by the river he loved. M. L. HOWE.

THE LADIES' GUILD

The Kent Branch held its annual general meeting at Charing on March 29th. Ringing on the six bells began at 3 p.m. and continued until the service, which was attended by about 25 members and friends. The Vicar (Rev. Peter Robbins) conducted the service and also joined in the ringing.

After a splendid tea, prepared by Mrs. Robbins and her assistants, 15 members attended the business meeting, at which Miss E. Todd took the chair. Miss Jennifer Wood resigned her position as secretary and was thanked for her services; Mrs. Wratten was elected as her successor. Miss Todd was re-elected as vice-president.

The reorganisation of the Ladies' Guild was discussed and a proposal put forward which would be sent to the general secretary. After the votes of thanks ringing was resumed until 8 p.m. I. M. P.

CORRECTIONS & AMENDMENTS

The ringer of the 5th to Oxford T.B.M. at Grundisburgh on February 3rd was Michael J. Howes and not as stated.

Mrs. E. Chapman is the vice-president of the Western District and not Miss B. Johnson, who is hon. secretary. The error on page 253 is regretted.

In the recent report of four quarter peals at Turramurra, Alison Goodman appears twice as Alison Goodyer. Pointing out the error, Mrs. Goodyer writes: "Much as we should like a third daughter, I think we have our hands full with two girls and three sons!" Our apologies.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Chester Cathedral Appeal Fund had reached, by March 19th, £191,238.

The so-called peal of "Johns" rung at Wakefield Cathedral on February 24th (page 251) is a fake.

New sign seen in the Daventry area: "REDUCE SPEED NOW".—Peterborough Guild News.

We are pleased to learn that Mr. G. Ruscoe, of Acton Reynald, Shrewsbury, is now out of hospital and is feeling much better.

Mr. J. Edward Cawser, of Lichfield, has rung 100 peals on ten bells. The 100th was Superlative Surprise Royal at Wednesbury on March 29th.

The 160th anniversary of the birth of Henry Johnson was commemorated not at Birmingham but at Lymington, Hants, by a quarter of Doubles on March 28th.

At Skillington, Lincolnshire, a peal of 157 methods/variations was rung on March 8th. In it Brian Buttery rang his first peal of Doubles "inside". A good introduction to Doubles work!

We have had a withdrawal of the letting of the front page cover for the issue of May 30th. July 11th is also vacant. Will those interested please apply to the Editor.

For the third time in 12 months a party of Worcestershire ringers have spent a week-end in Cornwall peal ringing and tower grabbing. On March 29th Michael J. Fellows conducted peals of London at Probus and Bristol at Pillack.

A half-day ringing school is being held at Daventry on April 19th.

Congratulations to Geoffrey O. Sanders, of Prestwich, Lancs, who celebrated his 25 years as a ringer by conducting his first peal.

From a North Yorks Deanery magazine: ". . . meanwhile the Vicar, the Rev. XYZ, is carrying on with only two Sunday School teachers."

A number of quarter peals have been rung half-muffled to the memory of the former President of the U.S.A., Dwight D. Eisenhower. The first received are Hutton (Essex), Braintree (Essex).

The first peal of Spliced Surprise Major by a resident band was rung for the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association at Newton Nottage, Glam, on March 14th. Six of the band, including the conductor, Nicholas W. H. Simon, had not previously scored a peal of Spliced Surprise Major.

The committee of the Peterborough Guild has accepted an invitation to prepare an exhibition on bellringing for the County Show. Ringing curios and items of interest are invited. Send details to the Rev. E. G. Orland, of Gayton Rectory.

The peal of Cambridge Major rung at Pakefield, Suffolk, on March 22nd was Katharine M. Thorley's first peal as a teenager. Prior to her 13th birthday on March 12th she had rung 30 peals from Doubles to Royal, most of them "inside", including one of Minor on the tenor.

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CHANGES AT CALGARY

The picture we give on another page of the ringers of Calgary, Alta, Canada, in action is likely to have a different personnel in the near future. Wendy Foster (née Nichols) of Randwick, N.S.W., has moved to Montreal, where her husband has a new job. Pat John, who was trained by Mr. Izard in Victoria and has been at Calgary for some time, is leaving for a two months' tour of Europe. Another visitor is Jenny Lees, from Perth, Australia, who is on her way east, eventually to England.

In the midst of all this change there is one bright star on the horizon—the Rev. F. W. H. Crabb, who at one time rang in the Plymouth area. He was principal of a theological college near Saskatoon before going to Calgary, and rang in a quarter peal on February 23rd to honour the engagement of the two pillars of ringing there, Judy Midgley and J. Michael Simpson. Their honeymoon is being spent in England and they hope to have a Calgary reunion there of Jenny Lees, Pat John, Dr. Crabb and the two newly-weds.

CLERICAL RINGERS' WEEK

Charney Manor, near Wantage, Berks, is the headquarters for the ringing week of the Clerical Guild from April 14th to 18th. Two peal attempts have been arranged—Drayton, April 16th, and Magdalen College (10) for April 17th. The A.G.M. is on April 16th.

The party will consist of the Revs. Preb. J. H. B. Andrews (Chittlehampton), P. N. Bond (Great Yarmouth), S. M. Evans (Bredgar), Canon K. W. H. Felstead (Southampton), J. B. T. Homfray (Staverton), R. Keeley (Whiteparish), R. C. Lucas (Rumney), P. T. Robbins (hon. secretary, Charing), F. Ross (Marlpool), D. Sansum (Birmingham), Canon B. F. Sheppard (Wellington, Som), R. D. St. J. Smith (Darley), Canon A. G. G. Thurlow (Norwich—until Wednesday only): the Revs. K. C. Davis (Tadley), A. Webb (Evesham), Canon C. E. Wigg (Hook Norton) and E. B. Wood (Drayton) will join the party daily: N. F. D. Coleridge (Tatworth), C. J. B. Marshall (Long Sutton), J. Tomsett (Wells) and H. F. Warren (Exford) as and when the Lord Bishop of Bath and Wells permits.

Mrs. Lucas, Mrs. Ross and Mrs. Robbins will accompany the party, together with two infants and four older children.

OVER 50 YEARS TOWER SECRETARY

On Sunday, March 23rd, George Butler, a member of the Shepshed, Leicestershire, ringers since January, 1914, celebrated his 78th birthday by taking part in a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples. George has been secretary and treasurer of the band for over 50 years, and although not a prolific peal ringer is the band's most regular member for Sunday service and practice night ringing.

COUNTING THE COST

By "Clapper"

Are you a ringer? "Of course!" you say. But the term "ringer" is a very wide one. There are many sorts of ringers, you know. I wouldn't like you to think I'm about to knock one type and praise another, for I'm not, but I'm sure you'll appreciate the remark! We have all met them. There's the ringer who lives for his ringing, and good for him! There are peal ringers, service ringers, regular ringers, occasional ringers, talking ringers, grumbling ringers, and ringers who won't ring! As many kinds of ringers as there are traits of human nature.

"Ah," you may say, "but they're all ringers." Well, I suppose that's true, but I would reply: "Are they all Christian ringers? Is their ringing a joy to themselves and a way for them to praise God in joyfulness? Are their dealings with fellow-ringers always done with Christian motives and idealism? Do they feel their activities are in the service of the Church? Are they striving, as one must in an art like ours, for betterment and great skill (personally and for others around them) to increase and improve their contribution?" It is no small task!

As ringers we fulfil a missionary role, and whenever we ring, be it for service, practice night, peal or meeting, we send out the message of Christ to all within the range of our "music"

Such a responsibility should make us all the more conscious of a need for Christian values in our own lives, and ringing.

We all know the high cost of true Christianity. Have you, as a ringer, counted the cost? We have a truly great role to play in Church life. Let our values be worthy of it.

[From Northampton Branch Newsletter.

THERE ARE OTHER PLACES THAN IN PEALS

Dear Sir,—The forthcoming attempt at Birmingham Cathedral for a long peal of Newgate carried my mind back to far-off days, nearly a quarter of a century ago, when I visited the Birmingham ringers "all in the course of duty".

At that period the favourites, at least among the younger ringers, were Northfield, Bundy and Steelhouselane. They were a little slow dodging in Northfield but made the "break-off" in Bundy and easily made the places in Steelhouselane, becoming engaged in the latter for a whole evening. The bill amounted to 20/- each for refreshments, a considerable amount of money then, which could have set them back nearly 14 days.

I can only surmise that they find the work in Newgate easier with fewer fixed places than Steelhouselane, as I have not seen them occupied with the latter since then.—Yours sincerely,

HENRY LONGBRIDGE
(Ex-Police Constable).
Bushbury, Wolverhampton.

PETERBOROUGH CATHEDRAL BELLS

On the committee's recommendation, the secretary of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild has written to the Dean of Peterborough Cathedral asking if it would be possible for the Dean to arrange a meeting between all interested parties to discuss what possible future action could be taken regarding the Cathedral bells.

If it was found possible to take some positive action, the committee had the 1974 jubilee year in mind as a possible target achievement date, on the Guild's part, in helping to raise the necessary funds.

E. B.

SERVICE RINGING NOT A PRACTICE

Writing to the first number of the Peterborough Guild News, Sylvia Martin makes this very useful suggestion:—

"As a relative newcomer to the art of bellringing, my memories of ringing from the 'outside' are still fairly fresh, and I would, therefore, like to voice a protest against the all-too-common habit of using the Sunday service ringing as an additional practice. Although this may in some towers be the only time when the whole team meets together, it should still be remembered that the congregation on their way to church, and those living nearby, do not know the team of ringers is attempting a complicated method or just call-changes. All they know is the difference between well-struck bell music and clashing discord; and surely the former should be our aim no matter how simple the method needs to be for it to be attained."

BELFRY RHYMES

Mr. Joseph Crum, though a good-natured chum,
In the belfry would boast like a rebel;
Every method could ring, but a very strange thing.
He usually made choice of the treble!

* * *

There was a young man called McNally
Who insisted on pulling a sally.
He pulled it too hard
And McNally was jarred.
So he decided to learn about ballet!

APPRECIATION BUT . . .

Dear Sir,—What a delightful article by Mr. Christopher Dalton, headed "A Sunday in London", "R.W.", page 238. What saints Mr. Way and Mr. Dalton must be and what a naughty ogre Mr. Theobald and all the established London ringers are, apparently.

By the way, what is the definition of an established London ringer? And is it true that this article is the first in a "pat yourself on the back" competition?—Yours faithfully,

J. R. PRATCHETT.

London, N.

NOTE.—WHERE good work is done we like to hear about it.—Ed.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
LONDON, E.C.—At the Church of St. Giles, Cripplegate.
On Sat., March 8, 1969, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 34 cwt. 6 lb. in C sharp.

Tudor P. Edwards	Treble	Arthur R. Wright	7
Albert M. Tyler	2	Ian C. Maycock	8
C. Martin Foster	3	Patrick J. Bird	9
John T. Parsons	4	Antony R. Kench	10
Nicholas W. H. Simon	5	Brian J. Wylde	11
Edward G. Mould	6	Frank D. Mack	Tenor

Composed by W. P. Whitehead. Conducted by Albert M. Tyler.
Rung by members of the University of Bristol Society of Change Ringers.

NOTTINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., March 8, 1969, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5042 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb. in E flat.

Frank C. Price	Treble	Edward P. Duffield	7
Brian Bladon	2	John Hill	8
David P. Hilling	3	David J. Purnell	9
Andrew N. Stubbs	4	Trevor N. J. Bailey	10
John M. Jelley	5	Noel J. Diserens	11
David W. Friend	6	Michael P. Moreton	Tenor

Conducted by David P. Hilling.

SOUTHWELL MINSTER, Notts.—At the Cathedral and Collegiate Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
On Sat., March 8, 1969, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

Michael P. Moreton	Treble	David W. Friend	7
Noel J. Diserens	2	David J. Purnell	8
Brian Bladon	3	John M. Jelley	9
*John Hill	4	D. John Hunt	10
Andrew N. Stubbs	5	David P. Hilling	11
John Freeman	6	Frank C. Price	Tenor

Composed by Andrew S. Hudson. Conducted by David P. Hilling.
* 450th peal.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
MARSTON BIGOTT, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Leonard.
On Tues., Jan. 28, 1969, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 8 cwt.

*Philip A. Salvidge	Treble	Ernest E. Bray	4
†George Wareham	2	Douglas G. Brown	5
†Paul Wareham	3	David T. H. Robertson	Tenor

Conducted by David T. H. Robertson.
* First peal † First of Minor.
Rung as a tribute to the memory of Frances M. Carter.

NORTH PERROTT, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Martin
On Sat., March 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of London Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., two each of Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

Trevor E. Marks	Treble	Derek S. Beaufoy	4
Raymond P. Selway	2	Frederick T. Sandy	5
Gilbert W. Rendell	3	William E. Turner	Tenor

Conducted by William E. Turner.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Walter H. Poole and to mark his retirement.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
ST. NEOTS, Huntingdonshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., March 8, 1969, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr 13 lb. in D flat.

M. J. Pickup (Churchill)	Treble	R. S. Bradley (Clare)	5
A. R. Heppenstall (Selwyn)	2	B. D. Threlfall (Trinity)	6
M. L. J. Jordan (Trinity Hall)	3	A. F. Scholfield (Clare)	7
D. E. Rothera (Trinity Hall)	4	R. A. G. Inglis (Selwyn)	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Robin Heppenstall.

CAMBRIDGE.—At the Church of St. Andrew the Great.
On Tues., March 11, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 13 methods, being 448 Bristol, 384 each of Ashtead, Cambridge, Cassiobury, Cray, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Uxbridge and Yorkshire with 124 changes of method.
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in G.

Jenny Field (Newnham)	Treble	R. A. G. Inglis (Selwyn)	5
R. H. Youdale (Emmanuel)	2	B. D. Threlfall (Trinity)	6
*R. L. Underwood (P'house)	3	D. S. Pont (Christ's)	7
Hilary Muirhead (Newnham)	4	*A. F. Scholfield (Clare)	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Richard A. G. Inglis.
* 25th peal together.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
MARPLE, Cheshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., March 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

Stuart J. Bamforth	Treble	†Michael Foulds	5
Giles B. Thompson	2	Bernard F. L. Groves	6
*Brian S. B. Kear	3	*Arthur Whiting	7
Gerald Moorhouse	4	Basil Jones	Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
* First peal of Surprise "inside." † First peal.

TUSHINGHAM, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Chad,
On Sat., March 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent St. Clement's and two each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 11¾ cwt.

*Frank R. Morton	Treble	David A. Godfrey	4
John R. Scott	2	Geoffrey A. Edwards	5
Victor Neal	3	Harry W. Howard	Tenor

Conducted by Harry W. Howard.
* Has now "circled the tower" twice to peals.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
PACKWOOD, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Mon., March 10, 1969, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in B flat.

R. David Baker	Treble	Derek Walters	5
Pamela M. Turner	2	Peter C. Randall	6
Hazel A. Mackenzie	3	Maurice C. Hughes	7
Frederick Shallcross	4	Geoffrey W. Randall	Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. Davies. Conducted by Geoffrey W. Randall.
Rung with the best wishes of the band for the future happiness of David E. Rothera and Susan J. Jenkins.

RADWAY, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., March 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 19 methods/variations/ spliced compositions: Two extents each of St. Simon, St. Albans, Eynsham, St. Martin, St. Paul, St. Leonard, St. Nicholas, St. Giles, Lapley, Winchendon Place, St. Miles, St. John, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, Plain Bob, Kennington, April Day and six extents of Grandsire.
Tenor 5 cwt. 26 lb.

John Ariss	Treble	David P. Crawley	3
Pam Whitfield	2	Raymon A. Sheasby	4
Peter C. Randall	Tenor		

Conducted by Peter C. Randall.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
PINXTON, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Helen.
On Sun., March 9, 1969, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 PINXTON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 5 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb.

John Harrison	Treble	Clive Thrower	5
Denis R. Carlisle	2	Jack Chadwick	6
W. L. Exton	3	Gordon A. Halls	7
Timothy Wylie	4	Harold Taylor	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Gordon A. Halls.

PINXTON SURPRISE
—38—14—58—36—34—38.56.14.36,78. l.c. 1537.

HEANOR, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.
On Thurs., March 13, 1969, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in F.

Brian A. Tomlinson	Treble	*Peter Blight	5
*Jackie Quickfall	2	*Geoffrey Bridges	6
Timothy Wylie	3	Rev. Frederick Ross	7
*John Harrison	4	Michael J. Fellows	Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.
* First peal in the method.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
MELDRETH, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., March 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. in G.

Jonathan P. O. Barry	Treble	Frank E. Haynes	5
Judith M. Corby	2	William T. Cook	6
Barry R. M. Johnson	3	Kenneth J. Hesketh	7
Hilary Muirhead	4	John G. Gipson	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by John G. Gipson.
First peal of Superlative Surprise Major on the bells.
Rung to mark the 30th anniversary of the conductor's first peal.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

FORDHAM, Cambs.—At the Church of SS. Peter & Mary Magdalene.
On Sat., Feb. 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being one extent of Cambridge Surprise and two each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt. 10 lb. in F.

Alan M. Barber	Treble	Roger J. Palmer	4
*Mervyn G. Brown	2	Donald F. Murfet	5
Chris L. Bell	3	Robin H. Rogers	Tenor

Conducted by Alan M. Barber.
* First peal.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

GREAT HOLLAND, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., March 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15½ cwt.

Alan R. Andrews	Treble	Alfred J. House	5
*David Sloman	2	Walter Arnold	6
Neil V. Avis	3	Frank B. Lufkin	7
Bernard W. Fairhead	4	Michael J. Hallett	Tenor

Composed by F. Dench. Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
* First peal of London.

GREAT WALTHAM, Essex.—At the Church of SS. Mary & Lawrence.
On Sat., March 8, 1969, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in D.

Joe E. G. Roast	Treble	Keith W. Brown	5
Yvonne A. Murray	2	Philip J. Rothera	6
Josephine A. Quilter	3	James L. Towler	7
Dennis A. S. Symonds	4	Peter G. Brown	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Christine Murray.

CHIGWELL, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Less.
On Sat., March 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents, 10 callings. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.

*John B. G. Cockin	Treble	*Geoffrey H. Walker	4
†Leonard J. Fox	2	*David A. Tovell	5
*Michael Wareing	3	*Robert A. Poole	Tenor

Conducted by Leonard J. Fox.
* First peal. † First of Doubles.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HAWLEY, Hampshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., March 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 7 lb. in E.

Simon A. Reed	Treble	Alan D. Elsmore	5
Beryl R. Simpson	2	A. David Leach	6
Alan D. Flood	3	†Michael J. Church	7
*Norman Summerhayes	4	W. John Couperthwaite	Tenor

Composed by Arthur Craven. Conducted by Michael J. Church.
* 100th peal. † 25th for the Guild.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Valerie Bone and Peter Harmer, married at Hawley on February 8th, 1969, and to Christine Jennings and Richard Walton, married here later this day. Both Valerie and Christine are ringers at this church.

FARNHAM, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., March 15, 1969, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.
A PEAL OF 5088 JOHANNESBURG SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 7 lb. in E.

*Edward J. Futcher	Treble	Tony Skilton	5
Alan D. Flood	2	Michael J. Church	6
W. John Couperthwaite	3	Alan D. Elsmore	7
David W. James	4	Peter J. Munday	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Peter J. Munday.
* First peal of Major and of Treble Bob. First of Surprise as conductor. First in the method by all the band and for the Guild.

SEALE, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.
On Sat., March 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In two methods, being three extents of Kent T.B. and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in G sharp.

E. John Wells	Treble	*Dudley P. Elsmore	4
John A. Collier	2	Martin J. Kirk	5
*Judith M. Collins	3	Roy Collins	Tenor

Conducted by E. John Wells.
* First peal of Minor in two methods. John Wells has "circled the tower."
Rung as a compliment to Ernest Gardener on his retirement from active ringing.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BUSHEY, Herts.—At the Church of St. James the Apostle.
On Thurs., March 6, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In nine methods, comprising 1,600 London, 640 each of Bristol, Eastcote and Rutland, and 320 each of Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 139 changes of method.
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F.

David Redfearn	Treble	S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	5
*Roger Baldwin	2	David E. Rothera	6
†John R. Southey	3	Martyn L. J. Jordan	7
†Barry R. M. Johnson	4	Jonathan S. N. Porter	Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Roger Baldwin.
* 500th peal. † First of nine-spliced.
Rung as a compliment to Susan Jenkins and David Rothera on their engagement.

BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Wed., March 12, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F.

*Anne E. Thompson	Treble	Barry R. M. Johnson	5
Christopher W. Woolley	2	John R. Southey	6
Michael J. Eastman	3	S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	7
Robert J. Moore	4	Roger Baldwin	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Christopher W. Woolley.
* First peal.
Rung half-muffled in memory of Robert N. A. Smith, a ringer of this tower, who died on Friday, March 7th, 1969.

THORLEY, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sat., March 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents, viz.: (1) Oxford Treble Bob, (2 and 3) St. Clement's, (4 and 5) Kent Treble Bob, (6 and 7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in A.

Douglas R. Hutley	Treble	Herbert Watts	4
C. John Warboys	2	Kenneth Westwood	5
Peter C. Warboys	3	Thomas A. Camp	Tenor

Conducted by Peter C. Warboys.
First peal in four methods for all the band.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HYTHE, Kent.—At the Church of St. Leonard.
On Sat., Feb. 22, 1969, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5376 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 9 lb. in E flat.

*Anne D. J. Dawson	Treble	Richard A. Birch	5
Rachel J. Sinden	2	Hubert D. Deacon	6
*Jacqueline M. Cullwick	3	P. Charles Sinden	7
James Hedgcock	4	Brian C. Johnson	Tenor

Composed by H. Johnson. Conducted by Brian C. Johnson.
* First peal.

CUDHAM, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., March 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb. in A flat.

*Richard B. Dorrington	Treble	Ian H. Oram	5
†Bryony P. H. Moorby	2	Margaret E. Oram	6
‡Stephen H. Gay	3	Michael H. O'Callaghan	7
‡Martin A. Gay	4	Tony Lewis	Tenor

Composed by Stanley Jenner. Conducted by Ian H. Oram.
* 50th peal. † First peal. ‡ First on eight bells.
Rung with best wishes to the ringer of the 2nd on her birthday.

WOOLWICH, London.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Sat., March 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 TATTERSHALL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in G.

Ronald K. Russ	Treble	Geoffrey Bridges	5
Maureen J. Carruthers	2	Laurence C. Way	6
Robert C. Woodward	3	Timothy G. Pett	7
John R. Ketteringham	4	John Pladdys	Tenor

Composed by John R. Ketteringham. Conducted by Timothy G. Pett.
First peal in the method.

TATTERSHALL SURPRISE MAJOR
—38—1456—58—16—14—58—1236—58. l.h. B. f.c.h. b, k.

CLIFFE-AT-HOO, Kent.—At the Church of St. Helen.
On Sat., March 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In eight methods, comprising 864 Rutland, 672 each London and Pudsey, 640 each Cambridge and Superlative, 608 Adelaide, 544 Brighton and 384 Bristol, with 146 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in E flat.

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

Composed by Richard G. Crosland. Conducted by Stanley Jenner.

WILLESBOROUGH, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin. On St., March 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of Cambridge Surprise, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob, each called differently.
Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

Richard A. Birch	Treble	Philip R. Staples	4
*Pamela Court	2	Crawford T. Hillis	5
Peter Richardson	3	Raymond A. Lucas	Tenor

Conducted by Crawford T. Hillis.
* First peal of Minor.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
LEYLAND, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Andrew. On Sat., March 15, 1969, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 23 cwt. 20 lb.

*A. John Macefield	Treble	William E. Court	6
Celia F. H. D'Aeth	2	Keith J. Walpole	7
Susan D. Cowan	3	H. Lyndon Hatfield	8
†Geoffrey C. Sparling	4	Dennis R. Jones	9
Martin E. Snape	5	Walter Allman	Tenor

Composed by William Pye. Conducted by Keith J. Walpole.
* First peal of Surprise Royal. † First of Surprise Royal "inside." 25th peal as conductor.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancs.—At the Church of St. Peter. On Sat., March 8, 1969, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, comprising 1,440 Yorkshire, 1,280 of Cambridge and Lincolnshire, and 1,120 Rutland.
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

Lynda M. Deebank	Treble	Brian A. Tomlinson	5
A. Stephen Taylor	2	David J. Baker	6
Maris C. Stephenson	3	Christopher L. D. Munday	7
G. William Shanks	4	E. Andrew Harrison	Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. Davies. Conducted by Chris. L. D. Munday.
Rung on the day of the 21st annual dinner of the Manchester University Guild.

(Officers' peal.)
AUGHTON, Lancashire.—At Christ Church. On Sat., March 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

Cyril Crossthwaite (C.C. representative)	Treble
Christine Andrew (Manchester Branch representative)	2
Frank Reynolds (general secretary)	3
Dennis R Jones (vice-president)	4
David Bennett (Wigan Branch representative)	5
Graham K. Austin (Liverpool Branch secretary)	6
Thomas F. Metcalfe (Furness Branch secretary)	7
Roger Barnes (Preston Branch secretary)	Tenor

Composed by G. R. Newton. Conducted by Frank Reynolds.
Rung in thanksgiving for the life and work of Mrs. Hodgson, late wife of the president of the Lancashire Association.

RADCLIFFE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mary. On Sun., March 9, 1969, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 6 lb. in F.

Alan Ward	Treble	David Hogg	5
John P. Partington	2	Michael Holt	6
Frank Reynolds	3	John Moore	7
Malcolm Murphy	4	Geoffrey O. Sanders	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Geoffrey O. Sanders.
First peal as conductor and rung to celebrate his 25 years as a ringer.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile. On Thurs., March 6, 1969, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PRITTLEWELL SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

*Christine L. J. Mills	Treble	*†K. Paul Gilliver	6
W. Ernest Rawson	2	R. Brian Mills	7
*David G. Massey	3	*David F. Moore	8
*Robin A. Gilliver	4	*G. Ronald Edwards	9
Martin Green	5	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by Shirley Burton. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
* First peal in the method. † 125th peal.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile. On Thurs., March 13, 1969, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

Robin A. Gilliver	Treble	*Rupert A. Clarke	5
W. Ernest Rawson	2	K. Paul Gilliver	6
David F. Moore	3	David G. Massey	7
R. Brian Mills	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by Charles Middleton. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
* First peal of London Surprise Major.

COUNTESTHORPE, Leics.—At the Church of St. Andrew. On Sat., Feb. 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 17 lb.

*Timothy M. W. Weedon	Treble	Rodney Ellway	4
Harold Kilby	2	W. Arthur Riddington	5
*Robert M. Kilby	3	John J. Morris	Tenor

Conducted by John J. Morris.
* First peal.
Rung as a 77th birthday compliment to Mr. G. Gilliam, verger of the above church.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
EDENHAM, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels. On Sat., March 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in F.

*John E. Coleman	Treble	Owen Homewood	5
Denis A. Frith	2	William A. Holmes	6
*David E. Leafe	3	Brian Buttery	7
Frederick W. Pinchbeck	4	Peter A. Slight	Tenor

Composed by H. Howlett. Conducted by Peter A. Slight.
* First peal of Major. First of Major as conductor.

SKILLINGTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. James. On Sat., March 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED DOUBLES
Comprising 42 extents in 20 methods—Grandsire, Stedman, New Bob, St. Vedast, Huntspill, Blaisdon, Westminster II, St. Hilary, Blackburn, Dragon, St. Nicholas, St. Remigius, Winchendon, Huntley, St. Simon, St. Osmund, St. Martin, Eynesbury Plain Bob and Rev. Canterbury, and 137 variations.
Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in A.

Bryan Ward	Treble	*Brian Buttery	3
Vaughan P. Evans	2	Peter A. Slight	4

Denis A. Frith .. .. .. Tenor
Conducted by Peter A. Slight.
* First peal of Doubles "inside."

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
NEWTON NOTTAGE, Glam.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist. On Fri., March 14, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In three methods, being 1,760 each of Cambridge and Yorkshire, 1,600 Lincolnshire, with 84 changes of method and "all the work."
Tenor 8¼ cwt

*Trevor M. Roderick	Treble	Alexander E. Marsh	5
*Christopher Ricketts	2	*Michael Pilgrim	6
*Nicholas W. H. Simon	3	*Stephen Fenwick	7
*Paul A. Williams	4	Tudor P. Edwards	Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. Davies. Conducted by Nicholas W. H. Simon.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major. First of spliced on the bells. First of Spliced Surprise Major to be rung by a resident band in the Association.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
PUTNEY, London, S.W.—At the Church of St. Mary. On Sat., March 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F.

Timothy G. Pett	Treble	Robert C. Woodward	5
Maureen J. Carruthers	2	Robin R. Churchill	6
*Jennifer A. Dunning	3	Christopher P. Starbuck	7
*†Philip Bosworth	4	John Pladdys	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by John Pladdys.
* First peal in the method. † 25th peal.

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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile. On Tues., March 11, 1969, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

Rev. M. C. C. Melville	Treble	Joseph W. Cotton	6
B. Stedman Payne	2	*Frank Chambers	7
*Ronald D. Hughes	3	Arthur E. Rowley	8
Richard J. Clifton	4	Roland Beniston	9
Anthony H. Smith	5	G. Ronald Edwards	Tenor

Composed by W. H. Haley. Conducted by Roland Beniston.

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

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BURFORD, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist. On Sat., March 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's transposition. Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. in E.

Walter F. Judge	Treble	William J. Dixon	5
*G. John Collett	2	Brian W. Hall	6
Michael C. F. Collett	3	Peter J. Heritage	7
Martin J. Turner	4	Terence J. Hester	Tenor

Conducted by Peter J. Heritage.

* First peal of Stedman. First of Triples and Stedman as conductor.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

WELLS, Somerset.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Andrew. On Sat., March 8, 1969, in 3 Hours and 59 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5000 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 56 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in B.

John R. Pratchett	Treble	Roger Baldwin	6
Joan Beresford	2	John S. Barnes	7
Peter Beresford	3	Derek E. Sibson	8
James A. D. Woolford	4	Stanley Jenner	9
Howard W. Egglestone	5	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

BRIDPORT, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Mary. On Sat., March 8, 1969, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

*David Wilson	Treble	Graham W. Elmes	5
Katharine J. Maundrell	2	‡Robert E. J. Dennis	6
†Mary E. Elmes	3	Timothy F. Collins	7
Ross G. W. Robertson	4	William T. Perrins	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Robert E. J. Dennis.

* 25th peal. † 75th peal. ‡ 200th peal.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

WEST BRIDGFORD, Notts.—At the Church of St. Giles. On Sat., March 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents (four callings—C.C.C. Nos. 1, 2, 21, 23). Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in G sharp.

John D. Millar	Treble	Brian J. Bull	4
Janet M. Bull	2	Andrew L. King	5
Derek Stainsby	3	Melvyn A. Rose	Tenor

Conducted by Melvyn A. Rose.

GAMSTON, Notts.—At the Church of St. Peter. On Fri., March 14, 1969, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in A flat.

Sidney Carnall	Treble	Bryan Birkett	4
Katherine Burchnall	2	Alan Jewitt	5
Grace Burchnall	3	Harold Denman	Tenor

Conducted by Harold Denman.

Rung as a welcome back to peal ringing for the Misses K. and G. Burchnall after the accident in early September to Miss Grace.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

CONGLETON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Peter. On Sat., March 8, 1969, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

A PEAL OF 5056 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb. in F.

Frank Beech	Treble	Richard J. Warrilow	5
Frederic R. Wiggin	2	Edward R. Fairbrother	6
*Keith Daniels	3	Neville R. Holland	7
Jennifer M. Beech	4	Ian Friend	Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Ian Friend.

* First peal in the method.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the second and to Miss Margaret J. Gwilt.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

HENLEY, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Peter. On Sun., March 2, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb. in A flat.

Leslie P. Brain	Treble	Laurence J. Parry	5
Margaret Egglestone	2	Roy C. Groom	6
*Barbara Clift	3	C. Stanley Bloomfield	7
*Jeffrey M. Lawrence	4	Howard W. Egglestone	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Howard W. Egglestone.

* First peal of Major.

Rung by the local band as a farewell to Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Lawrence, leaving England for a three-year tour in Zambia.

HORRINGER, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Leonard. On Sat., March 8, 1969, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5600 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 lb. in A flat.

Arthur F. Ballam	Treble	Vernon Bedford	5
Alan G. Feaver	2	*Stephen J. Bedford	6
Muriel R. Page	3	Charles Stannard	7
Dorothy M. Durrant	4	†Leslie G. Brett	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Leslie G. Brett.

* 50th peal for the Guild. † 150th of Cambridge Surprise Major.

POLSTEAD, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary. On Sat., March 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in eight methods: (1) Norwich Surprise, (2) Double Court Bob, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Kent Treble Bob, (5) Double Oxford and St. Clement's Bob, (6) Oxford Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

Neil V. Avis	Treble	Peter G. Pitt	4
Michael J. Bew	2	Walter Arnold	5
*John P. Loveless	3	Bernard W. Fairhead	Tenor

Conducted by Bernard W. Fairhead.

* First peal "inside."

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

ADDINGTON, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary. On Mon., March 10, 1969, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in B.

Shirley Ruddlesden	Treble	Nigel Thomson	4
Dorothea Robotham	2	*Geoffrey D. Armitage	5
Maureen J. Carruthers	3	John Pladdys	Tenor

Conducted by John Pladdys.

* First peal of Surprise.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

NEW ALRESFORD, Hants.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist. On Sat., March 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in F.

*Robert J. Crocker	Treble	Derek C. Jackson	5
Reginald W. Rex	2	*Anthony J. Carter	6
Raymond E. Finch	3	*Howard E. J. Smith	7
Roy H. Jones	4	Geoffrey K. Dodd	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

* First peal of Double Norwich.

HIGHCLERE, Hants.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels. On Mon., March 10, 1969, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb. in G.

*Peter G. Watts	Treble	Philip G. Taylor	5
Reginald W. Rex	2	Robert J. Crocker	6
*David G. Goss	3	Geoffrey K. Dodd	7
Peter Furness	4	Charles Taylor	Tenor

Composed by H. Hubbard. Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

* First peal of Bob Triples.

Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. Kenneth Rutherford, lifelong member of this church.

NORTH STONEHAM, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas. On Sat., March 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

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

Beryl R. Simpson	Treble	*Jonathan P. O. Barry	5
Geoffrey Cooper	2	J. Ashmore Dodd	6
Jenny Field	3	Richard H. Youdale	7
Rowan S. Bradley	4	Michael J. Church	Tenor

Composed by Frank Bennett. Conducted by Michael J. Church.

* First peal of Major "inside."

LONGPARISH, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., March 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In 18 methods: (1) London Bob, (2) Single Oxford Bob, (3) Double Oxford, Pinehurst and Thelwall Bob, (4) Winchester, Portsmouth and Christchurch Bob, (5) St. Clement's, Buxton, Childwall and Rosehill Bob, (6) St Nicholas, Heatherslade and Gower Bob, (7) Plain, Double and Fulbeck Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in A.

Faith Riley	Treble	Raymond E. Finch	4
Anthony J. Mason	2	Derek C. Jackson	5
Anthony A. Nunn	3	Geoffrey K. Dodd	Tenor

Conducted by Derek C. Jackson.
Largest number of Minor methods rung for the Guild on tower bells.

WINCHESTER: —,1456,—,36,—,5. 2nds.
PORTSMOUTH: —,1456,—,1236,—,5. 2nds.
CHRISTCHURCH: —,1456,—,36,12,5. 2nds.

(The Portsmouth Cathedral Guild of Ringers.)
CATHERINGTON, Hampshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Wed., March 12, 1969, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
42 extents in seven variants: 720 each Dedworth, Kennington, April Day, Wychbold, Rev. Canterbury, Clifford's Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*Barry J. Fry	Treble	†Alan A. J. Buswell	4
†Jennifer L. Quaife	2	William Willans	5
‡Mary Sutcliffe	3	*Martin E. Cass	Tenor

Conducted by William Willans.
* First peal. † Most Doubles variants to a peal, ‡ First peal of Doubles. First of Doubles as conductor.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
BIRMINGHAM, Warwicks.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.
On Sat., March 8, 1969, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Jim Attwood, jun.	Treble	*Peter L. Hughes	6
Shirley M. Drew	2	†John Clements	7
Austin T. Wingate	3	Michael V. White	8
R. George Morris	4	Adrian G. Semken	9
Geoffrey C. Bagley	5	Geoffrey R. Drew	Tenor

Composed by R. George Morris. Conducted by Geoffrey R. Drew.
* First peal on ten bells. † First of Royal.

NORTON, Glos.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Wed., March 5, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in F sharp.

Frances Fairbank	Treble	Hugh N. Evans	5
Shirley M. Drew	2	John Clements	6
Harold B. Scholfield	3	Arthur C. Berry	7
Valerie Willard	4	Geoffrey R. Drew	Tenor

Composed by Cornelius Charge. Conducted by Arthur C. Berry.

HANBURY, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., March 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 WATFORD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F sharp.

Peter J. Brown	Treble	Michael J. Fellows	5
M. Irene Brown	2	Robert Edwards	6
Morley P. Tobin	3	Arthur C. Berry	7
Clifford Skidmore	4	Gerald C. Hemming	Tenor

Composed by H. G. Cashmore. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.
First peal in the method by all except the ringers of 2 and 5.

OLD SWINFORD, Stourbridge, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., March 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In six methods, comprising 960 of London, 928 of Watford, 896 of Bristol and 832 each of Cambridge, Pudsey and Superlative, with 127 changes of method. All the bells do all the work of each method. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in F sharp.

*Peter J. Brown	Treble	Clifford Skidmore	5
*M. Irene Brown	2	Michael J. Fellows	6
Martin D. Fellows	3	*Robert Edwards	7
*Morley P. Tobin	4	*Gerald C. Hemming	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.
* First peal of six-spliced.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
KINGSTON-UPON-HULL, Yorks.—At the Church of the Most Holy and Undivided Trinity.
On Sat., March 8, 1969, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in D.

Jack L. Millhouse	Treble	Philip N. Tubbs	7
Geoffrey R. Parker	2	Gwilym Salmon	8
Michael J. Best	3	John Hartless	9
Simon Humphrey	4	Edward J. Chivers	10
Ian L. Dear	5	Robert C. Kippin	11
Frank L. Harris	6	R. Roger Savory	Tenor

Composed by Andrew S. Hudson. Conducted by Frank L. Harris.

(Barnsley and District Society.)
BARNSLEY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Fri., March 7, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 14 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.

Gail Cater	Treble	Peter Carbutt	5
Eric Stainrod	2	Rev. Nicholas Webb	6
Robert Cater	3	A. Colin Banton	7
Trevor Tarbatt	4	*Philip Charlesworth	Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker. Arranged by James E. Groves.
Conducted by A. Colin Banton.
* First peal on eight bells.
Rung to mark the coming-of-age of Roger Tarbatt on March 8th, 1969.

BRADFORD, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., March 8, 1969, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in D.

Maurice Hilary	Treble	Alan Sheppard	5
Ruth Richardson	2	Colin Bottomley	6
Stephen R. Munday	3	*Eric G. Lee	7
Frederick A. Munday	4	†John Potts	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Stephen R. Munday.
* First peal. † 200th peal.

CRADLEY, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., March 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 11 lb. in G.

Christopher J. Easton	Treble	*Robert M. Chambers	5
*Linda D. Shaw	2	John J. Durham	6
Robert H. Jordan	3	Robert A. Beresford	7
David Featherstone	4	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal of London Surprise Major.

DUDLEY, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Andrew, Netherton.
On Sun., March 9, 1969, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

Christopher J. Easton	Treble	*Robert A. Beresford	5
*A. Pattie Clapham	2	*John J. Durham	6
*Robert H. Jordan	3	Robert Edwards	7
*David Featherstone	4	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed by E. A. Barnett. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal of Pudsey Surprise Major.

KIRK DEIGHTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., March 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In 14 methods, viz.: (1) Double Bob, Fulbeck, (2) Double Oxford, Thelwall, Pinehurst, (3) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, (4) St. Clement's, Childwall, Buxton, (5) Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, (6) Single Oxford, Plain Bob, (7) Cambridge. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb in G.

Harry Winter	Treble	*Robert H. Jordan	4
*Christopher J. Easton	2	*David Featherstone	5
C. Barrie Dove	3	*Christopher M. Movley	Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* Most methods to a peal.

OSSETT, Yorks.—At the Church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity.
On Sat., March 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In 23 methods, as follows: (1) London Scholars, Oxford, Capel, Sandal and Kingston T.B., (2) St. Albans, Charlwood, Neasden and Wragby Delight, (3) College Bob IV, Newdigate, Old Oxford and Willesden Delight, (4) College Exercise, Ockley, Duke of Norfolk and Norbury T.B., (5) South Kirkby, Havercroft, Barnsley and Felkirk T.B., (6) Kent T.B., (7) Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

Margaret White	Treble	David S. Lockwood	4
Patricia Lockwood	2	Robin Brown	5
Alan Clifton	3	Ian North	Tenor

Conducted by Ian North.

WHIXLEY, West Yorks.—At the Church of the Ascension.
On Sat., March 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 5 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

Ronald J. Snack	Treble	Suzanne J. Withers	4
*Graham S. Miller	2	Jane P. Lawrence	5
David Whitehead	3	Christopher N. Grandidge	Tenor

Conducted by Christopher N. Grandidge.
* First peal of Bob Minor "inside." First as conductor (aged 12).

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BIRTHS

EVENDEN.—To George and Janet, on March 26th, 1969, at 12, Sunningdale, Dibden Purlieu, Southampton, a daughter, Anthea Susan, a sister for Christopher. 6719

GODFREY.—On March 22nd, 1969, to Margaret and Eric Godfrey, at 4, Shirley Church Road, Shirley, Croydon, a daughter, Judith Ann, a sister for David and Alison.

TAYLOR.—On March 26th, 1969, to Jim and Jennie, of St. Vincent's, Farleigh Road, Backwell, Bristol, a son, Stephen Russell, a brother for Jackie, Lindy and Penny. 6910

PERSONAL

"Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone; but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit."—St. John xii, 24.

HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

SIDMOUTH.—Bed and breakfast, visitors' lounge, h. and c. in most rooms, parking space, near sea, shops and buses.—Coles, Lynstead Vicarage Road, Sidmouth Tel.: Sidmouth 4635. 6715

CARILLON F[illegible]TS

SALTLEY, BIRMING[illegible] [illegible]field Road (opposite Country Girl).—F[illegible] 69 evening recital on Sunday, April 13th, a. 6.40 p.m., by Peter J. Harrod assistant hon. carillonneur at Loughborough. April 27th, 6.40 p.m., by Clive M. Smith; also most second and fourth Sunday evenings, until September, inc. 6758

PUBLICATIONS

"RINGING TOWERS."—Because of devaluation and increased postal charges the annual subscription to "Ringing Towers," the Australian and New Zealand quarterly, is increased from 5s to 6s to subscribers in the U.K. Subscriptions should be sent to Tom Lock, 57, Holloways Lane, North Mymms Hatfield, Herts

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MISCELLANEOUS

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS
COUNTRY MEETING AT OXFORD
Saturday, April 19th

Ringing Arrangements:—

All Saints' (8)	11–12.15
New College (10)	2– 3.15
St. Ebbe's (8)	2.30– 3.30
Magdalen College (8)	3– 4.15
Christ Church (12)	6.15– 7.30
(?) (8)	7– 8

Lunch, from 5/6, at the Clarendon Restaurant George Street, at 12.30 p.m.

Tea, followed by business meeting, in St. Aldate's Church Hall, 4.30. Names for lunch and tea to J. S. Barnes, 56, Leamington Avenue, Orpington, Kent, BR6 9QB 6856

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Striking contest at Thurlaston, Saturday, April 26th. Bells (6) available from 5.30 p.m. No tea; no meeting.—C. M. Wells, Dis. Sec. 6932

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING SATURDAY, APRIL 12TH, 1969

BURY ST. EDMUNDS

Route 1		Route 2	
Palgrave (8)	11.45–12.45	Haverhill (8)	12.00–12.45
Redgrave (6)	12.45– 1.30	Gt. Thurlow (6)	12.45– 1.30
Hinderclay (6)	1.30– 2.15	Cowlinge (5)	1.30– 2.15
Rickinghall (6)	2.15– 3.00	Whepstead (5)	2.15– 3.00
Gt. Barton (6)	3.00– 3.45	Horringer (8)	3.00– 3.45
Route 3		**Route 4**	
Wetherden (6)	12.45– 1.30	Lakenheath (6)	12.00– 1.00
Woolpit (6)	1.30– 2.15	Eriswell (5)	1.00– 1.45
Hessett (5)	2.15– 3.00	Mildenhall (10)	1.45– 2.45
Thurston (6)	3.00– 3.45	West Stow (6)	3.00– 3.45

Cathedral (10), 2.15–4.15.

Service in the Cathedral at 4.15 p.m.

Tea in the Silver Jubilee Boys' School at 5.15 p.m., followed by A.G.M. at about 6.15 p.m

Evening towers: Rougham (6), Horringer (8), Fornham St. Martin (6), Fornham All Saints (5), available 7.30–9.30 p.m.

Names for tea to the Rev. L. R. Pizzey, Bramford Lodge, Bramford, Ipswich.

A warm welcome is extended to all members and visitors.

ST. JOHN'S, DEVIZES.—Special services to commemorate the diamond jubilee of the dedication of the six bells will take place on Sunday, April 13th. Ringing: 9.30–10.30 for Matins; 5.45–6.30 for Evensong. 6916

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.—No Guild practice at St. Martin's on Bank Holiday Tuesdays, the first Tuesday in a month, or on April 29th or May 13th.—J. A. Ainsworth, Hon. Sec.

STISTED, ESSEX.—Open call-change competition for bands under 21 April 19th Bands interested should contact Miss H. G. Snowden, Cherry Cottage, Gosfield, Halstead, Essex, as soon as possible 6889

UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.—A.G.M., Wednesday, April 23rd, 9 p.m., Professor Moule's rooms, Clare College. Election of officers for 1969/70. Printed copies of rules available from secretary, Richard Underwood, Peterhouse. 6832

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.—At the A.G.M. on Tuesday, March 4th, the following members were elected officers of the Guild: Andrew Harrison, president; Rev. Alan Overall, re-elected vice-president; Neil Bennett, re-elected hon. auditor; Marcus Sherwood, Ringing Master; Hamish McNaughton, secretary; Linda Deebank, treasurer; William Taylor, steeplekeeper; Elizabeth Johnston, committee member. 6909

PRACTICES

THURSDAY night practices at St. Martin's, Gospel Oak, N.W., are discontinued as from March 27th. Sincere thanks to friends who have helped teach learners during the past year.—W. G. K 6911

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Farnham District.—Advanced practice, Aldershot (8), Tuesday, April 22nd, 7.30–9 p.m.—Miss S. J. Tate-Mitchell, Dis. Sec. 6930

MEETINGS

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The April meeting will be held on the second Saturday in the month, the 12th, at Felkirk, near Barnsley. Cups of tea and biscuits only provided. All ringers welcome. 6887

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Wanstrow, Saturday, April 12th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 6886

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Skelton, Saturday, April 12th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. L. Yates, 47, Stainton Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough. 6908

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Evening meeting, Swavesey, Saturday, April 12th. Short service 6 p.m., followed by ringing until 8.30 p.m 6828

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Terrington St. Clement, April 12th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Everyone welcome.—D. A. Feek, Dis. Sec. 6872

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Meeting, Havering (6), Saturday, April 12th. Ringing 7–9 p.m.—K. Warner, Dis. Sec. 6873

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—District meeting, Grayshott (8), Saturday, April 12th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in New Hall in church grounds. Names to Mrs. C. S. Spry, Glendevon, Highfield Crescent, Hindhead.—Miss S. J Tate-Mitchell, Dis. Sec. 6880

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Hemel Hempstead on Saturday April 12th. General committee meeting (St. Mary's Hall) 4 p.m. Service 5. Tea and meeting (St. Mary's Hall) 5.30 p.m. Notice is given of resolution proposing amendments to Rule 10. Names for tea must be sent to P. Harper, 29, Rockliffe Avenue, King's Langley (4771). Ringing arrangements: Route 1—St. Peter's, St. Albans (10), 9.30–11; Redbourn (6), 10.30–12; Flamstead (6), 11.30–1; Berkhamsted (8), 12.30–2; Tring (8), 1.30–3; Northchurch (8), 2.30–4; Gt. Gaddesden (6), 3.15–4.30. Route 2—North Mymms (8), 9.30–11; Radlett (6), 10.30-12; Aldenham (8), 11.30–1; Watford (10), 12.30–1.45; Sarratt (5), 1.30–3; King's Langley (8), 2.30–4; Apsley (6), 3.15–4.30. Hemel Hempstead not available until after tea due to weddings.—A. R. Agg, Gen. Sec. 6837

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Quarterly meeting, April 12th. Ringing, East Peckham, 2–4 p.m. Tea, Tonbridge, 4.30, followed by service at Tonbridge 5.30, meeting and more ringing. Names for tea to me.—Hayes, Forest Cottage, Chiddingstone Hoath, Edenbridge. 6864

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, St. Nicholas', Ash (8), Saturday, April 12th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Miss J. Turner, Ivy Cottage, Lower Goldstone, Ash, Canterbury.—J. B. K. 6966

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—A.G.M. on April 12th. Bells: Sileby, 10–11; Syston, 11–12; Thurcaston, 12–12.45; Claybrooke, 9.30–10.30; Broughton Astley, 10.30–11.15; Whetstone, 11.30–12.15; Whitwick, 10–11; Newton Lindford, 11–11.45; Anstey, 11.45–12.45; Leicester St. John, 1–2; Leicester St. Margaret, 2–3.15; Leicester All Saints, 2–3; Leicester Cathedral, 3 to service 4.15. Tea at Alderman Newton Boys' School 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Names for tea to A. J. Poynor, 20, Kirksland Road, Braunston, Leicester (823117). Social at Tudor Hotel, Tudor Road, Leicester, in evening. 6903

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Evening meeting on April 12th, Isham (6), 7–9 p.m. All welcome.—M. A. C. 6921

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting, South Harting and Rogate, Saturday, April 12th. South Harting (6) 2.30. Tea 4.30 Service at Rogate 6 o'clock. Rogate (6) bells until 8.30 p.m. Please notify for tea R. Wake, 28, Keynor Estate, Sidlesham, Chichester. 6905

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting, Stockbridge, Saturday April 12th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea essential, please, to Mr Lambert. Darfield Farm, Stockbridge. Longstock and Leckford after 6 p.m. 6816

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Christchurch and Southampton District.—Practice meeting, St. John's (Surrey Road), Bournemouth, on April 12th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in St. John's Hall 5.15 p.m. St. Peter's bells (8) evening. Names for tea to Mrs. H. A. Mitchell, 107, Kinson Road, Wallisdown, Bournemouth. —Gilian W. Davis, Hon. Sec 6901

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Practice. Huddersfield Parish Church (10), Saturday, April 12th, 6 p.m. Methods: Rounds, Plain Hunt and Plain Bob. All welcome, especially learners.—Maurice Thurmott, Ringing Master. 6871

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District. — Surprise Major practice, Aylestone, Monday, April 14th, commencing 7.30 p.m. Beginners (Surprise) welcome. All methods rung.—Ron Hughes. 6793

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Practice meeting at Tackley (6), Monday, April 14th (to avoid Easter Monday), 7 p.m. 6842

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—An evening meeting, Hertford All Saints' (10), Tuesday, April 15th, 7.30. Final collection of names for District outing. —Peter M. S. Searles, Dis. Sec. 6904

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South East District.—District practice meeting will be held at Offton (6), Tuesday, April 15th, 7.30–9 p.m. All welcome.—W. L. 6920

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Crewkerne Branch. — Practice meeting, Ilminster, Saturday, April 19th. Ringing 6.45–9 p.m.—R. J. D. 6925

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Southern District. —Evening meeting, Hurworth, Saturday, April 19th. Ringing 6–9 p.m. 6928

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Huntingdon District.—Meeting, Brampton, Saturday, April 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special methods: York Surprise and Double Bob Minor. — Michael J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 6915

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, April 19th, South Cerney (6), 5.30–8.30 p.m.—J. Pearse, Branch Sec. 6923

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Forest Branch. — Meeting, Dymock (6), April 19th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to R. S. Chew, Callow Farm, Dymock, Glos, by 15th. 6796

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Bisley (8), Saturday, April 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. 8 p.m. lower. Names for tea to P. Screen, 22, Springfield, Hardwicke, Gloucester, GL2 6PX, by Tuesday, 15th, please. 6924

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District. — Quarterly District meeting, Saturday, April 19th, will be at Cobham. Ringing 3.15 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. R. Hayward, 43, Leigh Road, Cobham. Names by Wednesday, 16th, please.—J. P. O.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Contest and meeting. April 19th, at Elland. Draw 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. P. Birkett, 2, Napier Road, Elland, Yorkshire, by Wednesday, April 16th. 6844

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, April 19th, at South Mymms (6), 3 p.m. Names for tea to Miss T. West, 58, Brookside, S. Mymms, Potters Bar, Tel. S. Mymms 2202.—R. E. Hardy, Dis. Sec. 6831

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, April 19th Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea. Names for tea to Rev. Evans, St. Michael's Rectory Bassingham, Lincoln, by Wednesday, April 16th.—A. Richardson. 6895

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting and striking competition, Milton-next-Gravesend, Saturday, April 19th. Competition 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. General ringing after tea and business. Names for tea, please, to Miss J. Jarvis, 248, Livingstone Road, Gravesend, by previous Wednesday.—T. Barton. 6890

LADIES' GUILD.—Eastern District.—Annual meeting, Bures, Suffolk (8), Saturday, April 19th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. J. Lester, 40, Stowmarket Road, Needham Market, Ipswich, by April 15th. Coach leaves Grundisburgh 1 p.m. Ringing at Stratford St. Mary (6) 2.45, Higham (6) 3.20, Assington (6), Polstead (6) after meeting.—J. Lester, Dis. Sec. 6913

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch. — Quarterly meeting and striking competition at St. Mary's, Prestwich (8), on Saturday, April 19th. Competition to commence 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting and results of competition. Bells available for general ringing after the meeting. Names for tea to Mr. F. Reynolds, 38, Windsor Avenue, Whitefield, Manchester, M25 6BA: telephone 766 2201 (STD Code 061), by Tuesday, April 15th. **No names no tea.**—A. Ward, Branch Sec. 6914

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District. — Meeting, Gt. Bowden, Saturday, April 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—L. W. Allen. 6931

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Evening meeting, Kirby Bellars (on the A607), Saturday, April 19th. Bells (5) 7–9 p.m.—S. N. Hall, Dis. Sec. 6847

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Surprise Major practice at Fakefield, Saturday, April 19th. Ringing from 6.30–8.30 p.m. Methods: Cambridge, Yorkshire and Lincolnshire.—N. C. 6807

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chiltern Branch. — A.G.M., Cheddington, April 19th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please, to A. J. White, 98, London Road, Aston Clinton, Aylesbury, Bucks, before 16th. 6934

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting, April 19th, Tanworth-in-Arden. Bells from 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea to J. Corbett, Robin Hood Farm, Tanworth-in-Arden, Solihull, Warwickshire. 6877

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough and Calne Branches.—Joint meeting, April 19th, Marlborough (St. Mary's), 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. D. Lee, 4, Poulton Crescent, Marlborough, by Tuesday, 15th.

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch. —Quarterly meeting, Thorncombe, Saturday, April 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to J. Davis, Mount Melplash, Bridport. All welcome. 6926

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Striking competition to be held at Mavesyn Ridware (near Rugeley) on Saturday, April 19th next. Teams draw for ringing 2.45 p.m., to start 3 p.m. Half-hour "open" ringing afterwards, followed by **evening practice meeting** at Hoar Cross. Bells (6) available 6.30 p.m. onwards. All welcome; own arrangements for tea.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec 6760

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division. — Practice meeting, Ditchling (8), Saturday, April 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30 p.m. Ringing after tea. Names for tea, please, to Miss Ann Evans, Div. Sec., 17, Hollingbury Place, Brighton, Sussex, BN1 7GE, by previous Wednesday. 6818

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Basingstoke District. — Quarterly meeting, Saturday, April 19th. Bells (2.30) and service (4.30) at Laverstoke. Tea 5.15 in Overton Church Room. Evening ringing at Overton. Numbers for tea to J. J. Hill, 67, Oakridge Road, Basingstoke, by Tuesday, April 15th, please. 6912

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District practice, Tuesday, April 22nd, 7.45–9.15 p.m. Methods: Stedman Triples, Double Norwich Major, Kent Major, Oxford Major.—J. P. O. 6863

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting, St. Andrew's, Rugby, Saturday, April 26th. Ringing arrangements as follows: Bilton and Newbold-on-Avon, 2–4 p.m.; Rugby (5), 3–4.30 p.m.; Rugby (8), after meeting. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea in local café. Business meeting in ringing chamber of St. Andrew's. Names for tea (very important) to J. L. Garner-Hayward, Lowfold, Ashorne, Warwick. 6885

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District. — Quarterly meeting at Christ Church, Erith, Saturday, April 26th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss M. R. Andrews, 43, Wansunt Road, Bexley, by Wednesday, 23rd. 6933

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

The Annual General Meeting will be held in St. Margaret's Schoolroom, Dalton-in-Furness, on Saturday, April 26th.

Ringing at Dalton (10), 2–3.45; Flookburgh (6), 12.30–2.30; Kirkby (6), 1–3.15; Barrow (8), 1–3.15; Ulverston (6), 1–3. All except Ulverston after the meeting until 7.15. Service 3.45. Tea 4.30 Meeting follows tea Names for tea (5/- each) to W. Wall, 19, Chapel Street, Dalton-in-Furness. Please send s.a.e. with requests. Names for tea (5/- each) by **Tuesday, April 22nd.** No names no tea.—F. Reynolds, Gen. Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting, Lincoln, April 26th. Holy Communion, Ringers' Chapel at Cathedral, 8 a.m. Service, Cathedral, 4.15. Tea in Tithe Barn 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Ringing as follows: Eagle (6), 10.30–11.30 a.m.; Swinderby (5), 11–12; Norton Disney (6), 11.30–12.30; Bassingham (6), 12–1; Lincoln Cathedral (12), St. Peter-at-Gowts' (6), St. Botolph's (6) and St. Giles' (8), 2–4 and after meeting until 9 p.m., except St. Giles' which is until 8 p.m. Names for tea to J. Walden, 50, Cecil Street, Lincoln, by the previous Tuesday. — John Freeman, Hon. Sec. 6929

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Berks Branch.—Annual meeting, Appleton, on Saturday, April 26th. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m., followed by meeting. Names for tea to C. Corderoy, West-Wynds, Westbrook Street, Blewbury, Didcot, by Tuesday, 22nd.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Witney and Woodstock Branch.—A.G.M., Yarnton, on April 26th. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting 4.30. Ringing arrangements: Cassington (6), 2–3; Yarnton (6), 3–4 and 6.30–7.30; Kidlington (8), 7–8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. H. Green, 13, Spenser Avenue, Yarnton, Oxford, OX5 1NG, by April 22nd. — E. R. Venn, Sec. 6869

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The Annual General Meeting will be held at Penistone on Saturday, April 26th. Service in St. John's Church at 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in St. John's Old School Hall. Names for tea to Mr. C. A. Moxon, 48, Mayfield, Oxspring, Sheffield, by Wednesday, April 23rd. Please send s.a.e. for tea tickets or collect them at towers during the day. Parking in School Yard or Town Hall Car Park The election of a president will take place at the meeting after tea. Reports will be available and subscriptions are due.

BELLS:—

10–11 a.m.: Holmfirth (8), Ecclesfield (8) and Hemsworth (8).
10.45–11.45 a.m.: Kirkburton (8), Wentworth (6) and Felkirk (6).
11.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m.: New Mill (6), Bradfield (6) and Royston (6).
12.15–1.15 p.m.: Shelley (6), Bolsterstone (8) and Barnsley (8).
2–3.45 p.m.: Cawthorne (6), Silkstone (6), Wortley (8) and Bolsterstone (8).
2–4 p.m.: Hoylandswaine (6) and Penistone (8).
6.45–7.30 p.m.: Silkstone (6).
6.30–9 p.m.: Penistone, Hoylandswaine, Cawthorne, Wortley and Barnsley

—W. F. Moreton. 6836

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HANDBELL PEALS

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
CAMBRIDGE.—At R1, Tree Court, Caius College.
On Tues., March 11, 1969, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 13 in E.

D. S. Bishop (Caius) .. .. 1–2 | A. T. Winter (Christ's) .. 5–6
M. J. Pickup (Churchill) .. 3–4 | *Merryn Hutchings (Newn.) 7–8

Composed by E. M. Atkins (St. Cath's). Conducted by David Bishop.
* First peal "in hand."

CAMBRIDGE.—At 44B, Churchill College.
On Thurs., March 13, 1969, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 13 in F.

D. S. Bishop (Caius) .. .. 1–2 | A. T. Winter (Christ's) .. 5–6
M. J. Pickup (Churchill) .. 3–4 | *Jenny Field (Newnham) .. 7–8

Composed by E. M. Atkins (St. Cath's). Conducted by David Bishop.
* First peal "in hand."

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
DERBY, Derbyshire.—At 6, Vernon Street.
On Wed., March 12, 1969, in 1 Hour and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents, viz.: (1) York, (2) Surfleet, (3) Beverley, (4) Cambridge, (5) York, (6 and 7) Cambridge, with 5–6 the right way throughout. Tenor size 14 in D.

Geoffrey Bridges .. .. .. 1–2 | Michael J. Fellows 3–4
A. Colin Banton (cond.) .. 5–6

100th peal as conductor. Most Surprise methods to a handbell peal for all the band and the Association.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
WATFORD, Hertfordshire.—At 15, Hariord Drive.
On Mon., March 10, 1969, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS
Tenor size 19 in F.

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin .. 1–2 | Martyn L. J. Jordan .. 7–8
Julia A. Fellows .. .. .. 3–4 | Roger Baldwin 9–10
John R. Mayne .. .. .. 5–6 | *Christopher W. Woolley 11–12

Arranged and Conducted by John R. Mayne.
* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Maximus. First of Maximus in the method as conductor.

HARPENDEN, Hertfordshire.—At 81, Overstone Road.
On Wed., Feb. 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR
In 12 methods, being 784 Plain Bob, 504 Gainsborough Little Bob, 56 Lansdowne Little Imperial Bob, 504 Wellington Little Court, 672 Reverse Plain Bob, 672 Double Plain Bob, 896 St. Clement's College Bob, 112 Crayford College Bob, 336 Little Bob, 224 Spalding College, 224 Ashbourne College Bob, 56 Crayford Little Court, with 322 changes of method and all the work of every method for each bell.
Tenor size 15 in C.

Kenneth J. Darvill .. .. 1–2 | Brian J. Woodruffe 5–6
Julia A. Fellows .. .. 3–4 | Roger D. R. Brown 7–8

Composed and Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.
First peal in 12 Major methods on handbells by all.

HARPENDEN, Hertfordshire.—At 81, Overstone Road.
On Tues., March 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR
In eight methods, being 1,344 St. Clement's College Bob, 896 Crayford College, 576 Reverse Plain Bob, 576 Double Plain Bob, 576 Plain Bob, 432 Wellington Little Court, 432 Gainsborough Little Bob and 288 Little Bob, with 278 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

Kenneth J. Darvill .. .. 1–2 | Roger D. R. Brown .. 5–6
Brian J. Woodruffe .. .. 3–4 | *Andrew W. R. Wilby .. 7–8

Composed and Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.
* First peal in eight methods on handbells.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Bettyfold.
On Fri., Feb. 28, 1969, in 1 Hour and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's College, College, Single Court and Single Oxford and two of Plain Bob.
Tenor size 14 in D.

Joseph Whalley .. .. .. 1–2 | Mary W. Whalley 3–4
Kevin M. Price (cond.) .. 5–6

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
LEICESTER.—At The Wayside, 150, Narborough Road South.
On Wed., March 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor size 15 in C.

Mrs. P. J. Staniforth .. 1–2 | †Robert B. Smith 7–8
Peter J. Staniforth .. .. 3–4 | †David F. Moore 9–10
*Alfred Ballard .. .. .. 5–6 | Terence A. Thornber .. 11–12

Composed by F. H. Dexter. Conducted by Peter J. Staniforth.
* 1,000th peal, rung on 42nd anniversary of his first peal. † First of Stedman Cinques on handbells.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincolnshire.—At Glebeland.
On Fri. March 7, 1969, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

John Hall .. .. 1–2 | Jack Bray 5–6
Michael W. Crowder .. .. 3–4 | C. Aubrey Harrison 7–8

Composed by F. Bennett. Conducted by Jack Bray.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
LONDON, W.—At 16B, Sutherland Place.
On Sun., March 9, 1969, in 1 Hour and 46 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor size 11 in G.

*John R. Ketteringham .. 1–2 | Maureen J. Carruthers .. 3–4
Geoffrey Bridges (cond.) .. 5–6

* First peal of Minor "in hand."

THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.
CITY OF LONDON.—In the Belfry of St. Olave's, Hart Street.
On Mon., Feb. 17, 1969, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Timothy G. Pett .. .. 1–2 | Richard A. J. Bower 5–6
*Maureen J. Carruthers .. 3–4 | *John Pladdys 7–8

Arranged and Conducted by Timothy G. Pett.
* First peal of Major on handbells.

EASEBOURNE, SUSSEX.—On March 2nd, 1,632 Cambridge Surprise Major: D. Fox (first T.B.) 1, Carol Stacey (first Surprise) 2, Jennifer L. Quaife 3, Susan E. M. Davis 4, R. J. Corke 5, R. B. Walton 6, D. M. Hughes 7, M. J. Uphill (cond.) 8. Also on March 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples M. J. Uphill 1, Susan E. M. Davis 2, Jennifer L. Quaife 3, Carol Stacey 4, D. M. Hughes 5, R. B. Walton 6, R. J. Corke (cond.) 7, D. Fox 8.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on March 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss J. A. Baker (first quarter) 1, Miss J. M. Neal 2, G. Welch (first "inside") 3, P. Fox 4, T. M. Barlow (cond.) 5, R. Waghorne 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Albert Fleet.

EAST ILSLEY, BERKS. — On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Jane Wells (first quarter) 1, C. J. Hibbert 2, Mrs. M. C. Hibbert 3, A. W. Davis 4, Mrs. M. Wells 5, B. M. Wheeler 6, J. W. T. Hibbert (cond.) 7, H. R. Wells 8.

EDMONTON, MIDDX.—On March 9th, 1,264 Pl. Bob Major: Carole Francis 1, C. Edwards 2, Teresa Langdon 3, D. Dorrington 4, Beryl Platt 5, Jacquie Hedges 6, S. Hardy 7, T. G. Hawkins (cond.) 8. First "inside" 2, 4. To wish Rev. Clive and Mrs. Taylor and John good luck in their new parish.

EUSTON, SUFFOLK.—On March 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: I. Middleditch 1, W. M. Ivings 2, M. Rose (cond.) 3, G. Herbert 4, H. Ivings 5. In memory of Mrs. Rowan Rhys, Rector's wife, cremated this day at Crawley, Suffolk.

FRINDSBURY, KENT. — On March 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Andrews (first quarter) 1, Miss P. R. Chidwick 2, B. R. Trill 3, C. D. Linington 4, T. A. Cross 5, C. T. Osenton (cond.) 6, L. Crouch 7, G. Philpott 8. For Evensong.

FRESHFORD, SOM.—On March 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. L. Coles 1, V. J. Bowring 2, R. Perry 3, B. Sarll 4, P. J. Devrell (cond.) 5. Rung in memory of Mrs. G. Perry, mother of third ringer.

FULHAM, LONDON.—At All Saints' Church, on March 2nd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: M. E. Dodd 1, Gwendoline G. Meyer 2, E. J. Adams 3, Deborah Bishop 4, F. Howson 5, A. J. Hampton 6, L. C. Way 7, A. S. Bishop 8, C. M. Meyer (cond.) 9, R. D. Bing 10. For Evensong.

GEDLING, NOTTS.—On March 15th, 1,260 Minor (Spliced Rev. Canterbury, Plain): J. Dawson 1, J. R. Anthony 2, P. R. Wild (first Minor "inside") 3, Susan M. O'Neill 4, J. R. Rigby 5, A. R. C. Harris (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to Mr. J. Dawson (tower captain). Also on March 16th, 1,260 Doubles (Rev. Canterbury, Plain): J. Dawson 1, Susan M. O'Neill (cond.) 2, P. R. Wild 3, J. R. Rigby 4, J. R. Anthony 5, S. Rippon 6. For Mothering Sunday.

GODSHILL, I.o.W.—On March 8th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: B. J. Fry 1, Jennifer L. Quaife 2, Mary Sutcliffe 3, M. E. Cass (first Minor "inside") 4, A. A. Nunn (25th quarter) 5, W. Willans (cond.) 6. First of Minor 1 and 3.

GOOSTREY, CHESHIRE.—On March 9th, 1,272 Oxford T.B. Minor. A. Hall (first T.B.) 1, Mrs. J. Hall 2, E. Jones 3, P. Horn 4, D. Hall 5, W. Gibbons (first T.B. as cond.) 6. For the christening of Rebecca Chatfield, grand-daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hall.

GREAT BROMLEY, ESSEX.—On March 8th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Mary Gould 1, A. Rowe (first quarter) 2, I. Pleasance 3, J. Gould 4, D. Wenden (cond.) 5, D. Bloyce 6. To mark the retirement of Mr. A. Cole as tower captain.

GREAT YELDHAM, ESSEX. — On March 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. G. Bumstead 1, Theresa R. Orriss 2, Janet I. Rogers (cond.) 3, P. Goodwin 4, B. E. Whiting 5, F. J. Potter 6.

GUISBOROUGH, YORKS.—On March 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Lynnette Banwell 1, L. Franks 2, R. Crichton 3, P. Wishart 4, J. Roach 5, T. Cox (cond.) 6. First quarter 1, 2, 3. For the induction of the new Rector.

HALLING, KENT. — On Feb. 2nd, 1,296 Single Oxford Minor: G. H. Terris 1, Miss P. R. Chidwick 2, M. J. Hitchcock 3, C. H. Underdown 4, G. K. Terris 5, C. T. Osenton (cond.) 6. Also on March 2nd, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Miss P. R. Chidwick 1, M. J. Hitchcock 2, G. H. Terris 3, C. H. Underdown 4, G. K. Terris 5, C. T. Osenton (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

HAWLEY, HANTS.—On March 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): G. B. Gilder 1, Valerie Harmer 2, Beryl R. Simpson 3, J. C. Jennings 4, R. A. Clist 5, M. J. Church (cond.) 6, A. K. Brookman (first quarter) 7. For Evensong, and a wedding compliment to Christine Jennings, daughter of the tower captain and grand-daughter of the ringer of 4, and Richard Walton, who were married here the previous day.

QUARTER PEALS

HESSLE, E. YORKS.—On March 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. A. Boden (first quarter) 1, G. P. Horton 2, G. F. Gardiner 3, R. R. Horton (cond.) 4, K. Gatman 5, R. H. Sharp 6. For Evensong.

HOAR CROSS, STAFFS.—On March 8th, 2,160 Cambridge S. Minor: R. A. Gilliver 1, A. S. Hamden 2, T. R. Natt 3, W. Johnson 4, K. P. Gilliver 5, A. J. Poynor (cond.) 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to Rosemary Staniforth. Peal attempt ended owing to lack of time.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On March 9th, 1,280 Double Norwich C.B. Major: G. Penfold 1, C. C. M. Pain 2, Joan M. Peacock 3, F. G. Richardson 4, J. Fowler 5, J. W. Stephenson 6, C. E. Wright 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8. For Matins.

HORRINGER, SUFFOLK.—On March 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Sally E. V. Potter 1, Theresa R. Orriss (first "inside") 2, A. F. Ballam 3, Amanda M. Richmond 4, B. E. Whiting (cond.) 5, C. R. Nunn 6. Also on March 18th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: T. Jones 1, Miss M. Richmond 2, Miss S. Potter 3, A. F. Ballam (cond.) 4, C. Nunn 5, Miss T. Orriss 6. A birthday compliment to Miss S. Potter.

HORSELL, SURREY.—On March 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jill M. May 1, Patricia C. Hill 2, C. K. Hill 3, P. J. Privett 4, E. R. Warner 5, D. A. R. May (cond.) 6. A farewell to Jeff and Joyce Bills, who were to leave for Australia on March 12th.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,280 Spliced Surprise Major (Bristol, London, Rutland, Yorkshire): Mrs. V. Howard 1, E. R. Rapley 2, C. P. Starbuck 3, I. Wickens 4, S. G. Ponting 5, J. A. Howard 6, D. D. Smith (cond.) 7, G. Francis 8. Also on March 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jean Gausden (first quarter) 1, Jane Osment 2, Rosemary Tilling 3, T. G. Fox (cond.) 4, J. Smith 5, S. Pocock (first quarter) 6, M. Reed 7, C. Denyer 8.

INGRAVE, ESSEX.—On March 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jane Oliff (first quarter) 1, P. Bedford (cond.) 2, Sylvia Bedford 3, E. Potter 4, D. Bedford 5. For Mothering Sunday.

KEA, CORNWALL.—On March 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): Barbara J. Duck 1, R. S. K. Salisbury 2, A. J. Davidson 3, A. Locke 4, T. J. Bell (cond.) 5, C. J. Dunstan 6.

KEELE, STAFFS.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Sue Gay 1, P. W. Gay 2, Janet Lawson 3, P. Gosling (first "inside") 4, C. J. Morey (first as cond.) 5, D. Roberts (first quarter) 6. For Evensong. Also on March 2nd, 1,320 Single Oxford Minor: P. Gosling 1, Leona Roper 2, Janet Lawson 3, C. J. Morey 4, M. J. Robinson 5, P. W. Gay (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on March 16th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Catherine Lawson 1, P. Gosling 2, Janet Lawson 3, P. W. Gay 4, C. J. Morey (cond.) 5, D. Roberts 6. For Matins. All rung by the University of Keele Society.

LINSLADE, BEDS.—On March 16th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor (tenor cover): B. Peddar 1, W. Insley 2, H. B. Whitney 3, C. Radcliffe 4, J. Vickers 5, A. W. Jeffs (cond.) 6, J. Greinel 8.

LITTLE WALTHAM, ESSEX. — On March 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. A. Smith (first quarter) 1, G. A. Bainbridge 2, Yvonne A. Murray 3, Jane Foster 4, P. M. Wilkinson 5, J. L. Towler (cond.) 6.

LONDON, W.C.—At St. Clement Danes' Church, on March 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Joan M. Peacock 1, S. Penfold 2, F. G. Richardson 3, P. Sippitt (first away from treble) 4, C. C. M. Pain 5, J. W. Stephenson (cond.) 6, J. Fowler 7, F. V. Gant 8. For Matins.

LUTTON, LINCS.—On March 14th, 1,440 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): P. W. Campling 1, G. R. G. Butler (cond.) 2, Mrs. G. R. G. Butler 3, G. H. Campling 4, P. G. Butler 5, Rev. T. Partridge (first quarter) 6. A birthday compliment to sixth ringer and his mother. Also on March 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Graham 1, G. R. G. Butler 2, P. Micklethwaite 3, P. G. Butler (first "inside") 4, G. H. Campling (first Minor) 5, D. Woods (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to second ringer.

NETTLEHAM, LINCS.—On March 9th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: C. Nicoll 1, A. Sinden 2, Mrs. M. Parker 3, C. Sharp 4, G. Parker (cond.) 5, W. Booth 6. For Evensong.

NEWHEY, LANCS.—On March 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Butterworth 1, Janet Lawson 2, R. Lawson 3, B. M. Boardman 4, L. Miller 5, M. Fishwick (cond.) 6. Also on March 24th, 1,440 Pl. Bob Minor: M. Fishwick 1, Mrs. N. Lawson 2, R. Lawson 3, B. M. Boardman 4, J. Spencer 5, D. Butterworth 6. Conducted by 1 and 6.

LANGTREE, DEVON.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. H. Toop 1, T. C. Hine 2, Anne M. Stevens 3, A. N. Hine 4, P. Stevens (cond.) 5, A. C. Rivett 6. For 10th anniversary of Shebbear College Society.

NOTTINGHAM.—At St. Mary's Church, on March 17th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss S. M. Anthony 1, J. R. Rigby 2, Miss S. M. O'Neill 3, J. R. Anthony 4, A. R. C. Harris 5, M. A. Colton 6, D. Stainsby 7, R. A. G. Inglis (cond.) 8.

OLD ALRESFORD, HANTS. — On March 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jennifer S. Smith (first quarter) 1, Dorothy M. Huggins 2, A. Hoar 3, J. Huggins 4, L. Tremeer (cond.) 5, J. Hatch 6. Rung for the coming-of-age of ringer of 1.

OLD FLETTON, HUNTS.—On March 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. J. W. Gadd 1, J. R. Charlton 2, R. Brighton 3, W. J. Riley 4, J. M. Tyler 5. Conducting shared by ringers of 2, 3, 4 and 5; first conducting for 2, 3 and 4.

OXTED, SURREY.—On Jan. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Susan Howarth 1, M. Roberts 2, Mrs. M. Howarth 3, D. Roberts 4, A. Newnham (cond.) 5, Jane Cooper 6. Rung in honour of Shaun Spicer, grandson of conductor.

PEMBROKE.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Betty M. Rogers 1, A. R. Trickett 2, P. C. Rogers 3, Nesta M. Rosen 4, A. Lingard 5, S. P. Rogers (cond.) 6, P. Kraus 7. For Evensong. Also on March 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Marion Kraus 1, Betty M. Rogers 2, Nesta M. Rosen 3, S. P. Rogers 4, P. C. Rogers (cond.) 5, A. Lingard 6. For Evensong.

PRESTON PLUCKNETT, SOM.—On March 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. J. Hart 1, T. E. Marks 2, T. J. Setter 3, R. J. Fox 4, J. C. Taylor 5, G. W. Rendell (cond.) 6. On Mothering Sunday, to give thanks for God's gift of a daughter to Rev. and Mrs. D. Nye on previous Thursday. Also on Mar. 24, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. F. Fletcher (first Grandsire) 1, R. C. Wimlett 2, G. W. Rendell (cond.) 3, D. J. Pollard 4, W. A. Shaw 5, J. T. Worledge 6. First quarter 5, 6. Rung for the Annunciation of the B.V.M.

SHEDFIELD, HANTS.—On March 16th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: R. Sherwood 1, Angela Edwards (first "inside") 2, T. W. Hargreaves 3, M. Laborda 4, P. Page 5, R. Green (cond.) 6. For children's service.

SOBERTON, HANTS. — On March 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Fry 1, Gillian Boyd 2, Jennifer Quaife 3, Mary Sutcliffe 4, A. Scott 5, W. Willans 6, A. Sturgess (cond.) 7, M. Cass 8. First Triples 1, 4, 8.

SOUTHOVER, Lewes, SUSSEX.—On March 15th, 1,280 Superlative S. Major: Caroline Mackie 1, T. G. Williams 2, R. I. West 3, B. J. Read 4, R. J. Talbot 5, D. L. Nibbs 6, M. S. Loveday 7, R. H. Newton (first Surprise cond.) 8. First Superlative 2, 3, 4, 6. 25th quarter together 4 and 6. Rung to celebrate the second annual dinner of the U.S.G.C.R.

WESTHAM, SUSSEX.—On March 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Gillian Eldridge 1, R. Funnell (first "inside") 2, Jane Woodward 3, A. Baldock 4, Christine Baldock (cond.) 5, Jane Mason ("circled the tower") 6. Rung for the christening of Gerald Edward, grandson of Capt. and Mrs. L. E. Hayden, former churchwarden. Also on March 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss V. J. Murray 1, Susan Harrison 2, R. Funnell 3, Christine Baldock 4, A. Baldock (cond.) 5, L. Tapp 6. Rung prior to a musical recital in aid of the organ restoration fund.

WILLINGDON, SUSSEX.—On March 9th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Grandsire): G. Catt (first quarter) 1, Betty Percy 2, Susan Percy 3, Janet Percy (cond.) 4, R. W. R. Percy 5, C. R. Percy 6. A farewell to Rev. A. N. Oliver, leaving for West Worthing.

WILTON, Taunton, SOM.—On March 15th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Brenda Bindon 1, D. F. Sheldon 2, Mariam J. Beale 3, A. F. Arscott 4, R. F. Arscott 5, F. Avery 6, F. C. Price (cond.) 7, W. H. Coles 8. Rung to fulfil a promise made by the late S. George Coles to his grand-daughter, Bronwen, who was married here this day to Robert Mills.

WOLVEY, Nuneaton, WARKS. — On Feb. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): L. Trevor 1, J. Draycott 2, Mrs. Joy Pluckrose 3, J. Evans 4, G. Pluckrose (cond.) 5, G. Edmands 6.

WOODBOROUGH, NOTTS.—On Feb. 28th, 1,280 Pl. Bob Minimus: D. W. Flower 1, Patricia M. Hayward 2, P. R. Wild (first Minimus "inside") 3, P. L. R. Hayward 4. For the baptism of Timothy C. Knowles and the wedding anniversary of Rev. and Mrs. A. R. Hayward. Also on March 15th, 1,352 Minimus (Single Court, Plain): Lynne Hoskins 1, Patricia M. Hayward (cond.) 2, D. W. Flower (first "inside") 3, P. L. R. Hayward 4. Following the wedding of Susan Mary Gough and K. T. Jamison, with best wishes.

COMPOSITIONS

5,040 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS
(For Handbells)
By ROBERT PEERS

23456	M	W	H
42356			—
64523	2	—	2
64235	2	2	—
53246	—	—	—
54632	2	—	—
36452		2	2
65324	2	2	
23456	—	—	

3-4 course between the Middle and Wrong in every course.
5-6 course between the Middle and Wrong in all except the first and last courses.
First rung "in hand" at Bromborough, Cheshire, on February 14th, 1969.

1,259 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Arranged by WILLIAM WILLANS

	234567
—	752634
	765423
S	437265
—	524637
—	765324
	736452
S	427536
—	654327
—	736254
	723465
—	547623
S	635247
—	726435
S	457326
—	634257
S	276534
	257463
—	342657

Repeat four times.
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The Church of St. Michael and All Angels, Highclere, Hants.

OUR COVER PICTURE

Church of St. Michael, Highclere, Hants.

By GEOFFREY K. DODD

THE present church of St. Michael and All Angels, Highclere, is the third church of this name since the parish was formed in 1086. Two former churches built on a site in the grounds of Highclere Castle were demolished, the first in 1688, when a new church was built on or near the same site, which remained until 1870. It in its turn was demolished, and the fourth Earl of Carnarvon erected the present church in a position nearer to the centre of the parish.

There is no record of either of the two previous churches having any bells. The six bells, hung in the new church, were all cast by John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and dated 1870. To these were added two trebles in 1929, given by Canon Dunlop and his wife, while the bells were rehung in a new steel frame on ball bearings. The "History of Highclere" records:

"And one of the best things in all Hampshire is the sound of Highclere Church bells."

RECTOR'S GENEROUS GIFTS

Canon Dunlop was probably one of the best known and loved rectors of Highclere, and his love of the church and parish prompted him to spend years of research before writing his book "The History of Highclere" in 1940, two years after he left the parish to become Rector of Eversley in 1938.

He was inducted twice to the living from 1916 to 1922 and then again from 1927 to 1938. During this second period he gave not only the two treble bells but, in 1936, a vestry at the west end and also a north porch. On the evening of his funeral, when he was buried in his native Highclere, ringers from Highclere and area rang a peal to his memory at Andover, this being on November 21st of last year.

Recorded on a brass tablet in the west wall is:—

"This church, dedicated to St. Michael and all Angels was erected in 1870 by Henry Howard Molyneux, Fourth Earl of Carnarvon, for the benefit of the Parishioners and at their desire, in place of the old Parish Church of Highclere which was rebuilt by his ancestor SIR ROBERT SAWYER, A.D. 1692 on the foundation of a more ancient church close by the family mansion.

"HENRIETTA ANNA, Dowager Countess of Carnarvon, erected the belfry with the peal of six bells. The Rector presented the site, the Parishioners gave the Organ, and many others assisted in the work. The Monuments were removed from the old church 1870. A. T. WATERS M.A., Rector. ARTHUR ASPREY & WILLIAM MASKELL, Churchwardens, GEO. GILBERT SCOTT R.A., Architect."

Of the monuments, the most impressive is the Kingsmill Monument situated just inside the church door. Dated from 1600, it is to the memory of Richard Kingsmill and is one of the finest monuments of the period in the country.

Originally the Bishops of Winchester were Lords of the Manor from A.D. 749; reference is also made to William of Wykeham, who was Lord of the Manor from 1364 until 1404. The Kingsmills of Sydmonton Court held the Manor for many years, followed later by the Sawyer family, Sir Robert Sawyer being responsible for the building of the second church in 1692, and finally the Herbert family, who became the Earls of Carnarvon, the fifth Earl of Carnarvon becoming famous for his discovery of the tomb of Tutankhamen in the Valley of Kings in Egypt in 1922, while the sixth and present Earl is the 70th Lord of the Manor.

The augmentation of the bells from six to eight in 1929 was largely due to the efforts of the then captain, Mr. Frank Knapp, who urged the addition of the two trebles to complete the octave. These are inscribed "Gloria in Excelsis" and "Pax in Terra".

STRONG DISCIPLINARIAN

Previous to this the six bells had been rung to half pull changes rung off a board. The ringers were led by a very strong disciplinarian, Mr. Tom Butler, who is still remembered in the village for the very high standard he set in striking; he would not tolerate anything other than perfection. One of his pupils, Mr. Reginald Rex, now of Thatcham but who still regards himself as a Highclere ringer, learnt his ringing from this board and has never forgotten his early drilling by old Tom.

The first peal on the bells was Cambridge Surprise Major on February 23rd, 1929, conducted by that well-known ringer George Williams. Reg rang in this and other well-known ringers, some still living, were Nolan Golden, Harry Balaam, Charles Gardiner and George Pullinger. The time taken was slow by today's standards — 3 hours and 16 minutes.

Since this 67 peals have been rung, plus one peal of Burghclere Surprise afterwards found to be false in the composition used, although it is hoped this will be remedied by the time this article appears. Among these are the first and only peal of Glasgow rung for the Guild, Spliced Surprise in four methods, the first and only peal of Highclere Surprise Major and the fifth peal of five different Surprise Major peals in one day.

However, the two peals the local band are most proud of are Plain Bob Triples on January 1st, 1968, and Grandsire Triples on January 1st, 1969, both by the local Sunday service band. It has been a matter of pride to the present captain, Mr. Geoffrey Dodd, that after so many years of hard work by himself and the vice-captain, Mr. W. Kewell, they now have a band that with two visitors can manage a course of London Surprise Major on a practice night and who in December managed to score a quarter peal of London Surprise Minor.

The winning of the Aird Cup also gave great satisfaction after ten years of trying for this trophy and, with an enthusiastic rector and churchwarden and with very close ties with the church, the ringers serve on an equal footing with the choir, and with plenty of young blood coming forward we can look forward to the future with confidence.

THE BELLS

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Second.—F sharp. 4 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. Taylor, 1928.
Third.—E. 5 cwt. 25 lb. Taylor, 1871.
Fourth.—D. 5 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. Taylor, 1871.
Fifth.—C. 6 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. Taylor, 1871.
Sixth.—B. 6 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. Taylor, 1871.
Seventh.—A. 8 cwt. 25 lb. Taylor, 1871.
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Mr. CORBY A VICE-PRESIDENT

THE Kent County Association, at its annual meeting at Sevenoaks on Easter Monday, elected Mr. Philip A. Corby a vice-president—a tribute to his devoted service as hon. secretary of the Association for seven years. In his valedictory message as secretary, Mr. Corby said: "Our first duty is to the Church, and it will become increasingly important for us to remember this if we are to survive as an Association."

His successor as secretary was chosen by ballot. There were two nominees—Mr. A. P. S. Berry, of Folkestone, hon. secretary of the Ashford District, and Mr. Ian H. Oram, of Orpington, peal secretary to the Association. Mr. Berry was elected.

The meeting's congratulations were voiced by Mr. Corby to Mr. E. A. Barnett on his election as Vice-President of the Central Council, a body he had served with distinction for 14 years as hon. secretary. "This is an honour to him and to our Association," declared Mr. Corby.

The festival service was held in Sevenoaks Parish Church, conducted by the Rector (Canon E. M. T. McLellan), who also gave the address. The captain of Sevenoaks ringers, Mr. P. A. Corby, read the lesson and another member of this tower, Mr. Allan Pearce, acted as organist. A packed lunch was served in the nearby Boys' School to a company of 240. Many had a picnic lunch sitting on the balcony, which has an extensive view of the broad acres of Knole Park.

The meeting was chaired by Mr. E. A. Barnett, who in his welcome and thanks to Canon McLellan mentioned that the collection at the service towards the purchase of the curate's house amounted to £17. There was a special welcome to Mrs. Staniforth, president of the Leicester Diocesan Guild, and thanks to her husband, Peter, for motoring to London with Andrew Corby to collect the packed lunches. Air Comdr. J. M. and Mrs. Mason were also welcomed.

LOSSES BY DEATH

Attention was called in the presentation of the annual report to the losses by death during the past year. These were: Mr. G. H. Spice (vice-president), Messrs. C. Aylward (Chiddingstone), T. Beer (Bredgar), W. Card (Leigh), C. Cook (Hever), D. Godden (Ashford), G. Godfrey (Seal Chart), W. Gosling (Boxley), H Lade (Margate), R. T. Newman (Bromley Common), S. Walter (Wickhambreaux) and J. O. Weller (Westerham). Mention was also made of the death of Mr. Spiller, whose name would appear in the next report.

The report gave the strength of the Association as 1,283 resident members and 91 associate members. Towers in union numbered 170 and 60 were not in the union.

The John Willis memorial, organised by the Ashford District, was to take the form of a new treble bell to complete a ring of six at Newchurch, and the Alfred Hill memorial, organised by the Lewisham District, a fund for the provision of books for learners and young ringers. The Spice family did not want a memorial to George Spice; they are asked to nominate a charity to which a donation could be sent.

RESTORATION WORK

There is to be a new ring of six, tenor approximately 3 cwt., at St. Alphege's, Whitstable, dedication probably in September. The local work at Kingsnorth was expected to be completed by the end of the year. The fine Gillett and Johnston eight at Edenbridge were being rehung by the Whitechapel Foundry. A fund was in hand for much-needed rehanging of the eight at Cranbrook. There was a suggestion that Chiddingstone eight should be recast and hung in a new frame.

Rehanging was contemplated at Appledore. Funds were being started for rehanging at Benenden and Lympne, and a new treble at Newchurch and the bells hung in a wooden frame by the Whitechapel Foundry. Voluntary work was in hand at Aldington, Bethersden, Burmarsh, Folkestone, Rolvenden and Stone-in-Oxney, and there was the possibility of the addition of two trebles at Ashford to make a ring of ten. It was also hoped to recast and rehang the eight at Linton.

The report was adopted.

BIG DROP IN SECURITIES VALUE

The accounts were presented by Mr. B. W. May, hon. treasurer. The general fund started with a balance in hand of £198 and ended with £144. There was a heavy charge of £28 10s. for the hire of the Corn Exchange at Rochester for the annual meeting which resulted in a deficit of £16 on the meeting. Towards this the Rochester District collected and donated £3 8s. 6d. Only one grant had been made from the belfry repair fund—£25 to Queenborough; but, added Mr. May, since he had been hon. treasurer they had made grants exceeding £500, which reflected very well upon the Association.

A reflection on the country's finances was that the purchase price of assets of the Association was £1,343 but their value at the end of the year was £958. Later in the meeting the Rev. S. M. Evans (Bredgar) suggested that in view of this loss of £385 the committee should consider selling these securities and investing in the Central Board of Finance of the Church of England. In May, 1967, he invested with the Board £390 which at the end of November was worth £540.

The chairman remarked that it did not follow that these Government securities would continue to drop. He thanked Mr. Evans for his suggestion and promised that it would be given consideration and enquiries made.

The accounts were adopted and Mr. M. H. D. O'Callagham, the hon. auditor, reported that they were kept in first-class order.

PEAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mr. Ian H. Oram, the peal secretary, reported that 170 peals were rung for the Association during 1968, which was 67 less than the previous year. Thirty-six members rang their first peal, a decrease of five. There were 49 conductors (four less) and two members were calling peals for the first time. Richard Hayes headed the list of conductors with 26. No final decision had yet been made by the Central Council as to the classification of the "half lead spliced" peals rung in 1967.

The local bands at Charing, Eastchurch and Egerton scored a peal each and the Ashford District produced a fine performance in a peal of Plain Bob Major when all the band were ringing their first peal. Mention should also be made of the achievement of Philip A. Corby in ringing a peal at all the ringable 8-, 10- and 12-bell towers in the county.

The report stated that the first peal of Holbeach Surprise Major had been rung by an entirely non-resident band and the secretary suggested that the committee should be asked to consider whether an amendment of the rules would be desirable on the lines of the Guildford Guild of two resident members in each Association peal. The Association had no peal booking fee and it was one of the cheapest Guilds to ring for. There was also a peal of London rung by non-resident members which was sent to "The Ringing World" too late to be included in their statistics. It cost about 8/- to print a peal in their report and he felt they should not make themselves a convenience for these people.

The report was adopted and a promise was made that the committee would look into the points raised.

Later in the meeting Mr. D. A. Phelips said last December he wrote to Mr. White and asked that peals should not be published in "The Ringing World" without a remittance. He asked what the cost to print the peals was.

Mr. White replied that it was about £10 a page for 14 or 15 peals. Not 20 per cent. of the peals received were accompanied by a remittance, but some Associations were very good by paying 6d. a rope for all of their peals which were published.

Mr. Phelips asked if the Central Council could pass such a motion. To this the chairman said this had been the subject of a motion to the Central Council on more than one occasion and it was rejected.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Archbishop of Canterbury was re-elected president and the bishops, deans and archdeacons in the county re-elected vice-presidents, together with the Vicar of Ashford, Mr. E. A. Barnett and Mr. B. J. Luck.

The chairman proposed Mr. Corby as a vice-president and said he had been a member since 1945 and had represented the Association on the Central Council from 1952–53 and since 1960. He was peal secretary from 1947–53 and had been general secretary since 1962. When he had not been living in Kent he had been a member of other Associations. Mr. Corby had rung 500 peals for the Association and conducted 24 peals which were first in the method. Since 1957 he had been captain of a strong local band at Sevenoaks.

The election was carried with acclamation.

Other officers re-elected were: Chairman, Mr. E. A. Barnett; peal secretary, Mr. I. H. Oram; hon. treasurer, Mr. B. W. May; hon. auditor, Mr. M. H. D. O'Callaghan. Thanking the members for electing him as hon. secretary, Mr. A. P. S. Berry said: "For the past seven years we have had a very efficient general secretary, and I hope I shall carry out the duties with the same efficiency. I feel I shall not carry them out in the same manner!" [Laughter.]

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"CROWN BOB" — & JAMES PLATT

By CYRIL A. WRATTEN

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TREBLE BOB METHODS

Platt's originality was not, however, to be confined to plain methods. The Saddleworth company, like the others in this part of the country at that period, were Treble Bob men. When the tower of Saddleworth Church was to be rebuilt in 1846 the "farewell" peal they rang in the old tower contained, it is true, one 720 of Bob Minor—an unusual occurrence in Yorkshire then. But they also rang seven more extents in as many different Treble Bob methods to make it up to a 5,800.

It was therefore almost inevitable that Platt should turn to "Crown Bob", and equally certain that his quest for originality and his thorough, searching approach would not allow him to content himself with the simple running-together of methods, as was happening only 20-odd miles away at Bingley. The latter was the approach of the skilled practical ringer, but James Platt was first and foremost a theoretician, a seeker after truth in composition rather than after complexity in ringing for its own sake.

The outcome of his endeavours was reported in "The Era", a Sunday sports paper, on March 18th, 1849:—

> "In Sunday last the junior company of ringers, Saddleworth, Yorkshire, rang a true and complete peal of Yorkshire crown bob on their musical church bells. The peal consists of 720 changes, and is composed out of three different treble peals, viz., Oxford, Violet, and New London Pleasure, and is the first peal ever rung in this method. The ringers were stationed thus:— Ben Broadbent (conductor) treble, Cornelius Holden 2, Samuel Brierley 3, Charles Buckley 4, James Buckley 5, George Mallalieu tenor. The peal was composed by James Platt."

Here we have a record of what was probably the first **true** spliced 720 ever rung—spliced, that is, as distinct from the "combined" Kent and Oxford six years previously. Since a plain lead of Violet is simply a bobbed lead of New London Pleasure, it would today be considered a 720 in two methods rather than three, but that in no way diminishes its significance.

Although the figures of the extent have been lost, there is every reason for accepting it as true. All the methods have the same work below the treble, and Oxford can consequently be inserted into a 720 of Violet/New London Pleasure by means of a simple six-lead splice, as shown below.

23456	New London
52364	Violet
65432	"
36245	New London
43652	Oxford
— 64352	Violet
56234	New London
35642	" "
43526	Oxford
54632	New London
35426	

Repeat twice.

Judging from Platt's later work, it seems highly probable that he would have been aware of this form of splice and would have made use of it on this occasion.

It is also of interest that this splicing of what came to be called "regular" and "irregular" methods into the same extent predates by over 100 years modern work on this type of splice (although, of course, this reflects no special credit on James Platt: the division of methods in this way into regular and irregular is itself a recent development).

Platt's next known step in this field was to produce an extent in seven methods. But before doing so he made a characteristically novel excursion into the world of Doubles. On June 24th, 1849, virtually the same band as had rung the "Yorkshire crown bob" three months earlier rang at Saddleworth two 120s of Treble Bob Doubles that Platt had composed; in one the treble dodged in 1-2 and 3-4, and in the other in 1-2 and 4-5 (presumably with compensating places in 5ths and 3rds respectively). The six-scores were found by the band to be "intricate", and were afterwards claimed to be the first "treble peals" ever rung on five bells.

SEVEN AND NINE METHODS

The seven-method extent of Minor that followed is still very much a mystery. The only reference to it that has so far come to light is in Jasper Snowdon's memoir on William Harrison that was published in "Bell News", after the latter's death in 1880. There he wrote that Harrison had once taken part at Saddleworth in "a 'Crown Bob' in seven different variations, which length (composed by James Platt, of Saddleworth) he conducted." The extent must have been put together between 1850 and its composer's death in 1858, and was presumably rung about the same time.

From the same period comes Platt's finest 720, in no less than nine Treble Bob methods. Some idea of its importance, and of the advanced nature of its composer's work, can be appreciated when it is recalled that it was not until 1936 that another extent with as many methods was again composed.

The calling of Platt's nine-method 720 was published in "The Ringing World" of March 23rd, 1923 (page 182), but as the figures of several of the methods it contained were never published its truth has been questioned in some quarters. Mr. C. Kenneth Lewis has been found to possess a MS., dating probably from the 1870s, which has the 720 written out in full, and examination confirms that the 720 is indeed a true one.

23456	British Queen	British Queen	British Queen
46532	Oxford T.B.	Oxford T.B.	Oxford T.B.
54263	" "	" "	" "
25346	Holmfirth Surprise	Holmfirth Surprise	Holmfirth Surprise
— 32546	" "	" "	" "
— 53246	New York	Nelson's Victory	Glossop Delight
46325	" "	" "	" "
25634	London Scholars'	Liverpool	New Kirk
34562	" "	"	" "
62453	" "	"	" "
— 53462			

British Queen	—34—16—12—16—12—3	6ths	46532
Holmfirth Surp.	—56—16—12—16—12—1	6ths	42635
New York	=Sandal		
Nelson's Victory	—56—16—56—16—34—1	6ths	64523
Liverpool	—56—16—12—16—34—1	6ths	64523
Glossop Delight	—56—16—12—16—34—5	6ths	35264
New Kirk	—56—16—12—16—12—5	6ths	35264

As his starting point Platt took a standard three-part 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, with the third as observation. British Queen he inserted into the first course of each part by using a three-lead splice, with 3, 4 fixed; Holmfirth Surprise, on the other hand, has the same changes in a lead as Oxford T.B., and consequently only required a lead-for-lead substitution. The six remaining methods all have the same changes in a lead and are in addition course-splicers with Oxford, and these he arranged to occupy the second, complete, course in each part.

Thus, by 1858 at the very latest, James Platt had already used all of the now standard techniques for splicing Treble Bob Minor — lead-for-lead, course-for-course, three-lead and, it seems highly probable, six-lead splicers. He was 50 years ahead of his time, and as generally happens in such a case his ideas were not widely acknowledged, either at the time or by succeeding generations. Fifty years after his death his work began to be duplicated by those who came after; unknowingly they followed in his footsteps, and unknowingly posterity has credited them with blazing the path that we follow today.

The story of James Platt's life and work is even now by no means complete. None of his notebooks have come to light, and the only records of his doings that have been found have been in small paragraphs in contemporary newspapers. Is it too much to hope that even now some more light may yet be thrown on the man who, perhaps above all others, deserves to be called the father of spliced ringing as we know it today?

[Concluded]

KENT A.G.M.—continued

There was a ballot for the election of representatives to the Central Council. Elected were Messrs. P. A. Corby, S. Jenner, I. H. Oram and C. A. Tester. Elected as other members of the committee were Miss D. E. Colgate, Mrs. O. D. Tester, Dr. D. H. Niblett, Messrs. T. Cullingworth, W. H. Dobbie and N. J. Davies.

Before the proceeding ended the chairman mentioned the presence with them of Mr. E. Barnett, the oldest member, who joined the Association in 1897. In the comprehensive vote of thanks moved from the chair thanks were accorded to the Tonbridge District officers, particularly Mr. Richard Hayes, who made local arrangements very efficiently and provided ballot papers, and to the Sevenoaks School.

Ringing followed in the many towers available.

Ringing and Conducting Standard Methods

By ROBERT B. SMITH

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PART II OXFORD TREBLE BOB

(a) Ringing the Method

The construction of Oxford Treble Bob is very similar to Kent Treble Bob, but it is not rung as frequently on 8, 10 and 12 bells, mainly because the coursing order is "broken up" from the straightforward Plain Bob coursing associated with Kent Treble Bob. The music of Oxford Treble Bob, particularly on ten bells, can be a joy to listen to provided the method is well rung. Consider Oxford Treble Bob Minor, the first lead of which is shown below.

OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR

123456
214365
124356
213465
231645
326154
321645
236154
263514
625341
623514
265341
256431
524613
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124365
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The first thing that we observe is that the work of the treble is exactly the same as for Kent Treble Bob, i.e., dodge in 1-2, 3-4, 5-6 up and down. This in fact is true of the work of the treble in **all** Treble Bob and Surprise methods. Closer inspection shows that the working bells are met in the order 23654 on the way out to the back and in the order 36542 on returning to lead, i.e., the 3rd and 4th bells have swopped positions compared with Kent Treble Bob, which means that the pure Plain Bob coursing order no longer exists. If the learner is now familiar with ringing Treble Bob to Kent, the loss of coursing order in Oxford on six or eight bells should not present a difficulty.

On 10 or 12 bells the use of coursing orders becomes almost imperative when the "fixed bells" (i.e., 7890ET) are due to go in the slow work. The reason for this becomes obvious when we consider the implications of the 3rd and 4th bells being reversed in the coursing order of the first lead. These two bells are the ones immediately either side of the slow bell in the coursing order, i.e., the one which has just been in slow and the one which is due to go in slow next lead. For example, when ringing Oxford Treble Bob Major, with the 7th ringing the slow work, the treble would meet the bells in the order 7832465, if the plain course is being rung. For a coursing order of 24653 with the 7th again ringing the slow work, the treble would meet the bells in the order 7846532.

RINGING AN "INSIDE" BELL

Considering the work of the "inside" bells we find that this can be divided into two main parts in exactly the same way as for Kent Treble Bob, i.e.:—

1. Slow work.
2. Treble Bob work.
   (a) Including places.
   (b) Without places.

Closer inspection reveals that the only difference between Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob is in the leads containing places, and these are therefore the only ones we need to consider at this stage.

Treble Bob work—including places.

It was pointed out when considering Kent Treble Bob that if the working bells dodged in 3-4 while the treble was dodging in 1-2 certain changes would be repeated. "Kent places" were introduced to avoid this repetition. If one now considers the rows involved in the making of Kent places in order to avoid the repetition of changes, it will be observed that there is one other way in which the same objective can be achieved—by ringing "Oxford places". These are the only possibilities, as can be seen from the four rows involved, given for the front four bells only.

(i) Kent Places		(ii) Oxford Places	
1234	B	1234	B
2134	H	2143	H
1243	B	1243	B
2143	H	2134	H

A number of interesting observations can be made at this stage.

(a) The same rows are present when the treble is working in 1-2 for both Kent and Oxford.

(b) The places in Oxford Treble Bob are "right places", i.e., made at handstroke and backstroke, which is more natural than Kent places as far as most ringers are concerned.

(c) The only two bells affected by place making in any one lead are those which were in 3rds and 4ths place at the previous lead end, i.e., the same ones as in Kent Treble Bob.

(d) The two blows in 4ths place are over the same bell which is making 3rds and out at the time.

The work of the two bells involved in place making, in a particular lead, is as follows:—

3rds place bell: Make 4ths, plain hunt to lead, dodge 3-4 up, 5-6 up, 5-6 down, make 3rds, plain hunt to 5ths place at the lead end.

4ths place bell: Make 3rds and out to dodge 5-6 up, 5-6 down, 3-4 down, plain hunt to lead then out to 4ths and back to 2nds place at the lead end.

There are several ways of remembering when to make "4ths and in" or "3rds and out", some of which can be applied on all numbers of bells. For Minor ringing, the same rule as for Kent Treble Bob is a very useful guide.

Pass treble 1-2 or 2-3, make 4ths and in. Pass treble 4-5 or 5-6, make 3rds and out.

The first part of this rule applies on all numbers of bells, but the second part applies on six bells only. The second part can be put in more general terms to apply on all numbers, when it reads as follows:—

Pass treble by dodging up with it at the back or by passing it in the section before the up dodge at the back; make 3rds and out.

This modification is not very satisfactory for use on the higher numbers of bells and alternative rules are required. Three such rules are applied.

(1) Make 3rds and out, in the lead after dodging 3-4 down with the treble.

(2) Make 3rds and out in the lead after being in slow.

(3) If on arriving in 3rds place (always at handstroke when working in) the treble is still one of the two bells below you, strike a second blow in 3rds (at backstroke) and hunt out.

THE EFFECTS OF CALLS

The bob in Oxford Treble Bob is made in 4ths place. The bell which makes the bob would have been in 5ths place at backstroke, but makes a 2nd blow in 4ths and takes up the work of the 4th, as for the 1st lead of the plain course. The net effect on this bell is that it makes 3rds, 4ths, 3rds and out, becoming the slow bell in the next lead. All the bells above 4ths place do a **total** of three dodges in the place they happen to be dodging in when the bob is called (i.e., the same as for Kent Treble Bob). The bells going into and out of slow are not affected (again, the same as for Kent Treble Bob).

[To be continued]

5,040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

By JOHN H. FIELDEN

M	W	H	23456
		—	42356
S	S	S	53264
		S	52364
S	S	S	63245
		S	62345
	S	2	23465

Repeat.

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SPLICED PLAIN MINOR

By THE PROFESSOR

Seven 720s whereby it is possible to include at least one plain lead of every plain Minor method, excluding those which have "single" changes or fifths place without the treble behind as an integral part of the method.

No. 1 (20 methods)

	Part 1	Part 2	Part 3
23456	Dble Bob	Fulbeck	C'berland
56342	Frodsham	Frodsham	Frodsham
64523	Plain Bob	Plain	Plain
— 64235	" "	"	"
— 64352	" "	"	"
45623	Rev. Bob	Ennerdale	Reverse
52436	Cant'bury	Cant'bury	Ennerdale
23564	Wavertree	Wavertree	Wavertree
S 45263	Childwall	Childwall	Childwall
24356	St. Clem.	St. Clem.	H'monden
32645	Thelwall	Dble. Oxf.	Thelwall
63524	Rev. Cant.	Rev. Cant.	Rev. Cant.
56243	College	Killarney	College
— 32564	Wavertree	Wavertree	Wavertree
45632	Lond. Bob	Lytham	Lond. Bob
26345	College	College	College
53426	"	Killarney	"
64253	Dble Oxf.	Dble Oxf.	Dble. Oxf.
S 23645	Ulleswater	Ulleswater	Ulleswater
35264	Childwall	Childwall	Childwall
— 42356			

By certain rearrangements Windermere, Rodbourne and Buxton may be added, which would make this 720 with 23 methods the greatest number of Plain methods in one 720.

No. 2 (9 methods)

	23456	Stedman S. Course
(S.)	56432	Loch Lomond
	32645	Velindre
	46523	Roydon Bob
	35246	Stepney
	62435	Zylverne
	53264	Roydon
	42563	Trostre
	35462	Loch Lomond
	62543	Stedman S.C.
	43256	

Five times repeated with "Single" in 1st and 4th parts, where shown.

Substitute Abertawe for Velindre in 2nd, 3rd, 5th and 6th parts.

Substitute Glantawe for Trostre in 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 6th parts.

N.B.—Ynystawe could be substituted for Zylverne throughout, although the given version is necessary in order to obtain all the methods.

No. 3 (7 methods)

23456	Hereward
64523	"
35264	Dynevor
23645	Langland
54263	Double Court
63425	" "
25346	" "
46532	" "
32654	Mewalade
56423	Hereward
34256	

Twice repeated with a "Single" at the end brings up:

24356	Oxford Bob
— 45632	" "
32564	Court
26345	"
64253	Oxford Bob
53426	" "
— 32645	" "
45263	" "
— 56324	Court
62543	Oxford Bob
43256	

Twice repeat with a "Single" at the end.

[To be continued]

Letters to the Editor

VIBRATION IN TOWERS

Dear Sir, — I was interested in a paragraph about how much danger there can be in tower vibration, mentioning the tower at Gosport.

I have not rung there since 1924, but I remember the bells well. With your back to the wall on one, a gas light opposite was a swinging lantern. They told me that the bells suffered from unevenly worn gudgeons. Lowering the tenor by itself was the worst as the place was like a ship in a gale, worse than when the eight were going.

Nevertheless the tower itself was probably not to blame, as it is somewhat less slender than it looks and a little more solidly constructed than might be thought and, the weight of metal considered, is not in my opinion over-belled.

Vibration, however, is a different thing from sway, and I remember my one visit to St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, where I was struck by the motion of the ringing chamber and tried to locate the axis about which it appeared to take place—somewhere about the top of the room. I noticed most how extremely safe it felt, and if architect James Gibbs never expected the bells, he knew a thing or two about towers. The steeple there seems to be quite an important factor in the balance.

Naturally I have met a tower or two where the vibration could be dangerous, particularly in South-East England where some are built of chalk faced with stone. —Yours faithfully,

F. A. CLUETT.

Gravesend.

GETTING THE FACTS RIGHT

Dear Sir,—In answer to the letter on page 262 from K. Beale, in which he states that I have incorrect facts, he mentions Cothelstone, and I now quote from the letter sent to me by the rector.

> "Your party is very welcome to ring at Cothelstone on March 8th. Alas, the biggest bell is out of action due to worn bearings and the rope has been removed for safety."

Those who came with me on this tour will know that I was looking forward to ringing Cothelstone tenor, but I had no intention of disregarding the Rector's letter and fixing a rope to the bell.

With reference to the last part of paragraph 6, please, Mr. Beale, do not use my reports as an excuse to air your views on other towers in the area.

I think the last paragraph of the letter to be quite unnecessary as anyone who rings in our area will realise.

So, Mr. Beale, it is you who needs to get your facts correct before putting pen to paper.—Yours sincerely,

ALAN F. LEE.

Twerton-on-Avon, Bath.

ST. PAUL'S, SHADWELL

Dear Sir,—I was very interested to read the article dealing with this church, as no doubt were other readers with similar interests, but while the writer goes to great length to explain the build-up of his visit to five London churches — and there is no doubt that they were doing a grand job—he does not present the other side of the picture with its disappointments, frustrations and definite opposition, mainly from Guild officers and ringers in prominent positions.

Perhaps this was what our anonymous correspondent was trying to say, but unlike him I am not afraid to sign my name. There was a hint, just a hint, in the Shadwell article that London was different from the rest of the country in its attitude to enthusiasts who love to work in dirt and filth so that a previously silent tower of perhaps five, ten or 50 years might ring out on an occasional Sunday.

I have collected my share of brickbats in the area surrounding my home, and more recently this has developed into open rudeness when inspecting a silent tower in Gloucestershire, the person concerned thinking that my sole object was to ring the bells. I was asked if two years ago I attempted to ring them—the mind apparently working on the theme that a criminal always returns to the scene of his crime! However, I saw enough woodworm that day in the supporting beams that had I tried the whole lot would have crashed down.

I had a similar experience in Oxford where the incumbent gave me permission to inspect his six bells—given in Dove's as a chime and believed by Oxford ringers to be hung for ringing. A letter through the post from the secretary of the Oxford Society warned me of the danger to the tower if I tried to ring them and that Mr. Sharpe could give me all the information I needed. On inspection I found the bells had been hung dead and had been so for 80-odd years. It gave me great satisfaction to furnish the secretary with this information.

I could quote many more instances even in my own county, but before closing I wonder what percentage of silent bells of 40 years or more are in going order when rehung? I believe that once a bell is silent it is soon forgotten. I hope Guilds will take a more tolerant view of the dirt and muck brigade of enthusiasts whose only love is for bells and whose only reward is hearing those bells rung for occasional Sunday services.—Yours sincerely,

GEOFFREY K. DODD.

Highclere, Hants.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

The quarterly meeting of the Bridgnorth Branch took place at Claverley, Salop, on March 29th. Ringing during the afternoon and evening was under the direction of Mr. Alan Jones, Ringing Master. The Guild service was taken by the Vicar of Claverley (Rev. C. J. Raby), who also gave the address. Some 45 ringers attended the meeting, only 24 of whom sat down to a bountiful tea served in the Village Hall.

POTENTIALLY A BEST SELLER

Dear Sir, — Bob Smith's contributions, "Ringing and Conducting Standard Methods", are so well planned and drafted that I hope arrangements will be made to publish his work in book form. At the time I write there is more (much more, I hope!) to come, but it is apparent already that there is here, potentially, a best seller among ringing publications.

As regards technical articles generally which appear in "The Ringing World", most have clearly involved contributors in the expenditure of much time and effort, and I have often wondered whether it would be a feasible and economic proposition to reproduce the articles also in simple leaflet form before print is broken down. —Yours sincerely,

F. LESLIE COVENTRY.

Bebington, Wirral.

NOTE. — The type is so battered after stereotyping that it would be unwise to use it again.—Ed.

COMPOSITIONS OF HANDBELL PEALS

Dear Sir,—We have recently had several examples published in "The Ringing World" of compositions "suitable for handbells". These are notably peals of Maximus in which certain of the working pairs are kept coursing for large parts of the peal. It is a pity to convey the impression that handbell peals are rung only by nursing the ringers of working pairs so that the ordinary musical qualities of tower bell peals have to be sacrificed to make the performances possible. I deplore this. Handbell ringers should aspire to be able to ring their bells in any position normally demanded of that pair.

Some of us choose our compositions on exactly the opposite basis, viz.: that where possible, without losing too much music, the working bells get all the possible positions. —Yours faithfully,

JOHN R. MAYNE.

St. Albans.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The March meeting of the Society was held on the 29th at Birstall, when about 50 ringers attended. The Society was pleased to welcome amongst the visitors the president of the Yorkshire Association and Mrs. Bottomley.

The bells are an easy-going and pleasant-sounding heavy eight, and the standard of ringing throughout the day fully did them justice. The ringing was sufficiently varied to suit all tastes and included courses of London and Bristol.

The school in which tea and the business meeting were held was brand new, being opened only the day previously by the Minister of Education. The standard of the tea, which was provided by the local ringers, also did full justice to the new premises.

Next meeting, May 3rd — A.G.M. at Headingley. R.C.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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REVIEW

"The Church and other Bells of the Stewartry of Kirkcudbright." Ranald W. M. Clouston, F.S.A. Scot., and the late Dr. F. C. Eeles, F.S.A. Scot. Reprinted from the Proceedings of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland, Vol. XCIX, 1966–67; pp. 191–210; nine pictures.

Those who have the privilege of knowing Ranald Clouston will know of his incredibly versatile approach to campanology; and it will come as no surprise to them to know that he has made a painstaking appraisal of the church and other bells of the Stewartry of Kirkcudbright, which must be one of Scotland's least-known counties. It is in the same series as Mr. Clouston's similar works on Aberdeenshire, Stirlingshire, etc. It is a well-produced book and the illustrations are of a very high standard.

There are no "rings" of bells in the Stewartry, but this need not deter the reader. The writer prepares us for the survey with a well-written and informative discussion on the bells, to many of which he was drawn by the unpublished notes of the late Dr. F. C. Eeles. This discussion deals principally with the bellfounders.

Dealing with the most ancient of the bells, Mr. Clouston treats of a rare handbell, discovered in a moss at Balmaclennan, which he dates as certainly between A.D. 400–900 and possibly as early as the 4th century. The only other pre-Reformation

Reviewed by David L. Cawley, F.S.A. Scot.

bells are a fine inscribed example by an unknown founder preserved in Anwoth Church, and an uninscribed 16th century example in the ruined church of Parton. 17th century bells are almost exclusively from the Continental foundries, of which the writer furnishes excellent details.

By the 18th century the demand for bells had greatly increased, and Dutch, Scottish and English founders are represented. Of the last-named, two make interesting detective work. At Borgue is a bell by John Goldsmith, a small founder who worked at Redgrave, Suffolk. One can appreciate how works of such greater founders as the Rudhalls, etc., found a market in Scotland; but here we have a bell by a little-known founder, and moreover one which although only a single bell has nevertheless been tuned to form a part of a ring. This fine casting is a mystery which will delight the antiquarians of the Exercise. Equally strange is the example by Samuel Nickolls, of Bristol, who supplied a poor-toned bell to the Girthon Church, Gatehouse of Fleet in 1733. No other bells by this founder are known to exist, nor has the city archivist found any records of his work at Bristol; strange it is that his name is perpetuated only by a small disused bell in a remote part of the Kingdom.

Having dealt with some of the exceedingly fine 18th century Continental bells to be found in the Stewartry, the writer goes on to detail many Scottish productions in this and the following two centuries, and those familiar with his previous works will enjoy renewing their acquaintance with such names as Miller, Burges and Scotland's principal modern founder, John C. Wilson. The Continent is further represented by two steel bells from the foundry of Bochumer Verein, and two Irish bells exist at Dalbeattie. The foundries of Messrs. Warner, Taylor, Gillett and Johnston and Mears and Co. are, of course, represented, the first-named having supplied the only complete "ring" of bells, namely the chime of three at Southwick. A fitting epilogue to the historical record may be obtained from Castle Douglas, where in the town steeple hang two bells both dated 1934, the smaller a recast by Mears and Stainbank, the larger, curiously enough, cast at the same time at Loughborough by John Taylor and Co.

The statistics to be gained from the survey are unimpressive to the tower-grabber. Only one set of three bells exists, as mentioned above; there were also three at Kirkcudbright Tolbooth until 1897, when the treble, being cracked, was removed to the Stewartry Museum. Castle Douglas town steeple, Kirkmabreck, New Galloway Town House, Rerrick and Tarff have chimes of two each, while many of the one-bell towers have adopted the laudable practice of preserving a former bell as an object of antiquarian interest, the Stewartry Museum preserves four bells, including the Tolbooth treble referred to above (Continental), the 1633 Tongland bell (Scottish, local), one from Penninghame, Wigtownshire (English, Luke Ashton, Wigan, 1750), and a bell of iron from Twynholm. To this cosmopolitan collection must be added that *necessitas vivendi* of Scots life, the town crier's bell.

The oldest church bell in the county is that of Anwoth, simply inscribed "✝MARIA", dating from c. 1375; the largest that of St. Andrew's, Castle Douglas, 43⅝ inches in diameter and weighing 15 cwt. 1 qr., cast by Taylors in 1890. But if the statistics are unimpressive they are more than compensated for by the excellence of the writer's style, the accuracy of his records and the presentation of both type and plates. The statistic which would impress is the mileage consumed by Mr. Clouston in his efforts to produce a work which leaves us greatly indebted to him.

WEDDING BELLS AT PENN.—The bells of St. Bartholomew's Church, Penn, rang for the wedding on March 22nd of John A. Roden and Miss Sandra Pauline Adams. John is the ever-popular vice-captain at Penn; he learned to ring as a schoolboy under his late father's watchful eye.

The best man, Douglas G. Smith, also a ringer, has been a friend of John's since schooldays.

During the afternoon a peal was rung and it was gladdening to know that two young ringers, shepherded by John, rang their first peal.—C. F. W. E.

EAST DRAYTON, NOTTS.—On March 22nd, 1,440 Spliced T.B. Minor (nine methods): B. Birkett 1, S. W. Knights 2, P. Rogers 3, D. W. Jack 4, P. N. Mounsey (cond.) 5, J. A. Coates 6.

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DATE TOUCH

WARNFORD, HANTS.—On March 24th, 1,969 Doubles in 17 methods: D. Pearce 1, Mary White 2, K. G. Waller 3, R. A. Stone 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, T. White 6. For the Patronal Festival.

ALDRIDGE, STAFFS.—On Feb. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Riley 1, N. R. White 2, M. Allery 3, Cynthia Humphreys (first "inside") 4, J. L. Humphreys (cond.) 5, Daphne Appleby 6. Also on March 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Cynthia Humphreys 1, J. P. Burton 2, N. R. White 3, Daphne Appleby (first "inside") 4, J. L. Humphreys 5, R. Riley 6.

BATH, SOM.—At the Church of SS. Michael with Paul, on March 26th, 1,250 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Miss E. J. Pankhurst 1, Miss K. Whittiker 2, G. J. Hawkins 3, P. J. England (cond.) 4, D. A. Burt 5, R. L. Coles 6, P. J. Devrell 7, D. J. Orledge 8. First of Yorkshire for 1, 2, 6 and 7.

BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.—On March 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. Hardy 1, W. R. Chandler 2, Miss C. Hardy 3, Miss S. Bird 4, R. J. Brown (cond.) 5, Miss B. Fisher 6. For Evensong.

BLACKWELL, DERBYS.—On March 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Smithson 1, E. A. Wilson 2, W. Riley 3, W. Steele 4, A. Tomlinson 5, A. Wheeler (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. A. J. Wilkinson, former ringer and verger for many years.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.—On March 16th, 1,280 London Surprise Major: C. J. Barker 1, Jennifer M. Millbank (first in method) 2, Josephine A. Quilter 3, Jennifer M. Syder 4, R. J. Lindsell 5, K. W. Brown 6, A. R. Syder 7, P. G. Brown (cond.) 8. For Evensong. Also on March 30th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: A. Simkins (aged 11 years, first Major) 1, Jennifer M. Millbank 2, Jennifer M. Syder 3, Anne Simkins 4, R. J. Lindsell (cond.) 5, C. H. Gillingham 6, A. R. Syder 7, C. J. Barker 8. For Evensong

BRAY, CO. WICKLOW.—On March 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: T. H. Wilson 1, J. Shields (first Triples) 2, C. E. S. Hall 3, C. J. Reede 4, A. R. MacKenzie 5, P. W. Brown 6, C. A. Lewis (cond.) 7, H. H. Brown 8.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At St. Nicolas' Church, on March 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Carolyn M. McInnes (first quarter) 1, B. J. Read (first Doubles) 2, T. G. Williams (first Doubles) 3, R. I. Vaughan (cond.) 4, A. W. Bond 5, Ann S. Evans (first quarter) 6. Ringers of 2, 3, 4 and 5 have rung Grandsire from Doubles to Cinques this year.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of SS. Philip and Jacob, on March 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Heather Kippin 1, P. Treble 2, Vivien M. Rigby 3, R. J. Bowden 4, D. Powney 5, B. A. Shackleton 6, R. C. Kippin (cond.) 7, R. J. Tutton 8. Rung for the Youth Service attended by the Bishop of Bristol.

BURFORD, OXON.—On March 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. K. E. Hall 1, C. F. M. Collett 2, T. J. Prince 3, T. J. Hester 4, G. J. Collett 5, W. J. Dixon 6, B. W. Hall (cond.) 7, T. S. Stratford 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of J. J. Westmacott, a ringer at Burford for over 20 years, who died on March 15th, 1969.

BURTON BRADSTOCK, DORSET.—On March 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. R. Hartung 1, D. B. Ellery 2, I. Calvert (first "inside") 3, I. L. Andrews 4, M. J. Hiller (cond.) 5, A. D. Case 6. Rung on St. Patrick's Day.

CALGARY, ALTA, CANADA.—On Feb. 23rd, at Christ Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. Wendy Foster 1, Judy Midgley 2, Rev. F. W. H. Crabb 3, Pat John 4, J. M. Simpson (cond.) 5, E. R. Tavender 6. Rung to mark the 80th birthday of Archdeacon Swanson, an honorary assistant at this church; also as a farewell to the ringer of 1; and to mark the engagement of Judy Midgley and J. M. Simpson.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Copping 1, F. M. Bowers (cond.) 2, H. Miles 3, Marion L. Lidgey 4, Canon A. S. Roberts 5, J. J. George 6, C. G. Bryant 7, W. R. Curtis 8. Also on March 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Miles 1, Canon Roberts 2, Marion L. Lidgey 3, G. W. Taysom 4, W. R. Curtis 5, C. G. Briant 6, F. M. Bowers (cond.) 7, D. Stephens 8.

CLYST HONITON, DEVON.—On March 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss C. Tibby (first quarter) 1, C. Barr 2, Miss J. Hayward 3, J. Salway 4, H. Crisp 5, F. D. Mack 6, G. E. Reuter (cond.) 7, A. Holway 8. Also on March 18th, 1,260 Spliced Triples (Oxford Bob, Grandsire): Miss A. Reuter (first Spliced) 1, Mrs. R. Woodley 2, Miss J. Hayward 3, J. Salway 4, K. Clarke 5, R. Woodley 6, G. E. Reuter (cond.) 7, J. Clarke 8.

QUARTER PEALS

EGHAM, SURREY.—On March 30th, 1,272 Kent T.B. Minor: I. Summerhayes (first quarter of T.B.) 1, Catherine A. Elliott (first in method) 2, W. A. Peck 3, S. R. Elliott 4, D. E. Parsons 5, A. D. Flood (first in method as cond.) 6.

ELSTOW, BEDS.—On March 18th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Miss M. Clark (first T.B.) 1, Miss C. M. Harris 2, R. P. Wood 3, D. G. Carr 4, A. D. Norman 5, M. J. Marriott (cond.) 6. First Cambridge 3 and 5.

EPPING, ESSEX.—On March 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Whitby 1, E. Willett 2, W. Aley 3, S. Clark 4, C. Moore 5, R. Walker 6, W. Hunt (cond.) 7, E. Rochester 8. Rung for Confirmation service by the Bishop of Barking.

EVERCREECH, SOM.—On March 14th, 1,440 Yorkshire Surprise Royal: V. Savage 1, R. E. Beck 2, H. J. Sanger 3, R. G. Beck 4, G. Salmon 5, D. McKay 6, E. Naylor 7, P. Jones 8, A. Beck 9, E. Chivers (cond.) 10. Rung for 20th anniversary of the dedication of the bells. Also on March 16th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. J. Stead (first on ten) 1, H. J. Sanger 2, V. Savage 3, R. G. Beck 4, S. Lucas 5, R. E. Beck 6, R. Field 7, J. Dunford 8, G. Salmon (cond.) 9, I. Whitehead 10. For Evensong, and the 20th anniversary of the augmentation of the ring to ten bells.

FRENSHAM, SURREY.—On March 24th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Grandsire, Plain Bob): Mrs. C. Beadle 1, Miss J. M. Collins 2, C. Beadle 3, J. A. Collier 4, R. Collins (cond.) 5, D. Shepheard 6. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the Vicar (Canon A. E. Robins), whose funeral took place earlier this day

HARBURY, WARKS.—On March 21st, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Jeanne Clarke (née Betts, first Minor) 1, Alison M. Hill (first Minor "inside") 2, V. Jane Hill (first Minor "inside") 3, C. E. Lawton 4, H. M. Windsor 5, R. A. Sheasby (first Minor as cond.) 6. Birthday compliments to V. Jane Hill (17, Feb. 23rd) and H. M. Windsor (Feb. 27th).

HARROW WEALD, MIDDX.—On March 22nd, 1,260 Minor (Cambridge, Plain Bob): A. Windridge 1, Mrs. E. K. Hart 2, Mrs. M. G. Gage 3, Mrs. J. Hooton 4, H. G. Hart 5, R. A. Gage (cond.) 6. Rung for the wedding this day of Mr. and Mrs. D. Kilby at St. Lawrence Jewry, London.

HARTLIP, KENT.—On March 22nd, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: R. Bushell 1, P. Bushell (cond.) 2, M. Lacey 3, J. Clark 4, G. Wood 5, C. Mannering 6. For the induction of Rev. Frederick Ronald Smale as Vicar of Hartlip and priest-in-charge of Stockbury.

HIGHCLERE, HANTS.—On March 23rd, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: C. Taylor 1, D. Goss (cond., aged 13) 2, M. Goss 3, G. K. Dodd 4, P. Furness 5, B. Doe 6.

HIGH HALDEN, KENT.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (eight methods): R. Offen 1, Marion Kemp 2, J. Hemsley 3, K. Butler 4, D. Manger (200th as cond.) 5, P. Thomas 6. First in eight methods for all the band except the conductor

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.—On March 23rd 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Cynthia Elson 1, Jane Osment 2, T. G. Fox 3, J. Smith (first as cond.) 4, P. Nelson 5, M. Reed 6, R. Tickner 7, L. Bourne 8. For Evensong, and an engagement compliment to Cynthia Elson and Philip Nelson.

KINGSTON, DORSET.—On March 1st, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: M. C. N. Brown 1, G. W. Elmes (cond.) 2, Mrs. B. A. Christopher (first Doubles and first "inside") 3, T. F. Collins 4, M. J. Young 5, M. J. Dew 6. Rung on the back six for Matins.

KINGSTON UPON THAMES, SURREY.—On March 30th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Katharine Salvage 1, Ann V. Salvage 2, Anthea S. Bruce 3, Lesley A. Hawes 4, C. D. Collin 5, B. J. Stone (cond.) 6. For Palm Sunday Evensong.

LEYLAND, LANCS.—On March 26th, 1,260 Minor (St. Clement's, Plain Bob): Judith Baker 1, John Nelson 2, L. Walmsley 3, R. Crowe 4, D. G. Lawson 5, D. E. Marsden 6. Jointly conducted by 2 and 5. A birthday compliment to ringer of 2.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFS.—On March 21st, 1,440 Surprise Minor (Beverley, Cambridge): J. Paxton 1, Anita E. Foden 2, P. G. Golder 3, J. H. Allen 4, R. G. Paxton 5, M. W. Fairey (cond.) 6. Rung after the failure of a peal attempt as an affectionate farewell to Rev. and Mrs. H. H. Follis, leaving for St. Mary's, Shrewsbury.

LITTLE HOUGHTON, NORTHANTS.—On March 29th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): C. Stanton 1, J. Davey 2, E. Hastings 3, A. Henman 4, L. Battison (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled in memory of S. Wilkins, former ringer.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Canterbury District

Snow forced the cancellation of the District's first practice meeting of the year, at Walmer and Deal, though rumour has it that some intrepid individuals went in vain. It was therefore gratifying to see 40 members at the meeting at Faversham on March 8th. The service was taken by the Vicar, the Rev. J. F. Stuart Martin, and we were delighted to have with us the Rev. Fr. Connery of Faversham Roman Catholic Church Other welcome visitors included the headmaster of Faversham District School and Messrs. A. S. Phelips and Alan Berry, of the Ashford District. We are grateful to the good folk of Faversham for providing a free tea. There was a special collection during this for the Newchurch bell fund, of which Mr. Berry gave details; the offertory was given to Faversham Church fund.

At the business meeting a minute adopted in 1946 precluding meetings (save the A.D.G.M.) being held in the same tower within three years of a previous visit was rescinded—the need for more meetings is indicative of the growing strength of the District One new member, B. Jones, of Faversham, was elected.

Ringing followed the meeting, and the fine old eight, in a spire of beautiful design, copied from Wren's St. Dunstan-in-the-East, London, were kept going to a variety of methods from rounds to Cambridge Surprise Major. Our thanks to all who helped to make this a successful meeting day. D.L.C.

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OBITUARY

MR. STEPHEN THOMPSON

One of the stalwarts of change-ringing in the Tyneside area, Mr. Stephen Thompson, of Whickham, Co. Durham, died on March 17th, aged 79 years.

Steve learned to ring in 1904 at St. Mary's, Whickham, when he was 14 years of age; but ringing was not flourishing there and he was quite content to struggle on as a Sunday service ringer. He joined the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association in 1909 but was declared unfit for military service in 1914 because of heart trouble.

For years he continued at Whickham, making very slow progress. In 1929 he suffered a major setback in life by the death of his wife, leaving him with a young son. Loss of employment followed, and it was by hanging on to ringing that he won through the difficult months that followed.

In 1930 he became tower captain of Whickham and from then onwards he was a dedicated ringer. His first peal as conductor came in the early '30s, the band including five first pealers, and the sixth member was ringing his first "inside". This great achievement laid the foundation for many more peals by this new band. After a number of years the band, except for Steve and one or two others, fell apart.

At the end of World War II Steve succeeded in teaching a new band, and the bells rang in full on Sundays for several years. At this time he was chairman of the Western District of the Durham and Newcastle Association and was a "backbone character" of ringing meetings. After another period of disappointment, he succeeded in the early 1960s in building another successful band from rock bottom. This band still exists, two or three of whom have passed the 100-peal mark.

Steve rang 110 peals and conducted about half of these. For some 65 years he had been a ringer at Whickham, and his story is of an unselfish struggle to teach and provide ringers for his church.

The funeral service took place at the church he had loved and was attended by many friends. Grandsire Triples on handbells was rung over the grave and the tower bells were rung half-muffled. The same day a half-muffled peal was successfully rung by the local band to his memory.

A. C.

MR. E. SPILLER

An Appreciation

It is with deep regret we record the death of Ernest Spiller on March 7th at Linton Hospital, at the age of 86. Ernie was the oldest member of the All Saints', Maidstone, band, having joined in 1901, and also a member of the Kent County Association continuously until his death.

He was not keen on peal ringing, and I have only the records from the K.C.A. report which give the details of his first peal on December 19th, 1903. I have also traced three peals of Stedman Caters rung at Maidstone and a peal of Grandsire Triples rung at West Malling.

I have spent many happy times with him at All Saints', where I know he will be sadly missed. Our deepest sympathy to his family from his ringing friends. T. E. S.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Kent County Association dinner will be held on September 27th in the Lewisham district.

The first peal on the bells of West Camel, Somerset, was rung on March 22nd, conducted by John Cornelius.

We are sorry to learn that Mr. L. Stillwell, of Windsor, is out of action with a bout of arthritis.

Mr. Gwyn I. Lewis has conducted 100 peals for the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association.

What is a change? There is a difference of opinion in the definition of the sequence of bells among the higher authorities. Is a change the same as a row?

By ringing in a peal at Christ Church, Macclesfield, on March 2nd, Ronald F. Andrew has rung peals of Plain Bob from Minor to Maximus.

Owing to the indisposition of one of the band at the last minute, the versatile Bob Smith joined the very few who have rung two tower bells to a peal at Macclesfield, Cheshire. Congratulations, Bob!

At Hailsham meeting, March 22nd, a pair of gloves was left behind. Please apply to E. E. Breed, Grovelands Bungalow, Western Road (or 37, Woodpecker Drive), Hailsham.

An Easter Monday ringing attraction was a peal of Prittlewell Surprise Maximus at Winchester Cathedral by the Ancient Society of College Youths. It was conducted by David P. Hilling.

Derek P. Jones has now only his last quarter of his 1,000 peals to ring. His 750th was rung at Rocester, Staffs, on March 22nd.

The well-known Essex ringer Joe E. G. Roast has completed the alphabet in Surprise Major methods. His last letter was F for Feering at Tollesbury on March 22nd.

A ringing festival is being held at St. Peter's, Aylesford, on Sunday, June 8th. The evening will conclude with a barbecue and the profit is to be donated to the Kent C.A. Belfry Repair Fund.

Congratulations to the young band of ringers at Horringer, Suffolk, on their very good striking in the quarter peal of Doubles on March 18th. It was worth while listen-to. Keep it up, Horringer!

A big gathering of ringers is expected this coming week-end at Lympne, near Ashford, where the big attraction will be the Expo Belfry from the Whitechapel Bell Foundry. A three-day fête is being held in aid of the Lympne Church Bell Restoration Fund.

Probably in answer to the film "Ringers Required", Miss Jennifer Brighton, of Woodston, near Peterborough, is emigrating to Vancouver, Canada. A keen ringer, she hopes to practise the art there and also at the Holy Rosary Cathedral. Another loss to Woodston is Mr. David F. E. Hall, who has accepted a headship in Manchester. They took part in a farewell quarter of Oxford T.B. Minor on March 30th.

CHECK CENTRAL COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

By A. G. HALLS

RECENTLY there have been several interesting letters advocating changes in the composition and procedures of the Central Council. In some respects many of the suggestions that have been made are controversial and if they are to be debated by the Council could well lead to protracted discussion and end up with little useful result.

One point which might be less controversial, and one that has troubled me for some time, is the question of membership rights of Societies affiliated to the Central Council—a matter touched on by Mr. Speed in a recent letter.

According to existing rules the number of representatives an affiliated Society is allowed to have depends on the number of members belonging to that Society. Unfortunately there is no precise definition of how the membership of a Society should be calculated. I say this with conviction because a few years ago I served on a special committee formed by my own Association to investigate why we were always in financial difficulties. We discovered, to our amazement, that only two-thirds of the members listed in our annual report had paid an annual subscription. The other one-third had either given up ringing, moved away, managed to get away without paying or were dead. Yet our C.C. representation was based on the number of names recorded in the annual report and not on the true but lower figure. (This situation has now been corrected and last year 99% of our listed members paid their subscriptions.)

From what I have seen of other Societies' annual reports I am sure the above situation is not confined to my Association. I believe that many Societies are, consciously or unconsciously, claiming C.C. representation on the basis of false membership figures. This situation could be remedied quite easily and without any change to existing rules. All that needs to be done is for the C.C. to determine the "true membership" of each Society. This could be done by defining the membership of a Society as: the total income derived from annual subscriptions divided by the adult annual subscription demanded by that Society. There are good arguments for using this definition; moreover both these figures can be substantiated by the audited balance sheet which every reputable Association is able to provide.

FORTHCOMING FRONT PAGE COVERS

April	25.	Lincoln Cathedral
May	2.	Busbey
„	9.	Hallow, Worcs
„	16.	Newchurch, Kent
„	23.	St. Albans Abbey
„	30.	St. Chad's, Shrewsbury
June	6.	Selby Abbey
„	13.	Mortlake
„	20.	Braintree
„	27.	Kingsbury, Castle Bromwich
July	4.	Christchurch Priory
„	11.	Vacant
„	18.	Tunbridge Wells
„	25.	Lyng, Taunton
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BELFRY GOSSIP

NORFOLK BELLS FOR WHITSTABLE

The five smallest bells from the disused church of St. Andrew, Tottington, Norfolk, part of the battle area, which have been in store for many years, have been generously given to the church of St. Alphege, Seasalter, Whitstable, Kent. They are to be recast by the Whitechapel Bell Foundry Ltd. and a sixth bell added in memory of Mr. G. W. Cawley, a former churchwarden. Two of the bells were already broken and were cast on a very thin scale: of the five bells, the treble was the heaviest and the third the lightest!

Details: Treble, J. Taylor and Son, 1851. Second, third and fourth, Lester and Pack, 1755. Fifth, Robard Gurney, 1663. The tenor is being kept as it may be required for another church; it is by John Brend, 1650, and l'Estrange gives it as 9 cwt. in A. In view of the light weight of the rest, it is probably smaller.

The work at Whitstable should be done this summer and the bells dedicated by the Bishop of Dover (Rt. Rev. A. P. Tremlett) on September 21st at 11.15. A band of ringers is in training and making very steady progress.

A LITTLE-KNOWN SHROPSHIRE TOWER

Selattyn, Shropshire, in the north west of the county and one mile from the Welsh Border, has a little-known tower, and the quarter peal of Stedman Doubles rung there on March 22nd was the first for at least ten years. The bells are a 5½ cwt. five, by Charles Carr, of Smethwick, and are all on plain bearings except the tenor. At first the bells were extremely difficult to handle, particularly the treble, but after a liberal oiling a quarter peal was rung by P. R. Johnson 1, J. P. Burton 2, Linda Wilkinson 3, S. G. Pick 4, C. R. Bainham (cond.) 5. It was the first in the method for all.

DEVIZES BRANCH QUARTER TOUR

In order to assist towers with not enough ringers to ring a quarter peal, the Devizes Branch arranged a tour which enabled some first quarter peals to be scored.

Of the five quarters planned three were successful, and Messrs. J. Gye (Market Lavington), V. Gilbert (West Lavington), M. Baker and his son, Mark (Rowde), scored their first quarter and W. Abbott (Seend) his first of Minor "inside". Some useful practice took place at Urchfont.

Thanks are due to incumbents and tower captains at Seend, Rowde, Potterne, West Lavington and Urchfont, and to Mr. Len Wells, who waited so long in the cold to welcome us at Potterne. R. J. P.

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SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR IN THE GUILDFORD GUILD

A landmark in the peal ringing of the Guildford Diocesan Guild was reached on March 29th with a peal of 8-Spliced Surprise Major at Wonersh, rung by a resident Guild band. Fifteen peals of Spliced have been rung for the Guild during its 41 years' existence, but this is only the second to be rung by a resident band—the first (one of 4-Spliced) was rung by Harold Pitstow and his Banstead band in 1947.

The band at Wonersh consisted of seven members from the Farnham District and one from the Guildford District, and the peal was conducted by Michael J. Church. The peal was also notable in that it contained two firsts of Spliced, a first of 8-Spliced and a first of Spliced as conductor.

This peal represented several months of hard work by the band, who first got together and started practising regularly and ringing quarters of Spliced last November. This was the band's third attempt for a peal, the two previous attempts both, unfortunately, being lost after some considerable time. However, it was third time lucky and an excellent peal was rung. We now look forward to seeing further peals of Spliced S. Major from the Guildford Guild.

SPRING MORNING

By John Holloway

The day will unfold in a glory of gold,
Wallflowers sweet scent the air,
Forget-me-nots blue will remind me of you,
And tulips their buds will unfold,
Sweet Springtime is here, to greet you my dear:
'Tis here! 'Tis here!

Through Winter's dark days with their fog and their haze,
We longed for the Springtime again,
And now, at long last, grim winter is past,
And stronger become the sun's rays;
Yes! Springtime is here, to greet you my dear:
'Tis here! 'Tis here!

Golden daffodils sway in the breeze,
Lovely for us to see:
The Winter's gone, and the cheerful sun
Shines out for you and me:
The lambs are at play in the fields all day,
And Life is stirring anew;
'Tis Springtime again, with its sun and its rain;
'Tis Springtime for me, and you!

ST. STEPHEN'S, CLAPHAM PARK

St. Stephen's, Weir Road, Clapham Park, had possibly its last peal rung on March 28th, as it is shortly to be demolished and a new church built in the centre of the parish. The peal was arranged by Geoffrey D. Armitage, who desires to thank those who assisted in various ways, particularly the Vicar (the Rev. J. B. Hall). Mr. J. Pladdys informs us that nothing definite is known about the future of the bells; it is unlikely, however, that they will be hung in the new building.

A WEEK-END IN CORNWALL—OR TOBIN'S TOUR

For the third time in 12 months, a party of ringers from Worcestershire ventured as far as Cornwall for a week-end's ringing. Friday, March 28th, saw three carloads setting out at a very early hour on the 300-mile journey. As all day had been set aside for the journey it was decided to do a bit of tower grabbing. So with this in mind the organiser, Morley, arranged ringing at Yarcombe (Devon), Jacobstowe (Devon) and Veryan (Cornwall). Needless to say, nearly all of the party managed to complete their "alphabet".

We arrived at our H.Q., an inn near Helston, at about 6.30 p.m., and after a quiqk snack set off for Carbis Bay, where we met Canon Roberts and his young band. Here we joined in the practice and finished by ringing a very enjoyable touch of Grandsire Caters.

Three peal attempts had been arranged for Saturday, so everyone was up early and at 9.30 a.m. we were at Probus, ready to start for a peal of London Major. Everyone was impressed with these bells and it was with great enjoyment that we rang the peal in the steady time of 3 hours and 14 minutes.

The afternoon attempt saw us at Crowan for Cambridge Major, but somehow we could not manage to get any sort of rhythm and stopped after about three-quarters-of-an-hour and went outside to listen to the Grand National. Alan Carveth joined us at Crowan, and by all accounts it seems to be an unlucky tower for him, so we accepted the disappointment and looked forward to ringing at Phillack in the evening. And what a fine ring the bells are! Here we rang another steady peal — this time Bristol — which enabled Martin to score a "first in the method". After a quick drink we returned to our H.Q., where we met Anthony Davidson and other Cornish ringers who had been ringing at Carbis Bay. The usual "informal" evening ensued.

Sunday's peal attempt had been arranged at St. Anthony-in-Meneage, but unfortunately one of the party was not feeling too well, so we just had a short ring on the delightful eight and decided to make an earlier start for home.

Once again, our thanks must go to Morley, who made the arrangements in his own inimitable way, and to all the incumbents who put bells at our disposal, and to all the local tower captains who gave us such a warm welcome. M. J. F.

FORTHCOMING PEAL

Packwood, Warwickshire, by the St. Martin's Guild, on April 26th, 1.30 p.m. start. 13,440 Surprise Major in a method not previously rung and at present unnamed. Conductor, Peter Border; composition, three parts of Roderick Pipe's 40,320.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

LONDON, E.C.—At the Church of St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside.
On Sat., March 22, 1969, in 3 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDINIUM SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 41 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in C.

Edward P. Duffield	Treble	Timothy G. Pett	7
Brian Bladon	2	Michael P. Moreton	8
David P. Hilling	3	Noel J. Diserens	9
Alan R. Patterson	4	D. John Hunt	10
Andrew N. Stubbs	5	David E. House	11
John N. Diserens	6	Robert C. Kippin	Tenor

Composed by Peter Border. Conducted by David P. Hilling.
First peal of Londinium in the tower.

WALTHAM ABBEY, Essex.—At the Church of the Holy Cross and St. Lawrence.
On Sat., March 22, 1969, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDINIUM SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 38 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in C.

William A. Theobald	Treble	David E. Rothera	7
Wilfred Williams	2	Robert E. Dennis	8
Tudor P. Edwards	3	Kenneth J. Hesketh	9
Peter Border	4	John A. Anderson	10
Roderick W. Pipe	5	J. Alan Ainsworth	11
G. William Critchley	6	Clifford A. Barron	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Wilfred Williams.
First peal of Londinium on the bells.

THE BRISTOL SOCIETY.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of SS. Philip and Jacob.
On Thurs., March 20, 1969, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 QUEDGELEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 11 lb. in E flat.

Trevor Newlands	Treble	Paul Treble	5
Bruce Martin	2	*David Orledge	6
Richard J. Bowden	3	Bernard G. North	7
Gordon W. Land	4	D. John Hunt	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by D. John Hunt.
* 75th peal. The ringer of the 3rd has now "circled the tower."

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

WELFORD-ON-AVON, Warwicks.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., March 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in G sharp.

Ernest J. Gower	Treble	Jill Riley	4
Clare F. Dolphin	2	Ian D. Thompson	5
Hazel A. Mackenzie	3	Ian C. Maycock	Tenor

Conducted by Ian C. Maycock.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DARLEY DALE, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Helen.
On Thurs., March 6, 1969, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

Timothy Wylie	Treble	Peter Blight	5
Rev. R. D. St. John Smith	2	Gordon A. Halls	6
*Geoffrey Bridges	3	Burley P. Morris	7
Brian Tomlinson	4	Michael Fellows	Tenor

Composed by G. Freebrey. Conducted by Gordon A. Halls.
* 100th peal.

FAIRFIELD, Buxton, Derbys.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., March 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.

David Vincent	Treble	Sidney Hough	5
G. Richard King	2	Timothy Wylie	6
*John Bell	3	Herbert E. Taylor	7
Eric Roughley	4	Rev. R. D. St. John Smith	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by David Vincent.
* First peal.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SHILDON, Co. Durham.—At the Church of St. John.
On Sat., March 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in F sharp.

David Martin	Treble	Malcolm E. Johnson	5
Christine H. Telfer	2	Eric N. Harrison	6
Stephen Wells	3	James Crowther	7
Robert W. Sherriff	4	Michael Maughan	Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Michael Maughan.

STAINDROP, Co. Durham.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., March 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 21 lb. in F sharp.

Delphine E. L. Sherriff	Treble	Malcolm E. Johnson	5
Adrian Dempster	2	James Crowther	6
Robert W. Sherriff	3	Michael Maughan	7
Stephen Wells	4	Eric N. Harrison	Tenor

Composed by E. W. Tipler. Conducted by Michael Maughan.

MORPETH, Northumberland.—At The Watch Tower.
On Wed., March 19, 1969, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 QUINTON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

Christine H. Telfer	Treble	George S. Deas	5
Adrian Dempster	2	John H. Taylor	6
Malcolm E. Johnson	3	James Crowther	7
Eric N. Harrison	4	Michael Maughan	Tenor

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

DARLINGTON, Co. Durham.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Fri., March 14, 1969, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents, viz.: (1) Beverley, (2) Surfleet, (3) Cambridge, (4) Durham, (5) York, (6) Wells, (7) London.
Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in B flat.

Christine H. Telfer	Treble	Thomas Cooke	4
*Delphine E. L. Sherriff	2	Robert W. Sherriff	5
Michael Maughan	3	Roland Park	Tenor

Conducted by Roland Park.
* First peal of seven Surprise Minor.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

GREAT HOLLAND, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Wed., March 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

John C. Walters	Treble	Peter G. Pitt	5
Yvonne A. Murray	2	James L. Towler	6
Robert J. Isgar	3	Neil V. Avis	7
Frank B. Lufkin	4	Brian J. Vaughan	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
Rung as a birthday compliment to B. J. Lufkin.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, Essex.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., March 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 MORTLAKE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation. Tenor 9¾ cwt.

Heather M. McArthur	Treble	Walter Arnold	5
Neil V. Avis	2	Frank B. Lufkin	6
Bernard W. Fairhead	3	Adrian G. Semken	7
Brian J. Vaughan	4	Harry J. Millatt	Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
First peal in the method for the Association and by all except the conductor.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

FARNBOROUGH, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., March 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. in B flat.

Tom Page	Treble	Alan D. Flood	5
W. John Couperthwaite	2	Rowan S. Bradley	6
Alan D. Elsmore	3	Beryl R. Simpson	7
Norman Summerhayes	4	Michael J. Church	Tenor

Composed by Simon Humphrey. Conducted by Michael J. Church.
First peal in the method on the bells. First in the method as conductor.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WILBY, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., March 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 WILBY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

Gillian M. Brearley	Treble	George E. Bonham	5
Katherine S. Hardy	2	Robert E. Hardy	6
Julia A. Fellows	3	George E. Thoday	7
Robert D. Bellamy	4	Andrew W. R. Wilby	Tenor

Composed by Dennis Knox. Conducted by Andrew W. R. Wilby.
First peal in the method.

WILBY SURPRISE MAJOR
—38——1456—1258—36—14—58—16—58 h.l. l.e. 2nds. 15738264.
Method Group B. f.c.h. 24365.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
CITY OF LONDON.—At the Church of St. Giles, Cripplegate.
On Thurs., March 6, 1969, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

*G. William Shanks	Treble	Michael J. Uphill	7
Judith M. Corby	2	Alan E. Bagworth	8
Richard Hayes	3	John A. Howard	9
Alan R. Patterson	4	Christopher H. Rogers	10
Andrew W. R. Wilby	5	Andrew J. Corby	11
Tony Lewis	6	Philip A. Corby	Tenor

Composed by Peter Border. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.
* First 12-bell peal. Tenor 34 cwt. 6 lb. in C sharp.

ERITH, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Fri., March 14, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

Richard Hayes	Treble	Herbert E. Audsley	5
Arthur G. Mason	2	Frederick J. Cullum	6
Judith M. Corby	3	Michael H. O'Callaghan	7
Timothy D. Wickens	4	Philip A. Corby	Tenor

Composed by Dennis Knox. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.
Rung as a birthday peal for Richard Hayes (March 15th), A. G. Mason (March 18th) and F. J. Cullum (March 17th).

BIDDENDEN, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., March 15, 1969, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

Judith M. Corby	Treble	Peter S. Muchlinski	5
Valerie J. Howard	2	Simon A. B. Wigg	6
Richard Hayes	3	John A. Howard	7
Michael H. O'Callaghan	4	Tony Lewis	Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by Richard Hayes.

NEWINGTON-NEXT-HYTHE, Kent.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., March 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being two extents of Cambridge Surprise, two of Oxford Treble Bob, and three of Kent Treble Bob, each called differently.
Tenor 9 cwt. 19 lb. in A flat.

Rachel J. Sinden	Treble	*Pamela Court	4
James Hedgcock	2	*Philip R. Staples	5
*Richard A. Birch	3	Crawford T. Hillis	Tenor

Conducted by Crawford T. Hillis.
* First peal of Treble Bob.

WATERINGBURY, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., March 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods being an extent each of Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in B flat.

Stanley Jenner	Treble	Edward J. Jenner	4
Ian H. Oram	2	Margaret E. Oram	5
*Peter R. Butler	3	Tony Lewis	Tenor

Conducted by Ian H. Oram.
* First peal in seven methods "inside."

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
ROCHDALE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Chad.
On Sun., March 16, 1969, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5088 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb. in E.

Derek Butterworth	Treble	Christopher Digby Munday	5
John P. Partington	2	Christopher Movley	6
David Howarth	3	Richard S. Starkie	7
Wyn Pugh	4	Michael Fishwick	Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Derek Butterworth.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., March 15, 1969, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 30½ cwt. in D flat.

David F. Moore	Treble	David G. Massey	5
*Sheila M. Anthony	2	Roland H. Cook	6
William A. Lacey	3	A. Maxwell Lindsey	7
W. Ernest Rawson	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Roland H. Cook.
* First peal of London Surprise Major at first attempt.

PORTSMOUTH, Hants.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury.
On Sat., March 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. in E flat.

Alan A. J. Buswell	Treble	John Watkins	5
K. Paul Gilliver	2	Russell S. Morris	6
Brian L. Burrows	3	William Johnson	7
Robin A. Gilliver	4	A. James Poynor	Tenor

Composed by E. W. Tipler. (B.67.) Conducted by A. James Poynor.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Sandra E. Poynor.

ILLSTON-ON-THE-HILL, Leics.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., March 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two 720's Cambridge and one each of St. Clement's, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Plain Bob and Kent and Oxford spliced.
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

Hazel J. Nichols	Treble	Edward W. Martin	4
John Hunt	2	Guy Slater	5
Harry Bray	3	Raymond H. Martin	Tenor

Conducted by Edward W. Martin.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
QUADRING Lincs.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Sat., March 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt. in F sharp.

*Richard D. Holland	Treble	Harold Barsley	4
†Roy Stephenson	2	J. Henry Taylor	5
William B. Dawson	3	Philip H. Reynolds	Tenor

Conducted by Philip H. Reynolds.
* First peal. † First of Minor. First of Minor as conductor.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam George Victor Bingham, churchwarden at this church for several years.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
PENMARK, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., March 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in 12 methods: (1) Cambridge, (2) Oxford T.B., (3) St. Clement's, Childwall and Buxton, (4) Plain, Double and Single Oxford, (5) Double Oxford, Thelwall and Pinehurst, (6) Kent T.B., (7) Cambridge. Tenor 9 cwt.

M. Jack Pryor	Treble	John W. Bull	4
Charles P. Quartley	2	Paul A. Williams	5
Stephen Fenwick	3	Peter S. Bennett	Tenor

Conducted by Peter S. Bennett.
First peal on the bells, which were hung in 1898.

BRIDGEND, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Illtyd.
On Sat., March 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being two extents of Plain Bob, four 240's and 32 extents of Grandsire. Tenor 16 cwt. 3 lb. in F.

Peter G. Mayle	Treble	Raymond J. Mayle	4
Nigel V. Hill	2	D. Walford Davies	5
William T. Petty	3	Cyril Phillips	Tenor

Conducted by William T. Petty.
Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to David L. Hughes, for 40 years a faithful ringer at this church.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
LONDON, E.C.—At the Church of St. Vedast, Foster Lane.
On Mon., March 17, 1969, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods in the following extents: Oxford T.B., Double Oxford, Single Oxford Kent T.B., St. Clement's, Cambridge and Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in F.

Jennifer A. Dunning	Treble	Maureen J. Carruthers	4
Timothy G. Pett	2	Robert C. Woodward	5
Catherine A. Salter	3	*John Pladdys	Tenor

Conducted by John Pladdys.
* 150th peal and 50th as conductor.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Tues., March 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

G. Ronald Edwards	Treble	Frank Chambers	5
Richard J. Clifton	2	Arthur E. Rowley	6
Rev. M. C. C. Melville	3	Joseph W. Cotton	7
B. Stedman Payne	4	Roland Beniston	Tenor

Composed by H. W. Wilde. Conducted by Roland Beniston.
Rung as a compliment to Miss Shelagh R. Collins and the Rev. M. C. C. Melville on the announcement of their engagement.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
NEWCASTLE, Staffs.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Sat., March 8, 1969, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in E.

P. Phillips	Treble	G. W. Biddulph	6
W. H. Pickett	2	D. Williams	7
*J. M. Millins	3	J. L. Shenton	8
C. S. Ryles	4	J. M. Jack	9
J. A. J. Jack	5	D. J. Danby	Tenor

Composed by J. A. Burford. Conducted by J. L. Shenton.
* First peal. First of Surprise Royal by all the band except W. H. Pickett. First of Surprise Royal for the Association by a resident band.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
ROCESTER, Staffs.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., March 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 GAINSBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 17 lb. in F sharp.

Eric R. Jones	Treble	†Derek P. Jones	5
*T. Felicity Ashford	2	Arthur E. Rowley	6
Joseph W. Cotton	3	*John Hall	7
*Raymond J. Ballard	4	*David J. Danby	Tenor

Composed by W. Barton. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.
* First peal in the method. † 750th peal.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Stuart Williams and Christine Birks.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
THETFORD, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat, March 15, 1969, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt 1 lb. in F.

Geoffrey H. Pullin	Treble	*David G. Adams	5
*Hilary Adcock	2	David Cubitt	6
†Janet House	3	Martin Cubitt	7
*Carole A. H. Patey	4	David E. House	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by David E. House.
* First peal of London. † 50th peal.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
CHURCHILL, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Mon., Feb. 24, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.

Brian W. Hall	Treble	Michael R. Rose	5
Peter Pearce	2	D. Kay Adkins	6
*Martin J. Turner	3	William J. Dixon	7
G. John Collett	4	Bertram J. Coggins	Tenor

Composed by M. Bangham. Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.
* First peal in the method and of Major.
Rung to mark the induction and institution of the Rev. P. J. le Sueur to the living of Sarsden-cum-Churchill.

HARWELL, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew.
On Sat., March 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's transposition. Tenor 26 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in E.

John H. Napper	Treble	Harry Wells	5
Mary Wells	2	William Gilks	6
Douglas Jordan	3	Robert B. Blond	7
Leonard Cox	4	Douglas Bosley	Tenor

Conducted by Robert B. Blond.
Rung to mark the anniversary of William Corderoy being a ringer at this tower for 50 years.

HURST, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., March 15, 1969, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
A PEAL OF 5024 CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in F.

Raymond K. Rivers	Treble	William Butler	5
Bernard C. Castle	2	*Alan D. Edens	6
Violet N. Castle	3	Arthur J. N. Rance	7
Alan R. Pink	4	Harold Smith	Tenor

Composed by C. H. Martin. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* First peal of Major. First in the method by all except the conductor.

WARBOROUGH, Oxford.—At the Church of St. Laurence.
On Sat., March 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

Clive Holloway	Treble	James E. Godman	5
Cyril Woodward	2	Brian Gray	6
Frank E. Godden	3	Frank Absolom	7
Victor R. Fox	4	P. Gerald McIlhone	Tenor

Composed by Robert S. Bruce. Conducted by P. Gerald McIlhone.
Rung by members of the South Oxfordshire Branch of the Guild as a 70th birthday compliment to Mr. R. D. Wells, former Branch chairman. Also with birthday greetings to Frank Absolom, Branch Ringing Master.

GREAT BARRINGTON, Glos.—At the Church of St. Mary
On Mon., March 3, 1969, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 WOOLER SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

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

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

STANDLAKE, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Mon., March 17, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 11½ cwt.

Brian W. Hall	Treble	†‡Terence J. Hester	4
*Martin J. Turner	2	D. Kay Adkins	5
†G. John Collett	3	‡Bertram J. Coggins	Tenor

Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.
* First peal of Surprise "inside." † First of Minor in the method. ‡ 50th peal together.
Rung to welcome the new Rector, the Rev. M. Farthing.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
DAVENTRY, Northants.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Sat., March 15, 1969, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PUDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.

William J. Chester	Treble	Christopher C. Stokes	6
Roger W. Smith	2	Patrick I. Chapman	7
James Linnell	3	Barry E. Saunders	8
*Raymond A. Vickers	4	Alan A. Paul	9
Malcolm J. V. Chown	5	Graham C. Paul	Tenor

Conducted by Graham C. Paul.
* First peal of Surprise Royal.
Rung to welcome Katherine Louise Paul, born March 2nd, 1969, daughter of the ringer of the ninth.

WELLINGBOROUGH, Northants.—At the Church of All Hallows.
On Sat., March 15, 1969, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 WELLINGBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 28 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in D.

Terry G. Smith	Treble	Edward C. Buckby	5
J. Malcolm Tyler	2	Raymond H. Daw	6
John G. Mitchell	3	Richard J. Cowley	7
Barry R. Care	4	*Murray A. Coleman	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Murray A. Coleman.
* 150th peal. First in the method.

WELLINGBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR
—38—14—1258—16.34.12.34.1258—16—78. Group B.

LINSLADE, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Barnabas.
On Sat., March 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 21 lb. in A.

Kilby R. Holtom	Treble	Graham C Paul	5
Alan A. Paul	2	Christopher C. Stokes	6
Raymond A. Vickers	3	Stanley M. Ruddlesden	7
William J. Chester	4	Barry E. Saunders	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Graham C Paul.
First peal in the method by all the band.

ROTHERSTHORPE, Northants.—At the Church of SS. Peter & Paul.
On Sat., March 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being an extent each of the following 42 methods: Uffington, Stowe Place, Datchet, Union, St. Faith, St. Julian, Stedman Slow Course, Coxwell Place, St. Botolph, Rev. Plain Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Rev. Shipways Place, Rev. St. Simon, Rev. St. Martin, Rev. St. Osmund, Rev. St. Nicholas, Rev. Winchendon Place, Rev. St. Remigius, Rev. New, Rev. Huntspill, Rev. St. Vedast, St. Alphage, St. Andrew, St. Gregory, Westminster II, Blackburn Place, St. Hilary, New, Huntspill, St. Vedast, St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place, St. Remigius, St. Simon, St. Martin, St. Osmund, St. Bartholomew, Rev. All Saints, St. Sebastian, Plain Bob, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure and Shipways Place.
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in G.

Barry E. Saunders	Treble	Graham C. Paul	3
Rev. Ernest G. Orland	2	Roger W Smith	4
Alan A. Paul	Tenor		

Conducted by Graham C. Paul.
Rung to welcome the Rev. Richard Newman, who was recently inducted as Vicar of this parish.

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THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION

CLUN, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. George.
On Sat., March 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

Gillian Bosworth-Smith	Treble	Philip R. Johnson	5
Frank Beech	2	Neville R. Holland	6
Ernest F. Willcox	3	Reginald H. Newton	7
Jennifer M. Beech	4	Philip J. Evans	Tenor

Composed by J. Reeves. Conducted by Philip J. Evans.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

NOTTINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Peter with St. James.
On Sat., March 22, 1969, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb. in E flat.

Elizabeth J. Foster	Treble	Harry Poyner	7
Sheila M. Anthony	2	William L. Exton	8
R. Brian Mills	3	George A. Dawson	9
Richard A. G. Inglis	4	James W. Raithby	10
Royston Blackler	5	Simon Humphrey	11
Margaret E. Chilton	6	David Stainsby	Tenor

Composed by C. H. Hattersley. Conducted by Richard A. G. Inglis.
200th peal on the bells. First 12-bell peal by a resident band of the Guild

ELSTON, Notts.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., March 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 10 extents Grandsire and 32 Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 20 lb. in G.

Ruth Blackshaw	Treble	Rosemary Willey	4
Pamela J. Clifton	2	Andrew L. B. King	5
W. Gordon Marsh	3	Maurice W. Harrison	Tenor

Conducted by Andrew L. B. King.
First peal as conductor. Rung on St. David's Day.

BUNNEY, Notts.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Thurs., March 20, 1969, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In four methods, being one extent of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob, one St. Clement's and three of Plain Bob.
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in F.

Rosemary J. Willey	Treble	Brian J. Bull	4
Andrew L. B. King	2	Melvyn A. Rose	5
Derek Stainsby	3	John F. Underwood	Tenor

Conducted by Melvyn A. Rose.
The conductor's 100th peal.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

ELVEDEN, Suffolk.—At the Church of SS. Patrick and Andrew.
On Sat., March 15, 1969, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in E.

Charles Stannard	Treble	*Michael J. Howes	5
Muriel R. Page	2	*Vernon Bedford	6
Leslie G. Brett	3	*Stephen Bedford	7
*Alan G. Feaver	4	J. Barry Pickup	Tenor

Composed by Simon Humphrey. Conducted by J. Barry Pickup.
* First peal of Lincolnshire.

HORRINGER, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Leonard
On Sat., March 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 lb. in A.

Charles R. Stannard	Treble	Richard Rose	5
*Bryan Whiting	2	Douglas O. Rowland	6
Arthur F. Ballam	3	John Banks	7
*Christopher Nunn	4	Alan G. Feaver	Tenor

Composed by C. J. Pritchard. Conducted by Alan G. Feaver.
* First peal of Major.

PAKEFIELD, Suffolk.—At the Church of All Saints and St. Margaret.
On Sat., March 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in G.

J. Barry Pickup	Treble	Cecil W. Pipe	5
Katharine M. Thorley	2	Stephen J Bedford	6
Norman P. J. Cossey	3	J. Martin Thorley	7
Vernon B. Bedford	4	Michael J. Parker	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.
Rung as a coming-of-age compliment to Vernon B. Bedford.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

BEDDINGTON, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., March 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Lindoff's reversal of Thurstans' four-part.
Tenor 18 cwt. 14 lb in E flat.

Maureen J. Carruthers	Treble	Laurence C. Way	5
John Pladdys	2	*G. William Shanks	6
Nigel Thomson	3	John W. Smith	7
Michael J. Uphill	4	Geoffrey D. Armitage	Tenor

Conducted by John W. Smith.
* First peal of Stedman Triples.

GODSTONE, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., March 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 4 lb. in G.

Geoffrey D. Armitage	Treble	Ronald K. Russ	5
Maureen J. Carruthers	2	Laurence C. Way	6
Shirley E. Ruddlesden	3	John Pladdys	7
Nigel Thomson	4	Michael J. Uphill	Tenor

Arranged by John Pladdys. Conducted by Michael J. Uphill.

TOTTENHAM, N.—At the Church of All Hallows.
On Sat., March 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5072 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 lb.

Christine M. Leslie	Treble	Anthony R. Carter	5
Maureen J. Carruthers	2	John R. Ketteringham	6
Mary C. Knight	3	Michael J. Wycherley	7
Frank Reed	4	Geoffrey Bridges	Tenor

Arranged by John R. Ketteringham. Conducted by Geoffrey Bridges.
First peal on eight bells as conductor.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ROTHERFIELD, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Denys.
On Sat., March 22, 1969, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

John E. Warner	Treble	Philip J. Simmonds	5
William Rogers	2	Doris E. Colgate	6
Valerie J. Howard	3	Ernest J. Ladd	7
John A. Howard	4	Frank H. Hicks	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by William Rogers.
Rung to celebrate the 100th birthday of Mr. Alfred Collins, of Penshurst. Also a birthday compliment for Miss Doris E. Colgate and Mrs. Yvonne Donald, granddaughter of the conductor.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., March 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's transposition. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

Vivien Barnes	Treble	William J. Newman	5
Patrick Harris	2	*Leonard Mills	6
Mrs. J. Thomas	3	Joseph E. Newman	7
Joseph D. Johnson	4	Thomas W. Lewis	Tenor

Conducted by Joseph D. Johnson.
* First peal of Stedman. The ringer of the second has now "circled the tower."
Rung as a compliment to the conductor on his 70th birthday.

LONGNEY, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.
On Sat., March 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes
A PEAL OF 5056 ELMORE SURPRISE MAJOR
C.W.C. No. 30. Tenor 11 cwt.

Harold Schofield	Treble	David Franklin	5
Shirley M. Drew	2	John Clements	6
Valerie Willard	3	Arthur C. Berry	7
James Attwood, jun.	4	Geoffrey R. Drew	Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Geoffrey R. Drew.
First peal in the method.

ELMORE SURPRISE MAJOR
—38—14—1258—16—14—1238.56.12.56.78. l.h. B. 1573

NORTON, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Egwin.
On Wed., March 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 FLORENCE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.

James Attwood, jun.	Treble	Valerie Willard	5
Shirley M. Drew	2	John Clements	6
Frances Fairbank	3	Geoffrey R. Drew	7
Hugh Evans	4	Arthur C. Berry	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Geoffrey R. Drew.
First peal in the method.

FLORENCE SURPRISE MAJOR
—38—14—58—36.12—12.38—16—78. l.h. B. 1573.

NETHERTON, Dudley, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., March 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In six methods, comprising 960 London and 928 Watford, and 832 each of Cambridge, Pudsey and Superlative, with 127 changes of method. All the bells do all the work of each method.
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

Peter J. Brown	Treble	M. Irene Brown	5
Michael J. Fellows	2	John C. Eisel	6
Morley P. Tobin	3	Robert Edwards	7
Clifford Skidmore	4	Gerald C. Hemming	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
FORDINGBRIDGE, Hants.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., March 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, comprising 1,440 Yorkshire, 1,280 Cambridge, 1,280 Lincolnshire and 1,120 Rutland, with 70 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 14 cwt.

*Mary E. Elmes	Treble	*William T. Perrins	5
Robert E. J. Dennis	2	*David Wilson	6
*Graham W. Elmes	3	*Timothy F. Collins	7
†David G. Andrews	4	Ronald N. Marlow	Tenor

Composed by Philip G. K. Davies. Conducted by William T. Perrins.
* First peal of spliced. † First of Surprise "inside."

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
SHEFFIELD, Yorks.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist, Ranmoor.
On Sat., March 22, 1969, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in F.

*Susan E. Thompson	Treble	Richard Farnsworth	6
†John S. Seager	2	Gordon A. Halls	7
Malcolm P. Phipps	3	‡Christopher J. Groome	8
Clive A. Thrower	4	A. Colin Banton	9
Cyril Rusby	5	David W. Friend	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by A. Colin Banton.
* First peal of Treble Bob Royal. † First of Yorkshire Surprise Royal. ‡ First of Surprise Royal.

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Parish Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., March 15, 1969, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt.

Robert H. Jordan	Treble	Ian North	5
C. Barrie Dove	2	John Durham	6
Patricia Lockwood	3	Ronald R. Warford	7
J. Henry Fielden	4	John N. D. Chaddock	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by J. Henry Fielden.

HEPTONSTALL, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.
On Sat., March 22, 1969, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In eight methods, being 736 Superlative, 704 London and Rutland, 608 Cambridge, Lincolnshire and Pudsey, 576 Bristol and 544 Yorkshire, with 120 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 18 cwt.

David Nichols	Treble	John N. D. Chaddock	5
Patricia Lockwood	2	Ian G. Campbell	6
Maris C. Stephenson	3	Stuart Armeson	7
Ian North	4	Ron Ducker	Tenor

Composed by Noel J. Diserens. Conducted by Stuart Armeson.

SPROTBOROUGH, W. Yorks.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., March 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 ST. CLEMENT'S MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in B flat.

Graham S. Miller	Treble	Roger G. Green	5
*Christopher N. Grandidge	2	Christopher Forster	6
David Whitehead	3	Ronald R. Warford	7
Suzanne J. Withers	4	Ronald J. Snack	Tenor

Composed by Ronald R. Warford. Conducted by Ronald J. Snack.
* First peal on eight bells. First in the method by all the band. First of Major as conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
BROMBOROUGH, Cheshire.—At 35, Croft Avenue.
On Fri., March 14, 1969, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS
Tenor size 16 in B flat.

Keith J. Walpole	1–2	N. David Lane	7–8
Eric J. Gilbert	3–4	Robert Peers	9–10
Kenneth R. Davenport	5–6	*F. Leslie Coventry	11–12

Arranged by Robert Peers. Conducted by F. Leslie Coventry.
* 25th peal.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire.—At 114, Park Street Lane.
On Mon., March 3, 1969, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In ten methods, comprising 1,600 London, 640 each of Bristol and Rutland and 320 each of Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative, Watford, Wembley and Yorkshire, with 139 changes of method. Tenor size 13.

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	1–2	Roger Baldwin	5–6
John R. Mayne	3–4	*Martyn L. J. Jordan	7–8

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Roger Baldwin.
* First peal of 10-spliced on handbells.

HARPENDEN, Hertfordshire.—At 81, Overstone Road.
On Fri., March 14, 1969, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5124 WHEATHAMPSTEAD LITTLE COLLEGE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Kenneth J. Darvill	1–2	Brian J. Woodruffe	5–6
Julia A. Fellows	3–4	Roger D. R. Brown	7–8

Arranged and Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.
First peal in the method.
WHEATHAMPSTEAD LITTLE COLLEGE BOB MAJOR
34,18—38—36. I.e. 12—3527486.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
STONEY STANTON, Leicestershire.—At Long Leys.
On Tues., Feb. 18, 1969, in 1 Hour and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's 12-part. Tenor size 15 in C.

John Vernon	1–2	Alfred Ballard	5–6
John J. Morris	3–4	Michael Vernon (cond.)	7–8

LEICESTER.—At The Wayside, 150, Narborough Road South.
On Wed., March 12, 1969, in 1 Hour and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

David F. Moore	1–2	Alfred Ballard	5–6
Peter J. Staniforth	3–4	Rupert A. Clarke	7–8

Composed by James Nicholl. Conducted by Peter J. Staniforth.
Rung to the respected memory of J. Frederick Milner, who passed away on Tuesday, March 11th, 1969.

STONEY STANTON, Leicestershire.—At Long Leys.
On Tues. March 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

John Vernon	1–2	Alfred Ballard	5–6
John J. Morris	3–4	Michael Vernon	7–8

Composed by James Nicholl. Conducted by Michael Vernon.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
NETTLEHAM, Lincolnshire.—At Iona, Sudbrooke Lane
On Tues., March 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Geoffrey R. Parker	1–2	George E. Feirn	5–6
Margaret A. Parker	3–4	Jack L. Millhouse	7–8

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
HOLLAND PARK, W.—At 35D, Holland Park.
On Fri., Feb. 7, 1969, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Michael R. Wycherley	1–2	Stephen P. Darvill	5–6
Alan R. Patterson	3–4	Len Goodall (cond.)	7–8

Pritchard's. Tenor size 16 in B.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
HARROW, Middlesex.—At 170, Headstone Lane.
On Fri., March 21, 1969, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5096 KENT TREBLE BOB FOURTEEN
Tenor size 19 in F

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	1–2	*Frank C. Price	7–8
Julia A. Fellows	3–4	Roger Baldwin	9–10
John R. Mayne	5–6	Gerald Penney	11–12

Christopher W. Woolley .. 13–14
Arranged and Conducted by John R Mayne.
* First peal on 14 bells.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
LONDON, W.—At 16B, Sutherland Place.
On Sun., March 23, 1969, in 1 Hour and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor size 11 in G.

John R. Ketteringham	1–2	Geoffrey Bridges	3–4

Maureen J. Carruthers (cond.) 5–6
First peal as conductor.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, Worcs.—At No. 29.
On Tues., March 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor size 13½ in E flat.

*Maurice E. Newman	1–2	Joseph D. Johnson	5–6
Mrs. J. Thomas	3–4	Herbert C. Spencer	7–8

Vivien Barnes .. 9–10
Composed and Conducted by Joseph D. Johnson.
* First peal of Caters.
Rung as a 70th birthday compliment to the conductor.

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ENGAGEMENT

Miss Caroline Mackie, of Wellesbourne, Warwick, is engaged to marry Anthony P. Foster, of Birkenhead. The wedding will take place in August, 1970, at St. Peter's Church, Wellesbourne. 6957

DEATH

KINGCOTT, Sidney Oliver, of Offset, Wrington, on Easter Sunday, April 6th, 1969, aged 69. Funeral was on Thursday, April 10th. 6956

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

BOYD.—The address of Alan and Dorothy Boyd is now 17, Poplar Close, Hitchin, Herts. 6958

PERSONAL

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MISCELLANEOUS

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (ASHFORD DISTRICT)

Preliminary Notice

SS. PETER AND PAUL'S, Newchurch. Rededication of the five rehung bells and the John Willis Memorial Bell by His Grace the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury on Sunday, May 4th. 6.30 p.m 6608

PRACTICES

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Farnham District —Advanced practice, Aldershot (8), Tuesday, April 22nd, 7.30–9 p.m —Miss S. J. Tate-Mitchell. Dis Sec 6930

MISCELLANEOUS

MASONIC RINGERS' GATHERING at Evesham, May 3rd Details available from Herbert W. Spencer, 3, Washington Road, Wickhamford, Evesham. 6807

TICKNALL, Derbyshire.—No ringing until further notice, due to repairs to spire and shire and Lincolnshire.—N. C. 6807

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Striking competition, Saturday, April 26th, Ash Priors, 2.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea. Visitors welcome. 6943

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Will all conductors of peals rung for this Association please note that details or references for compositions used should be sent to the peal secretary, C. F. Mew, 32, Wymond Street, London, S.W.15. Telephone: 01-788 0733. 6964

MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Glaston Branch.—Quarterly meeting, April 19th, West Pennard (6).—C. R. Jenkins, 26, North Road, Wells 6955

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS COUNTRY MEETING AT OXFORD

Saturday, April 19th

Ringing Arrangements:—

All Saints' (8)	11–12.15
New College (10)	2– 3.15
St. Ebbe's (8)	2.30– 3.30
Magdalen College (8)	3– 4.15
Christ Church (12)	6.15– 7.30
Kirklington (8)	7– 8

Lunch, from 5/6, at the Clarendon Restaurant George Street, at 12.30 p.m. Tea, followed by business meeting, in St. Aldate's Church Hall, 4.30 Names for lunch and tea to J. S. Barnes, 56, Leamington Avenue Orpington Kent, BR6 9QB 6856

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Huntingdon District.—Meeting, Brampton, Saturday April 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special methods: York Surprise and Double Bob Minor.—Michael J. Dyer, Dis Sec. 6915

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting at Slymbridge, April 19th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to G. Minors, 1, Hesterville Villas, Purton, Berkeley, Glos. 6949

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Quarterly District meeting, Cobham, on Saturday, April 19th. Ringing from 3.15 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea in Church Gate House. —J. P.O. 6862

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Contest and meeting. April 19th, at Elland.—Draw 2.30 p.m Names for tea to Mr P. Birkett, 2, Napier Road, Elland, Yorkshire. 6844

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, April 19th, at South Mymms (6), 3 p.m. Names for tea to Miss T West, 58 Brookside, S. Mymms, Potters Bar. Tel. S. Mymms 2202.—R. E. Hardy, Dis. Sec 6831

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting and striking competition, Milton-next-Gravesend, Saturday, April 19th. Competition 2.30 p.m Service 4.30 p.m. General ringing after tea and business. Names for tea, please, to Miss J. Jarvis, 248, Livingstone Road, Gravesend.—T. Barton. 6890

LADIES GUILD.—Eastern District.—Annual meeting, Bures, Suffolk (8), Saturday, April 19th Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. J. Lester, 40, Stowmarket Road, Needham Market, Ipswich. Coach leaves Grundisburgh 1 p.m. Ringing at Stratford St. Mary (6) 2.45, Higham (6) 3.20, Assington (6), Polstead (6) after meeting.—J. Lester, Dis. Sec. 6913

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting will be held at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, on Saturday, April 19th. Ringing: Clerkenwell, 2–3 p.m.; St. John-at-Hackney, 3–4.30 p.m.; Upper Clapton, 3 p.m. until service at 4.45 p.m. Business meeting in Parish Hall, following tea.—T. J. Lock, Hon. Sec. 6951

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Surprise Major practice at Fakefield, Saturday, April 19th. Ringing from 6.30–8.30 p.m. Methods: Cambridge, Yorkbells.—P. Marriott. 6946

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting and striking competition, Wilby, April 19th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Partridge, The Bakery, or Miss Barber, 48, Main Road, Wilby. 6979

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch. —Quarterly meeting, Thorncombe, Saturday, April 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m Names for tea to J Davis, Mount Melplash, Bridport. All welcome. 6926

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Wareham (8), April 19th. Bells 3 p.m. and after meeting. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Cups of tea available; bring own food. Branch dinner 8.30 p.m.—all tickets sold. 6954

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—N. Notts District.—Meeting, East Markham, April 19th. Names for tea to H. Poyner, The Old Vicarage, Sturton-le-Steeple, Retford, Notts. 6952

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Ditchling (8), Saturday, April 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30 p.m. Ringing after tea. Names for tea, please, to Miss Ann Evans, Div. Sec., 17, Hollingbury Place, Brighton, Sussex, BN1 7GE. 6818

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Striking competition at Cowfold (6), April 19th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. —Jean Osbon, Hon. Dis. Sec. 6953

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, April 19th. Bells (2.30) and service (4.30) at Laverstoke. Tea 5.15 in Overton Church Room. Evening ringing at Overton. Numbers for tea to J. J. Hill, 67, Oakridge Road, Basingstoke. 6912

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the Lord Raglan, St. Martin's-le-Grand, E.C., on April 22nd at 8.15 p.m. Practices: April 22nd, St. Paul's Cathedral; April 29th, St. Mary-le-Bow; May 6th, St. Andrew's, Holborn; May 13th, Southwark Cathedral; all at 6.30 p.m.—J. G. A. Prior. 6960

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District practice, Tuesday, April 22nd, 7.45–9.15 p.m. Methods: Stedman Triples, Double Norwich Major, Kent Major, Oxford Major.—J. P. O. 6863

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Meeting at Winchcombe (6) on Wednesday, April 23rd, 7.30 p.m. 6978

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Surprise Major practice at Shalford, Thursday, April 24th, 7.45 p.m. Spliced, Cambridge, Superlative and Yorkshire.—F. W. Housden. 6963

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Eastern District.—District practice, Great Baddow, on Friday, April 25th, 7.30–9 p.m. All welcome. —R. J. Harrison, Dis. Sec. 6974

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Congresbury, April 26th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting.—M. Legg. 6976

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Stoke Trister, April 26th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Cucklington after tea.—L. McCreadie, Level Lane, Charlton Horethorne, Sherborne, Dorset. 6959

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, April 26th, Barton-le-Cley. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business 5 p.m. Names, please, to Mrs. Madge Ashby, 4, Bedford Road, Barton-le-Cley, Beds. Note change of tower. 6969

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting, St. Andrew's, Rugby, Saturday, April 26th. Ringing arrangements as follows: Bilton and Newbold-on-Avon, 2–4 p.m.; Rugby (5), 3–4.30 p.m.; Rugby (8), after meeting. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea in local café. Business meeting in ringing chamber of St. Andrew's. Names for tea (very important) to J. L. Garner-Hayward, Lowfold, Ashorne, Warwick. 6885

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Seventh annual striking contest at Old Brampton, Saturday, April 26th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea without fail, please, to Mr. J. Arkwell, 296, Brimington Road, Chesterfield. Tel: Chest. 78778.—Malcolm Phipps, Sec. 6980

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Meeting, Whitminster (6), April 26th. 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Moreton Valence (6) available after business. Names for tea to P. Clarkson, 28, Richmond Gardens, Gloucester, by April 24th.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Striking competition will take place at Ockham on Saturday, April 26th, beginning at 10.30 a.m. Service 4.30 p.m.; tea following for those who notify D. Lodge, 1, Ash Grove, Guildford, by previous Wednesday. 6981

HEREFORD GUILD.—Hereford District.—Quarterly meeting at Fownhope, April 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45. Ringing at Woolhope 7–9 p.m. Names for tea **must** be sent to Mrs. E. Pannell, 12, The Cloisters, Hereford, by April 23rd. 6973

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Quarterly meeting at Christ Church, Erith, Saturday, April 26th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss M R. Andrews, 43, Wansunt Road, Bexley, by Wednesday, 23rd 6933

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

The Annual General Meeting will be held in St. Margaret's Schoolroom, Dalton-in-Furness.

on Saturday, April 26th.

Ringing at Dalton (10), 2–3.45; Flookburgh (6), 12.30–2.30; Kirkby (6), 1–3.15; Barrow (8), 1–3.15; Ulverston (6), 1–3. All except Ulverston after the meeting until 7.15. Service 3.45. Tea 4.30 Meeting follows tea Names for tea (5/- each) to W. Wall, 19, Chapel Street, Dalton-in-Furness. Please send s.a.e. with requests. Names for tea (5/- each) by **Tuesday, April 22nd.** No names no tea.—F. Reynolds, Gen. Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting, Lincoln, April 26th. Holy Communion, Ringers' Chapel at Cathedral, 8 a.m. Service, Cathedral, 4.15. Tea in Tithe Barn 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Ringing as follows: Eagle (6), 10.30–11.30 a.m.; Swinderby (5), 11–12; Norton Disney (6), 11.30–12.30; Bassingham (6), 12–1; Lincoln Cathedral (12), St. Peter-at-Gowts' (6), St. Botolph's (6) and St. Giles' (8), 2–4 and after meeting until 9 p.m., except St. Giles' which is until 8 p.m. Names for tea to J. Walden, 50, Cecil Street, Lincoln, by the previous Tuesday.—John Freeman, Hon. Sec. 6929

NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS.—South Eastern District.—A.G.M. to be held in the East End of London on Saturday, April 26th. Meet at St. Dunstan's Church, Stepney High Street, E., at 11.15 a.m. Lunch at Police Section House, Shadwell, 1 p.m. Names for lunch to me, please, before Monday, April 21st.—P. Shonk, Dis. Sec., 58, Raeburn Road, Sidcup, Kent. 6975

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Meeting, Winfarthing, on Saturday, April 26th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea to C. F. W. Phillippo, 1, Council Houses, Bunwell, Norwich, NOR 01X, by Wednesday, April 23rd. 6977

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berks Branch.—Annual meeting, Appleton, on Saturday, April 26th. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m., followed by meeting. Names for tea to C. Corderoy, West-Wynds, Westbrook Street, Blewbury, Didcot, by Tuesday, 22nd.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—A.G.M., Yarnton, April 26th. Service 4 p.m. Ringing arrangements: Cassington (6), 2–3 p.m.; Yarnton (6), 3–4 and 6.30–7.30; Kidlington (8), 7–8.30 p.m. —E. R. Venn, Sec. 6870

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—A.G.M. at Marlow, April 26th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Meeting 6 p.m. Names for tea to J. Muller, 14, Southwood Road, Cookham, Berks, by April 22nd. 6971

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—Spring meeting, Glinton, April 26th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to R. Daw, Sec., 97, Fane Road, Peterborough, by Wednesday previous. 6945

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Central District.—Quarterly meeting, April 26th, Mendlesham (6). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea, please, to Mr. L. Forster, Old School House, Mendlesham, Stowmarket. 6972

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Sedlescombe, April 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to me at Linden Cottage, Peelings Lane, Westham, Pevensey, by Wednesday, April 23rd. Will anybody wishing to join the coach party going to the A.G.M. at Chichester on May 31st please let me know as soon as possible.—Mrs. C. M. Baldock, Div. Sec. 6968

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting at St. John-the-Baptist's, Shedfield, April 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 in the Reading Room, followed by business meeting. Evening ringing till 9 at St. Peter's, Curdridge. Names for tea to Miss B. Daysh, Woodman's Cottage, Waltham Chase, Southampton, by **previous Wednesday, please.** 6941

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Annual General Meeting will be held at Penistone on Saturday, April 26th. Service in St. John's Church at 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in St. John's Old School Hall. Names for tea to Mr. C. A. Moxon, 48, Mayfield, Oxspring, Sheffield, by Wednesday, April 23rd. Please send s.a.e. for tea tickets or collect them at towers during the day. Parking in School Yard or Town Hall Car Park The election of a president will take place at the meeting after tea. Reports will be available and subscriptions are due.

BELLS:—

10–11 a.m.: Holmfirth (8), Ecclesfield (8) and Hemsworth (8).
10.45–11.45 a.m.: Kirkburton (8), Wentworth (6) and Felkirk (6).
11.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m.: New Mill (6), Bradfield (6) and Royston (6).
12.15–1.15 p.m.: Shelley (6), Bolsterstone (8) and Barnsley (8).
2–3.45 p.m.: Cawthorne (6), Silkstone (6), Wortley (8) and Bolsterstone (8).
2–4 p.m.: Hoylandswaine (6) and Penistone (8).
6.45–7.30 p.m.: Silkstone (6).
6.30–9 p.m.: Penistone, Hoylandswaine, Cawthorne, Wortley and Barnsley

—W. F. Moreton.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Swineshead, May 3rd. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. R. Reynolds, 9, Abbey Crescent, Swineshead, Boston, Lincs, by April 29th. 6970

LATE NEWS

MAXIMUS RECORD UNCHANGED

At Birmingham Cathedral on Easter Monday the bells were called round after 5,280 changes of Newgate S. Maximus as the quality of ringing was not considered high enough to justify continuing the attempt to surpass the existing tower bell Maximus record of 16,368 changes of Cambridge rung on the same bells in 1965.

SURREY ASSOCIATION A.G.M.

Southwark Cathedral (12)

On SATURDAY, MAY 3rd

Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Preacher: Rt. Rev. John Boys. Tea 5.15 p.m. and business meeting in the Chapter House. Ringing also at St. George's, Southwark (8), 2.30–4 p.m.

Names for tea to Miss Julie Armstrong, 38, Upper Mall, London, W.6 (Tel.: 01-748 5012), by Wednesday, April 30th, **please.**—C. H. Cook, Gen. Sec. 6963

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

ANNUAL FESTIVAL, 1969

The Annual Festival will be held at the Church of St. Mary, Lymm, on Saturday, May 10th.

Meeting at 2.30 p.m. will be held in the Church Hall, Crouchley Lane, Lymm.

Service, 4.30 p.m., conducted by the Rector of Lymm, Rev. S. C. Casson, and the address will be by the Rector of Rostherne, Rev. T. Fish, M.A.

Tea, 5.30 p.m., in the Church Hall. Cost of tickets 5/- each, juniors 3/- each. Application for tickets must be made to Mrs. E. G. Moore, 19, Greenwood Road, Lymm, before **May 1st. No tickets no tea.** Tea or coffee will be served in Church Hall from **12.30–2 p.m.**

RINGING ARRANGEMENTS:

Route A

Runcorn (8), Frodsham (8), 10.15–11.15 a.m.

Daresbury (8), Warburton (8), 11.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m.

Lymm (8), 12.45–1.45 p.m.

Route B

Knutsford (6), Rostherne (6), Bowdon (8), 10.15–11.15 a.m.

Evening Ringing

Lymm, 6.45–7.45 p.m.: Grappenhall, 7–9 p.m.; Warburton, 7–8 p.m.; Stretton (6), 7–9 p.m. Other towers by arrangement.—Henry O. Baker, Gen. Sec. 6947

LADIES' GUILD.—Annual general meeting on July 5th at Manchester. Committee meeting, Cathedral Refectory, 10.30 a.m. Business meeting 1.30 p.m. Further details later. 6982

GILBERT'S BIRTHDAY, 1969

By Joan Hunt

Come, hoist the flag! Come, ring the bell!
And loud your Alleluias tell:
We've broken out from darkest Lent,
And Easter praises now present.

What better day can e'er there be
For such full, festive jollity.
Yea, I am hopping high, I am,
Like highest hill and skipping ram!

I feel like pushing back the seas,
Now I have risen from my knees.
Where Lent had me, in ashes, urged
To get my sins with hyssop purged.

This year we doubly lift our voice
With two occasions to rejoice:
Not only are we loosed from Hell,
But Gilly's birthday's here as well!

So as our heart with gladness burns,
We wish him happiest returns!—
While Ancient bells, and Modern ring,
And Songs of Praise the angels sing!

NOTE.—Our President's birthday was on April 6th.—Ed.

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TOWER BELL PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
WEST CAMEL, Somerset.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., March 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In four methods and three spliced compositions, being 12 extents Rev. St. Bartholomew, eight of Grandsire, six of Northrepps, four each of Rev. Canterbury, Plain Bob, Clifford's Pleasure and April Day.
Tenor 11¼ cwt. in F sharp.

Brenda M. Binden ..	Treble	†John Cornelius	3
*D. Lesley J. Parker ..	2	Robert Parker	4

Raymond F. Arscott .. .. Tenor
Conducted by John Cornelius.
* First peal on five bells. † 25th peal, all for the Association. First peal on the bells.

WEST MONKTON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Augustine (of Canterbury).
On Sat., March 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr.

Raymond P. Selway ..	Treble	Derek S. Beaufoy	4
Trevor E. Marks	2	Albert W. Dyer	5
Gilbert W. Rendell	3	William E. Turner	Tenor

Conducted by William E. Turner.
Rung as a ruby wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. Poole, of St Michael's, Creech.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
MAULDEN, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., March 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In eight methods, comprising 736 of Superlative, 704 each of London and Rutland, 608 each of Cambridge, Lincolnshire and Pudsey, 576 of Bristol and 544 of Yorkshire, with 120 changes of method. All the bells do all the work of each method.
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. in F sharp.

Claudia A. Critchley ..	Treble	G. William Critchley ..	5
*Susan E. Smith	2	†David Redfearn	6
S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	3	Roger Baldwin	7
Ronald J. Sharp	4	John R. Mayne	Tenor

Composed by Noel J. Diserens. Conducted by John R. Mayne.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise. † First of eight-Spliced Surprise.
Rung in memory of Albert T. Fleet.

THE BRISTOL SOCIETY.
BRISTOL.—At the Cathedral Church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity.
On Fri., March 28, 1969, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Elisabeth A. G. Bowden ..	Treble	David J. Orledge	5
Gordon W. Land	2	Robert C. Kippin	6
Brynley A. Shackleton ..	3	D. John Hunt	7
Michael J. Hobbs	4	*Bernard G. North	Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by Bernard G. North.
* First peal of London Major. First of London as conductor.
Rung to welome Stephen Russell, son of James R. and Jennifer Taylor. Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire.—At Christ Church.
On Sat., March 22, 1969, in 3 Hours.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

*Peter Broadbent	Treble	*Brian S. B. Kear	6
*Ronald F. Andrew	2	Arthur E. Whiting	7
Robert B. Smith ..	3 / 4	*Michael Foulds	8
		Bernard F. L. Groves ..	9
C. Kenneth Lewis	5	Frank Osbaldiston	Tenor

Composed by Robert B. Smith. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
* First peal of Royal.

BOWDON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
On Sat., March 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 8 lb.

Nicholas Thomson	Treble	George H. Randles	5
Norah M. Randles	2	Alan J. Brown	6
Christopher J. Jones	3	John W. Griffiths	7
Robert J. Warrilow	4	Michael Thomson	Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by John W. Griffiths.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, Devon.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist.
On Sat., March 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Washbrook's. Tenor 15 cwt.

D. Roy Bould	Treble	Frank D. Mack	5
*John L. Anderson	2	John N. Longridge	6
*John L. Mitchelmore ..	3	Frederick Wreford	7
George E. Retter	4	Arthur E. Knight	Tenor

Conducted by Frederick Wreford.
* First peal of Stedman Triples. First of Stedman Triples on the bells for 40 years, and first for 20 years by a local conductor.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to John N. Longridge.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—At the Church of St. George, Jesmond.
On Sat., March 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in F.

Malcolm E. Johnson ..	Treble	George S. Deas	5
Stephen Wells	2	James Crowther	6
*David Martin	3	Michael Maughan	7
†Roger Scholes	4	Eric N. Harrison	Tenor

Composed by James W. Washbrook. Conducted by Michael Maughan.
* First peal in the method. † First of Surprise Major and 50th peal.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
TOLLESBURY, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., March 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 FEERING SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt.

*Peter G. Brown	Treble	Keith W. Brown	5
Richard J. Harrison ..	2	Dennis A. S. Symonds ..	6
Philip J. Rothera	3	‡Joe E. G. Roast	7
†Josephine A. Quilter ..	4	James L. Towler	Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.
* 200th peal. † 100th peal. ‡ Completes the alphabet to Surprise Major methods. First in the method by all the band and on the bells.

LLANDAFF, GLAM.—At the Cathedral, on March 16th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: Anne Cooke 1, D. G. Clift 2, Ann Pilgrim 3, Judith Ashcroft 4, N. W. H. Simon (cond.) 5, P. S. Reading 6, J. W. Bull 7, C. P. Quartley 8, M. Pilgrim 9, S. Fenwick 10. For Evensong.

LYMINGTON, HANTS. — On March 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: B. J. Fry 1, S. Baybut 2, Jennifer L. Qualfe 3, A. A. Nunn 4, W. Willans (cond.) 5, M. E. Cass 6. First Pl. Bob Doubles 1, 2, 3 and 6. Rung on the occasion of the 160th anniversary of the birth of Henry Johnson.

LYMINSTER, SUSSEX.—On March 8th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Deborah Maggs 1, Susan Wills 2, Jane Osenton 3, G. Lee 4, P. M. Wills 5, J. Hemsley (cond.) 6.

MARCHINGTON, STAFFS.—On March 29th, 1,260 Minor (Kent, Oxford, Single Oxford): R. Riley (first Minor) 1, Rosemary White 2, Linda Wilkinson 3, S. G. Pick 4, J. P. Burton 5, C. R. Bainham (cond.) 6.

MARSHAM, NORFOLK.—On March 21st, 1,280 Pl. Bob Major: Iris Golden 1, Ivy Carter 2, Elizabeth Smith 3, N. Golden (cond.) 4, Marion Bibby 5, H. F. Carter 6, J. R. Smith 7, D. W. Pardon 8. In memoriam J. F. Milner.

MILDENHALL, SUFFOLK.—On March 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss C. Eagles (first quarter) 1, Mrs. E. Peachey 2, A. Ballam 3, C. Nunn 4, R. J. Palmer (cond.) 5, G. Simpson 6. For Evensong.

NETHERBURY, DORSET.—On March 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. Tither 1, Mrs. J. Davis 2, M. Hiller 3, F. Knight 4, J. Davis (cond.) 5, A. Case 6. A compliment to Lieut. H. May, R.N., and Mrs. May on the birth of a son; also to Rev. and Mrs. P. May, grandparents.

NEWPORT, MON.—At St. Woolos' Cathedral, on March 27th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Marion R. Bennett 1, Gill J. Colleypriest 2, F. Greedy 3, R. G. E. Wilkinson 4, A. W. E. Bainham 5, P. R. Mason 6, L. F. G. Bainham 7, P. S. Bennett (cond.) 8. For Confirmation service.

NORTHALLERTON, N. YORKS.—On March 22nd, 1,260 Pl. Bob Triples: N. Mudge (first Triples) 1, M. Humphrey 2, J. Soar 3, Jill Dunning 4, A. Willis 5, Jennifer Dunning 6, P. Town (first as cond.) 7, G. Harrison 8. First of Bob Triples for all the band.

NORTHAW, HERTS.—On March 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Valerie Maynard 1, Jill Carter (first quarter) 2, A. Ellis (first quarter) 3, Anne Lever (first quarter) 4, G. Austin 5, B. Greenwood (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

OKEFORD FITZPAINE, DORSET. — On March 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Ben Ridout 1, A. E. Woods 2, F. Priddle 3, B. Ridout 4, W. C. Shute (cond.) 5, C. Tidwell 6. Rung half-muffled to the memory of the Rev. A. F. Godley, of Yetminster.

PAUL, CORNWALL.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,760 Grandsire Doubles: J. Ladner 1, Christine Worth 2, Diane Carter 3, J. J. George 4, W. R. Curtis (cond.) 5, T. Millwood (first quarter) 6. For Confirmation service.

PINXTON, NOTTS.—On March 26th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: Marilyn Bacon (first attempt, aged 12) 1, Helen Dzuiba (first "inside") 2, B. A. Jones (first as cond.) 3, E. J. Sollis 4, D. Jackson (first attempt, aged 13) 5. First Minimus for all. For Lady Day, and a birthday compliment to Peter Chambers.

REEPHAM, NORFOLK.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. E. Smith (first quarter) 1, N. Fenn 2, H. Laskey (cond.) 3, F. Laskey 4, E. Durrant 5, W. Ford 6. First quarter by a local band within living memory. For Harvest Festival. Also on March 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. E. Smith 1, W. Ford 2, H. F. Laskey (cond.) 3, F. Laskey 4, E. Durrant 5, N. Fenn 6. For Palm Sunday, and a thanksgiving for birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. N. Fenn and a grand-daughter for Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Laskey.

RICKMANSWORTH, HERTS. — On March 23rd, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: A. Bradbury (first quarter) 1, Margaret Sears 2, D. Hibbert 3, R. Bunker 4, A. Bradbury (cond.) 5, J. Hibbert 6. Birthday compliments to Andrew Bradbury (12) and Hilary Hibbert (21).

RINGWOOD, HANTS. — On March 16th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): C. Duff (first quarter) 1, W. T. Perrins (cond.) 2, D. G. Andrews 3, D. Wilson 4, W. E. Chester 5, J. Duff 6.

ROCHFORD, ESSEX. — On March 30th, 1,380 Grandsire Doubles: E. Lucas 1, P. Bedford (cond.) 2, Sylvia Bedford 3, B. Sadler 4, D. Bedford 5, Lynn Woodcock 6, P. Giles 7, Nadia Hawryluk 8. First quarter 1, 6, 7, 8. First quarter on the bells. For Palm Sunday.

QUARTER PEALS

ROLVENDEN, KENT. — On March 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Bourner 1, Jane Hough 2, O. Webster 3, H. Deacon 4, E. Clifton (first in method) 5, D. Manger (cond.) 6, J. Hemsley 7, P. Thomas 8. For Confirmation service.

ROWDE, WILTS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. J. Purnell 1, Martin Baker 2, W. Alexander 3, Ruth Jones 4, R. Jones (cond.) 5, M. Baker 6.

ROYSTON, S. YORKS. — On March 28th, 1,320 Violet T.B. Minor: G. D. Scourfield 1, Gail Cater 2, H. Chant (cond.) 3, R. Cater 4, C. A. Moxon 5, P. Charlesworth 6. Rung "Cartwheel".

RUSHDEN, NORTHANTS.—On March 23rd, 1,260 Minor (Kent, Plain Bob): B. Hodgkins 1, Brenda Dixon 2, G. Muncey 3, S. Hodgkins 4, B. Whitworth 5, R. Coley (cond.) 6, L. Hall 7. Rung to welcome the birth of Matthew Charles, second son of Bob and Anne Whitworth.

RYTON, SALOP.—On March 28th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): S. D. Russell (first quarter) 1, P. G. K. Davies 2, C. J. Bennett 3, D. J. G. Bates 4, S. Yates (cond.) 5.

ST. CRANTOCK, CORNWALL.—On March 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. A. B. Weston 1, D. Docking 2, J. Roberts 3, C. Stephens 4, A. H. Eplett (cond.) 5, E. Veall 6. For Evensong, and with best wishes to Canon G. K. Peake for a long and happy retirement.

ST. MARTIN, SHROPSHIRE. — On March 22nd, 1,440 Single Oxford Minor: Rosemary White 1, J. L. Humphreys 2, S. G. Pick 3, N. R. White 4, J. P. Burton (50th quarter) 5, C. R. Bainham (cond.) 6. First of Single Oxford for 1 and 2.

SADDLEWORTH, YORKS.—On March 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Burgess 1, H. Nield 2, D. Ashley (first quarter) 3, A. Farrand 4, A. Wood 5, W. Lockwood (first as cond.) 6. First Plain Bob 1, 4, 5. A 79th birthday compliment to treble ringer and a wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. S. Johnson.

SARRATT, HERTS. — On March 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain): J. J. Goodman (first quarter) 1, Miss D. J. J. Wilson 2, Miss P. J. Tomlinson (first quarter) 3, G. Reese 4, D. J. Goodman (cond.) 5. For Confirmation.

SHAFTESBURY, DORSET.—At St. James' Church, on March 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. C. Shute 1, A. E. Woods 2, Miss R. Julius (first in method) 3, Miss H. Julius 4, F. Criddle (cond.) 5, E. Chant 6. For Confirmation.

SOUTHWARK, S.E.—At the Cathedral, on March 16th, 1,259 Erin Cinques: Gwendoline G. Meyer 1, Rosemary J. Cotton 2, Olive L. Rogers 3, Deborah Bishop 4, M. T. Sprackling 5, P. N. Felton 6, A. S. Bishop 7, C. T. Richards 8, C. M. Meyer 9, J. W. Smith 10, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 11, C. W. Longden 12. For "Sunday Evenings in Southwark", and a wedding compliment to Doreen Deverell, of Holloway.

SEEND, WILTS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Jennifer Alexander 1, Ruth Jones 2, W. Alexander 3, R. Jones 4, J. Abbott 5, R. J. Purnell (cond.) 6.

STANSTED, ESSEX. — On March 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Hutley 1, H. Watts 2, K. Westwood 3, W. Hunt 4, P. Glazebrook 5, T. Camp 6, P. C. Warboys (cond.) 7, D. Checseman 8.

STAINES, MIDDX.—On March 23rd, 1,260 Mixed Doubles (eight methods): D. Norman 1, C. Wiggins 2, Fiona Walters 3, M. S. Loveday 4, A. Craddock (cond.) 5, R. Collins (first quarter) 6. First Mixed Doubles (eight methods) for all except conductor. By St. Peter's Guild for Evensong.

TUNSTALL, SUFFOLK.—On March 16th, 1,320 St. Martin's Doubles: Margaret Adams 1, J. Pilgrim 2, S. Bedford 3, V. Bedford (cond.) 4, M. Baldry (first "inside") 5, N. Rogers 6. For Mothering Sunday service.

TURRAMURRA, N.S.W.—On March 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Goodyer 1, A. Goodyer 2, Margaret Goodyer 3, Alison Goodman 4, J. Rainsford (cond.) 5, K. Stacey 6.

WELDON, NORTHANTS.—On March 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods): Sheila M. Hope 1, Susan M. Fitton 2, Susan Kemp 3, R. L. E. Newby 4, R. A. Webster (cond.) 5, Penny McCreadie 6.

WEST LAVINGTON, WILTS. — On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Jones 1, J. Gye 2, W. Alexander 3, M. Peet 4, R. J. Purnell (cond.) 5, V. Gilbert 6.

WEST MEON, HANTS.—On March 24th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): Janet Yeates 1, R. A. Stone 2, J. D. Flook (first in two methods) 3, B. E. Pink 4, K. G. Waller (cond.) 5, F. W. Sherfield 6. For morning service.

WHEATLEY, OXON.—On March 26th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: I. O'Reilly 1, G. McIlhone (cond.) 2, Glenda Emmett 3, C. Smith 4, A. Cope 5, F. Absolom 6. To mark the redecoration of the church.

WHICKHAM, CO. DURHAM. — On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss B. Cooke 1, M. Poppleston 2, C. D. Davis 3, J. Crowther 4, P. D. Thomas 5, W. Davidson (cond.) 6. Also on March 16th, 1,260 Cambridge and Plain Bob Minor: Miss B. Cooke 1, C. D. Davis 2, J. Crowther 3, W. Davidson 4, P. D. Thomas 5, M. Maughan (cond.) 6.

WHITTLESFORD, CAMBS. — On March 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss P. Hurworth (first quarter) 1, F. Harper 2, Miss J. Sanderson 3, Miss M. Kemp 4, R. Collins 5, B. J. Couzens (cond.) 6.

WINSLOW, BUCKS.—On March 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Gibbard 1, D. Gough (first quarter) 2, H. France 3, H. Wood 4, M. Jamieson (cond.) 5, G. Edmunds 6.

WOODCHURCH, KENT. — On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): P. Thomas 1, R. Offen (first in two methods) 2, Marion Kemp 3, K. Butler (cond.) 4, J. Hemsley 5, H. Wilkinson 6.

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Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Lincoln

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OUR COVER PICTURE

The Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Lincoln

By G. PAUL, Hon. Secretary/Treasurer of the Company of Ringers

"THE finest building in the whole world," so said Cobbett in his book "Rural Rides", and whilst perhaps the superlative may be a matter of opinion, it is beyond dispute that it is indeed one of the finest buildings, and there can be few views which compare with that of the triple-towered cathedral raised on the hill overlooking the city and the great county of Lincoln.

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In 1929 the late Mr. J. A. Freeman was elected Master of the Cathedral Company of Ringers, which office he held until his death in 1961. During the years of his Mastership a steady progress was made in the standard of ringing at the Cathedral so that shortly after his death the company was able to ring a peal of Londinium Surprise Maximus. We of the present day owe much to the fine example of service set by Mr. Freeman, and it is a lasting tribute to his work that a 12-bell band is still maintained for ringing on Sundays.

Much more could be written of the early history of the bells at Lincoln and of the Company of Ringers, but this information is readily available to those who seek it. It is sufficient to remark that today the Company of Ringers of the Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Lincoln, founded in 1614, is thriving with several young persons in the membership and that, as is proper for a living Society, three years ago, under Dean Peck, the old rules were revised to be more in keeping with modern times. It is fitting that this revision of the rules should have taken place whilst Mr. J. Walden is the Master, for thus a link is forged with earlier times: while Mr. Freeman was the Master Mr. Walden was the secretary; but Mr. Walden's membership of the Company spans over 50 years—a great achievement.

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BIGGLESWADE ALL UNDER CONTROL

The March meeting of the Biggleswade District was held at Sandy (6) and Great Burford (5). A very informal attitude marked the day with tea and meeting in the local Youth Club.

The District secretary, Mr. K. Fleming, said his task was now one of comparative ease, now that the towers for the year were planned and the respective people organising teas were arranged well in advance. Mr. P. Mehew was asked by the District to purchase a length of ash—enough to make three spare stays in case of mishaps at District meetings or practices.

The District practices are, after taking up a new format, progressing extremely well, and the hard work of Mr. A. S. Smith and helpers is now beginning to come to light.

L. E.

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HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

ARRANGEMENTS FOR C.C. VISIT TO A.G.M.

Mr. WALTER AYRE TO BE HOST PRESIDENT

An atmosphere of great expectation prevailed at the annual meeting of the Herts County Association held at Hemel Hempstead on April 12th, in view of the forthcoming visit of the Central Council. For two years the Association has been collecting funds to meet the cost of the visit. The splendid total of £248 has been collected and commitments to date are approximately £200.

For the occasion Mr. Walter Ayre, the senior member of the Central Council, was elected President. He has held this office before—in 1935. Walter has passed through a bout of serious illness and although far from fit and feeble of voice he told the meeting: "I have to go steady but I am going to look in at as many meetings as I can get to."

The morning and afternoon were devoted to ringing en route to Hemel Hempstead. A meeting of the committee was followed by a service, conducted by a ringing parson, the Rev. Malcolm L. Lester, who is priest-in-charge of Highfield. A feature of the service was the handbell ringing of a touch of Seven Surprise Major by Mrs. S. Kathleen M. Baldwin, John R. Mayne (conductor), Gerald Penney and Roger Baldwin. Later at the meeting Mr. Tony Kench expressed the members' appreciation of the performance. "It should be noted," he said, "that in Hertfordshire we have the finest handbell ringers in the world, and it was a first-rate example not only of high technical skill but in the standard of striking."

Mr. John R. Mayne acknowledged the compliment and added: "This Association has had a tradition for handbell ringing which is incomparable from the days of Mr. Harold Cashmore."

Tea was provided for a company of 162 in St. Mary's Church Hall by Mrs. Sheppard and her helpers, and then followed the meeting with the president, Dr. D. L. Gullick, in the chair, supported by the general secretary, Mr. A. Rex Agg, and the hon. treasurer, Mr. H. Collings.

The president, on behalf of the Western District, gave a cordial welcome to the Association and guests and had a warm "thank you" to officers and members for their kindness to him during the year. "In ten or 15 minutes' time," he said, "I shall be consigned to that limbo. Before that I should like to thank the officers, both Central and District, who have made this year so memorable to me and have given me a 'plushy' ride."

LOSS BY DEATH

The list of those who had died during the year was referred to at the service and again at the meeting. They were Messrs. S. F. Carter (Little Munden), A. W. Coles (unattached), C. Cook (Bushey Heath), G. Ditton (Hertford), R. T. Newman (Baldock) and M. D. Trigg (Hitchin).

A significant paragraph in the report was: "Looking to the future we have expressed our concern at the possible effects of the diocesan reorganisation and the closure of some churches with rings of bells. A closer liaison with the Diocesan Advisory Committee is being sought in an attempt to gain early intimation of such proposals, and to enable the Association to have a voice in any cases which arise."

Mr. John R. Mayne asked if the officers had any idea of the closures contemplated.

The secretary replied that the diocese brought out a report, of which he obtained a copy. This indicated that in the next five or ten years a reduction in the number of churches would take place, and it seemed to him wise to have the machinery available to obtain as early warning as they could so as to prevent the bells from being scrapped.

MOST PEALS EVER

The year 1968 was one of records regarding peals, stated Mr. G. Penney, the peal secretary. For the first time in its history the Association was able to record 142 peals compared with 73 in 1967, 90 in 1966 and 133 in 1964. Conductors numbered 43 (30 in 1967) and first pealers 21 (16); first peal as conductor 8 (5).

The highlights of the year's peals were all rung on handbells, being 17,824 Kent T.B. Major, 10,784 Oxford T.B. Major and 26-, 28- and 30-Spliced Surprise Major. There were 15 methods rung for the first time on handbells for the Association, and Glasgow and Nettleden Surprise Major—the first ever rung. Leading peal ringers were G. Penney (46), J. A. Fellows (42), B. J. Woodruffe (36), and leading conductors: B. J. Woodruffe (22), J. R. Mayne (21) and W. Ayre (18). The thanks of the Association were due to Mrs. J. Dodds for writing the peal book, to Mrs. O. M. Johnson for maintaining the composition register and Mr. H. G. Cashmore for proving the compositions.

Problems arising from the tardy reporting of peals were ventilated by the peal secretary, and with a view to lightening his work a resolution to amend Rule 10 (relating to peals) was presented by Mr. Penney, with the unanimous support of the committee. The two main points were that peals were to be reported within a month of being rung with notice of belfry election of new members and a fee of 6d. per member taking part. The conductor would be responsible for the payment of the subscription.

Mr. Penney said about 80 per cent. of the conductors did conform to the rules. Of the 197 people who rang peals, 125 were resident and 67 non-resident. He still had five names, in connection with which he had been unable to trace membership. An example of flagrant delay quoted was a peal rung in March of which he was not told about until December 12th. He managed to get details by the end of December and the peal was finally published in "The Ringing World" on February 7th.

Mr. Penney also called attention to the importance of sending compositions with peals. To give the number from the Central Council Collection was not sufficient.

Mr. G. Dodds seconded the amendment.

In answer to a question by Mr. Kench, Mr. Walter Ayre said if a true peal was rung it was bound to be accepted by the Central Council. If it was not accepted by their Association it would be recorded as "non-Association".

There was opposition. Mr. Keith J. Walpole pointed out the danger of a peal being lost in the post and Mr. Andrew Wilby thought the time limit should be three months.

The debate was skilfully managed by the chairman and the two amendments to the rules were carried by substantial majorities.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. Walter Ayre was elected president on the proposition of Mr. Penney, who said that within the next two months the Central Council would be visiting Hertfordshire and it was fitting that they should have the oldest serving member of the Council as their president.

Mr. B. M. Barker seconded and the motion was carried with acclamation.

Mr. Ayre was then installed by the retiring president with the chain of office, and in reply, said: "I cannot express myself sufficiently for the honour you have done me. I have wanted the Central Council to come to this Association for more years than I can think of."

Mr. A. R. Agg was elected secretary for the tenth successive year. But he accepted the office with a proviso: "Ten years in office is sufficient time for any general secretary," he said. "It is not good for me or for the Association, and it is good for a new broom to come and stir things up."

The assistant secretary, Mrs. M. A. Coburn, also went back with a limitation of time. "I would like to make this my last year of office because of other commitments," she said.

Others elected were: Treasurer, Mr. H. Collings; peal secretary, Mr. G. Penney; librarian, Miss J. Dodds; hon. auditors, Messrs. Mercer and Hole.

PROGRAMME FOR C.C.

Presenting the Central Council sub-committee report, Mr. Agg said on Saturday, May 24th, there would be two tours—north and south; Sunday: service ringing in conjunction with local bands and a visit to Hatfield House; Monday: three tours (west, east and ground floor only) and coach tour (five towers).

Tuesday: Holy Communion, 7.30, at the Abbey, preceded by ringing by a selected band at 7 a.m.; breakfast 8.15, Abbey Institute; Council meeting, 9.45, City Hall; civic reception, 5.30, Town Hall; social evening, 8 p.m., Town Hall.

Headquarters: The Peahen. The Abbey Room has been booked for office use by general secretary and Council secretary over the week-end and for the Standing Committee at 6.30 p.m. on Monday. The Assembly Room will be a lounge for members and friends on Monday evening. A bookstall will be set up at H.Q. hotel.

The Carter ringing machine and, it is hoped, the Woodhouse ringing machine will be demonstrated in the Council Chamber at the Town Hall on Monday afternoon and evening and on Tuesday evening.

The official opening will be attended by the Bishop of St. Albans and the Mayor-elect. Ringing arrangements will be published in "The Ringing World" except those for Whit Monday. At the request of the C.C. the Monday programme will not be advertised but will be made available to representatives via the booklet (circulated to members before they travel) and to Association members via tower secretaries.

There will be 300 seats available on the balcony of the Civic Hall for the Council meeting.

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OVERSEAS NEWS

WASHINGTON GIRLS WEEK-END BY ROAD & AIR

In England it is quite possible to ring at three different towers inside of an hour, travelling by foot. On Monday morning, March 31st, a band of five members of the Whitechapel Guild set out with their Master to ring at three American towers, a journey which required three days, 340 miles of driving and almost 800 miles of air travel.

After a rough flight from Washington to Hartford, Conn, Ashton Applewhite, Marjorie Batchelor, Janis Hensley and Rick Dirksen were met by the two senior members of the Guild, Martha Windrem and Judy Andrews, who had flown to Hartford from Judy's home in Cleveland, Ohio. Renting a car in Hartford, the band drove up to Smith College for a ring on the new Whitechapel eight.

We arrived at Smith about 1.15 p.m. and were met by Mr. Russell Carpenter, secretary of the College, who is in charge of ringing. After a quick lunch we went over to the tower, where we proceeded to ring touches of Bob and Double Court Minor, half-muffled in observance of the National Day of Mourning for General Eisenhower.

TRAINING SESSION AT SMITH COLLEGE

The remainder of the afternoon and a two-hour session in the evening were devoted to working with the Smith band, who have just learned to hunt on five bells. With the assistance of our girls, six of their number were taken through courses of Bob Minor on treble and Grandsire Doubles, in which two of their number rang "inside" to the plain course and the rest rang treble to an extent. Grandsire Triples was also rung with the help of Alan Durfee, an experienced American ringer in the vicinity, on vacation from college, and several of the band were given practice in covering 7-bell ringing. Finally there were call-changes on eight. Changes were called at the rate of one per whole pull until the bells were thoroughly mixed, then one of the Smith ringers would be asked to identify the striking order and call the bells back to rounds —a most valuable exercise in ropesight.

To say that we were amazed at the progress made by the Smith band on their own since Bill Theobald left would be an understatement. They adjusted very rapidly to our experiments on six and eight bells and displayed a wonderful enthusiasm for the exercise. It is a pleasure to be able to report that the makings of a very solid band are present, and we hope that our visit helped to give them a little more self-confidence—a thing which is sorely needed in any young band struggling to break through the plain hunt barrier.

Returning to Springfield, Mass, about 11 p.m., we spent a very comfortable evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Earl, relatives of Janis Hensley, and the next morning we set out for Kent, Conn, a drive of about two hours on back roads through the magnificent Appalachian Mountains of Western Connecticut.

At Kent we were met by Eric Roberts and Geoff Davies, two English ringing friends of ours, who drove up to Kent to ring with us. After a brief practice session we adjourned to the mountains for a picnic lunch, since the school had requested a quiet period between the hours of 1 and 3 p.m.

QUARTERS WERE ELUSIVE

Returning to the tower at 3 p.m. we set out to ring a quarter peal of Stedman Triples. Unfortunately, however, our several attempts came to grief, owing mainly to our lack of familiarity with the bells and the handling problems caused by the very long rope draught. By about 4 p.m. we decided to abandon the attempt for Triples, and a band of six was selected to go for a quarter of Bob Minor. Fifty-four minutes and 1,260 hard-fought changes later the bells came into rounds and were set up. But subsequent discussion revealed that the calling was false and that the effort could not be considered a quarter peal. A last effort was then made for a quarter of Doubles in three methods on the heavy six, but this also went wrong about half-way.

And so, about 6 p.m., a weary and disgruntled lot rang the bells down and retired to the Alumni House for refreshment and a little handbell ringing. We were, of course, saddened by our failure to get a true quarter peal after two days of ringing, but realised that the problem was in large part due to our lack of practice on the bells and agreed that our efforts had been far from fruitless.

Eric and Geoff left about 6.30 for home, and after a fine steak dinner which we prepared in the kitchen of the Alumni House, the balance of the evening was spent playing chess and cards, and having a balloon fight with weapons so thoughtfully provided by Miss Applewhite. We retired about 11.30 p.m. to the rooms arranged for us by Mr. Howard.

SUCCESS AT GROTON

At 6 a.m. we left Kent in a misty rain for Groton, Mass, arriving there shortly before 11 a.m. after a trip marked by an inspired game of "Ghost". There we were met by Russell Young and two of his ringers, Alan McDonald and Peter Chandler, and also Emily Paine, a former member of the Guild who is now living in Lincoln, Mass.

After ringing several touches on eight and ten bells, an excellent quarter of Bob Triples was called by Pete Chandler. Following that, attempts at Grandsire Triples and Bob Minor went awry, but the smoothness of the bells and striking were reward in themselves, and we left Groton at 3 p.m., a tired but happy group.

The trip home was distinguished by getting lost in Boston rush-hour traffic (a fate somewhat worse than death) and a plane which was an hour late. But the flight was smooth and we arrived back in Washington at about 8.15 p.m.

To conclude, we would like to extend our thanks to all those who helped make this trip possible: to Russ Carpenter and the Smith ringers for their warm welcome and friendship; to Mr. and Mrs. Earl for their kindness in taking care of us on Monday evening; to Mr. Howard, Father Beaven and the charming Viennese laundress, Mrs. Maura, who made our visit to Kent a pleasure; to Mr. Young and his boys at Groton for returning early from vacation to welcome us; and most especially to Mr. Curran and Mr. Bayless of the Cathedral, without whose support and encouragement such an adventure could never have come round.

R. S. D.

THE RHODESIAN GUILD A.G.M.

Sixteen members were present at the A.G.M. of the Rhodesian Guild of Ringers held at Salisbury on March 23rd. These included Mr. Jon Chamberlain, from Malawi, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Earle and their daughter, Pauline, from Que Que (140 miles away), and Mrs. Val Grossmith, from Unvulwes.

The meeting was preceded by a luncheon attended by the Bishop of Mashonaland (joint president) and Mrs. Burroughs. There was some good ringing that day, reports the hon. secretary (Mr. Kenneth S. Cross), with their first try of Bob Triples, under the watchful eye of Jon Chamberlain. Touches of Bob Doubles were also rung. It was a pleasure to hear the ten bells ringing in rounds as it was not often that there were sufficient ringers present.

The Master (Mr. H. D. Earle) presented his report, which stated that 13 members, including seven from Salisbury, were present at the half-yearly meeting on December 1st at Que Que. Some good ringing was achieved in various 4-bell methods other than the usual Bob Minimus.

A quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles was successfully rung at Salisbury on March 27th, conducted by Geoff Armitage. On two occasions the Que Que band attempted a quarter peal of six methods which they ring regularly, but on each occasion they failed after about 1,000 changes. Although the Salisbury band has only increased by one permanent member during the year the ringing has improved considerably. Quite a bit of practice has been devoted to ringing Bob Doubles and the progress has been very pleasing indeed. It was pleasing to see ringers arrive from various parts of the country (even one from Blantyre) for the enthronement of Bishop Burroughs. The vigorous way the bells were rung made the Bishop really welcome. Two of the Salisbury ringers have recently organised a handbell class at Mabelreign.

No recruits have been added to the Que Que band during the year; however, ringing has continued and its quality improved. Practice periods have been utilised in trying new methods, resulting in Plain, Reverse and Double Bob, Plain, Reverse and Double Court methods being rung quite proficiently, also to familiarise the band with the effects of a bob call.

A number of visitors joined in ringing during the year, the notable ones being Geoff Armitage from England, Mr. and Mrs. Bennett from Zambia, Mr. and Mrs. Bumphries from Uganda, Mr. Cousins from Kenya and Mr. Cathrall from Wales.

"My wife and I had a very enjoyable holiday in England last summer, and quite a number of evenings were occupied visiting towers. The hospitality and attention shown to us was really inspiring, and I would recommend any who may be visiting England to make themselves known at the first convenient tower; the remainder of their stay will then, I'm sure, be profitable as well as adding to the enjoyment of their visit. While in England we attended the A.G.M. of the Durham and Newcastle Guild and were honoured with having life membership of the Guild bestowed upon us."

H. O. E.

Central Council of Church Bell Ringers

AGENDA FOR St. ALBANS MEETING

The first session of the 27th Council (72nd annual meeting) will be held on Tuesday. May 27th. 1969. in the City Hall. St. Albans, at 9.45 a.m.

Will members please sign the roll and be in their seats by 9.30 a.m

The morning session will be adjourned at 12.30 p.m. and the afternoon session will commence at 1.45 p.m.. or as may be decided.

AGENDA

Report of Honorary Secretary as to representation of Societies and as to subscriptions.

Apologies for absence.

Application to affiliate to the Council:—
University of Manchester Guild of Change Ringers.

Welcome to new members by the President.

1. To declare the election of the officers for 1969–1972, the following being the only nominees:—

   President: Mr. J. Freeman.
   Proposed by Mrs. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Canon A. G. G. Thurlow.

   Vice-President: Mr. E. A. Barnett.
   Proposed by Mr. P. A. Corby, seconded by Mrs. D. J. King.

   Honorary Librarian: Mr. F. Sharpe.
   Proposed by Mr. V. Bottomley, seconded by Mr. F. W. Perrens.

   Honorary Secretary and Treasurer: Mr. V. Bottomley.
   Proposed by Canon A. G. G. Thurlow, seconded by Mr. J. Freeman.

2. Election of Life Member:—
   Mr. E. C. Shepherd.
   Proposed by Mr. G. W. Pipe, seconded by Rev. J. G. M. Scott.

3. Election of Honorary Members:—
   Mrs. V. Bottomley and Messrs. D. Hughes, H. N. Pitstow, E. C. Shepherd, R. F. B. Speed, L. Stillwell, P. L. Taylor, F. E. Haynes and J. L. Garner-Hayward retire and are eligible for re-election. There are two vacancies. (There will be three vacancies if Mr. E. C. Shepherd is elected a Life Member.)

4. Election of Honorary Auditors:—
   Messrs. H. N. Pitstow and D. Hughes retire and are eligible for re-election if they are still members of the Council.

5. Loss of members through death.

6. Minutes of the previous meeting.

7. Report of the Honorary Secretary.

8. Report of the Honorary Librarian.

9. Presentation of 1968 Accounts.

10. Report of the Trustees of the Carter Ringing Machine.

MOTIONS

11. (a) That the Council consider separately the parts A, B, C, D and E of the Joint Committee's recommendations for the revision of decisions relating to Methods and Calls, and that they be adopted as the new decisions of the Council, in substitution for the corresponding parts of the present decisions.
   Proposed by F. T. Blagrove, seconded by D. E. Sibson

   (b) That the Council consider separately the parts A, B, C, D, E and F of the Joint Committee's recommendations for the revision of decisions relating to Peal Ringing, and that they be adopted as the new decisions of the Council, in substitution for the corresponding parts of the present decisions.
   Proposed by F. T. Blagrove, seconded by D. E. Sibson.

   (c) This Council instructs the Standing Committee to examine the constitution of the Council and to make recommendations with a view to ensuring that the business of the Council, particularly at its annual meeting, is completed in a satisfactory manner.
   Proposed by D. A. R. May, seconded by W. H. Viggers.

   (d) That a booklet containing a glossary of technical ringing terms be compiled to supersede that previously published, circa 1902. The main purpose of such a glossary to make definite recommendations as to the usage of specific terms as used in the details published of compositions, and that such recommendations be included in the Central Council Handbook to ensure that they be adhered to in all future publications and by private individuals submitting copy to "The Ringing World".
   Proposed by C. F. Mew, seconded by G. W. Shanks.

12. (a) To receive, discuss and if thought fit, to adopt the report of the Standing Committee and to pass such resolutions as may be necessary on matters arising out of that report.

   (b) To receive, discuss and if thought fit, to adopt the reports of the following Committees:—
   To pass such resolutions as may be necessary on matters arising out of the reports;
   To reappoint the Committees or alter their constitution as may be considered desirable;
   In all cases the members retire and are eligible for re-election if still members of the Council:

   (i) Peals Collection.
   Messrs. W. E. Critchley, R. F. B. Speed and G. E. Feirn.

   (ii) Biographies.
   Messrs. T. J. Lock and W. H. Viggers.

   (iii) Literature and Press.
   Messrs. E. C. Shepherd and F. E. Dukes.

   (iv) Overseas Ringing.
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   (v) Sunday Service and Education.
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   (vi) Peals Analysis.
   Mr. W. Ayre, Canon K. W. H. Felstead and Mr. H. L. Roper.

   (vii) "The Ringing World".
   Mr. R. S. Anderson, Mrs. P. J. Staniforth, Messrs. W. G. Wilson, D. A. Bayles and R. F. B. Speed.

   (viii) Records.
   Messrs. F. T. Blagrove, J. A. Ainsworth, G. Dodds, J. R. Mayne, D. E. Sibson, C. M. Smith and C. A. Wratten.

   (ix) Towers and Belfries.
   Messrs. F. Sharpe, B. Austin, F. E. Collins, J. Freeman, A. J. Frost H. J. Sanger, T. M. Roderick, B. D. Threlfall and Rev. J. G. M. Scott.

   (x) Broadcasting and Television.
   Messrs. H. N. Pitstow, D. A. Bayles, J. T. Dunwoody, G. E. Fearn, H. J. Sanger, R. S. Wilson, Canon A. G. G. Thurlow and Mrs. D. J. King

   (xi) Methods.
   Messrs. C. K. Lewis, F. T. Blagrove and S. J. Ivin.

   (c) To elect the Standing Committee.
   The ex-officio members are the President, Vice-President, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Librarian, past holders of the offices of President, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Librarian and the Honorary Auditors and Conveners of Committees.

   The elected members who retire, and are eligible for re-election if still members of the Council, are:—

   Mrs. E. A Barnett, Messrs. J. Bray, W. B. Cartwright, P. A. Corby, Miss M. R. Cross, Messrs. F. E. Dukes, W. F. Moreton, H. J. Sanger, J. F. Smallwood, R. F. B. Speed and W. G. Wilson. There is one vacancy.

13. To determine the date of the 1970 meeting at Ilkley ("Headquarters" has been provisionally reserved for May 23rd–26th).

14. To determine the place of the 1971 meeting.

15. Any other business.

VERNON BOTTOMLEY,
Honorary Secretary.
45, Westercroft Lane,
Northowram, Halifax.

MORE BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Basil E. Potts, of 21, Alvan Street, Mount Lawley, Western Australia, 6050, appeals for English stamps as he is something of a collector. He does not like the Post Office mass franking being substituted for real stamps.

Mr. E. Jenkins has been discharged from hospital and has returned to "The Hovel". Physical limitations are imposed for several months. He wishes to express his deep gratitude for the many extremely kind letters sent to him and hopes to reply.

It is suggested that the Kimpton cup ringing competition should be revived next year and rung in conjunction with the Kimpton May festival. Mr. J. G. Cull would welcome comments. Although there is no ringing competition on May 3rd and 4th (see advertisement), any team burning to "have a go" could enter for the tug-o'-war.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION—contd.

1,000-PEALERS CONGRATULATED

Mr. R. E. Hardy extended the congratulations of the Association to the two members who had rung 1,000 peals—Mr. Tom Lock and Mr. John R. Mayne.

Mr. Lock said it was an ambition that one set oneself. He was very proud that he had a three-figure total for the Hertford County Association.

The president added his congratulations and mentioned the brilliant list of peals of John Mayne.

The secretary announced that the committee proposed to bring up to date the booklet "Ringing in Hertfordshire" which was published in 1953, being a series of articles that appeared in "The Ringing World".

Mr. Gerald Penney, Master of St. Albans Abbey, said every three years a diocesan festival was held at the Abbey. There would be ringing on three days, from 2 to 8 p.m.: Tuesday, June 24th; Thursday, 26th; and Thursday, July 3rd. The St. Albans Cathedral Society extended an invitation, and would those coming either individually or as bands let him know.

The votes of thanks from the chair included one to the retiring president. Of Dr. Gullick, Mr. Ayre said: "His cheerful presence has worked wonders. I can assure you that I was very grateful to see him by my bedside when I was very nearly out of work altogether."

CENTRAL COUNCIL

JOINT COMMITTEE'S REPORT ON DECISIONS

1. Recommendations for revision of decisions on methods and calls.

A. Definitions and requirements.

1. A method is defined by the places made between successive rows of its plain course, which shall be a true round block divisible into equal parts. At the beginning of each part the hunt bells, if any, shall be in the same positions and the working bells shall be in different positions, so that all the working bells do the same work in the plain course, and the number of parts is the same as the number of working bells. There shall be more working bells than hunt bells.

Methods with no hunt bells are also known as principles and their parts may be referred to as divisions; otherwise the parts are called leads.

In the plain course no bell shall make more than four consecutive blows in the same position, this requirement not applying to Minimus methods

2. A call is not part of a method, but is a means of passing from one course to another. It is effected by altering the places made between two consecutive rows, without altering the length of a lead or division. For methods with hunt bells at least one of the hunts shall be unaffected by all calls in a given composition.

A bob is formed by moving places or by the addition or removal of non-adjacent places.

A single is formed by the addition of pairs of adjacent places to the places of the plain lead or the bobbed lead.

3. In any composition no more than two types of call may be used.

For principles, calls made at different places within the division are said to be the same type if their formation is the same.

For methods with hunt bells, a call made relative to the leads of the hunts and a call made relative to the whole pulls behind of the hunts are said to be the same type if the formation of one is the reverse back to front of the formation of the other.

For methods with only one hunt bell calls may be made only at the lead and whole pull behind of the hunt, and if two types of call are used one shall be a bob and the other a single

For compositions containing more than one class of method e.g., principles, single-hunt and/or multi-hunt, each class of method can employ its own two types of call.

These requirements may be relaxed for peals of Triples composed before 1850, and for Doubles methods and variations.

4. In the case of Doubles only, a variation is defined as the use in a plain method of calls other than the standard calls for that method. A lead containing a call must not constitute a plain lead of another method. Each variation must by itself be capable of producing a true six-score, and shall be given its own name.

B. Regular methods.

A method is regular if:—

(a) No bell makes more than two consecutive blows in the same position, except that for Doubles methods with one or two hunts: no bell makes more than four such blows.

(b) The method is divisible into leads or divisions which are symmetrical about the half-lead

(c) Except for Doubles methods, if there is more than one hunt, the hunts have the same path and course each other throughout the lead.

(d) Except for Doubles methods, if there is one or more hunts, there are Natural lead-ends and lead-heads throughout the plain course.

Additionally, all Minimus methods which can produce a true 24 are regular.

C. Classification of methods with one hunt bell

1. There are five types of single hunt method: Plain, Treble Dodging, Treble Place, Alliance and Hybrid. With the treble as hunt bell they are classified as in paragraphs 2 to 6, and may be further classified as Little if the path of the treble is restricted to fewer places than the number of bells.

2. In Plain methods the path of the treble is a plain hunt. They are classified as:—

(a) Bob methods—in which seconds place is made at treble's lead or the penultimate place is made at treble's whole pull behind, or both places are made.

(b) Imperial methods—in which two working bells make adjacent places wrong within a half-lead

(c) College methods — in which pairs of working bells work together in a block below the treble for the whole time the treble is above the block.

(d) Court methods — these have internal places adjoining the path of the treble, other than Bob places, Imperial places, and places causing College work.

(e) Court Bob methods—these have Court places which cause one or more complete dodges.

(f) Little methods are classified as Little Bob if they have seconds place at treble's lead, and as Little Court otherwise.

(g) Plain Doubles methods are classsified as Place if the path of a working bell consists only of hunting and place making, and as Bob otherwise

3. In Trebe Dodging methods the treble dodges consecutively in 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, etc., the number of dodges in each position being the same. They are classified as:—

(a) Treble Bob methods which have no internal places made as the treble passes from one dodging position to another.

(b) Surprise methods which have at least one internal place made every time the treble passes from one dodging position to another

(c) Delight methods, which are all other Treble Dodging methods

4. In Treble Place methods the path of the treble includes the making of at least one place within the half-lead, the path being symmetrical about the half-lead and the treble having the same total number of blows in each position of the path within the lead.

5. In Alliance methods the treble is not the same total number of blows in each position of the path within the lead, but the path is symmetrical about the half-lead.

6. In Hybrid methods the path of the treble is not symmetrical about the half-lead.

D. Classification of methods with two or more hunt bells.

These methods are in three groups. With the treble as principal hunt, being unaffected by calls, these are:—

(a) Those methods in which all the secondary hunts have the same path as the treble. These are classified as for single hunt methods but with reference to all the hunts.

Plain methods with an internal place immediately above or below the crossing of the treble with a secondary hunt, or immediately above the crossing of two secondary hunts at treble's lead, or immediately below the crossing of two secondary hunts at treble's whole pull behind are classified as Bob.

(b) Those methods in which one, or more, secondary hunts pivots at the same time as the treble. These are classified as for single hunt methods with reference to the treble.

Plain methods in which the seconds place bell is one of these secondary hunts are classified as Slow Course.

(c) Other methods in which the paths of the secondary hunts are not related to that of the treble as in (a) and (b). These are classified as for single hunt methods with reference to the treble or with reference to treble and all secondary hunts having the same path as the treble.

E. Nomenclature and Extensions.

1. The stage names for different numbers of changing bells are:— 4 Minimus, 6 Minor, 8 Major, 10 Royal, 12 Maximus, 14 Fourteen, etc.; 5 Doubles, 7 Triples, 9 Caters, 11 Cinques, 13 Sextuples, etc.

2. The title of a principle shall consist of "Name and Stage".

3. The title of other methods shall consist of "Name, Class(es) and Stage", with the exception of Grandsire, Union and their related methods

4. (a) Methods at different stages in the same class shall only have the same name if they are related as in the Report on Extension or subsequent amendments.

(b) Methods at different stages in the same class which are uniquely related as in the Report on Extension or subsequent amendments shall have the same name, and where not uniquely related one relationship shall have the same name; any relationship covering most stages shall take preference over any others.

5. The band which first rings a peal of a new method, or an extent in the case of Doubles or Minor, or includes it in a multi-method peal, shall name the method, subject to E.4 above.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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2. Recommendations for revision of decisions on peal ringing.

A. Conditions required for all peals.

1. A peal shall start and end with rounds and shall be rung without interval.

2. No row shall be struck more than once before the next change is made.

3. Every bell must sound at every row throughout the peal.

4. Each bell must be rung continuously by the same person or persons.

5. For handbells the bells shall be retained in hand.

6. For tower bells the bells shall be audible outside the building in which they are contained.

7. No assistance of any kind shall be given to any ringer by any person not ringing in the peal.

8. The use of physical aids to memory in conducting and ringing is not permitted.

9. No error in calling shall be corrected later than during the change at which the call or change of method would properly take effect.

10. Any shift or error in ringing shall be corrected immediately.

11. No person other than those ringing in the peal shall take part in the calling or in correcting any shift or error.

12. The methods and calls used in all peals shall conform to the Definitions and Requirements given in part A of the Decisions on Methods and Calls.

13. Any objection which may be taken to a peal, other than one with respect to the truth of the composition, shall be raised in writing to the conductor and Society concerned at the earliest date, and in any case within one month after publication in "The Ringing World".

B. Particular conditions required for peals on different numbers of bells.

1. Peals of Minimus shall be rung on tower bells only, at towers with only four ringable bells, and shall consist of at least 5,040 changes rung in true and complete 24s, each starting from rounds.

2. Peals of Doubles shall be rung on five bells or on six bells with the tenor as cover, and shall consist of at least 5,040 changes rung in any combination of the following, each starting from rounds:—

(a) True and complete 120s.

(b) Round blocks of 240 changes in which each row occurs twice, and containing no round block of plain leads in one method

(c) Round blocks of two or more 120s in which each of the 120s comprising the block is true and complete.

3. Peals of Minor shall be rung on six bells and shall consist of at least 5,040 changes rung in any combination of the following, each starting from rounds:—

(a) True and complete 720s.

(b) Round blocks of two or more 720s in which each of the 720s comprising the block is true and complete.

4. Peals of Triples shall be rung on eight bells with the tenor as cover and shall consist of one or more true and complete 5,040s, each starting from rounds.

5. Peals of Caters, Cinques, Sextuples, etc., shall be rung on ten, 12, 14, etc., bells respectively with the tenor as cover and shall consist of at least 5,000 true changes.

6. Peals of Major, Royal, Maximus, Fourteen, etc., shall be rung on eight, ten, 12, 14, etc., bells respectively and shall consist of at least 5,000 true changes.

7. Peals of "Doubles and Minor" shall be rung on six bells with the tenor as cover when ringing Doubles and shall consist of at least 5,040 changes rung in any combination of extents and round blocks as permitted in 2 and 3 above

8. Peals of "Triples and Major", "Caters and Royal", etc., shall be rung on eight, ten, etc., bells respectively, with the tenor as cover when ringing Triples, Caters, etc., and shall consist of at least 5,000 true changes.

C. Peals in more than one method.

1. Peals in more than one method shall be called Spliced if the methods are so joined that the leads of the methods remain intact, the changes of method being at the lead-head or half-lead but not both in the same composition.

Additionally, the changes of method may occur at both lead-head and half-lead in the same composition, provided that all the methods in the composition are symmetrical, and that there is at least one complete lead, from lead-head to lead-head and/or from half-lead to half-lead, between each change of method, or provided that all the methods in the composition are symmetrical, with no two of them differing only in the places made at the half-lead or at the lead-end, and that there is at least one complete lead, from lead-head to lead-head and/or from half-lead to half-lead, of each method in the peal.

2. Peals on six bells or less and of Triples shall be called Spliced only if each extent or round block is Spliced.

3. Doubles variations may be included in an extent or round block, provided that either all the variations and methods have the same call or calls and there is at least one plain lead of each, or all the variations and methods have the same plain course, with no call common to any two or more, and all the distinctive calls are made for each variation and method.

4. Peal reports shall state the number and names of all methods and all variations separately. For peals of Spliced the number of changes of method at lead-head and at half-lead shall be stated separately, and for peals of Triples and above the number of changes rung in each method shall be stated.

D. Record Length Peals.

The Record Length Peal in a method or group of methods on a given number of bells shall be the longest length recognised as a peal by the Council. Tower bell and handbell records shall be kept separately.

Any attempt for a peal of 10,000 or more changes which would surpass in length an existing record or which would be the first peal in that method on that number of bells, must comply with the additional conditions below. Any such performance not rung in full compliance with these conditions shall not be recognised as a peal and shall not be published in "The Ringing World".

(a) Not less than 14 days' notice shall be given in "The Ringing World", stating the place, date and hour at which the attempt is to be made, and stating the method, number of bells and number of changes proposed to be rung.

(b) The ringing to be heard and the figures of the composition to be checked throughout the peal by a competent umpire or umpires.

(c) If a record length is rung the peal report and the figures of the composition, if not previously published, shall be sent immediately to "The Ringing World".

(d) For handbell peals, every ringer shall ring at least two bells. Additionally, arrangements shall be made for interested persons to be able to hear the attempt.

E. Recognition.

The Council shall recognise all peals rung in complete conformity with parts A to D above, and only such peals shall be included in the analysis

F. The Technical Committees.

The Peals Analysis Committee shall prepare an annual report and analysis of all peals. Peal reports should indicate all "first peals" and "first peals as conductor" for inclusion in the analysis. The Committee shall not be held responsible for the non-inclusion in the analysis of any peal not published in "The Ringing World" before the end of February in the following year

The Records Committee shall maintain a record of the first peal in each method on each number of bells, for both tower bells and handbells, and subsequent record length peals, together with the compositions used. Also a record of new methods included in multi-method peals, and a record of the progressive number of methods rung in peals of different groups of methods.

The Peals Collection Committee shall maintain a comprehensive collection of compositions of 5,000 changes and upwards, and shall prepare for publication such collections as the Council shall direct.

The Methods Committee shall consider all questions arising from the nomenclature used for any method, and the findings of the Committee shall be published in "The Ringing World".

Any correspondence can be addressed to "The Ringing World" or to F. T. Blagrove, 57, St. Andrew's Crescent, Windsor, Berkshire. It would assist the Secretary of the Council if any amendment could be formulated and sent to him before the meeting.

CORRECTIONS

In the peal of Lincolnshire Surprise Major at St. Margaret's, Leicester, on February 17th, David G. Massey rang the 4th and David F. Moore the 5th, not the other way round as submitted.

The peal for the Guild of Devonshire Ringers rung at Newton St. Cyres on March 1st (page 267) was rung half-muffled in memory of George S. Luxton, a ringer at this church for 53 years. The peal was not for the Exeter College Guild Branch.

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HALF PEAL

KINGSTON UPON THAMES, SURREY. — On April 6th, 2,520 Plain Bob Minor: Ann V. Salvage 1, Katharine Salvage 2, Anthea S. Bruce 3, Lesley A. Hawes 4, C. D. Collin 5, B. J. Stone (longest as cond.) 6. Longest length 2, 3, 5. For Easter Sunday Evensong.

DATE TOUCH

COMPTON DANDO, SOM.—On March 10th, 1,969 Doubles (Rev. Canterbury, Plain Bob, Grandsire): R. Perry 1, A. Swatton 2, P. Blacker 3, P. J. Devrell 4, A. J. Coombs (comp. and cond.) 5, H. J. Coombs 6. A birthday compliment to Alan and Susan Coombs.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On March 16th, 1,260 Single Oxford and Plain Bob Minor: A. J. Hobbs 1, Penny H. Cocks 2, Wendy J. Wallace 3, N. Bennett 4, I. Wiltshire 5, E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 6. For Evensong, and to celebrate the wedding of Maureen Lewis and Christopher Macve. Also on March 30th, 1,320 Annable's London and Cambridge Surprise Minor: Penny Cocks 1, Louise Powell 2, I. Wiltshire 3, Carol Rodgers 4, Wendy Wallace 5, E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 6. For Evensong, and to welcome Judith Ann, daughter of Margaret and Eric Godfrey, born March 22nd. Also on April 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Dianne Head 1, A. J. Hobbs (first "inside") 2, E. G. H. Godfrey 3, Penny Cocks 4, I. Wiltshire 5, Wendy Wallace (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

AYLESFORD, KENT.—On March 29th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Triples: Olive Tester 1, S. Taylor 2, S. Gardiner 3, M. Pring 4, P. King 5, J. Parker 6, C Tester (cond.) 7, W. Linkstead 8. Rung to welcome baby Hilary Pring, born March 20th 1969.

BABBACOMBE, DEVON.—On March 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Valerie Stephens 1, A. J. Garbett 2, W. Simmonds 3, D. J. Roberts (cond.) 4, R. J. Edden 5, W. Wayman 6, G. J. Roberts 7, J. C. Gent 8. For Confirmation service. Also on April 6th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: P. Shipp 1, A. J. Garbett 2, Valerie Stephens 3, P. A. Lock 4, G. J. Roberts 5, W Wayman 6, D. J. Roberts (cond.) 7, W. Simmonds 8. First of Major for 1. For Easter Evensong.

BENINGTON, HERTS. — On March 30th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: F. J. Robinson 1, R. T. Falder 2, B J. Harris (cond.) 3, M. M. Roden 4, A. A F. Peters 5, B. J. Woodruffe 6, G. Horritt 7, J. Leeming 8. First Treble Bob 1, 2, 5. For Evensong.

BICKINGTON, DEVON. — On March 29th, 1,260 Cambridge Surprise Minor: F. D. Mack 1, J. L. Anderson 2, P. Bill 3, J. C. Michelmore 4, J. N. Longridge 5, D. R. Bould (cond.) 6. First quarter on the bells.

BITTERNE PARK, SOUTHAMPTON.—On March 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Ann M. Calton 1, D. B. Brown 2, Vande J. Crabb (first as cond.) 3, Heather J. Hinton 4, S. R. Smith 5, Jennifer Howell 6. A birthday compliment to ringer of 6.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX. — On March 31st, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: C. H. Gillingham 1, Josephine Quilter 2, A. R. Syder 3, Jennifer Syder 4, R. J. Lindsell 5, J. Warner 6, P. G. Brown 7, A. Wiffen (cond.) 8. In thankfulness for the life of Dwight David Eisenhower, interred this day.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At St. Peter's Church, on March 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Carolyn McInnes (first Triples) 1, B. Bladon 2, R. I. Vaughan 3, Susan E. M. Davis 4, B. J. Read (cond.) 5, T. G. Williams 6, D. L. Nibbs 7, A. W. Bond 8. For Evensong.

BRAMPFORD SPEKE, DEVON.—On March 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Ware 1, W. J. Ransom 2 C. Barnes 3, R. Trickey 4, H. Ransom 5, F. S. Down 6.

CALDECOTT, RUTLAND.—On April 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Cynthia E. Barnett 1, A. C. Scholes (first "inside") 2, L. Atton 3, R. N. Scholes 4, C. J. Groome (cond.) 5. For Easter Day, also a birthday compliment to Cynthia Barnett.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL. — On March 17th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: D. Stephens (first Major) 1, H. Miles 2, Marion L. Lidgey 3, G. W. Taysom 4, Canon A. S. Roberts 5, W. R. Curtis 6, J. J. George (first Major "inside") 7, F. M. Bowers (first Major as cond.) 8. Also on March 29th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: G. H. Baldam 1, Marion L. Lidgey 2, H. Miles 3, A. Locke 4, A. J. Davidson 5, F. M. Bowers 6 T. J. Bell 7, C. G. Bryant (cond.) 8. Rung on the occasion of the baptism of Canon A. S. Roberts' grand-daughter, and as a farewell to Clive Bryant.

QUARTER PEALS

CHAPEL ALLERTON, YORKS.—On March 2nd, 1,296 Cambridge S. Minor: R. J. Snack 1, Margaret Warford 2, Jane P. Lawrence 3, C. N. Grandidge 4, Suzanne J. Withers 5, R. R. Warford (cond.) 6. Also on March 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. J. Snack (cond.) 1, L. E. T. Clark 2, G. S. Miller 3, Jane P. Lawrence 4, Suzanne J. Withers 5, C. N. Grandidge 6 For Evensong.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYS. — On March 16th, 1,296 Little Bob Major: D. Hird (first attempt) 1, Marjorie Phipps 2, Nora Carlisle 3, T. Wylie 4, D. R. Carlisle 5, P. Rose 6, J. Arkwell 7, M. P. Phipps (first in method as cond.) 8. First in method 2, 6, 7. For Mothers' Day, and as a belated wedding compliment to the conductor and Marjorie Yarnold.

CHURCHAM, GLOS.—On March 9th 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Ann Butcher 1, Mrs. Wendy Meadows 2, L. C. Meadows 3, R. A. Brewer 4, J. J. Webb (cond.) 5 J. Long 6. For Mothering Sunday.

CLAPHAM PARK, LONDON.—On March 30th, 1,280 London Surprise Major: R. J. Cooles 1, Miss J. Armstrong 2, P. J. Munday 3, N. Thomson 4, G. W. Shanks 5, R. J. Talbot 6, A. E. Bagworth 7, J. R. Pratt (cond.) 8. First "inside" in method 2, 3 and 5.

CLARE, SUFFOLK.—On Palm Sunday, 1,260 Pl. Bob Triples: Margaret Nock (first quarter) 1, S. Twitchett 2, P. Mayle 3, O. Ballard 4, J. Mayle 5, I. Ellingham (first "inside") 6, E. Gilbert 7, W. Perry 8. First in method for all the local band.

CRANBROOK, KENT.—On April 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): D. J. Beeken 1, M. A. Legg 3, R. H. Candy 4, B. N. Butler 5, R. Weeks 6, A. J. Leeves (cond.) 7, A. W. Webb 8. For Easter, and to congratulate the 8th ringer on his engagement.

CROYDON, SURREY.—At St. John's Church, on April 6th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. C. M. Foster 1, Mrs. O Collins 2, N. Steere (cond.) 3, F. E. Mitchell 4, F. Fisher 5, N. Brown 6, A. Brown 7, C. M. Foster 8 F. E. Collins 9, K. Taber 10. For Evensong, also a welcome to Richard Martin Peirce, born last month, son of Rev. Martin Peirce, curate at St. John's Church.

EALING, MIDDX. — At St. Mary's Church, on March 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jennifer Pearce 1, Dr. Sybil Aldridge (first "inside") 2, A. M. Stacey 3, M. Sprackling 4, A. H. Fulwell 5, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 6. For morning service, also in memory of Alan D. Pearce, aged 23, died March 18th.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS. — On April 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. H. J. Garlick 1, G. W. Bishop 2, H. Bishop 3, C. J. Garlick 4, L. F. Cox 5, M. Bishop (cond.) 6, J. H. Napper 7, E. G. Sawyer 8. For the first Communion of Easter.

EBRINGTON, GLOS. — On March 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Angela Newing 1, Rev. P. Newing 2, L. C. Dowdeswell 3, J. Nicholls 4, C. Povey (cond.) 5, P. Clifford 6.

EGREMONT, CUMBERLAND. — On March 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Janis Hogg (first quarter) 1, C. Gates 2, R. Wetenhall 3, D. Keeley (first quarter) 4, H. Byrom 5, B. Street (first Minor as cond.) 6. For Evensong.

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EPSOM, SURREY. — At St. Martin's Church, on March 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ann Williams (first quarter) 1, M. Elliot (first Grandsire) 2, Rosemary Astridge 3, J. Helder 4, S. Mortimore 5, J. C. Davidge 6, Jill Oakshott (cond.) 7, J. Aronson 8. Rung by the local band as a welcome to the new Vicar, Rev W. Crookes.

FILTON, GLOS. — On April 8th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Rachael Morse 1, Mary Haslum 2, A. Howard (cond.) 3, A. Blount 4, D. C. Haslum 5, Valerie Butt (first quarter) 6. For Easter.

GIGGLESWICK-IN-CRAVEN, W. YORKS. — On April 1st, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor (tenor covering): H. Walker 1, Mary W. Whalley 2, J. Whalley 3, R. H. Boverton 4, K. R. Price (cond. part) 5, W. S. Walker (cond. part) 6, D. Steele cover. Rung as a 79th birthday compliment to Mr. W. M. Silverwood, of this church, a ringer for 65 years.

GREAT ADDINGTON, NORTHANTS.—On April 4th, 1,260 Minor (four methods): Miss J. Green (first Minor) 1, Miss E. Hall 2, Miss V. Hall 3, Mrs. F. E. Crosier 4, D. J. Attley 5, F. E. Crosier (cond.) 6. First extent of Cambridge for all except conductor. Rung half-muffled on Good Friday for the children's service.

GREAT GRIMSBY, LINCS. — On March 26th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Major: G. Parker 1, Mrs. H. Kennington 2, Miss M. Pashley 3, J. Plant (first quarter) 4, F. Kennington 5, J. Willows 6, J Parker 7, A. Pashley (cond.) 8. First in method for 1, 2, 3 and 6. For Confirmation service.

GREENWICH, LONDON, S.E. — On March 30th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: A. Cuthbert 1, J. Dafters 2, H. G. Weedon 3, A. J. Corby 4, R. G. Brown 5, T N. J. Bailey (cond.) 6, N J. Pollock 7, R. A. Hunt 8. For Evensong.

GROTON, MASS, U.S.A.—At Groton School, on April 2nd, 1,260 Pl. Bob Triples: Emily Paine 1, A. McDonald 2, Martha Windrem 3, Judy Andrews 4, Janis Hensley 5, P. Chandler (cond.) 6, R. S. Dirksen 7, Marjorie Batchelor 8. First in method 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 8. Rung by members of the Groton and Whitechapel Guild bands.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—On March 30th, at Holy Trinity Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Lesley J. Smith (first on eight) 1, Jill M. May 2, J. A. Collier 3, W. Savill 4, C. A. Hopper 5, S. G. Ponting 6, D. A. R. May (cond.) 7, E. R. Warner 8. For morning service.

HATTON, WARKS.—On March 15th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: G. D. Rushton 1, N. C. Hughes 2, Pamela M. Turner 3, V. H. Nash 4, D. H. Walters 5, R. E. Tallis, jun. (cond.) 6.

HELMDON, NORTHANTS.—On March 24th, 1,260 Minor (Kent T.B., Plain): Mrs. G. Shellard 1, W. J. Chester 2, Miss J. Terrey (first quarter) 3, A. Wills 4, C. E. Truman (cond.) 5, J. G. Shellard 6. Rung for the birth of a daughter to Gillian and Anthony Wills.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On April 6th, 1,288 Little Bob Major: R. J. Foster 1, Rosamund Brown 2, S. Hare 3, W. R. Hare 4 D. C. Brown 5, R. R. Scott 6, W. Birmingham (cond.) 7, G. R. Shedden 8. For the Easter Festival.

SUTTON-IN-HOLDERNESS, E. YORKS. — On March 30th 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: I. Danby 1, Linda Sherwood 2, C. Temperton 3, T. W. Thirkell 4, Maris C. Stephenson (cond.) 5, C. R. Robinson 6. For Confirmation service.

SWANSEA, GLAM.—On April 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mary Davies (first quarter) 1, Elizabeth A. Way 2, Ann McFenton 3 Jane Moore (first quarter) 4, Gillian B. Armstrong 5, Marilyn E. Evans 6, J. T. Williams (cond.) 7, J. P. Thomas 8. Rung for evening service, with 4, 6, 8 covering.

THORLEY, HERTS.—On March 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Cheeseman 1, P. Warboys 2, D. Hutley 3, T. Camp 4, K Westwood (first as cond.) 5, A Richardson 6. For Evensong

WOKINGHAM, BERKS.—On March 30th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Miss W. Burkey 1, Miss S. Cameron 2, Mrs. C. Clarke 3, W. Burkey 4, W. Pearce 5, K. Begrie 6, R. Begrie (cond.) 7, F. Begrie 8. For Palm Sunday, the 34th wedding anniversary of the conductor and the birthday of K. Begrie.

WOODSTON, HUNTS. — On March 30th, 1,272 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: Jennifer Brighton (first T.B.) 1, L. Brighton 2, R. H. Rogers (cond.) 3, D. F. E. Hall 4, R. Brighton 5, J. M. Rofle 6. For Evensong, and as a farewell to Jennifer Brighton, leaving shortly for Vancouver, Canada, and a farewell to D. F. E. Hall, leaving for Manchester.

Letters

THREE SUGGESTIONS

Dear Sir, — It would be interesting to know if readers would subscribe to the following views:—

(a) That the unpalatable phrase "tower grabbing" be discontinued in favour of "tower visits".

(b) That reports received by the Editor after January 31st for peals rung the previous year be not published in "The Ringing World".

(c) That the present series of bell recordings broadcast on Sundays at 7.50 a.m. be replaced by material with a higher standard of striking.

Possibly subjects for discussion at a future Central Council meeting rather than time-consuming chat on the intricacies of Doubles Variations, of apparent interest to so few.—Yours faithfully,

NORMAN MALLETT.

Plymouth.

THE OLD SIX BELLS AT HAYES

Dear Sir.—As one who was privileged to take part in the last ringing (for Evensong on March 23rd) on the old six bells at Hayes, Middlesex, I enjoyed reading Mr. Russ's article, but would like to correct his details of the bells, which should be as follows:—

Treble and 2nd recast (not added) by Warner in 1890 (not 1901).

3rd, 4th and tenor cast by T. Mears I in 1798 and 5th in 1793 (not all in 1795).

The bells did indeed go remarkably well, but this is not so surprising considering that the frame dated only from 1890 and that the gudgeons, bearings, etc., were renewed as recently as 1912. It is good to know that some of the fittings are to be reused elsewhere but a little sad, to my mind, to think that these bells are to be replaced by yet another high-pitched ring of eight, rather than by a ring of six of similar weight, for which the tower would, in fact, have ample room and strength. However, I say this without wishing to detract in any way from all the good work being carried out in the tower by the Venn family and helpers.—Yours faithfully.

CHRISTOPHER DALTON.

Leigh, Reigate.

MORE DOUBLES POINTS

Dear Sir, — In the Appendix to C.C. Doubles Collection on page 260 "Stithians" and "Earl's Court" are misspelt. The latter error is perpetrated from page 171, where the peal which first included these variations was published.

I should like to point out that it is not possible for a Baron's Court single to leave the observation bell unaffected in Grandsire, Antelope, Newark or Woolaton. Hence all variations of these methods using this call are false, except for Baron's Court itself. And, incidentally, in Stithians, Gwendroc, Earl's Court and Denmark Hill the singles may affect the observation bell.

Also, concerning the variation Denmark Hill, if the single is made in a lead which also has a bob at the end of it, the resulting lead is one of Uffington.—Yours faithfully,

ANTHONY P. SMITH.

Lelant, Cornwall.

OBITUARY

MR. JOHN WILLIAM ROBSON

Although Bill Robson would not be widely known as a ringer, he had been a regular member of the band at Chester-le-Street for over 20 years. He had learnt to ring call-changes in Durham before the war but, living in Chester-le-Street when the ban on ringing was lifted, he was persuaded to join the local band. Although almost 40 he took up change-ringing and progressed as far as Stedman and rang nine peals.

He had not been ringing for the last year or two but it was hoped that when his commitments were reduced on his retirement he would resume active membership. Unfortunately this was not to be, for he died suddenly on April 8th at the age of 64, within a month of retirement from his position as the local inspector for the Durham County Water Board.

Bill will be remembered for his cheerful disposition and his ready sense of humour. His fellow-ringers remembered him as they rang the bells half-muffled while he made the short journey just along the street to Chester-le-Street Parish Church for the last time for his funeral on April 11th. The service was conducted by the Rev. M. J. Bennett and preceded cremation at Birtley.

Bill leaves a widow and two daughters, and our deepest sympathy is expressed to them in their sudden loss. D. A. B.

MR. S. O. KINGCOTT

The sympathy of ringers from a very wide circle will be extended to Mr. W. H. Kingcott and his wife and family by the passing of his father, Mr. Sidney Oliver Kingcott, of Wrington, on Easter Day. While not a practising ringer, Mr. Kingcott took a deep interest in the Exercise and had hosts of friends.

On the day of his funeral (April 10th) 1,259 Grandsire Caters was rung with the bells of All Saints' Church, Wrington, half-muffled to his memory. The band was Doreen Board 1, P. Anne Kingcott (granddaughter) 2, H. H. Yeates 3, M. Collins 4, W. H. Kingcott (son) 5, Ruth R. Ball 6, H. F. Brown 7, W. M. Ball 8, Rev. R. O. Fry (cond.) 9, M. Board 10.

MR. ALBERT J. MILLS

An Appreciation

Albert Mills commenced his ringing career at All Saints' Church, West Bromwich, prior to 1896, for records show that he was elected a member of the belfry on November 17th, 1896. He rang his first peal, Holt's Original Grandsire Triples, in 1903 and conducted his first peal in 1909. Of the 22 peals that he rang in his home tower he conducted ten. These included Grandsire, Union and Stedman Triples and Plain Bob Major.

He was elected captain of the belfry in 1907, a position he held until 1967, when ill-health forced him to give up ringing. He retained a lively interest in the activities of the belfry and was an avid reader of "The Ringing World" up to the time of his death. He had a keen interest in composing touches and quarter peals, thus bringing stimulus into the belfry. He encouraged learners assiduously but met with many disappointments, as is often the way in belfries.

Albert died on March 21st in his 90th year and was buried quite near to the tower that he loved so much. A number of ringers representing various towers in the district were present at the funeral service. The Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford was represented by the hon. secretary, Mr. Clive Smith. The bells were rung open, at Albert's express wish, immediately following the service.

On the following Sunday a quarter peal, comprising 1,264 Plain Bob Major, was rung in his memory by S. Yates 1, Christine Turner 2, H. Howell 3, J. R. Cotterill 4, E. J. Dolman 5, D. Bates 6, L. Monk 7, M. Turner (cond.) 8. J. R. C.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Isleham, Cambs, bells have been rehung with the addition of a new treble bell which will be dedicated at Matins on May 11th at 11 a.m. Ringing after the service.

Two of our leading lady peal ringers have had their first child—Susan Rothera on April 13th and Maryl Fielden on April 14th. Our best wishes.

The band that rang the peal of Brentford Bob Minor at Hemington, Somerset, on March 22nd, wish to thank the Rev. A. and Mrs. Durston for their kindness after the peal.

The Sussex County Association dinner will be held at the King Alfred, Kingsway, Hove, on October 18th. The dinner will be followed by speeches, handbell ringing and possibly a film show.

A ton of bird droppings has been removed from South Hanningfield, Essex, Church. According to a press report the bell "sounds a lot better and can ring merrily away". Presumably before it gave off a muffled ugh!

The death of Mr. Isaac Wain Smith, of Fairfield, Buxton, in Warwick Hospital on March 23rd, in his 80th year, is regretted by many friends. He completed 50 years' service at St. Peter's, Fairfield, retiring on account of ill-health.

The South Wales Branch of the Ladies' Guild, which has a paid-up membership of 65, has elected Mrs. Beryl Porter, of Mitcheldean, as vice-president.

Mr. M. C. Faulkes, writing from Kingston, Ontario, asks regarding leading peal ringers whether publication should not be limited to those who have rung 50 or more peals during the year.

Two new members — Mr. W. Hewitt (Kirkby) and Mr. S. Bestwick (Greasley)—were elected at the meeting of the Mansfield District of the Southwell Diocesan Guild at Greasley on March 22nd. The District round of the Crawford cup will be held at Selston on May 17th.

Sixty ringers attended the spring festival of Penzance Branch of the Truro Diocesan Guild at Paul on April 12th. The Vicar of Newlyn (Rev. H. E. Hosking) conducted the service; the ladies are thanked for their very fine tea, and ringing also took place at Madron and Sennen.

Mr. "Bill" Jackson and his family were welcomed to Toronto by a handbell peal of Plain Bob Major on April 9th. The weekly handbell practices here now cover several different major and triple methods and two quarters of Kent T.B. Major have been rung recently.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

HAMPSHIRE'S UNIQUE TOWER

Situated in the middle of the Duke of Wellington's estate is the domed church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, Stratfieldsaye, and in the dome there an interesting ring of five bells.

In 1958 these bells attracted an élite band from the London area to ring the first peal there, and the following year an Oxford Guild band scored a peal. Despite the modernisation of the wooden catwalk and electrical installation, the moving of the beams in the belfry is such that ringers can feel the floor moving beneath them whilst ringing.

It was this added interest at Stratfieldsaye that induced five enthusiasts to repeat the performance of the band from London 11 years later and rang peals on two fives, the other being at Silchester, famous for its Roman ruins. Silchester bells were easy going but Stratfieldsaye's are men's bells; nevertheless a good peal was rung.

G. K. D.

COUPLE WAIT 25 YEARS TO HEAR BELLS

Because of wartime regulations, no bells were rung for the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. E. Ross. Their patience was rewarded when two quarter peals were rung at St. Andrew's Church, Old Headington, Oxford, in their honour on Easter Day. Their son, Ian, took part in both quarters. Mr. and Mrs. Ross celebrated their anniversary by going on a Mediterranean cruise in November of last year.

Details of the quarters:— 1,260 Doubles (three methods): J. Overbuary 1, L. Porter 2, Linda Cozier 3, T. Smith 4, I. Ross 5, J. Sear 6. Conducted by 3 and 5. Also 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Overbuary 1, B. Morton 2, Christine Birks 3, Linda Cozier 4, I. Ross 5, T. Smith 6. Extents conducted alternately by 3, 4 and 5.

CROSSWORD No. 13

The first correct solution to Crossword No. 13 opened was submitted by Mrs. Celia D'Aeth, of 1, Grosvenor Place, Birkdale, Southport, Lancs, who is awarded the prize of 10/-. The solution is:—

Across.—1 Westminster, 10 Amend, 11 Rain-gauge, 12 Responses, 13 Local, 14 Course, 16 Wet sheet, 18 Codicils, 20 Parsee, 23 Nurse, 24 Announced, 26 Overheads, 27 Tarry, 28 Omit one call.

Down.—2 Evens, 3 Tedious, 4 Inrush, 5 Spinster, 6 Engulfs, 7 Patrick Cannon, 8 Butchers, 9 Red letter days, 15 Underfed, 17 Pleasant, 19 Chesham, 21 Aquatic, 22 Unison, 25 Coral.

CHURCH TO SELL ANCIENT BELLS

Swillington, near Leeds, has three bells—two cast in 1656 and the other in 1732. They are being offered for sale because they cannot be rung there in safety.

According to the Vicar (Rev. John Langdon) the bells have not been rung for 15 years. Money raised from their sale would be used to restore the church.

NEW SECRETARY OF KENT C.A.

MR. ALAN P. S. BERRY

Elected to succeed Mr. P. A. Corby as general secretary of the Kent County Association on Easter Monday was Mr. Alan P. S. Berry, of Folkestone, who is 32 years of age. He is the first Ashford District member to hold this important office since the first general secretary, the Rev. R. B. Knatchbull-Hugesson, of Mersham, who served from 1880–1889.

Folkestone is his home tower. Here he learned to ring and became a member of the K.C.A. on October 6th, 1955. Since 1963 he has been captain. Alan was early in office for the Ashford District. First he was a District representative from October, 1957, to October, 1964; then Ringing Master from 1963–1965, and in 1966 he became District secretary. His experience gained in this District, the largest in the county, with 261 resident members and 37 towers in union, will be invaluable to him in his new office.

So far Alan has only rung about seven peals. He was made a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths on October 14th, 1961.

GAS CONVERSIONS

Commenting on the Gas Council's leaflet on "Church Heating by Gas", the "Sunday Times" states: "Obviously installation calls for imagination and special skill. A gas flue up the pulpit would be highly disagreeable. But you might find it hidden down the centre of a spiral staircase."

Comments a correspondent: "Ringers should watch how they handle any new handrail that appears on their spiral staircase. They might develop blisters even before they start to ring!"

PHILIP JEWELL'S TOUR

It was a misty but bright day when our coachload of East Beds ringers set out on March 8th for a "grab" in East Anglia. The first tower visited was St. Margaret's, Lowestoft, where a variety of methods was rung. At St. Nicholas', Great Yarmouth, the 12 bells were rung expertly, under the capable direction of Mr. Philip Mehew. Plain Bob Royal being rung on the back ten.

Winterton offered a lofty, airy tower with an airy six, which went well to methods ranging from rounds to Spliced Plain Bob. Catfield bells were so quiet inside that many of us went outside to see if we had come to a tower with bells. We had, and Winchendon Place was among the many methods rung.

The heavy five at Ludham offered a challenge to those brave enough to step on to the swaying tenor box. Coltishall was next and tea was taken at Wroxham. The day reached its climax when the bells of St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, were set in motion, and again Plain Bob Royal and rounds were much appreciated. Our thanks go to tower captains and incumbents of the churches visited, and especially to Mr. Philip Jewell who worked so hard to arrange the tour.

T. G.

JOINT BAND FOR AUSTRALIAN WEDDING

A wedding at St. Mark's Church, Darling Point, Sydney, N.S.W., between Mark Sutherland Harris, whose family lives at Shere, Surrey, and Miss Janis Hence, of Kingswood, was commemorated by a quarter peal being rung at Shere Parish Church at the same local time. The band was composed of four ringers from Shere and four from Kingswood. Relatives of both families were at Shere to hear the bells and afterwards the ringers were entertained to a glass of champagne in celebration.

MARLBOROUGH NOW EIGHT BELLS

On April 10th two new trebles were dedicated at St. Mary's Church, Marlborough, providing a ring of eight, the celemony being performed by the Rector, the Rev. Jeremy Walsh. Metal from the eight bells removed from SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Marlborough, has been used to cast the new trebles and the tenor has been retuned, the work being carried out at the Whitechapel Foundry. The new bells have been named Peter and Paul after the church from where the metal came, thus perpetuating the link now that the two parishes have been combined.

A joint meeting with the Calne Branch took place at Marlborough on April 19th and on the following day the Rev. Roger Keeley returned to preach at the family Communion. It was due to Roger's initiative that the augmentation has been successfully accomplished.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

NUNBURNHOLME, East Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. James. On Sat., March 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being extents of London S., Double Oxford Bob, Cambridge S., Beverley S., Beverley and Surfleet S., St. Clement's Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in F sharp.

Elizabeth Ewan	Treble	Richard D. Gibson	4
Delphine E. L. Sherriff	2	Michael Maughan	5
Peter Church	3	Robert W. Sherriff	Tenor

Conducted by Michael Maughan.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

MONK'S KIRBY, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Edith. On Sat., March 29, 1969, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In eight methods, containing 736 Superlative, 704 each London and Rutland, 608 each Cambridge, Lincolnshire and Pudsey, 576 Bristol and 544 Yorkshire, with 120 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in D.

Clare F. Dolphin	Treble	Geoffrey Pratt	5
L. Michael Callow	2	Ian D. Thompson	6
Geoffrey W. Randall	3	Ernest J. Gower	7
Peter C. Randall	4	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed by Noel J. Diserens. Conducted by Peter Border.

LAPWORTH, Warwicks.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin. On Sat., Feb. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

*Graham D. Rushton	Treble	Richard G. Morris	4
Pamela M. Turner	2	Derek H. Walters	5
Victor H. Nash	3	Roger E. Tallis	Tenor

Conducted by Roger E. Tallis.

* First peal.

Rung to welcome Nicola Jane, born January 21st, 1969, daughter of Christine and Roger Tallis. Tenor 12 cwt.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

STANTON-BY-DALE, Derbys.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels. On Tues., Feb. 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In 16 methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge and Primrose, (2) Beverley, Berwick, Surfleet and Hexham, (3) Carlisle, Chester and Munden, (4) Alnwick and Newcastle, (5) York and Durham, (6) London and Wells, (7) Norwich. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr.

Jennifer Brackenbury	Treble	John Moore	4
Norah Carlisle	2	John V. Chadwick	5
Joyce Chadwick	3	Denis R. Carlisle	Tenor

Conducted by Denis R. Carlisle and John V. Chadwick.

Most methods by all the band.

WEST HALLAM, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid. On Sat., March 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, viz.: (1) London, (2) Wells, (3) York, (4) Durham, (5) Cambridge, (6) Beverley, (7) Surfleet. Tenor 9 cwt.

David W. Camm	Treble	*Robert J. Tanner	4
*George Futers	2	Denis R. Carlisle	5
Norah Carlisle	3	John V. Chadwick	Tenor

Conducted by John V. Chadwick.

* First peal of Surprise Minor.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NORTON, Glos.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin. On Sat., March 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 11 methods, comprising 768 each of London and Watford, 576 each of Cambridge and Yorkshire, 448 of Bristol, 384 each of Glasgow, Lincolnshire, Pudsey and Superlative and 192 each of Ashtead and Belfast, with 142 changes of method.

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in F sharp.

Ivor Goulier	Treble	Peter Bridle	5
Elisabeth A. G. Bowden	2	Richard J. Danby	6
Diane W. Bridle	3	Anthony R. Peake	7
Maurice A. New	4	Lewis F. Cobb	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.

50th peal of Spliced Surprise Major as conductor.

RUARDEAN, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. John. On Sat., March 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Hubbard's five-part. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in F.

Valerie Willard	Treble	*Peter J. Rowe	5
Margery A. Wratten	2	*Leonard C. Edwards	6
*Peter Clarkson	3	*Patrick H. Allen	7
Cyril A. Wratten	4	*Peter C. Gould	Tenor

Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.

* First peal of Triples in the method.

Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. W. Beard, a life member of the Gloucester and Bristol Association and a ringer at Ruardean for over 60 years, who died on March 20th, 1969, aged 85.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ESHER, Surrey.—At Christ Church. On Sat., March 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 7¼ cwt.

*Anne E. Anthony	Treble	†Jeffrey P. Ladd	5
†Catherine A. Elliott	2	Alan D. Flood	6
†Jeffery J. Bailey	3	John F. M. Maybrey	7
David E. Parsons	4	Christopher D. J. Webb	Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Christopher D. J. Webb.

* First peal of Major. † First of Double Norwich. First in the method as conductor.

WONERSH, Surrey.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist. On Sat., March 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In eight methods, comprising 768 each of London and Rutland, 640 of Bristol and 576 each of Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 142 changes of method.

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in G.

Donald N. Jennings	Treble	Stanley G. Ponting	5
Beryl R. Simpson	2	†W. John Couperthwaite	6
*Alan D. Elsmore	3	Michael J. Church	7
*Rowan S. Bradley	4	Tom Page	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Michael J. Church.

* First peal of spliced. † First of 8-spliced. First of spliced as conductor. First of spliced on the bells.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

KING'S LANGLEY, Herts.—At the Church of All Saints. On Sat., March 1, 1969, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

A PEAL OF 5184 SINGLE OXFORD MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb.

*Brian M. Barker	Treble	*Robert J. Picton	5
*Elizabeth M. Emmett	2	*Peter W. Harper	6
Augustin V. Good	3	*Keith D. Waples	7
*D. Joseph Goodman	4	*Francis M. Byrne	Tenor

Conducted by Brian M. Barker.

* First peal in the method.

NORTON, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas. On Sat., March 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 lb.

*Susan Farnes	Treble	*Anthony R. Carter	5
Kenneth J. Darvill	2	*Brian J. Woodruffe	6
*Roger D. R. Brown	3	Peter T. Dale	7
Eric Edmondson	4	Thomas J. Lock	Tenor

Composed by W. Barton. Conducted by Kenneth J. Darvill.

* First peal in the method.

ST. PAUL'S WALDEN, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of All Saints. On Sat., March 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In ten methods: (1) Chester, (2) Munden, (3) London and Wells, (4) York and Durham, (5) Beverley and Surfleet, (6) Cambridge, (7) Norwich, with 31 changes of method. Tenor 11¼ cwt. in F.

Anthony R. Carter	Treble	Robert E. Hardy	4
*Katharine S. Hardy	2	Gerald Penney	5
Andrew W. R. Wilby	3	Brian J. Woodruffe	Tenor

Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

* First peal in ten methods.

Rung for the induction, on March 27th, 1969, of the Rev. T. D. Lewis Lloyd as Vicar of this parish.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CITY OF LONDON.—At the Church of St. Giles, Cripplegate. On Fri., March 21, 1969, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 34 cwt. 6 lb. in F sharp.

Alan F. Scholfield	Treble	Andrew W. R. Wilby	7
Richard Hayes	2	Michael J. Uphill	8
Judith M. Corby	3	James L. Towler	9
Richard A. Hunt	4	Philip J. Rothera	10
Kenneth J. Hesketh	5	Trevor N. J. Bailey	11
David E. Rothera	6	Andrew J. Corby	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Andrew J. Corby.

SEVENOAKS, Kent.—At the Church of St. Nicholas. On Sun., March 23, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in F.

Lucile M. Corby	Treble	Judith M. Corby	5
Andrew J. Corby	2	Doris E. Colgate	6
Richard V. Fuller	3	Richard Hayes	7
*Nicholas C. V. Pollock	4	Philip A. Corby	Tenor

Composed by Frederick Dench. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.

* First peal in the method.

Rung in honour of the 100th birthday of Mr. Alfred Collins.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HORSMONDEN, Kent.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Sat., March 29, 1969, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Thurstans' four-part reversed. Tenor 19 cwt. 27 lb. in E flat.

Herbert E. Audsley	Treble	Ernest J. Ladd	5
Maxwell F. Oakshett	2	Robert T. Lambert	6
Reginald E. Lambert	3	John W. Smith	7
Philip J. Simmonds	4	Michael H. O'Callaghan	Tenor

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by John W. Smith.

First peal of Stedman on the bells.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. M. C. Apps.

MILTON REGIS, Kent.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., March 22, 1969, in 2 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in G.

*Christopher Munday	Treble	Michael H. O'Callaghan	4
Harold Evans	2	Richard Hayes	5
Peter D. J. Beal	3	Tony Lewis	Tenor

Conducted by Richard Hayes.

* First peal.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WORSLEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mark.
On Fri., Jan. 3, 1969, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 7 lb. in D.

Edward Jenkins	Treble	Christine Andrew	5
*Andrew Riley	2	Geoffrey Gardner	6
†Neil T. E. Burnett	3	Michael D. Fishwick	7
Michael J. Platt	4	J. Barry Pickup	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Christine Andrew.

* First peal of Surprise. † 25th for the Association.

WALKDEN, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Paul.
On Sun., March 23, 1969, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Thomas W. Smith	Treble	David Bennett	5
Roy Jolley	2	David Makin-Taylor	6
James Cunliffe	3	James E. Andrews	7
Abert Greenhalgh	4	A. John Illingworth	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by A. John Illingworth.

First peal as conductor.

Rung as a belated welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. Mr. Haworth, and also as a wedding compliment to Mr. A. Booth, son of the present curate, to Miss M. Hadcroft, who were married at this church the previous day. Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in E.

RADCLIFFE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., March 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 11 methods, being 576 Cambridge, Yorkshire, Pudsey, Superlative, 448 Bristol, 384 Ashtead, Cassiobury, Lincolnshire, London, Rutland, Uxbridge, with 124 changes of method. Tenor 15 cwt.

John Illingworth	Treble	Bernard Moss	5
John P. Partington	2	Brian A. Tomlinson	6
James E. Andrews	3	Roger Barnes	7
Geoffrey Fothergill	4	Cyril Crossthwaite	Tenor

Composed by N. Smith. Conducted by Cyril Crossthwaite.

OLDHAM, Lancs.—At the Church of St. Thomas, Moorside.
On Sun., March 30, 1969, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5056 BLUE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in F sharp.

David W. Howarth	Treble	*R. Gavin Haigh	5
Michael H. Tompsett	2	Wyn Pugh	6
Keith P. Tompsett	3	Michael J. Platt	7
John P. Partington	4	Richard S. Starkie	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Michael J. Platt.

* First peal.

Rung as a compliment to Jean and Gavin Haigh to mark the birth of their first child, Richard Adam.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LEICESTER.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Sat., March 22, 1969, in 3 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5234 EALING SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 32 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in C sharp.

B. Stedman Payne	Treble	Martin Green	7
J. Edward Cawser	2	Philip A. Mason	8
Monica M. Jelley	3	David F. Moore	9
John Bramley	4	John E. Cook	10
Rupert A. Clarke	5	Roland H. Cook	11
W. Ernest Rawson	6	John M. Jelley	Tenor

Conducted by John M. Jelley.

First peal of Maximus in the method.

Rung as a compliment to Malcolm E. Wade and Janet P. Williams, whose wedding took place at this church earlier in the day.

EALING SURPRISE MAXIMUS
—5T—14—56—36—14—5T—14—5T—14—5T—14—5T. I.h. 12.

LEICESTER.—At the Church of St. Martin.
On Mon., March 24, 1969, in 3 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

Mrs. P. J. Staniforth	Treble	Jack P. Kesterton	7
Herrick B. Bowley	2	Murray A. Coleman	8
John Harrold	3	Rupert A. Clarke	9
Alfred Ballard	4	E. Edward Harrold	10
J. Edward Cawser	5	E. Alan Jacques	11
David F. Moore	6	B. Stedman Payne	Tenor

Composed by F. H. Dexter. Conducted by Mrs. P. J. Staniforth.

Rung half-muffled as a tribute for the life and work of J. Frederick Milner, who died suddenly on March 11th, 1969.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Thurs., March 20, 1969, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6 cwt 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

Ronald H. Cook	Treble	Martin Green	6
W. Ernest Rawson	2	R. Brian Mills	7
Christine L. J. Mills	3	K. Paul Gilliver	8
Robin A. Gilliver	4	G. Ronald Edwards	9
David F. Moore	5	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe, (87's.) Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason

EARL SHILTON, Leics.—At the Church of SS. Simon and Jude.
On Sat., March 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in G.

David F. Moore	Treble	Robin A. Gilliver	5
Brian L. Burrows	2	Christopher M. Sturgess	6
Martin Green	3	K. Paul Gilliver	7
Tony Natt	4	Roland H. Cook	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Ketteringham. Conducted by Roland H. Cook.

SWITHLAND, Leics.—At the Church of St. Leonard.
On Thurs., March 27, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

Richard A. Cobley	Treble	*Richard J. Welch	4
John E. Harrold	2	N. Roderick Ellway	5
Maurice R. A. Kirk	3	Rupert A. Clarke	Tenor

Conducted by Rupert A. Clarke.

* First peal.

Rung with the best wishes of the band for the wedding of the ringer of the 5th and Miss Rosemary Muddiner on March 29th at Countesthorpe.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

DUNSTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., March 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being seven extents each of Rev. St. Bartholomew and April Day and 14 each of Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt. 8 lb.

Frederick W. Pinchbeck	Treble	Thomas A. Relf	3
Bryan Ward	2	Brian Buttery	4

James H. Musson .. .. Tenor

Conducted by James H. Musson.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BLAENAVON, Monmouthshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Fri., March 28, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. in A.

Tudor P. Edwards	Treble	*Paul A. Williams	5
Donald G. Clift	2	*†Nicholas W. H. Simon	6
*Michael R. Meadows	3	*David S. Bishop	7
Alexander E. Marsh	4	Peter S. Bennett	Tenor

Composed by F. Dench. Conducted by Nicholas W. H. Simon.

* First peal of London Surprise Major. † 200th peal. First of London Major by a band resident in South Wales.

MARSHFIELD, Monmouthshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., March 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. in A.

Donald G. Clift	Treble	*Christopher Ricketts	5
*Michael R. Meadows	2	*James Clatworthy	6
Tudor P. Edwards	3	*Paul A. Williams	7
†Nicholas W. H. Simon	4	*†David J. Llewellyn	Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

* First peal of Pudsey Surprise Major. † 75th peal together.

CADOXTON, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Catwg.
On Sat., March 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob.

Edmund J. Morris	Treble	*Alwyn R. Lewis	4
Susan Harber	2	†Gwyn I. Lewis	5
Laurence C. Hanney	3	Ellis N. Thomas	Tenor

Conducted by Gwyn I. Lewis.

* 25th peal for the Association. † 100th peal as conductor for the Association. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in B.

NASH, Monmouthshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., March 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 26 methods: (1) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley T.B., (2) London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Sandal and Capel T.B., (3) College Bob IV, Willesden, Old Oxford and Newdigate Delight, (4) St. Albans, Wragby, Neasden and Charlwood Delight, (5) St. Clement's, Childwall, Buxton, Double Oxford, Pinehurst and Thelwall Bob, (6) Plain, Double and Single Oxford Bob, (7) Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 7 cwt. in A.

M. Jack Pryor	Treble	Christopher Ricketts	4
Michael R. Meadows	2	Paul A. Williams	5
Stephen Fenwick	3	Peter S. Bennett	Tenor

Conducted by Peter S. Bennett.

The greatest number of Minor methods rung in a peal on the bells, in the county, by the Association and by all the band except the conductor.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
STAINES, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., March 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. in E.

*Christopher R. Harris	Treble	Rev. Michael Hart	5
Robert Bunker	2	Laurence C. Way	6
Robin J. Collis	3	Alan E. Bagworth	7
Richard L. Jones	4	Michael J. Uphill	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Michael J. Uphill.
* First peal of Treble Bob.

HARMONDSWORTH, Middx.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., March 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Seven extents. Tenor 16 cwt. in F sharp.

Geoffrey D. Armitage	Treble	Richard L. Jones	4
Robin J. Collis	2	Laurence C. Way	5
Malcolm S. Loveday	3	Michael J. Uphill	Tenor

Conducted by Michael J. Uphill.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
RAVENINGHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sun., March 9, 1969, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In eight methods, being five extents each of Stedman, Grandsire, Rev. Canterbury, St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place, St. Simon, eight extents of St. Martin and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

Ann Corney	Treble	Thomas J. Brock	3
Norman P. J. Cossey	2	J. Barry Pickup	4

Michael J. Parker .. .. Tenor
Conducted by Michael J. Parker.

Rung to celebrate the birth of a son, Duncan William, to Joan and Gilbert Larter, of Happisburgh.

NORTON SUBCOURSE, Norfolk.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Margaret.
On Sun., March 23, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Beverley Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Double Court St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in G.

Frederick C. Gunton	Treble	J. Barry Pickup	4
Michael J. Howes	2	Michael J. Parker	5
Norman P. J. Cossey	3	H. William Barrett	Tenor

Conducted by J. Barry Pickup.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
READING, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Laurence.
On Sun., March 9, 1969, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
360-course block reduced. Tenor 23 cwt. 20 lb. in D.

Laura M. Grindrod	Treble	Frank C. Lewis	5
Graham J. N. Colborne	2	Robert H. Newton	6
Ron E. Stillwell	3	James M. Hills	7
John S. Hopwood	4	Christopher I. Rowson	Tenor

Conducted by Christopher I. Rowson.

HUGHENDEN, Bucks.—At the Church of St. Michael & All Angels.
On Sat., March 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's transposition. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in F.

Roland Biggs	Treble	Percy Newton	5
A. Reginald Blaby	2	David A. Cornwall	6
Arthur Newton	3	Robert H. Newton	7
*Edward H Langley	4	*Arthur W. Payne	Tenor

Conducted by Robert H. Newton.

* First attempt for a peal in the method. First in the method as conductor. 375th peal on the bells.

WALLINGFORD, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary-le-More.
On Sat., March 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's transposition. Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

Andrew R. D. Cope	Treble	James P. Blond	5
Frank E. Godden	2	Jack O. Berry	6
Angela M. Ayres	3	Robert A. Partridge	7
P. Gerald McIlhone	4	Paul J. Dye	Tenor

Conducted by Robert A. Partridge.

Jack Berry, tower captain, has now "circled the tower" to peals and is the first person to do so.

Rung on the eve of the patronal festival and as a farewell to the Rev. C. G Hester.

CHURCH HARBOROUGH, Oxon.— At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., March 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 15½ cwt.

*Stewart J. M. Abbott	Treble	Edward D. Patching	4
Susan M. Holden	2	Richard J. Tibbetts	5
T. Geoffrey Holden	3	Peter G. Holden	Tenor

Conducted by Peter G. Holden.

* First peal.

Rung as a farewell to Hilary Osborne, ringer at this church, on her departure to Canada to be married

EASTHAMPSTEAD, Berks.—At the Church of SS. Michael and Mary Magdalene.
On Sat., March 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 9 lb. in C.

*Susan E. Rance	Treble	Frank C. Price	4
Joan A. Rance	2	Arthur J. N. Rance	5
*Graham N. Scott	3	Stanley G. Scott	Tenor

Conducted by Stanley G. Scott.

* First peal at first attempt. First as conductor.

Rung as a 70th birthday compliment to Mrs. Dorothy Tanner, tower treasurer.

MARSTON, Oxford.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., March 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In two methods and seven variations, being 240 Plain Bob, 240 Kennington, 960 Grandsire and 600 each of St. Quintin, Daffodil, Ladbroke, St. Valentine, Ray and Jacobstowe. Tenor 5 cwt. in C.

*Harold W. Dunsden	Treble	Roy H. Jones	3
Alec Gammon	2	†C. Richard Miles	4

Leonard R. Porter .. .. Tenor
Conducted by Leonard R. Porter.

* First peal on five bells. † Greatest number "inside."

Rung as a compliment to the Rev. Paul N Rimmer on becoming Rural Dean of Cowley

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THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD
EASTON NESTON, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., March 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 THORVERTON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. in G.

Walter G. Knight	Treble	William Birmingham	5
Christopher C. Clarke	2	Ronald K. Russ	6
Alan R. Pink	3	Barry J. Davies	7
Michael Hatchett	4	George W. Holland	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Alan R Pink.

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

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THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
ISHAM, Northants.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Thurs., March 20, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Double Oxford, Oxford T.B. and Cambridge Surprise, and two extents each of Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. in G.

Mollie E. Care	Treble	Raymond Henman	4
*Mary R. Coleman	2	Barry R. Care	5
David J. Morgan	3	Murray A. Coleman	Tenor

Conducted by Barry R. Care.
* First peal in five methods.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Canon G. S. J. Downes, formerly Rector of Isham.

WINSFORD, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Mon., March 24, 1969, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In the following seven extents: Beverley S., Surfleet S., Cambridge S., Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 3 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in E flat.

Alfred Waller	Treble	Stephen B. Bell	4
Raymond H. Daw	2	Roy W. Spencer	5
Barry R. Care	3	J. Malcolm Tyler	Tenor

Conducted by J. Malcolm Tyler.
First peal as conductor.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Ven. Norman E. Millard, Archdeacon Emeritus of the Diocese, who died on March 7th, 1969.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip
On Thurs., March 13, 1969, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDINIUM SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

John N. Lindon	Treble	David J. Purnell	7
J. Alan Ainsworth	2	Terry R. Hampton	8
John R. Insley	3	*James W. Belshaw	9
Roderick W. Pipe	4	George E. Fearn	10
Maurice F. Edwards	5	Clifford A. Barron	11
James Insley	6	Peter Border	Tenor

Arranged by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Peter Border.
* 100th peal for the Guild.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.
On Thurs., March 20, 1969, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

John N. Lindon	Treble	Terry R. Hampton	6
James W. Belshaw	2	Roderick W. Pipe	7
Maurice F. Edwards	3	George E. Fearn	8
J. Alan Ainsworth	4	Richard A. G. Inglis	9
Clifford A. Barron	5	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed by Peter Border. Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

MALVERN LINK, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Matthias.
On Sat., March 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr 3 lb. in F sharp.

James W. Belshaw	Treble	Roderick W. Pipe	5
Maurice F. Edwards	2	George E. Fearn	6
Stephen W. Barton	3	J. Alan Ainsworth	7
Terry R. Hampton	4	Clifford A. Barron	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
LITTON CHENEY, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., March 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in F.

William T. Perrins	Treble	†David Wilson	5
*Jean Dale	2	‡Ross G. W. Robertson	6
Mary E. Elmes	3	Timothy F. Collins	7
Katharine J. Maundrell	4	Graham W. Elmes	Tenor

Composed by Charles Middleton. Conducted by Timothy F. Collins.
* First peal of Surprise. † First of Cambridge Surprise. ‡ First of Major in the method. First of Major in the method as conductor.

MILBORNE ST. ANDREW, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., March 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 BEVERLEY SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

Katharine J. Maundrell	Treble	David Wilson	4
Mary E. Elmes	2	Ross G. W. Robertson	5
Graham W. Elmes	3	*Timothy F. Collins	Tenor

Conducted by Timothy F. Collins.
* 25th peal of Surprise and 25th peal as conductor. First in the method by all the band. First of Minor on the bells.

THE SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.
HOLME PIERREPONT, Notts.—At the Church of St. Edmund.
On Wed., March 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in eight methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Kent T.B., (3) Oxford T.B., (4) Oxford Bob, (5) Plain Bob, (6) St. Clement's, Buxton and Childwall, (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. in F.

*John R. Rigby	Treble	†Peter J. Kingscote	4
Susanna Poppleston	2	George A. Dawson	5
Elizabeth J. Foster	3	Simon Humphrey	Tenor

Conducted by George A. Dawson.
* First peal on a working bell. † First of Minor.
Rung as an engagement compliment to the ringers of the 2nd and 4th bells.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
BABWORTH, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., March 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven extents in eleven methods: (1) Ockley, Norbury, College Exercise and Duke of Norfolk T.B., (2) Capel and Oxford T.B., (3) Kingston T.B., (4) Sandal T.B., (5) London Scholars' Pleasure T.B., (6) Kent T.B., (7) Cambridge Surprise.
Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr 14 lb. in A flat.

*Christine M. Wright	Treble	John A. Coates	4
*Philip Rogers	2	*Paul N. Mounsey	5
†Harry Poyner	3	*David W. Jack	Tenor

Conducted by Paul N. Mounsey.
* Most methods to a peal. † 400th peal.

LEADENHAM, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Swithin.
On Sat., March 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
In seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 9 lb. in F.

Frederick G. Hooper	Treble	Philip C. Pitchford	4
Frederick Derry	2	Derek J. Tysoe	5
Derick E. Kirton	3	Colin W. Reed	Tenor

Conducted by Colin W. Reed.
Rung as a tribute to J. F. Milner, who conducted the treble ringer's first peal in 1930.

BABWORTH, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Wed., April 2, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in A flat.

Harold Archer	Treble	Paul N. Mounsey	4
Harold Denman	2	Stephen W. Knights	5
Bryan Birkett	3	Philip Rogers	Tenor

Conducted by Philip Rogers.
Rung as a tribute to Dwight D. Eisenhower, laid to rest this day.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
WEDNESBURY, Staffs.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.
On Sat., March 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE ROYAL
Wakefield version. Tenor 24 cwt. 18 lb. in E flat.

E. Alan Jacques	Treble	*J. Edward Cawser	6
Beryl E. Cawser	2	Alan A. Paul	7
W. Eric Critchley	3	Graham C. Paul	8
David F. Moore	4	Russell S. Morris	9
Barry E. Saunders	5	Richard E. Price	Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. Law James Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.
* 100th peal on ten bells.

LITTLE ASTON, Staffs.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sun., March 23, 1969, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In seven methods, being extents of London, Wells, York, Durham, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge. Tenor 9 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

*John Paxton	Treble	John H. Allen	4
†Anita E. Foden	2	Richard G. Paxton	5
P. George Golder	3	Michael W. Fairey	Tenor

Conducted by Michael W. Fairey.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First of Surprise.
Rung as an affectionate farewell to the Rev. and Mrs. H. H. Follis, leaving for St. Mary's, Shrewsbury, after an incumbency at Little Aston of over 17 years.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
FRAMSDEN, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., March 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 GAINSBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

Walter W. Miller	Treble	*Vernon B. Bedford	5
*Dorothy M. Durrant	2	*Cecil W. Pipe	6
*Muriel R. Page	3	*Stephen J. Bedford	7
*Alan G. Feaver	4	Leslie G. Brett	Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Leslie G. Brett.
* First peal in the method.
Rung as birthday compliments to Vernon Bedford (21) and Sylvia R. E. Pipe.

TANNINGTON, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Ethelbert.
On Sat., March 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in eight methods: (1) Double Court. (2) Single Oxford and Double Oxford, (3) Cambridge, (4) Oxford T.B., (5) St. Clement's, (6) Kent T.B. and (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 4 lb. in A flat.

Norman P. J. Cossey	Treble	Thomas J. Brock	4
J. Martin Thorley	2	Michael J. Parker	5
*Katharine M. Thorley	3	J. Barry Pickup	Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.
* 25th peal for the Guild. The conductor has now called a peal in seven or more methods from each bell in this tower.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
CLAPHAM PARK, London, S.W.—At the Church of St. Stephen, Weir Road.
On Fri., March 28, 1969, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Shirley E. Ruddlesden	Treble	Alan D. Flood	5
Timothy G. Pett	2	Geoffrey D. Armitage	6
Dorothea Robotham	3	Michael J. Uphill	7
Phillip A. Butler	4	John Pladdys	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Michael J. Uphill.
Rung in thanksgiving for the life and work of this church, shortly to be demolished. Tenor 17 cwt 1 qr. 10 lb. in E.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
LODSWORTH, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., March 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in B.

*Ruth E. Halford	Treble	Geoffrey C. Rix	4
†Bronwen J. Davies	2	Patrick M. Wills	5
E. Winifred Keys	3	Philip Stevens	Tenor

Conducted by Philip Stevens.
* First peal of Minor. † First "inside." First of Minor as conductor.

WESTHAM, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., March 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 BURSLEM DELIGHT MINOR
Being two 2,160's and one extent. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in G.

Robert J. Fuller	Treble	Janet M. Percy	4
Betty Percy	2	Thomas M. Barlow	5
*Christine M. Baldock	3	Alan R. Baldock	Tenor

Conducted by Alan R. Baldock.
* 25th peal for the Association. First in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Association.
Rung within the octave of the Feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
PHILLACK, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Felicitas, Matron and Martyr.
On Sat., March 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Peter J. Brown	Treble	*Martin Powell	5
M. Irene Brown	2	Michael J. Fellows	6
Morley P. Tobin	3	Arthur C. Berry	7
Clifford Skidmore	4	Gerald C. Hemming	Tenor

Composed by Joseph Pigott. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in F.

PROBUS, Cornwall.—At the Church of SS. Probus and Grace.
On Sat., March 29, 1969, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 11 lb. in E.

Peter J. Brown	Treble	Martin Powell	5
Morley P. Tobin	2	Gerald C. Hemming	6
M. Irene Brown	3	Arthur C. Berry	7
Clifford Skidmore	4	Michael J. Fellows	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.

THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.
ALDERMASTON, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., March 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Containing 133 combination roll-ups with no —82's.
24-course block extended. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in G.

Christopher I. Rowson	Treble	Robert M. Chambers	5
Graham J. N. Colborne	2	John S. Hopwood	6
Anne M. Carpenter	3	Peter G. Holden	7
Jennifer M. Dunning	4	Rupert A. Clarke	Tenor

Conducted by Christopher I. Rowson.

NORTHLEIGH, Oxon.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., March 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in G.

Rupert A. Clarke	Treble	John S. Hopwood	4
Jennifer A. Dunning	2	Robert H. Chambers	5
Peter G. Holden	3	Christopher I. Rowson	Tenor

Conducted by Christopher I. Rowson.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
SOUTHAMPTON, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., March 29, 1969, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in E flat.

*Susan E. M. Davis	Treble	*Jeremy D. Cheesman	6
Thomas H. Francis	2	David J. Forder	7
A. Ronald Ling	3	John Hartless	8
Richard H. Youdale	4	Ronald N. Marlow	9
Michael J. Thomas	5	Edward W. Colley	Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Thomas H. Francis
* First peal in the method.

OVERTON, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., March 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 ZURICH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10½ cwt in G sharp.

Graham W. Elmes	Treble	David Wilson	5
*Katharine J. Maundrell	2	Ross G. W. Robertson	6
†Mary E. Elmes	3	William T. Perrins	7
‡Michael J. Young	4	†Timothy F. Collins	Tenor

Composed by J. Topp. Conducted by Timothy F. Collins.
* 50th peal. † 25th peal together. ‡ First of Surprise. First in the method by all the band.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Michael J. Young.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION
WORCESTER.—At the Church of St. John-in-Bedwardine.
On Sat., Feb. 8, 1969, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in F.

*Barbara E. Douglass	Treble	Reginald W. Rowe	5
Thomas W. Lewis	2	Robert W. Cole	6
R. George Morris	3	John Clements	7
David G. Franklin	4	Cecil Deakin	Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker. Conducted by John Clements.
* First peal. Western Branch quarterly peal.

BADSEY, Worcs.—At the Church of St. James.
On Tues., March 25, 1969, in 3 Hours.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's transposition. Tenor 15 cwt.

Vivien Barnes	Treble	Ralph Harris	5
Herbert C. Spencer	2	*Arthur C. Berry	6
Joseph D. Johnson	3	Joseph E. Newman	7
Mrs. J. Thomas	4	Leonard Mills	Tenor

Conducted by Joseph D. Johnson.
* First peal of Stedman Triples.
Rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of Mr. T. Knight, formerly organist at this church and the sister church at Wickhamford.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
BIRSTWITH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. James, Apostle.
On Mon., March 17, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In eight methods, comprising 768 London and Rutland, 640 Bristol, 576 each of Pudsey, Yorkshire, Lincolnshire, Superlative and Cambridge, with 142 changes of method. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G.

Christopher J. Easton	Treble	†Robert A. Beresford	5
Philip J. Crossthwaite	2	†John J. Durham	6
*David Featherstone	3	†Ronald R. Warford	7
†Robert H. Jordan	4	†C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed by N. Smith. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major. † First of 8-Spliced Surprise Major.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

CAMPSALL, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Sat., March 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb in A flat.

Philip M. Cuckson	Treble	Robert H. Jordan	5
*A. Pattie Clapham	2	John J. Durham	6
*Christopher J. Easton	3	C. Barrie Dove	7
David Featherstone	4	Robert A. Beresford	Tenor

Composed by N. Smith. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal of Rutland Surprise Major "inside."

PONTEFRACT, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., March 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr 7 lb. in F sharp.

Philip M. Cuckson	Treble	David Featherstone	5
Linda D. Shaw	2	Robert A. Beresford	6
Christopher J. Easton	3	*John J. Durham	7
Robert H. Jordan	4	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Mayne. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* 50th peal. First in the method by all the band on the bells.

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BIRTHS

BURNHAM.—On April 11th, 1969, to Robin and Pauline, of 60, Above Town, Dartmouth, a son, brother for Sara. 6998

FIELDEN.—On April 14th, 1969, to Maryl (née Crossthwaite) and John, at the Barratt Maternity Home, Northampton, a daughter, Emma Jane. 7005

ROTHERA.—To Susan (née Funnell) and Philip, at St Peter's Hospital, Maldon, on Sunday, April 13th, 1969, a son, Brian John.

IN MEMORIAM

HALL.—Treasured memories of our dear son, Patrick John, who died April 23rd, 1967. Much loved. 7014

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

COURT.—As from April 28th the address of Pamela Court (secretary of the towers of Cheriton and Newington-next-Hythe, Kent) is 9, Station Road, Hythe. Tel.: Hythe 66298. 7023

TELEPHONE NUMBER

FINCH.—Ray and Jeanette Finch, 14, Beavers Close, Alton, Hants, are now on the telephone—Northanger 4349. 6994

PERSONAL

"This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works."—Titus iii, 8.

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MISCELLANEOUS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Striking competition, Saturday, April 26th, Ash Priors, 2.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea. Visitors welcome. 6943

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (ASHFORD DISTRICT)

Preliminary Notice

SS. PETER AND PAUL'S, Newchurch Rededication of the five rehung bells and the John Willis Memorial Bell by His Grace the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury on Sunday, May 4th, 6.30 p.m. 6608

MASONIC RINGERS' GATHERING at Evesham, May 3rd. Details available from Herbert W. Spencer, 3, Washington Road, Wickhamford, Evesham. 6807

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Preliminary Notice

TRIENNIAL DINNER

On October 25th, 1969

At the Green Man, Kingsbury. 6988

SUFFOLK GUILD

ANNUAL STRIKING COMPETITION

Woolpit, Saturday, May 3rd.

Will teams please be present by 1.30 p.m. or as soon as possible thereafter. Evensong 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and presentation of shield.

Entries and names for tea to H. W. Egglestone 58, York Crescent, Claydon, Ipswich. 7022

SPALDING FESTIVAL, 1969

Opening Service

Parish Church, Tuesday, April 29th, 7.30 p.m.

Choral concert, Parish Church, on Thursday, May 1st, 7.15 p.m. Choir of Boston Parish Church.

Saturday, 3rd: Parade of decorated floats. Tower open for ringing from 11 a.m.

Sunday, 4th: Special services. Bells available for ringing from 12 noon. Handbell recital at 3 p.m. by Spalding Parish Church handbell ringers.

Catering in Church Hall throughout the week.

For further details contact Mr. R. C. Noon, 13, Pennygate, Spalding 6999

Saturday and Sunday, May 3rd and 4th

KIMPTON (Herts)

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The Lord Mayor of London will crown the May Queen on Saturday at 2 p.m.

Procession - Floral Display

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Full programme of free entertainment.

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DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The new general secretary is Rev. Frederick Ross, Marlpool Vicarage, Heanor, Derbyshire, DE7 7BP. Tel.: Langley Mill 2097. 7027

PETWORTH, SUSSEX. — Surprise Major practice will be held on first and third Wednesday of each month, starting at 8 p.m. All Surprise ringers and learners welcome. 6986

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Conductors wishing to credit peals to the Association are advised of the following rule as amended on April 12th. The peal secretary is Mr. G. Penney, 5, Mentmore Road, St. Albans

"That all peals rung for this Association shall be printed in the Annual Report. The particulars of each peal, the composition (unless such is apparent from the published report), **notice of the belfry election of new members** and a fee of sixpence per member taking part shall be sent to the peal secretary by the conductor **within one month of the peal being rung**. The conductor shall also be responsible for the payment of the subscriptions of any persons elected in the tower upon the occasion, otherwise the peal will not be recognised."

—A. R. AGG, Gen. Sec 7024

MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Congresbury, April 26th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting.—M. Legg. 6976

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Stoke Trister, April 26th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Cucklington after tea.—L. McCreadie, Level Lane, Charlton Horethorne, Sherborne, Dorset. 6959

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual general meeting, April 26th. Tea arranged at Ideal Restaurant, Church Street, Rugby, 5 p.m. Business meeting follows at Church House.—J. L Garner-Hayward. 7026

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting St. Andrew's, Rugby, Saturday, April 26th. Ringing arrangements as follows: Bilton and Newbold-on-Avon, 2–4 p.m.; Rugby (5), 3–4.30 p.m.; Rugby (8), after meeting. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea in local café Business meeting in ringing chamber of St. Andrew's. Names for tea (very important) to J. L Garner-Hayward, Lowfold, Ashorne, Warwick 6885

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Seventh annual striking contest at Old Brampton, Saturday, April 26th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea without fail, please, to Mr. J. Arkwell, 296, Brimington Road, Chesterfield. Tel: Chest. 78778.—Malcolm Phipps, Sec. 6980

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District. — Striking competition will take place at Ockham on Saturday, April 26th, beginning at 10.30 a.m. Service 4.30 p.m.; tea following for those who notify D. Lodge, 1, Ash Grove, Guildford. 6981

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—A.G.M. at Marlow, April 26th Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Meeting 6 p.m. Names for tea to J Muller, 14, Southwood Road, Cookham, Berks. 6971

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Central District. — Quarterly meeting, April 26th, Mendlesham (6). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea, please, to Mr. L. Forster, Old School House, Mendlesham, Stowmarket. 6972

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting at St. John-the-Baptist's, Shedfield, April 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 in the Reading Room, followed by business meeting. Evening ringing till 9 at St. Peter's, Curdridge. Names for tea to Miss B. Daysh, Woodman's Cottage, Waltham Chase, Southampton, please. 6941

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD — Isle of Wight District. — Quarterly meeting, Freshwater, April 26th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. 6997

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—District practice, St. Peter's, Titchfield, Friday, May 2nd, 7.30 till 9 p.m. Methods: Plain Bob and Double Oxford Bob Minor. 6984

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Branch.—Practice meeting, May 3rd, 7–9 p.m., All Saints', Kingsdon (6, 23¼ cwt.).—M. M. L. 6770

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Saturday, May 3rd. Tea and business meeting at Biggleswade Memorial Hall 4.45 p.m. Towers available: Maulden, 9–10; Gravenhurst, 10–10.45; Shillington, 10.45–11.30; Meppershall, 11.30–12.15; Campton, 12.15–1; Henlow, 1.30–2.30; Clifton, 2–3; Southill, 2.30–3.30; Old Warden, 3–4; Northill, 3.30–4.30; Biggleswade, 7.15–9. 7017

CHESTER GUILD.—Stockport Branch—Meeting, Mottram, May 3rd (instead of Cheadle). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. For tea please inform Miss S. Brocklehurst, 226, Newshaw Lane, Hadfield, via Hyde, SK14 8BD, by Tuesday, April 29th. Please note changed date and place. All welcome.—C. K. Lewis. 7009

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Archdeaconry.—Monthly meeting, Ilmington, Saturday, May 3rd. Bells (6) 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by cups of tea: please bring your own food. More ringing in evening. Also Alderminster (6), 2.30–3.30 p.m. —H. A. M. 7029

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.—Weston Branch.—Monthly meeting, Egremont, Saturday, May 3rd. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss D. Gibson, Arlecdon Vicarage, Frizington, by April 29th. No names no tea. 7025

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Annual striking competition, Saturday, May 3rd, Fordham. Assemble for prompt start at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Evening ringing until 9 p.m. 7004

SOCIETY OF FRAMLAND RINGERS.—Annual meeting, May 3rd, Asfordby (6). Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 p.m., Parish Hall. Names for tea to Mrs. D. V. Cook, 18, New Street, Asfordby, by April 30th. 7003

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD. Annual general meeting, Saturday, May 3rd. Halifax Parish Church bells from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to David Smith, 97, Haley Hill, Halifax, not later than Wednesday, April 30th. 7032

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Baldock (8), Saturday, May 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—Mrs. C. A. Agg, Dis. Sec. 7021

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Practice meeting, Elstree, on May 3rd, 6.30 p.m.—G. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 7012

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster–Preston joint Branch meeting, Scorton, Saturday, May 3rd. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. (price 4/6, approx.). Names for tea to Mr. S. Anderton, Springfield Farm, Scorton, Preston. 6995

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting of Wigan, Bolton and Liverpool Branches at Emmanuel, Southport, Saturday, May 3rd. Ringing 3 p.m. Tea 5. Evening ringing until 7.30 p.m. Special method, Pudsey. Names for hotpot tea, please, to M. Snape, 417, Guildford Road, Southport.—C. D'Aeth, Hon. Sec., Wigan Branch. 7019

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual general meeting, Headingley, Leeds, on Saturday, May 3rd. Ringing at St. Michael's (8) 3–5 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. in St. Chad's School. Names to Mr. A. Johnson, 80, Castle Grove Avenue, Leeds, 6, by previous Thursday. St. Chad's bells available in the evening. 7010

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting, Arnesby (5), May 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Names to Mr. E. R. Page, St. Peter's Road, Arnesby, Leicester, LE8 3WJ (phone: Peatling Magna 403), by Wednesday, April 30th, please. All welcome.—Ron Hughes. 6936

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LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Swineshead, May 3rd. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. R. Reynolds, 9, Abbey Crescent, Swineshead, Boston, Lincs, by April 29th. 6970

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Norwich, Saturday, May 3rd.

Meeting in the Chantry Hall at **2 p.m.** The president requests members to make a special effort to attend in view of an important item on the agenda.

Service at Church of St. Peter Mancroft 4.15 p.m.

Tea at Chantry Hall following service. Names for tea to Mrs. J. House, 59, Caernarvon Road, Norwich, by Wednesday, April 30th.

Bells of St. Peter Mancroft available during evening. Other Norwich towers by request. Towers available en route include Scarning, Honingham, Scole 10.15, Dickleburgh 11, Long Stratton 11.45 and Saxlingham 12.30. Also Reepham and Salle 11 a.m., Drayton 12 noon, and Norwich St. Miles and St. George Colegate from 1 p.m. 6993

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Evening practice at Cogenhoe, Saturday, May 3rd. Bells (6) 7.30–9 p.m.—Anne Henman. 6987

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting, Handsworth, May 3rd. Bells (8) 3–5 p.m. Tea in Parish Centre. After tea, ringing at Treeton (6) 6.30–8.30 p.m. Names for tea to J. J. L. Gilbert, 41, Ravenscroft Crescent, Sheffield, S13 8PQ, by May 1st.—R. Fletcher. 7030

SURREY ASSOCIATION A.G.M.
Southwark Cathedral (12)
On SATURDAY, MAY 3rd

Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Preacher: Rt. Rev. John Boys. Tea 5.15 p.m. and business meeting in the Chapter House. Ringing also at St. George's, Southwark (8), 2.30–4 p.m.

Names for tea to Miss Julie Armstrong, 38, Upper Mall, London, W.6 (Tel.: 01-748 5012), by Wednesday, April 30th, **please**—C. H. Cook, Gen. Sec. 6963

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, May 3rd, Crawley (8). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting after tea, followed by further ringing. Names for tea to Mr. G. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley Tel.: Crawley 23596.—Jean Osbon, Div. Sec. 7007

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.—Truro Branch.—Spring festival, Truro Cathedral, on May 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Meeting 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss B. J. Duck, 1, Benson Road, Hendra, Truro. 6965

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting in the Cleveland area on Saturday, May 3rd. Guisborough (6), Marske (6) and Saltburn (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea at Marske 5 p.m. Names, please, to Mrs. L. Yates, 47, Stainton Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough. 7006

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS
ANNUAL FESTIVAL, 1969

The Annual Festival will be held at the Church of St. Mary, Lymm, on Saturday, May 10th.

Meeting at 2.30 p.m. will be held in the Church Hall, Crouchley Lane, Lymm.

Service, 4.30 p.m., conducted by the Rector of Lymm, Rev. S. C. Casson, and the address will be by the Rector of Rostherne, Rev. T. Fish, M.A.

Tea, 5.30 p.m., in the Church Hall. Cost of tickets 5/- each, juniors 3/- each. Application for tickets must be made to Mrs. E. G. Moore, 19, Greenwood Road, Lymm, before **May 1st. No tickets no tea.** Tea or coffee will be served in Church Hall from **12.30–2 p.m.**

RINGING ARRANGEMENTS:

Route A

Runcorn (8), Frodsham (8), 10.15–11.15 a.m.

Daresbury (8), Warburton (8), 11.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m.

Lymm (8), 12.45–1.45 p.m.

Route B

Knutsford (6), Rostherne (6), Bowdon (8), 10.15–11.15 a.m.

Evening Ringing

Lymm, 6.45–7.45 p.m.; Grappenhall, 7–9 p.m.; Warburton, 7–8 p.m.; Stretton (6), 7–9 p.m. Other towers by arrangement.—Henry O. Baker, Gen. Sec. 6947

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting, Dunmow (8), Saturday, May 10th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Dr. L. Castleden, Clock House Cottage, Dunmow. 7015

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Lindsey Branch.—Meeting, Louth (8), May 10th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to T. Avery, 33, Broadbank, Louth, by May 6th. 7033

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Meeting at Nash, May 10th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. J. S. King, The Cedar Tiles, High Beech Lane, Chepstow, Mon, by May 5th if possible. 7016

RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
at PENZANCE
Saturday, May 10th
PROGRAMME
as per leaflet.

J. A. Hoare, Hon. Sec.,
6, Gendros Crescent, Fforestfach,
Swansea, Glam.
7028

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Striking competition, May 17th, Litlington. Draw 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. General ringing after tea and results. **Names for tea, please**, to Miss J. Sanderson, 1, Orchard Gate, Melbourn, Royston, Herts, on or before 14th.—J. S. 6927

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

Meeting in Birmingham area on Saturday, June 7th. Lunch will be arranged. Full details later.—J. G. A. Prior. 7018

SPLICED PLAIN MINOR

By THE PROFESSOR

(Continued from page 301)

No. 4 (7 methods)

23456	No. 60
42563	St. James
35642	No. 60
63425	No. 62
46253	" "
24536	" "
52364	St. James
43652	No. 60
64523	" "
56342	St. James
— 34256	

Twice repeated with "Single" for Bob at the end brings up:—

32456	Windermere
25364	Frodsham
56243	Heatherslade
63524	St. Nicholas
34652	Frodsham
45326	"
52463	"
26534	St. Nicholas
64253	" "
43625	Windermere
— 43256	

Twice repeated with "Single" for Bob at the end.

No. 60. 36.14—16—5. 2nds. 42563.
No. 62. 36.14—16.34.5. 2nds. 42563.

No. 5 (4 methods)

23456	Brentford
— 23564	Ynystawe
* 46325	Brentford
62453	"
25634	"
— 25346	"
— 25463	"
56234	No. 61
64523	Brentford
42635	"
— 42356	

Twice repeated.

Bala Bob is inserted in the first part only by calling a Single at * which brings up:—

43625	Bala Bob
— 32564	" "
64253	" "
— 45326	" "
26534	" "
34652	" "
— 45263	" "
63524	" "
24356	" "
56432	" "
32645	

Twice repeated with a "Single" at the end returns to:—

46325 Brentford

No. 61. 36.14—16.34.1. 2nds. 36245.

[Concluded]

URANGWOT—8

When I read a recent letter which said that originality was difficult to find for competition articles, I thought: "One of my crack-brained ringing friends is going to see this as a challenge."

When I looked in on a 10-bell tower recently my suspicions were aroused by seeing a whole lot of ringers standing about in the churchyard and no bells to be heard. "Originality is one thing but this is ridiculous—a ringing competition without ringing," I mused, for it had been advertised that there would be a competition. The tower is a tall one and access is from the outside; and then, as my gaze wandered over to the tower entrance, I saw that there were ten ringers, each with one of the ten letters A to J pinned to his shirt, and their entrance to the tower was barred by a man holding a stopwatch in his hand. I walked over in that direction and then the arm dropped and the ten labelled ringers rushed madly in.

Recognising the doorman I asked him what was happening, and he explained that he was the timekeeper and would record the time taken until the last ringer emerged from the tower again. I thought it was just a race up and down the tower until the timekeeper went on to explain that in the ringing chamber the ringers would receive a sealed envelope with instructions for placing the band. They would then have to ring a touch on the ten bells, preceded by a dozen rounds. The touch had to be in a recognised method and had to include at least one bob and not more than one covering bell was permitted. There was a judge in the ringing chamber to note the placing of the band and another judge in a nearby building to assess the standard of the ringing. Each team received the same sealed instructions but the waiting teams were kept apart from those who had already rung until the contest was over.

When the last team emerged from the tower it was time for tea, and there we heard the result. The time taken by each team was given and additions were made for faults in the ringing, failure to set bells at the finish, and so on. One team had a time of 10 mins 25 secs, but they were disqualified as they had not placed the band correctly. It was a pity for their Grandsire Caters was easily the best striking. First place went to the last team to ring, and they had clocked 15 mins 4 secs with their penalties.

As I sat in the hall after tea Jim came up triumphantly. "Who says all competitions are the same?", he burst out. "I thought that fellow was asking to be contradicted," I replied. "Well, there you are," Jim went on, "I wrote an extra set of instructions for you to pass on to 'The Ringing World'." "How very kind of you," I remarked, "but why don't you send them up yourself?" "Well, you know what the Editor has been saying lately about the need for good presentation of copy to keep costs down, and you know how bad a writer I am and how neat you are!", smiled Jim. Who says flattery gets you nowhere!

Anyway, see what you make of his instructions for placing the band and see what you can suggest for the shortest touch on ten to go with it. The prizewinner will be drawn from those with correct solutions and the shortest touch. The closing date for receipt of entries by the Editor is May 9th.

Instructions for placing the band. A to ring the treble and B to ring the 4th. The rest are to be placed so that when the number of each man's bell is substituted for his letter the following equations will be satisfied:—

G+A=J+C
G+E=D+B
G+E=I+H
J+H=C+E
F+D=B+I

T. SURR.

Submitted by D. A. Bayles, 12, Crichton Avenue, Chester-le-Street, Co. Durham, to whom the entries should be sent in due course for judging and a report on the puzzle.

DENIS A. BAYLES.

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EXPO BELFRY AT TEESSIDE

A feature of the festival week at Saltburn from July 20th–27th will be the presence of the Expo Belfry close to the attractive Italian gardens. Both Saltburn and Marske towers will be available at reasonable times during the week and both Skelton-in-Cleveland and Guisborough are within ten minutes' ride.

Peal attempts will be restricted to Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., and these should be booked immediately. A fee of £2 will be charged for peal attempts as the expenses of the venture are very heavy. Even if the bells were kept running almost continuously every day, the organisers—Saltburn and Marske ringers—still stand to make a considerable loss.

Although it has been indicated in the advertisement that ringing may be limited to 30 minutes, this is only to be expected at peak periods, at week-ends and during evenings; normally the bells will be available until a further band arrives. It has been suggested that towers may wish to transfer their practice night to the Expo Tower. Local ringers will be available if such a group meets short.

HENDON, MIDDX.—On March 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. F. Warren 1, Dianne Gazeley 2, D. J. Gazeley (first "inside") 3, Wendy Ferguson (first in method) 4, Dorothea M. Robotham 5, Ruth M. Foreman 6, B. C. Watson (cond.) 7, B. Livings 8. For Evensong

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Bob Minor: W. Webb 1, Hazel Pady (first Minor "inside") 2, Dawn Colcombe 3, C. Webb 4, H. Colcombe 5, J. King (cond.) 6.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS. — On April 1st, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Joyce M. Marsh 1, Edwina A. Dixon 2, Janet Crossland 3, Pamela J. Clifton (cond.) 4, W. G. Marsh 5.

HORRINGER, SUFFOLK.—On March 25th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss S. Potter 1, Miss T. Orriss 2, A. F. Ballam (cond.) 3, T. Jones (first "inside") 4, C. Nunn 5, F. Potter 6.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On March 30th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Anne Brumwell 1, C. E. Hill 2, R. G. Jones (cond.) 3, W. T. Hill 4, J. J. Wallett 5. Half-muffled in memory of former President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

KEA, CORNWALL.—On March 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Barbara J. Duck 1, R. P. Pearce 2, A. J. Davidson 3, T. J. Bell (cond.) 4, A. Locke 5, C. J. Dunstan 6.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS. — On March 30th, 1,260 Kent T.B. and Oxford Bob Minor: P. Brentnall 1 B. M. Barker (cond.) 2, D. J. Goodman 3, K. D. Waples 4, P. W. Harper 5, R. J. Picton 6. For Evensong on Palm Sunday, with congratulations to K. D. Waples and Miss P. Dobbs on their engagement; also to B. M. Barker on being appointed churchwarden.

KINGSTON - UPON - HULL, YORKS. — At Holy Trinity Church, on Easter Sunday, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): S. Sayer (first quarter) 1, Mrs. D. Sherriff 2, R. W. Sherriff (cond.) 3, F. G. Reed 4, D. V. Stipetic 5, Miss B. Fletcher 6. Rung on the middle six.

LAUGHTON, SUSSEX. — On March 29th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): E. H. L. Macadam 1, Gillian S. M. L. Macadam 2, P. J. Franklin (first in four methods) 3, D. R. McLean (cond.) 4, A. Turner 5, S. J. Osborne 6.

LELANT, CORNWALL.—On March 21st, 1,440 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: Marion L. Lidgey 1, H. Miles 2, A. P. Smith 3, J. J. George 4, F. M. Bowers (cond.) 5, W. R. Curtis 6. First Oxford T.B. Minor by all the band.

LEWISHAM, LONDON. — On Feb. 23rd, 1,344 Superlative Surprise Major: Catherine Reed 1, Rosemary Cotton 2, Jennie Brown 3, R. A. Grant 4, J. Ellams 5, D. G. H. Hollis 6, S. Darvil 7, C. P. Starbuck (cond.) 8. Also on March 9th, 1,296 Spliced Surprise Minor (Cambridge, Beverley, Surfleet): Jennie Brown 1, R. Jean Henderson 2, G. A. Duke 3, D. G. H. Hollis 4, D. Gebbett 5, C. P. Starbuck (cond.) 6. Also on March 23rd, 1,280 Spliced Surprise Major (Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Yorkshire): Catherine Reed 1, Jennie Brown 2, R. Jean Henderson 3, Rosemary Cotton 4, G. A. Duke 5, C. P. Starbuck (cond.) 6, D. Gebbett 7, D. G. H. Hollis 8. Also on March 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Pladdys 1, Jennie Brown 2, Pam Gough 3, J. Machell 4, J. Ellams 5, G. A. Duke (first in method) 6, D. G. H. Hollis (cond.) 7, D. Gebbett 8. All for Evensong.

LINCOLN.—At St. Giles' Church, on March 16th, 1,280 Kent and Oxford T.B. Major: Miss J. Radley 1, Miss G. Radley 2, Miss K. Fox 3, G. Paul 4, M. I. Minns 5, J. L. Millhouse (cond.) 6, C. J. Sharp 7, P. Phillipson 8. For Evensong.

LONDON, W.C.—At St. Clement Danes' Church, on March 9th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. Sylvia Trotter 1, Mrs. Hilda Oatway 2, B. Porter 3, C. A. Hughes 4, A. M. Stacey 5, A. H. Fulwell 6, R. Cademy 7, P. N. Felton (cond.) 8, M. Sprackling 9, N. F Felton 10. For morning service.

LONG SUTTON, SOM.—On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. E. G. Jeanes 1, N. Warr 2, H. Warr 3, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 4, Rev. C. J. B. Marshall 5, R. J. Hunt 6.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICS.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile, on March 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Maureen Clulow (first quarter) 1, Hilary Watson-Walker 2, Frances Pegg 3, D. L. Alderton 4, C. J. Mobbs 5, R. M. Wilson (cond.) 6.

MARKSBURY, SOM. — On March 28th, 1,260 Doubles (seven methods): H. J. Coombs 1, P. Blacker 2 R. Perry (cond.) 3, P. J. Devrell 4, A. J. Coombs 5, N. J. Osmond 6. In memory of Mrs. D. Perry.

QUARTER PEALS

MEANWOOD, YORKS. — On March 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (ten callings): G. S. Miller 1, C. N. Grandidge 2, Suzanne J. Withers 3, D. Whitehead 4, R. J. Snack (cond.) 5.

MINSTER-IN-THANET, KENT.—On March 22nd, 1,260 Rev. Canterbury Pleasure Bob Doubles: P. S. Philpott 1, Miss D. V. Petts 2, L. G. Huckstep 3, P. M. Hills (cond.) 4, J. B. Keeler 5.

MONKEN HADLEY, HERTS. — On March 31st, 1,260 Pl. Bob Triples: J. Platten 1, Harriet Platten 2, Susan Thompson 3, M. Soper 4, Valerie Maynard 5, C. Ward 6, T. Pink (cond.) 7, W. Bradbrook 8. First in method by all the band, and in tower. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to General Eisenhower.

NANTWICH, CHESHIRE. — On April 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. E. Peel 1, H. G. Smith 2, S. Newton 3, D. Allman 4, J. E. Brough (cond.) 5, E. J. Boffey 6, F. Ollier 7, W. Smith 8. For Evensong, and as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. Smith.

NEWINGTON-NEXT-HYTHE, KENT.—On March 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Dilys Eastmead 1, A. Binstead 2, J. Thorn (first Minor "inside") 3, Pamela Court 4, A. C. Eastmead 5, K. Butler (cond.) 6. For family service.

NORTHAMPTON. — At the Church of St. Mary, Dallington, on March 28th, 1,260 Doubles (Rev. Canterbury, Grandsire): Judith M. Ramsbotham 1, P. J. Verity 2, J. P. Sale 3, E. J. Winkworth 4, J. C. Parker (cond.) 5. Rung by a representative band from Northampton Trinity High School in honour of Speech Day.

NORTON SUBCOURSE, NORFOLK.—On March 16th, 1,260 Doubles (seven methods): J. W. Forder 1, M. J. Parker (cond.) 2, T. J. Brock 3, N. P. J. Cossey 4, E. Long 5. Rung for the united Anglican/Methodist service and Mothering Sunday.

NOTTINGHAM.—At St. Peter's Church, on March 27th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Dawn Green (first quarter) 1, Rosemary Bellaby 2, Sheila Anthony 3, Hilary Pardoe 4, R. Anthony 5, H. Dale 6, D. Stainsby 7, R. Inglis (cond.) 8. A farewell to Miss D. Green, leaving to teach in Dar-es-Salaam.

OLD HEADINGTON, OXFORD.—On March 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Overbury (first quarter) 1 T. Smith 2, Christine Birks 3, P. Lucas 4, L. Porter 5, G. Scarsbrook 6 Conducted by 2, 3, 4 and 5. For Mothering Sunday.

OTTERSHAW, SURREY.—On March 16th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: P. V. W. Feast (cond.) 1, S. Holmes (first "inside") 2, J. P. Ladd 3, R. L. Pashley 4, J. M. Warinton 5, A. Tanner 6. Also on March 30th, 1,320 St. Simon's Doubles and Pl. Bob Doubles: J. P. Ladd 1, P. V. W. Feast (first in method as cond.) 2, J. M. Warinton (first St. Simon's) 3, I. F. Taylor 4, R. L. Pashley 5, A. Tanner 6. Ringers 1, 2, 3 and 5 have "circled the tower" to quarter peals.

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Ebbe, on March 30th, 1,260 Bob Minor: L. Cooper 1, M. Journeaux 2, C Woodward 3, V. Fox 4, B. Gray 5, C. Holloway (cond.) 6, C. Coles 8.

PACKWOOD, WARKS.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Carol McKee (first quarter) 1, D. Main 2, D. H. Walters 3, Pamela M. Turner 4, R. G. Morris 5, R. E. Tallis 6, R. E. Tallis, jun. (cond.) 7, M. C. Hughes 8. Also on March 2nd, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Susie J. Titchener (first quarter) 1, Pamela M. Turner 2, D. H. Walters 3, V. H. Nash 4, R. E. Tallis, jun. 5, M. C. Hughes (cond.) 6. An engagement compliment to David Rothera and Susan Jenkins.

PAINSWICK, GLOS.—On March 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: N. Barry 1, R. Hazel 2, I. Goulter 3, Mrs. M. Wratten 4, B. Bell 5, Miss V. Willard 6, C. Wratten 7, P. Gould 8, N. Edwards 9, W. Farmer (cond.) 10. For Evensong.

PIDDLEHINTON, DORSET. — On March 28th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Mrs. M. M. Godley 1, R. Mears (first "inside") 2, R. Mears, sen. 3, C. W. Tidwell 4, E. Amey (cond.) 5, P. Baillie (first quarter) 6.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On April 6th, 1,264 Plain and Little Bob Major: A. Neal 1, Marie Hatswell 2, R. Harper 3, A. Beaumont 4, J. Coad 5, N. Donovan 6, D. Nichols 7, S. Armeson (cond.) 8.

SHERE, SURREY.—On April 8th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire; 7, 6, 8 covering): Miss B. Minnion 1, Miss M. Nursey 2, B. Hawkins 3, J. Newman 4, T. Norton (cond.) 5, D. Mealor 6, A. G. Clark 7, J. Askew 8. Rung as a wedding compliment to Janis Hence and Mark Sutherland-Harris following their marriage at St. Mark's, Darling Point, Sydney, Australia, at the same local times.

SOUTHGATE, MIDDX. — At Christ Church, on March 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. J. Fox (first Triples) 1, Miss J. Gordon 2, S. G. Peck 3, W. C. G. Wainwright 4, H. J. Hazell (cond.) 5, D. F. Willcocks 6, P. M. Cuckson 7, C. M. Martin 8. Rung half-muffled as a mark of respect for ex-President Eisenhower.

STEVENAGE, HERTS.—On April 6th, 1,260 Minor (Single Oxford and St. Clement's): W. Munson 2, W. Brown 3, W. Lawrence 4, D. Taplin 5, D. Gullick (cond.) 6, S. Gullick 7, R. Kirkpatrick (covering) 8. For the Easter Festival.

STOKE BISHOP, BRISTOL.—On March 30th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: R. Taylor 1, Alison Brown 2, Margaret Powell 3, Susan Riley 4, J. Riley 5, P. Gray (cond.) 6. For the wedding of Roger Algate and Janthia Vincent on March 29th at the local church—both former Stoke Bishop ringers.

THAMES DITTON, SURREY. — On March 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Phyllis Dixon (first quarter) 1, Anne Donaldson 2, Anne Anthony 3, C. Collin 4, J. Bailey (first as cond.) 5, R Caporn 6. Rung for Confirmation of John Dingle and Catherine Watts, both ringers at this church.

THURCASTON, LEICS. — On March 19th, 1,260 Doubles (three meth., four var.): Anne Paling 1, Cherrill Everard 2, D. L. Alderton 3, J. Cook 4, B. S. Payne (cond.) 5, Janet Lord 6. First in more than one method by 1, 3 and 6.

TILNEY ALL SAINTS, NORFOLK. — On Good Friday, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss D. Baxter (first quarter) 1, E. Emmerson 2, M. Paul 3, V. Bowen 4, G. Rich 5, R. Harrop (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled at the request of the Vicar.

TITCHFIELD, HANTS. — On March 26th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. F. A. Rolph 1, Mrs. B. M. Hunt 2, W. F. J. Cope 3, N. George 4, L. D. Duguid 5, J. H Hunt (cond.) 6. First in method 1, 4, 5. A birthday compliment to ringer of 5.

TOTTERNHOE, BEDS. — On March 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ann Stephenson 1, June Sinfield 2, W. F. Sear 3, R. Stripp 4, R. J. Rowley 5, J. G. Newman 6, J. W. Sinfield (cond.) 7, W. F. Gladman 8 To welcome Christopher Michael Aslett, born March 25th, 1969.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.—On March 23rd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: M. J. Hawkins (first Minor) 1, Kay Whittaker 2, Erica Pankhurst (first Minor "inside") 3, A. F. Lee 4, D. A. Burt 5, R. L. Coles (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

UPTON PYNE, DEVON.—On March 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Ware 1, H. Ransom 2, W. J Ransom 3, C. Barnes (first as cond.) 4, R. Trickey 5, F. S. Down 6.

USK, MON. — On March 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Jones 1, G. Knight 2, D. Hughes 3, F. Hobbs 4, C. Richards (first quarter) 5, D. Taylor 6, R Clench (cond.) 7, S. Kear 8. For morning service.

WASHINGTON, D.C. — On March 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jenny Glendenning (first quarter) 1, Janis Hensley 2, R. S. Dirksen (cond.) 3, A. Applewhite 4, Marjorie Batchelor 5, F. Barkley 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. John Masur, father of Corinne Masur, a member of the Whitechapel Guild. Also on March 13th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Janis Hensley (first "in hand") 1–2, R. S. Dirksen (cond.) 3–4, Marjorie Batchelor (first "in hand") 5–6.

WEST CLANDON, SURREY.—On March 22nd, 1,260 Bob Doubles (6, 8 covering): Yvonne B. Lewin 1, Lesley J. Smith (first "inside") 2, D. A. R. May (cond.) 3, Heather Burbidge (first in method) 4, F. Lewin 5, Jill P. J. Edwardes 6, J. M. C. Edwardes 8. Also on March 23rd, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Jill P. J. Edwardes 1, Lesley J. Smith 2, Yvonne B. Lewin (first in method "inside") 3, Heather Burbidge 4, D. A. R. May (cond.) 6, J. M. C. Edwardes 8. Both rung as a farewell to Heather Burbidge, who is leaving to take a teaching appointment at Alverstoke, Hants.

WESTHOUGHTON, LANCS.—On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Jolley 1, A. Greenhalgh 2, J. Cunliffe 3, T. W. Smith 4, A. J. Illingworth 5, R. K. Lister 6, G. Fothergill 7, J. E. Andrews (cond.) 8. By the local band for Evensong.

WISBOROUGH GREEN, SUSSEX. — On March 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss S. Brockhurst (first quarter) 1, G. Francis 2, Mrs. I. Marshall 3, T. D. W. Banner 4, R. A. Banner 5, R. J. Marshall 6. Rung for Mr. W. Puttick on his retirement as captain of the tower.

COMPOSITIONS

5,120 SURPRISE MAJOR

For all Group B. f.c.h. b, d, k.
By M. A. COLEMAN

23456	B	M	W	H
43652		—		
35426	X			
64523		—		—
54326		—		
42563	X			
56423			—	—
25463			—	
45362		—		
45623	X			—
52436	X			
64235		—	3	—
36245			—	
26543		—		
42635	X			2
56234		—		—
35264			—	3
63254			—	
23456		—		3

Rung to Wellingborough on March 15th, 1969.

5,184 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

By GEOFFREY BRIDGES

M	B	W	H	23456	
	X	—	—	26354	
—	X	—	—	32654	A
—	X	—	—	63254	A
	X			35642	
	A		—	25463	
	A	—	—	34562	
	A			46253	
	X		—	46532	
	X		—	46325	
—	X		—	36245	B
—	X	—	—	23645	B
—	X	—	—	62345	B
	X	—	—	65243	
	X			54632	
	X	—	—	52436	
	B			23456	

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The Church of SS. James and Paul, Bushey, Herts.

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OUR COVER PICTURE

BUSHEY PARISH CHURCH

By Revd. W. HERBERT CHIVERS

IT is more than just probable that the church was established in Bushey before William the Conqueror was responsible for his famous survey, The Domesday Book. The Manor of Bushey was granted to the Abbey of St. Albans by King Offa at the end of the seventh or beginning of the eighth century. Possibly in pre-Norman times the church may have been a simple wooden structure. The earliest part of our present building is the chancel which dates from the thirteenth century.

The tower itself is in the Perpendicular style of the beginning of the fifteenth century. The church has many interesting features and not least of its attractions is its fine hammer-beam roof which dates from about 1480. Our ring of eight bells is interesting. A tradition states:—

"There is a saying current here, 'worse and worse, like the parson of Bushey,' which is said to have had its origin in this way—Bushey formerly had but one bell, which dealt forth a dull 'tom-tom-tom,' much to the annoyance of the rector. He thereupon had another bell added. But the people declared that the two bells were shaming him, for they called out 'Tom-fool, tom-fool.' So he added a third bell but this made matters even worse, for the bells now sounded like 'Tom-fool-still' and have done so ever since." (A History of Bushey by G. Montague Hall, formerly Rector.)

There is one old bell still with us (the seventh) which dates from 1452. In the 1552 inventory of church goods, there were stated to be "iii belles in the steple." This seems to contradict the above assertion. Two bells bear the date of 1664 and were probably recast in 1664 by William Eldridge the elder from two of the old bells.

The bells are inscribed as follows:—

Treble: Name of makers, "Laus Deo Semper" (Praise be to God always). This bell was presented by Sir Hubert Herkomer, R.A.

Second: Name of makers, "Gloriam Dei semper sonabo." (I will always ring out the glory of God). Charles Edward Keyser.

Third: Name of makers, "Mary Dorothy Burchell-Herne gave me." Tewkesbury Henry Kynaston, rector.

Fourth: Name of makers, "Charles Edward Keyser, churchwarden, presented me, 1887."

Fifth and Sixth: William + Eldridge + made + mee + 1664 + H + K + W + B Ch.Wardens.

Seventh: Sancta Trinitas Unus Deus miserere nobis (Holy Trinity, One God, have mercy upon us). This is the old fifteenth century bell still being rung as part of the ring.

Tenor: Name of makers, Jubilee 1887. Tewkesbury Henry Kynaston, rector.

Numbers 1, 2, 3, 4 and 8 were cast by Messrs. John Warner & Sons, at their Cripplegate foundry.

Our Parish Church has of course benefited from (or suffered from!) successive restorations, the last being a major one in 1870-71 under the supervision of Sir Giles Gilbert-Scott when the south aisle was added. Our pulpit dates from 1636. Queen Anne's arms are emblazoned over the chancel beam. We have a fine early eighteenth century brass candelabra hanging in the chancel. Our reredos is a gorgeous example of Victorian ecclesiastical furnishing (1871) which would delight the heart of John Betjeman and other enthusiasts.

For some years now we have been very concerned about the state of weathering and decay of the stone-work of the tower, the limestone used in its construction (called in these parts "clunch") having flaked away in some instances to a depth of several inches. In addition the parapet at the top of the tower and lead roof is in urgent need of attention. Then again our ring of eight bells has had little money spent on it since 1887. There are obvious signs that the frame in which the bells were placed at that time needs attention, since there is a certain amount of movement, and needs refixing. The bells themselves have become far from easy to ring and it is our intention to have them lowered and completely overhauled and new wheels and bearings put on.

As may be well imagined this whole operation is going to prove most costly (£1,500 for tower fabric, £1,500 for work on bells) and this at a time when the parish has in the last eight years spent some thousands on necessary work in restoring the fabric of its ancient Parish Church. In effect our plans for the tower and bells are the completion of a long process of restoration. We are therefore inviting people from outside the Parish to help us over this last hurdle by sending a donation. I should particularly like to appeal to members of the Ringing fraternity through the pages of "The Ringing World" to give us some assistance. Donations may be sent to me at the Rectory, and cheques made payable to the Bushey Tower and Bells Appeal Fund. All sums will be gratefully received and acknowledged.

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SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Dorchester Branch

The Branch held a meeting at Milborne St. Andrew for the first time on April 12th. Members of the Guild were welcomed by the Vicar, Rev. J. L. Baillie, who also conducted the Guild service, with Mrs. Cooper at the organ. The Branch chairman, Rev. J. L. Woods, gave an address.

An excellent tea was provided by the ladies in the Village Hall. At the business meeting three young ringers from Milborne were elected members and details were given of the forthcoming Guild Festival at Wootton Bassett on May 10th.

The easy going ring of six was rung to a variety of methods up to London Minor under the Branch Ringing Master, Mr. E. H. Amey, and Deputy Ringing Master, Mr. D. Cull.

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SUFFOLK GUILD'S CONTINUED RISE

Mr. GEORGE PIPE RETIRES AS MASTER

MR. GEORGE PIPE, who since 1964 has been Master of the Suffolk Guild, has retired from this office. To the annual meeting at Bury St. Edmunds, on April 12th, he sent his apology as he had injured his foot in an accident. During his mastership, Guild membership has increased by 37 per cent. His successor is Mr. Howard Egglestone.

Some 15 towers en route to Bury St. Edmunds were open during the afternoon. The service in the Cathedral at 4.15 p.m. was conducted by the Provost, who also gave an address and joined the members at tea in the Silver Jubilee Boys' School.

The chairman, Mr. J. W. Blythe, opened the meeting by welcoming visitors from other counties.

Arising from the minutes of the last annual general meeting, the secretary commented that the grant promised towards the restoration of Bungay bells, which were being dedicated that very day, would shortly be due for payment, but during the year the committee had implemented the suggestion to make payment of grants conditional on completed work being approved by the technical adviser and the Ringing Master.

The meeting stood in silence to the memory of members and friends who had died during the past year. These were Walter D. Bailey (Stratford St. Mary), Charles E. Fisher (Ufford), Alfred R. King (Brome), Peter Laflin (formerly of Debenham), Rev. W. Fayle-Parr (Benhall), Alfred J. Peter (Barking), Frederick A. Poulson (Long Melford), Rev. G. M. Sykes (Ipswich), Russell Ward (Cotton) and Oliver G. Barnard (Stowmarket).

OFFICERS' REPORTS

In the absence of the Ringing Master, the chairman read his report. The Master noted with satisfaction the continued rise in membership (37 per cent. since 1964) and hoped that the Guild's increased resources would be used to increase Sunday service ringing and to promote the restoration of the 95 rings in the diocese which needed attention.

He strongly urged members to offer their services for their local P.C.C.'s and hoped that the more experienced members would encourage young conductors and try to revive towers which were at present silent. He asked every member to attend the Sudbury Mammoth Olde Tyme Rallye on June 28th/29th, and praised Mr. Leslie Mills for his organisation of the Guild's part in this event. He once again appealed to members to support "The Ringing World" and the St. Mary-le-Tower restoration appeal. Mr. Pipe felt that after five years as Ringing Master he would like to stand down and commended the name of Howard Egglestone as his successor.

The hon. secretary and treasurer, the Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzey, stressed that part of his printed report which appealed for tolerance and help for younger and less experienced members. He thanked the committee for their hard and loyal work. Turning to the accounts, he said that, allowing for a slight loss on the year's working due largely to replenishing the stock of Guild badges, the accounts were very satisfactory. Grants totalling £35 had been awarded to Halesworth and Woolpit.

The technical adviser (Mr. Ranald W. M. Clouston) said that the two bells requiring attention at Stonham Aspal had now received the same, but warned that the other eight bells would soon need similar attention. Kearsey was appealing for money to restore its famous tower, but this would be very expensive as it was a rubble one. Mr. Leslie Mills hoped that the Guild would liaise over the proposed restoration of St. Peter's Sudbury, and of rings in the Stour valley generally.

Dr. S. G. C. Harrison, one of the Pearson handbells trustees, reported that the set of 13 by Warner had been at the foundry and he had been advised that their restoration would cost £50. He voiced the trustees' concern that the set of 16 by Shaw and the 26 by Taylor, which had been in use pretty well throughout the year, would soon require attention. The committee thought that if £50 was to be spent it would be better spent on the Shaw bells than on those by Warner. Dr. Harrison thought that the bells were now under-insured, and the committee was instructed to consider raising the cover.

All these reports were adopted, with thanks to the respective officers.

OFFICERS FOR 1969–70.

These are: Chairman, Mr. J. W. Blythe; Ringing Master, Mr. Howard W. Egglestone (the chairman expressed the Guild's appreciation of everything George Pipe had done for the Guild during his period of office, and the secretary was instructed to convey the Guild's thanks to him); secretary and treasurer, the Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzey; report editor, Mr. Alan R. Bridges; technical adviser, Mr. Ranald W. M. Clouston; Pearson handbells trustees, Mr. George Pipe, Mr. Hubert Mitson and Mr. Leonard Last (Dr. S. G. C. Harrison retired); auditor, Mr. J. W. H. Praestner.

The vice-presidents were re-elected en bloc, together with Mr. George Pipe. Central Council representatives, Messrs. T. N. J. Bailey, H. W. Egglestone, C. W. Pipe and the Rev. L. R. Pizzey The chairman reminded members of the Guild Peal Week in September. The annual general meeting for 1970 was fixed for April 4th at Ipswich. Mr. Leslie Mills explained the Guild's part in the Sudbury Olde Tyme Rallye and answered questions on arrangements for ringing in the Expo belfry. The secretary gave notice of a general meeting at Otley and Clopton on September 13th to consider a proposal to change the constitution so that the Pearson handbells trustees should become ex officio members of the committee. The chairman closed the meeting by thanking the Provost and Cathedral staff, all incumbents for the use of bells, and above all Mrs. Muriel Page and all the lady members who had helped in providing the splendid tea all had enjoyed.

Ringing took place after the meeting at four towers on the outskirts of Bury St. Edmunds.

FIRST DINNER BY THE W. & P. GUILD

THE Bishops of Portsmouth and Southampton were present at the first annual dinner of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild held at the Royal Hotel, Southampton, on March 22nd. All the 98 tickets available were sold, and about 30 people were disappointed. The Bishop of Portsmouth, joint president of the Guild, was in the chair.

The toast of "The Church" was given by Mr. Arthur Davis, which he said headed the list at various Guild dinners. Was the toast just a selfish thing to keep the clergy happy, or an apology for the ringers of a bygone age? He thought it was because ringers and ringing were an integral part of the Church. Today ringers served the Church in a diversity of ways, from the humble P.C.C. to the Church Assembly.

In the past bells had exercised a strong influence over the community. Two of the bells in his own church, Christchurch Priory, had proclaimed the Christian message since 1370, and in spite of the noise of the motor car and the jet plane their message got through today.

A reply, in which humour was mingled with sincerity, came from the Bishop of Southampton. The laity were as much the Church as the clergy, he said, and if they thought the clergy were a rum lot it was because they came from the laity! Despite difficulties, the Church was in very good heart; more and more of its activities were becoming less parochial, and he was glad to see that their Guild spanned two dioceses. The Winchester Diocese had been going strong for 1,300 years, and was broken up in 1927 with the formation of Portsmouth and the "Gin and Jaguar" diocese of Guildford, which had its own association.

A course of Grandsire Caters followed, the band being R. R. Savory 1–2, T. H. Francis 3–4, K. C. Croft 5–6, D. J. Forder 7–8, M. J. Butler 9–10.

The toast of "The Guild" was proposed by Mr. Frank Darby, Master of the Surrey Association, who brought fraternal greetings from his committee. In the 1968 Christmas bells, he commented, how well the W. and P. had been represented by Eling. A recent event which created some sort of a record was when the Guild Master and general secretary, with the aid of their wives, produced daughters within two days of each other!

In reminiscent vein he recalled the valuable work to the Exercise of the Guild's Immediate Past Master, Canon Felstead, as one of their leading historians and statisticians, and the work of George Williams and Fred Rogers.

Coupled with the toast was the name of Canon Felstead, who said that much had been achieved in the 90 years of the Guild's existence. The first peal was not rung until two or three years after its formation. In 1879 there were no rings of 12: now there were two and five tens. Last year, for the first time, 100 peals were rung for the Guild. George Williams, who was Master for 30 years, was the first to conduct 1,000 peals on tower bells.

The toast of "The Visitors" was drunk on the call of the Master (Mr. Roger Savory), and Mr. Alan Carveth, president of the Truro Diocesan Guild, in response, said visiting was the life blood of the Exercise, and an active interchange between belfries was the only way to further their art.

This concluded the formal proceedings. The encouraging support portends that the dinner should certainly become one of the Guild's major annual events.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.—On April 1st, 1,472 Glasgow Surprise Major: J. S. Hopwood 1, R. Green 2, D. C. Jackson 3, R. H. Youdale 4, E. W. Colley 5, R. M. Heyworth 6, G. E. Evenden 7, D. J. Forder (cond.) 8. An engagement compliment to the 6th, and to celebrate the birth of Anthea Susan Evenden.

MIDDLESEX HONOURS SENIOR MEMBERS

ALLEGATIONS OF COLOUR BAR

A number of members who had rendered long and distinguished service to the Middlesex County Association were honoured with life membership at the 72nd A.G.M. held at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, on April 19th. These were Messrs. A. Cutler, G. W. Fletcher, G. R. Goodship, J. R. Mayne, W. H. Coles, F. W. Goodfellow, T. Price, C. W. Roberts and T. J. Lock.

Before the meeting there was ringing at Clerkenwell, St. John-at-Hackney and Upper Clapton. Officiating at the service at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, were Father R. A. Gould (Vicar), who gave the address, and Father Alan White. Mrs. Steele and helpers provided an excellent tea.

The President (Rev. G. G. Taylor) presided at the meeting supported by the Master (Mr. W. S. Deason), the hon. secretary (Mr. T. J. Lock), the hon. treasurer (Mr. F. W. Goodfellow) and the assistant hon. secretary (Miss R. M. Foreman).

The meeting stood in silence when the following members lost through death were remembered—A. W. Coles (North Mymms), Lady Juliet S. Craig (Hillingdon), Miss P. M. Gearing (Hendon), W. H. Johnson (Ripon), and W. J. Langley (Monken Hadley).

MASTER'S REPORT

The Master's report recorded that 55 new members had been elected, but attendance at the 42 meetings and practices was spasmodic. Sunday service ringing was being maintained at most towers. Efforts had been made to get a local band together at St. Stephen's, Ealing, where C. Mays held regular Friday practices. Mrs. M. A. May was trying hard to teach new learners at Harmondsworth. Special practices for beginners were still being arranged by Miss A. Horsford and C. Stevenson, and much good work had been done at Stanwell by D. G. Pickett, where new bearings had been fitted to the clappers.

Appreciation was expressed to F. T. Blagrove in giving members opportunities to ring peals; Mr. R. A. Gage for maintaining ringing at mid-week lunch hour services at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, and T. G. Hawkins, who took over in his absence. C. W. Ward was congratulated on completing 50 years' service to ringing.

The loss of two tower affiliations—Finchley and Barnet—was regretted, and St. Andrew's, Uxbridge, was losing its affiliation through inactivity in the belfry. A return of 115 quarter peals showed them to have been rung in 30 towers, the methods ranging from Doubles to Surprise Royal. Hillingdon recorded most with 21.

Fifty-one peals were rung for the Association (62 in 1967). There had been five first peals and two firsts as conductor. Seven methods were rung to peals for the first time, and seven others as first for the Association. A record was made by a band conducted by J. S. N. Porter at St. Ann's, Stamford Hill, of a peal of Spliced Surprise Major in 25 methods, which was the greatest number of methods used with all the bells doing all the work of each method.

HON. SECRETARY'S THREE EVENTS

The hon. secretary reached three totals of note during the year—his 1,000th peal, his 500th for the Association and his 300th on the bells of St. Mary's, Willesden. H. G. Hart rang his 100th peal on the bells of All Saints', Harrow Weald.

Restoration work had been completed at St. Mary's, Twickenham; the six bells at St. Lawrence's, Brentford, had been classified as redundant and were for disposal.

The accounts, presented by Mr. F. W. Goodfellow, showed a balance of £193 at the end of the year on the central fund and a balance of £145 on the bell restoration fund.

All the officers were re-elected, but there was a change in the Central Council representation. Miss R. M. Foreman retired and Mr. C. H. Rogers was elected in her place. Other members are Messrs. F. T. Blagrove, G. W. Critchley and T. J. Lock.

A new rule governing grants from the bell restoration fund was passed. Applications for grants are to be made to either District secretaries giving details of the work to be carried out and an estimate of the total cost. The size of the grant shall be agreed by a general meeting of the Association.

RESTORATIONS AND REDUNDANCIES

A grant of £30 to Stanwell was approved and Mr. Goodfellow mentioned that another claim would be forthcoming for the restoration at St. Mary's, Hayes. The restoration would probably cost £2,500 as the old six bells were being recast into a light eight. The Venn family had done a tremendous amount of work and given £1,000 towards the cost.

The President said it was put to him that the bells of Clapham Park, which are no longer required, might be put in St. Giles-in-the-Field. He would not think of parting with his bells, which were rung for the Restoration of Charles II.

Miss Horsford said that there was a proposal for these bells to go to Kingston.

The Secretary said that as an Association they were not directly involved in Clapham Park.

When the meeting was considering life-membership Mr. Blagrove called attention to Mrs. Gladys Barker having completed 50 years' membership and Mr. William Henley 60 years'. The honour is to be conferred on them.

The congratulations of the meeting to Mr. Tom Lock on ringing his 1,000th peal were voiced by Mr. A. Cutler and seconded by Mr. E. H. Kilby, who said he had known Tom from the early 1920s when he first came to London. He was always a Sunday service ringer.

Mr. Cutler recalled Mr. Lock's long connection with the Middlesex Association, having joined in 1927. For 18 years he was a District secretary and on the death of Mr. Ernest Turner was elected general secretary.

Thanking the members, Mr. Lock said he regarded himself as an Association man. He thought the organisation of ringing throughout the country was dependent on the Associations. One other thing that gave him pleasure was that he was elected to life membership while in office.

Hillingdon was elected as the venue for the next annual meeting and a committee was appointed to prepare the design for a new members' badge.

COLOURED RINGERS

There was a long discussion on a matter raised by Mr. W. G. Knight why two applications he had made for Gospel Oak to be in union with the Association had been turned down.

The Master, who was then in the chair, answered that being "in union" depended on the number of members and Mr. Knight was the only member from Gospel Oak.

Mr. Knight replied that there were other towers in union with only one member. "One thing was put to me," he said, "was that I would not get application as long as I was teaching coloured people. I feel that this is something I cannot ignore. Fifty per cent of our congregation are coloured and I am very proud to be a member of that congregation."

The Master replied that the Association had given grants to a number of towers, including Gospel Oak, who were not in union. They gave a grant to Kilifi.

Mr. Knight said he wanted help in training and affiliation would help.

Miss Horsford said she was just making a plea for a tower in a similar position to be given better assistance.

Mr. Knight replied that an independent tower was not likely to get help. Thirty-two kids had learned to handle a bell and he wanted help.

The matter then dropped.

REDEDICATION

St. Mary's, Bungay, Suffolk

April 12th was a red-letter day for ringing in Suffolk, for as well as the date of its A.G.M. at Bury St. Edmunds it was also the occasion of rededication of the bells at the Priory Church of St. Mary, Bungay.

The ring of eight (tenor 16 cwt.), cast by Thomas Mears II at Whitechapel in 1820, had been silent for about three years, and while the Church Council had spent a considerable sum on structural repairs to the tower fabric to render it safe the townspeople raised almost £3,000 for the restoration of the bells. These have been quarter-turned, tuned and hung in an iron frame with new fittings, and equipped with Ellacombe chiming apparatus by John Taylor and Son, who have done an excellent job.

The rededication service was conducted by the Archdeacon of Suffolk (Ven. C. S. Scott) assisted by the Vicar (Rev. G. J. Tarris) and was attended by a very large congregation. The Suffolk Guild was represented by a small group who felt justified in missing the A.G.M. for such a special occasion.

At the conclusion of the service the first touch was rung by local ringers, after which the few visitors took part in general ringing, which concluded with a quarter peal of 1,264 Plain Bob Major by Rev. P. N. Bond 1, J. B. Pickup (cond.) 2, F. Gunton 3, M. Parker 4, T. Brock 5, W. Flatt 6, R. W. Bickers 7, E. R. Goate 8.

E. R. G.

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

MOST IMPORTANT AND BUSY YEAR REVIEWED

WORCESTER on Easter Monday is the traditional venue for the A.G.M. of the Worcestershire and Districts Association and the sunny holiday weather attracted a large number of ringers to the afternoon's ringing programme. In the morning, the annual service was held at All Saints' and was conducted by the chaplain, Rev. H. L. Davies. During the service a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by D. G. Franklin 1–2, L. J. Haines 3–4, R. G. Morris 5–6, G. Bagley 7–8.

The A.G.M. followed, being held in the Cathedral Chapter House. As the Dean-elect of Worcester had not yet been installed, the Association was still without a president and so the Chair was taken by a vice-president, Rev. L. J. Birch.

FROM THE ANNUAL REPORT

The Master: We have just passed through one of the most important and busy years of our existence, most of the activities centring around the visit of the Central Council. Those of our members who attended a Council meeting for the first time found something to interest them even if it were only to wonder how some of the weird and wonderful speeches on Doubles method construction and the like would affect their own Sunday service ringing even if they understood what the speakers were talking about!

The General Secretary: I am sure that the Council members and visitors went away with a first-class impression of our Association. It was a great pleasure to receive and read many letters of appreciation afterwards and it gave the committee who made the arrangements great satisfaction to know that their efforts had been so successful.

On branch reorganisation the General Secretary wrote: "The problem facing the appointed committee is that of three large branches, large both in the number of towers they contain and in the distances between the extremes, and no easy solution is apparent."

Regarding ringing courses on an Association level, Mr. Beacham wrote that he would be pleased to hear from members able to help. "Such ventures as this will only 'get off the ground' if they have the drive and enthusiasm of one or two people who are not only concerned about ringing training, but also have time and energy to give to it."

MEMBERSHIP JUMP

A note on membership stated that paid-up ringing members numbered 530, which very nearly equalled the record of 537 in 1953, and it was gratifying to see this increase on last year's figure of 507.

When the accounts were considered, the treasurer (Mr. G. Westwood) was able to point out that since the end of the year nearly £100 had been received in donations towards the expenses of last year's Central Council meeting, thus restoring the general fund to a healthy position.

A question was asked regarding the membership of peal bands when peals were rung for the Association. The General Secretary said that the Peal Secretary (who was absent) did check on the membership of bands at the end of the year and if a peal had been rung with a non-member in the band every effort was made to obtain a subscription. However, it was primarily the conductor's job to see that the rules were complied with and he wished more care was given to this as the situation seemed to be getting worse.

POSITION AT IPSLEY

The Report of the recent Central Committee meeting was read out by the General Secretary. One of the most interesting points was the promise of a grant from the belfry repairs fund of £25 towards a scheme to rehang the three old bells at Ipsley in a new 6-bell frame. This country church would soon be in the centre of the New Town at Redditch and the Rector was very keen to have the bells ready to call his new parishioners. It was hoped to add the three extra bells later and the Association had intimated its fullest support in raising funds for these when the time came.

There was one change in Association officers. The peal secretary, Mr. G. L. Bowen, did not wish to be re-elected as he was expecting to move out of the county. Mr. D. G. Franklin was elected to succeed him. All other officers were re-elected, namely: Rev. L. J. Birch, Messrs. W. B. Cartwright and J. D. Johnson, vice-presidents; Mr. W. B. Cartwright, Master; Mr. D. Beacham, general secretary; Mr. G. Westwood, treasurer; Mr. C. W. Cooper, librarian; Mr. A. A. Jopp, belfry Repairs Committee convener; Rev. H. L. Davies, Chaplain; Messrs. B. C. Ashford, D. Beacham, W. B. Cartwright, A. J. Brazier, Central Council representatives; and Messrs. A. D. Cook and R. W. R. Sheppard, auditors.

Ringing at eight towers in the afternoon and evening followed. D. B.

Hereford Three-Day Ringing Course

THE Hereford Guild and 62 visiting ringers once more are indebted to Mr. W. F. Moreton for his efforts in organising this year's residential course held at the College of Education, Hereford, from Thursday, April 10th, until Sunday, April 13th.

Student ringers from towers extending from Devon to Lancashire, young and old and all sharing a common desire to improve their ringing, assembled early on Thursday evening to embark on another highly enjoyable and successful ringing course.

The tutors consisted of the following: Messrs. G. T. Cousins, P. G. K. Davies, W. F. Moreton, F. Sharpe, W. G. Wilson, A. T. Wingate, J. C. Eisel.

Following assembly and supper, students gathered at All Saints' Church, Hereford, for a combined practical session, at which the ability of ringers was quickly assessed, enabling them to be placed into groups for teaching purposes. Returning to the College, we immediately commenced with the first lectures according to the separate groups in which we had been placed. After a late drink, we retired to the very comfortable accommodation made available to us.

The course was arranged with lectures in the mornings and practical sessions in the afternoons, with talks and illustrated lectures in the evenings. A full timetable had been arranged with a minimum of time for relaxation.

In the practical sessions groups 1 to 3 concentrated on bell control and plain hunting under the guidance of Mr. Cousins, Mr. Davies and Mr. Eisel. Group 4 rang more simple methods under the guidance and with tuition from Mr. W. F. Moreton, and quick he was to spot and correct handling faults. Group 5 concentrated on ringing spliced Surprise methods and conducting, led by Mr. W. G. Wilson.

The highlights of the evening talks were those given by Mr. F. Sharpe on Friday and Saturday. Mr. Sharpe's wide knowledge of campanology in all its departments enables him to hold and maintain an attentive audience throughout.

As on previous occasions, the course was surrounded by a general air of friendliness and enthusiasm. Some 19 towers were made available for ringing purposes and students generally owe their appreciation to incumbents and to Mr. George Cousins on whom the arrangements had fallen for this part of the course, as in previous years.

The course concluded with a practical session on Sunday afternoon and students dispersed after tea at the College, each returning with increased enthusiasm and a burning desire to progress still further in the art.

We are all grateful to Mr. Moreton and his band and now look forward to the 1970 course. L. M. B.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD

Nearly 60 ringers attended a most enjoyable practice meeting at Bournemouth on April 12th. As it is over four years since the bells of St. John's, Surrey Road, have been available for a meeting owing to complaints from nearby residents, many members experienced their first ring here during the afternoon. Even on this occasion it was considered necessary to fix "Davis" silencers to the bells, but in spite of this the ringers all agreed that it was a step in the right direction to have the bells rung once again for a meeting. We look forward to the day when the bells will be rung open once more.

Mrs. H. A. Mitchell and her helpers prepared a delicious tea in the Church Hall and members were delighted to learn that the tea was to be a birthday celebration in honour of Mr. H. A. ("Bert") Mitchell, captain of St. John's, who would celebrate his 70th birthday on St. George's Day.

Ringing continued at St. Peter's, Bournemouth, during the evening. G. W. D.

LITTLE HOUGHTON, NORTHANTS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Hastings 1, D. J. Morgan 2, C. E. Stanton 3, L. Battison 4, R. Henman (cond.) 5.

NORTHFLEET, KENT. — On March 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Wilkinson 1, Glenda Crane (first of Triples) 2, Lynn Seton 3, R. J. Thompson 4, R. M. Thompson (first as cond.) 5, T. V. Barnard 6, T. Lewis 7, E. C. Stuart 8.

Letters to the Editor

RECORD LENGTH ATTEMPT

Dear Sir,—I would like to give notice of an attempt to ring 13,440 Rutland Surprise Major at Barnes, Surrey, on Saturday, May 17th, 1969, starting at 10.45 a.m. The composition is by Christopher I. Rowson. —Yours sincerely,

TIMOTHY G. PETT.

Tufnell Park, N.19.

DOUBLES COLLECTION

Dear Sir,—The following two errors are apparent in the Appendix to the C.C. Doubles Collection printed on page 243 (1969):

(a) The lead-end places of 875T Pembrokeshire should be 123, not 125; and (b) Monmouthshire was omitted. The place notation of this method is 345.145.125.123. 345 i.e. 125 3425.

Also, 55V Pensthorpe was named on page 719 (1968).

There are at present no rules against methods which are bobbed leads of other methods (the current restrictions apply to variations only). Since such methods have now been added to the Doubles Collection, may we now assume that they are officially recognised as bona fide methods?—Yours faithfully,

SIMON HUMPHREY.

Stapleford, Nottingham.

PEALS BEFORE PRACTICE

Dear Sir,—I have read quite a few letters about tower grabbing that have been printed in "The Ringing World," and here is another one, but of a slightly different type.

Here in Trumpington a Surprise Major practice is a regular occurrence on Tuesdays. It is also a fairly regular thing to have a peal on a Tuesday evening, but usually we ringers that come to this practice are warned in advance that there will be no practice as there is to be a peal.

However, on April 15th a peal was rung at Trumpington and no such warning was given with the result that I and three other ringers were standing about for an hour waiting for the peal to finish—and by that time it was 9.5 p.m. and there could be no more ringing done that night.

On waiting for these ringers to come down from the ringing chamber we expected a word of explanation. None was given: no apology was given, not even to myself, as I not only represented the tower captain, who also did not know of this peal, which I afterwards learnt had been fixed up the day before, but also I was the only member of the resident Trumpington band present. One of the waiting ringers had travelled a considerable distance to ring at this practice. Should our "expert" ringers be allowed to do as they like regardless of other people? Still, I am only 19, and have only been ringing for three years—perhaps I am wrong.—Yours sincerely,

MARTIN R. KITSON.

Trumpington.

PENITENCE!

Dear Sir,—Surely we are all indebted to Mr. Mayne for the message he has handed down in his letter on handbell ringing and compositions.

The message clearly is that, like Mr. Mayne, no one should doubt his own cleverness and, in pursuing any aspirations we might have, we should avoid steps designed to make progress in any way easy.

Those of us who, like the band in which I ring, struggle unaided for years to ring, in the first instance, handbell peals of minimum complexity need feel no longer alone. Abundant and freely given advice is becoming available, albeit perhaps with little real understanding and remote chance of personal guidance.

For the time being at least, however, we shall, sir, continue to forward you details of our stumbling attainment of the miserably low targets we have set ourselves. And this notwithstanding our having now been made aware that, during the past two or three years, any feelings of pleasure or enjoyment we have had from either the sound of our bells or our achievements are quite unjustified, are to be deplored and are possibly even heretic!

We have done those things we ought not to have done—and shall probably continue to do so!—Yours sincerely,

F. LESLIE COVENTRY.

Bebington, Wirral.

RINGING FOR LOCAL ASSOCIATION

Dear Sir,—I have always endeavoured to ring peals for the Association responsible for the tower in which the peal is rung. Sometimes there may be a particular reason for ringing the peal for another Association or Guild, but I have always believed it to be discourteous not to ring the peal for the local Association. I am, therefore, surprised to learn that by crediting our peal of Holbeach Surprise Major at Woolwich to the Kent County Association we were making a convenience of that Association. Is it possible to do the right thing? Perhaps the Kent County Association has disowned Woolwich!—Yours sincerely,

JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM.

Bayswater, W.2.

CLOCK WANTED

Dear Sirs,—Being interested in horology as well as companology, I should like, as a project, to restore an old turret clock in the workshops of the school where I teach metalwork. When finished it is envisaged that the finished clock would be installed in the school in such a manner that the movement would be at ground level in a glass panelled cupboard (working).

Does anyone know of the whereabouts of a suitable clock which would be free of charge or at a nominal sum?—Yours faithfully,

BARRY CORBISHLEY.

77, Congleton Road,
Macclesfield, Cheshire.

A MUSICAL BOB MAJOR

Dear Sir,—I have recently been looking into Plain Bob Major and have produced the following rather interesting composition:

5,040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

W	B	M	H	
—			2	2453678
	S		S	2543768
	S		2	3245678
	S		S	3425768
—	S		3	5324678
—	S		—	2453768
		—	—	7543268
	S		S	7453628
	S		2	4573268
	S		S	7354628

Twice repeated.

This composition produces both the handstroke and backstroke home, and also the musical course ends with the 7 in 6ths and the tenor home.

I cannot believe that I am the first person to produce a composition with these very musical qualities which have so far been overlooked, but after an extensive search through other compositions I have not so far found a composition with these musical qualities.—Yours faithfully,

LEN MARTIN.

Maidstone.

TONGA: UNBELLS?

Dear Sir,—Patricia Moir, a keen member of the Auckland team, is at present in Tonga, under the "Voluntary Service Abroad" scheme. We had thought that, until next Christmas, her campanological activities would be à deux with W.G.W. (The Book, one hastens to add!)

Pat now reports a very strong suspicion that there are bells in the Royal Chapel at Nuku'alofa, though she doubts whether they are hung for change ringing. So far, all attempts to explore the upper regions of the Chapel seem to have been frustrated. Geo. Orwell would undoubtedly cite this as a clear case of "Unbells."

Has anyone any information on the subject, please?—Yours faithfully,

W. T. LACK.

Auckland, N.Z.

ST. STEPHEN'S, CLAPHAM PARK

Dear Sir,—Touching the note in "Belfry Gossip" (page 306) concerning St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, the undersigned, who jointly arrange ringing at Clapham Park, feel they ought to mention that they were not among "those who assisted in various ways" in the arranging of the peal, and to apologise to those who were faithfully promised by our predecessor the right of first refusal if and when the bells became available for a peal.—Yours truly,

NIGEL THOMSON, Wallington, Surrey.
ROBERT COOLES, Battersea, S.W.11.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
SEE BACK PAGE

THE LAST OF THE DEVON SHEPHERDS

The Shepherd family of Exeter became well known in the 19th century, and though I cannot go back to the 1820s, when my grandparents were born, I can remember the four brothers Shepherd who were ringers in Exeter when I came in 1883.

My dad was born in 1857, my Uncle Edwin in 1862, and Francis, Richard and Alfred passed on as young men, a great loss for change-ringing in the city of Exeter. My dad was the one who boasted three sons—Ferris John in 1882, myself in 1883 and my younger brother, Arthur Francis, in 1891. A young man who was learning ringing with me in the early 1890s was William Temple, who (like his father) rose to become Archbishop of Canterbury.

My dad and Edwin were the mainstays of ringing not only in Exeter but also in Devon and neighbouring counties. It was uphill work and peals were few. Plymouth helped with the Devon Guild and I well remember E. Taylor and G. H. Myers as two good leaders. Major ringing was unknown in the county, but early in the 20th century it became more popular.

Ferris John, my brother, left Exeter for London in 1899 and I, who was in the Devon county education offices 1897–1900, also left for London at the later date, but the two brothers Ferris and Edwin carried on the building business opposite St. Sidwell's Church until 1903, when dad undertook a seven-year job at Arklow in Ireland near where J. W. Washbrook was verger and bellringer at the C. of I. Church.

Before leaving Exeter I rang four peals in 1900 and toured Devon not only for educational work but change-ringing, when the place had a ring of bells; the Rev. Maitland Kelly remembered me for special events in connection with the Devon Guild. In 1902 I moved into Surrey, and brother F. J. soon joined me. In 1909 our parents joined us in Hersham and early in 1910 four Shepherds rang the first handbell peal for the Devon Guild.

My young brother, Arthur, was a great help and in 1912 he and I rang not only in a 14,031 Stedman Caters "in hand" but also a 19,738 of the same method "in hand" at Guildford in 9 hours and 32 minutes. Arthur's health became unsettled in 1916 and he died at the age of 25 that same year. My dad died in 1921 at the age of 64 and F. J. moved to Southwick in Sussex and I to Addlestone in 1926.

My Uncle Edwin lived in Exeter until his death in 1946 at the age of 84. F. J. died in Brighton Hospital in 1961, aged 78, and yours truly, who is 85½, cannot ring because of Paget's disease of bones over a period of 16 years. When the weather is warmer I hope to be taken out in an invalid chair, but I cannot get to any meetings, etc. It is a pleasure to see W. H. Coles, J. W. Euston, Len Stillwell and William Simmonds when they call here to see me, for I am the last of the Exeter Shepherds. My brother's two boys—F. H. Shepherd at Bournemouth and A. F. Shepherd at Maidenhead—are both ringers.

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

TWINS BACK IN PEALS COLUMNS

Probably the best known and best loved twins in the ringing Exercise are the Misses Grace and Katharine Burchnall, of High Street, Sutton-on-Trent, who are now 71 years old.

By ringing in the peal at Balderton, Notts, on April 5th, they returned to our peal columns after an absence of over six months. This was due to Miss Grace breaking her collar-bone when she fell down the stairs after a peal at Gamston, Notts, last September. She has now happily recovered.

Lincoln-born, the sisters have lived in Sutton for 46 years and have been ringing bells at the Parish Church ever since they moved there.

"We have rung in over 600 different churches," said Miss Katharine, "and we belong to several bell-ringing Guilds.

"Bell-ringers as a fraternity are so friendly. If you visit a church and introduce yourself, they will at once invite you to join them in ringing."

They have rung nearly 400 peals.

LADIES' GUILD

Central District Visits Isle of Wight

As an experiment, the Central District had decided to combine its A.G.M. with a ringing outing to the Isle of Wight, the idea being to arouse a bit of enthusiasm amongst its members. The date agreed was March 15th, and on that morning a party of 17 ringers plus two non-ringers met at Ryde.

The first tower visited was Freshwater where we were joined by Ted and Olive Collins, who had travelled from Lymington to Yarmouth to join us for the day. Other towers visited were Brighstone, Godshill, Arreton and Brading. At Brading we met Mrs. Ruth Jones of the Western District, who with her husband and family had been on the island attending a wedding.

On the completion of the ringing, we bade farewell to those who had joined us for the day only and the remainder of the party returned to Ryde where overnight accommodation had been arranged. The business meeting was held in the hotel lounge and at this meeting Mrs. Elsie Savory was elected District vice-president as our former vice-president, Miss Valerie Ware, is now working in Germany. However, Mrs. Savory stated that she had agreed to take over this office on the understanding that it would only be until Miss Ware returned to this country. Much discussion took place concerning the proposed reorganisation of the Guild. The general views of the District were obtained, to be presented to the Guild's A.G.M. in July. The District's next meeting will be held on May 31st at Little Missenden and Chalfont St. Giles.

In view of the success of the trip to the Isle of Wight, it was decided to combine our A.D.M. with a ringing outing again next year. By kind invitation of Mrs. Olive Collins, Ringwood, Hants, is to be the area visited, in March, 1970. Anybody wishing to join the party, whether or not they are Ladies' Guild members, are welcome to do so.

After Sunday morning ringing at Ryde Parish Church, the party broke up, all agreeing that the weekend had been very enjoyable and looking forward to next year's trip. J. H.

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HALF PEAL

DRAYCOTT-IN-THE-MOORS, STAFFS.—On April 7th, 2,520 Grandsire Triples: G. K. Green 1, J. Ryder 2, W. Bunn (first for 30 years) 3, R. Green 4, F. R. Morton (cond.) 5, H. W. Howard 6, G. A. Edwards 7, W. H. Watkin 8. A peal attempt called round.

A LONG LENGTH

HUNTINGTON, YORKS.—On April 9th, 2,160 Plain Bob Doubles. C. Milner 1, A. C. Banton 2, Katharine M. Thorley 3, Susan E. Thompson 4, J. M. Thorley 5. Conducted jointly by 2 and 5.

A SUSSEX OUTING, April 12th, 1969.

OXFORD.—At Christ Church, 1,320 Grandsire Cinques: G. Francis 1, D. D. Smith 2, E. R. Rapley 3, F. H. Hicks 4, T. Banner 5, J. Norris 6, B. Matthews 7, A. Baldock 8, I. Wickens 9, J. A. Howard 10, W. L. Weller (cond.) 11, D. Slater 12. First on 12 bells for 1, 2, 5, 6, 8 and 9.

EVESHAM, WORCS.—1,254 Erin Cinques: D. D. Smith 1, E. R. Rapley 2, A. Baldock 3, T. Banner 4, J. Norris 5, D. Slater 6, G. Francis (cond.) 7, J. A. Howard 8, B. Matthews 9, F. H. Hicks 10, W. L. Weller 11, J. Wickens 12. First in the method by all the band.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.—1,248 Kent T.B. Maximus: T. Banner 1, J. Norris 2, E. R. Rapley 3, D. Slater 4, A. Baldock 5 J. A. Howard 6, B. Matthews 7, F. Hicks 8, G. Francis 9, I. Wickens 10, D. D. Smith 11, W. L. Weller (cond.) 12. First Maximus for 1, 2, 4, 5, 9, 10 and 11.

ALVECHURCH, WORCS.—On March 31st, 1,296 Plain Bob Minimus: C. Allidge 1, H. Milward 2, C. Milward 3, C. Hims 4. First quarter 1. First of Minimus 2, 3 and 4. Rung half muffled and non-conducted. Believed to be the first quarter by a local band for several years.

ARUNDEL, SUSSEX. — On March 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): Miss S. Martin 1, Miss M. Smith 2, Miss B. Haselgrove 3, G. Lee, snr., 4, Mrs. A. Daughtry (cond.) 5, Miss J. Daughtry 6. First Spliced for all the band. Birthday compliment to ringer of 3. For Evensong. Also on April 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Frith 1, H. C. Weaver 2, C. Chappell 3, Miss B. Haselgrove 4, Mrs. A. Daughtry (first "inside") 5, R. P. Wood 6, R. Cox (cond.) 7, Miss J. Daughtry 8. First in method 1 and 8. For Festival of Easter.

ASH PRIORS, SOMERSET.—On March 29th, 1,260 Doubles (2 methods): K. E. Beale 1, J. Cornelius (cond.) 2, M. A. Arscott 3, A. W. Knight 4, R. A. C. Cross 5, F. Pike 6. In memory of General Dwight D. Eisenhower.

ASTON, HERTS.—On March 2nd, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: L. A. Izzard 1, R. T. Falder (cond.) 2, P. C. Worthington 3, M. R. Worthington 4, A. Gray 5. First of Minimus by all the band. For morning service.

BARTON ST. DAVID, SOMERSET.—On April 6th, 1,260 Wollaton Bob Doubles: T. Look 1, Miss S. A. Mayell 2, A. J. Callow 3, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 4, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 5, W. A. Prescott 6. First in the method by all and on the bells. The conductor's 100th quarter peal of Doubles.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On March 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original): N. Thomson 1, J. Schofield 2, A. G. Clark 3, Juliet S. Stoy (cond.) 4, S. F. Kimber 5, R. J. Cook 6, F. D. Jennings 7, R. J. Talbot 8. For Evensong and to mark the birth of a son to Jean and Stewart Kimber.

BELTON, LINCS. — On March 30th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Miss E. Pearson 1, Miss J. Arrand 2, J. H. Selby 3, D. E. Arrand 4, S. A. Selby 5, M. A. Rose (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

BENINGTON, HERTS. — On April 6th, 1,260 Doubles (4 methods, 7, 6, 8 covering): R. J. Hamilton (first quarter) 1, Rosemary A. Spicer 2, M. R. Worthington (most methods as cond., 50th quarter) 3, Brenda J. Harris 4, P. C. Worthington 5, A. J. Davey (first quarter) 6, F. W. Judkins 7, N. R. Perrin 8. For Easter.

BENTWORTH, HANTS. — On Easter Eve, 1,260 Doubles (3 methods): D. M. Hadley 1, D. G. Hatherly 2, Janet Yeates 3, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 4, B. E. Pink 5. Rung for Easter Festival.

BINGHAM, NOTTS.—On April 5th, 1,320 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Edwina A. Dixon 1, Pamela J. Clifton 2, P. L. R. Hayward 3, Rosemary J. Willey 4, W. G. Marsh (cond.) 5.

QUARTER PEALS

BLACKMOOR, HANTS. — On March 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Gill (first quater) 1, A. Gill (first "inside") 2, D. Fox 3, Rev. C. J. Butler (first quarter) 4, M. E. Cass (first as cond.) 5, G. Cane 6. For Passiontide Service and readings. Also in memory of Dwight D. Eisenhower.

BRIDGNORTH, SALOP.—At the Church of St. Leonard, on April 6th, 1,428 Grandsire Triples: A. E. Timmins 1, B. Moorby 2, A. Jones 3, W. Head 4, R. B. Dorrington 5, H. G. Thomas 6, R. C. Stevens (cond.) 7, R. Winwood 8. For Evensong.

CADDINGTON, BEDS. — On April 6th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Plain Bob, Grandsire): Miss G. Lunn 1, Mrs. B. Redfearn 2, Mrs. M. A. Coburn 3, N. Garrard 4, D. Redfearn (cond.) 5, D. Clark 6. First quarter 1 and 6. For morning service.

CALVERLEY, YORKS. — On Good Friday, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Stella G. Cousen 1, Margaret Reddish 2, Joan M. Dawson 3, W. Lee 4, A. C. Driver 5, P. M. Dawson (cond.) 6. Rung half muffled for evening service.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.—On April 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Kathryne R. Pearce (first on 8) 1, R. P. Pearce 2, F. M. Bowers 3, Canon A. S. Roberts 4, A. Locke 5, A. J. Davidson 6, T. J. Bell (cond.) 7, D. Stephens 8.

CARHAMPTON, SOMERSET. — On Easter Day, 1,260 Doubles (4 methods): Paddy Tuckett (first quarter) 1, E. Tyndale-Biscoe (cond.) 2, F. Arscott 3, A. Chubb 4, R. Watts 5, M. Cooke 6. For Evensong.

CAVERSHAM, BERKS.—On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Osborne 1, D. Beaumont 2, J. Milford 3, J. Mudd 4, H. Mitchell 5, S. Osborne 6, R. Harris (cond.) 7, H. Osborne 8. For Evensong.

CHALFORD, GLOS.—On April 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. J. Page 1, P. W. Screen 2, Pat Buckland 3, R. Nicholas 4, M. N. Amphlett (cond.) 5, J. H. Taylor 6. Rung for the christening of Claire S. Cribley, daughter of the tower captain.

CHERITON, KENT.—On April 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Madge Tempest 1, Mary Munt 2, K. D. Butler (cond.) 3, Pamela Court 4, A. Binstead 5, J. B. Thorn 6. Rung after the wedding of Heather Mary Eastmead (daughter of the tower captain) to Richard Keith Arnold on April 12th.

CHESTER-LE-STREET, CO. DURHAM.—On Easter Day, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: K. Talbot 1, A. Walton (first quarter) 2, Miss M. A. P. Bertie 3, S. Atkinson 4, D. G. Hall 5, W. Nicholson 6, D. A. Bayles 7, I. V. Wintrip (first of cond. of Major) 8. For Evensong.

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CLAPHAM PARK, LONDON. — On Easter Day, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: S. Mortimer 1, Carol Martin 2, Jill Oakshott 3, J. Munton 4, J. Davidge 5, G. W. Shanks 6, J. Pratt (cond.) 7, A. J. C. Brown 8.

CODDINGTON, NOTTS. — On April 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Draycott (first quarter) 1, Jean Moore 2, P. Holmes 3, F. Derry 4, D. E. Kirton (first as cond.) 5, K. C. Vernon 6. Rung for the wedding of Andrew Thompson and Cynthia Tysoe.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—At St. Peter's Church, on March 9th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Catherine M. Bew 1, Heather Alford 2, Ann Dowden (first of Major) 3, Wendy Ferguson 4, I. Campbell 5, P. Abott 6, H. J. Millatt 7, M. J. Bew (cond.) 8. For morning service.

DUNKERTON, SOMERSET.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Kidley 1, F. Sellers 2, T. Barrett 3, V. Bowring 4, S. Milverton 5, A. Butt 6. Conducted by 4 and 5.

DRAYTON BASSETT, STAFFS.—On March 30th, 1,272 Minimus (5 methods): A. E. Cooper 1, Theresa Parker (aged 11) 2, K. Donnison (aged 14) 3, K. G. Parker (cond.) 4. Rung half muffled in memory of Mr. W. Attaway, verger of St. Editha, Tamworth, who died this day.

EASTCHURCH, KENT.—On April 6th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Bryant 1, F. Searle 2, Miss M. Ford 3, D. P. Leworthy 4, N. J. Chesson 5, P. D. J. Beal (cond.) 6. For Easter Communion.

EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Valerie J. Howard 1, Evelyn M. Hicks 2, Hilary Thick 3, R. Osbon 4, J. A. Howard 5, P. M. Howard 6, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 7, D. J. Hoad 8. Rung half muffled in memoriam Robert Emmett. Also on March 23rd 1,260 Hawkhurst Bob Triples: Felicity A. Benford 1, Charlotte M. Harris 2, Janet E. Blake 3, Valerie J. Howard 4, J. A. Howard 5, P. M. Howard 6, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 7, D. J. Hoad 8. First in method by all. Rung half muffled for Evensong as a token of respect to General Dwight D. Eisenhower.

EAST MEON, HANTS.—On April 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Prue Nott (aged 14, first quarter) 1, R. Tipper 2, D. Hatherly 3, N. Lambert 4, B. Walton (cond.) 5, R. Cross 6. A wedding compliment to Melvyn Blackman and June Hartley.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX. — On April 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. Holtam 1, J. Duggan 2, Miss D. Holtam (first quarter) 3, Miss M. Twigg 4, H. Howson (cond.) 5, R. Luxon 6.

EYNESBURY, HUNTINGDON.—On Feb. 5th 1,260 Plain Bob Minor R. Bellamy (cond.) 1, M. Stallard 2, P. George 3, W. A. R. Chamberlain 4, G. Bonham 5, D. Prescott 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Lucy Ann Smith, died Jan. 25th, 1969, aged 94 years. Also on April 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Minyon Sutton 1, G. Bonham 2, M. Presland 3, W. A. R. Chamberlain 4, D. Prescott 5, R. Bellamy (cond.) 6. Rung with the best wishes of the band on the occasion of the wedding on April 7th of A. Kenneth Peck (tower captain) and Miss Maureen Sutton.

FAWLEY, HANTS.—On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Bob Minor: Lynda D. Chamberlain 1, Dorothy H. Chamberlain 2, S. J. Chamberlain 3, R. H. Roberts 4, R. Allinson 5, D. C. Jackson (cond.) 6. Rung to celebrate the christening of Nichola Ball, godchild and niece of the tower captain.

FULHAM, LONDON.—At All Saints' Church, on March 30th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: R. D. Bing (first of Caters away from tenor) 1, Gwendoline G. Meyer 2, Deborah Bishop 3, E. J. Adams 4, K. J. Rider 5, Rosemary J. Cotton 6, G. W. Shanks 7, A. S. Bishop 8, C. M. Meyer (cond.) 9, J. R. Pratt 10. For Evensong.

GORING, OXON.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Stedman Triples: S. Franklin (first in method) 1, Carol Tull 2, M. Tull 3, Mary Trent 4, I. Judd (first in method) 5, J. Beaumont 6, W. Irving (cond.) 7, N. Tull 8.

GROBY, LEICS.—On April 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Susan Wright 1, Cherrill L. Everard 2, Ann Rickaby 3, R. D. Hughes 4, P. G. Chambers 5, B. S. Payne (cond.) 6.

GWENNAP, CORNWALL.—On April 12th, 2,160 Doubles (21 methods/variations): T. R. Hart 1, R. P. Pearce 2, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 3, T. J. Bell 4, A. P. Smith 5, D. Stephens 6. A peal attempt curtailed.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDX.—On April 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. White 1, Mrs. E. K. Hart 2, Mrs. M. G. Gage 3, A. Windridge 4, H. G. Hart 5, R. A. Gage (cond.) 6. Rung for Easter.

OBITUARY

MR. GEORGE PYE

Mr. George Pye, the oldest serving member of the Manchester Cathedral band, was called to higher service on March 18th, at the age of 80, after a very short illness—the first time he had been confined to bed in 30 years.

George was not one of the prolific peal ringers, but he was a faithful and dedicated service ringer. His standards for attendance and punctuality were exceptionally high, and could not be equalled. Rather than be five minutes late for ringing, he would be half an hour early.

His dedication to the Church lay in other fields as well. After ringing each Sunday for morning service at the Cathedral, George would take a bus to Collyhurst to play the organ at St. Oswald's Church, where he was officially deputy organist. Being one of the poorer parishes of the city, there was no other organist at the church, so George was the official organist. His commitments at St. Oswald's prevented him from ringing at the Cathedral for Evensong on a Sunday, but he always made himself available to ring for Sunday afternoon services and mid-week evening services, as and when required.

George had been retired for over 25 years after serving in the Manchester City Constabulary, and, like his brother, the late William Pye, was also a member of the police band who ring at Manchester Town Hall. He was a member of the National Police Guild and a life member of the Lancashire Association which he joined in 1911 when a member of the Newchurch (Warrington) band.

The funeral service was at St. Mary's, Prestwich (where his son is the organist), and was conducted by the Vicar of St. Oswald's, Collyhurst, followed by interment at Blackley Cemetery. The service was attended by close friends, relatives and members of the National Police Guild and the Lancashire Association.

On the following Sunday evening, a half-muffled quarter peal was rung on the Cathedral bells fellowed by another quarter on the following Wednesday evening in place of the weekly practice. A peal was also rung at the Cathedral on April 12th.

George will not only be missed by the Cathedral and Town Hall bands, but also by the many visiting peal bands to the Town Hall whom he met and made most welcome.

It was a pleasure to have known him, and our sorrows are turned into joy by the memories of his company. He was a true friend and companion to all who rang with him. May he rest in peace. A. W.

MRS. A. WOOD

The sympathy of a wide circle of friends is extended to Mr. John F. Wood, the Lancashire Association treasurer, in the death of his wife, Mrs. Annie Wood, on April 15th. At St. Peter's Church, Halliwell, Bolton, Mrs. Wood was an ardent worker for her church and many other societies. Although not a ringer, she took a keen interest in Bolton Branch activities. She had a cheerful outlook on life and will be missed by all who knew her. R. H. L.

MR. I. W. SMITH

Mr. Isaac Wain Smith, for 50 years a ringer at Fairfield, Buxton, Derbyshire, and a life member of the Derby Diocesan Association, died at Warwick Hospital on March 25th.

"Ike" (to his many friends) was born almost 80 years ago at Elton, and followed his father's footsteps both into the lead mines and to the five-bell tower there. Later he joined the railway and came to Fairfield in 1916 joining St. Peter's band. In the early 30s the band took to "scientific" and Ike set a fine example by regularity and punctuality despite his duties as a guard. Shortly after completing 50 years at Fairfield, ill-health caused him to leave Buxton and live with relatives at Stratford-on-Avon.

The funeral service was at Fairfield on March 28th. The bells were rung half muffled preceding the service and three courses of his favourite Kent Minor afterwards. The Rev. R. D. St. John Smith and Mr. H. E. Taylor represented the Derby Diocesan Association.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Over 40 ringers and friends attended the Farnham District meeting at Grayshott on April 12th. Ringing before the service included Yorkshire Surprise Major and Stedman Triples. Canon Winnett took the Guild form of service, and one of the younger local ringers played the organ. Following the service came the ample tea, sumptuously prepared by the Grayshott ladies.

Canon Winnett presided at the business meeting, where the main point of discussion was the District outing, which this year will be to the Isle of Wight. The secretary pointed out that anyone booking a seat on the coach would be liable for the cost (26/–). After votes of thanks ringing continued until 8 p.m.

CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING

Will those members and friends who wish to attempt peals on this occasion please contact the undersigned and **not** the local incumbent. If they will state their availability, day, etc., whether 8 or 10, then I will do my utmost to oblige. It would be of great help if these requests could be received at the earliest possible time. Good hunting!

WALTER AYRE.

The Old School House,
Leverstock Green,
Hemel Hempstead, Herts.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD

It was a case of picnic teas in their own cars for the East Grinstead and District Guild when they met at Capel, Surrey, on April 12th because of the windy and showery weather.

At 6.15 p.m. the Vicar (the Rev. T. McCabe) conducted a short service in the church and the business meeting was also held there with 20 members present. The next meeting on May 10th will be at Cudham (10) and the chairman asked for some members to arrive early as the bells would probably require oiling. Members were also warned to provide their own food.

Thanks were expressed to Mrs. H. Penfold for the local arrangements and to the Vicar. Ringing was then continued until 8.30 p.m.

CORRECTIONS

In the peal of six-spliced at Netherton (page 310) only five methods were published. Missing was 896 Bristol. Will those interested kindly amend their copies.

The ringer of the treble in the peal of London at Putney on December 14th, 1968 (page 267), was Robert C. Woodward and not as printed.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The peal at Goring-on-Thames on April 12th was the 50th tower in which Michael J. Church had rung a peal.

Spalding's Spring Festival will last 14 days because no tulips would be in flower to decorate the floats if held on May 3rd. The parade will be on May 10th.

Easter activities of the Truro Guild included a peal weak organised by Mr. T. J. Bell, together with other attempts. Six peals were scored and five lost at Budock, Landewednack, Mawgan, St. Mewan and Gwennap. The last mentioned was owing to the indisposition of one of the band.

Mr. Roland Beniston, who conducted the first peal of Bastow Little Court Major at Whitwick, Leics., on April 9th, recalls that the method was included in a peal of 105 methods of Spliced Minor. He asked the late Ernest Morris for a composition of a full peal of this method. Ernest generously obliged and the composition is now rung for the first time.

On April 1st a peal attempt was made in honour of the birth of a daughter to our latest ringing immigrant, Mr. George Evenden, who now lives at Hythe. The peal of Glasgow was lost after the North Stoneham tenor rope parted. However, rapid splicing by David Forder enabled the band to at least record a quarter peal to mark the occasion.

Easter Day was memorable at Polesworth, Warks. All the band were ringing their first quarter.

Kingsbury, Warks., bells (8) are being dedicated on Saturday, June 28th, at 2.30 p.m.

We are sorry to learn that Dr. E. L. Taylor, of Lyme Regis, who has taken "The Ringing World" since its first issue, is now almost a permanent invalid and cannot read. Many friends, we are sure, will join us in sending our best wishes.

Asfordby, Leics., ringers have a new recruit in 12-year-old Karen French. She learned to handle a bell last September and rang her first quarter on April 17th.

The conductor of the peal at Clapham Park has no reason to believe that the peal was the last on the bells, as suggested by our correspondent on page 306, and hopes it was **not**.

Cardigan, Wales, has a ringer as Mayor in the person of Cclr. D. P. Griffiths. He is also auditor of St. David's Guild. A peal was rung at St. Mary's, Cardigan, in his honour.

We regret to hear that Mr. Tony Price is in hospital and has had a very rough time. Good wishes for a speedy recovery were sent to him from the Middlesex Association meeting with the knowledge that he had been elected a life member.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

ST. MARGARET'S, WORMHILL, DERBYSHIRE

In spite of the obvious disadvantages of trying to ring bells with a tenor of 1¼ cwt. without any ropes, it was decided some nine months ago to try to restore the six bells of St. Margaret's Church, Wormhill, to ringing order. The Vicar was approached, and he agreed to let us ring if we could overcome the problem of obtaining ropes which had to be light enough for the bells. The bells were inspected, and it was found that, although they had not been rung for some time, they were in good order, and, apart from the second, all had their stays intact.

Our energies were then devoted to obtaining new ropes, which we decided had to be made by ourselves. We contacted a Sheffield rope works, who kindly gave us 300 ft. of 3-strand rope. We then proceeded to make sallies as follows: The two ends of the rope were spliced together to form a splice of about twelve inches in length. Each loop of the splice was pegged with a number of pieces of rug wool. This produced a reasonably thick sally. The rope was then cut at the required length each side of the newly made sally.

The ropes were eventually fitted just before the winter, but it was not until Saturday, April 19th, that the bells were rung. At first we found them difficult to handle, and this was not helped by the cramped conditions in the ringing chamber. However, after a poor start, a reasonable peal of Plain Bob Minor was rung in 2 hours and 12 minutes. It is hoped to ring the bells more frequently in future, although there seems little possibility of raising a local band owing to the sparse population and the isolation of the small village.

LADIES' GUILD FLOURISHES

The South Wales District held a very enjoyable and well attended meeting at Ebbw Vale on March 22nd. Members and visitors had travelled from places as far apart as Pembroke and Ross-on-Wye and all had ample opportunity to ring on these fine bells.

Mr. Jack Alsop was waiting in the tower and warmly welcomed early arrivals. The Vicar, Rev. W. L. Lewis, took the service, assisted by the Rev. J. Butler, and Mr. Tom Stephens read the lesson. Miss Gillian Clench was organist.

Mrs. Audrey Bruten, Mrs. T. Stephens and their helpers had prepared to fine tea in the Church Hall. Mr. Alan Paton kindly offered the thanks of all those present.

At the business meeting it was mentioned that the record number of 65 members had paid their subscriptions during the year.

Mrs. Beryl Paton, of Mitcheldean, was elected vice-president and it was decided to try to hold meeting at Llanelli on June 21st and at St. Woolos', Newport, on November 22nd. Western District members were joining in a joint evening practice at Chepstow on Wednesday, June 25th. J. S. K.

JEFF AND SANDRA MARRIED

Many ringing friends of Sandra Goodship and Jeff Claughton will be pleased to know that on Easter Saturday the ceremony of their marriage at the ancient Church of St. Mary, Nettlestead, in the folds of the Suffolk countryside, was enhanced by spring sunshine and blessed by the happiness of the relatives and friends filling the church.

Ringingwise the counties of Suffolk, Bedfordshire and Berkshire were united on this day by Sandra's early association at Offton and with the ringing members of the Goodship family headed by her grandfather and veteran ringer Gilbert Goodship; by Jeff's home ringing career at Totternhoe and by both bride and groom's happy meeting and ringing days at Easthampstead.

These associations were represented by family ringers D. A. Hammond (Beds) and a small contingent from Easthampstead, among whom F. C. Price, Mr. and Mrs. A. Rance and S. G. Scott rang the happy couple out of church on handbells. L. Cobb (Swindon) represented yet another ringing tie with Jeff and the Purbeck Youths and ringing at Ringwood.

On Easter Sunday a peal of Plain Bob Major was rung at Grundisburgh to celebrate the occasion, conducted by Frank C. Price and including Sandra's grandfather and an uncle. A peal attempt of Cambridge Minor at Binfield, Berks, on Easter Monday unfortunately came to grief after three extents.

After honeymooning in Guernsey Jeff and Sandra return to their new home near Farnham, to a new life soon it is hoped to be enriched by new ringing friends and matured by the combined friendships of the many well-wishers mentioned and not mentioned above. S. G. S.

In the peal at Rocester (page 309) the treble was rung by Alec R. Jones.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION

On April 12th the Ilchester Branch held its April practice meeting in the lovely Church of St. Michael and All Angels, Haselbury Plucknett.

A good number of members and visitors attended and a most enjoyable evening resulted, due to the kindness of the Vicar, the Rev. J. M. C. Yates, and the Tower Master, Mr. E. Lester.

Ringing on this pleasant, very light six (tenor 6¾ cwt.) from the ground floor was under the direction of the Branch Ringing Master (Mr. Gordon Rendell).

Next practice: Kingsdon (6–25 cwt.), Saturday, May 3rd, 7–9 p.m.

Frome Branch

The spring quarterly meeting was held at Wanstrow on April 12th when the mini-summer had given way to high winds. The Rector, Rev. Dr. M. Putnam McKay, who warmly welcomed the ringers, also conducted the Association's form of service, which was followed by a substantial tea.

The Branch Chairman, Rev. A. G. Durston, presided over a remarkably short and uneventful business meeting. Members stood in silent tribute to Mr. Len Veale of Camerton. Visitors from the Axbridge and Chew branches were welcomed. Messrs. Ted Chivers and John Gilbert (Branch and general secretary respectively) gave us dates for our diaries: Striking competition on May 31st at Leigh-on-Mendip; Corporate Communion at Chewton Mendip on June 1st; joint meeting with Chew Branch at Winford on July 19th; A.G.M. at Winscombe on June 14th; and Annual Dinner at Taunton on October 11th.

A comprehensive vote of thanks by Mr. Ron Beck concluded the meeting. M. H.

AND THE DOG CAME TOO!

On Saturday, April 12th, 20 bellringers from Kirkby, Sutton, Mansfield, Attenborough, Pinxton and Blackwell were joined by friends and what is believed to be the only tower grabbing dog, Judy, from Pinxton. The world's only tower-grabbing bell also travelled.

The first stop after a roundabout route was Colston Bassett where the fine octave was raised and rung to Plain Bob Major and Triples and Kent Minor.

Then came Langar (5) where the bells were found to be difficult to ring due to a 40 foot rope with no guides. Twenty ringers departed early but wiser after ringing Grandsire and Plain Bob.

Lunch was taken at Waltham, followed by ringing on the excellent six at Buckminster and at Colsterworth (6).

Tea was taken in Stamford, amid an horizon broken by many spires. Evening ringing was at Glinton and Bourne Abbey.

As is customary, 18 "of age" throats were duly lubricated with "the best" at a hostelry between Grantham and Nottingham and 20 ringers and a tower-grabbing dog went home satisfied with a day well spent.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

WINCHESTER, Hants.—At the Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity, SS. Peter, Paul and Swithun.
On Mon., April 7, 1969, in 3 Hours and 59 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5042 PRITTLEWELL SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 35 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in C.

David P. Hilling	Treble	George W. Pipe	7
David E. House	2	James R. Taylor	8
Brian Bladon	3	John H. Crampion	9
John M. Jelley	4	Noel J. Diserens	10
Frank E. Darby	5	Robert C. Kippin	11
Christopher H. Rogers	6	Michael P. Moreton	Tenor

Conducted by David P. Hilling.
First peal in the method on the bells

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WINSCOMBE, Somerset.—At the Church of St. James.
On Mon., April 7, 1969, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. in E flat.

Edgar T. Skipsey	Treble	Walter S. Rice	5
Roy W. Rice	2	Trevor Newlands	6
*Bruce Martin	3	D. John Hunt	7
Michael J. Hobbs	4	Ralph G. Edwards	Tenor

Composed by Simon Humphrey. Conducted by D. John Hunt.
* First peal of Lincolnshire.

HEMINGTON, Som.—At the Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
On Sat., March 22, 1969, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 BRENTFORD BOB MINOR
Seven extents. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb. in F.

David A. Burt	Treble	Robin L. Coles	4
Kay Whittaker	2	Peter J. Devrell	5
Peter J. W. Hardwick	3	Alan F. Lee	Tenor

Conducted by Alan F. Lee.
First peal in the method by all, on the bells and for the Association.

ODCOMBE, Somerset.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Mon., April 7, 1969, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In three methods, 14 extents Grandsire, 15 Plain Bob and 13 Rev. Canterbury. Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

*Reginald E. Guppy	Treble	Gilbert W. Rendell	4
Stanley A. Guppy	2	Gordon W. Rendell	5
†Christopher J. Morey	3	David J. Pollard	Tenor

Conducted by Gordon W. Rendell.
* First peal away from tenor. † First of Doubles. First on the six bells.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHILL, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., March 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three extents each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob and one of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in F sharp.

*Michael J. Down	Treble	Anthony H. Smith	4
*Alison Mager	2	Alan S. Smith	5
Christopher R. Hardy	3	Martin Major	Tenor

Conducted by Anthony H. Smith.
* First peal.

THE BRISTOL SOCIETY.

KNOWLE, Bristol.—At the Church of the Holy Nativity.
On Mon., April 7, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in G.

*John F. Boulter	Treble	*Martin J. K. Griffiths	5
D. Paul Treble	2	‡Richard J. Moore	6
†Stephen J. Bateman	3	William Willans	7
Susan A. Moore	4	*Laurence R. Sutherland	Tenor

Composed by B. Annable. Conducted by William Willans.
* First peal. † First of Triples. ‡ First on a working bell. First of Triples as conductor.
Rung for Easter.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WESTMINSTER, London, W.C.—At the Church of St. Clement Danes.
On Mon., April 7, 1969, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in E.

*John A. Creer	Treble	Brian S. B. Kear	6
Bernard F. L. Groves	2	Arthur E. Whiting	7
Ronald F. Andrew	3	M. Jack Pryor	8
Alan McFall	4	Alan F. Scholfield	9
C. Kenneth Lewis	5	Robert B. Smith	Tenor

Composed by Alan F. Scholfield. Conducted by Robert B. Smith.
* First attempt on ten bells.
Rung by past and present members of the Sunday service band at All Saints' Church, Marple.

FAIRFIELD, Buxton, Derbys.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., March 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.

Peter Broadbent	Treble	Ronald F. Andrew	5
Alan B. Rothwell	2	Arthur E. Whiting	6
Herbert M. Heaton	3	Brian S. B. Kear	7
Robert B. Smith	4	*Michael Foulds	Tenor

Composed by Ernest Morris. Conducted by Robert B. Smith.
* First peal of Plain Bob Major.
Rung half-muffled in memory of Isaac W. Smith, former ringer at Fairfield, who died on March 25th, 1969, at the age of 79.

BURBAGE, Buxton, Derbys.—At Christ Church.
On Sat., March 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
In 33 methods (1) Skipton, Chepstow, Balmoral and Fotheringay Delight, (2) Knutsford, Rostherne, Wilmslow and Bogedone Delight, (3) Crowland, Combermere, Vale Royal, St. Werburgh and Abbeyville Delight, (4) College Exercise, Norbury, Ockley, Duke of Norfolk and Morning Star Treble Bob, (5) Willesden, Newdigate, College Bob IV, Old Oxford and Marple Delight, (6) Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston and Oxford Treble Bob, (7) Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby and Braintree Delight. Tenor 9 cwt.

Eric Roughley	Treble	Alexander Richardson	4
Sidney Hough	2	Neil D. Lomas	5
*Timothy Wylie	3	Denis Mottershead	Tenor

Conducted by Denis Mottershead.
* First peal in 33 methods.

HANMER, Flintshire.—At the Church of St. Chad.
On Sat., March 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Single Oxford and Plain Bob, Double Oxford and Plain Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.
Tenor 17 cwt., in F sharp.

Edward V. Rodenhurst	Treble	Roland W. Morant	4
John R. Scott	2	Frank R. Morton	5
Geoffrey A. Edwards	3	Harry W. Howard	Tenor

Conducted by Harry W. Howard.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. M. Edmonds, of Audlem, born at Hanmer in 1887.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

SHIRLEY, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Mon., March 24, 1969, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in B flat.

R. David Baker	Treble	Derek Walters	5
Maurice C. Hughes	2	Peter C. Randall	6
Hazel A. Mackenzie	3	Vernon Green	7
Frederick Shallcross	4	Geoffrey W. Randall	Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. Davies. Conducted by Frederick Shallcross.

LEAMINGTON HASTINGS, Warwicks.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Fri., April 4, 1969, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 42 extents in four methods, viz.: (1–4) Stedman, (5–24) Winchendon Place Bob, (25–28) St. Martin, (29–42) Rev. Canterbury Pleasure Bob. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in E.

John F. Thorne	Treble	John K. Foot	3
Peter C. Randall	2	Richard J. Danby	4

Geoffrey W. Randall .. .. Tenor
Conducted by Peter C. Randall.
Rung half-muffled on Good Friday.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SANDIACRE, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Tues., April 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In seven methods, being extents of London, Wells, York, Durham, Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in F.

*Richard A. Spray	Treble	John Moore	4
Nora Carlisle	2	Denis R. Carlisle	5
John V. Chadwick	3	†Peter G. Bellamy-Knights	Tenor

Conducted by Peter G. Bellamy-Knights.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † 25th of Surprise. Fastest peal on the bells.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CAMBRIDGE.—At the University Church of St. Mary the Great.
On Mon., April 7, 1969, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 27 cwt. 13 lb.

Katherine J. Maundrell	Treble	Richard H. Youdale	7
Ellis N. Thomas	2	Michael J. Best	8
*Michael J. Church	3	Gwilym Salmon	9
Rowan S. Bradley	4	Philip J. Tubbs	10
Vivian Nutton	5	Edward J. Chivers	11
Frank L. Harris	6	James A. D. Woolford	Tenor

Composed by Andrew S. Hudson Conducted by Frank L. Harris.
* First 12-bell peal. The conductor's 50th 12-bell peal.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

MALDON, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., April 5, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in F.

Josephine A. Quilter	Treble	Keith W. Brown	5
Yvonne A. Murray	2	Joe E. G. Roast	6
*John Clarke	3	Peter G. Brown	7
Dennis A. S. Symonds	4	James L. Towler	Tenor

Composed by Richard J. Parker. Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.
* First peal of Surprise.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHERTSEY, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Peter with All Saints.
On Mon., April 7, 1969, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 20 cwt. 14 lb. in E.

Martin J. Kirk	Treble	Edward J. Futcher	5
John A. Collier	2	Roy Collins	6
*R. Anne Collins	3	Douglas A. R. May	7
Judith M. Collins	4	†John M. C. Edwardes	Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker. Conducted by Douglas A. R. May.
* First peal "inside." † First on eight bells.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BROMLEY, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., April 12, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in F.

*Robert J. Edmondson	Treble	D. Paul Smith	5
John W. Smith	2	Ian H. Oram	6
Margaret E. Oram	3	Michael H. O'Callaghan	7
Michael J. Uphill	4	Tony Lewis	Tenor

Composed by John R. Mayne. Conducted by Ian H. Oram.
* First peal on eight bells.

NORTHFLEET, Kent.—At the Church of St. Botolph.
On Sat., April 12, 1969, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

*John W. Smith	Treble	Herbert E. Audsley	5
Arthur G. Mason	2	Michael H. O'Callaghan	6
Frank J. Matthews	3	*Ernest J. Ladd	7
Frederick J. Cullum	4	John Pladdys	Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Ernest J. Ladd.
* Have now "circled the tower."

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LIVERPOOL.—At the Cathedral Church of Christ.
On Sat., April 5, 1969, in 4 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 82 cwt. 11 lb. in A flat.

Brian Bladon	Treble	David W. Friend	7
Andrew N. Stubbs	2	Alan R. Patterson	8
Elizabeth Timmins	3	David P. Hilling	9
Frank W. Lewis	4	Frederick E. Collins	10
Richard C. Stevens	5	Robert C. Kippin	11
Philip G. K. Davies	6	Michael P. Moreton / D. John Hunt	Tenor

Composed by John Chilcott. Conducted by Richard C. Stevens.

WORSLEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mark.
On Mon., April 7, 1969, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 24 cwt. 7 lb. in D.

*David C. Makin-Taylor	Treble	†R. Keith Lister	6
†‡Albert Greenhalgh	2	†A. John Illingworth	7
Brian A. Tomlinson	3	John Ashcroft	8
†James Cunliffe	4	‡§James E. Andrews	9
†§Roy Jolley	5	Geoffrey Fothergill	Tenor

Composed by W. Pye. Conducted by Geoffrey Fothergill.
* First peal on ten bells. † First of Surprise Royal. ‡ 25th together. § 25th together. James E. Andrews has now completed the Cambridge "family." First on ten bells as conductor.

LANCASTER, Lancashire.—At the Priory Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., March 29, 1969, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 31 cwt. 14 lb. in D flat.

*Robert Moore	Treble	Stanley Walmsley	5
John Bagnall	2	Ernest Bennett	6
Alan Capstick	3	Kevin M. Price	7
†Kenneth J. Foster	4	Thomas F. Metcalfe	Tenor

Composed by Geoffrey Baulcomb. Conducted by Kevin M. Price.
* First peal of Major. † First on eight bells.
Rung as an engagement compliment to Jennifer Irving and Thomas F. Metcalfe.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancs.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Wed., April 2, 1969, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in E.

Keith P. Tompsett	Treble	Michael H. Tompsett	5
*Janet Lawson	2	Michael J. Platt	6
David W. Howarth	3	Richard S. Starkie	7
Wyn Pugh	4	Jeffrey Brannan	Tenor

Composed by S. Ivin. Conducted by Jeffrey Brannan.
* First peal of Surprise.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Sat., April 5, 1969, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

Roland H. Cook	Treble	John Bramley	6
David F. Moore	2	Martin Green	7
Rupert A. Clarke	3	R. Brian Mills	8
David G. Massey	4	G. Ronald Edwards	9
George W. Massey	5	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by John M. Jelley. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Sat., April 5, 1969, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SWINDON SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

G. Ronald Edwards	Treble	†Roland H. Cook	6
W. Ernest Rawson	2	*R. Brian Mills	7
*David G. Massey	3	*George W. Massey	8
Martin Green	4	*Rupert A. Clarke	9
*David F. Moore	5	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Conducted by Roland H. Cook.
* First peal of Swindon Surprise Royal. † 300th peal.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Mon., April 7, 1969, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 30 cwt. 2 qr. in D flat.

Christine L. J. Mills	Treble	Harry Poyner	6
David G. Massey	2	Roger I. Kendrick	7
George W. Massey	3	B. Stedman Payne	8
Simon Humphrey	4	William L. Exton	9
David J. Orledge	5	E. Alan Jacques	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Harry Poyner.
Rung within the octave of Easter as a thanksgiving for the life of Harry Archibald McDonnell.

CLAYBROOKE, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., April 5, 1969, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

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

Composed by F. Bennett. Conducted by Brian L. Burrows.
* First peal in the method. First as conductor in the method. First in the method by a Hinckley District band.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

LINCOLN.—In St. Hugh's Tower at the Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
On Thurs., April 10, 1969, in 3 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in D.

Jack L. Millhouse	Treble	Phillip C. Pitchford	7
*Gillian Radley	2	Walter Tomlinson	8
*M. Ian Minns	3	John Walden	9
David Phillipson	4	H. Leslie Pask	10
Christopher J. Sharp	5	Peter A. Sharp	11
Geoffrey R. Parker	6	Harold F. Gibson	Tenor

Composed by Robert E. J. Dennis. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* First peal of Cinques.
Rung as a farewell to Rev. Canon N. Rathbone, M.A., Chancellor of this Cathedral, Dean-elect of Hereford.

EWERBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., March 29, 1969, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 15 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

Geoffrey R. Parker	Treble	David Phillipson	6
*Gillian Radley	2	Walter Tomlinson	7
*M. Ian Minns	3	Harold F. Gibson	8
Jack L. Millhouse	4	Peter A. Sharp	9
*Kathleen Fox	5	Christopher J. Sharp	Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* First peal of Caters.

SCOTHERN, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Germain.
On Sat., April 12, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents, thus: (1) Oxford T.B., (2 and 3) Kent T.B., (4) St. Clement's College Bob, (5 to 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

Charles V. Cade	Treble	*David W. Bee	4
Gillian Radley	2	Aidan C. A. Hopkins	5
Christopher J. Sharp	3	David Phillipson	Tenor

Conducted by Aidan C. A. Hopkins.
* First peal in four methods. First as conductor.
Rung to celebrate the Festival of Easter.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
CALDICOT, Monmouthshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Tues., April 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5122 XERXES SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 5 lb.

Marion R. Bennett	Treble	*Paul A. Williams	5
Jacqueline S. King	2	Christopher E. Slade	6
James Clatworthy	3	Tudor P. Edwards	7
David J. King	4	Peter S. Bennett	Tenor

Composed by G. R Drew. Conducted by Peter S. Bennett.
* 50th peal.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Tues., March 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 IRCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

*Arthur E. Rowley	Treble	*Frank Chambers	5
*Richard J. Clifton	2	*B. Stedman Payne	6
*Ronald D. Hughes	3	G. Ronald Edwards	7
*Joseph W. Cotton	4	Roland Beniston	Tenor

Composed by E. W. Tipler. Conducted by Roland Beniston.
* First peal in the method and for the Guild. First in the method as conductor.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
SWYNNERTON, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., April 7, 1969, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In three methods, being seven extents each of Rev. St. Bartholomew, Grandsire and Plain Bob and seven extents of variations Fortune, Old and April Day.
Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in A.

Gordon K. Green	Treble	Frank R. Morton	4
Ruth A. E. Fairbrother	2	Geoffrey A. Edwards	5
Edward R. Fairbrother	3	William H. Watkin	Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to John Warren, of Oulton, whose mother is organist at this church.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
CHEWTON MENDIP, Som.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Mon., April 7, 1969, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Thurstans'. Tenor 24¼ cwt. in D.

William Hibbert	Treble	John W. T. Hibbert	5
Patricia E. Hibbert	2	John H. Napper	6
Kathleen E. Chilcott	3	Brian R. White	7
Michael V. Chilcott	4	Francis A. White	Tenor

Conducted by Michael V. Chilcott.

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Thomas the Martyr.
On Mon., April 7, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Oxford Treble Bob, (3) Kent Treble Bob, (4) Double Bob, (5) St. Clement's, (6) Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr.

*Dianne Gazeley	Treble	A. Keith P. Poole	4
*Walter G. Knight	2	Peter J. Heritage	5
Alan R. Pink	3	Christopher C. Clarke	Tenor

Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* First peal in seven Minor methods.
Rung for the wedding of Alison Goddard and Stuart Brown.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
DAVENTRY, Northants.—At the Church of the Holy Cross
On Sun., Feb. 23, 1969, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr 11 lb. in E flat.

Patrick I. Chapman	Treble	Barry R. Care	6
Shirley E. Ruddlesden	2	Richard J. Danby	7
Stanley M. Ruddlesden	3	Malcolm J. V. Chown	8
*Brian R. Danby	4	Barry E. Saunders	9
Roger W. Smith	5	Barrie Hendry	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Barrie Hendry.
* First peal on ten bells.

DAVENTRY, Northants.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Sun., March 9, 1969, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11. lb. in E flat.

Barry E. Saunders	Treble	John K. Foot	5
Linda M. Foot	2	Stanley M. Ruddlesden	6
Patrick I. Chapman	3	Barrie Hendry	7
Barry R. Care	4	*Malcolm J. V. Chown	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Barrie Hendry.
* Has now "circled the tower."
Rung to welcome Carol Ann Frost, of Linslade, Leighton Buzzard, Beds, and Catherine Louise Paul, of Rothersthorpe, Northants.

TWYWELL, Northants.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Mon., April 7, 1969, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 12 methods/variations, being nine extents Winchendon Place Bob, two St. Albans, four St. Leonard, three each St. Miles, St. Peter, St. Nicholas, Rev. Canterbury, Southrepps, St. Martin, St. Simon, Kennington and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

*Jennifer A. Green	Treble	†Valerie A. Hall	3
*Glenys K. Green	2	†David J. Attley	4

Frank E. Crosier .. .. Tenor
Conducted by Frank E. Crosier.
* First peal, first attempt. † First of Doubles.
Rung to commemorate our Lord's Resurrection.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.
On Mon., April 7, 1969, in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 NEWGATE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Maurice F. Edwards	Treble	David J. Purnell	7
Andrew N. Stubbs	2	Richard A. G. Inglis	8
Basil Jones	3	Alan R. Patterson	9
John R. Insley	4	Maurice J. Fellows	10
J. Alan Ainsworth	5	Clifford A. Barron	11
Martin D. Fellows	6	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Clifford A. Barron.

TEWKESBURY, Glos.—At the Abbey Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Wed., April 9, 1969, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 27 cwt. 5 lb.

J. Alan Ainsworth	Treble	David J. Purnell	7
James W. Belshaw	2	Terry R. Hampton	8
Maurice F. Edwards	3	Michael J. Fellows	9
Bryan D. A. Woolley	4	David J. Beacham	10
Stephen W. Barton	5	Martin D. Fellows	11
John R. Insley	6	Clifford A. Barron	Tenor

Composed by Peter Border. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
READING, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Laurence.
On Sun, March 30, 1969, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 NEWGATE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 23 cwt. 20 lb. in D.

Angela M. Wright	Treble	Peter M. Wilkinson	7
Jane Foster	2	John R. Pratchett	8
Susan E. Smith	3	John S. Barnes	9
Joan Beresford	4	Derek E. Sibson	10
Michael H. O'Callaghan	5	Philip Mehew	11
Christopher P. Starbuck	6	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed by Peter Border. Conducted by Dennis Beresford.
First peal of Newgate Surprise Maximus by all the band and for the Society

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THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

PENN, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.
On Sat., March 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's 12-part. (7th obs.). Tenor 10 cwt. 12 lb. in A.

*Kenneth Greatbach	Treble	Gordon F. Griffiths	5
*Martin Gaskell	2	Barnabas G. Key	6
George L. Roobottom	3	Cyril Griffiths	7
Gillian M. Griffiths	4	Charles F. W. Eyre	Tenor

Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.

* First peal.

Rung as a compliment to John A. Roden and Sandra Adams on the occasion of their wedding at this church today.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

RETFORD, Notts.—At the Church of St. Swithun.
On Sat., March 15, 1969, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 NEW GAINSBOROUGH SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

*William L. Exton	Treble	R. Brian Mills	6
Christine L. J. Mills	2	*Andrew J. Slade	7
Harry Poyner	3	*Denis Frith	8
*Alan Bridges	4	*George A. Dawson	9
*Peter R. Humphrey	5	*†Richard A. G. Inglis	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Harry Poyner.

* First peal in the method. † 200th peal and 50th for the Guild.

Rung in memoriam Benjamin Street, donor of the Oswy Street Cup.

First peal of Royal to be rung in this method, which is an unconventional extension of Gainsborough Surprise Major, as distinguished by the word "New."

NEW GAINSBOROUGH SURPRISE ROYAL
—30—14—50—16—1470—58—1236—70—18—90. l.e. 12. (573920486.)

BALDERTON, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Sat., April 5, 1969, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 24 lb. in G sharp.

Frederick G. Hooper	Treble	Harry Poyner	5
Katharine Burchnall	2	Mary C. Poyner	6
Grace Burchnall	3	Cyril H. Pritchett	7
Beryl N. Reed	4	Colin W. Reed	Tenor

Composed by T. B. Korsley. Conducted by Colin W. Reed.

Arranged as a compliment to Miss Margaret E. Chilton and Mr. Stanley Snyder, married at Newark Parish Church earlier this day.

ORDSALL, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of All Hallows.
On Fri., April 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. in A.

Harold Archer	Treble	Bryan Birkett	4
Harold Denman	2	Stephen W. Knights	5
Paul N. Mounsey	3	Philip Rogers	Tenor

Conducted by P. N. Mounsey and P. Rogers.

Rung half-muffled to the everlasting memory of the Death and Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

MARCHINGTON, Staffs.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., April 5, 1969, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MARCHINGTON SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents based on C.C.C. Nos. 121 and 128–133 inc.
Tenor 10¼ cwt. in G.

John C. Shonfield	Treble	Peter Church	4
*C. Richard Daft	2	Simon Humphrey	5
†Graham A. Duke	3	George A. Dawson	Tenor

Conducted by Simon Humphrey.

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

MARCHINGTON SURPRISE MINOR
—34—14—12—1236—34—1. l.e. 6ths. 34625.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

WOLVERHAMPTON, Staffs.—At the Collegiate Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., March 22, 1969, in 3 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 33¼ cwt.

*Geoffrey Gardner	Treble	Christopher Movley	7
F. John Nelson	2	J. Henry Fielden	8
Muriel Reay	3	Philip G. K. Davies	9
John E. Camp	4	George E. Fearn	10
Charles A. S. Webb	5	Denis Mottershead	11
Richard S. Starkie	6	Neil D. Lomas	Tenor

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by Denis Mottershead.

* First peal on 12 bells.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

GRUNDISBURGH, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sun., April 6, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

Marie I. Goodship	Treble	Winifred Lockwood	5
Frank C. Price	2	Reginald H. J. Goodship	6
Dorothy M. Durrant	3	Gilbert R. Goodship	7
Leslie G. Brett	4	Ernest G. Pearce	Tenor

Composed by J. Carter. Conducted by Frank C. Price.

Rung for Evensong, also as a compliment to Sandra Leslie (granddaughter of ringer of 7th and niece of ringers of treble and 6th) and Jeffrey L. Claughton, of Totternhoe, Beds, who were married at St. Mary's Church, Nettlestead, Ipswich, the previous day.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

CROYDON, Surrey.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., April 12, 1969, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 36 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in C sharp.

Katharine J. Maundrell	Treble	David E. Rothera	7
Elizabeth Timmins	2	Edward W. Colley	8
Richard C. Stevens	3	Richard H. Youdale	9
Robert E. J. Dennis	4	Christopher H. Rogers	10
Stewart F. Kimber	5	Frederick E. Collins	11
William T. Perrins	6	Thomas J. Setter	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Robert E. J. Dennis

Rung to welcome Nicholas Ian, a son born to Jean and Stewart Kimber on March 24th, 1969.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

FINDON, Sussex.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Mon., April 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

*K. Mary Lambert	Treble	Stanley W. Brown	4
Harry W. Brown	2	John R. Norris	5
*Hamish M. McNaughton	3	Peter D. Hepburn	Tenor

Conducted by Peter D. Hepburn.

* First peal attempt. First attempt as conductor.

Rung to mark the conductor's confirmation on Palm Sunday and to show his appreciation of the Exercise for introducing him to the Church. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in A.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

STRATTON, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., April 5, 1969, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's 12-part. Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in E flat.

John W. V. Conduct	Treble	Henry Trewin	5
Reginald G. Pearce	2	Harry Stacey	6
Brian G. D. Vince	3	Charles Sangwin	7
Edgar Nunn	4	W. Ronald Hill	Tenor

Conducted by Harry Stacey.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Margaret Chilton and Stanley Snyder, married at Newark this day. Also for Mr. A. E. Bissat, to commemorate 50 years' ringing in this tower.

MENHENIOT, Cornwall.—At the Parish Church.
On Tues., April 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Comprising one 12-score (Pitman's) and 40 extents (10 callings).
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

*T. Roy Hart	Treble	*Anthony P. Smith	4
*Robert Peel Pearce	2	Anthony J. Davidson	5
†Timothy J. Bell	3	*T. Neil Hitchens	Tenor

Conducted by Anthony P. Smith.

* First peal in the method. † First of Grandsire Doubles.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTH STONEHAM, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., April 5, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

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

Beryl R. Simpson	Treble	David J. Forder	6
Robert E. J. Dennis	2	Michael J. Thomas	7
Michael J. Church	3	W. John Couperthwaite	8
Rowan S. Bradley	4	*Richard H. Youdale	9
Stanley G. Ponting	5	Tom Page	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by David J. Forder.

* 25th peal for the Guild.

PORTSMOUTH, Hants.—At the Cathedral of St. Thomas of Canterbury.
On Mon., March 31, 1969, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 25¼ cwt. in E flat.

Arthur E. Hoodless	Treble	E. Winifred Keys	5
William F. J. Cope	2	Alan J. Hicks	6
John H. Hunt	3	Alan A. J. Buswell	7
Richard Green	4	Geoffrey J. Gammon	Tenor

Composed by George Williams. Conducted by John H. Hunt.

Rung half-muffled in memory of General Dwight D. Eisenhower and of the contribution he made to the D-Day Landings and the D-Day Memorial in Portsmouth Cathedral.

WOOLTON HILL, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.
On Sat., March 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH MINOR

Peter Furness	Treble	Roy Jones	4
Reginald W. Rex	2	Robert J. Crocker	5
A. Patrick Cannon	3	Geoffrey K. Dodd	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.
First peal in the method.
Rung prior to the first Winchester and Portsmouth Guild Dinner, held in the evening at Southampton. Tenor 7 cwt.

TITCHFIELD, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., April 5, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

John H. Hunt	Treble	S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	4
*William F. J. Cope	2	Richard Green	5
E. Winifred Keys	3	Roger Baldwin	Tenor

Conducted by John H. Hunt.
* First peal of Surprise Minor.

SILCHESTER, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., April 5, 1969, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In seven methods/variations, being 720 each of Clifford's Pleasure, Rev. Canterbury, Southrepps, April Day, Kennington, Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. in B flat.

Roy Jones	Treble	Peter Furness	3
Leonard Porter	2	Robert J. Crocker	4

Geoffrey K. Dodd .. .. Tenor
Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.
First peal on the bells in more than one method and the first since 1958.

STRATHFIELDSAYE, Hants.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., April 5, 1969, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In seven methods/variations, being 720 each of the following: Old, April Day, Seighford, May Day, Kennington, Plain Bob and Grandsire.
Tenor 7¼ cwt. in A.

Peter Furness	Treble	Leonard Porter	3
Roy Jones	2	Geoffrey K. Dodd	4

Robert J. Crocker .. .. Tenor
Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.
First peal on the bells since 1959.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
HANBURY, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., March 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F sharp.

Muriel Reay	Treble	James W. Belshaw	5
Maurice F. Edwards	2	Clifford A. Barron	6
Robert Edwards	3	J. Alan Ainsworth	7
Stephen W. Barton	4	Andrew J. Corby	Tenor

Conducted by Clifford A. Barron.

WORCESTER.—At the Church of St. John.
On Sat., March 29, 1969, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Groves' transposition of Parker's 12-part. Tenor 15¼ cwt.

*Jane Hills	Treble	Royston Grosvenor	5
William H. A. Compton	2	H. Reginald Rowe	6
Joseph D. Johnson	3	John Clements	7
Mrs. J. Thomas	4	Thomas W. Lewis	Tenor

Conducted by Joseph D. Johnson.
* First peal

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
SELBY, Yorks.—At the Abbey Church of SS. Mary and Germanus.
On Mon., April 7, 1969, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

Leslie M. Woodhead	Treble	Alan Sheppard	6
G. Frederick Terry	2	John Potts	7
Derek J. Swann	3	David Whitehead	8
Suzanne J. Withers	4	Ronald J. Snack	9
Alan Grundy	5	Ronald R. Warford	Tenor

Composed by J. Reeves. Conducted by Ronald R. Warford.
Rung to mark the opening of the Ninth Centenary celebrations of the Abbey.

WAKEFIELD, Yorks.—At the Cathedral Church of All Saints.
On Sat., March 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt. in F.

Mrs. D. S. Johnson	Treble	David S. Johnson	5
*Gail Cater	2	*Trevor Tarbatt	6
*Robert Cater	3	*Rev. Nicholas Webb	7
*George E. Hancock	4	Wilfrid F. Moreton	Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. Speed. Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.
* First peal in the method.

DRIGHLINGTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Paul.
On Mon., March 24, 1969, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 16 lb. in E.

Peter H. Gardner	Treble	John J. Durham	5
Christopher J. Easton	2	Robert A. Beresford	6
Robert H. Jordan	3	Ronald R. Warford	7
David Featherstone	4	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed by S. Humphrey. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove
Fastest peal on the bells.

BIRSTWITH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. James, Apostle
On Sat., March 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G.

Harry Winter	Treble	David Featherstone	5
*Christopher J. Easton	2	†Peter H. Gardner	6
†Alan Winter	3	Christopher M. Movley	7
Robert H. Jordan	4	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed by E. A. Barnett. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal of Pudsey "inside." † First of Pudsey.

LEEDS, Yorks.—At the Church of St. Matthew, Chapel Allerton.
On Tues., April 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being one 2,160 and four extents.
Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in B flat.

Ronald R. Warford	Treble	Suzanne J. Withers	4
Margaret Warford	2	James Thorley	5
Katharine M. Thorley	3	J. Martin Thorley	Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.
Arranged to enable Katharine M. Thorley to ring a peal in her native city.

GOOLE, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. John.
On Sat., March 29, 1969, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 BELFAST SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in F.

David Nichols	Treble	Ron Ducker	5
Iris M. E. Lemare	2	John N. A. Chaddock	6
Maris C. Stephenson	3	Stuart Armeson	7
J. Henry Fielden	4	Ian G. Campbell	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Stuart Armeson.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Margaret Donovan and John Smalley, married this day.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., March 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F sharp.

Christopher J. Easton	Treble	Robert H. Jordan	5
Alan Winter	2	David Featherstone	6
James S. Webb	3	John Potts	7
Allan Sheppard	4	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed by N. Smith. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
250th peal as conductor for the Association.

(Beverley and District Society.)
RISE, East Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., March 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in G.

*John Birdsall	Treble	*Elizabeth A. Ewan	3
†Gillian Tay	2	†Alan E. Shingles	4

*John M. Brook .. .. Tenor
Conducted by John M. Brook.
* First peal of Doubles. † First peal.
Rung as a compliment to Barbara and Richard Gibson on the birth of a son.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
COX GREEN, Maidenhead, Berkshire.—At 80, Lambourne Drive.
On Fri./Sat., March 14/15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5160 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR
In 14 methods, including Ginge, Plain, Double, Gainsborough, Little, Lansdowne Little, St. Clement's, Rosehill, Reverse, Wellington, Crayford Little, Crayford College, Briercliffe and Betterton, with 449 changes of method.
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John S. Hopwood	1–2	Rupert A. Clarke	5–6
Christopher I. Rowson (cond.)	3–4	Robert M. Chambers	7–8

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THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire.—At 10, Eden Drive.
On Thurs., March 27, 1969, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5090 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

J. David Atkinson	1–2	Robert B. Smith	5–6
Bernard F. L. Groves	3–4	Gerald Moorhouse	7–8

Composed by Brian D. Price. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

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BIRTHS

FROST.—Diana and Alan have pleasure in announcing the birth of a daughter, Carol Ann, on Sunday, February 23rd, 1969; a sister for Rachel Jane. 7036

HARRIS.—On April 20th, 1969, at Stafford, to Jill (née Mayes) and Peter, a daughter, Jennifer Anne, a sister for Andrew. 7088

NORTH.—On April 8th, 1969, to Bernard and Sylvia, of 81, Cotham Brow, Bristol, a son, Christopher David.

PERSONAL

"Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time. Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you."—1 Peter v, 6 and 7.

HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

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MISCELLANEOUS

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.—The fine Gillett and Johnston eight have now been rehung by the Whitechapel Foundry and visitors are again welcome. Sunday ringing 10.30 a.m. and 5.45 p.m. Practice Tuesdays 7.30 p.m. 7065

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Festival at Welshpool, May 26th. Service 3 p.m. Tea 4 p.m. followed by the A.G.M. List of towers and tea tickets (5/-, payable in advance, s.a.e. please) from G. T. Cousins, 7, Merrivale Crescent, Ross-on-Wye, not later than May 19th. 7045

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The Branch outing this year will be on May 2nd to the Craven district. Towers open are as follows: Gisburn 1.45 p.m., Skipton 3.15 p.m., Addingham 4.30 p.m., Ilkley 6.30 p.m., Kildwick 7.45 p.m. Please make your own arrangements for tea (after Addingham). Please support your Branch and make this a successful outing.—Maurice Hill, Branch Secretary. 7035

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—12 bell practice at Manchester Town Hall on Wednesday, May 7th. Bells available from 6 to 9. All welcome.—A. Ward, Branch Sec. 7038

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (S. and W. District).—Surprise Royal practice, Hillingdon, Monday, May 5th, 7.45 p.m.—M. J. Palmer. 7063

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Monday, May 5th. Practice Clanfield (8) 7 p.m.—F. Venn. 7067

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District. — Round Crawford Cup, May 10th, at Willoughby-on-the-Wolds, 2.30 for 3 start. Tea 5.15. Service 6.30. Names for tea to W. L. Exton, St. Ouen's, Whatton, by Wednesday previously.—R.B. 7066

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (S. and W. District).—Evening practice, Bedfont, Friday, May 16th, 7.45 p.m.—M. J. Palmer. 7064

SUFFOLK GUILD

ANNUAL STRIKING COMPETITION

Woolpit, Saturday, May 3rd.

Will teams please be present by 1.30 p.m. or as soon as possible thereafter. Evensong 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and presentation of shield.

Entries and names for tea to H. W. Egglestone, 58, York Crescent, Claydon, Ipswich. 7022

SPALDING FESTIVAL, 1969

Opening Service

Parish Church, Tuesday, April 29th, 7.30 p.m.

Choral concert, Parish Church, on Thursday, May 1st, 7.15 p.m. Choir of Boston Parish Church.

Sunday, 4th: Special services. Bells available for ringing from 12 noon. Handbell recital at 3 p.m. by Spalding Parish Church handbell ringers.

Saturday, 10th: Parade of decorated floats. Tower open for ringing from 11 a.m.

Catering in Church Hall throughout the fortnight.

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TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.—1969 Annual Report now available. At 52 pages size almost doubled in two years. Price (unchanged) 2/- post free, from A. J. Davidson Tyneholme, Barrack Lane, Truro, Cornwall. 7057

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

ANNUAL FESTIVAL, 1969

The Annual Festival will be held at the Church of St. Mary, Lymm, on Saturday, May 10th

Meeting at 2.30 p.m. will be held in the Church Hall Crouchley Lane, Lymm.

Service, 4.30 p.m., conducted by the Rector of Lymm, Rev. S. C. Casson, and the address will be by the Rector of Rostherne, Rev. T. Fish, M.A.

Tea, 5.30 p.m., in the Church Hall. Cost of tickets **5/-** each, juniors 3/- each. Application for tickets must be made to Mrs. E. G. Moore, 19, Greenwood Road, Lymm, before **May 1st. No tickets no tea.** Tea or coffee will be served in Church Hall from **12.30–2 p.m.**

RINGING ARRANGEMENTS:

Route A

Runcorn (8), Frodsham (8), 10.15–11.15 a.m.

Daresbury (8), Warburton (8), 11.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m.

Lymm (8), 12.45–1.45 p.m.

Route B

Knutsford (6), Rostherne (6), Bowdon (8), 10.15–11.15 a.m.

Evening Ringing

Lymm, 6.45–7.45 p.m.; Grappenhall, 7–9 p.m.; Warburton, 7–8 p.m.; Stretton (6), 7–9 p.m. Other towers by arrangement.—Henry O. Baker, Gen. Sec. 6947

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Practice meeting at Chipstable (6) on Saturday, May 3rd, at 6 p.m., and at Minehead (10) on Saturday, May 17th, at 7 p.m.—E.R.T.B. 7039

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Annual meeting, Saturday, May 3rd. Tea and business meeting at Biggleswade Memorial Hall 4.45 p.m. Towers available: Maulden, 9–10; Gravenhurst, 10–10.45; Shillington, 10.45–11.30; Meppershall, 11.30–12.15; Campton, 12.15–1; Henlow, 1.30–2.30; Clifton, 2–3; Southill, 2.30–3.30; Old Warden, 3–4; Northill, 3.30–4.30; Biggleswade, 7.15–9. 7017

CHESTER GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting, Mottram, May 3rd (instead of Cheadle). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. For tea please inform Miss S. Brocklehurst, 226, Newshaw Lane, Hadfield, via Hyde, SK14 8BD. Please note changed date and place. All welcome.—C. K. Lewis. 7009

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Archdeaconry.—Monthly meeting, Ilmington, Saturday, May 3rd. Bells (6) 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by cups of tea; please bring your own food. More ringing in evening. Also Alderminster (6). 2.30–3.30 p.m. —H. A. M. 7029

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Annual striking competition, Saturday, May 3rd, Fordham. Assemble for prompt start at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Evening ringing until 9 p.m. 7004

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Ross District.—Quarterly meeting at Weston-under-Penyard, May 3rd. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.15 Tea 5 p.m. Evening ringing from 6 p.m. Names for tea please to J. J. Webb, 23, Alton Street, Ross-on-Wye. 7046

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Baldock (8), Saturday, May 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—Mrs. C. A. Agg, Dis. Sec. 7021

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Practice meeting, Elstree, on May 3rd, 6.30 p.m.—G. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 7012

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Joint meeting with Wigan Branch at Emmanuel, Southport, Saturday, May 3rd. See Wigan Branch notice for details.—G.K.A. 7042

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Norwich, Saturday, May 3rd.

Meeting in the Chantry Hall at **2 p.m.** The president requests members to make a special effort to attend in view of an important item on the agenda.

Service at Church of St. Peter Mancroft 4.15 p.m.

Tea at Chantry Hall following service. Names for tea to Mrs. J. House, 59, Caernarvon Road, Norwich.

Bells of St. Peter Mancroft available during evening. Other Norwich towers by request Towers available en route include Scarning, Honingham, Scole 10.15, Dickleburgh 11, Long Stratton 11.45 and Saxlingham 12.30. Also Reepham and Salle 11 a.m., Drayton 12 noon, and Norwich St. Miles and St. George Colegate from 1 p.m. 6993

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch. — Meeting Maidwell, Saturday, May 3rd. 7068

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Monthly meeting Huntington, Saturday, May 3rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names please to Bryan Seymour, 18, Easthorpe Drive, Nether Poppleton, York.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 7044

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting, Handsworth, May 3rd. Bells (8) 3–5 p.m. Tea in Parish Centre. After tea, ringing at Treeton (6) 6.30–8.30 p.m. Names for tea to J. J. L. Gilbert, 41, Ravenscroft Crescent, Sheffield, S13 8PQ.—R. Fletcher. 7030

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting, Saturday, May 3rd, Gotham (5) 2.45, Bunney (6) after tea. Names for tea to Mr. T. H. Kirkman, 39, Stonebridge Drive, East Leake, Nottingham. 7034

SURREY ASSOCIATION A.G.M.
Southwark Cathedral (12)
On SATURDAY, MAY 3rd

Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Preacher: Rt. Rev. John Boys. Tea 5.15 p.m. and business meeting in the Chapter House. Ringing also at St. George's, Southwark (8), 2.30–4 p.m.

Names for tea to Miss Julie Armstrong, 38, Upper Mall, London, W.6 (Tel.: 01-748 5012) please.—C. H. Cook, Gen. Sec 6963

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, May 3rd, Crawley (8). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting after tea, followed by further ringing. Names for tea to Mr. G. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley Tel.: Crawley 23596.—Jean Osbon, Div. Sec. 7007

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.—Truro Branch.—Spring festival, Truro Cathedral, on May 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Meeting 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss B. J. Duck, 1, Benson Road, Hendra, Truro. 6965

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—A Surprise practice will be held at St. Margaret's, Leicester, on Monday, May 5th, commencing at 7.30 p.m. All Surprise ringers welcome, especially keen strugglers.—Ron Hughes. 6937

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, May 5th, at 7 p.m. 7069

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting Saturday, May 10th, at Cuckham (10). Ringing 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Evening ringing 6.30–8.30 p.m. Please bring own tea, cups of tea provided in Church Hall.—Margaret A. Large, Hon. Sec. 7053

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting. Wisbech St. Mary. Saturday, May 10th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Everyone welcome.—D. A. Feek, Dis. Sec. 7040

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South Eastern District.—Meeting at Tollesbury, Saturday, May 10th. District Striking Competition 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. General ringing in evening. Names for tea to R. J. Harrison, 32, Gilmore Way, Great Baddow. 7048

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting. Dunmow (8), Saturday, May 10th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Dr. L. Castleden. Clock House Cottage, Dunmow. 7015

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — N.E. District. — Striking competition, Gt. Bromley (6), May 10th, 2.30 p.m. followed by general ringing. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. D. Wenden. The Chase, Great Bromley, Colchester. 7059

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South Western District.—District Striking Competition heats, Chigwell, on May 10th at 6 p.m. starting promptly.—K. Warner, Dis. Sec. 7060

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING SATURDAY, MAY 17th, 1969

AT RUSHDEN

Committee Meeting in the Vestry Hall 2.45 p.m.
Service 4 p.m. Tea, followed by Meeting in the Church Institute 5 p.m.
Tea Tickets (3s. 6d. each and c.w.o.) by Tuesday previous
from Mr. B. Whitworth, 42 Bedford Road, Rushden, NN10.ONB

RINGING ARRANGEMENTS

Rushden (8)	3.00 p.m.–4.00 p.m.,	7.00 p.m.–9.00 p.m.
Wollaston (6)	12 noon –1.00 p.m.,	7.00 p.m.–8.00 p.m.
Wilby (6)	12 noon –1.30 p.m.,	7.00 p.m.–9.00 p.m.
Finedon (8)	12.30 p.m.–2.00 p.m.,	7.00 p.m.–9.00 p.m.
Irthlingborough (8)	1.00 p.m.–2.30 p.m.,	7.00 p.m.–8.30 p.m.
Stanwick (6)	2.00 p.m.–3.00 p.m.,	7.00 p.m.–9.00 p.m.
Wellingborough	Evening Only	7.00 p.m.–9.00 p.m.
Castle Ashby (5), Ecton (6)		10.30 a.m.–11.30 a.m.
Bozeat (5), Earls Barton (8)		11.00 a.m.–12 noon
Mears Ashby (6)		11.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m.
Higham Ferrers (8)		1.30 p.m.– 3.30 p.m.

E. BILLINGS, General Secretary.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—May 10th, Striking Competition afternoon, Albury. Service 4.30, Tea and meeting. Bells available afterwards. Names for tea by Wednesday 7th please to Miss Eloie, 109 Grange Road, Guildford. 7074

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch. — Meeting on Saturday, May 10th, at Kendal. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea.—J. F. Metcalfe. 7054

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Monthly meeting at Billesdon (8), Saturday, May 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in Village Hall. Names for tea to Mr. J. G. Geary, 16, Leicester Road, Billesdon (Billesdon 470), by Wednesday, May 7th.—M. R. A. Kirk, Dis. Sec. 7031

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Lindsey Branch.—Meeting, Louth (8), May 10th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to T. Avery, 33, Broadbank, Louth, by May 6th. 7033

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Meeting at Nash, May 10th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. J. S. King, The Cedar Tiles, High Beech Lane, Chepstow, Mon. by May 5th if possible. 7016

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LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Saturday, May 10th, St. Mary's, Harrow-on-the-Hill, 3–4.30. Service, tea and business meeting to follow. St. Peter's, Bushey Heath, 7–8.30. Names for tea to Mr. B. A. Rose, 33a, West Mead, South Ruislip, Middlesex, by previous Wednesday. — Special Methods: Double Norwich and Bristol. — M.R.W., Secretary. 7071

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch. — Annual meeting, Dorchester, Saturday, May 10th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to J. Godman, 22, Sunnyside, Benson, by Wednesday 7th. 7050

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meeting at Willoughby (6) on Saturday, May 10th. **Important:** Names required for annual outing at this meeting. Names for tea to Mr. F. W. Hancock, Church View, Willoughby, Rugby, by previous Monday.—I. Webb. 7072

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual competition at Cardigan, May 10th, at 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Walters, 172, Maesglas, Cardigan. 7055

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Meeting at Malins Lee (6), Saturday, May 10th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing in the evening until 9 p.m. Names for tea to Miss D. M. Cooper, 39, Eyton Road, Dawley, Salop, by Wednesday, May 7th. 6962

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North East District.—Quarterly meeting at Bramfield on Saturday, May 10th. Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Evening ringing at Halesworth (8) until 9 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. E. Riggs, 7, Market Place, Halesworth, Suffolk, by Wednesday, May 7th.—T.N.J.B. 7041

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD OF RINGERS

THE GUILD FESTIVAL will be held at WOOTTON BASSETT on May 10th, 1969.
The Festival service will be in the Church of All Saints at 3 p.m., conducted by the Vicar, Rev. Biddlecombe. Address by Canon H. V. White.
Tea at 4 p.m. in the Memorial Hall, Station Road. (Tickets for tea, 6s. 6d., to be obtained from the Assistant Hon. Secretary, Mr. N. Knee, 75, Boreham Road, Warminster, Wilts, by Monday, May 5th. Please send s.a.e. **Strictly** No ticket, No tea.)
Followed by Annual General Meeting.

TOWERS OPEN FOR RINGING

11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.

Calne (8)	Heddington (6)
Wootton Bassett (8)	Hilmarton (6)
Bremhill (6)	Lyneham (6)
Broad Hinton (6)	Compton Bassett (5)
Yatesbury (5)	

By special permission of Gloucester and Bristol Association:
Swindon, Christ Church (10), 12 noon to 2 p.m.
Swindon, St. Mark's (8), 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Towers in Devizes and Marlborough Branches by arrangement.
F. S. SLATFORD, Yarnbrook, Trowbridge.
NOTE: Annual Guild Festival for 1970 is due to be held in West Dorset Branch. 7037

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
PRESTBURY, Cheshire.—At West Pines, Dale Brow.
On Tues., April 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL
In four methods, comprising 3,360 Rutland and 560 each of Cambridge, Lincolnshire and Yorkshire, with 84 changes of method.
Tenor size 15 in C.

*J. David Atkinson	1-2	Bernard F. L. Groves ..	5-6
Robert B. Smith	3-4	†C. Kenneth Lewis	7-8

Gerald Moorhouse 9-10
Composed by Alan F. Scholfield. Conducted by Robert B. Smith.
* First peal of Surprise Royal in four methods. † First of Surprise Royal in four methods on handbells.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire.—At 114, Park Street Lane.
On Mon., March 24, 1969, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 YORK SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor size 19 in F.

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin ..	1-2	*Martyn L. J. Jordan ..	7-8
Julia A. Fellows	3-4	Roger Baldwin	9-10
John R. Mayne	5-6	Christopher W. Woolley	11-12

Arranged and Conducted by John R. Mayne.
* 50th handbell peal. First of York Surprise Maximus by all the band and for the Association. The conductor's first peal of Surprise Maximus on handbells.

WHEATHAMPSTEAD, Hertfordshire.—At 55, Wick Avenue.
On Thurs., April 3, 1969, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5000 SPLICED ROYAL
In eight methods, being 600 Wellington Little Court, 1,000 Rev. Plain Bob, 1,000 Double Plain Bob, 600 Gainsborough Little Bob, 400 Little Bob, 96 Lansdowne Little Imperial Bob, 304 Wick Little Imperial Bob and 1,000 Plain Bob, with 349 changes of method.
Tenor size 17 in A.

*Geoffrey C. Sparling	1-2	†Kenneth J. Darvill	5-6
†Susan D. Cowan	3-4	Brian J. Woodruffe	7-8

Peter T. Dale 9-10
Composed and Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.
* First peal on handbells. † First of Royal on handbells. First of Royal in eight methods on handbells by all and for the Association.
LANSDOWNE LITTLE IMPERIAL BOB:
—10.56.14. 2nds l.e. 648203E597
WICK LITTLE IMPERIAL BOB:
—10.78.14. 2nds l.e. 648203E597

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
SHORNE, Kent.—At 14, Warren View.
On Mon., March 31, 1969, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 18 in G.

Cyril S. Jarrett	1-2	Trevor A. Cross	5-6
Christopher T. Osenton ..	3-4	Edward J. Beer	7-8

Stuart Sandford 9-10
Composed by H. J. Tucker. Conducted by Trevor A. Cross.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Bettyfold.
On Fri., March 28, 1969, in 1 Hour and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Horsmonden, Double Court, St. Clement's College, College, Single Court, Single Oxford and Plain Bob.
Tenor size 14 in D.

Joseph Whalley	1-2	Mary W. Whalley	3-4

Kevin M. Price (cond.) .. 5-6

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
NETTLEHAM, Lincolnshire.—At Iona, Sudbrooke Lane.
On Tues., April 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Geoffrey R. Parker	1-2	George E. Feirn	5-6
Margaret A. Parker	3-4	Jack L. Millhouse	7-8

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by George E. Feirn.

THE SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.
STAPLEFORD, Notts.—At 29, Brisbane Drive.
On Sun., April 6, 1969, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 18 in G.

*Jenny Brown	1-2	Christopher P. Starbuck ..	5-6
†Peter Church	3-4	Simon Humphrey	7-8

‡George A. Dawson 9-10
Arranged and Conducted by Simon Humphrey.
* First peal of Royal. † First of Royal on handbells. ‡ First on handbells. First as conductor of Royal on handbells.

THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.
COX GREEN, Maidenhead, Berkshire.—At 80, Lambourne Drive.
On Sun., March 16, 1969, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5376 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

*Jennifer A. Dunning	1-2	Robert M. Chambers	5-6
Christopher I. Rowson ..	3-4	Rupert A. Clarke (cond.) ..	7-8

* First peal of Major on handbells. Tenor size 15 in C.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Striking competition. May 17th. Litlington. Draw 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. General ringing after tea and results. **Names for tea, please**, to Miss J. Sanderson, 1, Orchard Gate, Melbourn, Royston, Herts, on or before 14th.—J. S. 6927

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting at Downham (6), Saturday, May 17th. District heat of striking competition. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Further ringing after meeting. Names for tea to Mr. R. F. Jamieson, 41, Margarite Way, Wickford, Essex, early please. 7070

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, May 17th, Kimpton, 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., with tea and meeting. Names please to Miss D. Meredith, The Vicarage, Kimpton, Hitchin, Herts. — R. E. Hardy, Dis. Sec. 7062

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Stone-in-Oxney, Saturday, May 17th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, ONLY for those who notify Mr. H. Player, Quarry Cottages, Stone-in-Oxney, Tenterden 6985

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Deeping St. Nicholas, Saturday, May 17th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to John Porter, 12, Exeter Drive, Spalding (telephone 4462), by Tuesday, May 13th.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Branch.—At Blankney on Saturday May 17th. Striking Contest at 2.30 p.m. Picnic tea (cups of tea provided). Service at 5.30 p.m. Evening Meeting at 6 p.m.—G.R.P. 7085

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Meeting at Codsall, near Wolverhampton, on Saturday, May 17th. Please note: Committee meet 2.30 p.m. in nave. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. and in evening. Service 4.30 p.m. followed by tea. Names for latter to Mr. H. E. Green, 36, Heath Farm Road, Codsall, Wolverhampton (tel. Codsall 2879), by May 14th latest, please.—C.M.S., Hon. Sec. 7047

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

Extraordinary General Meeting at St. Martin's, Birmingham, on TUESDAY, MAY 20th at 7.30 p.m.

Business: The Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, having proffered his resignation, to elect a temporary hon. secretary and treasurer for the period May 21st, 1969, to January 3rd, 1970.

Would all members and visitors please note that there will be no Guild practice on this date.

J. A. AINSWORTH, Hon. Sec.
54, Royal Oak Road,
Halesowen, Worcs.

LATE NOTICES

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—CHILCOTT.—John and Eileen Chilcott have now removed to 26 Stanley Place, Cadoxton, Neath, Glamorgan. 7082

CIRENCESTER PARISH CHURCH.—There will be no practice on Saturday, May 3rd, due to renovation of clappers. Next practice: June 7th, 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. 7086

LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY.—The annual general meeting of L.U.S.C.R. will be held at 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 3rd, in the Common Room of Rankin Hall, Ullett Road. 7091

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Practice meeting at Fornham St. Martin (6) on Friday evening, May 9th. Bells from 7 to 9 p.m.—A. F. Ballam, Dis. Sec. 7084

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Final of HORSLEY CUP CONTEST at Horsley, May 10th, 3 p.m. Tea and presentation of Cup in the Village Hall 5.30 p.m. Open ringing after tea till 8 p.m. Names for tea to D. J. Marshall, 52 Wyvern Avenue, Long Eaton, NG10 1AG.—D.J.M. 7079

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth Branch.—Evening practice at St. Mary's, Bridgnorth, May 10th. Bells (8) 6.30–8.30 p.m. —Joan Bennett. 7077

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Sarratt (5). May 10th. Bells 3 p.m., Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to G. Rees, Chess Bungalow, Dawes Lane, Sarratt. 7078

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A practice meeting will be held on May 10th at Littlebourne (6) from 2.30–5 p.m. and Wingham (8) from 6–8.30 p.m. Cups of tea will be available between 5 and 6 p.m.—J.B.K. 7090

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Loughborough District) and SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AND NORTH LEICESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting on Saturday, May 10th, at Diseworth (6) 2.30–3.30 p.m., Hathern (8) 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to T. H. Harris, 15 Greenhill Rise, Hathern, Loughborough, Leics, by May 7th.—H. F. Watson-Walker, Dis. Sec. 7076

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Notts meeting at Blyth, Saturday, May 10th. Names for tea to H. Poyner, The Old Vicarage, Sturton-le-Steeple, Retford, Notts, by Thursday, 8th, please. 7092

STRATFORD ST. MARY, SUFFOLK. — On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Dowden (first quarter) 1, Ann Dowden 2, Heather Alford 3, Catherine M. Bew 4, M. J. Bew (cond.) 5, N. V. Avis 6.

WESTON FAVELL, NORTHANTS. — On March 22nd, 1,279 Grandsire Doubles: C. J. Smith (first quarter) 1, D. Robinson 2, H. Bryan 3, P. W. West 4, D. J. Edmonds (cond.) 5. Rung half muffled in memory of William Hills, late reader and chairman of this parish. Also on Lady Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. J. Smith 1, P. J. Verity (first "inside") 2, D. J. Edmonds 3, J. C. Parker 4, D. Robinson (cond.) 5. 25th quarter and 17th birthday for the conductor. Also on April 12th, 1,320 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: C. J. Smith 1, P. J. Verity 2, D. Robinson (cond.) 3, P. J. Lankester 4, D. J. Edmonds 5.

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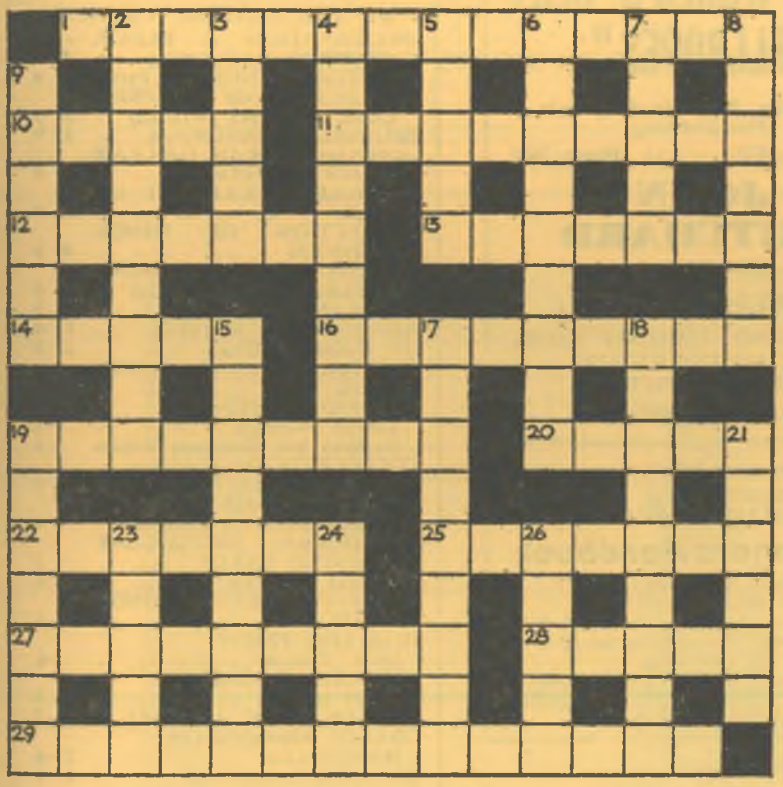

CLUES

ACROSS

1. If you're in the hunt, do as he says (6, 2, 6).
10. Lubricated (5).
11. It is the greatest of its kind in Britain (5, 4).
12. It has saved many a boxer (3, 4).
13. It is not easy to get to the bottom of this (4, 3).
14. Proverbial relationship of procrastination to time (5).
16. He is found among the percussion (9).
19. In this one's mood is not good (3, 6).
20. Scottish landowner (5).
22. Drinks in (7).
25. Survive (7).
27. Kept by the good ringer at all times (5, 4).
28. Book or person for instruction (5).
29. They take pleasure in providing a method (6, 8).

DOWN

2. The blows of the tenor throughout a whole peal may be (3, 6).
3. What all are bound to do sooner or later (2, 3).
4. Verdi opera (9).
5. The end of this devil is plain to see (5).
6. The preposition is different but it still means "with it"! (2, 3, 4).
7. Approaches (5).
8. Not often performed by the ringer (4, 3).
9. Small bird (6).
15. Regulation size of material for cleaning rifles (4, 2, 3).
17. I need just one therm for this Welsh county (9).
18. He starts something (9).
19. Fashion that is shipshape—a surprise for ringers! (7).
21. Uninteresting answer this (6).
23. Binge could produce this (5).
24. Strangely enough the organ needs these to start! (5) .
26. It all adds up to this (5).

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LELANT, CORNWALL. — On March 30th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Kathleen L. E. Ennor 1, Susan M. Tonks 2, H. Miles 3, Marion L. Lidgey 4, F. M. Bowers (cond.) 5. Also on Easter Day, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: by the same band.

MARSTON BIGOTT, SOMERSET.—On March 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Stride (first away from tenor) 1, P. Salvidge (first "inside") 2, P. Wareham 3, H. Haynes 4, G. Wareham (cond.) 5, D. Burry 6. Also same day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Burry (first away from tenor) 1, H. Haynes 2, P. Wareham 3, P. Salvidge 4, G. Wareham (cond.) 5, R. Stride 6. Also on March 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jane Salvidge (first quarter) 1, P. Salvidge 2, P. Wareham 3, A. Bratten 4, G. Wareham (cond.) 5, D. Burry 6. Rung half muffled as a tribute to the late General Eisenhower. Also on April 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Nicola Stride (first quarter) 1, P. Salvidge 2, P. Wareham 3, H. Haynes 4, G. Wareham (cond.) 5, R. Stride 6. Rung on treble ringer's 11th birthday.

NEW ALRESFORD, HANTS.—On April 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Welch 1, Dorothy M. Huggins 2, A. Hoar 3, A. J. Mason 4, D. Hatherly 5, J. Huggins 6, L. Tremeer (cond.) 7, B. Walton 8. Between two weddings.

PETERSFIELD, HANTS.—On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Karin Hatherly 1, R. Tipper 2, K. Sansom 3, K. Tipper 4, D. Hatherly 5, A. Betsworth 6, B. Walton (cond.) 7, R. Cross 8. For Evensong.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX. — On April 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. Fosberry 1, A. V. Corden 2, W. L. Weller 3, H. Franklin 4, M. Etherington 5, D. Barton (cond.) 6, R. Heeseman 7. For Parish Communion.

RODMERSHAM, KENT.—On March 29th, 1,260 Doubles (4 methods): L. Wraight 1, G. Kenward 2, T. D. Wickins 3, J. E. Clark 4, L. Mitchell (cond.) 5, R. Ball (first quarter) 6.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At St. Peter's, on Easter Sunday, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Pauline Freeman 1, Elizabeth Forster 2, R. W. Darvill 3, Barbara Morland (first "inside") 4, Frances Dodds 5, K. J. Darvill 6, H. V. Frost 7, C. Forster 8, J. D. Duggan 9, G. W. Debenham (cond.) 10. For Evensong.

ST. HILARY, CORNWALL.—On April 5th, 1,320 Doubles (2 methods and 9 variations): F. M. Bowers 1, R. P. Pearce 2, A. J. Davidson 3, A. P. Smith (cond.) 4, T. J. Bell 5, A. Locke 6.

QUARTER PEALS

SHIPTON GORGE, DORSET. — On Easter Day, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: Janice Gudge 1, D. B. Ellery 2, T. A. Hiller 3, M. J. Hiller (cond.) 4.

SILSOE, BEDS.—On March 11th, 1,260 Minor (Plain Bob and Oxford Bob): D. T. Andrews 1, P. A. Keene 2, T. P. Harris (cond.) 3, M. F. Mitchell 4, A. Wheeler 5, T. R. Harris 6. Also on March 16th, 1,260 Doubles (3 methods): N. Brazier 1, T. R. Harris (cond.) 2, D. A. Eddy 3, A. Wheeler 4, T. P. Harris 5, T. D. Andrews 6. For Mothering Sunday service.

SUNBURY-ON-THAMES, MIDDLESEX.—On March 30th, 1,260 Bob Minor (tenor covering): Susan Attrill 1, D. Brock 2, R. Bettley-Cooke (cond.) 3, A. Craddock 4, J. F. M. Maybrey 5, M. B. Tyers 6, V. L. P. Davis 7. Rung in memoriam for ex-President of U.S.A., Gen. D. D. Eisenhower.

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TRURO, CORNWALL.—At the Cathedral, on April 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: C. A. Wratten 1, Claudia A. Critchley 2, Margery A. Wratten 3, D. A. Trethewey (first of Royal) 4, D. Burnett 5, G. D. Carter 6, R. P. Pearce (first of Royal "inside") 7, T. R. Hart (first of Royal) 8, T. J. Bell 9, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 10.

UPPER BEEDING, SUSSEX.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. J. Craven 1, Catriona McNeil 2, Heather Craven 3, Clare McNeil 4, R. E. Stillwell cond.) 5, A. A. Hoare 6.

USK, MON.—On April 6th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: C. Richards 1, F. A. Hobbs 2, G. H. Knight 3, S. G. A. Kear 4, L. Jones 5, B. S. B. Kear (first of Plain Bob Minor as cond.) 6. A 60th birthday compliment to the ringer of 3.

VANCOUVER, B.C., CANADA.—On March 18th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: C. Sutton (first quarter) 1, Jean Dunham 2, Margaret Wheat 3, J. White 4, J. Hallett (cond.) 5, F. Eck (first quarter) 6. Rung as a farewell to Jean and John Hallett who are returning to England after 18 months in Vancouver.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On March 21st, 1,251 Stedman Caters: Jane Chapman 1, R. E. J. Dennis (cond.) 2, A. J. Slade 3, June Whitcher 4, M. C. Austin 5, G. H. Walker 6, J. E. Murfitt 7, I. Dear 8, D. E. Cobb 9, M. B. Jefferyes 10. For Matins. Also on March 30th, 1,282 Cambridge Surprise Royal: J. E. Murfitt (first of Surprise Royal) 1, Laura M. Grindrod (first of Surprise Royal) 2, Caroline R. F. Cole 3, A. J. Slade 4, R. E. J. Dennis (cond.) 5, M. B. Jefferyes 6, M. C. Austin 7, R. J. Chapman 8, I. Dear 9, D. E. Cobb 10. For Matins.

WARNFORD, HANTS. — On Easter Day, 1,260 Doubles (3 methods): D. Pearce 1, K. G. Waller 2, Janet Yeats 3, B. E. Pink 4, C. E. Bassett 5, Mary White 6.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX. — On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Watts (first on 8 bells) 1, Miss J. E. Turner 2, Mrs. D. D. Smith 3, Miss H. Alford 4, N. Carter 5, G. Francis 6, D. D. Smith (cond.) 7, R. Osbon 8. For Evensong.

WESTERHAM, KENT.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Igglesden 1, P. Everest 2, R. Hayes 3, H. Evans 4, P. Staniforth 5, R. Everest (cond.) 6, R. Sherlock 7, J. Palmer 8. First in method 1, 2, 6 and 7. For Evensong.

COMPOSITIONS

5,007 STEDMAN CINQUES

By RICHARD A. G. INGLIS

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5,000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Arranged by TIMOTHY G. PETT

W	M	H	23456
Bob Course		S	32456
		—	43256
	S	3	63254
S	S	3	43265
—		3	64235
S		3	34265
—		3	63245
S	S	3	53264
S	S	—	24356
—		3	52346
—		3	45326
—		3	23456

First rung at Claines, Worcs., on April 12th, 1969.

HAWLEY, HANTS.—On April 6th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Janet I. Jennings 1, Dorothy L. Brookman 2, Margaret J. Berndt 3, D. N. Jennings 4, A. K. Brookman 5, A. D. Leach (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

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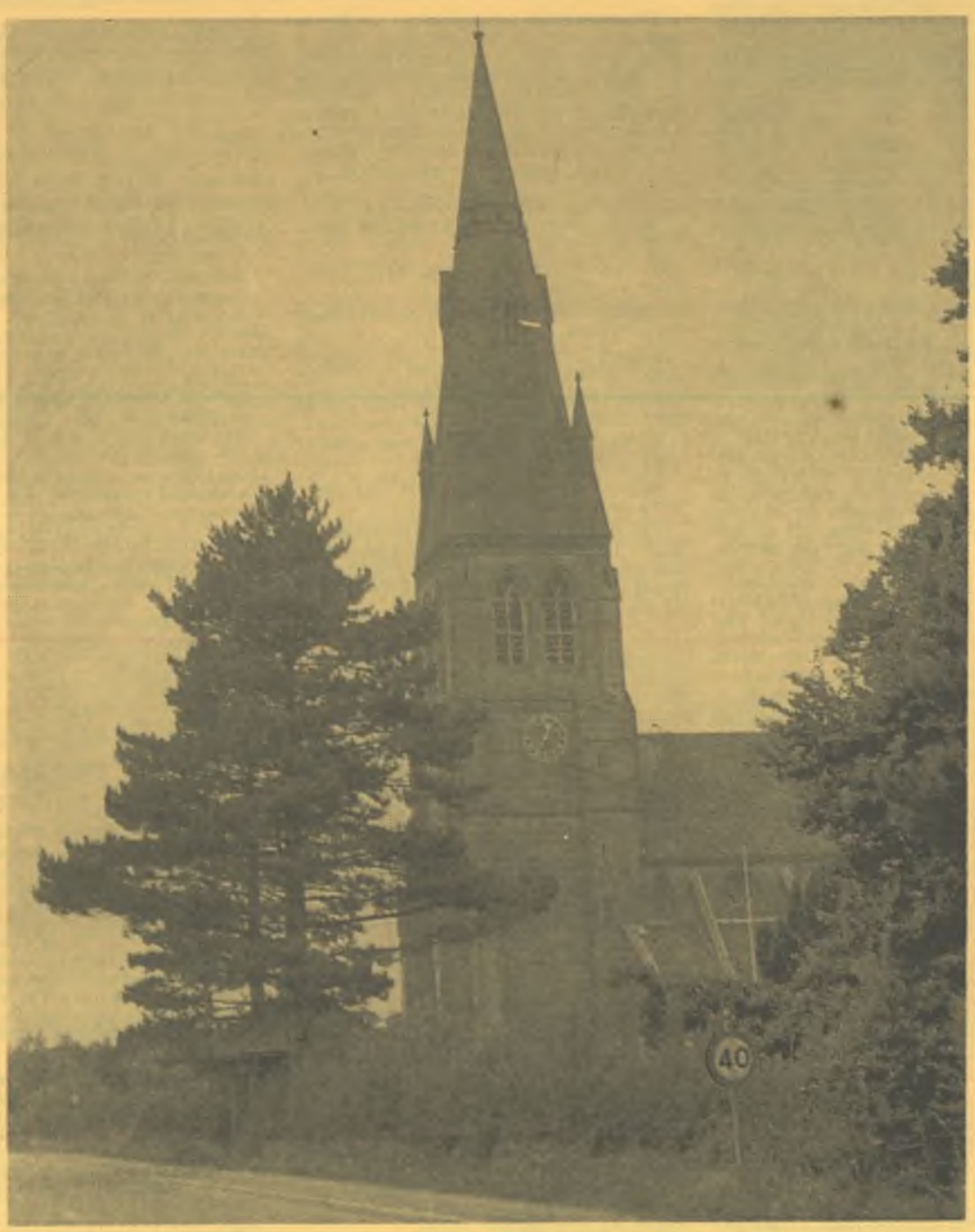

The Church of SS. Philip and James, Hallow, Worcs.

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OUR COVER PICTURE

SS. Philip and James, Hallow, Worcs.

By the Rev. W. J. REYNOLDS

THE Parish Church of Hallow, three miles from Worcester, celebrates its centenary in May, 1969. There were two earlier churches in the village. The first, a small building on the bank above the River Severn, was said by the Worcestershire historian Nash to contain Saxon work. It was demolished in 1830 and replaced by a building of plain and simple construction, until the present church was built on a new site in 1869.

In those early days Hallow was part of the parish of Grimley, but became a separate parish when the present church was a few years old. Later the village of Broadheath was separated from Hallow to form its own parish.

In 1552 the old church was said to have three bells, one being "a little sacrynge bell" and one "a little lych bell". In 1740 there were said to be five bells, but two of these had disappeared before 1814. The only survivor seems to be a bell which is now in Christ Church, Broadheath. This is a "Royal Head" bell (with alternate heads of kings and queens between the words of the inscription), weighing 8½ cwt. The inscription reads: DUM SONAT HOC SIGNUM HOSTEM FUGAT ANNA MALIGNUM. (All the S's are reversed.) It is believed to have been cast in a foundry at Sidbury, Worcester, about 1420. It was still at Hallow in 1900 but was later removed to Broadheath.

The present church is built of a local sandstone and is a good example of Victorian Gothic, designed by Mr. W. Jeffrey Hopkins, a Worcester architect. The flying buttresses which support the roof are a notable feature of the design, but these proved so costly in construction that it was not possible to build the tower until 1879.

The church contains a canopied reredos of the Crucifixion, carved in alabaster and marble. This was given in 1872 by Earl Beauchamp, whose family then owned the adjoining Hallow Park. There are also memorials on the walls taken from the old church. The most interesting of these is one to Sir Charles Bell, who died in 1842 while on a visit to Hallow Park. He was an eminent surgeon, who treated the wounded after the Battle of Waterloo. He also made important discoveries in connection with the nervous system of the human body and gave his name to "Bell's nerve" and "Bell's palsy". He was one of the founders of the Medical School of the Middlesex Hospital.

The church was completed in 1900 by the addition of the spire, clock and bells. These were given by Mrs. Wheeley Lea in memory of her husband, Charles Wheeley Lea, who had been head of the firm of Lea and Perrins, makers of Worcestershire sauce.

The bells were cast by John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and were dedicated on April 14th, 1900. They are hung in a massive cast-iron H-frame and are a very sonorous ring when heard from outside the tower.

The inaugural peal, Grandsire Triples, was rung by the local band on February 1st, 1902, in 3 hours and 15 minutes. The total number of peals rung to date is 46.

The centenary celebrations will be centred mainly on the first four days of May, as May 1st is the patronal festival, the church being dedicated to St. Philip and St. James. May Day also sees annually the crowning of the May Queen on the Village Green and the traditional dancing round the maypole. It is hoped that the centenary peal will be rung on Saturday, May 3rd.

THE BELLS

Treble.—"WITH FAITH WE PRAISE THEE." Note E.

Second.—"WITH HOPE WE BLESS THEE." Note D sharp.

Third.—"WITH CHARITY WE WORSHIP THEE." Note C sharp.

Fourth.—"WITH JUSTICE WE GLORIFY THEE." Note B.

Fifth.—"WITH PRUDENCE WE GIVE THANKS TO THEE." Note A.

Sixth.—"WITH TEMPERANCE WE MAGNIFY THEE." Note G sharp.

Seventh.—"WITH FORTITUDE WE CALL UNTO THEE." Note F sharp.

Tenor.—"WITH PRAISE TO THE GLORY OF GOD. IN THE 63RD YEAR OF QUEEN VICTORIA'S REIGN 1900. GOD SAVE THE QUEEN." Note E. Weight of tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.

D. B.

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Bridgwater Branch

The spring meeting of the Bridgwater Branch was held at the small village of Over Stowey, on the edge of the Quantocks. The light six struck out soon after 3 p.m. and ringing continued until about 4.15 when some 36 ringers attended the service which was conducted by the Rev. A. F. W. Awre. Tea in the Village Hall was prepared by the captain's wife.

There was some discussion on the question of a Branch Corporate Communion and it was eventually decided to include the Communion with the spring quarterly meeting as this usually coincides with Eastertide. The rules were discussed for the Branch striking competition, and a "committee" was formed to arrange the outing, which this year is to venture over the Severn Bridge and up the Wye Valley. A "silent towers" committee was also formed to review the situation at towers where there is no regular Sunday service ringing. It will help to maintain these bells and ring them with the long-term object of forming new bands.

Ringing followed until 9 p.m. Practice meetings for the next quarter: Spaxton, May 21st, and Thurloxton, June 18th.

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SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Mr. E. E. Norris Resigns

With regret, members attending the quarterly meeting of the Devizes Branch at Melksham on April 12th heard from Mr. N. G. Knee that Mr. E. E. Norris had resigned his post as Branch Ringing Master owing to indisposition. Mr. Reginald Jones, of Longbridge Deverill, was elected by unanimous vote to fill the position for the remainder of the year. The chairman (Mr. C. F. Andrews) expressed the earnest hope that Mr. Norris might at some future time be able to resume his duties.

Mr. Weeks, of Devizes, called attention to the special service to be held at St. James', Southbroom, to commemorate the diamond jubilee of the addition of two trebles to that church. Attention was called to the Central Council's publication "A Tutor's Handbook," which would be of special use to tower captains.

A vote of thanks was passed to Canon W. A. M. Langdon for conducting the service, to Mrs. West, the organist, and the ladies responsible for the tea. Mr. W. C. West, Guild president, was responsible for local organisation.

The Gloucester and Bristol A.G.M.

AFTER an interval of 14 years it was the turn this year for Tewkesbury to be the hosts for the Association annual meeting which was held on the Saturday after Easter. From ten in the morning very good use was made of the towers in the Branch, most of which were open again in the evening. A special draw was the new eight at Eckington, although outside our area. The donor of the new trebles, Ralph Perks, is chairman of the Tewkesbury Branch and readily got permission for their use on this occasion.

The meeting was held in the Abbey Mill, well known through "John Halifax, Gentleman", being the residence of Abel Fletcher. The attendance was up on previous years, 136 members being present with nine visitors from Newcastle-on-Tyne, Harrow, Sandbach, Kingston upon Thames, Wareham and Lyneham.

Apologies were presented on behalf of a number of members unable to attend after the chairman, Miss E. Mary Bliss, had opened proceedings with prayer and reference to those who had died during the past 12 months.

In his apology, Mr. F. J. Lewis, who has been a member for 73 years, expressed the hope that he would be able to welcome members to the next A.G.M. at Cirencester. There was little arising from the minutes of the previous meeting, it being stated that Mr. W. B. Kynaston had been co-opted on to the management committee on his retirement from the Central Council.

SECRETARY'S MARATHON DRIVE

The printed reports were in the hands of many present, having come off the press at 2 o'clock on the Thursday, when the hon. secretary collected them from the printer in Bristol and on a marathon run of 226 miles delivered them to all 12 Branches by ten the same night. The Ringing Master (Mr. W. F. Scudamore) outlined some of the main points, and in the absence of the hon. treasurer the chairman dealt with the financial side of the report.

There has been some improvement in Sunday service ringing, which may be due to the ringing competition, and there have been restorations at Randwick, Winchcombe and Kemerton. For the future, Maisemore bells are about to be rehung after a silence of well over 30 years; the bells of St. Stephen's, Bristol City, are to be augmented and there is to be a new bell for Redcliffe. Wickwar and Coalpit Heath are possibilities for improvement in 1970. The Association dinner was a great success and another is to be held this year.

Perhaps some of the increase in attendance was due to an election for office of Ringing Master. Visitors B. J. Stone and R. G. W. Robertson acted as tellers and the result declared showed that W. F. Scudamore had been re-elected by a majority of 71 over his opponent, G. Land, who congratulated Mr. Scudamore on his victory. All the other officers were re-elected, there being no other nominees for any post.

Mr. P. M. J. Gray (Bristol City) outlined the work over many years given by Frederick W. Dixon, Hedley S. Gregory and Edwin J. Brown, and the meeting made them honorary life members.

With one exception, subscriptions are to remain the same, 5/- for those over 16, 2/6 for those under 16, but associates go up to 5/- in order to cover the cost of the report, this with effect from the end of the meeting. Parochial Church Councils can still affiliate for the sum of £1 1s., which is fixed for this year and next. There are now 136 P.C.C.s affiliated, which is a record number.

BELL TOWERS IN NEW AREAS

A proposal from Swindon that diocesan authorities and architects should be asked to give consideration to the provision of bell towers for churches being built in newly-developed areas adjacent to existing towns, with particular reference to the proposed expansion of Swindon, was passed and an approach will be made to the parties concerned as soon as possible.

The Ringing Master outlined an award scheme which is designed to stop as much as possible of the drift away of young ringers by giving them something to work for. The Branches had been given full details of the proposed scheme and permission was sought to start with a pilot scheme in selected areas to get experience in how it would work out. This was given, there being eight who were not in favour. If the scheme works there are to be three stages with a certificate and possibly a badge for those who complete the course. There will also be provision for those who take up ringing at a more mature age.

Attention was drawn to the fact that it had been found that not only did insurance not cover the very young but that those over 70 were also excluded, and it was suggested that ringers should have a look at their policy to see just what was covered.

Special thanks were expressed to the secretary of the Tewkesbury Branch, Don Deakins, new to the job, who had made all the arrangements for the day in three days, the towers open, the room for the meeting, the tea and the service which followed. Tea was taken by those who had booked on another floor of the Abbey Mill, and the preacher at the Association service in the Abbey was the Rev. R. E. Hill, of Cirencester.

Many towers were open after the service, and it was found that the "go" of the six at Ashchurch had been greatly improved by J. Garle, who had forgone attending the meeting and had spent the afternoon working on the bells. A most pleasing feature of the day was the very large number of young members who participated, but one felt a wee bit sad at the number of those so familiar in the past who are no longer able to come to these meetings.

C. ROUSE, Hon. Secretary.

LONDON, W.C.—At St. Clement Danes' Church, on March 9th, 1,282 Yorkshire Surprise Royal: Shirley E. Ruddlesden 1, R. R. Churchill 2, Maureen J. Carruthers 3, Angela M. Wright 4, Audrey R. Alexander 5, R. C. Woodward 6, M. J. Uphill 7, P. Bosworth 8, R. D. Mills 9, M. W. Coleman (cond.) 10. Also on April 13th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Susan E. M. Davies 1, B. Read 2, Mrs. W. Oatway 3, M. T. Sprackling (cond.) 4, A. M. Stacey 5, J. Cheeseman 6, P. E. Felton 7, A. H. Fulwell 8, W. Oatway 9, N. F. Felton 10.

NEW LOOK FOR WHITECHAPEL EXPO

A feature of the Lympne (Kent) festival of flowers and music, in aid of the bell restoration fund, was the Whitechapel Expo Belfry. Making its first public appearance of 1969, the demonstration tower was of slightly different form to that seen at the Sussex Expo, and there were some modifications to the fittings of the bells. A good crowd of ringers and spectators alike were there to see the bells in action, and the three trebles in particular soon sorted out the experienced from the novices, although the elders were not always the betters in this respect!

The toll of broken stays remained indecently heavy—32 on the first day alone, and it was soon discovered that the lighter bells were most easily rung stayless. We reached our nadir with a touch of Triples with only one stay intact: nevertheless, it was surprising to see how quickly even the novices were at home on these light bells, and at least one well-known ringer was heard to pass comment that they handled rather better than those at another secular campanile.

Other items of the festival of interest to ringers were the demonstration of the original method of casting a bell (on the site of an actual bell casting pit, which had recently been unearthed after 400 years, and had been excavated for the occasion): an ingenious working model of a six-bell tower, complete with ringers manipulating the ropes; and the handbell ringing in the great hall of the beautiful and ancient castle.

The festival was well-organised, of interest to all, and blessed with fine weather, and the people of Lympne deserve the success they are hoping to achieve. N. J. D.

FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.—On April 13th, 1,250 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Mrs. J. Kippin 1, Miss M. M. Lewis 2, C. H. Kippin 3, Mrs. J. E. Couperthwaite 4, S. P. Reed 5, H. P. Reed 6, M. J. Church 7, W. J. Couperthwaite (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

POINTS FROM PEALS

By CANON K. W. H. FELSTEAD

THIS article, which covers peals in the last six months of 1968, is later than usual. This is partly due to the number of peals which, apparently, were not sent in for publication straight away. May I make a plea, not only for the sake of my own records but also on behalf of the Peals Analysis Committee (of which I am a member), to all conductors to be more prompt in submitting their peals? Also, those who are concerned about space in "The Ringing World" will have noticed the waste of a small amount through the Editor having to insert "1968 Peals" and then "1969 Peals".

But now for the peals in the last half of last year. The 13th peal on Christmas Eve at Long Stratton having been accomplished in 1967, I expect there were no worries about the 14th on December 24th last. Anyway, it was duly accomplished to keep the sequence going. I thought at one time that the Loughborough Bell Foundry was going to beat its own record for the number of peals in one year, for there had been over 30 in the first six months of the year. However, it was not to be, and the final total was 51 for the year—none at all in December it would appear. Although my next remark really belongs to the next article, I have noted that there have been no less than 15 in the first two months of this year—a rate of 90 per annum—and that the 1,300 peal mark has been passed. So we may see their record yearly total beaten this year.

FIRST IN THE TOWER

I confirm that the following towers have appeared for the first time in the peal columns: Crawley, North Lydbury, Snap, Angersleigh, Linkinhorne, Pawlett, Laneast, Lesnewth, Shinfield, Pagham, Wavendon, Much Cowarne, Winterbourne Whitchurch, St. Giles-in-the-Wood seems also to have had its first peal on the bells although this was not claimed. The peal at Grosmont was not only the first peal since rehanging but appears to have been the first peal in the tower as well.

It would seem that rather fewer towers than usual passed various landmarks. Thus Bridgend claimed, quite rightly, I think, that they had rung the 150th peal on August 23rd. The first peal was in 1898 and there had been 15 before the First World War. Between the wars peal were rung every year except in 1920. The most in any one year was 7 in 1931 and the total rung was 84 in the 20 years concerned. The first peal after the last war was the 100th on the bells, and so there have been 51 in the last 25 years or so—a rather smaller average per year. But peal ringing has been quite consistent all through this century at this average rate of 2 or 3 a year.

Two towers reached their centuries—Cadoxton (which was claimed) and All Saints', Leicester, which was not. In the case of the former, most of the peals have come since 1945 and there are now usually 7 or 8 a year there. The first peal was in 1914. The second was in 1921 and there were 13 in the 1920s. In the 1930s there was one more than that—14. Thus there have been 72 since 1945. All Saints', Leicester, had its first peal in 1920 and there had only been 5 before the last war. Of course, it was a 6-bell tower then and remained so until 1952. But it was a very popular 6-bell tower after the war, for no less than 41 peals were rung from 1946 to the augmentation—a yearly average greater than since the trebles were added. The last 54 peals to complete the century have taken 16 years to ring.

Several towers passed the 50 mark. I confirm the claims of two of them to have done so, viz., Holme Pierrepont and Petersfield. The others are Staines (St. Peter's), Southwell Cathedral, Bury St. Edmunds Cathedral, Chapel Allerton, Rayne, Salford, St. Patrick's Cathedral (Dublin), Wormingford, Blythburgh, Broughton-in-Furness, Hythe and Whitworth. Of these, Hythe has taken by far the longest time to reach this modest total—over 150 years in fact! I have recorded 22 peals before "The Bell News" commenced in 1881 and 28 since. The most peals I have in one year is 4 in 1845 (there were 3 last year). Obviously, there are long periods without a peal at all. At the other end of the scale are Holme Pierrepont and Chapel Allerton. The former had its first peal in 1921, but all the remainder have been rung in the past ten years. The latter did not have its first peal until 1955. All Blythburgh's peals have also been rung since the last war.

INFREQUENT VISITORS

We now come to infrequent visitors to the peal columns. I think there are rather fewer than usual of these also. Two towers were last seen there in 1927. They are Brinklow (which I confirm) and West Bickleigh. In both cases the 1927 peals were the only previous ones on the bells. This is not the case with the next tower, Rotherhithe, where I confirm that the last peal was 40 years ago in 1928. The Eastern Scholars rang the first peal there in 1749, and so it has a very long history even though it hasn't yet reached the 50 peal mark! The main period of activity seems to have been in the 1920s when 17 peals were rung. Next came the 1880s with 6 peals. Perhaps we are beginning another burst of peal ringing there. The peal at Winchcombe on October 2nd was thought to be the first on the bells. I fear it was not so, for I recorded one there in 1929—the only previous one. Also in that year was last saw mention of Bewdley, as claimed. But the claim for the first of Major does not appear to be correct. I have a peal of Bob Major there in 1782! The only other three peals there have been are Grandsire Triples in 1887 and Stedman Triples in 1894 and 1929. If Old Cleeve had claimed the first of Major on the bells it would have been correct. Only three peals had previously been rung on the eight—all Grandsire Triples in 1925, 1926 and 1930 (the last previous peal). However, there had been four on the six before augmentation—two in 1908 and two in 1910.

I confirm that both Darwen and Dalston had their last peals in 1933. In the former's case it was the only previous one. In the latter's there had also been peals in 1927, 1928 and 1931. I confirm Chalford's claim not to have had a peal since 1934. Before that year peals were rung in 1889, 1914, 1924 (3), 1925 and 1926. Rockland was also last heard in a peal that year. I have recorded peals here also in 1911 and 1912 (2). Both Orcop (only previous peal) and Epping Upland last had a peal in 1935. The latter had peals in 1920 (2), 1921, 1922 (2), 1932 and 1934 as well. I confirm Greinton's claim for the first peal since 1937. Another peal was rung here in 1905. Yateley also claimed correctly a silence of 30 years as far as peals were concerned. The most active period in this tower was in the 1890s when two peals were rung in each of the years 1892, 1893, 1894 and 1899. Only six peals were rung after that before the recent one—in 1907, 1909, 1913, 1930, 1932 and 1938. Finally amongst the infrequent visitors is Llanbedr where the only previous peal was in 1940.

INCORRECT CLAIMS

Other items of interest which I noticed together with some footnotes which I feel I should correct are as follows: Houghton's claim for the first peal on the augmented bells was correct. There had only been one in the tower before—in 1953. I confirm that Branston had its first peal of Doubles on the bells (168 methods/variations, too!). What wasn't noted at the time was that there had been 71 peals of Minor before that. The claim at Litton for the first of Minor was not correct. The first peal on the bells in 1922 was Bob Minor. I confirm the claims of Consett and Newton-le-Willows to have had their first peals of Double Norwich Major—the first tower in a peal total of 23 and the latter 32. Drayton (Oxon) had only had one other peal this century until the recent one—in 1959. There were peals here in 1887 (2) and 1888. Worcester Cathedral had a peal of Yorkshire Maximus in 1962, so the recent one was not the first. At Halliwell I confirm that the recent peal was the first since 1948 and the first in any other method than Grandsire Triples (there had been nine such).

BATH AND WELLS STRIKING COMPETITION

The seventh annual striking competition was held at the recently-restored church by the River Chew at Publow. The nine teams rang the usual test piece of "120 changes of Doubles or Minor, with not more than 12 whole pulls of rounds before or after", and this was judged by Mr. Arthur Reed, of Taunton.

When all the teams had rung, those present adjourned to the Village Hall at Pensford (opened by none other than Mr. Acker Bilk, a local lad, in 1965), where Mr. and Mrs. Ken Cobb welcomed the party with an excellent tea.

The Vicar was able to join us after tea, when the judge gave his comments and announced the results. These were: 1st, Long Ashton, with 8 faults; 2nd, Backwell, 16½; 3rd, Nailsea, 20½; 4th, Portbury, 24; 5th, Winford, 24½, 6th, Wrington, 26; 7th, Publow, 39; 8th, Yatton, 50; and 9th, Kingston Seymour, 68½. Mr. Reed commented on the faults incurred due to not setting bells and said that he felt the ringing generally was good.

Thanks were expressed to the Vicar and all who had contributed to such a successful occasion, and general ringing was then enjoyed at Compton Dando. M. J. H.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICS.—On April 2nd, 1,440 T.B. Minor (Kent, Cambridge): Christine M. Younger 1, R. I. Kendrick 2, F. Chambers 3, J. R. Perkins 4, B. S. Payne (cond.) 5, G. R. Edwards 6. To mark the safe arrival of Dean Andrew to Mr. and Mrs. E. Fowler, of Sileby.

South Wales Proud of Sunday Ringing

Two important pointers to progress were contained in the annual report of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association presented at the A.G.M. at Cardiff on April 12th—the highest number of peals ever rung in a year (86 against 77 previous highest in 1965), and "We can be justly proud of the efforts made in maintaining a good and regular standard of Sunday service ringing in our churches." Aberdare and Llandaff Cathedral were congratulated on the number of quarters rung for Sunday service. Both these bands scored peals in their own towers.

Ringing took place during the afternoon at St. Mary's, Whitchurch, and at St. John's, Cardiff. The service was held in St. John's Church, conducted by the Vicar, Canon W. E. C. Thomas, who in his address spoke appreciatively of the work carried out by ringers throughout the two dioceses and reminded them of their duties as members of the Church.

An ample tea had been provided in the schoolroom above Wood Street Congregational Church by Mrs. Pryor and her band of willing helpers. Members who had earlier attended the Rugby International match with England joined in the tea, and the fact that Wales won assisted in making the ensuing meeting a very pleasant one.

The business meeting followed, under the able chairmanship of Canon Thomas. Members stood in silence as a tribute to the memory of Benjamin T. Davies, for 60 years an organist and ringer at Llangynwyd, and David L. Hughes, for over 40 years a ringer at Bridgend.

The hon. secretary, in his report, made the following comments: Membership consisted of 370 ringing members, one honorary member and five hon. life members. This showed a decrease of 23 during the year: the published list did not include any who were two years in arrears with their subscriptions. A great improvement would result if tower secretaries would collect subscriptions.

The total assets had fallen by £9, but as they had contributed £50 to Grosmont for their restoration work it could justly be claimed that losses had been limited. The Universities Association sent a contribution of £9 to the Bell Restoration Fund at the conclusion of their tour. About 100 members were in arrears with their subscriptions and the Branch secretaries would welcome the assistance of each tower in keeping up to date in this matter

During the year "Change Ringing", by W. G. Wilson, had been purchased for the library and Mr. F. J. Hannington had made another gift to the library of an album containing prints of most of the towers in the Association's area.

The report also referred to the Bishop of Llandaff, a joint president, being elected Archbishop of Wales, the restoration of Grosmont bells and the 75th anniversary celebrations of the Association.

In the absence of the hon. treasurer, the hon. secretary presented the accounts, which were adopted.

NEW MASTER

Mr. W. T. Petty, of Bridgend, was elected Master for the year and was invested with his badge of office by the retiring Master, Mr. R. J. Stewart. He thanked Mr. Stewart for the able way that he had carried out his duties and particularly at the anniversary dinner in October. The remaining officers were re-elected as follows: Hon. secretary, M. J. Pryor; hon. treasurer, Rev. I. J. Richards; hon. auditors, Rev. R. C. Lucas and T. M. Roderick.

Three resolutions were placed before the meeting on the recommendation of the management committee, as under:—

(1) That the Rev. A. W. McAdam be elected to honorary life membership in appreciation of the work he so ably organised in the rehanging of the bells at his parish church of Grosmont.

(2) That Mr. D. J. Llewellyn be elected as peal recorder to the Association.

(3) That the subscription for ringing members be increased from 3/- to 5/- and from 1/6 to 2/6 for those under 18 or over 65 years old. The new rate to be effective from January 1st, 1970.

All three resolutions were carried unanimously.

Mr. L. Bainham proposed and Mr. R. J. Stewart seconded a motion thanking the secretary for his work in arranging the 75th anniversary dinner and requesting that it should be minuted. The members expressed their appreciation by passing the motion.

The Master proposed a vote of thanks to all who had assisted in arranging the meeting, and the ringers dispersed for further ringing at St. John's, Cardiff, and at Llandaff Cathedral. The ringing covered a very wide scope, including a touch of Spliced Surprise Major in seven methods by resident members.

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Letters to the Editor

A "RINGING WORLD" PEAL-SUPPLEMENT

Dear Sir,—My solution to the problem of finding space for the publication of peals is very simple. It also has the merit of solving the question of cost and of releasing the uninterested reader from the irksome chore of bypassing the pages of peals. It is this: that the peals be published as a supplement, weekly, fortnightly or monthly as proves convenient. "The Ringing World" could then be obtained with or without the supplement, so that those not interested in the peals may purchase a plain "Ringing World" at a price of, say, 9d. or 6d. or whatever it costs. The peal supplement is then printed in the old pre-1964 style, just as we peal ringers want it, and is charged at an economic price of, say, 9d. or 1/- if the extra packing work necessitates this. The peal ringers will then be absolved from the recurrent charge of being mean by comparison with the quarter peal ringers, the Gratefully Acknowledged column will become redundant and, if desired, slightly more space could be given to letters, articles and quarter peals.

I think it might be quite surprising how many copies of the supplement would be sold. Personally, I would be glad to pay an economic price for the supplement: 1/- or even 1/6 weekly. This is right and proper if that is the cost. What I would not gladly do is to pay a levy of 6d. a rope in order to get the peal published. This is not a question of personal cost, as a short calculation will show, but one of principle. —Yours faithfully,

JOHN R. MAYNE.

St. Albans, Herts.

Editor's Comment

The scheme submitted by Mr. Mayne of divorcing peals from "The Ringing World" is uneconomic. It would multiply office work, increase production charges and create problems with the newsagents.

A 16-page "Ringing World" would mean the surrender of the cover. The paper is printed in units of eight pages. It is impossible to produce a cover and 12 pages without a big increase in cost.

Since the beginning of the year more than five pages a week have been devoted to peals. Set in the old-fashioned style with all the trimmings, and allowing a page for compositions, there would be an 8-page supplement most weeks.

Three types of subscribers would have to be dealt with: "Ringing World" with supplement; peal supplement; "Ringing World" without peals.

Assistance would be required in editorial work, accountancy, postal subscribers and newsagents. The cost of the extra work would not be less than £500 a year.

An 8-page supplement would have to be entirely self-supporting and its selling price would be between 9d. and 1/- a week.

A 16-page "Ringing World" without cover and without "Gratefully Acknowledged" would not be less than 1/-. The two together could not be sold for less than 1/6 excluding postage.

Then the gain, no appeal for donations for peals or quarter peals. The other side—an unattractive "Ringing World" that will be a perpetual headache to produce and a constant economic uncertainty to the Committee. It is not a job the Editor could or would tackle.—T. W. W.

FRUSTRATING LOCAL ENTHUSIASM

Dear Sir.—We, the Sunday service band at Penmark, offer our congratulations to the band of visitors who have rung the first known peal on these bells. We do this somewhat ruefully, since it has long been one of our ambitions to achieve this first performance ourselves. Unfortunately the approach for permission was made to our Vicar, who granted it, to someone whose name he did not gather, before he appreciated the significance to his own band of the request. Surely it is customary to make contact with the tower secretary as well in such cases?

No doubt first performances of any sort are fair game, but we feel it should be remarked that to most of us this spoiling of our plans has been our first contact with the activities of the Diocesan Association and of the wider world of ringing; the impression left with us is not a favourable one

We are, sir, yours faithfully,

E. R. HEATLEY, Mrs. V. J. HEATLEY, R. DE V. B. KIDWELL, C. B. McKERROW, Miss H. G. OLDHAM, P. D. OLDHAM.

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THE EVOLUTION OF MINOR

Dear Sir,—Minor methods have evolved over the years to give the structurally satisfying collection given in the Central Council's book. All other methods were not quite up to standard.

Now, find methods having single changes (Cambridge Major has four places in a change, so why not in Minor?), 5-6 places without the treble (to guarantee 65s at back —musical, I suppose, to some ears), and you have Rosehill, Hanney and Radley, named in 1967.

Next, give the methods irregular leadheads (do they matter, anyway?) and we have the three things called methods named (politely) for the first time in the peal at Longparish on March 1st, 1969.

The first method cannot be called Winchester Bob as that name is given to a much more worthwhile method in the Major stage. The double version, called "Portsmouth", is as near plain changes as is allowed under modern rules. I wonder whether "Winchester" or "Christchurch" are actually the reverse of already named irregular methods? If so, then these two unfortunate places need not be lumbered with the names.—Yours sincerely,

GEOFFREY DODDS.

St. Albans, Herts.

UNIVERSAL COMPOSITIONS

Dear Sir, — Regarding recent correspondence on Mr. Humphrey's Universal Composition (appended below), I should like to make the following comments for the benefit of anyone seeking compositions for new methods with unusual false course heads. With the singles rung in 3-4 at the Home, the composition is true as stated, to the following groups of f.c.h.'s (after Baldwin): B.I.L.N.O.P.R.S. a, b, c, e.

In this form it is true to Yorkshire, Lincolnshire, Bristol and Rutland of the "standard eight" and has the 3rd in 3+ and 4—, or the 4th in 4+ and 3—, depending on whether the composition is rung forwards or backwards. By the simple expedient of ringing the singles in 5-6 at the Home, the composition becomes true to a slightly different set of f.c.h.'s. These are:—

B.G.H.I.L.M.O.R.S. b. c. d, f.

In this form it is true to Pudsey as well as Yorkshire and Bristol and has either the 5th in 5+ and 6— or the 6th in 6+ and 5— with the same proviso as above.

With regard to the length of this composition, I do not see that omitting a pair of adjacent singles (as suggested on page 242) will reduce it from 5,376 to 5,152. Firstly, a different part-end is produced, and secondly some course (either + or —) would contain calls at both Middle and Wrong, which I would have thought conflicted with the basic construction of this type of composition. Mr. Baldwin's variation, on the other hand, is reducible as the singles to be omitted are not separated by other calls. I assume Mr. Humphrey's other variations may be reduced as he suggests.

Other examples which may provide food for thought include the 5th in 5+ and 4— or the 6th in 6+ and 3— true to B.C.E.G. I.L.M.N.R.S, d (this includes Superlative), and the 4th in 4+ and 5— or the 3rd in 3+ and 6— true to B.C.D.I.L.N.P.R.S, d (includes London).—Yours faithfully,

Birmingham. S. W. BARTON.

Singles in 3-4 5,376 Singles in 5-6

23456	M	W	H	23456
46352	—		S	43625
53462		—	S	24653
25364	2		S	34265
53624		2	S	46253
64325	—		S	26345
23645		—	S	42356

Repeated twice.

AN OPPORTUNITY NOT TO BE MISSED

Dear Sir,—Since the last Central Council meeting you have published articles and letters containing criticism of the Council and suggestions for its reform.

Your report of the Herts A.G.M. (page 319) states that there will be 300 seats in the balcony of the Civic Hall, St. Albans. Assuming these to be for those who are not Council members, the coming meeting presents the Exercise with an ideal opportunity to see the work of its elected representatives who devote so much of their time to the betterment of our art.—Yours, etc., RICHARD F. PRIME.

Bishop's Stortford, Herts.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOL
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HILDA MASSEY'S PEAL WEEK

IT all began with a letter from David to Mum, telling her that a friend from Leicester would be on holiday in Somerset for a week during the Easter vacation. Could he stay with us, and could Mum please arrange a few peals? Despite the short notice—less than a month—Hilda set to work to provide a full ringing programme for the week. Ignoring those Jeremiahs who spoke of the impossibility of getting enough towers in Lent, and who pointed out that it would certainly be impossible to get enough ringers on working days, she wielded pen and telephone to such effect that there were soon 14 peals available for the week, two for each week-day and at least 19 ringers wishing to participate. It was surprising how many ringers were able and willing to take time off from work for the occasion, and Roy and Wally Rice decided to take the whole week.

Despite the cold weather, the week started well with a quick peal of Surprise Minor on the light, easy-going six at Butcombe, a tower chosen because Hilda had not rung there. In the afternoon Roy and Wally Rice were playing on their home ground at Banwell, with a peal of Gainsborough Surprise which produced a rash of footnotes recording 25th peals together, especially for Roy. We were sad because this was a memorial peal for the local stalwart, Jack Ellsbury, whose 90th birthday we had celebrated here only a few months ago.

After a quiet Sunday, our successful progress resumed on Monday with peals at the two neighbouring light eights of Drayton and Huish Episcopi. None of the band complained about Mr. Middleton's composition being used twice on the same day, and David was able to claim his first of Major as conductor as well as adding a "Q" to his Surprise Major alphabet. While these peals were in progress, Hilda was coping with a crisis. An unexpected service was to prevent the planned Tuesday morning peal at Melksham. The problem was solved when Mr. Durston, the kindly rector of Hemington, willingly offered his bells for their second peal within three days, and the Melksham attempt was postponed until the next Saturday.

WARMINSTER CLAPPER BROKE

Tuesday continued cold, but Surprise Minor was rung at Hemington, and Eric at least was warm on the slow-turning tenor which needs more effort than one would expect. This church, dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, was a most appropriate choice for a peal on Lady Day. The afternoon brought our first disappointment of the week when, after nearly an hour of Superlative, the seventh clapper at Warminster broke to end the proceedings. After a meal we were able to join in a practice at Evercreech, and enjoyed some very well struck Yorkshire Royal.

On Wednesday morning we were honoured to ring at Chilcompton, which has the leading Surprise Minor tower in the diocese, and succeeded in a peal in seven Surprise Minor. Hilda met us after the peal with the afternoon's reinforcement, and we set off on the long trek to the extreme south of Somerset and the quiet village of Winsham. Here the eight bells, hung in 1894, are in a central tower and are rung from the chancel. Before ringing it is necessary to remove all the choir stalls (which are extremely heavy), a process which tends to discourage service ringing. A peal of Islay was scored on these difficult bells. Ronnie Beck was particularly pleased with a peal in this tower, his 125th in the county. Peals at Winsham are very rare, this being only the second to have been rung in the last half century. Such is the madness of ringers that, from the Dorset border, we rushed to the extreme north of the county to hear the end of a quarter peal at St. Michael's, Bath, and to enable our guest to grab the tower.

Thursday was planned as a "rest" day, with two light eights at East and West Coker to be pealed, but it proved much more of a rest day than we intended. The morning peal of Rutland came to grief after an hour or so, when George foolishly called a Middle that should not have been there. In the afternoon London was flowing nicely at West Coker when, after 40 minutes, the treble rope parted below the sally. Although the rope was repaired before we left, an early replacement was recommended. Once again Bath was the evening venue, this time the practice at St. Mary's, Bathwick.

CHARLIE ANDREWS' 250TH

Friday saw a return to better luck with a peal of Yorkshire on the light eight at Christ Church, Bradford-on-Avon. There was a shortage of Salisbury Guild members in the band and, because we were uncertain about the local rules governing belfry elections, it was reluctantly decided that the peal would have to be credited to the Bath and Wells Association instead. The afternoon found us on the fine eight at Urchfont, near Devizes. Charlie Andrews was with us now to deal with new members, and a peal of Havant (that alphabet again) was recorded for the Salisbury Guild.

It was a pleasure to ring in Charlie's 250th peal. The magnetic attraction of Bath proved unfortunate this night, when Hilda's car was involved in a slight accident with another vehicle. Although the other driver was entirely in the wrong, he was probably unjustly accused of having imbibed too freely. At least Hilda, on two orange juices, was safe on this score, whatever the state of her passengers. Fortunately no serious damage was done, and the evening passed happily.

Saturday saw the postponed attempt at Melksham, and a good peal of Lincolnshire was rung on the very pleasant bells, despite the long draught and ever springy ropes. This was the last peal on Hilda's programme, as the afternoon attempt was a long-standing fixture at Wincanton arranged by David Orledge. Sad to say, Derby Surprise Major crunched out after an hour, the only attempt of the week to suffer this fate. We returned home to swell the numbers at the Frome practice, followed by a post-mortem in the Three Swans.

The final peal score, therefore, ten out of 14, was very satisfactory, especially as two of the four losses were from causes beyond the ringers' control.

Sunday was a day of rest after a very exhausting but very enjoyable week, and also a day of farewells. It remains for us to thank all those who made the tour such a success, both incumbents and ringers. The major credit must, however, go to Hilda Massey, for without her organising ability the peal week could not have happened. In addition to all the planning, Hilda, as non-playing captain, maintained a strict discipline, ensured that we were always on time, and drove many miles ferrying ringers from tower to tower. She had little opportunity to ring with us, but managed to find the time to join us in the evenings.

G. W. M.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD

The quarterly meeting held at Tanworth-in-Arden on April 19th was very well attended by over 60 members and friends. The Master (Miss Muriel Reay), who took the chair at the meeting, proposed votes of thanks to the Vicar, to Mr. Jim Corbett and to the ladies who had prepared the tea.

Under "Matters arising from the minutes" the secretary (Mr. J. A. Ainsworth) said that had he been able to be at the annual meeting in January he thought it possible that he would not have allowed his name to be proposed for the office of secretary and treasurer in the particular circumstances. He said that he was a ringer because he wished to give a service to the Church and because he loved ringing, but that he was not willing to play "power politics". He had decided, therefore, to proffer his resignation. It was decided to hold an extraordinary general meeting at St. Martin's on May 20th at 7.30 p.m. to elect a temporary secretary and treasurer for the remainder of 1969.

The Ringing Master (Mr. Clifford Barron) deplored the fact that Mr. Ainsworth, who had done a tremendous amount of work for the Guild in the past nearly six years, had been driven into taking this decision.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Randall, Miss S. J. Titchener and Messrs. C. Bough and W. B. Ellender were all elected as resident members. Messrs. D. J. G. Bates, C. I. Rowson and P. G. Holden were elected as life members.

Discussion took place on whether college students resident in Birmingham for a short period each year should be elected as resident or life members. Some members voiced opposition to the previous custom that they should be elected as resident members and transferred to life membership on leaving the area.

It was decided to hold the next Henry Johnson dinner at the Civic Hall, Solihull, on March 7th, 1970, no member voting for the dinner to return to the city centre.

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HALF PEAL

GODSHILL, I.W.—On March 17th, 2,640 Grandsire Doubles: Kim Evans 1, Elsie Wyatt 2, J. Mullins 3, A. Evans 4, L. Bailey (cond.) 5, R. Lale 6. Longest length for all except conductor.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On April 20th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Amanda Powell (cond.) 1, Penny Cocks (first Surprise) 2, I. Wiltshire 3, Louise Powell 4, N. Bennett 5, E. G. H. Godfrey 6. For Evensong.

ASFORDBY, LEICS.—On April 17th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Karen French (first quarter, aged 12) 1, H. Clayton 2, H. T. Bonshor (cond.) 3, W. Clamp 4, O. Homewood 5, A. French 6.

ASH, KENT. — On Easter Day 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: Bridget Chandler (first quarter) 1, A. Austin (first quarter) 2, E. J. Wells (cond.) 4, G. Foat (first "inside") 5, A. Gambrill 6, R Pilcher 7, P. Marshall 8

ASTON CANTLOW, WARKS. — On April 9th, 1,296 Surprise Minor (London, Cambridge): R. M. Andrews 1, Miss J. Riley 2, Miss S. E. Jones 3, Mrs. H. A. Mackenzie 4, B. R. Danby 5, R. J. Danby (cond.) 6

BENHILTON, SURREY. — On April 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss A. Critchlow 1, Mrs. A. Murrells 2, B. J. Lear 3, P. W. S. Richardson 4, M. Ling (cond.) 5, V. Parker 6. For Evensong and the St. George's Day parade.

BIGGLESWADE, BEDS. — On Easter Day, 1,260 Minor (Oxford Bob, Plain): S. Flint 1, Susan King 2, Barbara Pates 3, B. F. R. Mullins 4, Sheila Smith 5, A. H. Smith (cond.) 6, A. S. Smith and C. R. Hardy cover.

BISHOPSTOKE, HANTS.—On April 6th, 1,440 Pl. Bob Minor: J. C. Halleu 1, Philippa E. Menniss 2, Linda V. Cull 3, R. Le Marechal 4, J. P. Collins (first Minor as cond.) 5, T. J. Frodsham 6. First of Minor for 1, 2, 4 and 5. For Evensong.

BLEDLOW, BUCKS.—On April 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: I. O'Reilly 1, E. Harmsworth 2, Brenda Arnott (cond.) 3, A. Strathdee 4, F. Keen 5. A diamond wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Dudley; also for the 19th wedding anniversary of the ringer of the 2nd.

BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS.—At the Church of St. Peter, on April 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Price 1, R. Pike 2, D. T. Matkin (cond.) 3, J. Price 4, R. Price 5, R. Hutchings 6, A. C. Conway 7, E. Boothe 8. A silver weddiding compliment (April 8th) to Mr. and Mrs. F. Price, parents of the ringers of the 4th and 5th; also for the birth of Anna James (April 4th), daughter of the Vicar (Rev. C. C. W. James) and Mrs. James.

DUNSFOLD, SURREY. — On April 12th, 1,296 Norwich and Beverley Surprise Minor: D. A. R. May (cond.) 1, Jill M. May 2, P. Henry 3, J. F. M. Maybrey 4, A. D. Elsmore 5, P. J. Munday 6. Rung after meeting too late for a peal attempt.

ENFIELD, MIDDX.—On April 20th, 1,272 Cambridge S. Minor: D. J. Duggan 1, P. Twigg 2, Miss M. Twigg (first Surprise as cond.) 3, R. Luxon 4, H. Howson 5, R. Wood 6. First in method 2, 3, 4, 6.

HASFIELD, GLOS.—On April 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Malcolm Taylor (12, first quarter) 1, Bernard Taylor (13) 2, Hilda Taylor (17) 3, Clare Taylor (14) 4, Eric Taylor (cond.) 5, Mrs. Helen Taylor 6. First quarter for father, mother and four children.

HINDLEY, LANCS.—On April 13th, 1,280 Quedgley Surprise Major: D. Bennett 1, J. Cunliffe 2, D. Lawson 3, A. Greenalgh 4, R Jolley 5, D. Makin-Taylor 6, J. Ashcroft 7, K. Lister (cond.) 8. Rung to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. J. Shallcross, both ringers at this church, on the birth of their first son.

ILTON, SOM. — On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Burns (first quarter) 1, Mrs. B. Dean 2, R Dean (cond.) 3, S. Welch 4, R. Welch 5, R. Spiller 6. For Easter, and to mark the engagement of 1st ringer and Miss Sandra Acutt.

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.—On April 14th, 1,440 Pl. Bob Minor: Miss E. Tingle 1, Miss M. Garley 2, A. Garley 3, E. Johnson 4, J. Mitchell 5, J G. Mitchell (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of J. Farby, ringer of this parish.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS. — On March 16th, 1,316 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Tingle 1, Miss D. Rogers 2, S. Robinson 3, D. Bowen 4, S. Franklin 5, C. Groome 6, J. G. Mitchell (cond.) 7, J. Mitchell 8.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK. — On April 20th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: M. T. Symonds 1, J. Mayle (first quarter of Major, aged 14) 2, F. Hunt 3, P. Mayle 4, W. Jarvis 5, S. J. Twitchett 6, R. Chambers 7, F. Gilbert 8.

QUARTER PEALS

LYMPNE, KENT.—On April 6th, 1,320 Doubles (7 methods): R. Stainer 1, B. Butcher 2, Elizabeth A. Todd (cond.) 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. Neilson 5, M. Taylor 6. For Evensong. Also on April 10th, 1,260 Doubles (5 methods): Myrtle Butcher 1, R. P. Brotherston 2, Elizabeth A. Todd (cond.) 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. Neilson 5, B. Butcher 6. For the diamond wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Rowland Harman. Also on April 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. P. Brotheraton 1, Judith Brooks (first of method "inside") 2, M. Taylor 3, Elizabeth A. Todd 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, B. Butcher 6. Service for Festival helpers.

MARKET BOSWORTH, LEICS.—On April 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples. L. Trevor 1, J. Evans 2, J. Lawrance 3, A. A. Lucas 4, J. L. Hough 5, A. H. Hough 6, F. K. Measures (cond.) 7, W. R. Proudman 8. For the Induction of Canon Neil Robinson as Rector.

MARLBOROUGH, WILTS.—On April 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Patricia Mundy 1, Ann Toomer 2, D. Lee 3, F. J. Read 4, W. E. Mashitter 5, P. Minchin 6, Rev. R. Keeley (cond.) 7, J. Fuller 8. First on eight by 1 and 2. First quarter on the new bells.

MARSTON MAGNA, SOM.—On April 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. C. Gratton 1, W. Hodges 2, Mrs. L. Crocker 3, Mrs. R. Parker 4, C. Gratton 5, R. Parker (75th quarter, cond.) 6

MARSTON, OXFORD.—On April 6th, 1,260 Doubles (3 methods): Miss C. Cartlidge 1, L. R. Porter 2, M. R. Bolton 3, R. H. Jones (cond.) 4, A. Gammon 5.

MAULDEN, BEDS.—On April 15th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Anne Copperwheat (first Minor) 1, Mrs. M. Mann 2, R. J. Sharp 3, M. J. Lockey 4, C. D. Mann 5, K. H. Fleming (cond.) 6. Rung by the Sunday service band during the 700th anniversary year of the incumbency in this parish.

MELBOURNE, VICTORIA.—At St. Paul's Cathedral on March 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Rossell (cond.) 1, M. Scowen 2, Pamela Warren 3, Barbara Beeson 4, G. Heyes 5, D. Heyes 6, R. Turner 7, J. Roper 8. A farewell to Pamela Warren who returned to England in April. Also on April 9th, 1,260 Minor (Kent and Oxford T.B.): Margaret Aslett 1, Jennifer Murphy 2, R. Turner (cond.) 3, D. Roaf 4, M. Scowen 5, H. Rossell 6.

MOULTON, NORTHANTS.—On April 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Care 1, Mrs. M. E. Care 2, S. Elliot 3, T. Deacon 4, R. Eady 5, B. R. Care (cond.) 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. Eady on the occasion of their silver wedding.

NEW ALRESFORD, HANTS. — On April 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. A. Tremeer 1, Prisca Tremeer 2, Phillippa Tubbs 3, Catherine Law 4, Jane Dando 5, L. Noakes 6, Katherine Maundrell (first of Grandsire Triples as cond.) 7. Rung for St. George's Day.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.—On March 30th, 1,260 Doubles (3 methods and 8 variations): G. Allen (first quarter) 1, Linda M. Nicholls 2, Joan M. Cheney 3, J. G. Edgson 4, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 5, Carol A. Eveleigh 6. For Confirmation service.

NEWTON HALL, NORTHUMBERLAND. — On April 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. N. Bruce 1, Mrs. K. Arthur 2, A. Taylor 3, K. W. Cheeseman 4, K Arthur (cond.) 5, T. Sewell 6. For the joy of Easter Day.

NORTHAW, HERTS.—On April 20th 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Ellis 1, Anne Lever 2, Noel Clarke 3 Jill Carter 4, Brian Greenwood (cond.) 5, J. Carter (first quarter) 6. First in method for 1, 2 and 4. For Evensong.

OADBY, LEICS.—On April 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Elizabeth Salem (first quarter) 1, Kay Farrell (first "inside") 2, Mrs. Margaret Palmer 3, F. Haslum 4, M. Tunnicliff (cond.) 5, Julie Walker 6. A birthday compliment to the ringers of 4 and 6.

OXFORD.—On April 13th, at the Church of St. Ebbe, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): P. Tocock 1, E. R. Venn 2, Pamela E. Powell 3, A. Gammon 4, B. G. Benstead 5, P. J. Heritage (cond.) 6, C. Coles 7.

PATSHULL, STAFFS.—On April 13th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Bryony P. H. Moorby (first T.B. 1, Gillian Bosworth-Smith (first Surprise "inside") 2, C. J. Bennett 3, D. J. G. Bates 4, R. B. Dorrington (cond.) 5, S. T. Yates 6. For Low Sunday.

LATE NOTICE

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South East District.—Evening practice meeting, Henley (8), Thursday, May 15th, 7.30–9 p.m. All welcome.—W. L. 7150

PERRAN - AR - WORTHAL, CORNWALL. — On April 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret A. B. Weston (cond.) 1, Barbara J. Duck 2, Rosemary Guy 3, P. G. Jeans 4, G. W. Riddy 5, W. S. Pryor 6.

PERRY BARR, BIRMINGHAM.—On April 20th, 1,260 Bob Triples: Voirrey Kennaugh 1, Jane: Aston 2, Susan Chew 3, J. Perry 4, D. J. Purnell 5, M. Androlia 6, R. J. Tibbetts (cond.) 7, J. Insley 8.

PETHAM, KENT.—On April 20th, 1,320 Doubles (three methods): P. Southon 1, Felicity Wood 2, Dawn Petts 3, C. Beeching (cond.) 4, W. Seward 5, D. Sara 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Law, wife of Mr. S. Law, a member of this tower.

PINXTON, NOTTS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Helen Dzuiba (first quarter) 1, L. G. Smith (cond.) 2, A. E. Sollis 3, B. A. Jones (first "inside") 4, E. J. Sollis 5. A wedding compliment to Malcolm Phipps and Marjorie Yarnold. Also on April 2nd, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: Carol Reeve (first attempt) 1 Marylin Bacon (first "inside") 2, B. A. Jones (cond.) 3, E. J. Sollis 4, D. Jackson 5. Also on April 3rd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Carol Reeve 1, B A. Jones 2, L. G. Smith (cond.) 3, E. J. Sollis 4, S. Marshall (first attempt) 5, S. Dzuiba (first attempt) 6. Rung for Maundy Thursday Holy Communion.

POLESWORTH, WARKS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Allsopp 1, M. Quimby 2, M. Allsopp (cond.) 3, D. Hiorns 4, R. Knight 5, A. Allsopp 6. First quarter for all. For 8 a.m. H.C.

PUBLOW, SOM.—On April 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Maureen Simons 1, N. Clatworthy 2, J. Milton 3, J. Merchant (first quarter) 4, C. Bishop (cond.) 5, B. Wright 6. A wedding compliment to Susan F. Mogford, daughter of F. C. Mogford, a ringer at Publow, and David J. Lyons.

ST. CLEMENT, CORNWALL.—On April 6th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: Anne Pearce 1, R. P. Pearce 2, T. J. Bell 3, A. J. Davidson 4.

SANDY, BEDS.—On March 25th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Mander (first quarter) 1, A. Norman (cond.) 2, Karen Baker 3, M. Mander (first "inside") 4, D. Goss 5, M. Downs 6.

TAMWORTH, STAFFS.—On March 30th, 1,296 Plain Bob Caters: J E. Cawser 1, Beryl E. Cawser 2, Sheila Parsons 3, A. A. Rackham 4, G. H. Peers, sen. 5, B. J. Hodgetts 6, G. H. Peers, jun. 7, G. H. Lane 8, N. W. Attaway (cond.) 9, E. Elton 10. Rung half-muffled in memory of N. W. Attaway, father of conductor, died March 27th, verger at Tamworth since 1947. Also on April 6th, 1,296 Plain Bob Caters: Christine Haynes 1, Beryl E. Cawser 2, E. J. Dicken 3, G. H. Peers, sen. 4, Sheila Parsons 5, G. H. Peers, jun. 6, E. Elton 7, B. J. Hodgetts 8, N. W. Attaway (cond.) 9, A. A. Parsons 10. Rung half-muffled in memory of Preb. A. Jones, died April 1st, Vicar and Rural Dean of Tamworth 1955 to 1964.

THAMES DITTON, SURREY. — On April 13th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Phyllis M. Dixon (first in method) 1, Anne Donaldson 2, A. M. Donaldson 3, Anne E. Anthony 4, J. J. Bailey (cond.) 5, C. E. Dingle (first quarter) 6. For Easter carol service.

THORNBURY, GLOS. — On April 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. E. G. Mould 1, D. A. Chapman 2, C. J. Bell 3, G. Collins 4, S. Poole 5, E. G. Mould (cond.) 6, R. G. W. Robertson 7 W. G. Exell 8. For Evensong.

UCKFIELD, SUSSEX. — On April 8th, 1,260 Doubles (Pl. Bob and Grandsire): Lynda Carr 1, P. J. Franklin 2, W. G. Ledwood 3, A. Turner (cond.) 4, D. H. Thorpe 5, C. W. Phillips (first quarter) 6. A farewell to the Rector (Canon T. R. Franklin).

WANSTEAD, ESSEX.—On April 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Catherine Hicks (first quarter) 1, K. A Hughes (first as cond. in method) 2, E. Wright 3, J. Eyre 4, M. Wareing 5, A. Crowson 6.

WANTAGE, BERKS.—On March 30th, 1,250 Cambridge Surprise Major: A. E. Fullbrook 1, Anne Carpenter 2, P. G. Davies 3, I. P. Stoter 4, A. R. Wood 5, H. White 6, J. R. White (cond.) 7, J. C. Baldwin 8. First quarter in the method 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6. For Evensong.

WARGRAVE, BERKS. — On April 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. N. Stanton 1, A. Burton 2, Mrs. E. Smith 3, D. Theedom 4, M. Smith 5, D. Bird 6, H. Smith (cond.) 7, A. Bird 8. For Easter Morning service.

WEEKLEY, NORTHANTS.—On April 16th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: L. Stapleton (first quarter) 1, Miss S. Drummond (first "inside") 2, A. J. Marks 3, H. Richardson 4, W. J. Whitmore 5, D. J. Attley (first Minor as cond.) 6.

WEST CLANDON, SURREY. — On April 13th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: G. F. Lewin (first quarter) 1, Leslie Smith 2, D. A. R. May (cond.) 3, Yvonne B. Lewin 4, F. W. Lewin 5, Jill P. J. Edwardes 6. For Evensong.

OBITUARY

MR. OLIVER E. G. BARNARD

Mr. Oliver E. G. Barnard, tower captain, Stowmarket, died on February 6th, very unexpectedly. Friends, some of whom I believe to be in Berkshire and the Melton Mowbray area, may still receive the news with surprise. It has taken some time to discover details of his ringing career.

A press cutting of 1929 mentions his longest touch to date of Grandsire Triples. That was soon followed by a quarter peal on the tenor of St. Margaret's, Ipswich, an early indication of his liking for the back-end when he was a fit man. He rang No. 10 to a peal of Little Bob Maximus at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, in 1946, in honour of the late King George VI's 51st birthday. He also spoke of a proud memory of ringing at St. Paul's. Mr. George W. Pipe gives information that he rang 30 peals for the Suffolk Guild; notable for him was the ringing of the tenor (32 cwt.) to Major and Maximus at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, the notorious 7th at Hadleigh and the tenor (37 cwt.) at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich. Of his several peals at his belowed Stowmarket, the last was in July, 1958, prior to the restoration. He frequently conducted his peals.

During his last few years the richest colours of his personality showed up rather like the leaves in autumn. He lived to see the fruit of his labours in the restoration of Stowmarket bells, for which he had raised funds through jumble sales, waste paper collections and every other possible means. He trained enough ringers from scratch, once the bells were returned, and these now ring regularly for Sunday services. His patience as a teacher was outstanding and he loved to impart knowledge on every aspect of the art. He was a churchman and a Sunday service ringer first and foremost, and unfailingly started that duty with prayers.

Two days before his death he was in charge of the Tuesday practice night, and it was remarkable that members of the Guild executive committee came over, Rougham ringers were present giving their ready help and Buxhall ringers also came. Only two months previously there had been a similar large gathering of friends to present him with their gift on the occasion of his second marriage, and this touched him more than anything I can remember during the ten years that I knew him in the service of his church and as a fellow-ringer.

At the funeral service Mr. George W. Pipe, then Ringing Master, read the lesson and, with H. Lister, E. Cracknell and H. Mitson, rang handbells at the graveside, as is the Suffolk custom.

A. ARTHUR MUXLOW.

TO THE POINT!

From a tower secretary

Our head ringer is a coal merchant and during his daily rounds he often takes the opportunity of sounding his customers, particularly the newcomers, on their views and reactions to the church bells.

One lady who had come to live fairly near the church was asked: "Do the bells worry you?", to which she replied: "No, not at all—except when they are ringing!"

BELFRY GOSSIP

A first family quarter peal for Mr. and Mrs. Eric Taylor and their four children was rung at Hasfield, Glos, on April 18th.

We are pleased to see Mr. Edward R. Venn back again in our quarter peal columns (St. Ebbe's, Oxford, on April 13th) after his recent spell in hospital.

The art exhibition in aid of St. Nicholas', Wickham (Hants) Bell Restoration Fund, planned for May 22nd–24th, has been postponed owing to fire damaging the premises.

The quarter rung at St. Nicolas', Brighton, on March 16th (see page 284), was to the memory of the late Harry Stalham.

A quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung without a tenor at New Alresford, Hants, on April 22nd. Miss Katharine Maundrell conducted.

Michael J. Crawley, aged 12, who rang the tenor to a peal at Waverton on April 12th, had previously 360 changes as his longest length.

The latest stamp from Brazil has a picture of a bell similar in type to the sugar-loaf mediæval bells. A copy has been sent to us by Mr. L. Walmsley, of Leyland.

A peal of Plain Bob Triples at Perry Barr on April 26th was sponsored by local ringers and friends of the band. The sum of £47 17s. 6d. was raised for the Perry Barr Bells Restoration Fund.

An idea for Central Council visitors—the Little Munden Festival of Flowers, Saturday–Monday. Ring of six. Write Miss Elizabeth Lawrence, 1, Founceley Avenue, Dane End, Ware.

We are sorry to learn that Mrs. F. I. Hairs had a nasty fall in the bathroom, fracturing her ribs and hitting her head rather badly. She is going on slowly but is still suffering from the effects of shock.

After the quarter peal rung at Pulham Market on April 11th the ringers were entertained to a convivial evening at Church Croft, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roope. The Rector and Mrs. Robin Churchill also attended.

A highly successful teach-in was held at Malvern Link on Sunday, April 20th. Mr. R. Pipe led a two-hour discussion covering many aspects of Surprise ringing, with a special emphasis on proof and composition of London Major. Welcome refreshments were served by Mrs. Morris and Mrs. Pipe.

CORRECTIONS & AMENDMENTS

SPLICED PLAIN MINOR

"The Professor" points out regarding his article on page 324 that the methods No. 60, No. 61 and No. 62 have had their names confirmed at Harlaxton, Lincs (see page 242), and are Elterwater, Wastwater and Lowewater respectively.

The series is not concluded: there are two more 720s to come.

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Mr. G. Dodd wishes to correct the end of his letter on page 302. He intended to ask the bellfounders what percentage of rehangings had been unringable for a period of 40 years or more to those where the bells are ringable when rehung.

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In the peal at Warwick on March 2nd the ringers of 5 and 6 were Geoffrey and Peter Randall respectively and not as submitted.

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The Peterborough Guild peal given as Winsford on page 330 should be Wansford.

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Ringing at the St. Albans diocesan festival (see page 321) is 7 to 8 p.m. An additional date is Tuesday, July 1st.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

A reminder to officers of certain Associations:

On April 30th the following affiliation fees were unpaid: Devon Association, Dudley and District Guild, East Derby and West Nottinghamshire Association, Ladies' Guild, North Wales Association, Salisbury Diocesan Guild, Sheffield and District Society, South Derbyshire and North Leicestershire Association, and I had not been given the names and addresses of the representatives of the following: Coventry Diocesan Guild, Cumberland and North Westmorland Association, Devon Association, Dudley and District Guild, East Derbyshire and West Nottinghamshire Association, Essex Association, Guild of Devonshire Ringers, Ladies' Guild, Leicester Diocesan Guild, Midland Counties Guild, National Police Guild, North Staffordshire Association, North Wales Association, Oxford Diocesan Guild, Railwaymen's Guild, St. David's Diocesan Guild, Salisbury Diocesan Guild, Scottish Association, South Derbyshire and North Leicestershire Association, Stafford Archdeaconry Society, Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild, University of London Society, Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild. May action now be taken, please, by those concerned?

There are some good and obvious reasons why many Associations should bring forward the date on which they elect representatives who would be the principal beneficiaries of a change. I suggest that Associations give consideration to this matter.

VERNON BOTTOMLEY, Hon. Secretary.
45, Westercroft Lane,
Northowram, Halifax.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

CENTURY-OLD BELLS DISCOVERED IN LANCASHIRE

Six steel bells have been discovered at the Church of St. Peter, Belmont, Lancs, a tiny village about four miles from Bolton. The bells were bought by Mr. John Hick, of Bolton, from Naylor Vickers and Co., steel manufacturers in Sheffield, on November 22nd, 1860.

A recent survey by Roy Jolley and James E. Andrews proved the bells to be hung at an angle of 45 degrees to the vertical on a large oak beam, three bells being on either side. A rope is fastened to the clapper, which rests on the lower lip of the bell, and passes round pulleys on the wall and floor before descending into the ringing room. Thus when the rope is pulled down the clapper is lifteu from the bell, and on releasing it the clapper falls back on to the bell and creates the note.

The bells, with their diameters and weights, are as follows:—

Treble: 30 in., 462 lb.
2nd: 33 in., 526 lb.
3rd: 37 in., 772 lb.
4th: 38 in., 794 lb.
5th: 42 in., 1,033 lb.
Tenor: 45 in., 1,165 lb.

The total cost of the bells and fittings was £205 5s. 6d.

Unfortunately the bells are subjected to mists and rains which sweep down from the surrounding moorlands. This has had the effect of corroding the bells, causing them to sound out of tune, but hymns are still rung on most Sundays by three parishioners. R. J.

TWO CRACKED BELLS IN KENT

In 1959 Messrs. John Taylor and Co. completed the magnificent restoration of the six bells (tenor 15¼ cwt.) at Chislet, Kent, one of the great occasions of the Canterbury District. Alas, for no apparent reason, the fourth, one of the original bells in the 1729 Samuell Knight ring, has become cracked and cannot be used. Funds are in hand to have this bell recast.

At the same time another bell by Samuell Knight, the fourth of the heavy and difficult five at Ivychurch, which was known to be cracked in the crown, has become worse and must become disused for safety's sake. There is no local interest in the bells in this, the greatest of Romney Marsh's churches, owing to a lack of ringers, occasioned by the appalling "go" of the bells —a vicious circle. However, the Rector is seeing that the four sound bells continue to ring occasionally.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD

At the A.G.M. of the Cambridge University Guild in Clare the following officers were elected: Alan T. Winter (Christ's), Master; Dale Barton (Selwyn), secretary; J. Roderick Lebon (Selwyn), steeplekeeper; Graham Band (Emmanuel), librarian.

The president, Mr. W. Ridgeman (Queens'), took the opportunity of thanking the retiring officers for their efforts on behalf of the Guild.

RHODESIAN MASTER MARRIED

On April 12th the Master of the Rhodesian Guild of Bell Ringers and tower captain of Salisbury Cathedral, Ken Cross, was married to Miss Molly Bassett at the Cathedral. Some good 10-bell ringing was achieved during an hour before the service. In addition to all the local ringers, Mrs. Val Grossmith, from Umvukwes, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Earle, of Que Que, were present. Because of another wedding ringing was limited to a quarter of an hour after the service.

Ken Cross has been ringing at Salisbury Cathedral since the bells were hung in 1961 and is one of the three stalwarts of the original band. At the inception of the Guild he was elected secretary, a post he held until this year when he was elected Master. Ken took over the tower captaincy of Salisbury in 1966, and of those who rang at his wedding five had been trained by him.

LAKENHEATH TOWER CAPTAIN RETIRES

The annual ringing for St. George's Day at St. Mary's Church, Lakenheath, Suffolk, was a special occasion as the tower captain, Gerald Miller, was retiring after 42 years and 60 years as a ringer.

During this time he has taught many ringers, and his patience and tolerance will be remembered for many years to come. The local team showed their appreciation by asking the Vicar (Canon W. A. C. Ullathorne) to present him with an engraved tankard. May his work be an example to those who carry on and may he continue to ring for many years yet. His successor is Mrs. E. M. Peachey.

PEAL OF 16 "IN HAND"

A great achievement in handbell ringing is a peal of Kent Treble Bob Sixteen rung on April 25th at Watford, conducted by John R. Mayne. This is the first peal ever rung on 16 bells and was rung at the first attempt. The conductor informs us that the only practice was two leads of Kent and Oxford immediately beforehand to get the feel of the compass. The time taken was 3 hours and 56 minutes.

CITY RING SCRAPPED

The ring of eight bells in the lantern tower of St. Dunstan-in-the-West, Fleet Street, which has not been rung almost within memory, has been taken from the tower and sold for scrap. A single bell of 10 cwt. will replace them. The bells were cast by Thomas Mears, of Whitechapel, in 1832 from metal of the bells in the previous church, with a tenor of 19 cwt. Several peals are recorded in the porch, together with details of the bells, and it is to be hoped that these records will remain in position. The famous clock jacks will continue to amuse passers-by.

REVIEW

"Death of a Dissenter", by Lynton Lamb

This is a cheerful detective novel which should appeal to many ringers. It is set in a small village, somewhere in or near Suffolk to judge by the idiomatic use of the word "do" in place of "if". One man is very much disliked: he wants to stop the bells ringing; he also confiscates cricket balls so that a match comes to an undignified end. When he is found dead in the ringing chamber no one is sorry, but the police investigations establish that only the well-liked Rector had the opportunity to murder him. P.C. Fell is a ringer, and from his knowledge of the behaviour of bells comes the solution.

Inevitably this book will be compared with "The Nine Tailors": it is a detective story in the classical tradition, with bells as an integral part of the plot, though only the most basic knowledge of bells is required here and the plot is nothing like so complicated. Still, it would be a pleasant addition to a ringer's holiday reading. It is published by Gollancz in their familiar yellow jacket, has 160 pages including a map; price 21/-. J. S.

PRESENTATION TO GEOFF DODD

At the quarterly meeting of the Andover District at Stockbridge a presentation was made to Mr. Geoff Dodd by Mr. A. W. Alliston of a framed record of the District's history and peals rung for the 40th anniversary. In reply Geoff stressed that it was a marvellous team effort to score 35 peals in the District. He thanked all those who made it possible, with a special mention of Jack Wimlett, hon. secretary during the anniversary year.

A service touch of Cambridge was rung for a rousing service, conducted by the Rev. Mr. Kirkpatrick. After tea, at the business meeting it was decided to hold the striking competition at Goodworth Clatford on October 4th, combined with a quarterly meeting at Upper Clatford.

Evening ringing was on two fives—at Longstock and Leckford.

LATE NEWS

CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING REMINDERS

Although the closing date for tickets (two per member) for the Civic Reception at St. Albans was April 30th, the majority of members overlooked the request. Immediate application must be made to Mr. A. Rex Agg, 76, Wymondley Road, Hitchin, Herts.

The closing date for applications for breakfast following H.C. at the Abbey on Whit Tuesday and also for the coach tour on Whit Monday is May 17th.

HILDA MASSEY'S PEAL WEEK

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
BUTCOMBE, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., March 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In five methods, being one extent each of Wells, Beverley, Surfleet and London and three of Cambridge. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb. in B.

Roger I. Kendrick	Treble	Geoffrey Hebden	4
Walter S. Rice	2	David G. Massey	5
Roy W. Rice	3	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
First peal of Surprise on the bells.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Malcolm E. Wade.

BANWELL, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., March 22, 1969, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 GAINSBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR

Peter J. England	Treble	Geoffrey Hebden	5
*Roy W. Rice	2	†Edgar T. Skipsey	6
*Walter S. Rice	3	†‡David G. Massey	7
†Michael G. Bartlett	4	‡R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by Nathan J. Pitstow. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
* 50th peal together. † First in the method. ‡ 25th peal together.
Also the 25th peal together by Roy W. Rice with Peter J. England and with Geoffrey Hebden. Tenor 23 cwt. 4 lb. in D.
Rung in memoriam Jack Ellsbury, for many years a local ringer.

DRAYTON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Catherine.
On Mon., March 24, 1969, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Victor G. Savage	Treble	Walter S. Rice	5
Ronald G. Beck	2	*Roger I. Kendrick	6
Michael G. Bartlett	3	David G. Massey	7
Roy W. Rice	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by Charles Middleton. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in E.

HUISH EPISCOPI, Som.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Mon., March 24, 1969, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 QUEDGELEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in F.

Victor G. Savage	Treble	Roy W. Rice	5
Ronald G. Beck	2	Walter S. Rice	6
Michael G. Bartlett	3	R. Kingsley Mason	7
*Roger I. Kendrick	4	*†David G. Massey	Tenor

Composed by Charles Middleton. Conducted by David G. Massey.
* First peal of Quedgeley. † 50th of Surprise Major. First of Surprise and of Major as conductor. First in the method on the bells.

HEMINGTON, Som.—At the Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
On Tues., March 25, 1969, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In five methods, being one extent each of London, Wells and Beverley and two extents each of Cambridge and Surfleet.
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb. in F.

Roger I. Kendrick	Treble	*David G. Massey	4
Ronald G. Beck	2	*†George W. Massey	5
R. Kingsley Mason	3	Eric J. Hitchins	Tenor

Conducted by George W Massey.
* 50th peal together. † 100th for the Association.
Rung for the Feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

CHILCOMPTON, Som.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Wed., March 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of York, Durham, Wells, London, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge. Tenor 20 cwt. in E flat.

*David G. Massey	Treble	Raymond E. J. Baker	4
Roy W. Rice	2	R. Kingsley Mason	5
Walter S. Rice	3	George W. Massey	Tenor

Conducted by George W. Massey.
* 50th peal for the Association.

WINSHAM, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Stephen.
On Wed., March 26, 1969, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 ISLAY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. in F sharp.

*Ronald G. Beck	Treble	Peter J. W. Hardwick	5
George W. Massey	2	†Richard C. Taylor	6
David G. Massey	3	Roy W. Rice	7
Wlater S. Rice	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by Ernest W. Tipler. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
* 125th Somerset tower for a peal. † 50th peal. First peal in the method on the bells, for the Association and by all the band.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, Wiltshire.—At Christ Church.
On Fri., March 28, 1969, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Victor G. Savage	Treble	Raymond E. J. Baker	5
Ronald G. Beck	2	†Walter S. Rice	6
Eric Naylor	3	R. Kingsley Mason	7
*Roy W. Rice	4	*†David G. Massey	Tenor

Composed by Christopher P. Starbuck. Conducted by David G. Massey.
* 25th peal together. † 25th peal together. First in the method as conductor. Tenor 12 cwt. 7 lb. in G.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
URCHFONT, Wilts.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Fri., March 28, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 HAVANT SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. in D

Victor G. Savage	Treble	*Charles F. Andrews	5
Ronald G. Beck	2	Roy W. Rice	6
David G. Massey	3	Walter S. Rice	7
Eric Naylor	4	†R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by Charles Middleton. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
* 250th peal. † 425th peal. First in the method on the bells, for the Guild and by all the band.

MELKSHAM, Wilts.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., March 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 21 lb. in E.

*David G. Massey	Treble	Charles F. Andrews	5
Roy W. Rice	2	Edward J. Chivers	6
Walter S. Rice	3	Peter J. England	7
Eric J. Hitchins	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by William Barton. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
* 100th peal.

OTHER PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
LONDON.—At the Church of St. Giles, Cripplegate.
On Sat., April 12, 1969, in 3 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5050 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 34 cwt. in C sharp.

James Phillips	Treble	Ian L. Dear	7
William Hibbert	2	John W. Stephenson	8
Roy D. Mills	3	Roger F. Overington	9
Andrew N. Stubbs	4	Alan R. Patterson	10
Michael V. Chilcott	5	Michael P. Moreton	11
Andrew J. Slade	6	David P. Hilling	Tenor

Composed by John Chilcott. Conducted by Michael V. Chilcott.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
HARDINGTON MANDEVILLE, Som.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., April 12, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of Kent T.B., two of Cambridge Surprise and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 4 lb.

Raymond P. Selway	Treble	Sidney W. White	4
Trevor E. Marks	2	Michael J. Medley	5
Gilbert W. Rendell	3	William E. Turner	Tenor

Conducted by William E. Turner.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Michael E. Turner, the former being the son of the conductor, and 71st birthday compliment to Trevor E. Marks.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
SHREWSBURY, Salop.—At the Church of St. Chad.
On Sat., April 12, 1969, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 39 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in B.

Jack L. Millhouse	Treble	*Christopher L. D. Munday	7
Norah M. Randles	2	Bernard F. L. Groves	8
Christopher M. Movley	3	George H. Randles	9
Christine Andrew	4	Richard S. Starkie	10
C. Kenneth Lewis	5	Basil Jones	11
Geoffrey R. Parker	6	Peter A. Sharp	Tenor

Composed by R. E. G. Dennis. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* First peal of Stedman.

MARSDEN, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.
On Sat., March 15 1969, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 26 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in D.

Derek F. Yates	Treble	Bernard F. L. Groves	6
Richard Starkie	2	Frank Osbaldiston	7
Robert B. Smith	3	Basil Jones	8
Derek Butterworth	4	D. Paul Smith	9
C. Kenneth Lewis	5	Brian Harris	Tenor

Composed by William Pye. Conducted by C Kenneth Lewis.

STRETFORD, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Matthew.
On Sat., March 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb. in G.

John C. Baldwin	Treble	*J. Anthony Beaumont	5
Derek F. Yates	2	Frank Osbaldiston	6
Giles B. Thompson	3	C. Kenneth Lewis	7
*William J. Irving	4	Bernard F. L. Groves	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Parker. Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.
* First peal in the method.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

AMBLESIDE, Westmorland.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin and St. Anne.
On Sat., April 12, 1969, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 32 cwt. 2 qr 2 lb. in D flat.

Clare F. Dolphin	Treble	Geoffrey W. Randall	5
Ruth M. Border	2	L. Michael Callow	6
Peter C. Randall	3	Ernest J. Gower	7
Ian D. Thompson	4	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Peter Border.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ALTON, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Thurs., April 10, 1969, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in E flat.

Jackie Quickfall	Treble	Jack Chadwick	5
Brian A. Tomlinson	2	Gordon A. Halls	6
Peter Blight	3	Peter B. Knights	7
John S. Harrison	4	David W. Friend	Tenor

Composed by Simon Humphrey. Conducted by David W. Friend.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TRUMPINGTON, Cambs.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Michael.
On Tues., April 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 JEDBURGH SURPRISE MAJOR

Frank E. Haynes	Treble	Brian D. Threlfall	5
John G. Gipson	2	Geoffrey Pearson	6
Alan F. Scholfield	3	Kenneth J. Hesketh	7
Donald F. Murfet	4	Philip J. Rothera	Tenor

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed. Conducted by Brian D. Threlfall.
First peal in the method on the bells, by all the band and for the Association. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in G
Rung to mark the birth of a son, Brian John, to Philip and Susan Rothera, and a daughter, Emma Jane, to John and Maryl Fielden.

STRETHAM, Cambs.—At the Church of St. James the Great.
On Sat., April 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In three methods, being four extents of Plain Bob, two of Kent T.B. and one of Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 9 cwt. 77 lb. in G.

Donald F. Murfet	Treble	Mervyn G. Brown	4
*Gina Carter	2	Roger J. Palmer	5
Alan M. Barber	3	Arthur Yarrow	Tenor

Conducted by Alan M. Barber.
* First peal "inside."

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

DANBURY, Essex.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., March 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr 24 lb in A flat.

Yvonne A. Murray	Treble	†Tony Spurgeon	5
*Catherine M. Bew	2	Dennis A. S. Symonds	6
Michael J. Bew	3	Joe E. G. Roast	7
Richard J. Harrison	4	James L. Towler	Tenor

Composed by Denis N. Layton. Conducted by Michael J. Bew.
* 50th peal. † First of Surprise.
Rung as a compliment to Roderick C. Low and Susanne Smith on their wedding this day at Motherwell.

CHIGWELL, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Less.
On Fri., April 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.

Ian B. Lowther	Treble	Thomas E. Spight	4
*Geoffrey H. Walker	2	Frank C. J. Arnold	5
*David A. Tovell	3	Henry Tooke	Tenor

Conducted by Henry Tooke.
* First peal of Minor.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Harold S. Villars, churchwarden 1961–1965.

WETHERSFIELD, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Sat., April 12, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In 10 methods: Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Childwall, Buxton, Double Oxford, Thelwall and Pinehurst Bob, Kent and Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt.

Mrs. J. E. Poulter	Treble	Roy Threadgold	4
Peter G. Pitt	2	Frank B. Lufkin	5
Elizabeth Campbell	3	Walter Arnold	Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

SHALFORD, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., April 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in F sharp.

Donald N. Jennings	Treble	Stanley G. Ponting	5
Beryl R. Simpson	2	*W. John Couperthwaite	6
*Rowan S. Bradley	3	Michael J. Church	7
*Richard Green	4	*Tom Page	Tenor

Composed by Arthur Craven. Conducted by Michael J. Church.
* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

TUNSTALL, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., April 12, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in A flat.

George Kenward	Treble	*Laurence Mitchell	5
Terence Barton	2	Brian E. Jemmett	6
Colin A. Tester	3	Trevor A. Cross	7
Timothy D. Wickins	4	Peter S. Muchlinski	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Trevor A. Cross.
* First peal of Surprise.

HALLING, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., April 12, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Kent Treble Bob and two each of Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. in F sharp.

Marilyn J. Chidwick	Treble	†Charles H. Underdown	4
Phyllis R. Chidwick	2	Christopher T. Osenton	5
*Gordon K. Terris	3	Malcolm Barden	Tenor

Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.
* First peal. † First of Minor.
Rung to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the "Siege of Kohima."

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MANCHESTER.—At the Cathedral and Ancient Parish Church of the Virgin Mary, SS. George and Denys.
On Sat., April 12, 1969, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 27 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in D.

James Hedgcock	Treble	Robert B. Smith	6
Rachel J. Sinden	2	Ernest Bennett	7
*John O. Freeman	3	Alan Ward	8
Gerald Moorhouse	4	*William H. Dowse	9
Michael J. Platt	5	Derek F. Yates	Tenor

Composed by George R. Fardon. Conducted by Robert B. Smith.
* First peal of Stedman.
Rung as a tribute to the life of George Pye (aged 80), oldest serving member of the Cathedral company, who died on March 18th, 1969, and the Very Rev. Herbert Arthur Jones, B.Sc., former Dean of Manchester from 1954 to 1963, who died on February 17th, 1969.

WALKDEN, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Paul.
On Wed., April 9, 1969, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 MORTLAKE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt.

Albert Greenhalgh	Treble	Roy Jolley	5
James Cunliffe	2	R. Keith Lister	6
Neil T. E. Burnett	3	David Makin-Taylor	7
John Illingworth	4	Geoffrey Fothergill	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Geoffrey Fothergill.
First peal in the method by all the band and for the Association.

NEWHEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.
On Sat., April 12, 1969, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 4 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in C sharp.

John Partington	Treble	David Howarth	5
Derek Butterworth	2	Michael Tompsett	6
Janet Lawson	3	Michael Platt	7
Wyn Pugh	4	Michael Fishwick	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Michael Fishwick.

TODMORDEN, Yorkshire.—At the Unitarian Church.
On Sun., April 13, 1969, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 17 lb. in F.

David Howarth	Treble	Richard S. Starkie	5
Michael Fishwick	2	J. Colin Ashworth	6
Wyn Pugh	3	Jeffrey Kershaw	7
J. M. Donald Bateman	4	Derek Butterworth	Tenor

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by Derek Butterworth.
Rung to mark the centenary of the church and bells.

STRETTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew.
On Tues., April 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of Kent T.B., three extents of St. Clement's and two extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt. in A.

David J. Bennett	Treble	*Nicholas Thomson	4
Neil T. E. Burnett	2	*David C. Makin-Taylor	5
R. Keith Lister	3	A. John Illingworth	Tenor

Conducted by David J. Bennett.
* First peal of Minor in three methods. First as conductor.
Rung as a welcome to David John and Guy Flint, born to ringers of St. Peter's, Newton-le-Willows.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
NEWARK-UPON-TRENT, Notts.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalen.
On Mon., April 7, 1969, in 3 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Sheila M Anthony	Treble	R. Brian Mills	5
W. Ernest Rawson	2	Denis A. Frith	6
Martin Green	3	Roland H. Cook	7
David F. Moore	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by John R. Mayne. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
First peal of Major on the bells.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Margaret E. Chilton and Stanley G. Snyder, who were married in this church on Saturday, April 5th, 1969. Tenor 31 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in C sharp.

NORTON, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Egwin.
On Tues., April 8, 1969, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5120 TRURO SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.

Brian R. Danby	Treble	J. Edward Cawser	5
Shirley E. Jones	2	Robin A. Gilliver	6
Anthony J. Cox	3	Norman W. Attaway	7
Peter C. Randall	4	E. Alan Jacques	Tenor

Composed by Harry Poyner. Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.
First peal in the method by all the band.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
HEYDOUR, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sun., March 30, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

*Vaughan Evans	Treble	Jack L. Millhouse	5
*Kathleen Fox	2	Christopher J. Sharp	6
*M. Ian Minns	3	David Phillipson	7
Peter A Sleight	4	Richard A. G. Inglis	Tenor

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major.
Rung for Palm Sunday. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr 2 lb. in F sharp.
Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Richard A. G. Inglis.

NORTH MUSKHAM, Notts.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.
On Sat., March 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED TREBLE BOB MINOR
Comprising 117 methods in the following seven extents: (1) Chester-le-Street, Sleaford, Grantham, Bangor, Orsett, Upshire, Chester, Munden and Sandiacre Surprise, (2) Spalding, Retford, Minehead, Dronfield, Purleigh, Quendon, Lincoln, Coldstream and Redbourne Surprise, Beeston, Melandra, Leasowe, Peveril, Tollesbury, Middlesex, Barnby-in-the-Willows, Vale Royal, Crowland, St. Werburgh and Combermere Delight (20 methods by S. Humphrey), (3) Staveley, Selby, March, Boston, East Bridgford, North Muskham, Wath, Carisbrooke, Hitcham, Edinburgh and Kentish Delight, (4) Skipton, Chepstow, Fotheringay, Balmoral, Danbury, Hatherop, Knutsford, Rostherne, Bogedone, Wilmslow, Stisted, Pebmarsh, Whatton-in-the-Vale, Staines and Orston Delight, Gladstone, Royston, Hemsworth, Crofton, Campanulla and York Minster Treble Bob, Hull, Bourne, Cranford, Caithness, Wakefield, Monsal and Stanwell Surprise (28 methods by S. Humphrey), (5) Thorne, Ripley, Rhyl, Luton, Broomfield, Fyfield, Westminster, Allendale, Fryerning and Linden Surprise, London Delight, Hadfield, Holme Pierrepont, Disley and Shelford Delight (15 methods by S Humphrey), (6) Ashbocking, College Bob IV, Willesden, Humber, Braintree, Clarence, St. Albans, Wragby, Charlwood, Marple, Newdigate, Old Oxford, Neasden, Taxal and Elston Delight, Morning Star Treble Bob (16 methods by P. W. Saltmarsh), (7) College Exercise, Norbury, Ockley, Duke of Norfolk, London Scholars', Kingston, Capel, Sandal, Barnsley South Kirkby and Snowdrop Treble Bob, Staverton, Nostel, Blythe, Pilsey, Finchampstead, Neath and Warsop Delight (18 methods by S. Humphrey), with 179 changes of method.
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in G.

Anita D. O'Brien	Treble	William L. Exton	4
Antony R. Peake	2	Denis A. Frith	5
Simon Humphrey	3	R. Brian Mills	Tenor

Conducted by R. Brian Mills.
First peal in 117 methods on the bells and for the Guild.

ULCEBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
(North Lindsey Branch.)
On Tues., April 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 8 lb.

Stephen Hopkins	Treble	Robert A. Gillies	4
Frank Kennington	2	John H. Parker	5
*John Plant	3	Arthur Pashley	Tenor

Conducted by Arthur Pashley.
* First peal in the method.
Rung half-muffled to the memory of ex-President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
(And the Llandaff Cathedral Guild.)
LLANDAFF, Glamorgan.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Wed., April 9, 1969, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. in E.

*Lynne Parker	Treble	John W. Bull	6
Ruth E. Havard	2	Michael Pilgrim	7
Anne C. Cooke	3	Nicholas W. H. Simon	8
Judith Ashcroft	4	William J. Goodfellow	9
Stephen Fenwick	5	Rev. G. J. B. Stickland	Tenor

Composed by Albert M. Tyler. Conducted by Nicholas W. H. Simon.
* First peal at first attempt.
Rung for Easter and an engagement compliment to Geoffrey Stickland and Ruth Havard.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN. AND N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.
ISLEWORTH, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Thurs., April 10, 1969, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

Peter N. Felton	Treble	Geoffrey Bridges	6
Eric Edmondson	2	Harold W. Rogers	7
*Katherine S. Hardy	3	Andrew W. R. Wilby	8
John R. Ketteringham	4	Gerald Penney	9
David E. Rothera	5	Robert E. Hardy	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Gerald Penney.
* First peal of Royal in the method.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
HARROW WEALD, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Wed., April 16, 1969, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 EVESHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.

*Andrew Windridge	Treble	H. George Hart	5
Elsie K. Hart	2	Frank Reed	6
Claudia A. Critchley	3	David Redfearn	7
G. William Critchley	4	John R. Mayne	Tenor

Composed by Harold G. Cashmore. Conducted by John R. Mayne.
* First peal. First peal in the method for the Association and by all the band except the ringer of the sixth.

WILLESDEN, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., April 17, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 DALSTON SURPRISE MAJOR
29-course block reduced. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

G. William Critchley	Treble	Frank Reed	5
Ruth M. Foreman	2	John Hill	6
Claudia A. Critchley	3	Thomas J. Lock	7
Alick Cutler	4	Frank T. Blagrove	Tenor

Conducted by G. William Critchley.
First peal in the method. (Corrigan's No. 33 renamed.)

DALSTON SURPRISE MAJOR
58—58.4.—58—36—14—5.—56—7. 2nds place. l.e. a.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
KIDSGROVE, Staffs.—At the Church of St. Thomas.
On Sat., April 5, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 4 lb. in G.

Patricia M. Mills	Treble	*Harold Dowler	5
*Norman Sherratt	2	John Hall	6
Paul J. Atkins	3	Raymond J. Ballard	7
Mandi McCallion	4	Charles A. S. Webb	Tenor

Composed by G. Davies. Conducted by Norman Sherratt.
* 100th peal together. First peal in the method on the bells, for the Association and by all the band except the ringer of the tenor.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
HUNGERFORD, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Laurence.
On Wed., April 9, 1969, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's 12-part Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in F.

Mary Wells	Treble	Harry E. Wells	5
Henry Lawrenson	2	William Butler	6
Reginald W. Rex	3	Alan D. Edens	7
William L. Gilks	4	Ronald C. Christopher	Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker. Conducted by William Butler.
Rung as a compliment to Mary Marshall and Nicholas Stone on their forthcoming marriage at Thatcham on April 12th, 1969.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ALDERMASTON, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., April 12, 1969, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

27-course block reduced. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in G.

Geoffrey Bridges	Treble	David C. Brown	5
John R. Ketteringham	2	William Birmingham	6
Maureen J. Carruthers	3	Frank Reed	7
Alan Flood	4	Noel J. Diserens	Tenor

Conducted by John R. Ketteringham.

GORING-ON-THAMES, Oxon.—At the Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury.
On Sat., April 12, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 21 lb. in A.

Walter G. Knight	Treble	Michael Hatchett	5
Alan R. Pink	2	W. John Couperthwaite	6
*Rosamund M. Brown	3	Michael J. Church	7
Beryl R. Simpson	4	Anthony K. Fortin	Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* First peal in the method.
Rung for the Easter Festival.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Sat., April 12, 1969, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GAYTON SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in D.

*Barry R. Care	Treble	Patrick I. Chapman	6
Barry E. Saunders	2	Rev. Ernest G. Orland	7
Raymond A. Vickers	3	James Linnell	8
Christopher C. Stokes	4	*Murray A. Coleman	9
†Graham C. Paul	5	†Alan A. Paul	Tenor

Conducted by Graham C. Paul.
* 25th peal together. † 250th peal together. First peal in the method.

GAYTON SURPRISE ROYAL
—30—,14,—12—,30,—14—,30,—14—,—38—,90. l.h. 12.

BURTON LATIMER, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Tues., April 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. in F.

Stephen B. Bell	Treble	Barry R. Care	5
*Pamela B. Dacre	2	Richard J. Cowley	6
Terry G. Smith	3	David W. James	7
Mary R. Coleman	4	Murray A. Coleman	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Murray A. Coleman.
* First peal "inside."
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Rev. R. W Sharpley, Rector 1937–1967, died April 7th, 1969, aged 71.

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.

CARDIGAN.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., April 10, 1969, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

*David J. Morgan	Treble	Derek H. Walters	4
Pamela M. Turner	2	Philip C. Rogers	5
Arthur F. Walters	3	Richard L. Underwood	Tenor

Conducted by Richard L. Underwood.
* First peal. First of Minor on the bells.
Rung as a compliment to Councillor D. P. Griffiths, Mayor of Cardigan, auditor of the Guild and ringer at this church.

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

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew, Edgbaston.
On Wed., April 9, 1969, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 14 lb. in G.

John W. Lindon	Treble	James W. Belshaw	5
George E. Fearn	2	Maurice F. Edwards	6
David J. G. Bates	3	Clifford A. Barron	7
Stephen W. Barton	4	J. Alan Ainsworth	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Clifford A. Barron.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

(And the Ancient Society of Purbeck Youths.)
KINGSTON, Dorset.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sun., April 6, 1969, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5022 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in D.

Graham W. Elmes	Treble	George E. Bonham	5
*Michael J. Young	2	William T. Perrins	6
Mary E. Elmes	3	Robert E. J. Dennis	7
Timothy F. Collins	4	Philip Mehew	Tenor

Composed by Simon Humphrey. Conducted by Philip Mehew.
* First peal of Lincolnshire. 75th peal as conductor.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

HOLME PIERREPONT, Notts.—At the Church of St. Edmund.
On Fri., March 7, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED TREBLE BOB MINOR

Comprising 155 methods in the following seven extents; (1) Thorne, Ripley, Rhyl, Luton, Broomfield, Fyfield, Westminster, Allendale, Fryerning, Bunney, Barton-in-Fabis, Babworth, Averham, Clayworth, Clifton, Bathley, Brough, Bothamsall, Screveton, Burton-Joyce and Car-Colston Surprise, Holbeck, Clipston, Newstead, Blidworth, Linby, Brinsley, London Delight, Hadfield and Holme Pierrepont Delight (30 methods by S. Humphrey), (2) Spalding, Retford, Minehead, Dronfield, Purleigh, Quendon, Lincoln, Coldstream and Redbourne Surprise, Beeston, Melandra, Leasowe, Peveril, Tollesbury, Middlesex, Barnby-in-the-Willows, Vale Royal, St. Werburgh, Crowland and Combermere Delight (20 methods by S. Humphrey), (3) Staveley, Selby, March, Boston, East Bridgford, North Muskham, Carisbrooke, Wath, Hitcham, Papplewick, Thoroton, Scrooby, Bole, Wellow Thorpe, Walesby, Askham and East Leake Delight, Willoughby-on-the-Wolds, Gedling and Granby Surprise (21 methods by S. Humphrey), (4) Wollaton, Attenborough, Aspley and Winthorpe Delight, Edwinstowe, Cuckney, Cotgrave, Collingham, Everton, Laxton, Mansfield-Woodhouse, Ravenshead, Misson, Sturton-le-Steeple, Stapleford, Shireoaks, Selston, Kilvington, North Wheatley, Nuthall, Alverton and Ossington Surprise (22 methods by S. Humphrey), (5) Skipton, Chepstow, Fotheringay, Balmoral, Danbury, Hatherop, Knutsford, Rostherne, Bogedone, Wilmslow, Stisted, Pebmarsh, Whatton-in-the-Vale, Staines and Orston Delight, Gladstone, Royston, Hemsworth, Crofton, Campanulla and York Minster Treble Bob, Hull, Bourne, Cranford, Caithness, Wakefield, Monsal and Stanwell Surprise (28 methods by S. Humphrey), (6) Ashbocking, College Bob IV, Willesden, Humber, Braintree, Clarence, St. Albans, Wragby, Charlwood, Neasden, Marple, Newdigate, Old Oxford, Taxal and Elston Delight, Morning Star Treble Bob (16 methods by P. W Saltmarsh), (7) College Exercise, London Scholars', Norbury, Kingston, Capel, Ockley, Duke of Norfolk, Sandal, South Kirkby, Barnsley and Snowdrop Treble Bob, Pilsey, Blythe, Staverton, Nostel, Neath, Finchampstead and Warsop Delight (18 methods by S. Humphrey), with 205 changes of method.
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. in G sharp.

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

Conducted by R. Brian Mills.
Greatest number of Minor methods yet rung in a peal.

Barnby-in-the-Willows:	36—34, 16—12—1236—34—36.	l.h. 12.	54632
Bunney:	—34—1456—12—36, 12—34, 56.	l.h. 12.	35264
Barton-in-Fabis:	—34—1456—12—36, 12—12, 56.	l.h. 12.	35264
Babworth:	—34—1456—12—36—34—56.	l.h. 12.	35264
Averham:	—34—1456—12—36—12—56.	l.h. 12.	35264
Clayworth:	—34—1456—12—1236—12—56.	l.h. 12.	35264
Clifton:	—34—1456—12—1236—34—56.	l.h. 12.	35264
Bathley:	—34—1456—12—36—12—36.	l.h. 12.	36245
Brough:	—34—1456—12—36, 12—12, 36.	l.h. 12.	36245
Bothamsall:	—34—1456—12—1236—12—36.	l.h. 12.	36245
Sturton-le-Steeple:	—56—1456—12,—36, 12—34, 56.	l.h. 12.	42635
Stapleford:	—56—1456—12—36, 12—12, 56.	l.h. 12.	42635
Shireoaks:	—56—1456—12—36—34—56.	l.h. 12.	42635
Selston:	—56—1456—12—36—12—56.	l.h. 12.	42635
Kilvington:	—56—1456—12—1236—12—56.	l.h. 12.	42635
North Wheatley:	—56—1456—12—1236—34—56.	l.h. 12.	42635
Nuthall:	—56—1456—12—36—12—36.	l.h. 12.	42563
Alverton:	—56—1456—12—36—12—12, 36.	l.h. 12.	42563
Edwinstowe:	—56—14—12—36, 12—34, 56.	l.h. 12.	42563
Cuckney:	—56—14—12—36, 12—12, 56.	l.h. 12.	42563
Cotgrave:	—56—14—12—36—34—56.	l.h. 12.	42563
Collingham:	—56—14—12—36—12—56.	l.h. 12.	42563
Everton:	—56—14—12—1236—12—56.	l.h. 12.	42563
Laxton:	—56—14—12—1236—34—56.	l.h. 12.	42563
Mansfield Woodhouse:	—56—14—12—36—12—36.	l.h. 12.	42635
Misson:	—56—14—12—36, 12—12, 36.	l.h. 12.	42635
Ravenshead:	—56—14—12—1236—12—36.	l.h. 12.	42635
Wollaton:	—56—14—12—16—34—56.	l.h. 12.	35264
Aspley:	—56—14—12—16, 34—34, 56.	l.h. 12.	35264
Attenborough:	—56—14—12—16, 34—12, 56.	l.h. 12.	35264
Winthorpe:	—56—14—12—16—12—56.	l.h. 12.	35264
Screveton:	—34—14—56—36—12—36.	l.h. 12.	36245
Burton Joyce:	—34—14—56—36, 12—12, 36.	l.h. 12.	36245
Car-Colston:	—34—14—56—1236—12—36.	l.h. 12.	36245
Holbeck:	—34—16—56—36, 12—34, 56.	l.h. 12.	36245
Clipston:	—34—16—56—36, 12—12, 56.	l.h. 12.	36245
Blidworth:	—34—16—56—36—34—56.	l.h. 12.	36245
Newstead:	—34—16—56—36—12—56.	l.h. 12.	36245
Linby:	—34—16—56—1236—12—56.	l.h. 12.	36245
Brinsley:	—34—16—56—1236—34—56.	l.h. 12.	36245
Papplewick:	34—34, 16—56—36, 12—34, 56.	l.h. 16.	64523
Thoroton:	34—34, 16—56—36, 12—12, 56.	l.h. 16.	64523
Scrooby:	34—34, 16—56—36—34—56.	l.h. 16.	64523
Bole:	34—34, 16—56—36—12—56.	l.h. 16.	64523
Wellow:	34—34, 16—56—1236—12—56.	l.h. 16.	64523
Thorpe:	34—34, 16—56—1236—34—56.	l.h. 16.	64523
Walesby:	34—34, 16—56—36—12—36.	l.h. 16.	34625
Askham:	34—34, 16—56—36, 12—12, 36.	l.h. 16.	34625
East Leake:	34—34, 16—56—1236—12—36.	l.h. 16.	34625
Ossington:	—56—1456—12—1236—12—36.	l.h. 12.	42563

Winthorpe appears in Stedman's "Campanalogia," 1677, as Cambridge Bob, and Blidworth appeared in "Bell News" on May 5th, 1883, as Steeple Delight. Neither seems to have been rung to 720's.

HOLME PIERREPONT, Notts.—At the Church of St. Edmund.
On Wed., April 9, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB MINOR
Tenor 11 cwt 3 qr. in G.

Joyce M. Marsh	Treble	H. Geoffrey Wells	4
Ruth Blackshaw	2	W. Gordon Marsh	5
Pamela J. Clifton	3	Maurice W. Harrison	Tenor

Conducted by Maurice W. Harrison.
Rung with congratulations from all the band to Margaret E. Chilton and Stanley G. Snyder, married at Newark on April 5th, 1969.

BINGHAM, Notts.—At the Church of St. Mary and All Saints.
On Wed., April 16, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being seven extents each of All Saints, Rushall, Rev. Canterbury, Southrepps, Plain Bob and Kennington. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. in E flat.

Joyce M. Marsh	Treble	Ruth Blackshaw	4
H. Geoffrey Wells	2	W. Gordon Marsh	5
Pamela J. Clifton	3	Maurice W. Harrison	Tenor

Conducted by Pamela J. Clifton.
First peal as conductor.
Rung as birthday compliments to Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Clifton, parents of the conductor.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
LITTLE ASTON, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Fri., April 11, 1969, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents. (C.C. Nos. 31 and 32.) Tenor 9 cwt 13 lb. in A.

Margaret Ellwood	Treble	Cyril T. Collins	4
*E. John Dolman	2	*Leslie E. Monk	5
Lucy Smith	3	Clive M. Smith	Tenor

Conducted by Clive M. Smith.
* First peal of Surprise "inside."
Rung for the Easter Festival.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
PUTNEY, London.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Mon., April 14., 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 TREALES SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F.

Christopher R. Harris	Treble	Christopher F. Mew	5
Julie S. Armstrong	2	Rev. Michael Hart	6
Laurence C. Way	3	Alan R. Patterson	7
Alan E. Bagworth	4	Michael J. Uphill	Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Christopher F. Mew.
First peal in the method.
Rung as a farewell compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. C. H. Carver, who is leaving for Treales, Lancashire.

TREALES SURPRISE MAJOR
—58—1458—58—36—14—58—12—78. i.e. A. A clear-proof scale.

LONDON, E.C.—At the Church of St. Vedast, Foster Lane.
On Tues., April 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in F.

John Pladdys	Treble	*Kenneth J. Rider	4
*Nigel Thomson	2	*Michael J. Uphill	5
Alan D. Flood	3	Phillip A. Butler	Tenor

Conducted by John Pladdys.
* Now completes the Stedman "family" from Doubles to Cinques. First peal of Stedman Doubles by all.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
LYMINSTER, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Sat., Feb 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Consisting of seven 720's in seven methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Oxford Treble Bob, (3) Kent Treble Bob, (4) Double Bob, (5) Single Oxford, (6) St. Clement's Bob and (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in G.

*Bronwen J. Davies (13)	Treble	Patrick M. Wills	4
†Susan M. Wills	2	Philip Stevens	5
E. Winifred Keys	3	Frank H. Hicks	Tenor

Conducted by Frank H. Hicks.
* First peal attempt. † First in seven Minor methods.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
CARBIS BAY, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Anta and All Saints.
On Wed., April 9, 1969, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's 12-part Tenor 9½ cwt. in G sharp.

*John Copping	Treble	Geoffrey W. Taysom	5
Harry Miles	2	F. Malcolm Bowers	6
Marion L. Lidgey	3	Canon A. S. Roberts	7
†Anthony P. Smith	4	*Michael D. Smaldon	Tenor

Conducted by Canon A. S. Roberts.
* First peal. ‡ First on eight bells. 50th on the bells. First eight-bell peal by members of the Penzance Branch.
Rung as an 85th birthday compliment to Harry Miles, and to mark the baptism of Kirsty Louise, granddaughter of the conductor.

TRURO, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Keyne, Kenwyn.
On Wed., April 9, 1969, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's 12-part (7th obs.). Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in F.

Claudia A. Critchley	Treble	Timothy J. Bell	5
Anthony Locke	2	G. William Critchley	6
*H. Gay J. Meyrick	3	Anthony J. Davidson	7
Alan Carveth	4	Denis Stephens	Tenor

Conducted by Anthony J. Davidson.
* First peal "inside" and on eight.

SENNEN, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Sennen.
On Sat., March 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents called differently.
Tenor 5 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb. in B flat.

Robert Peel Pearce	Treble	Anthony P. Smith	4
Anthony Locke	2	Timothy J. Bell	5
F. Malcolm Bowers	3	T. Roy Hart	6

Conducted by Timothy J. Bell.
First of Minor as conductor.

ST. EVAL, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Eval.
On Mon., April 7, 1969, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 42 methods/variations in 42 extents: Four methods, St. Martin, St. Simon, Antelope and Grandsire, and 38 variations.
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in G sharp.

F. Malcolm Bowers	Treble	Anthony Locke	4
Robert Peel Pearce	2	Timothy J. Bell	5
Anthony J. Davidson	3	T. Roy Hart	Tenor

Conducted by Anthony J. Davidson.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORSTMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
EAST TYTHERLEY, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Fri., April 11, 1969, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 WATFORD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in F.

Michael J. Young	Treble	Graham W. Elmes	5
William T. Perrins	2	Richard H. Youdale	6
Mary E. Elmes	3	Timothy F. Collins	7
Melvyn J. Hiller	4	Rev. Roger Keeley	Tenor

Composed by H. G. Cashmore. Conducted by Timothy F. Collins.
First peal in the method by all the band.

WHITCHURCH, Hampshire.—At the Church of All Hallows.
On Sun., April 13, 1969, in 3 Hours.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.

*Lesley W. Kinston	Treble	†Jack C. Wimlett	5
David Goss	2	Howard E. J. Smith	6
†Michael Goss	3	‡Roger C. Wimlett	7
Terry T. Tarrant	4	Geoffrey K. Dodd	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.
* First peal of Major. † First of Major "inside." ‡ First on eight bells.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
HARTLEBURY, Worcs.—At the Church of St. James the Great.
On Sat., April 12, 1969, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in E flat.

Verona C. Naylor	Treble	*Cyril Griffiths	5
E. Marion Key	2	*Leslie F. Smith	6
Charles F. W. Eyre	3	Alfred W. Glazzard	7
Ian Friend	4	Barnabas G. Key	Tenor

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.
* First peal of Major.

LEIGH, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Edburga.
On Fri., April 11, 1969, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 17¼ cwt. in E.

*M. Frederick Stallard	Treble	Reginald Rowe	4
Royston Grosvenor	2	Thomas W. Lewis	5
Shirley M. Drew	3	Geoffrey R. Drew	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey R. Drew.
* First attempt for a peal.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
LEEDS, W. Yorks.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity, Meanwood.
On Thurs., April 10, 1969, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In nine methods, being five extents each of St. Remigius, St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place, Rev. Canterbury, St. Osmund, St. Simon, St. Martin and Plain Bob, and two extents of Grandsire.
Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb. in E.

Graham Miller	Treble	Suzanne J. Withers	3
*David Whitehead	2	Ronald J. Snack	4
Ronald R. Warford	Tenor		

Conducted by Ronald J. Snack.
* First peal of Doubles.

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BIRTH

BEVIS.—On April 19th, 1969, at March, to June and Trevor, the gift of a son, Mark, a brother for Denise and Andrea. 7117

ENGAGEMENT

BOWER—HEAD.—The engagement is announced between Richard Andrew James Bower, of Wroxham, Norfolk, and Carole Julie Head, of Shelton, Stoke-on-Trent. 7120

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

DAVID P. HILLING has now returned to 57, Bryant Avenue, Slough, Bucks; telephone: Slough 32928. 7081

PAUL. — As from May 1st the address of Geoffrey and Margaret Paul will be 9, Oadby Rise, Sunnyhill, Derby, DE3 7LX. 7119

PRIME. — The address of Pat, Dick and children is now 1, Newbury Close, Hadham Road, Bishop's Stortford, Herts (same house, new road). 7083

PERSONAL

"Know ye not that ye are the temple of God and that the spirit of God dwelleth in you."—I Corinthians iii, 16.

Would Mr. W. T. HOLMES, of Hyde Valley House, Hyde Valley, Welwyn Garden City, Herts, please contact this office as his copy of "The Ringing World" has been returned marked "Gone Away".

PEAL TOUR

A few ringers required for leisurely but high-class peal tour during last week in June.—Apply Box 7049, "The Ringing World," Guildford. 7049

HANDBELLS WANTED

REQUEST FROM NEW ZEALAND

Sir, — Prior to coming to New Zealand I was connected to a handbell and church bell ringing team in our local parish. I have spoken to the Rev. R. Kyle, of St. Andrew's Mission District of North New Brighton, about forming a handbell ringing team in this area. I wonder if anyone possesses a full set of handbells that are not in use and would be willing to donate them to the Mission District of North New Brighton where they may be put into full use for the enjoyment of people. All replies will be acknowledged.—J. A. Morgan, 81, Beach Road, New Brighton, N., Christchurch, 7, New Zealand. 7131

WANTED

WANTED.—If anyone is about to dispose of an old frame and wheel (preferably wooden, condition relatively unimportant) for a small 14 in. bell, please contact me as I want one to display the bell.—J. Mann Taylor, 13, Barrowdene Close, Pinner, Middx. 7094

WANTED.—Tandem by two young ringers of limited financial resources, preferably with Derailleur gears and good brakes. Please contact Richard Harris, 11, Haycroft Way, East Bridgford, Nottingham. 7140

CARETAKER REQUIRED

to look after small church hall at St. Mary's, Thatcham. Suitable for couple. Modernised cottage available. Good ring of eight! Reply to Mrs. Belcher, Faraway, Thatcham, Newbury, Berks. 7115

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MISCELLANEOUS

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Conductors' course at Braintree, Saturday, May 17th. Theoretical and practical instruction. Write for details as soon as possible to R. Threadgold, Wethersfield Mill, Braintree. 7087

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION
STROUD BRANCH
The Fifth
Randwick Festival of Handbell Music
(in no way a competition)
will be held at Archway School, Paganhill, Stroud, on Saturday, July 5th. Handbell teams are invited to share this opportunity of listening to each other's music, improving their own ringing thereby and inspiring new interest in unused handbells. Details from E. Cribley, France Lynch, Stroud, Glos. 7080

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Festival at Welshpool, May 26th. Service 3 p.m. Tea 4 p.m. followed by the A.G.M. List of towers and tea tickets (5/-, payable in advance, s.a.e. please) from G. T. Cousins, 7, Merrivale Crescent, Ross-on-Wye, not later than May 19th. 7045

KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS. — Diamond jubilee year. Flower and industrial festival, May 10th–18th. Five bells available each evening and all day Saturdays. Location: off A611 and between M1 junctions 27 and 28. Refreshments and ample car park available. 7111

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY
(Est. 1623)
The 346th anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 28th. Further details later. Please book the date.—L. E. Pitstow, 3, Mount Pleasant Road. Phone: 2074. 7093

LITTLE MUNDEN FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS
Near Ware
Whitsun Week-end: Saturday to Monday, May 24th–26th
A very warm welcome is extended to any groups of ringers who wish to visit this tower at any time during this week-end. A ring of six (tenor 13 cwt.). Make for village of Dane End. Road number B1008 from Ware (six miles). Any further details write (Miss) Elizabeth Lawrence, 1, Founceley Avenue, Dane End, Ware. 7124

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District. — Round Crawford Cup, May 10th, at Willoughby-on-the-Wolds, 2.30 for 3 start. Tea 5.15. Service 6.30. Names for tea to W. L. Exton, St. Ouen's, Whatton.—R. B. 7066

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.—Combined practice at Lelant, Tuesday, May 13th, 7.30 p.m. Method: Stedman Doubles (from the start). Now is your chance to learn Stedman. Roll up! 7130

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS
ANNUAL DINNER, 1969
Saturday, October 18th, 7 for 7.30 p.m.
At the King Alfred Kingsway, Hove, Sussex
Tickets (27s. 6d.) from Miss Ann Evans, 17, Hollingbury Place, Brighton, Sussex, BN1 7GE, or other divisional secretaries. Orders for tickets must be accompanied by remittance and s.a.e., please. 6991

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Advanced practice, Hawley (8), Tuesday, May 20th, 7.30–9 p.m.—S. J. Tate-Mitchell, Dis. Sec. 7129

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Surprise practice, Knebworth, Tuesday, May 13th, from 7.30–9.—Mrs. C. A. Agg, Dis. Sec. 7137

UNIVERSITY ARRANGEMENTS

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—Annual general meeting, May 10th. Carter ringing machine on view at 2 p.m. St. Olave's, Hart Street, bells 4. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names to R. C. Woodward, 86, Ferndene Road, S.E.24. 7061

CANCELLED

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting arranged for Saturday, May 10th, at Farnham and Manuden has been **cancelled** as repairs to tower will not be completed in time.—G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet. 7099

MEETINGS

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting Saturday, May 10th, at Cuckham (10). Ringing 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Evening ringing 6.30–8.30 p.m. Please bring own tea, cups of tea provided in Church Hall.—Margaret A. Large, Hon. Sec. 7053

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting Wisbech St. Mary, Saturday, May 10th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Everyone welcome.—D. A. Feek, Dis. Sec. 7040

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South Eastern District.—Meeting at Tollesbury, Saturday, May 10th. District Striking Competition 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. General ringing in evening. Names for tea to R. J. Harrison, 32, Gilmore Way, Great Baddow 7048

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — N.E. District. — Striking competition, Gt. Bromley (6). May 10th, 2.30 p.m. followed by general ringing. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. D Wenden, The Chase, Great Bromley, Colchester. 7059

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South Western District.—District Striking Competition heats, Chigwell, on May 10th at 6 p.m. starting promptly.—K. Warner, Dis. Sec. 7060

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Swindon Branch. — Meeting, Minety and Oaksey (6), May 10th. Minety at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Own arrangements for tea. 7110

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—East Devon Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Buckerell, Saturday, May 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea.—R. C. Woodley, Hon. Sec., Kendrey, Lower Woolbrook, Sidmouth. Tel.: 2795. 7096

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—May 10th, Striking Competition afternoon, Albury. Service 4.30, Tea and meeting. Bells available afterwards. Names for tea, please, to Miss Eloie, 109, Grange Road, Guildford. 7074

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Sarratt (5), May 10th. Bells 3 p.m., Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to G. Rees, Chess Bungalow, Dawes Lane, Sarratt. 7078

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting, Bearsted (6), on May 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. N. C. Ollett, 19, Mount Drive, Bearsted, Kent. 7097

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A practice meeting will be held on May 10th at Littlebourne (6) from 2.30–5 p.m. and Wingham (8) from 6–8.30 p.m. Cups of tea will be available between 5 and 6 p.m.—J.B.K. 7090

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Loughborough District) and SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AND NORTH LEICESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting on Saturday, May 10th, at Diseworth (6) 2.30–3.30 p.m., Hathern (8) 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to T. H. Harris, 15 Greenhill Rise, Hathern, Loughborough, Leics.—H. F. Watson-Walker, Dis. Sec. 7076

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Saturday, May 10th, St. Mary's, Harrow-on-the-Hill, 3–4.30. Service, tea and business meeting to follow. St. Peter's, Bushey Heath, 7–8.30. Names for tea to Mr. B. A. Rose, 33a, West Mead, South Ruislip, Middlesex. Special methods: Double Norwich and Bristol. —M. R. W., Sec. 7071

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Modwen's Church, Burton, on Saturday, May 10th. Ringing: Winshill (6), 3–4 p.m.; St. Modwen's (8), after meeting. Service at St. Modwen's 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in Friars Walk Schools 5 p.m. All welcome. 7056

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD—Annual meeting, Burton Parish Church, Saturday, May 10th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 o'clock. Winshill bells available in afternoon, 3 to 4 p.m. 7056

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch. — Annual meeting, Dorchester, Saturday, May 10th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to J. Godman, 22, Sunnyside, Benson. 7050

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch. — Evening practice, May 10th, Kettering (10), 7–9 p.m. All welcome. 7122

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North East District.—Quarterly meeting at Bramfield on Saturday, May 10th. Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Evening ringing at Halesworth (8) until 9 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. E. Riggs, 7, Market Place, Halesworth, Suffolk.—T.N.J.B. 7041

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—Quarterly meeting, Walberton, Saturday, May 10th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea. Bells in the evening.—R. Wake, Dis. Sec. 7142

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING SATURDAY, MAY 17th, 1969

AT RUSHDEN

Committee Meeting in the Vestry Hall 2.45 p.m.
Service 4 p.m. Tea, followed by Meeting in the Church Institute 5 p.m.
Tea Tickets (3s. 6d. each and c.w.o.) by Tuesday previous
from Mr. B. Whitworth, 42 Bedford Road, Rushden, NN10.ONB

RINGING ARRANGEMENTS

Rushden (8)	3.00 p.m.–4.00 p.m., 7.00 p.m.–9.00 p.m.
Wollaston (6)	12 noon –1.00 p.m., 7.00 p.m.–8.00 p.m.
Wilby (6)	12 noon –1.30 p.m., 7.00 p.m.–9.00 p.m.
Finedon (8)	12.30 p.m.–2.00 p.m., 7.00 p.m.–9.00 p.m.
Irthlingborough (8)	1.00 p.m.–2.30 p.m., 7.00 p.m.–8.30 p.m.
Stanwick (6)	2.00 p.m.–3.00 p.m., 7.00 p.m.–9.00 p.m.
Wellingborough	Evening Only 7.00 p.m.–9.00 p.m.
Castle Ashby (5), Ecton (6)	10.30 a.m.–11.30 a.m.
Bozeat (5), Earls Barton (8)	11.00 a.m.–12 noon
Mears Ashby (6)	11.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m.
Higham Ferrers (8)	1.30 p.m.– 3.30 p.m.

E. BILLINGS, General Secretary.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD OF RINGERS

THE GUILD FESTIVAL will be held at WOOTTON BASSETT on May 10th, 1969.

The Festival service will be in the Church of All Saints at 3 p.m., conducted by the Vicar, Rev. Biddlecombe. Address by Canon H. V. White.

Tea at 4 p.m. in the Memorial Hall, Station Road. (Tickets for tea, 6s. 6d., to be obtained from the Assistant Hon. Secretary, Mr. N. Knee, 75, Boreham Road, Warminster, Wilts. **Strictly** No ticket, No tea.)

Followed by Annual General Meeting.

TOWERS OPEN FOR RINGING

11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.

Calne (8)	Heddington (6)
Wootton Bassett (8)	Hilmarton (6)
Bremhill (6)	Lyneham (6)
Broad Hinton (6)	Compton Bassett (5)
Yatesbury (5)	

By special permission of Gloucester and Bristol Association:
Swindon, Christ Church (10), 12 noon to 2 p.m.
Swindon, St. Mark's (8), 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Towers in Devizes and Marlborough Branches by arrangement.

F. S. SLATFORD, Yarnbrook, Trowbridge.

NOTE: Annual Guild Festival for 1970 is due to be held in West Dorset Branch. 7037

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Rural Branch. — Practice meeting at Dyrham (6) and Doynton (5), Friday, May 16th, 7.30 p.m. at both towers. Visitors are always welcome to join with us at our meeting, both for their ringing and social value.—N. J. Smart, Hon. Sec. 7121

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Meeting, Carlton, May 17th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. P. Wishart, 2, Eridge Road, Guisborough, Yorkshire. 7132

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield and Peak Districts.—Joint meeting at Ashover, May 17th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, **without fail, please**, to Mr. L. F. Miller, Carlton House, Moor Road, Ashover, Chesterfield. Tel.: Ashover 283.—M. Phipps, T. Wylie, Secs. 7127

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District. — Striking competition, May 17th, Litlington. Draw 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. General ringing after tea and results. **Names for tea, please**, to Miss J. Sanderson, 1, Orchard Gate, Melbourn, Royston, Herts. on or before 14th.—J. S. 6927

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. —Meeting at Downham (6), Saturday, May 17th. District heat of striking competition. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Further ringing after meeting. Names for tea to Mr. R. F. Jamieson, 41, Margarite Way, Wickford, Essex, early please.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Meeting at Rendcomb (6), Saturday, May 17th, 5.30 to 8.30 p.m.—J. Pearse, Branch Sec. 7098

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Meeting, Stonehouse (6), Saturday, May 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Eastington (6) available after tea. Names for tea to P. Screen, 22, Springfield, Hardwicke, Gloucester, GL2 6PX, by Tuesday, 13th, please. 7134

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—District meeting, Bagshot, on Saturday, May 17th. Bells available 3–7 p.m. Service 4.30. Evening ringing at Worplesdon 7–9 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. C. B. J. Searle, 4, Church Road, Bagshot, by previous Wednesday.—S. J. Tate-Mitchell, Dis. Sec. 7128

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, May 17th, Kimpton, 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., with tea and meeting. Names please to Miss D. Meredith, The Vicarage, Kimpton, Hitchin, Herts. — R. E. Hardy, Dis. Sec. 7062

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Coddington, May 17th. Service 4.30 p.m. Arrangements for tea difficult—no name no tea. Notification to J. Ward, Woofields, Coddington, Ledbury.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Bishop's Stortford District.—Meeting, Saturday, May 17th, Little Hadham (5). Bells 3.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Ringing in the evening at Braughing (8). Names for tea essential to K. Westwood, 85, Waytemore Road, Bishop's Stortford.—K. Westwood, Dis. Sec. 7138

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Stone-in-Oxney, Saturday, May 17th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, ONLY for those who notify Mr. H. Player, Quarry Cottages, Stone-in-Oxney, Tenterden 6985

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Practice meeting, Frome (8), Saturday, May 17th, 7.30 p.m. Gentlemen and friends welcome.—B. J. 7136

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Great Easton, Saturday, May 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Bring own food—cups of tea supplied.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 7139

LEICESTER GUILD.—Melton District.—Joint meeting with the Bingham District (Southwell Guild) at Croxton Kerrial (6) on Saturday, May 17th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Ward, Chapel Lane, Croxton Kerrial, Grantham, by previous Wednesday. Skittle match after ringing.—S. N. Hall, Dis. Sec. 7114

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Deeping St. Nicholas, Saturday, May 17th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to John Porter, 12, Exeter Drive, Spalding (telephone 4462), by Tuesday, May 13th.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Branch.—At Blankney on Saturday May 17th. Striking Contest at 2.30 p.m. Picnic tea (cups of tea provided). Service at 5.30 p.m. Evening Meeting at 6 p.m.—G.R.P. 7085

NOTICES (continued overleaf)

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
PRESTBURY, Cheshire.—At West Pines, Dale Brow.
On Tues., March 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.
Alan A. Potts .. .. .. 1–2 | Gerald Moorhouse 5–6
C. Kenneth Lewis .. .. 3–4 | Neil D. Lomas 7–8
Composed by John Reeves. Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.

AUDLEM, Cheshire.—At No. 10, Churchfields.
On Fri., March 7, 1969, in 1 Hour and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor size 18 in G
Geoffrey A. Edwards .. .. 1–2 | *John R. Scott 3–4
Frank R. Morton (cond.) .. 5–6
* 50th handbell peal.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
DERBY.—At the Cathedral Church of All Saints.
On Tues., April 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 16 in B flat.
Peter Blight .. .. 1–2 | John S. Harrison 5–6
Gordon A. Halls .. .. .. 3–4 | David W. Friend 7–8
*Derek G. Armstrong .. 9–10
Arranged and Conducted by David W. Friend.
* First peal "in hand."

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire.—At 114, Park Street Lane.
On Mon., March 24, 1969, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 YORK SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor size 19 in F.
S. Kathleen M. Baldwin .. 1–2 | *Martyn L. J. Jordan .. 7–8
Julia A. Fellows .. .. 3–4 | Roger Baldwin 9–10
John R. Mayne .. .. .. 5–6 | Christopher W. Woolley .. 11–12
Arranged and Conducted by John R. Mayne.
* 50th handbell peal. First of York Surprise Maximus by all the band and for the Association. The conductor's first peal of Surprise Maximus on handbells.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
THE IRISH SEA.—On "Holyhead Ferry I," between Holyhead and Dun Laoghaire.
On Sat., April 12, 1969, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
The "Barrabool" Peal. Tenor size 12 in F.
Frances Fairbank .. .. 1–2 | Hugh N. Evans 5–6
Valerie Willard .. .. .. 3–4 | Cyril A. Wratten 7–8
Composed by Rev. E. Bankes James. Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Bettyfold.
On Fri., April 11, 1969, in 1 Hour and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Killarney, Original, Plain, College, Single Oxford, Single Court and St. Clement's College.
Tenor size 14 in D.
Joseph Whalley .. .. .. 1–2 | Mary W. Whalley 3–4
Kevin M. Price (cond.) .. 5–6

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
LONDON.—At 16 B, Sutherland Place.
On Thurs., April 3, 1969, in 1 Hour and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being four different extents and one 2,160 block.
Tenor size 11 in G.
John R. Ketteringham .. 1–2 | Maureen J. Carruthers .. 3–4
Geoffrey Bridges (cond.) .. 5–6

THE NORTH AMERICAN GUILD.
TORONTO, Canada.—At 50, Ravensbourne Crescent.
On Wed., April 9, 1969, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 12 in F.
David Ingram .. .. .. 1–2 | Derek M. Sawyer 5–6
William H. Jackson .. .. 3–4 | John Owen 7–8
Composed by E. Maurice Atkins. Conducted by Derek M. Sawyer.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
STAPLEFORD, Nottinghamshire.—At 29, Brisbane Drive.
On Wed., April 2, 1969, in 1 Hour and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor size 17 in A.
William L. Exton * .. .. 1–2 | Simon Humphrey 3–4
R. Brian Mills (cond.) .. 5–6

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Lindsey Branch.—Meeting, Kirton Lindsey, Saturday, May 17th. Bells (6) afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea for those who notify Mr. G. E. Feirn, Cleatham, Kirton (Tel. 316), by Tuesday previous. Special methods: the Capel, Sandal, etc., group. 7112

GUILD OF MEDICAL RINGERS.—May 17th, ringing at Hatfield Broad Oak 2.30 Stebbing 4, Great Dunmow 5.30. Dinner 7.30. Names to D. L. Gullick (Stevenage 54309). 6961

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Saturday, May 17th, Monken Hadley. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Regret not possible to arrange tea. South Mimms bells available 6.30–7.30.—E. H. Kilby. 7141

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Lowestoft, May 17th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. A. E. Crowe, 49, Sussex Road, Lowestoft, Suffolk, by previous Wednesday.—N. C. 7095

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chiltern Branch.—Monthly practice. May 17th, Dunstable (by kind invitation), 6.30–8 p.m. Everyone welcome.—A. J. White. 7133

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Meeting at Codsall, near Wolverhampton, on Saturday, May 17th. Please note: Committee meet 2.30 p.m. in nave. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. and in evening. Service 4.30 p.m. followed by tea. Names for latter to Mr. H. E. Green, 36, Heath Farm Road, Codsall, Wolverhampton (tel. Codsall 2879), by May 14th latest, please.—C.M.S., Hon. Sec. 7047

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Evening practice, May 17th, Clapham Common Roman Catholic Church (8 bells), 7.30–8.30 p.m.—N. Thomson, Asst. Dis. Sec. 7011

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Crawford Cup contest meeting, Elston, Saturday, May 17th. Meet 2.30. Draw 2.45 Service 4.30, followed by tea. Names for tea to D. J. Tysoe, 2, Valley View, Coddington, by Tuesday previous.—D. J. T. 7135

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Newick (6), Saturday, May 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Ringing at Little Horsted (6) in the evening. Names for tea, please, to Miss Ann Evans (Div. Sec.), 17, Hollingbury Place, Brighton, Sussex, BN1 7GE, by previous Wednesday. 6990

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Kidderminster flower festival at St. Mary's Church, Saturday, May 17th. Bells (12) available from 2 p.m. Teas from 3.30 p.m onwards. All welcome.—Bernard C. Ashford, Branch Sec. 7089

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Southern District) and BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Joint meeting, Bolsterstone, Saturday, May 17th. Bells from 2.30 p.m., Cups of tea at 5 p.m. Bring own food. Southern District A.G.M. after tea. Short Evensong 7 p.m., then bells until 9 p.m.—J. Seager and T. Tarbatt, Secs. 7143

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

Extraordinary General Meeting at St. Martin's, Birmingham, on TUESDAY, MAY 20th at 7.30 p.m.

Business: The Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, having proffered his resignation, to elect a temporary hon. secretary and treasurer for the period May 21st, 1969, to January 3rd, 1970.

Would all members and visitors please note that there will be no Guild practice on this date.

J. A. AINSWORTH, Hon. Sec.
54, Royal Oak Road,
Halesowen, Worcs.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The postponed half-yearly meeting will now be held at St. George's, Jesmond (8), Saturday, May 24th. Ringing 3 p.m. and after service. Tea 5. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Pardoe, 36, Reid Park Road, Newcastle, 2. 7088

ESSEX ASSOCIATION
90th A.G.M. at Chelmsford
on the Spring Bank Holiday Monday, May 26th
Service in Cathedral 11 a.m., followed by meeting in the Chapter House.
Coffee 10.15 and lunch (6s. 6d.) in the Cathedral Hall at 1.30 p.m. Tea (3s.) in Bentley Village Club 5–6.15 p.m. By ticket only from P. J. Eves, 8, Lordship Road, Writtle. P.O. and s.a.e., please. Ringing at Cathedral 9.15–10.45 a.m. and 3–4. Further details with tickets.—P. W. Saltmarsh, Hon. Gen. Sec. 7123

LATE NOTICES

CANCELLED

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Central District.—May 10th meeting cancelled (Benfieldside)—tower unavailable.—W. Davidson, Sec. 7146

LONDON UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—A.G.M., May 10th. Putney St. Mary, 11 a.m.–12 noon; Fulham All Saints', 12 noon–1 p.m. Carter ringing machine, Science Museum, 2 p.m. St. Olave's, Hart Street, 4 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. 7145

MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Branch.—Practice meeting at Kingston Seymour (6), Saturday, May 17th. Bells available 6 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 7147

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Huntingdon District.—Annual striking competition, Saturday, May 17th, Holywell (6). Draw for performance at 2.45 p.m. Entries by May 10th. Tea will be booked for competing teams; others to notify H. S. Peacock, 8, Roscrea Terrace, St. John's Street, Huntingdon. Further ringing in the evening. 7148

Inner Story of Marlborough's Eight

By the Rev. ROGER KEELEY

ON Sunday, April 20th, the new bells making a ring of eight at Marlborough St. Mary's were dedicated by the Rector (Rev. Jeremy Walsh) at the Family Communion service before a large congregation and in the presence of the president of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, Mr. W. C. West. The new trebles were cast from metal from the old ring of eight at St. Peter's Church, Marlborough, and have been inscribed "Peter" and "Paul". The tenor bell, cast in 1922, has been retuned.

The idea of making one good ring of eight for Marlborough began from a casual and possibly careless remark early in 1967. The P.C.C. were considering whether it could afford to employ a parish worker. As debate was reaching a stalemate I chanced to say that we had eight redundant bells in a semi-redundant church which must be worth a lot of money. Fortunately the diocese takes precautions against anyone disposing of church property, so the bells could not be sold to pay anyone's salary. But members of the P.C.C. and the newly-appointed Rector began to think what could be done with them.

It was clear from the start that to rehang St. Peter's bells and restore the tower at several thousand pounds' cost was a luxury we could not afford. Yet it seemed wrong that the daughter church which was only occasionally used should have more bells than the parish church. So the scheme took shape of putting two of St. Peter's bells in St. Mary's Church and selling the rest to cover the cost. It was a hard decision for no one likes to dispose of bells, but offers to buy the ring complete were not forthcoming.

TOOK FRIGHT

Estimates for the work were obtained and we found that we could save a lot of money by lowering the bells ourselves. Two local men offered their services and help but, having surveyed the operation, took fright and said they would rather not do it! It was then that I rang Peter Minchin in Swindon, who nobly came to the rescue. The tackle arrived from London and, on a Saturday of August last year, we set to work. Immediately there were snags. No one had quite realised that the bells of St. Peter's hung 90 feet up in the tower, with no scope for erecting a second gib. A quick dash to firms in the town and half-an-hour spent on the telephone to obtain another length of chain produced no results. It was obtained by a local ringer making a special journey to London. Helping Peter Minchin was Allan Keen, from Aldbourne, while I spent most of my time acting as public relations officer. I remember spending a whole morning persuading the Rector to let us take down an old brick chimney stack in St. Mary's tower which was rather an obstruction, but we made a lot of dust which proved unpopular with a firm who were rebuilding the organ at the time.

For six months the local band rang the five remaining bells. Though my own departure from Marlborough came in September, it was encouraging that the scheme had got so far—at least to the point of no return. The new bells arrived on March 25th together with the tenor for rehanging. The question in all our minds at this stage was not how they would "go" but how they would sound. It was well answered when we were able to ring them, for the Whitechapel Foundry have made an excellent "splice" and we have at last a very tuneful ring.

JOINT MEETING

A joint meeting of the Marlborough and Calne Branches was held at St. Mary's, Marlborough, on April 19th, and it was a unanimous verdict that St. Mary's had a very fine octave. The curate (Rev. J. W. F. Hamblen) conducted the service and based his address on SS. Peter and Paul, with special reference to the new trebles.

After an excellent tea, prepared by Mrs. Hamblen and helpers, Mr. G. Newman, Marlborough Branch chairman, welcomed the guests. Officers of the Calne Branch present were Mr. J. D. Hacker (chairman), Mr. J. D. Sankey (secretary) and Miss Maundrell (Ringing Master). Mr. F. Slatford, general secretary of the Guild, and the Rev. Roger Keeley also attended. A glowing tribute to Mr. Keeley's hard work whilst in the Branch was paid by the chairman, and this was heartily endorsed.

Before ringing was resumed Mr. Hacker, on behalf of Calne Branch, thanked the hosts and said a return visit would probably be held at Broad Hinton in the near future.

QUARTER PEALS

HARTEST, SUFFOLK.—On April 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: B. E. Whiting (cond.) 1, Theresa R. Orriss 2, Amanda M. Richmond 3, Sally E. V. Potter 4, A. F. Ballam 5, F. J. Potter 6. A belated birthday compliment to the conductor.

HENDON, MIDDLESEX. — On Easter Day, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Wendy Fergusson 1, Dorothea M. Robotham 2, Dianne Gazeley 3, Ruth M. Foreman 4, W. G. Knight 5, B. C. Watson (cond.) 6. First of Surprise 1, 3 and 6. For Parish Commounion. Also for Evensong, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Dianne Gazeley 1, D. J. Gazeley 2, Sue Taylor 3, Wendy Fergusson 4, Dorothea M. Robotham 5, A. F. Warren 6, W. G. Knight 7, B. C. Watson (first of Major as cond.) 8. First of Major 1 and 3.

HIGHWEEK, DEVON.—On April 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. D. Mack 1, J. F. Steere 2, P. Bill (cond.) 3, Merryn Hutchings 4, A. Frost 5, J. Mitchelmore 6, J. N. Longridge 7, D. R. Bould 8.

HILTON, DORSET.—On April 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Susan M. Corry 1, B. Ridout 2, Sheila M. Dobbie 3, T. Bleatham 4, D. W. Woodcock 5, W. H. Dobbie (cond.) 6.

HORDLE, HANTS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Doubles (4 methods/variations): M. Williamson (first quarter) 1, Jane Blackbourne 2, Flora Stocker (cond.) 3, A. Nunn 4, Faith Riley 5, P. Lewis 6. For Evensong.

KEA, CORNWALL.—On April 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Barbara J. Duck 1, R. S. K. Salisbury (first on 8 "inside") 2, R. P. Pearce 3, A. Locke 4, R. Haines 5, T. J. Bell (cond.) 6, A. J. Davidson 7, C. J. Dunstan 8.

KINGSTON UPON-THAMES, SURREY.—On April 13th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): C. Bulleid 1, Anthea S. Bruce 2, Katharine Salvage 3, Ann V. Salvage 4, B. J. Stone (cond.) 5, Lesley A. Hawes 6. For Holy Communion.

KIPPAX, W. YORKS.—On April 9th, 1,260 Doubles (2 methods). G. Miller 1, Suzanne J. Withers 2, Jane P. Lawrence 3, C. Grandidge 4, R. J. Snack (cond.) 5.

KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.—On April 11th, 1,320 Southrepps Pleasure Bob Doubles: Helen Dzuibr (first Southrepps) 1, L. G. Smith (cond.) 2, A. E. Sollis (first Southrepps) 3, B. A. Jones 4, E. J. Sollis 5. A 21st birthday compliment to Sandra Percival.

KIRKTHORPE, W. YORKS. — On April 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. R. Warford 1, C. Grandidge 2, Jane P. Lawrence 3, G. Miller 4, D. Whitehead 5, R. J. Snack (cond.) 6.

LANE END, BUCKS.—On April 13th, 1,260 St. Clement's Bob Minor: S. J. Smith 1, T. Wright 2, W. Avery 3, Mrs. R. G. Hazell 4, C. Meakes 5, R. G. Hazell (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK. — On April 6th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: M. T. Symonds (cond.) 1, Gillian B. Smith (first T.B.) 2, F. Hunt 3, C. Curtis 4, A. J. Haynes 5, L. G. Pryke 6, W. Jarvis 7, E. A. Cracknell 8. For Evensong. The ringer of the 2nd hails from Codsall, Staffs.

LLANDAFF, GLAM. — On March 30th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Shelagh Plumb 1, Judith Ashcroft 2, Lynne Parker (first "inside") 3, Anne Cooke 4, N. W. H. Simon (cond.) 5, A. R. Lewis 6, S. Fenwick 7, W. J. Goodfellow 8. For Evensong. Also on April 13th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Ann Pilgrim 1, Mary Pryor 2, C. Hughes 3, M. Pilgrim 4, D. G. Clift 5, P. A. Williams 6, N. W. H. Simon (cond.) 7, S. Fenwick 8. For Evensong.

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	—	3	24536
	—	—	35642
	3	—	43652
X			35426
	2	—	26354
	3	—	52364
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45236	—			—
23645		X		2
26435	—			2
42635	3		3	—
62345	2			—
36524	—		—	
24536		X		—
25346	—			2
32546	3			—
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Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Newchurch, Romney Marsh

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OUR COVER PICTURE

Newchurch in Romney Marsh

"The world, according to the best geographers, is divided into Europe, Asia, Africa, America and Romney Marsh. In this last named, and fifth quarter of the globe, a witch may still be discovered in favourable, i.e., stormy seasons, weathering Dungeness Point in an egg-shell, or careering on her broomstick over Dymnchurch wall. A cow may yet be sometimes seen galloping like mad, with tail erect, and an old pair of breeches on her horns, an unerring guide to the door of the crone whose magic arts have drained her udder."—Rev. Richard Barham,
"Ingoldsby Legends".

THUS wrote that famous chronicler in 1840, a description that would be equally apt today, for this unique area of flat country still maintains an air of mystery and excitement. The twisting roads continue to follow the ancient tracks, laid down when the marsh really was a quagmire. Smuggling is still believed to exist, although the pack horse trains attended by the "gentlemen" or "free-traders" no longer wend their nightly journeys to exchange the precious marsh wool for imported spirits. The smugglers were powerful men, often well-known and respected by the authorities—in the words of Charles Lamb: "I like the smuggler; he is the only honest thief!".

The building of the marsh churches imposed special problems due to the shifting nature of the subsoil. Many of them are visibly breaking their backs, and the famous belfry at Brookland is detached and built up from the ground for this reason.

SS. Peter and Paul's, Newchurch, is typical of many. Of usual Kentish design, with three separate gabled aisles and no clerestory, the embattled western tower has aroused much comment. It appears that when the second stage of the tower was completed it was found to have an appreciable lean to the west, due to the foundations settling. Accordingly the belfry stage was built perpendicular to compensate for this, which has left the tower with a kinked appearance, more noticeable inside where the bell ropes hanging straight serve to emphasise the misalignment.

At this time there were four bells, hung in a frame designed around a hollow square, with one bell swinging adjacent to each wall. In 1637 the bells were recast into five by John Wilnar, of Borden (near Sittingbourne) and the frame adapted to carry the new ring. Wilnar's products are not usually distinctive tonally, due to the thin casting scale he employed, and these bells were no exception. The only other work on the bells since that date was the recasting (by C. and G. Mears) of the treble which had become cracked in 1845.

It is sad to relate that, in over 300 years, no regular ringing appears to have taken place, although it is by no means unlikely that the belfry was not put to good use. Marsh steeples were a favourite hiding place for the smugglers' contraband, and a keg or two cunningly concealed inside the bells would usually escape the eyes of the revenue men. Often the parson was oblivious of such goings on, but in at least one well-known case legend has it that a local incumbent took on the dual role of smuggler-in-chief, being mythically referred to as "the scarecrow of Romney Marsh"! However, the tower has never been affiliated to the Kent County Association, and no peals or quarter peals have ever been recorded. The writer's experience of the bells in 1961 was probably typical of many —the front four bells only were rung, the tenor being in a dangerous condition due to a split headstock.

When all the marsh churches were recently grouped into one incumbency under Rev. N. O'Connor, the question of bell restoration was reviewed and a fund opened to rehang the five bells. District secretary Alan Berry, whose keenness and enthusiasm in the scheme have been beyond praise, organised a team of local ringers to dismantle the bells, thereby saving considerable cost, and they finally left the tower for Whitechapel in February, 1968.

At the same time, a fund had been started for a memorial to John Willis, a stalwart of the Ashford District, vice-president of the Kent County Association and a member of the Central Council Biographical Committee. Later it was decided that the memorial should take the form of a bell, and Newchurch was eventually selected as it was known that a 6-bell frame was being installed. However, funds would not permit the supplying of a brand new bell, and a second-hand bell was sought for recasting. A redundant bell from another marsh church unfortunately proved a non-starter, and then the disused tenor bell from St. Margaret's, Canterbury, became available. Through the kindness of Rev. Ingram Hill, of Canterbury, the 6¾ cwt. bell, cast by Hatch in 1625, was given to Newchurch and provided more than enough metal for the new 4¼ cwt. treble.

Several ringers from the district were kindly entertained at Whitechapel when the new bell was cast, and the same welcomed the return of the bells to Newchurch in the arctic conditions of February last. Meanwhile, the splendid new jarrah-wood frame had arrived and been erected by Harry Parkes, ably assisted by Alan Berry and tower captain Bill Beeching, and scarcely had the final block and tackle been removed than an eager band had been assembled for the try-out.

The general opinion was that an excellent job had been carried out — the quaint, plaintive melody of the Wilnar bells has been enhanced, and the new treble, tuned on the old style, is a perfect match. Hanging the bells lower in the tower has transformed the external acoustics and handling is trouble-free, despite the lofty ground floor ringing chamber. The tenor is now 10¾ cwt. in F sharp.

On Sunday, April 6th, the bells were rededicated at a special service by the Archbishop of Canterbury, and their sound once again percolates across the grazing lambs in the open meadows which surround the church. No longer do they guide the weary traveller of the tortuous quagmires as in days gone by, but, as in the inscription of the second bell, "for it is good to sing praises to our God for it is pleasant and praise is comely". N. J. D.

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PERTURBED OVER JOINT COMMITTEE REPORT

TOO RESTRICTIVE FOR MODERN AGE — AMBIGUITY STILL EXISTS — RECORDS IN LENGTH BUT NOT IN NUMBER OF METHODS

Dear Sir, — It is quite evident that the members of the joint committee have contributed a great deal of time and thought to their Report on Decisions—and for this we must thank them.

I must confess, however, that I was very disappointed with their recommendations.

If there is one thing certain about the future it is that it will be very different from the past. We are living in an age of change, and the tempo of change is tending to increase rather than decrease. This is just as true in ringing as it is in other walks of life. The period since the war has seen great changes both in the field of composition and also in the development of Spliced Surprise, and the tendency must be for these changes to continue. I believe that a function of the Central Council should be to encourage rather than to discourage such changes.

Rules, by their very nature, are negative. They set the limits of action, and therefore inhibit change. Progress can only be achieved by amending or breaking such rules. Consequently I believe that the future of ringing would be healthier if the Council made fewer rather than more rules.

Surely the only rules needed to govern peal ringing—and after all, it is through the ringing of peals that progress is established—would be those which—

(a) ensured the truth of what was rung, i.e., no falseness in the composition or method and no "fiddling" in the ringing of it. (In this respect, could we please have a more precise definition of the term "immediately" in which shifts or errors can be permissibly corrected? Is it a lead or a half-lead? It is normally left to the discretion and integrity of the conductor, but it is well known that this varies from two or three changes to two or three courses, and I feel that a more precise definition would save many arguments and heart-searchings at the end of "peals".)

(b) ensured that the nature of what was rung would be clearly evident, i.e., the method name and stage, etc., would be adequate identification.

COVER BELLS

Why are only two types of call to be allowed in a composition? Why restrict the use of a cover bell to odd-bell methods? Why allow peals of Doubles without a cover, but not peals of Triples, Caters or Cinques? There are many interesting and musical possibilities of ringing 10 and 12 bells apart from Caters and Royal or Cinques and Maximus. Why should any such possibilities be forbidden?

Now, I am not suggesting that any or all of these innovations to current practice should be advocated, but on the other hand I see no reason why they should be forbidden. If, for instance, a band chooses to ring a composition with three or more types of call in it, or includes irregular or asymmetrical methods in a spliced peal—why not? Providing the composition is true, then a peal has been rung and the Central Council should recognise it.

There was a time when singles, even in Plain Major methods, were considered unethical. Now they have found their way into Surprise compositions and are here to stay. Not so long ago the Council refused to recognise methods which did not have Plain Bob lead heads. They are now commonly included in peals of Minor.

ENCOURAGE EXPERIMENTS

Experiment and innovation should be allowed rather than prohibited. It is in the nature of progress that many of the experiments will fail; but even if only one succeeds and opens up a new field of progress, then the encouragement of such experiments will have been justified. There is no need to fear that, by allowing such experiments to take place, the standards of ringing will be debased. We are, on the whole, a conservative Exercise, and I feel sure that any innovation from present practice will only become popular if it represents a worthwhile improvement. We must not deny bands the right to experiment by refusing to recognise their results.

LIMITATION OF RECORDS

Finally, I was disappointed to see that the joint committee only concerned themselves with record "length" peals. Surely it has been obvious over the past few years that there has been as much if not more interest in peals containing a record in the number of different methods included rather than a record in the number of changes rung. These records in complexity are equally worthy and valid records and probably more difficult to achieve, and yet the committee has made no recommendations governing such peals. If it is thought necessary to have any special conditions to safeguard the standard of record peals (and this is very debatable), then I would have thought it more important in the case of the intensive records (more difficult to ring and verify) than in the case of the extensive length records.

Thank you for your efforts, committee, but please think again—**recommendations, if you like, but fewer rules.** Yours sincerely,

C. CROSSTHWAITE.

Preston.

"Little Relief to Ambiguity" — Roger Baldwin

Dear Sir, — I am disturbed at the extremely late appearance of this report. The original intention of the Council, according to the minutes, was that publication should be in the early new year, clearly to allow adequate time for discusssion of a report on issues which, to put it mildly, are highly controversial. Publication of the report at this late stage has left precisely four weeks before it is discussed at St. Albans, time for one or at most two exchanges of views. I do not know the reason for this delay, although I understand that the first meeting of the committee was not held until very late in the year, but I suggest that it would be wise to defer a decision on many of the issues raised until the following Council meeting in 1970.

As to the report itself, there are so many points that I hardly know where to begin. Broadly speaking, Section 2, dealing with recommendations for the revision of Decisions on peal ringing, offers reasonable solutions to some of our recent controversies, although it clearly will not satisfy everybody. However, Section 1, the recommendations for revision of Decisions on methods and calls, is rather a mess and does little to relieve the ambiguous state of the existing rules. It is at this section that most of my criticisms are aimed.

Firstly, I see no point in retaining the distinction between Regular and Irregular methods. When these terms were first defined their use was quite explicit, in that Regular methods were recognised by the Council. Irregular methods were not: no such distinction exists nowadays, and the sole function of these terms is to set some vague mark of disapproval on the methods classed as "Irregular". Now if the Central Council want to label methods as good or bad, then let them, but the distinctions embodied in the proposed definitions are insufficient. There are very many bad Regular methods and very many good Irregular methods. Surely, if one must retain these archaic terms, the most sensible procedure is to class all recognised methods as Regular, and those not recognised as Irregular.

AMBIGUITY

Section 1, A. 3, the section dealing with calls, is quite inadequate and begs the question quite blatantly. What, precisely, is meant by the word "formation" in this context? I can think of several meanings but none that fits all the situations envisaged. If it is not possible to phrase a rule clearly and unambiguously then it is surely better to leave it out altogether—this is the main trouble with our existing Decisions, the trouble this report is supposed to cure!

Difficulty also arises with the vexed question of half-lead calls. Leaving aside the clumsy wording of the relevant paragraph and the ambiguous use of the word "formation", I cannot understand this recommendation. The situation is this: In certain methods, where the place made at the half-lead is the reverse of the place at the lead-end there is a distinct analogy between the two bobs. Such methods are Cambridge, Superlative and Lincolnshire. In Doubles methods, where there is already a strong analogy in the Blue Line of reverse positions at the half-lead and lead-end, the analogy between the bobs is so strong that they may be considered as one and the same type of call. This leads to peals of "Real" Superlative, "Real" Double Norwich, and so on, and I have no real argument with this procedure.

The same argument has recently been applied to methods like Cambridge and Lincolnshire, where there is an analogy between lead-end and half-lead work in the bob-making positions, but far weaker. There are strong arguments in favour of this although I tend to support the opposite view and maintain that although the calls are analogous they are not the same type of call. This may be splitting hairs, but the following is not. Consider, for

(Continued overleaf)

Geoffrey Dodds' Commentary on "Decisions"

Dear Sir,—The joint committee's report is the result of months of quite hard work, involving many letters, 'phone calls and long meetings. Frank Blagrove deserves congratulations for his guidance and for the reams of typing which he has circulated. The wording of the proposals has been agreed by all, some by hard-fought compromise.

To encourage ringers to study them closely I should like to put forward some afterthoughts, most of which have not, of course, been discussed by the committee and are my own ideas.

(1) Although we now accept 1,236 places in Minor, not many would care to accept 123456789T places in Maximus, so perhaps an extra paragraph in 1, A, 1 could cover this—

> "The number of places made in any change shall be kept to a minimum, with a maximum of three adjacent places in a group and in any case shall not exceed two-thirds of the number of bells taking part."

(2) 1, A, 3, centre paragraph. Half-lead calls are excluded from Little methods by the careful wording of this paragraph. Is it clear enough?

(3) 1, A, 3, last paragraph. Perhaps some ringers may think that the exception of pre-1850 Triples compositions from the calls decisions may be a retrograde step. If a new composition were found using the earlier structure of calls it would be difficult to see why one composition should be accepted and the other not.

(4) Although 1, A, 2 says "a call is not part of the method", 1, A, 4 implies that Doubles methods have "standard calls", so these must be specified with the method. No other stages have this restriction.

(5) Also in 1, A, 4, with a revival of interest in irregular methods perhaps "A lead containing a call must not constitute a plain lead of another method" should apply to all methods?

(6) 1, E, Naming. Perhaps a technical definition of Reverse, Single and Double methods would be useful, e.g.:

> A method having back to front reversal of the structure of another method shall have the same name but with **Reverse** added.

Double may be added to the name of a symmetrical method if it possesses the further symmetry—

(a) In single hunt methods, or with hunts crossing at the front and back only, the structure of the places above and below the hunts shall have back to front reversal.

(b) In all other methods, each change shall have back to front reversal.

A single, hunt-controlled method may have the same name as that of a Double method, if it has the same structure on one side of the hunts, but the same path as the hunts on the other side (e.g., plain or treble bob hunting).

(7) I wonder if many people are aware of what Union is?

(8) 2, A. I trust the difference between rows and changes is appreciated.

(9) 2, C, 1, second paragraph. This is really in two halves. The inclusion of the second half, from "or provided that the methods . . . " may make methods difficult to identify. A peal containing asymmetrical methods spliced as in the first half of the paragraph could well be identical to one having twice as many methods spliced as in the second half of the paragraph.

(10) Peals containing the "greatest number of methods" were not considered to be very different from single-method peals in highly complex methods, and so need not be considered as record peals in the same sense as record length peals.

I must stress again that these are my own views, put forward to stimulate discussion, and I do not myself intend putting them as amendments.—Yours sincerely,

GEOFFREY DODDS.

St. Albans, Herts.

Roger Baldwin—continued

example, Lincoln Surprise Major (—58—16—12—38—14—58, 16—16, 78 2nds place l.e.) with lead-end bobs in 4ths and half-lead bobs in 5ths. Is the "formation" of the bobs the same in this case? The bob-making position is the same in reverse as the half-lead—is this what is meant by formation? I think not because, considering the Blue Line, the bell that makes the lead-end bob does Treble Bob in 4ths, whereas the half-lead bob-making bell backward hunts to 5ths and backstroke lead—an entirely dissimilar piece of work. The recommended rule does nothing to resolve this argument except by play on the word "formation", which quite clearly begs the question. On the whole I suspect this rule has been included to let in Roddy Pipe's Cambridge Royal! If so, why not say so?

Incidentally, why can these rules be relaxed in the case of pre-1850 compositions? Is this to let in Mr. Blagrove's Bob Minor without singles?

On the remainder of the report I have a few points which I will mention briefly.

Section 1, B, d. If it is necessary to have this section at all, what is meant by a Natural lead-end? If it means Plain Bob group then say so, otherwise let's have a proper definition. If it means the complex relationship between coursing order and lead-end that I introduced a year or two ago then there will be difficulties: Section 2 D includes no conditions for the recognition of multi-method records—often a considerably greater achievement than a long length.

Section 2, D, d. It is often not possible to arrange for interested parties to hear handbell peals, and they often cause serious distractions. An umpire should be adequate.

On the whole Section 1 is ill-considered and insufficiently digested: it should not have been published in its present form. Section 2 is quite well defined and should satisfy most people.

Watford, Herts. ROGER BALDWIN.

OBITUARY

MR. HORACE MORLEY

Mr. Horace Morley, 79-year-old captain of the Selby Abbey ringers, died at his home on April 17th.

Known to most people as Horace, he was a ringer at the Abbey for 60 years, the only interruption being Army service in the First World War. For more than 30 years he was secretary of the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association. He served his own tower faithfully and well, punctual and loyal in attendance and patiently training scores of learners.

When the Selby and District Society was formed in 1945 he accepted and retained the chairmanship until failing health compelled him to relinquish the post. Infirmity had kept him away from the tower for the past four years, but his interest never flagged. His last outing was to the Abbey for the Maundy service, to which he had been looking forward, and from a wheelchair under the tower he was able to hear his ten bells, as it turned out for the last time. He was taken ill during that night and never recovered.

The funeral service was held on April 21st and was attended by a large number of ringers. The bells were fully muffled except for the tenor which was half-muffled—an appropriate farewell for one whose heart and soul was in bells and ringing.

T. H. F.

MR. STEPHEN THOMPSON

An Appreciation

Steve Thompson, of Whickham, County Durham, was a wholly committed ringer.

A ringer at the 6-bell tower of Whickham for 65 years, his horizons were not limited to his parish church or to Minor ringing. I remember him for the great encouragement he gave me in learning methods, for arranging and conducting my first peal and for his contagious enthusiasm for ringing.

As an example of his enthusiasm, Steve (at the age of 60) earnestly learnt and revised Bristol Major over a period of three to four years in the hope, which was eventually realised, that there would be a band capable of attempting a course at one of the Newcastle Cathedral Guild's fortnightly 8-bell practices.

He put more into ringing than he took out, and in so doing was an example we can all follow. J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

MR. FRANK HORNER

An Appreciation

There are many ringers who never hit the headlines by ringing peals or writing controversial material to the "R.W.", but who instead, often under trying conditions, persevere to keep a ring of bells active. Frank Horner, of Acomb, York, was one of these.

He took charge of the six bells at Acomb, transferred from a redundant city church. In 1956 he qualified to the Yorkshire Association on the strength of "covering" to a quarter of Grandsire Triples. He never found method ringing easy, but doggedly persevered in training a band to ring a noisy six in a cramped ringing chamber. Too often York ringers transferred their attention to the Minster, leaving Frank to try and keep Acomb's six going.

I met Frank whilst at St. John's College, and for three years I regarded it as a privilege to help him to bring his ringers into the Association. Rarely a week passed without us having a wisecrack from Frank. He never gave up, and to me his shining example of sheer hard effort could well be copied by many of us. He has passed on no doubt to a higher service. May his memory remain with us. M. KING.

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION A.G.M.

DESPITE the rather wintry weather, some 70 members and friends were present when the Derby Diocesan Association held its 23rd A.G.M. at Derby on April 12th. During the afternoon ringing took place on the ten at the Cathedral until 4 p.m., when the Provost, the Very Rev. R. A. Beddoes, conducted a short service, during which he thanked the Association for its work on behalf of the Church.

After tea in St. Michael's Church House, excellently prepared as usual by the wives and friends of the Cathedral company, the business meeting commenced with the Provost in the chair, a moment's silence being observed to the memory of Mr. I. Smith (Fairfield), a ringer for over 50 years and a founder member of the Association.

In his opening remarks the Provost said that even now in his 15th year as president of the Association he continued to be encouraged by the work and activity of the members, and not the least by their recent efforts on behalf of the Cathedral appeal. He was immensely proud to be connected with them, as without doubt theirs was one of the most effective out of all the organisations attached to the Church.

MEMBERSHIP RISE

The general secretary (Mr. B P. Morris) in presenting his tenth and last report said that the Association's annual dinner, with its average attendance of well over 160, and the Horsley Cup contest, with its continually higher standard of ringing, were once again the two most outstanding events of the year. Membership of the Association continued to rise and was now 416 compared to 409 at the end of 1967, a special welcome being extended to two newly-affiliated towers, Mayfield and Longford.

Of the Districts, whilst the Chesterfield continued to flourish, the Derby and Ilkeston Districts seemed to be making a success of evening meetings in preference to the traditional Saturday ones, and the Peak District had held four meetings. With regard to the latter, Mr Morris paid special tribute to Mr. and Mrs. A. Richardson, who after many years of loyal and faithful service to that District as chairman and secretary respectively had retired from office.

It was, however, with regret that he recorded the deaths of Mr. A. Sheppard (Sandiacre) and Mr. W. Simpson (Sawley), both of whom had been regular Sunday service ringers at their respective towers for many years, Mr. Simpson having been a member of the Old Midland Counties Association.

In his report on the Association's finances the general treasurer, Mr. J. C. Woolley, was pleased to record a slight surplus of £10 over the year's working, leaving a balance in hand of £94. Despite the increase in membership, income from subscriptions was down £7, due largely to a considerable number of new members joining late in 1967, whilst as usual the annual report was mainly responsible for the increase in expenses, being £22 dearer this year. In reality, the Association's finances were only just holding their own.

In contrast, the Bell Repair Fund accounts as presented by their treasurer, Mr. J. B. Stennitt, were, thanks to the continued financial support of 84 P.C.C.s, in a much healthier condition with a balance of almost £400. This was despite grants to Darley Dale (£10) towards clapper repairs and Pinxton (£167), towards the total cost of the treble bell, which bears an inscription to that effect.

Once again the Association's Bell Repair Fund consultants had been busy during the year, the notable place being Pinxton, where the new ring of five (tenor 5 cwt.) had been augmented to eight by the addition of three trebles, this being the first case of a brand new ring of eight bells being installed in a Derbyshire church in living memory. Other requests for advice and/or technical help had been received from Whitfield (Glossop), Hartington, Ticknall and Ashover, and had or were being attended to.

HIGHEST PEAL TOTAL

Presenting his report on the year's activities the peal secretary, Mr. D. W. Friend, said that 1968 had been a record year for peals, the total of 95 being five higher than the previous highest total in 1958. Of the peals, 15 had been rung on handbells, notably including the first of Surprise "in hand" and the first of Royal "in hand" for the Association. Although 122 ringers had taken part in the peals (17 as conductor) this was 20 fewer than the previous year, which was disappointing, particularly as fewer resident members were involved (77 out of the 122).

Congratulations were, however, extended to the Sandiacre/Stanton peal band, who had progressed from 9- to 14-Spliced Surprise Minor, and also to the 11 members who rang their first peal and the two who called their first during 1968.

Following the adoption of the various reports and balance sheets, grateful thanks being extended to all concerned in their compilation, the election of officers for 1969 was held, all of whom were elected en bloc, with exception of the general secretary, Rev. Fred Ross being elected to succeed Mr. B. P. Morris in view of his leaving the area. Four nominations—Messrs. G. A. Halls, D. R. Carlisle, M. P. Phipps and Rev. R. D. St. John Smith—having been received for the three Central Council representatives, a ballot was held, as a result of which Messrs. G. A. Halls, D. R. Carlisle and Rev. R. D. St. John Smith, on a narrow vote, were elected for the 1969/71 session.

A NEW DISTRICT

After a detailed report by Mr. D. Walklate on ringing in the Longford area, a motion officially to create a new District in that area with the addition of St. Peter's, Derby, was discussed at great length. In the end it was decided to form the new District on a provisional basis for a 2-year period, at the end of which it should be clear as to whether or not it could become an official District, preferably by that time without the support of St. Peter's, Derby.

In view of what the general treasurer had said about the Association's finances only just holding their own, a proposal to raise the subscriptions to 7/6 (adults) and 5/- (juniors) proved to be far less contentious, surprisingly enough, and after a very short discussion was adopted, particularly as it would not come into effect until 1970.

£830 FOR CATHEDRAL

On a more pleasing note, the report on the progress towards the Association's target of £1,000 for the Cathedral extensions was greeted enthusiastically when it was learnt from Mr. D. Friend that, thanks largely to the recent sponsored walk which raised almost £300, the total now collected was in the region of £830.

Following the conferring of honorary life membership of the Association on Messrs. G. Rigby (Sandiacre) and F. Tarlton (Ilkeston)—two founder members of the Association—the meeting closed with a customary vote of thanks to the Provost, local company and ladies for providing the tea. Further ringing took place in the evening after the Provost, in a pleasant ceremony, had presented Mr. Morris with a Crown Derby dish with the good wishes of the Association. M. P. P.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD

New Shield Champions

The great question of the day was whether Cadoxton, the holders of the shield for the last four years, would be beaten at the 1969 competition, being held at Talgarth on April 19th.

At 2.30 p.m. on the day, with the adjudicator well tucked away in his room, the first band entered the tower and the competition was on. The senior class was taken first, and the order of ringing was as follows: Sketty "B", Cadoxton, Newton Nottage and Sketty "A" last. The trouble started when it was found that the tenor was odd-struck, and many clips followed. The supplementary class was taken immediately after, which was judged on striking only, and those listening thought this was very good.

After an excellent tea the adjudicator, Mr. Leslie Evans, gave his summing-up and the results: Sketty "B" 95 faults, Cadoxton 44, Newton Nottage 63 and Sketty "A" 37. Sketty "A" band were therefore the winners of the shield, with Cadoxton in second place.

Supplementary class: Talgarth, 12 faults, the winner of the certificate.

The Vicar of Talgarth presented the shield and certificates. Then followed a vote of thanks to those who were responsible for the arrangements made, not forgetting the ladies who provided the tea. J. A. H.

TOWER "COLLECTORS"

Dear Sir,—I heartily endorse two of the points which Mr. Mallett has made in his letter.

It has often occurred to me that a better term could be used than "tower grabber". Personally, I favour the expression "tower collector", as most young ringers (as I did, when I was young) either buy picture post cards of the churches they visit or take their own photographs, thus starting a collection.

As regards his second point, it seems to me to be unavoidable that peals rung at the latter end of a year must be published the following year, as I suppose it is inevitable that there should be a backlog of peals to be published.

As one who regularly listens to the broadcast ringing on Sundays at 7.50 a.m., and sometimes at 6.50 a.m., I have thought that the B.B.C. must have sufficient bell recordings in their archives not only to give us better material but more variety, instead of using the same four recordings over and over again.

In case some readers of "The Ringing World" do not listen to the four recordings, they are as follows: St. Clement Danes' (10), St. Cuthbert's, Edinburgh (8), St. Mary's, Hampton (8), and St. Bartholomew's, Lostwithiel (6).—Yours faithfully,

Woking. E. R. WARNER.

Letters to the Editor

CENTRAL COUNCIL — A PLEA FOR INTEGRITY

Dear Sir, — As an interested party I should like to raise some points on the recent correspondence on Central Council procedure. Firstly, it was unfortunate that Mr. Speed's letter appeared under the heading "Answers to the Guildford Guild" as it tended to give the impression that the contents were an official Council policy statement, which in fact they were not. Secondly, in two issues have appeared statements which were an indictment of the Council's present running and, unfortunately, true. In Mr. P. Gray's letter he says "It is little use pretending that most of the other votes of the Council have much meaning to anybody", and in the report of the Worcestershire and Districts Association's A.G.M. the Master infers that (in the case of the debate on Doubles methods) many members did not understand what was being talked about.

It would be nice to have the ideal situation where Associations only elected as C.C. representatives those people with the ability to understand and take part in debates on all subjects likely to come before the Council. Until such happy state is reached I would make a plea to members either to familiarise the subjects on the agenda and make a useful contribution to the meeting or abstain from voting on any matter not fully understood. It is especially important this year in view of the large amount of technical matter in the new proposals on "Decisions and Methods".

As far as the Central Council reform is concerned I hope that good debate will not be precluded by the weight of the traditionalists, but I do think that now it would be time-wasting to pursue too many individual points of reform at the meeting. The main aim of all sound-minded members should be to see that a committee is set up to examine thoroughly every aspect of the Council working. In this way we shall all be able to report to our Associations knowing that something has been done for the future well-being of the Exercise and that this year has not been just another "old boys' jamboree".—Yours sincerely,

CHRISTOPHER F. MEW.

Putney.

THE GREATER LONDON ASSOCIATION

Dear Sir,—There has been a lot of correspondence recently on the subject of peals rung for Associations by ringers who are not resident members of those Associations. It used to be regarded as a courtesy for a visiting band to ring a peal for the Association in whose territory the tower lay, but this attitude is changing and more and more Associations are stipulating that the band must contain a certain number of resident members. This problem is particularly acute in the area of Greater London where towers may lie in the territories of any one of six different Associations

The question "Who shall we ring it for?" is frequently heard before a peal attempt and just as frequently it is the subject of much argument afterwards. It is very rare to find that the whole band have membership of any one Association in common and highly improbable that they are all resident members of one Association. With this problem in mind, several of us who frequently ring peals in the London area have decided to credit them to an Association which we are calling the Greater London Association.

At present this Association has no membership fee and no officers and is solely a peal-ringing Association in the same category as, for example, the Bristol Society. Of course, peals rung for it will be recorded by the Central Council as non-Association. It is hoped that it will eventually become a territorial Association covering the Greater London area and affiliated to the C.C.

In the meantime, I would like to suggest that ringers wishing to credit their peals to the G.L.A. should abide by the following code of conduct:—

(1) The venue for the peal attempt should lie within Greater London.

(2) A donation of 1/- per person should be made to "The Ringing World" for each successful attempt.

Further, for tower bell peals—

(3) It should be ascertained, where possible, that no offence will be caused to the Association in whose territory the tower lies.

(4) A donation of at least 1/- per person should be made to the tower rope or repair fund for each peal attempt.

Yours sincerely,

TIMOTHY G. PETT.

Tufnell Park,
London, N.

GRABBING OR VISITING?

Dear Sir,—Mr. Norman Mallett suggests that "the unpalatable phrase 'tower grabbing' be discontinued in favour of 'tower visiting'." In my opinion there is a distinction between the words which might be worth keeping. Tower grabbing often implies a short visit from a touring band; tower visiting implies acquaintance with those being visited, such as can be enjoyed on a practice night, a meeting or for Sunday service ringing. Don't misunderstand me: I am an enthusiastic tower grabber and like to gain a hundred each year, but some of the highlights of my new towers have been those where I have entered as a stranger, been hospitably received by the regular ringers, and have departed with the beginnings of new friendships and a greater understanding of local circumstances.

That is the good side: against that should be set the behaviour of those to whom a new tower is everything: it does not matter how it is obtained, nor what the consequences may be. May I quote a recent example? Last Easter Monday the Ely Diocesan Association arranged for 20 towers to be open for ringing before the annual meeting. One tower had agreed to allow ringing from 1 to 2.30. At 12.30 some ringers walked in, rang the bells and departed before 12.45, without having asked or been given permission. One of the local ringers tried to find out the reason for this unexpected ringing and was told: "I've rung here now!" as the strangers walked out. These bad manners gained them one tower at which they could have rung a little while later, and created considerable ill-feeling. Were they trying to close this tower to other ringers? This could have been the result of their grabbing that tower.

Let us keep the phrase "tower grabbing": it is usually apt. There is too much double-talk already.—Yours, etc.,

J. SANDERSON.

Melbourn.

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GOSPEL OAK — Mr. KNIGHT CORRECTS

Dear Sir,—May I correct a false impression which I feel is given in your report of the Middlesex Association A.G.M.?

It was, as I emphasised, a member of the Association who suggested to me that the teaching of coloured learners at Gospel Oak might jeopardise an application for affiliation of the tower. At no time was this put to me by an officer of the Association.

However, as the reasons for refusal for affiliation given to me by the Master of the Association had been so contrary to the Association's established attitude towards certain other towers within and outside the London and Middlesex area, I could not discount this suggestion.

Your report misses the point: I had been inveigled by a senior officer of the Association into taking charge of this hitherto silent and neglected tower, and I had been promised the support of the Association. Subsequently, however, when all I asked for was the Association's recognition, goodwill and interest, in the form of affiliation, even this was denied.

The grant to Gospel Oak referred to in your report was made some years ago, and is not relevant now. Furthermore, you suggest that I still seek the Association's support. This is not so. As recorded in the "R.W." recently, regular ringing and the teaching of learners at Gospel Oak has ceased. The status quo ante has been restored.—Yours faithfully,

WALTER G. KNIGHT.

London, N.W.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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The Guild of Clerical Ringers

RINGING WEEK, APRIL 14th—18th, 1969

EVERY year at Easter time, when Nature comes alive and the Church proclaims that Jesus is alive, the Guild of Clerical Ringers also comes alive. Members assemble from far and near, friendships are resumed from yesteryear and another "Week" begins.

This year the Guild came to life in the counties of Oxfordshire and Berkshire, wtih headquarters at Charney Manor, a charming old manor, 700 years old, which once belonged to the Abbey of Abingdon and now belongs to the Society of Friends. Here we were made most welcome and comfortable, and here, too, we found good weather. Nestling alongside the Manor was the little old church of Charney Bassett, which the local incumbent kindly put at our disposal. Here, among other services, we had our annual Corporate Communion, celebrated by the president, Rev. R. D. St. John Smith.

The churches we visited contained some fine rings of bells, from which we derived much pleasure. They were also rich in brasses, which gave pleasure of another kind to the younger members of the party and kept them fully occupied while ringing was in progress (and caused one to get left behind on one occasion!). As a result of this tour we believe there ought to be enough rubbings to paper all the walls of Charing Vicarage!

Four rings of eight were on the programme for the first day, Monday, April 14th — Stratton St. Margaret, Shrivenham and Faringdon en route for Charney Bassett and Buckland in the evening. Ringing began promptly at the appointed hour of 2.30 p.m. at Stratton, where we were pleased to meet the Vicar, Rev. Royston Bryant, who is a ringer and a member of the Guild. The Vicar of Shrivenham, Rev. Julian Newman, O.B.E., gave us a royal reception and provided more than the "dish of tea" which he kindly promised.

Three more eights followed on the Tuesday morning—Bampton, Witney and Kidlington; and by the time the latter tower was reached the experts were ready to attempt 4-Spliced Surprise. All went well with this until in one lead there were two seventh's place bells. A saleroom next to the church at Witney provided a counter-attraction, but nothing, we understand, was bought.

SCENES OF HER TRIUMPHS

In the afternoon we visited Oxford on foot, ringing at Christ Church, Merton, New College and Carfax. Here we were joined by Mr. Graham Webb and Mr. Philip Walker, who made all the tower arrangements for us in Oxford and to whom we are most grateful. We were also pleased to be joined by the Rev. Hugh Benson, brother of the late Rev. Geoffrey Benson, whose presence we miss at our gatherings. Stedman Cinques and Kent Maximus were enjoyed at Christ Church, where we were pleased to note the past performances of a certain Betty Spice recorded on the peal boards of this tower. Now, as Mrs. Peter Robbins and wife of our secretary, she keeps us from erring and straying in our ringing, and we were delighted that she was able to accompany us with her family on this tour. The frightening proximity to eternity affected us as we rang at Merton, but even so we managed to bring round a course of Cambridge before finishing. Yorkshire Royal, a new method for the Guild, was attempted at New College, while at Carfax methods up to London Minor were rung. In the evening, after dinner, the heavy but pleasant Rudhall six at West Hanney were much enjoyed.

Drayton, where one of our members, Rev. Eric Wood, is Vicar, was the first tower on Wednesday, and here a peal attempt of Cambridge Major had been planned but was lost after 1¼ hours. Those not in the band rang a course of Grandsire Triples on these lovely bells before going on to the sixes at Steventon, Milton and Sutton Courtenay, where a variety of Doubles and Minor methods was rung.

Lunch at Drayton as guests of the Rev. and Mrs. E. B. Wood was the next item on the programme, but it should have been described as a banquet. Mrs. Wood had been planning it for months with all the precision of a royal banquet, and had for our delectation roast turkey and all that should go with it. Time flew, and as soon as the presidential vote of thanks had been expressed the Ringing Master for the day was announcing that the coach would be leaving for Abingdon in five minutes. Keith Poole, of the local band, was there to look after us, both at St. Helen's, where Stedman and Grandsire Caters and much-improved Yorkshire Royal were rung, and St. Nicholas', where Canon Sheppard, whom we were pleased to have with us once again, rang his first Cambridge for eight years.

Ringing on the six at Cumnor, with its exceedingly fine wooden spiral staircase, was curtailed owing to one bell being tied, but in the end everyone had a quick ring before going on to Appleton, where the Rector (Rev. Paul Tuckwell) and his wife kindly entertained us to tea. Mr. White was waiting to welcome us at this renowned tower, at which we kept to Stedman and Grandsire Caters and Plain Bob Royal (in preparation for the peal attempt). At 6 o'clock followed one of the highlights of the tour, the annual Guild Evensong, at which Canon Wigg led us in the singing of the office and our venerable and beloved "Archdeacon", Nicholas Coleridge, accompanied us on the organ. We were most grateful to the Rector for allowing us the use of his church.

A TANKARD FOR REMEMBRANCE

The annual general meeting was held after dinner. All the officers were re-elected with our thanks; the Rev. F. Ross who, with his wife and baby daughter, was with us for the first time, was elected a member along with others whom we hope to have with us on future "Weeks" and, despite all his protests, the name of Preb. J. H. B. Andrews was added with acclamation to the list of vice-presidents. Then, to our former secretary's surprise, he was presented by the president with an inscribed silver tankard from the Guild in appreciation of his 15 years' outstanding service as secretary (and organiser of the "Weeks").

Thursday morning saw us back in Oxford. Mr. Charlie Coles met us at St. Ebbe's, where London was rung, and then from this one extreme of the Church of England with its absolutely plain and unadorned Holy Table we went to St. Mary Magdalene's at the other which, like the king's daughter, was all glorious within. The pleasant eight at All Saints', where Mr. Philip Tocock met us, came next, and then the fine-toned six in the glorious 12th century Romanesque church at Iffley, where again one of the local ringers kindly met us.

Between lunch at the Prince of Wales, Iffley, and tea at the White Hart, Dorchester, came the eights at Benson and Warborough, with Wantage in the evening.

Blewbury, East Hagbourne and Brightwell-cum-Sotwell were the Friday morning towers. At East Hagbourne we were interested to notice a peal board commemorating the first peal of Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original), rung by eight priests of the Church on May 15th, 1935, two of whom—Canon Thurlow and Canon Wigg, together with the son of another, Rev. H. F. Warren, and the brother of another, Rev. H. Benson—were with us on our "Week".

THE TRIUMPHANT CONCLUSION

At Brightwell-cum-Sotwell we were intrigued by the yellow, black and yellow wasp-like sallies, which proved to be the colours of Oxford United, of which the local band are keen supporters. This was the last tower of the tour, except for those who were to make another attempt for the first clerical peal of Royal that afternoon. This year it was the turn of the president to conduct and the secretary had secured Magdalen bells for the attempt. (Being a Magdalen man himself, he obviously knew how to ask for them!)

The bells went into changes at 2.27 p.m. and a good beat was established right away. In no time a quarter had been rung and then a half. One hour 36 minutes had gone by, and then two hours and then three. The bells were nearly home. We concentrated for all we were worth. The final calls were made and the bells came into joyful rounds at 5.38, bringing another memorable "Week" to a triumphant conclusion.

We wish to thank all who contributed to its success, especially our secretary and the Rev. Eric Wood who helped him, for making all the arrangements. Now, back in our parishes, we look forward to next Eastertide when, D.V., the Guild will come to life again, probably in the land of Wales.

S. M. E.

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HALF PEALS

DEAL, KENT.—On April 19th, 2,520 Doubles (Rev. Canterbury, Grandsire, Plain Bob): P. S. Philpott 1, L. A. Huckstep 2, J. B. Keeler 3, Dawn V. A. Petts 4, H. S. W. Seward 5, W. A. Epps 6. A peal attempt called round.

PENN, STAFFS.—On April 26th, 2,528 Plain Bob Major: Miss G Griffiths 1, M. G. Williamson 2, J. A. Roden 3, B. G. Key (cond.) 4, C. Griffiths 5, C. F. W. Eyre 6, D. K. Knowles 7, H. Griffiths 8. A 50th wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. Kirkham.

FOUR QUARTERS IN A DAY
April 26th

ASHCOTT, SOM.—1,260 St. Martin's Doubles: C. Gratton 1, J. Cornelius (cond.) 2, G. Nabb 3, K. Prime 4, M. J. Stone 5, E Rice 6. First in the method by all.

SHAPWICK, SOM.—1,260 April Day Doubles: E. Rice 1, Mrs. D Crocker 2, C. Gratton 3, R. Welch 4, J. Cornelius (cond.) 5, M. J. Stone 6.

COSSINGTON, SOM.—1,260 Southrepps Pleasure Bob Doubles: E. Rice 1, Mrs. D. Crocker 2, G. Nabb 3, C. Gratton 4, J. Cornelius (cond.) 5, R. Welch 6. First in the variation by all.

PURITON, SOM.—1,320 Doubles (12 Grandsire var.): R. Welch 1, Mrs. D. Crocker 2, J. Cornelius (cond.) 3, C. Gratton 4, G. Nabb (25th quarter) 5, E. Rice 6. First in the variations by all.

BARKINGSIDE, ESSEX.—On April 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Angela Jackson 1, Susan Turcan 2, Jillian Turcan 3, Christine Morton 4, D. Gower 5, Mary Wilkinson 6, D. Elisdon (cond.) 7, D. Morton 8. First quarter 1, 8. First in method 2, 3, 5. For Easter.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.—On March 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Smith 1, J. Smith 2, Miss J Laud 3, C. W. Simpson 4, A. Luxford 5, L. North 6, T. Norris (cond.) 7, D. Murphy 8. A compliment to 8th ringer on birth of a son on March 10th.

CALVERTON, NOTTS.—On March 22nd, 1,272 Minimus (three methods): R. Blackshaw 1, P. J. Clifton 2, W. G. Marsh 3, M. W. Harrison 4. Rung for the wedding of Glynda Wyrill and Clive Wagstaff.

CASTOR, PETERBOROUGH.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Minor (St. Clement's, Plain): Miss M. Hill 1, C. Banks 2, K. Oliver 3, J. Cooper 4, G. F. Oliver 5, F. E. Sismey (cond.) 6. For evening service.

CHALFONT ST. PETER, BUCKS.—On April 6th, 1,320 changes: Judith Warrington (first quarter) 1, Mrs. E. G. Swift 2, E. G. Swift 3, R. Mitchell 4, S. Lilly (cond.) 5, P. Wotton 6. For Evensong, and as a 21st birthday compliment to the conductor.

CHARING, KENT.—On Easter Day, 1,296 Northumberland Surprise Minor: Diana M. Bradford 1, Mrs. Betty Robbins 2, Rev. P. T. Robbins 3, R. N. Bagshaw 4, P. M. Bradford 5, P. J. Bagshaw (cond.) 6. First in the method by all

CHESHUNT, HERTS.—On April 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Carol A. Frank 1, Caroline R. F. Cole 2, M. B. Jefferyes 3, J. Burberry 4, A. J. Blade (cond.) 5, R. J. Hart (first quarter) 6.

CLAPHAM PARK.—On April 4th, 1,264 Pl. Bob Major: Miss C. Madge 1, Miss M. Robinson 2, A. E. Bagworth 3, Miss A. Horsford 4, M. J. Hiller 5, N. Thomson (cond.) 6, B. Stone 7, R. Cooles 8. For A.M.D.G.

GNOSALL, STAFFS.—On April 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. R. Wiggin 1, Sheila R. Moulton 2, Valerie M. Keay 3, G. S. Keay (cond.) 4, R. Greenaway 5, J. W. Dyke 6. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. D. Mann, his wife and family.

HARBURY, WARKS.—On April 20th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: R. M. Andrews 1, V. Jane Hill 2, Alison M. Hill 3, H. M. Windsor 4, C. E. Lawton 5, R. A. Sheasby (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. W. J. Kitchener, churchwarden, died April 11th.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On March 29th, 1,320 Doubles (six methods): J. M. Marsh 1, W. G. Marsh 2, P. J. Clifton (cond.) 3, R. Blackshaw 4, M. W. Harrison 5. A birthday compliment to W. G. Marsh.

KENNINGHALL, NORFOLK.—On March 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: A. Foreman 1, J. Moule 2, F. Sutton 3, O. Claxton 4, C. Catchpole 5, F. Arnold 6 H. Fuller (cond.) 7, S. Holdman 8. To welcome the Bishop of Thetford to Evensong.

KISLINGBURY, NORTHANTS.—On April 16th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): C. G. Chiplin (first attempt) 1, P. J. Verity 2, D. J. Edmonds 3, P. W. West 4, D. Robinson (cond.) 5.

QUARTER PEALS

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On April 13th, 1,280 Treble Bob (Worcester var.): P. Sippitt 1, S. Penfold 2, Joan M. Peacock 3, F. G. Richardson 4, J. Fowler 5, J. W. Stephenson 6, C. E. Wright 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8. For Matins.

ILKLEY, YORKS.—On April 17th, 1,264 Pl. Bob Major: W. Pallister (first Major) 1, I. Cox (first "inside") 2, Susan M. Rhodes 3, A. Stott 4, R. Crabtree 5, G. Featherstone 6, M. Hillary 7, D. Featherstone (cond.) 8.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.—At St. Margaret's Church, on April 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: P. Gagen 1, W. W. Cousins 2, Sheiagh R. Collins (cond.) 3, R. Newson 4, R. Harrop 5, D. Gagen 6, O. Claxton 7, L. W. Houghton 8, C. Cousins 9, N. V. Harding 10. Rung to celebrate the birthday of H.M. Queen Elizabeth 11.

LEIGH, LANCS.—On April 20th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, April Day, Plain Bob): E. Langley 1, J. Ashcroft (cond.) 2, J. P. Leigh (first "inside") 3, I. Eggleton 4, D. M. Taylor 5, Louise Ratcliffe (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

LIVERPOOL.—On April 19th, at 23, Cumberland Avenue, 1,344 Pl. Bob Major: Dianne Hatfield 1-2, Celia D'Aeth 3-4, R. L. Hatfield (first "in hand" of Major as cond.) 5-6, H. Snape 7-8. First "in hand" by all except cond. Rung for Dianne Hatfield's birthday.

MANCHESTER.—At the Cathedral, on March 23rd, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: D. G. Manby 1, Mrs. M. A. Tonge 2, Miss V. R. Humphrys 3, Miss M. Walshaw 4, P. W. Cave 5, R. F. Eccles 6, P. G. Bellamy-Knights 7, A. Ward (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to George Pye, who died on March 18th, and to Mrs. Cave, who died on March 14th. Also on March 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss M. Walshaw 1, Mrs. M. A. Tonge 2, P. W. Cave (cond.) 3, A. E. Reeves 4, R. F. Eccles 5, P. G. Bellamy-Knights 6, A. Ward 7, D. G. Manby 8. A tribute to the life of George Pye and the Very Rev. H. A. Jones, B.Sc., Dean of Manchester (1954-1963).

MARKSBURY, SOM.—On April 18th, 1,320 Doubles (three methods): P. Blacker 1, R. Perry 2, Miss K. Whitticket 3, A. J. Coombs 4, P. J. Devrell 5, N. J. Osmond 6.

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ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At the Cathedral, on Jan. 26th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Helen Dodds 1, Elizabeth Barber 2, R. F. Ewer 3, Mrs. K. S. Hardy 4, A. R. Carter 5, G. Dodds 6, R. E. Hardy 7, G. Penney (cond.) 8. For Evensong. Also on Feb. 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. Penney (cond.) 1, Christine Leslie (first of Stedman) 2, A. W. R. Wilby 3, Mrs. K. S. Hardy 4, A. R. Carter 5, R. E. Hardy 6, M. D. Frost 7, G. Ridgeway 8. For Evensong. Also on April 6th, 1,280 Spliced Surprise Major (6 methods): Helen Dodds 1, Elizabeth Barber 2, G. Dodds 3, Mrs. K. S. Hardy 4, A. R. Carter 5, R. E. Hardy 6, M. D. Frost 7, G. Penney (cond.) 8. Rung by the Sunday service band for Easter Day.

ST. CRANTOCK, CORNWALL.—On April 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. A. B. Weston 1, D. Docking 2, J. Roberts 3, C. Stephens 4, A. H. Eplett (cond.) 5, E. Veall 6. A birthday compliment to the ringers of 2 and 4.

SARRATT, HERTS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Wilson (first quarter) 1, G. Goodman (first "inside") 2, P. Tomlinson 3, D. J. Wilson (cond.) 4, D. J. Goodman 5. Western District quarter peal

SAWLEY, DERBYS.—On March 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. Sheila Marshall 1, Mrs. Leah Hopkin 2, F. Ward (first on eight bells) 3, Mrs. Cynthia Charter 4, W. Barwell 5, J. Harvey 6, A. Humphrey (cond.) 7, R. Newsum 8. Also on April 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. Nita Marshall 1, Mrs. Sheila Marshall 2, Frederick Ward (first Major) 3, Mrs. Cynthia Charter 4, W. Barwell 5, J. Harvey 6, D. Marshall (cond.) 7, A. Humphrey 8. Rung as a farewell to Rev. and Mrs. J. Hurst on their last Sunday at Sawley before taking up an appointment in Lea, Holloway and Dethick.

SOUTHAMPTON.—On April 20th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. S. Croft (first quarter) 1-2, K. S. B. Croft 3-4, W. S. Croft (cond.) 5-6.

STANWICK, NORTHANTS.—On April 16th, 1,260 Minor (St. Clement's, Plain): Miss E. M. Hall 1, Miss J. Green (first "inside") 2, Miss G. Green (first in two methods) 3, Mrs. F. E. Crosier 4, Miss V. A. Hall 5, F. E. Crosier (cond.) 6.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—On April 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Rosemary Wilson (first quarter) 1, Katharine Burchnall 2, Grace Burchnall (cond.) 3, N. Moxon 4, H. Hawcroft 5, A. Wilson 6. For Evensong.

WESTON FAVELL, NORTHAMPTON.—On April 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. G. Chiplin 1, C. J Smith (first "inside") 2, D. J. Edmonds 3, P. W. West 4, D. Robinson (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Annie Grace Shaw.

WHITSTABLE, KENT.—On Easter Day, 1,440 Bob Minor: Miss C. Amos (first quarter) 1, W. E. Grey 2, Miss D. Austin 3, Miss C. A. Steed 4, Miss H. Palmer 5, D. L. Cawley (cond.) 6. For Parish Communion.

WIMBLEDON, S.W.—On April 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Budd 1, Deborah Bishop 2, W. J. Cooper Bailey 3, M. Burn 4, A. E. Bagworth 5, A. S. Bishop (cond.) 6.

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON.—On Feb. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Elizabeth West 1, Linda V. Cull 2, F. W. Williams 3, D. A. Wills 4, H. L. Crisp 5, G. T. West 6, F. D. Mack (cond.) 7, A. E. Knight 8. For Evensong and dedication of Sanctus Bell. Also on Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. L. Crisp 1, C. Barr (first "inside") 2, Linda V. Cull 3, D. A. Wills 4, F. W. Williams 5, M. S. Turner 6, F. D. Mack (cond.) 7, A. E. Knight 8. For Evensong. Also on March 16th, 1,260 Doubles (3 methods): D. A. Wills 1, C. Barr 2, F. W. Williams 3, H. L. Crisp 4, F. D. Mack (cond.) 5, A. E. Knight 6. For Evensong. Also on March 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Cain (first quarter) 1, H. L. Crisp 2, C. Barr 3, G. T. West 4, Linda V. Cull 5, F. D. Mack (cond.) 6, W. J. Harvey 7, A. E. Knight 8. For Confirmation Service. Also on March 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: N. D. Shepherd 1, F. W. Williams 2, H. L. Crisp 3, C. Barr (first in method "inside") 4, R. L. Horder 5, F. D. Mack (cond.) 6, D. A. Wills 7, A. E. Knight 8. For Evensong.

WYKE REGIS, DORSET.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (1 and 2 leading): N. Stedman 1, R. Gill 2, Mrs. C. Harris 3, Miss V. Howell 4, G. Abbott 5, R. J. Symonds 6, J. Rose 7, M. Harris 8.

ZENNOR, CORNWALL.—On April 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Elaine Wycherley (first quarter) 1, Christine Worth 2, Diane Carter 3, M. Wycherley 4, J. J George (cond.) 5, W. R. Curtis 6. For Evensong.

GIRLS WIN STRIKING CONTEST

The Rochester District's striking competition for the silver bowl presented by Mr. E. J. Beer was held at Milton-next-Gravesend on April 19th. The winners were the Minster band with 17 faults, composed of one male, the rest being girls under 16 years of age. Other placings were Halling 19 faults, Rainham and Milton-next-Gravesend 40 each, followed by Tunstall, Rochester and Northfleet. The winners' commendable effort augurs well for North Kent ringing in the future. Judges were Messrs. F. J. Cullum and H. E. Audsley.

At the meeting, with the Rev. Stanley M. Evans in the chair, members expressed concern about the high cost of the annual report but small grants from the Belfry Repair Fund. A motion was passed asking the general committee to consider an alternative way of producing the report more cheaply, the money saved to be used to increase grants from the Belfry Repair Fund.

CHESTERFIELD DISTRICT'S STRIKING CONTEST

The Chesterfield District's seventh annual striking competition at Old Brampton coincided with another contest at Wembley. When not ringing the six teams were able to follow the rival excitement.

After tea Mr. H. T. Rooke, one of the adjudicators, gave the placings as follows: Old Whittington (London Scholars' T.B.) 1, Bolsover (Cambridge S.) 2, Chesterfield (Bob Doubles) 3, Dronfield (Grandsire Doubles, plain course) 4, Under 17 team (Bob Minor) 5, North Wingfield (Little Bob Minor) 6. No team is allowed to hold the shield longer than two years in succession, and Old Whittington had to be satisfied with Mr. Rooke's congratulations on excellent ringing. Handing the shield to Bolsover, he said they had tried so hard they almost won it outright.

Primate Dedicates Newchurch Bells

ONE of the great occasions in Kent came to fruition on May 4th when, in the presence of nearly 300 people, the Archbishop of Canterbury (Most Rev. Michael Ramsey), president of the Kent County Association, rededicated the old ring of five bells and dedicated the new treble bell from St. Margaret's, Canterbury, together with a handsome plaque recording the restoration and the memorial to the late John Willis. It was the first dedication of bells by His Grace since becoming Primate of All England in 1961. It was appropriate, when Group Ministry is becoming more and more the means of effective ministry in rural areas, that on this Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Newchurch, a great building in Kent's first Group Ministry, the Romney Marsh Group, this singular honour should be bestowed.

The service was conducted by the Rector of the Group, Rev. Nigel O'Connor, T.D., assisted by his curates, Revs. J. E. Murrell and J. D. Slyfield, T.D. The Archbishop was escorted to the chancel by the wardens of Newchurch, one of whom, Mr. Bill Beeching, the tower captain, has been responsible for the handling of the restoration, and to whose enthusiasm, together with the encouragement of the Rector, the scheme has come about. Also in the congregation were Messrs. Alan Berry, general secretary, K.C.A., E. A. Barnett, county chairman, W. A. Hughes and Harry Parkes, of the Whitechapel Foundry, who have restored the bells.

From the ground floor ringing room the Primate solemnly rededicated and set apart the bells and, handing the rope of the tenor bell to the Rector, charged him to see that they be only and ever used in the service of God; he then offered his Association's Ringers' Prayer on behalf of all those present.

For his text Dr. Ramsey took Psalm 95, verse 6, "O come, let us worship and fall down, and kneel before the Lord our Maker." This night was a happy one for Newchurch, and it was doubly happy for not only were all the parishes of the Marsh coming together as a family in one place but also the ancient bells had received a modern companion in the form of the treble cast from the metal of a bell from St. Margaret's in Canterbury, again showing the unity of the household.

His Grace pursued the familiar theme of the bells **calling** to worship, but asked the question, of what did worship consist? And the meaning was quite simple, for it was the giving of worth where worth is due. The bells reminded us that we are summoned to giving worth to Him who alone is worthy to receive worship in its most complete and perfect form: because He is our Maker; He is our Saviour, whose love, equally offered to all men, is seen in perfection on the Cross; He is our Judge, to Whom alone we are at the last accountable; and He is perfect—in Him, says St. John, there is no darkness at all, for God is light.

The service concluded with the singing of the Ringers' Hymn, a short Litany, and His Grace pronounced the blessing. After such a moving service it was fitting and proper that the bells should be rung, and some very good ringing was achieved on this lovely ring so splendidly restored by the Whitechapel Foundry. The good folk of Newchurch had provided splendid refreshments and an enjoyable social evening was had by all, the Archbishop and Mrs. Ramsey obviously enthralled by the ringing and joining in conversation with many of the locals and visitors. D. L. C.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.—On March 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. C. Stuart (first Triples) 1, R. M. Thompson 2, Lynn Seton 3, T. V. Barnard 4, R. T. Thompson 5, G. K. Terris (first as cond.) 6, M. Hitchcock 7, G. O. Terris 8. Rung half muffled in memory of General Eisenhower.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. R. F. Diserens has accepted an appointment at Kumasi, Ghana. The good wishes of many ringing friends accompany him.

The first peal of 10-Spliced Surprise Major was rung for the Guildford Guild by a resident band on Sunday, May 4th, at Hawkley, Hants, conducted by Michael J. Church.

The band which rang a peal of Cambridge S. Maximus at Chelmsford Cathedral on April 19th send compliments to Sue and Philip Rothera on the birth of a son, Brian John, on the Sunday previous to the peal attempt.

Credit must be given to 17-year-old Christine Molendo, of Waltham, near Grimsby. After only five months' ringing Christine scored her first peal at first attempt on April 19th. The peal, Bob Minor, was on the bells where Christine first handled a bell, All Saints' Church, Waltham.

CORRECTION

In the peal of Grandsire Doubles at Butcombe, Somerset, on December 4th, J. Coombs rang 2 and B. Dodd 3, and not as submitted.

Mr. N. Summerhayes, of the Surrey Association, is on a business trip to America.

At the A.G.M. of St. George's Cathedral, Perth, Tony Mann was elected tower captain and Jim Carter secretary/treasurer.

The Society of Arboretum Scholars, Nottingham, held their annual outing on Friday, April 18th, which was enjoyed by all, reports the secretary, A. Richard C. Harris.

Mr. David Rothera is leaving Finchley for Chelmsford. A farewell peal of Real Double Glasgow Surprise Major was rung at Bushey on May 1st.

Miss Christine Morgan has been elected Gosfield (Essex) Fête Queen. Comments the first edition of the Newsletter of the Northern District, Essex Association: "A long way from 'Miss World', but a start nevertheless."

Recently we mentioned the provision of bells at Wormhill. A peal has now been rung there (April 19th) and it is claimed that it is rung on the lightest six in a church (tenor 1 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.).

Eleven of the ringers in the peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Woolos' Cathedral, Newport, are residents in the diocese. The peal was a birthday compliment to a local ringer, Gill Colleypriest, and was the 25th together by Charles P. Quartley and Nicholas W. H. Simon.

A group of Turramurra, N.S.W., ringers and the Goodyer family are hoping to spend a week-end in the May school holidays at Maitland. Time will be divided between ringing and collecting fossils.

John R. Mayne called a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus at Exeter Cathedral on May 3rd while ringing the tenor with Robert C. Kippin.

A quarter peal was rung at Downe, Kent, as a welcome home to Robin Knox-Johnson, the son of one of the churchwardens, after his trip round the world in "Suhaili".

Conducted by Mr. David Forder, a peal of Yorkshire Society Royal was rung for the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths at St. Michael's, Southampton, on May 3rd.

Mr. J. L. Millhouse is the new hon. secretary and treasurer of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild. At the A.G.M. on April 26th the membership subscription was raised to 10/-.

At Leigh, Worcestershire, on April 11th, there was a lucky first attempt at a peal for Fred Stallard (aged 15). Halfway through the last 720 the ringer of the fifth suddenly found he had his hands full to keep the bell going. He struggled on to success and found afterwards that one of the gudgeon pins had broken.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

FIFTIETH PEAL AT CARBIS BAY

The 50th peal to be rung at St. Anta and All Saints', Carbis Bay, was scored on April 9th and was notable in several ways, the bells being the newest complete ring in the diocese of Truro. Three peals were lost in March — Grandsire Triples, Plain Bob Caters and Stedman Triples — and then a band was got together representative of the Penzance Branch of the Truro Diocesan Guild which brought round the first 8-bell peal ever by members of the Branch in the 72nd year of the Guild's history.

It was the first peal attempt for John Copping, the tower secretary, who the previous Wednesday had covered 50 miles on a sponsored walk, by which he raised £15 for "Shelter"; by wearing his walking shoes he certainly brought good luck to the attempt!

It was also the first peal attempt for Michael Smaldon, secretary of the Phillack band but now living in Carbis Bay, and being a first-rate call-change ringer he rang the tenor with precision. For Tony Smith, who has already done much in the realm of Doubles and Minor, it was his first 8-bell peal. Further, Harry Miles had celebrated his 85th birthday the day before, so this could not be forgotten and made the achievement even more outstanding and memorable.

ST. MARY'S, FINCHLEY

Mr. Len Tubb, secretary of the Finchley band of ringers, will shortly be leaving the district and thereby breaking a long family connection with the church. He has been a member of the band for nearly 50 years and secretary since 1950. Both his father and grandfather (and an uncle) were also ringers at St. Mary's, so for over a hundred years there has been a member of the Tubb family in the band.

On April 12th, after ringing for the wedding of Miss Robotham, sister of a local ringer, members of the local band, with friends from Hendon, Monken Hadley, Hampstead, Highgate and Gospel Oak, rang a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples as a token of appreciation to Len and his wife, Julie, for their help and friendliness over many years and with best wishes for a happy future in their new home.

The band was: T. Bevan 1, A. W. J. Butler (cond.) 2, Wendy Ferguson 3, I. Campbell 4, P. G. Foote 5, C. W. Ward 6, L. E. Tubb 7, A. Richardson 8.

LISTENERS CALLED IN

A peal of Stedman Cinques was planned for St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, on April 12th. Just before the start an A.A. patrolman arrived and stated that the transport of Jeff Brennan and Ian Holland had broken down. In the churchyard were George and Norah Randles from North Wales and formerly of Lincoln, who had come to listen to the attempt. They took the places of the absentees and the peal was completed before 7 p.m. Evensong in 3 hours and 22 minutes.

NEW GUILD MASTERS

HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE
The Suffolk Guild

The successor to Mr. G. W. Pipe as Master of the Suffolk Guild is 33-year-old Mr. Howard W. Egglestone, of 58, York Crescent, Claydon, Ipswich.

Taught to ring at Boreham, Essex, in 1950, Howard rang his first peal (Bob Major) at Boreham in February, 1952, conducted by his tutor, Mr. A. H. (Sam) Everitt. In 1962 he moved to Henley where there was a silent tower. He, with the help of his wife (née Margaret Panton), started to teach a new band, and to their delight the first peal on the bells by a local band (Bob Major) was rung in 1965.

Howard has taken an active part in Guild affairs, having been Ringing Master of the South East District since 1961, and serves on the Central Council as a Guild representative. He has rung just under 400 peals (conducted 122) and these have included peals on all numbers of bells, with a predominance of multi-Minor. So far he has conducted peals in 60 Surprise Minor methods and one in 148 Minor methods.

His greatest interest in ringing is probably the furthering of the art by teaching and encouraging young ringers. But he is also keen on tune ringing on handbells and is a member of the Handbell Ringers of Great Britain. Since 1961 he has been a member of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.

"GREAT TOM", OF LINCOLN

Dear Sir,—With reference to the article on Lincoln Cathedral bells ("R.W." 3027, page 318), are we led to believe that "Great Tom" is sounded by the method commonly called "clocking"?—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE A. DAWSON.

Hull.

WHEN THE PARISH PROVIDED THE BEER

The St. Albans District meeting was held at South Mymms on April 19th, the six bells being kept going during the afternoon and evening to methods ranging from Plain Bob to Spliced Surprise. During the service the Vicar (Rev. Mr. Springford) gave a short history of the bells and spoke of the "ringing beer" which used to be provided by the parish.

A good tea in the school hall was followed by the business meeting, for which Mr. M. D. Frost took the chair. Andrew Wilby outlined the plan for the District coach outing on September 27th, and it was decided to limit the cost to 30/-, which would include a boat trip on the Thames. Mrs. Coburn thanked the District on behalf of Harpenden P.C.C. for the donation of £50 towards the restoration of their bells.

The meeting heard with regret of the recent death of Reg Goldsney, of Great Gaddesden.

Next meeting, May 17th, Kimpton.

K. S. H.

MEMORIAL CLOCK TO ALFRED G. HILL

Ringers from 11 towers in the Lewisham District were present in the ringing chamber of Christ Church, Erith, to witness the dedication of the clock placed there in memory of Alfred G. Hill. The service which followed was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. G. S. Tyers, who in his address said that Christ Church was the first of his parishes to have more than one bell. Bell-ringers, however, were not entirely unknown to him as at one time the Rev. Peter Bond was one of his curates and had constantly astonished him with his enthusiasm and phenomenal memory in bellringing matters.

After an excellent tea, prepared by the wives and friends of the local band, there was a short business meeting, at which Mr. E. A. Barnett presided. During the meeting the form of investment for the A. G. Hill Memorial Fund was agreed, arrangements for a forthcoming ringing school were amended and four new members were elected. The youngest of these was Caroline Down, aged 9, of Christ Church, Erith.

P. M. F.

WATCH YOUR PARKING

Ringers attempting peals at Saffron Walden can learn something from the misfortunes of others. A peal attempt was halted on April 26th on the instructions of the Vicar, not because the ringing would have disturbed the wedding about to take place in the church below but because the ringers' cars were obstructing the path to be followed by the vehicles bringing the bridal party and guests to the church door. The disappointed band included ringers from Cambridge, Chelmsford, London, Norwich, Reading and South Wales, and over two-thirds of the peal had been completed before the attempt was stopped.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
BATHEASTON, Som.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., April 12, 1969, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 MALDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in F.

Richard J. Bowden	Treble	Walter S. Rice	5
David G. Massey	2	Roy W. Rice	6
*Robin L. Coles	3	Peter J. England	7
Peter J. W. Hardwick	4	David J. Orledge	Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Peter J. England.
* First peal of Surprise Major. First in the method on the bells, for the Association and by all the band.

LEIGH-ON-MENDIP, Som.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Sat., April 12, 1969, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in F sharp.

Roy W. Rice	Treble	‡David C. Hawkins	4
*Peter J. England	2	Walter S. Rice	5
†Peter J. W. Hardwick	3	David G. Massey	Tenor

Conducted by David G. Massey.
* Completing the Cambridge family. † First of Cambridge. ‡ First of Surprise. First of Surprise Minor and of Cambridge as conductor. Fastest peal on the bells.

MARSTON BIGOTT, Som.—At the Church of St. Leonard.
On Mon., April 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR
In three methods, being seven different extents of Beverley, Cambridge and Surfleet, with 132 changes of method.
Tenor 8 cwt. in B flat.

David G. Massey	Treble	*Kay Whittaker	4
Julian E. Newman	2	Peter J. W. Hardwick	5
*Shirley A. Cox	3	George W. Massey	Tenor

Conducted by George W. Massey.
* First peal of Minor in more than one method.
Rung as a birthday tribute to Her Majesty the Queen.

ASHWICK, Som.—At the Church of St. James.
On Tues., April 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt.

George W. Massey	Treble	*Walter S. Rice	4
*Roy W. Rice	2	*David J. Orledge	5
*Peter J. W. Hardwick	3	David G. Massey	Tenor

Conducted by David G. Massey.
* First peal of London Minor. Fastest peal on the bells.
Rung in honour of St. George the Martyr, Patron Saint of England.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
BOWDON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., April 19, 1969, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

*Catherine H. Kay	Treble	*Frederick Baines (15)	5
Michael Thomson	2	David Hogg	6
Peter Alcock	3	Alan J. Brown	7
Derek Cormell	4	John O. Freeman	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Alan J. Brown.
* First peal. Tenor 18 cwt. 8 lb.
Rung with best wishes to the Rev. and Mrs. John Heywood, married this day at St. Margaret's, Dunham Massey.

WISTASTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., April 12, 1969, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Rev. Canterbury Pleasure and two of Plain Bob.

Geoffrey A. Edwards	Treble	*Roland W. Morant	4
Frank R. Morton	2	Edward V. Rodenhurst	5
John Moore	3	John R. Scott	Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb. in B.
* 150th peal. 175th as conductor. The treble ringer has now "circled the tower" to peals three times, the tenor ringer twice.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
SOUTHAM, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Wed., April 9, 1969, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's 12-part. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in F.

Christopher J. Baker	Treble	Paul S. Reading	5
Hugh J. Baker	2	Anthony J. Cox	6
Terence G. Hill	3	Peter C. Randall	7
John F. Thorne	4	Michael Hill	Tenor

Conducted by Peter C. Randall.

ARLEY, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.
On Sat., April 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being extents of Beverley Surprise, Surfleet Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 12 lb. in A flat.

Anthony D. Jones	Treble	John F. Thorne	4
Peter C. Randall	2	Brian R. Danby	5
David P. Crawley	3	Maurice C. Hughes	Tenor

Conducted by Peter C. Randall.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
BASLOW, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Anne.
On Tues., April 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In three methods, being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in A sharp.

Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith Treble		Jacqueline M. Quickfall	4
Susan E. Davis	2	Geoffrey Bridges	5
*Andrew R Queen	3	Timothy Wylie	Tenor

Conducted by Timothy Wylie.
* First peal.

EYAM, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.
On Tues., April 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (10 callings). Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. in A.

John A. Timons	Treble	Graham A. Newman	4
Susan E. Davis	2	Timothy Wylie	5
Andrew R. Queen	3	Reuben E. Rastall	Tenor

Conducted by Timothy Wylie.
First peal of Doubles by all

WORMHILL, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Sat., April 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 1 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in C.

Graham A. Newman	Treble	Herbert E. Taylor	4
Robert M. Chambers	2	Susan E. Davis	5
Linda D. Shaw	3	Timothy Wylie	Tenor

Conducted by Timothy Wylie.
Rung on the lightest six in a church.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
HEMYOCK, Devon.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., April 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In two methods, being 8 extents Plain Bob, 14 Grandsire and 10 240's. Tenor 21 cwt.

*Richard J. Bartlett	Treble	W. Donald Salter	4
Christopher G. Barnes	2	W. Ronald Trickey	5
Reginald E. Colman	3	Albert W. Knight	Tenor

Conducted by W. Ronald Trickey.
* First peal.
Rung as a 45th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. Trickey, the conductor's parents.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
BARNARD CASTLE, Co. Durham.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., March 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. in E.

Ann Lawson	Treble	*Stephen C. Wells	5
James Crowther	2	†George S. Deas	6
Enid Lawson	3	†Michael Maughan	7
*Malcolm E. Johnson	4	Eric N. Harrison	Tenor

Composed by H. G. Cashmore. Conducted by Michael Maughan.
* First peal in the method. † 100th peal together.

BISHOP AUCKLAND, Co. Durham.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., March 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in G.

Stephen C. Wells	Treble	John H. Taylor	5
Christine H. Telfer	2	Roland Park	6
*Phillip Park	3	James Crowther	7
Malcolm E. Johnson	4	Michael Maughan	Tenor

Composed by M. S. Bruce. Conducted by Michael Maughan.
* First peal of Surprise Major.

WHICKHAM, Co. Durham.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Fri., March 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being two 2,160's and one 720. Tenor 6½ cwt. in B.

*John Yeates	Treble	C. Duncan Davis	4
James Crowther	2	William Davidson	5
Michael Poppleston	3	Michael Maughan	Tenor

Conducted by Michael Maughan.
* First peal.
Rung half-muffled by the local band in memory of Stephen Thompson, a ringer at this church for 65 years.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
TRUMPINGTON, Cambs.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Michael.
On Tues., March 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In six methods, comprising 960 London, 928 Watford, 896 Bristol and 832 each of Cambridge, Pudsey and Superlative, with 127 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr 22 lb. in G.

Allen F. Twyman	Treble	John G. Gipson	5
Donald F. Murfet	2	Brian D. Threlfall	6
Derek E. Sibson	3	Christopher M. P. Johnson	7
Alan F. Scholfield	4	Kenneth J. Hesketh	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

CHELMSFORD, Essex.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Peter and Cedd.
On Sat., April 19, 1969, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 34 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in C.

David P. Hilling	Treble	Joe E. G. Roast	7
Edward P. Duffield	2	Peter G. Brown	8
*Yvonne A. Murray	3	Howard W. Egglestone	9
Josephine A. Quilter	4	Alan J. Frost	10
Peter J. Eves	5	James L. Towler	11
Andrew N. Stubbs	6	Michael P. Moreton	Tenor

Composed by A. S. Hudson. Conducted by David P. Hilling.
* First peal on 12 bells.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

GUILDFORD, Surrey.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Fri., March 28, 1969, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5182 GUILDFORD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

James M. Hills	Treble	Stanley G. Ponting	5
Michael J. Church	2	Tom Page	6
Edgar R. Rapley	3	Derek E. Sibson	7
David D. Smith	4	George Francis	Tenor

Composed by Dennis Knox. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
First peal in the method by all the band.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HEREFORD, Herefordshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Mon., April 7, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17¾ cwt.

Robert A. Hatcher	Treble	William P. Nash	5
Frederick R. Harris	2	Norman R. Mattingley	6
Peter L. Hughes	3	Marcus C. W. Sherwood	7
Thomas B. Wood	4	Austin T. Wingate	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Marcus C. W. Sherwood.
First peal in the method by all except the conductor.
Rung for the Festival of Easter.

COLWALL, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sat., April 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

Patrick G. Hickey	Treble	Thomas E. Wood	5
John F. I. Turney	2	S. Barnaby Bell	6
*Ernest Price	3	Adrian G. Semken	7
Peter L. Hughes	4	Marcus C. W. Sherwood	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Marcus C. W. Sherwood.
* First peal for 35 years.

CLIFFORD, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Tues., April 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In four methods: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Oxford T.B., (3 and 4) Kent T.B., (5, 6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr.

Peter L. Hughes	Treble	John F. I. Turney	4
Leslie Evans	2	Marcus C. W. Sherwood	5
Austin T. Wingate	3	Norman R. Mattingley	Tenor

Conducted by Marcus C. W. Sherwood.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

APSLEY END, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., April 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In 16 methods, being one extent each of: (1) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose and Bourne, (2) Lightfoot and Wearmouth, (3) London and Wells, (4) York and Durham, (5) Beverley and Surfleet, (6) Netherseale, (7) Norwich. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

Charles A. Farrow	Treble	Augustine V. Good	4
C. Valerie Mills	2	Keith Sheppard	5
Reginald E. J. Sheppard	3	Francis M. Byrne	Tenor

Conducted by Francis M. Byrne.
First peal of Surprise as conductor.
Rung with thanksgiving for Walter Ayre's improved health and to commemorate his election to the office of president of the Hertford County Association.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BIRCHINGTON, Quex Park, Kent.—At The Waterloo Tower.
On Sat., April 5, 1969, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. in F.

Trevor A. Cross	Treble	Simon A. B. Wigg	7
Peter J. Staniforth	2	Peter S. Muchlinski	8
D. Paul Smith	3	Martin L. Howe	9
Bernard F. L. Groves	4	Colin A. Tester	10
Frank J. Matthews	5	Richard Hayes	11
Michael H. O'Callaghan	6	Andrew J. Corby	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
First peal in the method by all the band except the ringers of 2 and 4, on the bells and for the Association.

LYDD, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., April 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In eight methods, comprising 736 Superlative, 704 each London and Rutland, 608 each Cambridge, Lincolnshire and Pudsey, 576 Bristol and 544 Yorkshire, with 120 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.

Doris E. Colgate	Treble	†Philip J. Simmonds	5
*Ann Jenner	2	Thomas Cullingworth	6
Ralph Bird	3	Tony Lewis	7
†Simon A. B. Wigg	4	*Stanley Jenner	Tenor

Composed by Noel J. Diserens. Conducted by Stanley Jenner.
* 250th peal together. † First of eight-spliced.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SALFORD, Lancashire.—At the Church of the Sacred Trinity.
On Tues., April 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 GAINSBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR
27-course block reduced. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr.

*Keith P. Tompsett	Treble	*Michael J. Platt	5
*Wyn Pugh	2	*David W. Howarth	6
*Peter J. Malloch	3	*Richard S. Starkie	7
*Michael H. Tompsett	4	J. Barry Pickup	Tenor

Conducted by J. Barry Pickup.
* First peal in the method.

NEWHEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.
On Sun. March 31, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 4 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in G sharp.

Kathryn Lawson	Treble	Janet Lawson	4
Nora Lawson	2	B. Michael Boardman	5
Robert Lawson	3	Michael Fishwick	Tenor

Conducted by Michael Fishwick.
Rung by members of the Sunday service band on the first anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

BLACKBURN, Lancashire.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Mary.
On Sun., April 13, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being four extents of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob, rung on the front six. Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in D.

*Susan E. Hill	Treble	Ian Smith	4
Bryan D. Hill	2	Philip S. Woods	5
*Geoffrey J. Haworth	3	John T. Parsons	Tenor

Conducted by John T. Parsons.
* First peal of Treble Bob.
Rung half-muffled in memory of Thomas L. Duerden, organist and choirmaster at the Cathedral for 25 years, and Organist Emeritus until his death in March.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Thurs., March 27, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

David F. Moore	Treble	Joseph W. Cotton	6
W. Ernest Rawson	2	R. Brian Mills	7
Martin Green	3	Arthur E. Rowley	8
John M. Jelley	4	G. Ronald Edwards	9
Monica M. Jelley	5	Christine L. Mills	Tenor

Composed by Frank E. Darby. Conducted by John M. Jelley.

SHEPSHED, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Botolph.
On Tues., April 8, 1969, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 OXFORDSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

David F. Moore	Treble	George W. Massey	5
Christine L. J. Mills	2	R. Brian Mills	6
Martin Green	3	David G. Massey	7
W. Ernest Rawson	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
First peal in the method for all the band, on the bells and for the Guild.

WHITWICK, Leics.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Wed., April 9, 1969, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 BASTOW LITTLE COURT MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

Hazel J. Nichols	Treble	Joseph W. Cotton	5
Guy Slater	2	Frank Chambers	6
Ronald D. Hughes	3	Arthur E. Rowley	7
John W. Rawson	4	Roland Beniston	Tenor

Composed by Ernest Morris. Conducted by Roland Beniston.
First peal in the method.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

BARROWBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Thurs., March 27, 1969, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Comprising 42 extents in the following 61 methods: Candlesby, Plain Bob, Boxford, Raveningham, Rev. Canterbury, Dorton, Runnemede, All Saints, Berkshire, Cambridgeshire, Minster, Buckinghamshire, Colne, Rev. St. Sebastian, Bristol, Poyle, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Bedfordshire, Haddiscoe, Thornborough, Hascombe, Ossington, Harpley, Longford, Fundenhall, Welford, Slapton, Rugby, Braywood, Longworth, Merton, Sutton-on-Trent, Stedman S.C., Coxwell Place, St. Botolph, Stedman, Grandsire, Rev. Union, Rev. St. Julian, Rev. St. Faith, St. Owen Place, New Bob, St. Vedast, Huntspill, Blaisdon, Westminster II, St. Hilary, Blackburn, Dragon, St. Nicholas, St. Remigius, Winchendon, Huntley, Maltby, Chevasse, Callender, Montgomeryshire Place, St. Simon, St. Osmund, St. Martin, Eynesbury.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in G.

Thomas A. Relf	Treble	Peter A. Slight	4
Vaughan P. Evans	2	Denis A. Frith	5
Owen Homewood	3	Bryan Ward	Tenor

Conducted by Peter A. Slight.

Most Doubles methods by the band, on the bells and for the Guild.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. D. Slight.

BELTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., April 12, 1969, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In six methods, consisting of one extent each of Double Oxford, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Single Oxford, St. Clement's and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

*David D. Arrand	Treble	John F. Underwood	4
†John H. Selby	2	*Stephen A. Selby	5
Melvyn A. Rose	3	John G. Hall	Tenor

Conducted by Melvyn A. Rose.

* First peal. † First in more than one method.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Stephen Selby.

WALTHAM, Grimsby, Lincs.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., April 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb. in G.

*Christine Molendo	Treble	John Plant	4
Joseph Willows	2	John H. Parker	5
Robert A. Gillies	3	Arthur Pashley	Tenor

Conducted by Arthur Pashley.

* First peal and first attempt.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWPORT, Monmouthshire.— At the Cathedral of St. Woolos.
On Sat., April 5, 1969, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr 20 lb. in E flat.

Donald Clift	Treble	†Alexander E. Marsh	7
Ruth E. Havard	2	J. Michael Lakin	8
Tudor P. Edwards	3	*Paul A. Williams	9
Charles P. Quartley	4	*Stephen Fenwick	10
Christopher Ricketts	5	Nicholas W. H. Simon	11
*James Clatworthy	6	David J. Llewellyn	Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

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

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Tues., April 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 KIRKLINGTON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr 13 lb. in B.

Mary Barrass	Treble	Frank Chambers	5
Richard J. Clifton	2	Arthur E. Rowley	6
B. Stedman Payne	3	G. Ronald Edwards	7
Joseph W. Cotton	4	Roland Beniston	Tenor

Composed by E. W. Tipler. Conducted by Roland Beniston.

First peal in the method as conductor and for the Guild.
Rung in memoriam J. Fredrick Milner.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NORTH ELMHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sun., March 30, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. in F.

David G. Adams	Treble	Sidney Marshall	5
Hilary Adcock	2	George P. Adams	6
Carole A. H. Patey	3	David E. House	7
Janet House	4	Peter Adcock	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Peter Adcock

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ALDERMASTON, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Wed., April 16, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 EVESHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

Stanley G. Scott	Treble	Ronald K. Russ	5
Reginald W. Rex	2	W. John Couperthwaite	6
Beryl R. Simpson	3	Michael J. Church	7
Stanley G. Ponting	4	Geoffrey K. Dodd	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

First peal in the method for all the band except the ringers of 2 and 4. Tenor 10 cwt.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

FLORE, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Tues., April 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being extents of London, Wells, York, Durham, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge. Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

*Bridget Bates	Treble	Malcolm J. V. Chown	4
Raymond A. Vickers	2	David W. James	5
Alan A. Paul	3	Graham C. Paul	Tenor

Conducted by Graham C. Paul.

* 25th peal.

WEEKLEY, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Fri., April 11, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. 10 lb. in A flat.

Mary R. Coleman	Treble	Murray A. Coleman	4
Stephen B. Bell	2	Barry R. Care	5
*Edward C. Buckby	3	David W. James	Tenor

Conducted by Barry R. Care.

* First peal in seven methods.
Rung to celebrate the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Groves, of Cranford.

BOUGHTON, Northants.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., April 12, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Tenor 6½ cwt.

*Christine M. Wright	Treble	*Colin E. Stanton	3
†Dorothy M. Stopps	2	David J. Morgan	4

Raymond Henman .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Raymond Henman.

* First peal. † First of Doubles.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

SHOREDITCH, London, E.—At the Church of St. Leonard.
On Tues., March 18, 1969, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

*Angela M. Wright	Treble	Christopher P. Starbuck	7
†Audrey R. Alexander	2	‡Norman Summerhayes	8
Joan Beresford	3	John S. Barnes	9
Sheila M. Dobbie	4	Derek E. Sibson	10
John R. Pratchett	5	Stanley Jenney	11
Edward F. P. Bryant	6	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.

* First peal of Maximus. † First on 12 bells. ‡ First of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus. Tenor 28 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in C.

SHOREDITCH, London, E.—At the Church of St. Leonard.
On Sat., March 29, 1969, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5080 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 3 version. Tenor 28 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in C.

Peter Beresford	Treble	*John R. Pratchett	6
*Jane Foster	2	John S. Barnes	7
Joan Beresford	3	Derek E. Sibson	8
*Christopher P. Starbuck	4	*Philip Mehew	9
*Peter M. Wilkinson	5	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed by Peter Border. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.

* First peal in the method.

TAVISTOCK, Devon.—At the Church of St. Eustachius.
On Mon., April 7, 1969, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. 5 lb. in D.

Adrienne Gibson	Treble	John S. Barnes	5
Joan Beresford	2	Derek E. Sibson	6
Peter Beresford	3	Frank T. Blagrove	7
Stanley G. Ponting	4	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson

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AMALGAMATED SOCIETY OF ST. CHAD'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL, BIRMINGHAM.
BURTON-ON-TRENT, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Paul.
On Sat., March 15, 1969, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 28¼ cwt. in D flat.

Paul L. D. McEvilly	Treble	James Insley	6
Maurice F. Edwards	2	Michael Elson	7
Bryan D. A. Woolley	3	Charles A. S. Webb	8
Richard J. W. Tibbetts	4	James W. Belshaw	9
John R. Insley	5	John McDonald	Tenor

Conducted by John McDonald.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
HANDSWORTH, Birmingham.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., March 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in F.

Christopher I. Rowson	Treble	Richard J. Tibbetts	5
*Janet M. Aston	2	Peter G. Holden	6
Janet Blake	3	James Insley	7
†John G. Perry	4	David J. Purnell	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Richard J. Tibbetts.
* First peal. † First of Major.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
(And the Ancient Society of Purbeck Youths.)
WAREHAM, Dorset.—At the Church of Lady St. Mary.
On Mon., April 7, 1969, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, comprising 1,344 each of Lincolnshire and Yorkshire, 1,280 Cambridge and 1,216 Rutland, with 146 changes of method.
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in E.

George E. Bonham	Treble	†Ross G. W. Robertson	5
*Mary E. Elmes	2	Timothy F. Collins	6
Graham W. Elmes	3	Philip Mehew	7
William T. Perrins	4	Robert E. J. Dennis	Tenor

Arranged by Christopher I. Rowson. Conducted by William T. Perrins.
* First peal of spliced "inside." † First peal of spliced.

BRADPOLE, Dorset.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Tues., April 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 9 lb. in F sharp.

John W. Blackwood	Treble	*†‡Ross G. W. Robertson	5
*Mary E. Elmes	2	†Graham W. Elmes	6
William T. Perrins	3	§Frederick E. Collins	7
*Melvyn J. Hiller	4	*‡Timothy F. Collins	Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. Davies. Conducted by Timothy F. Collins.
* First peal of Pudsey. † 25th peal together. ‡ 25th peal together. § First peal of Pudsey Surprise Major.

SOUTHBROOM, Devizes, Wilts.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sat., April 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Tenor 7¼ cwt

*Richard W Greenaway	Treble	*John C. H. Saxton	4
Walter Beaven	2	Joseph S. Weeks	5
Alexander T. Weeks	3	*Raymond M. Watts	Tenor

Conducted by Joseph S. Weeks.
* First peal.
Rung for the diamond jubilee of the dedication of the bells.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
LOWDHAM, Notts.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Wed., April 16, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 42 extents in four methods, viz.: Eight extents of Grandsire, ten each of Plain Bob and All Saints and 14 of Rev. Canterbury.
Tenor 9 cwt. 14 lb. in G.

*Edwina A. Dixon	Treble	Rosemary J. Willey	3
Pamela J. Clifton	2	†H. Geoffrey Wells	4

W. Gordon Marsh .. .. Tenor
Conducted by H. Geoffrey Wells.
* First peal at first attempt. † 25th peal.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
TETTENHALL, Staffs.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., April 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5104 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in F sharp.

L. Christine Slater	Treble	A. Elizabeth Timmins	5
Philip J. Day	2	Alec Osbaldiston	6
M. Irene Brown	3	Peter J. Brown	7
*Robert W. Humphries	4	Richard C. Stevens	Tenor

Composed by Simon Humphrey. Conducted by Richard C. Stevens.
* First peal of Plain Bob and of Major.
Rung as a farewell to Bob Humphries, moving to Truro.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
BENHALL, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Fri., April 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being five extents each of St. Simon, St. Martin and Rev. Canterbury, three each of St. Nicholas and Winchendon Place, six Plain Bob and 15 Grandsire. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*Nigel Rogers	Treble	Adrian Knights	4
Ruth Woodman	2	Vernon Bedford	5
Stephen Bedford	3	Harry Archer	Tenor

Conducted by Vernon Bedford.
* First peal.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Dwight D. Eisenhower, former president of U.S.A.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
BARNES, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., April 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 INGOLDMELLS SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in G.

Robert C. Woodward	Treble	Ronald K. Russ	5
John R. Ketteringham	2	Frank Reed	6
G. William Shanks	3	Timothy G. Pett	7
Geoffrey Bridges	4	Alan E. Bagworth	Tenor

Composed by Roger D. Bailey. Conducted by Timothy G. Pett.
First peal in the method.

INGOLDMELLS SURPRISE MAJOR
—38—14—56—16—1234—38—16—58. B b, f.

LAMBETH, London, S.E.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., April 19, 1969, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in E flat.

John R. Ketteringham	Treble	G. William Shanks	5
John Pladdys	2	Geoffrey Bridges	6
David A. Town	3	*Timothy G. Pett	7
Gareth Jones	4	Andrew W. R. Wilby	Tenor

Composed by Chris. P. Starbuck. Conducted by Timothy G. Pett.
* 50th peal as conductor.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
MORVAL, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Wenna.
On Tues., April 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 67 methods/variations in 42 extents: Seven methods, Stedman, Rev. Canterbury, Plain Bob, Newark, Antelope, Wollaton and Grandsire, and 60 variations. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb.

Anthony J. Davidson	Treble	Anthony P. Smith	4
Robert Peel Pearce	2	Timothy J. Bell	5
*T. Roy Hart	3	T. Neil Hitchens	Tenor

Conducted by Timothy J. Bell.
* Most methods/variations "inside." Most methods/variations as conductor.

CRANTOCK, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Carantoc.
On Fri., April 11, 1969, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 68 methods/variations in 42 extents: Six methods, Rev. Canterbury, Plain Bob, Newark, Antelope, Wollaton and Grandsire, and 62 variations. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in A flat.

*T. Neil Hitchens	Treble	Anthony P. Smith	4
Anthony J. Davidson	2	Timothy J. Bell	5
T. Roy Hart	3	†David R. Curry	Tenor

Conducted by Timothy J. Bell.
* First peal away from tenor. † First on six bells.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Timothy J. Bell.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
RINGWOOD, Hants.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
ON Sat., April 19, 1969, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In eight methods, comprising 768 London and Rutland, 640 Bristol, 576 Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 147 changes of method. Tenor 18¼ cwt. in E.

*Mary E. Elmes	Treble	†David Wilson	5
*William T. Perrins	2	William E. Cheater	6
†John N. Longridge	3	*Timothy F. Collins	7
*‡Graham W. Elmes	4	Ronald N. Marlow	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by William T. Perrins.
* First peal of 8-spliced. † First of spliced. ‡ 100th peal.

BARTON STACEY, Hampshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Thurs., April 10, 1969, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In three methods, being 2,160 Grandsire, 1,440 Spliced Rev. St. Bartholomew and Plain Bob and 1,440 Plain Bob.
Tenor 7 cwt. 12 lb. in A flat.

Peter Watts	Treble	David Goss	3
Frank R. Tonge	2	Jack C. Wimlett	4

Geoffrey K. Dodd .. .. Tenor
Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.
Arranged as a farewell to the Rev. C. B. Verity, leaving Barton Stacey at the end of the month.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
KIDDERMINSTER, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Mary & All Saints.
On Fri., April 11, 1969, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in D.

John N. Lindon	Treble	†Stephen W. Barton	7
Muriel Reay	2	Terry R. Hampton	8
George E. Fearn	3	J. Alan Ainsworth	9
Clifford Skidmore	4	Gerald C. Hemming	10
Michael J. Fellows	5	James W. Belshaw	11
*Arthur C. Berry	6	Martin D. Fellows	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.
* First peal of Surprise Maximus. † 100th peal on tower bells.

CLAINES, Worcs.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., April 12, 1969, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in F sharp.

*Royston J. M. Grosvenor	Treble	Timothy G. Pett	6
Reginald Woodyatt	2	John E. Whittall	7
Thomas W. Lewis	3	†Reginald Rowe	8
*David G. Franklin	4	Martin G. Powell	9
Allen Morgan	5	David Beacham	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Timothy G. Pett.
* First peal on ten bells. † First of Royal.

NETHERTON, Dudley, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., April 12, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 DORCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

*Peter J. Brown	Treble	*M. Irene Brown	5
Martin D. Fellows	2	Michael J. Fellows	6
†Morley P. Tobin	3	Robert Edwards	7
*Clifford Skidmore	4	J. Alan Ainsworth	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.
* First peal in the method. † First in the method "inside."

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
INVERARAY, Argyll.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., April 12, 1969, in 3 Hours and 56 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 ALBANIAN SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 41 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb.

Ian North	Treble	Ian G. Campbell	6
Maris Stephenson	2	Ronald Ducker	7
Patricia Lockwood	3	Norman Chaddock	8
David Nicholls	4	Stuart Armeson	9
Neil Donovan	5	John N. D. Chaddock	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Stuart Armeson.

BRADFORD, Yorkshire.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., April 19, 1969, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 25¾ cwt.

Maris C. Stephenson	Treble	John N. D. Chaddock	6
Ian North	2	Ian G. Campbell	7
Patricia Lockwood	3	Neil Donovan	8
David Nichols	4	Stuart Armeson	9
Alan Clifton	5	Ron Ducker	Tenor

Composed by Christopher I. Rowson. Conducted by Stuart Armeson.

(York Minster Society.)
ESCRICK, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Helen.
On Tues., April 8, 1969, in 3 Hours.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Beryl Hartley	Treble	A. W. Alan Leggett	5
David Pearson	2	Harold Walker	6
Iris M. E. Lemare	3	Bert Sutton	7
Michael Staniforth	4	Alan E. Hartley	Tenor

Composed by J. E. Burton. Conducted by Alan E. Hartley.
Rung in memoriam Sedman H. Steel, for 47 years a ringer at York Minster. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

(The Beverley and District Society.)
HEDON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Augustine.
On Tues., April 8, 1969, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in E.

Elizabeth A. Ewan	Treble	Robert C. Hawtree	5
Stephen K. Thompson	2	John R. Leary	6
Maris C. Stephenson	3	Ian G. Campbell	7
David Cook	4	John N. D. Chaddock	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by John R. Leary.

TADCASTER, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Tues., April 8, 1969, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E flat.

G. D. Armitage	Treble	*Christopher M. Tuckett	5
Iris M. E. Lemare	2	Alan T. Winter	6
Christopher J. Easton	3	Robert H. Jordan	7
James S. Webb	4	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed by R. J. Parker. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major.

DRIGHLINGTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Paul.
On Mon., April 14, 1969, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 ISLAY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 16 lb. in F.

Graham C. Miller	Treble	Alan T. Winter	5
Ronald H. Dove	2	David Featherstone	6
Peter H. Gardner	3	C. Barrie Dove	7
Robert H. Jordan	4	Ronald R. Warford	Tenor

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Association.

BATLEY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., April 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5022 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in F sharp.

Kenneth B. Sissons	Treble	Robert H. Jordan	5
*Christopher N. Grandidge	2	‡David Featherstone	6
*Jane P. Lawrence	3	Ronald R. Warford	7
†David Whitehead	4	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed by S. Humphrey. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal of Surprise Major. † First of Surprise Major "inside." ‡ First of Cambridge Surprise Major.

(Huntington Guild of Bellringers.)
HUNTINGTON, York.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Fri., April 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Single Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob, with 5–6 right way throughout.
Tenor 5 cwt. 17 lb. in B flat.

Susan E. Thompson	Treble	Christopher J. Groome	4
Katharine M. Thorley	2	A. Colin Banton	5
*Cynthia E. Barnett	3	J. Martin Thorley	Tenor

Conducted by A. Colin Banton.
* First peal in seven methods.
Rung half-muffled for Good Friday and in memory of Sedman Hewitt Steel, for 46 years a ringer at York Minster, who died on March 26th, 1969, aged 69 years.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
MARPLE, Cheshire.—At 6, Ashwood Crescent.
On Thurs., April 10, 1969, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5004 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS
Granta variation. Tenor size 15 in C.

Robert B. Smith	1–2	J. David Atkinson	7–8
C. Kenneth Lewis	3–4	Gerald Moorhouse	9–10
Bernard F. L. Groves	5–6	Herbert Heaton	11–12

Composed by Robert B. Smith. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
Rung with birthday compliments to Mrs. Lewis and Mrs. Moorhouse.

BEBINGTON, Cheshire.—At 14, Highcroft Avenue.
On Fri., April 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes
A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 16 in B flat.

Keith J. Walpole	1–2	*†N. David Lane	5–6
*Eric J. Gilbert	3–4	Robert Peers	7–8
F. Leslie Coventry	9–10		

Composed and Conducted by Robert Peers.
* First peal of Kent Royal. † 25th peal. First peal as conductor.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
WATFORD, Hertfordshire.—At 15, Harford Drive.
On Wed., April 2, 1969, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5280 YORK SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor size 18 in G.

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	1–2	Martyn L. J. Jordan	7–8
Julia A. Fellows	3–4	Roger Baldwin	9–10
John R. Mayne	5–6	Christopher W. Woolley	11–12

Arranged and Conducted by Roger Baldwin.
First peal of Surprise Maximus as conductor.

WHEATHAMPSTEAD, Hertfordshire.—At 55, Wick Avenue.
On Tues., April 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5184 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

*Susan D. Cowan	1–2	Julia A. Fellows	5–6
*Kenneth J. Darvill	3–4	Brian J. Woodruffe	7–8

Composed by Arthur Knights Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.
* First peal of Oxford on handbells.

ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire.—At 23, Culver Road.
On Sun., April 6, 1969, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 16 in B flat.

*Katherine S. Hardy	1–2	Kenneth J. Darvill	5–6
Keith J. Walpole	3–4	Robert E. Hardy	7–8

Arranged by B. J. Woodruffe. Conducted by Kenneth J. Darvill.
* First peal on handbells.

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BIRTHS

MANN.—On January 30th, 1969, at Swan Districts Hospital, W.A., to Heather and Tony, a daughter Alison Jane, sister for Patrick. 7144

McFALL.—On April 23rd, 1969, to Alan and Pamela, at Aspland Maternity Home, Hyde, Cheshire, a son (Richard John). 7152

SHERRIFF.—Delphine and Bob have great pleasure in announcing the birth of their daughter, Anna Elizabeth, at Woodgates Maternity Home, North Ferriby, on April 28th, 1969 7170

SMITH.—On April 27th, 1969, to May (née Foster) and Bob, a son, Robert William (brother for Lisa Jill). 7171

STRUCKETT.—To Elizabeth (née Smith) and David, of Firside, 17a, Longdene Road, Haslemere, Surrey, a daughter, Alison Mary, on April 27th, at St. George's Wood Hospital, Haslemere. 7160

ENGAGEMENT

WHITE—JAMES.—The engagement is announced between Gwynneth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. James, of Hertford, and James, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. White, of Lockinge, Berkshire. 7155

DEATH

COOPER.—Suddenly in her sleep on April 29th, 1969, Audrey E. C. Cooper, beloved wife of John R. Cooper, of Station Road, Lenham, Kent, and adored mother of two little sons. 7159

PERSONAL

"Lord who shall abide in thy tabernacle . . . He that back biteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbour, nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbour."—Psalm xv, 1, 3.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

WOOD.—The address of Graham Wood, captain of Milton Regis ringers, is now 27, Woodside Gardens, Sittingbourne, Kent. Bells available as ever 7178

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HANDBELLS WANTED

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MISCELLANEOUS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—St. George's, Sampford Brett, rededication of bells by the Ven. Archdeacon of Taunton on Wednesday, May 21st, at 7.30 p.m. Visitors welcome. 7179

BLACKBURN CATHEDRAL
BELL TOWER OPEN DAY
Saturday, May 24th

Ringing 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Refreshments. Film show in crypt on bell manufacture. Proceeds for Cathedral Building Fund. 7167

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Conductors' course at Braintree, Saturday, May 17th. Theoretical and practical instruction. Write for details as soon as possible to R. Threadgold, Wethersfield Mill, Braintree. 7087

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Advanced practice, Hawley (8), Tuesday, May 20th, 7.30–9 p.m.—S. J. Tate-Mitchell, Dis. Sec. 7129

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Festival at Welshpool, May 26th. Service 3 p.m. Tea 4 p.m. followed by the A.G.M. List of towers and tea tickets (5/-, payable in advance, s.a.e. please) from G. T. Cousins, 7, Merrivale Crescent, Ross-on-Wye, not later than May 19th. 7045

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

PEAL RINGERS PLEASE NOTE

Following a resolution at the annual meeting, the peal fee is now ONE SHILLING per rope, of which 6d. will be given to "The Ringing World".

Fees and details of peals should be sent to the Ringing Secretary, Mr. C. Crossthwaite, 14, Southern Avenue, Frenchwood, Preston.—F. Reynolds, Gen. Sec. 7181

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A PART OF THE
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CELEBRATING
THE 900th ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF SELBY ABBEY
by William the Conqueror

3 p.m., Choral Evensong in the Abbey. Preacher: The Archbishop of York.
4.30 p.m. (approx.), tea in the Corunna Café. Tickets: 10/- adults, 5/6 under 14 years, obtainable through your District secretary or direct (s.a.e., please) from T. H. Foster, 15, Portholme Drive, Selby, Yorkshire. Tel.: 3375. The Archbishop, the Bishops and their ladies have accepted an invitation to have tea with the ringers.

RINGING:

At the Abbey (10) ..	10.30–12.00
	1.30– 3.00
	6.15– 8.30
Eastrington (6) ..	10.00–11.00

Eastrington Church is also celebrating its 900th anniversary this year.

Howden Minster (8)	10.30–11.30
	7.30– 8.30
Hemingbrough (6) ..	11.15–12.30
Goole (8)	10.30–11.30
	7.30– 8.30
Snaith (8)	10.00–11.00
	1.00– 2.00
	7.30– 8.30
Carlton (6)	10.45–11.45
	1.30– 2.30
	7.00– 8.00
Tadcaster (8)	10.00–11.00
	7.45– 8.30
Sherburn-in-Elmet (8)	10.45–12.00
	7.30– 8.30
Escrick (8)	1.30– 2.30

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SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY
(Est. 1623)

The 346th anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 28th. Further details later. Please book the date.—L. E. Pitstow, 3, Mount Pleasant Road. Phone: 2074. 7093

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS

ANNUAL DINNER, 1969

Saturday, October 18th, 7 for 7.30 p.m. At the King Alfred Kingsway, Hove, Sussex

Tickets (27s. 6d.) from Miss Ann Evans, 17, Hollingbury Place, Brighton, Sussex, BN1 7GE or other divisional secretaries. Orders for tickets must be accompanied by remittance and s.a.e., please. 6991

MEETINGS

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Evening meeting. Husborne Crawley, Saturday, May 17th. Bells (8) from 5 p.m. **Note change of tower.** 7164

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Coventry Archdeaconry.—Monthly meeting. Saturday, May 17th, Brinklow. Bells (6) 3 p.m., followed by tea, 5 p.m., and evening ringing. For tea please inform D. Mountford, 61, Heath Lane, Brinklow. Phone: Pailton 404.—I. F. Garvie. 7161

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield and Peak Districts.—Joint meeting at Ashover May 17th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 3 p.m. Names for tea, **without fail, please**, to Mr. L. F. Miller, Carlton House, Moor Road, Ashover Chesterfield. Tel.: Ashover 283.—M. Phipps, T. Wylie, Secs. 7127

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Huntingdon District.—Annual striking competition, Saturday, May 17th. Holywell (6). Draw for performance at 2.45 p.m. Entries by May 10th. Tea will be booked for competing teams; others to notify H. S. Peacock, 8, Roscrea Terrace, St. John's Street, Hunting-

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting at Downham (6). Saturday, May 17th. District heat of striking competition. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Further ringing after meeting. Names for tea to Mr. R. F. Jamieson, 41, Margarite Way, Wickford, Essex, early please.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—District meeting, Bagshot, on Saturday, May 17th. Bells available 3–7 p.m. Service 4.30. Evening ringing at Worplesdon 7–9 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. C. B. J. Searle, 4, Church Road, Bagshot.—S. J. Tate-Mitchell, Dis. Sec. 7128

GUILD OF MEDICAL RINGERS.—May 17th, ringing at Hatfield Broad Oak 2.30, Stebbing 4, Great Dunmow 5.30. Dinner 7.30. Names to D. L. Gullick (Stevenage 54309).

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Bishop's Stortford District.—Amended notice. Meeting, Little Hadham (5), Saturday, May 17th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Tea 5.15, Braughing Village Hall. Ringing at Braughing in the evening. 6.30–8.30. The film "Washington Cathedral Bells" will be shown after the evening ringing. Names for tea to K. Westwood, 85, Waytemore Road, Bishop's Stortford, Herts, essential by Saturday morning, 17th.—K. Westwood, Dis. Sec. 7180

DEVON GUILD.—Annual Meeting, Torbay, May 24th. Guild service, Paignton Parish Church, 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to D. J. Roberts, 84, Westhill Road, Torquay, by May 17th. Numbers limited. Business meeting, 6 p.m., Parish Hall.

The following towers are available for ringing, strictly within the times stated.

Berry Pomeroy (8) ..	10.00–11.00	Bishopsteignton (6) ..	10.30–11.30
Ipplepen (8)	10.30–11.30	Abbotskerswell (6) ..	11.30–12.30
East Ogwell (5) ..	11.00–12.00	Stokeinteignhead (6) ..	12.00– 1.00
Collaton St. Mary (5)	11.30–12.30	Kingskerswell (6) ..	12.30– 1.30
Combeinteignhead (6)	12.30– 1.30	Coffinswell (6)	12.30– 1.30
Brixham (10) ..	1.30– 2.45	Babbacombe (8)	1.30– 2.30
Churston Ferrers (6)	1.30– 3.30	Upton (Torquay) (8) ..	2.00– 3.00
Marldon (5)	2.30– 3.30	Tor Mohun (Torquay) (6)	2.00– 3.00
Cockington (6) ..	2.30– 3.30	Paignton (8)	3.00– 4.00

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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING at CHICHESTER on SATURDAY, MAY 31st.

Service in the Cathedral (ringers' choir) at 4 p.m.

Tea in the Council Chamber, County Hall, West Street, at 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting. It is essential to notify names for tea by Tuesday, May 27th, and please state if junior member. Send notifications to R. Wake, 28, Keynor Estate, Sidlesham, Chichester.

RINGING ARRANGEMENTS:

10 a.m.–11 a.m.: Rudgwick (6), Upper Beeding (8), Itchingfield (5).
10.45 a.m.–11.45 a.m.: Wisborough Green (6), Findon (6), Billingshurst (8).
11 a.m.–12 noon: Arundel (8)
11.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m.: Petworth (8), Rogate (6), Shipley (6).
12 noon–1 p.m.: Lodsworth (6), South Harting (6), Lyminster (6), Thakeham (6).
1 p.m.–2 p.m.: Easebourne (8), Westbourne (8), Felpham (6), Storrington (6).
1.30 p.m.–2.30 p.m.: Bosham (6), Aldwick (4), Pulborough (8).
2 p.m.–3 p.m.: Stedham (6), Pagham (5), Fittleworth (6).
2 p.m.–3.45 p.m.: CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL (8).

If there is time, Chichester Cathedral and Arundel bells will be available after the meeting. 7168

LEICESTER GUILD.—Melton District.—Joint meeting with the Bingham District (Southwell Guild) at Croxton Kerrial (6) on Saturday, May 17th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Ward, Chapel Lane, Croxton Kerrial, Grantham. Skittle match after ringing.—S. N. Hall, Dis. Sec. 7114

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Saturday, May 17th, Monken Hadley. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Regret not possible to arrange tea. South Mimms bells available 6.30–7.30.—E. H. Kilby. 7141

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Combined practices will be held at Binfield on May 17th and Sonning on June 21st, both at 6 p.m. Special method for practice: London Surprise. 7165

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Mansfield District.—Cup contest, Saturday, May 17th, Selston (6), 7–9 p.m. in evening. Ringing at Sutton-in-Ashfield (8) 2.30–5 p.m. Please make own tea arrangements.—F. Cooke. 7151

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Crawford Cup contest meeting, Elston, Saturday, May 17th. Meet 2.30. Draw 2.45. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Names for tea to D. J. Tysoe, 2, Valley View, Coddington.—D. J. T. 7135

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Crawford Cup contest meeting, Elston, Saturday, May 17th. Meet 2.30. Draw 2.45. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Open ringing after tea.—D. J. T. 7172

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Evening practice, May 17th, Clapham Common Roman Catholic Church (8 bells), 7.30–8.30 p.m.—N. Thomson, Asst. Dis. Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Newick (6). Saturday, May 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Ringing at Little Horsted (6) in the evening. Names for tea, please, to Miss Ann Evans (Div. Sec.), 17, Hollingbury Place, Brighton, Sussex, BN1 7GE. 6990

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Kidderminster flower festival at St. Mary's Church, Saturday, May 17th. Bells (12) available from 2 p.m. Teas from 3.30 p.m. onwards. All welcome.—Bernard C. Ashford, Branch Sec. 7089

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Southern District) and **BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Joint meeting, Bolsterstone, Saturday, May 17th. Bells from 2.30 p.m.. Cups of tea at 5 p.m. Bring own food. Southern District A.G.M. after tea. Short Evensong 7 p.m., then bells until 9 p.m.—J. Seager and T. Tarbatt, Secs. 7143

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the Lord Raglan, St. Martin's-le-Grand, E.C., on May 20th, 8.15 p.m. Practices: May 20th, St. Paul's Cathedral; May 27th, St. Michael's, Cornhill; June 3rd, St. Lawrence Jewry; June 10th, St. Giles', Cripplegate; all at 6.30 p.m.—J. G. A. Prior. 7169

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—There will be a Surprise practice at Leatherhead on Tuesday, May 20th. Methods: Cambridge and Yorkshire Royal, Lincolnshire and Bristol Major; 7.45–9.15 p.m.—J. P. O.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The postponed half-yearly meeting will now be held at St. George's, Jesmond (8), Saturday, May 24th. Ringing 3 p.m. and after service. Tea 5. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Pardoe, 36, Reid Park Road, Newcastle, 2. 7088

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting, St. Catherine's, Blackrod, May 24th. Bells (6) 2.45 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m., followed by further ringing until 8 p.m. Special method: London. All welcome.—R. K. Lister. 7182

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Saturday, May 24th, evening meeting at West Wycombe. Bells available 6–9 p.m. All welcome.—J. Muller. 7175

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting, May 24th, Collingbourne Ducis and Kingston. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss H. Jones, High Green, Windmill Close, Aldbourne, by 20th.

NOTICES (continued overleaf)

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
WATFORD, Hertfordshire.—At 15, Harford Drive.
On Fri., April 25, 1969, in 3 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 KENT TREBLE BOB SIXTEEN
Tenor size 22 in C.

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin ..	1–2	Martyn L. J. Jordan ..	9–10
Julia A. Fellows	3–4	Roger Baldwin	11–12
John R. Mayne	5–6	Gerald Penney	13–14
Frank C. Price	7–8	Christopher W. Woolley ..	15–16

Arranged and Conducted by John R. Mayne.
First peal ever rung on 16 bells and first on more than 12 for the Association. Rung at the first attempt.

HARPENDEN, Hertfordshire.—At 81, Overstone Road.
On Wed., April 9, 1969, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 17 in A.

Jean Dale	1–2	Kenneth J. Darvill	5–6
Roger D. R. Brown	3–4	Andrew W. R. Wilby	7–8

Composed by Geoffrey Dodds. Conducted by Kenneth J. Darvill.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
LINCOLN.—At 8, Marne Gardens.
On Tues., April 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 15 in C.

Geoffrey R. Parker	1–2	George E. Feirn	5–6
Margaret A. Parker	3–4	*Christopher J. Sharp	7–8

Jack L. Millhouse 9–10
Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* First peal of Plain Bob Royal. 900th peal for the Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
LONDON.—At 16 B, Sutherland Place.
On Sun., April 13, 1969, in 1 Hour and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Spliced Plain Bob and Single Oxford and six extents of Plain Bob. Tenor size 11 in G.
*John R. Ketteringham .. 1–2 | *Maureen J. Carruthers .. 3–4
Geoffrey Bridges (cond.) .. 5–6
* Most Minor methods to a peal "in hand."

LONDON.—At 16 B, Sutherland Place.
On Sun., April 13, 1969, in 1 Hour and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor size 11 in G.
*Lawrence C. Hanney .. .. 1–2 Geoffrey Bridges (cond.) .. 3–4
Maureen J. Carruthers .. 5–6
* First peal "in hand."

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.
SKETTY, Swansea, Glamorgan.—In the Belfry of St. Paul's Church.
On Tues., April 8, 1969, in 1 Hour and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor size 14 in D.
J. Arthur Hoare .. .. .. 1–2 | Brian J. Woodruffe (cond.) 3–4
Edmund J. Morris 5–6

SKEWEN, Neath, Glamorgan.—At 15, Foundry Row.
On Sat., April 12, 1969, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

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

Arranged and Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

SWANSEA, Glamorgan.—At the University College of Swansea.
On Sun., April 13, 1969, in 1 Hour and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods: (1) Oxford Bob, (2) St. Clement's College Bob, (3) Buxton College Bob, (4) College, (5) Double Plain Bob, (6) Rev. Plain Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor size 14 in D.
Hazel Way .. .. 1–2 | Brian J. Woodruffe (cond.) 3–4
J. Arthur Hoare 5–6

THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.
EDGBASTON, Birmingham.—In Committee Room No. 4, The Students' Union.
On Thurs., March 20, 1969, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
360-course block reduced. Tenor size 12 in G.

Robert M. Chambers	1–2	Christopher I. Rowson (cond.)	5–6
John S. Hopwood	3–4	Peter G. Holden	7–8

LONDON.—At the Church of St. Olave, Hart Street.
On Mon., April 14, 1969, in 2 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor size 15 in C.
*Phillip A. Butler .. .. 1–2 | †Maureen J. Carruthers .. 3–4
John Pladdys (cond.) 5–6
* First peal "in hand." † 75th peal.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South West District.—Meeting, Great Thurlow, Saturday, May 24th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. E. R. M. Reeve, Wellhouse Farm, Mount Bures, Bures, Suffolk, by May 22nd. 7173

ESSEX ASSOCIATION
90th A.G.M. at Chelmsford
on the Spring Bank Holiday Monday, May 26th
Service in Cathedral 11 a.m., followed by meeting in the Chapter House.
Coffee 10.15 and lunch (6s. 6d.) in the Cathedral Hall at 1.30 p.m. Tea (3s.) in Bentley Village Club 5–6.15 p.m. By ticket only from P. J. Eves, 8, Lordship Road, Writtle. P.O. and s.a.e., please. Ringing at Cathedral 9.15–10.45 a.m. and 3–4. Further details with tickets.—P. W. Saltmarsh, Hon. Gen. Sec. 7123

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Branch.—Annual general meeting at Chipping Norton on Saturday, May 31st. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4, followed by business meeting. Further ringing at Chipping Norton until 7.30 p.m. and at Great Rollright from 7.45 p.m.—P. R. Coveney, Sec., Saddlers, Kingham, Oxford. 7166

5,056 KENT TREBLE BOB SIXTEEN
Arranged by J. R. MAYNE

23456	M	W	H
54326		2	2
26435	1	2	2
32654	2	2	2
23456	2		2

Rung at 15, Harford Drive, Watford, Herts, April 25th, 1969.

RECORD LENGTH ATTEMPT

Dear Sir,—I wish to give notice of attempts to ring the record lengths of Little Bob Major, both on tower bells and "in hand".

Tower bell attempt: St. Ebbe's, Oxford, Sunday, May 25th, at 2.30.

Handbell attempt: 9.2 Exeter College, Oxford, Friday, May 23rd, at 9.30 a.m.

The composition for both attempts is:—
6,728 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

4	W	M	5	H	2345678	
	—			3	52436	
	—			3	35426	
	—			2	34256	
		—		2	46253	
—				S	3724568	A
	—	S		3	5327468	A
		S		(−S−)	4237568	A
		S		3	5237468	A
		S		(−S−)	4327568	A
	S			—	2734568	A
		2			5724368	A
	—		—	—	2465378	A
		—		3†	64352	
	—*	—		4	23645	

"4" is S−−S.
Repeat five times, calling bob Home for part A. Omit 3† in two parts. S for—* in parts 3 and 6.

Yours sincerely,
S. M. HEYWORTH.
St. Catherine's College,
Oxford.

LATE NOTICES

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS
Meeting, BIRMINGHAM, JUNE 7th.
11.30–12.15: St. Chad's R.C. Cathedral.
1 p.m.: Lunch in St. Martin's Hall, followed by business meeting.
2.45–3.45: St. Martin's, Bull Ring.
3.30–4.45: Birmingham Cathedral.
6.15–7.15: Solihull.
Names for lunch (10s.) to the Master, Mr. A. N. Stubbs, 29, Sutherland Place, London, W.2, by May 30th at latest.—J. G. A. Prior. 7183

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Crewkerne Branch. — Practice meeting, Curry Mallet, Saturday, May 17th, 7–9 p.m.—R. J. D. 7185

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Practice, Berrow (6), May 24th, 5 p.m.—M. Legg 7187

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire District.—Meeting, Bicker, Saturday, May 31st. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. B. Dawson, Gauntlet Lane, Bicker, Boston, by Wednesday, May 28th.—A. Richardson. 7189

PEALS & QUARTER PEAL CARDS
Prices. — Peals: Set of 12 for 16s.; 18 for 22s.; 24 for 26s. Quarter Peals: 12 for 15s. and 3d for each additional card. — "The Ringing World," Onslow Street, Guildford.

HERTFORD, HERTS.—At St. Andrew's Church, on April 17th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Jean Woolford 1, Gwynneth James 2, Lilian James 3, S. Carter 4, J. Kemp 5, S. James 6, B. Foley 7, J. Woolford (cond.) 8. Rung by the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths as a tribute to Stanley Carter, an octogenarian and a member of the Society for 20 years.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.—On April 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Nelson 1, Rosemary Tilling 2, Cynthia Elson 3, T. G. Fox (cond.) 4, G. C. Rix 5, E. R. Rapley 6, M. Reed 7, G. Woolgar 8.

KERESLEY, WARKS. — On April 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Allport 1, H. Folwell 2, N. Stowe (cond.) 3, C. Stowe 4, Thelma Bowcutt 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam W. Ensor.

KINGSTON UPON THAMES, SURREY. — On April 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Lesley A. Hawes 1, Katharine Salvage 2, B. J. Stone 3, Ann V. Salvage 4, C. D. Collin (cond.) 5, P. T. Selwood 6. For Holy Communion.

LEZANT, CORNWALL.—On April 26th, 1,440 Pl. Bob Minor: H. P. Perkins 1, J. F. Steere 2, W. C. Boucher 3, S. G. Peirce 4, J. C. Mitchelmore 5, D. R. Bould (cond.) 6.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX. — On April 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. Porter 1, C. Willmington 2, C. Hughes 3, G. Walker 4, R. Brown 5, W. Theobald (cond.) 6, H. Weedon 7, R. Poole 8. A birthday compliment to R. Poole.

LLANDAFF, GLAM.—On April 20th, 1,282 Cambridge Surprise Royal: P. A. Williams 1, C. Hughes 2, Mary Pryor 3, J. M. Lakin 4, P. S. Reading 5, C. Ricketts 6, N. W. H. Simon (cond.) 7, S. Fenwick 8, C. P. Quartley 9, D. J. Llewellyn 10. For Evensong. Also on April 27th, 1,282 Yorkshire Surprise Royal: Felicity Cooke 1, D. G. Clift 2, P. S. Reading 3 C. Hughes 4, J. W. Bull 5, P. A. Williams 6, D. J. Llewellyn 7, J. M. Lakin 8, N. W. H. Simon (cond.) 9, C. P. Quartley 10. For Evensong.

LYDD, KENT.—On April 22nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Vantom 1, R. C. Offen 2, R. A. Lucas 3, E. J. Clifton 4, R. Swift 5, M. W. Marshall (cond.) 6. Rung with the band's best wishes for a speedy recovery to Wilfred and Violet Ring after their road accident.

MAXEY, NORTHANTS. — On April 18th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: G. Davis 1, Susan Aveyard 2, Mrs. P. A. Smith 3, W. Smith 4, J. Cooper 5, J. H. Bluff (cond.) 6.

MELBOURNE, VICTORIA.—At St. Paul's Cathedral, on April 16th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: M. Scowen 1, Margaret Aslett 2, G. Heyes 3, Jennifer Murphy 4, R. Turner 5, Barbara Beeson 6, H. Rossell (cond.) 7, D. Heyes 8, A. Bolton 9, J. Roper 10. Also on April 23rd, 1,280 Yorkshire S. Major: Margaret Aslett 1, Jennifer Murphy 2, M. Scowen 3, Barbara Beeson 4, R. Turner 5, D. Roaf 6, H. Rossell 7, A. Bolton (cond.) 8. Rung to welcome Judith Mary Rossell, born April 18th, 1969.

NAILSEA, SOM.—On April 21st, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): D. Willis 1, L. Derrick 2, C. Kortwright (cond.) 3, V. James 4, W. Neath 5, L. Childs 6.

NETHERBURY, DORSET.—On April 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. Tither 1, Mrs. J. Davis 2, M. Hiller 3, B. Tither 4, J. Davis (cond.) 5, H. Crabb 6. A compliment to Mrs. Newson-Davis for her 90th birthday.

NORTH BARROW, SOM.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Essex Place Bob Doubles: A. J. Callow 1, Miss S. A. Mayell 2, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 3, J. Kingsnorth 4, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 5. First in the method by all, and on the bells. Rung for St. George's Day.

OLD BRAMPTON, DERBYS. — On April 20th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): P. Rose 1, Marjorie Phipps 2, M P. Phipps 3, S. Margerisson 4, J. D. Arkwell 5, P. Attwood 6. Jointly conducted by 2 (Bob Doubles) and 5 (Grandsire). Rung for morning service as a welcome to the Rev. C. S. Branson, newly-inducted Vicar.

PEMBROKE.—On Good Friday, April 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: N. C. Rogers 1, Prudence Pattison 2, P. C. Rogers 3, A. Lingard 4, S. P. Rogers (cond.) 5, D. Cooper 6. Rung half-muffled for 3-hour service. Also on April 20th, 1,260 Minor (Kent and Plain Bob): N. C. Rogers 1, J. Prytherch 2, Prudence Pattison 3, S. P. Rogers 4, A. R. Trickett 5, P. C. Rogers (cond.) 6, I. Russant 8. For Evensong.

QUARTER PEALS

PENKRIDGE, STAFFS.—On April 6th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Ruth Fairbrother 1, F. R. Wiggin 2, N. Holland 3, Jennifer Beech 4, R. J. Warrilow 5, F. Beech 6, R. K. Mowforth 7, E. R. Fairbrother (cond.) 8.

PETERSFIELD, HANTS. — On April 20th, 1,260 Doubles (eight meth./var): Sally Stacey 1, R. Tipper 2, Carol Stacey 3, D. Hatherly 4, B. Walton (cond.: 5, K. Tipper 6. For Evensong.

PLUCKLEY, KENT.—On April 18th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Violet Ring 1, R. C. Offen 2, R. A. Lucas 3, E. J. Clifton 4, W. W. Ring (cond.) 5, M. W. Marshall 6.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.—On April 17th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Doubles (11 variants): B. J. Fry 1, M. E. Cass 2, W. Willans (cond.) 3, C. G. Bryant 4, A. A. J. Buswell 5. First on five bells 1, 2. To welcome Clive Bryant to Portsmouth. Also on April 27th, 1,260 Doubles (14 variants): Marion Wheeler (first quarter) 1, Jennifer Quaife 2, A. A. J. Buswell 3, M. E. Cass 4, W. Willans (cond.) 5, B. J. Fry 6. A birthday compliment to Anthony Jennings.

PRESTON, DORSET.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: P. Cull (first quarter) 1, Barbara Moss (first "inside") 2, A. J. Slade 3, Miss B. Marsh 4, R. Voss 5, D. L. Cull 6. Rung on St. George's Day.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On April 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. J. Hallett 1, P. Worboys 2, J. Worboys 3, F. May 4, T. Sharpe 5, D. Belcham 6, M. Hallett (cond.) 7, A. House 8. For Evensong.

ROTHWELL, YORKS.—On April 15th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: P. Massam (cond.) 1, Patricia Lockwood 2, D. Hudson 3, M. Nunns 4, I. North 5, G. Hudson 6, G. Cox 7, R. Brown 8. First of Kent for 3, 4 and 6.

SKIPTON-IN-CRAVEN, YORKS.—On April 20th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: W. Pallister 1, R. Crabtree 2, I. Cox 3, Susan Rhodes 4, M. Hillary 5, R. M. Harker 6, D. Featherstone 7, M. F. D. Burton (cond.) 8.

STAFFORD. — On March 23rd, 1,261 Stedman Caters: G. Stevens 1, F. R. Wiggin 2, N. Holland 3, Jennifer Beech 4, R. K. Mowforth 5, R. A. Partridge (cond.) 6, R. J. Warrilow 7, A. E. Garbett 8, E. R. Fairbrother 9, F. Beech 10. For Evensong. Also on April 20th, 1,280 Spliced Surprise Major (four methods): Ruth Fairbrother 1, F. R. Wiggin 2, F. Beech 3, Jennifer Beech 4, N. Holland 5, R. J. Warrilow 6, R. A. Partridge (cond.) 7, E. R. Fairbrother 8. For Matins. Also on April 27th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: F. H. Eley 1, K. Daniels 2, G. Stevens 3, Ruth Fairbrother 4, Jennifer Beech 5, R. J. Warrilow 6, F. Beech (cond.) 7, A. E. Garbett 8, E. R. Fairbrother 9, N. Holland 10. For Evensong.

STREATLEY, BERKS.—On April 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. W. Judd 1, F. H. Hale 2, A. J. Carpenter 3, I. G. Judd 4, M. J. A. Felton 5, D. Taylor (cond.) 6. First of Minor by whole band. For Easter Sunday morning.

SWANAGE, DORSET.
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
On April 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles
(4, 6, 8 cover).

R. F. Damer	1	H. Falkner ..	2
Mrs. B. A. Christopher	3	G. C. Tomes ..	4
D. R. Fuller	5	P. D. Lawrence	6
W. R. Damer (cond.) ..	7	E. T. Smith ..	8

Rung half-muffled in memory of Henry Woodhouse, who will be sadly missed at this tower.

TAUNTON, SOM.—At St. George's Church, Wilton, on April 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss M. J. Beale 1, D. F. Sheldon 2, Mrs. B. M. Bindon 3, M. R. Arscott 4, J. Cornelius 5, F. Avery 6, R. F. Arscott (comp. and cond.) 7, R. M. B. Cullen 8. Rung for the Patronal Festival Evensong in thanksgiving for the voluntary redecoration of the interior of the church by parishioners.

TETTENHALL, STAFFS. — On April 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. J. Humphries 1, Miss C Tebbot (first on eight bells) 2, R. Humphries 3, P Day 4, A. G. Newman 5, Miss C. Slater 6, E. G. Bowyer (cond.) 7, D. Jones (first on eight bells) 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. Annie Meakin, who died on April 17th, 1969.

TRULL, SOM. — On April 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Carol A. Smith (first quarter) 1, Brenda M. Bindon 2, T. Bellhouse 3, A. F. Arscott 4, R. F. Arscott (cond.) 5, H. Churchill 6. For St. George's Day.

TURRAMURRA, N.S.W. — On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Margaret Goodyer 1, Alison Goodman 2, P. Goodyer 3, J. Rainsford (cond.) 4, F. Perrens 5, K. Stacey 6. Also on April 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Margaret Goodyer 1, Margaret McEvoy (first quarter) 2, Beverley Watts 3, S. James 4, K. Stacey (cond., 50th quarter in tower) 5, J. Watts 6.

USK, MON. — On April 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. L. Phillips 1, Jacqueline King 2, G. Knight 3, D. J. King 4, L. Jones 5, S. Kear 6, T. P. Edwards (cond.) 7, D. G. Clift 8. Rung after a peal failure as a birthday compliment to 3rd ringer.

WARNFORD, HANTS. — On April 10th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): Sally Stacey 1, Carol Stacey 2, R. Tipper 3, D. Hatherly 4, B. Walton (cond.) 5, R. Cross 6.

WEST DEEPING, LINCS.—On April 11th, 1,324 Minor (eight methods): W. Smith 1, Mrs. P. A. Smith 2, C. Black 3, G. Davis 4, J. Cooper 5, J. H. Bluff (cond.) 6. Birthday compliments to ringers of 1 and 3.

WEST QUANTOXHEAD, SOM.—On April 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Smith 1, B. Dennett 2, R. J. Somerfield 3, L. Lyddon 4, C. Lock 5.

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32465	—		—	—		—	—
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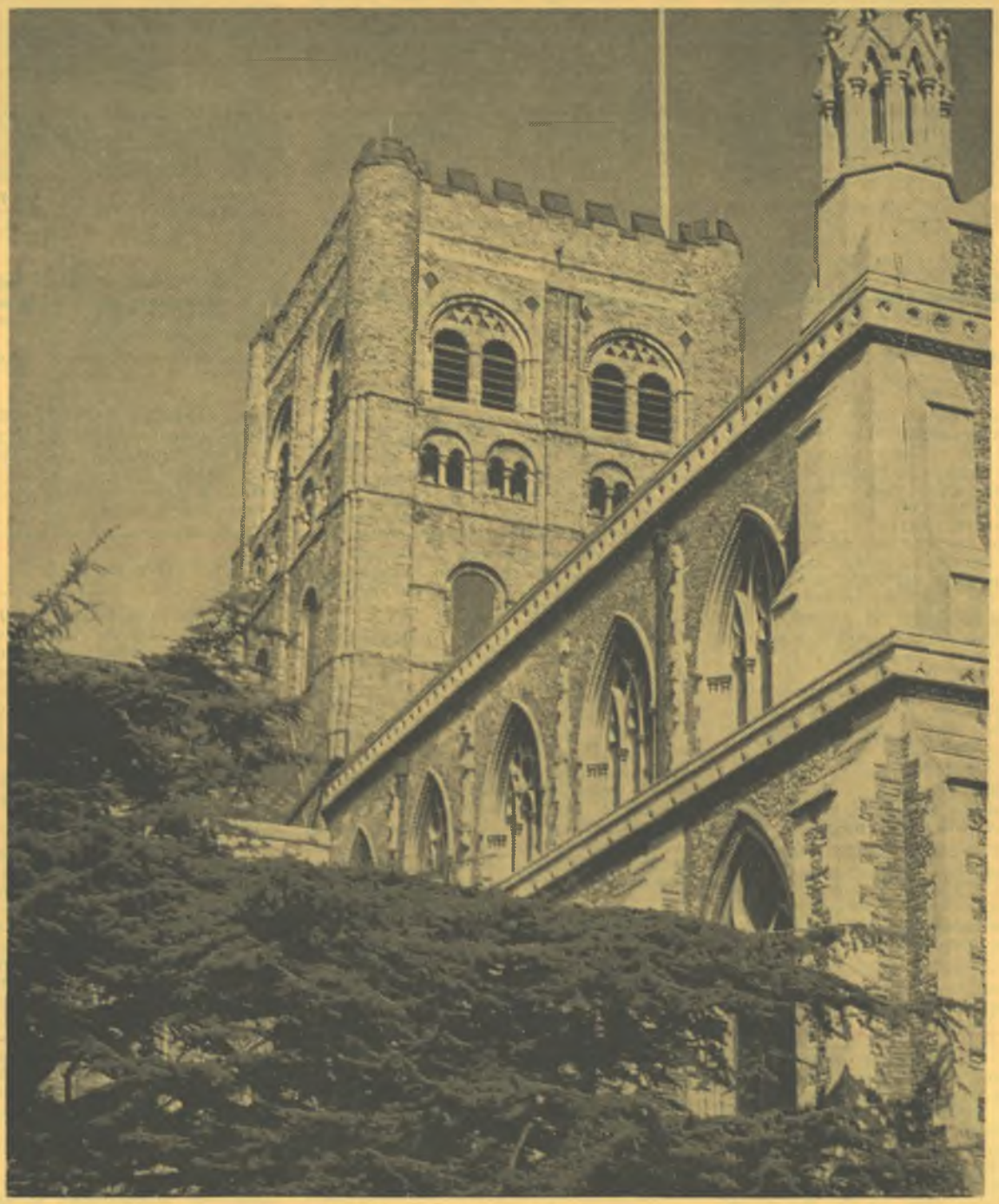
St. Albans Welcomes Central Council



The Cathedral and Abbey Church [*Photo by R. E. Hardy*

YOUR HOSTS

The Fine Tradition of Herts Association

By MARY A. COBURN, Assistant Secretary

THE Hertford County Association came into being in October, 1884, as a result of a meeting convened by the Cathedral Society. The St. Albans Cathedral Society itself was formed in January, 1884, and in September a special meeting discussed the desirability of the formation of a County Association. The secretary was instructed to write to change-ringing Societies within the county inviting them to send representatives to a meeting at the Rectory, St. Albans, on October 29th. The meeting of these representatives resulted in the formation of the Hertford County Association of Change-Ringers, with the then Bishop as president.

The first quarterly meeting was held at Hertford in January, 1885, when the rules of the newly-formed Association were agreed. These were based upon those of the Essex Association, with whom there had been some thought of possible amalgamation as a Diocesan Association. In February, 1885, the first peal for the Association was rung at Hertford, being Holt's Original. The first annual report revealed that the Association had 92 ringing members and that eight peals had been rung, being seven of Grandsire and one of Bob Major.

SQUIRE PROCTOR

The bands of "Youths" who had joined together to form the County Association had achieved no little success in the early years of change-ringing. The famous Benington band led by Squire Proctor earned for all time a place in ringing history. In 1849 they rang a peal of Double Norwich, followed by peals of Kent, Superlative, Stedman, London and, in 1873, Cambridge. All were first peals in the method in the county, the Cambridge being the first true peal in the method ever rung. Squire Proctor's band for many years attended the "Great Ringing Days" at Lavenham and Saffron Walden and the openings of new rings of bells or augmentations. Squire Leonard Proctor became the first representative to the Central Council from Hertfordshire, attending the inaugural meeting in 1891. The "Squire" was also president of the Association from 1888 until 1895, the year of his death.

Hertfordshire was much in favour of the formation of the Central Council; indeed at Hitchin in 1889 it was proposed

> "that this meeting is of the opinion that great benefits would accrue to the Exercise if a Council consisting of one or more members selected from each Association could meet together from time to time to consider such ringing matters as are a cause of perplexity."

The Braughing (pronounced "Braffin") Youths rang a famous peal in 1779—12,240 Bob Major on May 10th. For over 100 years this peal was annually commemorated by a Ringing Day. Squire Proctor's band went for over 50 years—a saying arose: Braughing bells and Benington ringers. Bands of "Youths" at Hertford, Watford, St. Albans (St. Peter's), Rickmansworth and Hitchin, to mention a few, all achieved peals during the 18th century, the first Hertfordshire peal on ten bells being rung at St. Peter's, St. Albans, in 1788, but not by a local band.

All Saints', Hertford, had the first ring of eight in the county in 1674. A "Peal of Tripples" was rung by a local band in 1724, the first great performance of change-ringing in the county. Mr. Trollope decided that this peal was "so evidently the false 5,040 from the Campanalogia" (published in 1702). Westmill, now an unringable five, and Bishop's Stortford (now 10) had rings of eight bells in the early 1700s. The eastern side of the county was alive ringing-wise. Gatherings of ringers took place at week-ends at Hertford and Sawbridgeworth. The years of the 1880s saw considerable activity in the towers near to the Essex border, this being a contributory factor to the proposed link with Essex.

TUESDAY'S TIMETABLE

Headquarters will be the Peahen Hotel, London Road. The Assembly Room will be available for members and visitors on Monday evening.

Holy Communion on Tuesday in the Cathedral at 7.30 a.m.

Council meeting, City Hall, Tuesday, 9.45 a.m.

Civic reception, Town Hall, Tuesday, 5.30 p.m.

Informal social evening in the Town Hall, Tuesday, 8 p.m.

In November, 1885, a ringing week was arranged for the clerical friends of Canon Wigram, Association secretary; those in the party included Revs. F. E. Robinson, C. D. P. Davies and G. F. Coleridge. Five peals were rung during the week, all constituting records for the Association. 1886 was a year in which a local band rang a peal in St. Albans for the first time since 1810, and the first handbell peal was also scored during that year. The year that followed was one of difficulties; it was even suggested that the Association had broken down.

DEBT TO MR. E. P. DEBENHAM

In 1888 Mr. E. P. Debenham was elected secretary/treasurer, and under his leadership Association matters gained strength. Interest was revived, membership increased, peal ringing progressed, Mr. G. W. Cartmel was elected assistant secretary, and these two men, who continued to hold various offices over the years, were a great influence on the Association. In 1907 Mr. E. P. Debenham was elected president, and at his suggestion the presidency became an annual appointment, each District in turn nominating a member for this office. This method is still used. The badge of office was presented by Mr. G. W. Cartmel, who followed Mr. Debenham as secretary upon completion of his year of presidency.

Annual meetings of the Association are held in rotation around the six Districts into which the county is divided. These Districts, as visitors will find, differ greatly, from the urban community and "commuter land" to new towns and country towns, with the rural areas in the north and east.

No account of Association history, however brief, would be complete without mention of the number of handbell peals rung under the leadership of Mr. H. G. Cashmore. By 1951 Mr. Cashmore had conducted peals in Surprise methods, many new, or new to the Association. Spliced Surprise peals rose to 16 methods in 1952. In the last year a band led by Mr. John Mayne made history, for the Association peal book now records handbell peals rung in 25, 26 and 28 Surprise methods. The band was undoubtedly inspired by the earlier Spliced Surprise bands. 1968 was also a year in which record peals of Oxford (10,784) and Kent T.B. Major (17,824) were rung on handbells in the county.

Another page will be written in the history of the Association with the visit of the Central Council to St. Albans. A new City Hall, opened only a year ago, will be the venue of the Council's deliberations, in a city where the Cathedral stands on the hill looking over the site of Roman Verulamium.

Hertfordshire has no claim to fame for spectacular rings of bells or unusual towers. Hitchin possesses the heaviest ring of eight, although Baldock has the heaviest tenor (26¼ cwt.). Radlett bells (3½ cwt.) are the newest and lightest ring in the county.

One St. Andrew's Day in the mid-1800s, John Carr, of Waltham Cross, walked to Hertford to conduct a peal. On his return he composed a song, which ends:

"May their deeds be recorded in the annals of time,
And long may they live in the steeple to chime."

Those sentiments are echoed as we welcome our fellow-ringers to Hertfordshire.

[With acknowledgments to "Ringing in Hertfordshire", by H. V. Frost.]

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DIOCESE AND COUNTY BID YOU WELCOME

WALTER AYRE, PRESIDENT

For many years it has been my sincere wish to be in a position to invite the Central Council, on behalf of the Hertford County Association, to visit this county. When, as the senior member of our representatives, I was authorised to extend the invitation, which was duly accepted, my pleasure knew no bounds.

This is the first visit of the Council to our county and I am sure it will have no regrets at our choice of venue. We have picked upon St. Albans from the accommodation and other angles, also because of its history, from British settlement origin, through the Verulamium era to present day industry.

The Abbey dominates the city, with its Norman tower made of Roman bricks filched from Verulamium. Even to non-ringers the climb—the second half is worse than the first—is well worth the effort when one looks down on the city and the surrounding countryside, though one has to be fit and not too obese to make the ascent. To ring at the Abbey is certainly an experience—but quite a handy 12.

In the information passed to members will be listed places of interest easily accessible, such as Hatfield House, Luton Hoo, Woburn Abbey, Whipsnade Zoo—besides the museums at St. Albans and the Natural History Museum at Tring. In fact, from Ashwell in the north to Rickmansworth in the south, Tring in the west to Sawbridgeworth in the east, you will find fascination and interests to suit all tastes.

This county is very often mistakenly thought of as purely a dormitory county of London, but I can assure you your eyes will be opened to the contrary if you participate in the tours arranged—open country, unadulterated and only 22 miles from London.

My first real interest in bells was aroused in January, 1901, when the Barton-on-Humber six were rung half-muffled for the death of Queen Victoria. I little realised then that 68 years later I should be the president of this Association—and what an honour I deem it—and as such it gives me the greatest pleasure to welcome all Council members, their wives and friends, who will be coming to St. Albans this Whitsuntide. I can assure you no effort will be spared in making your visit most enjoyable and memorable. All our ringers are determined to give you a hearty welcome in their midst.

I close with the ardent wish that your deliberations will **not** go down in our annals like the historical Battles of St. Albans during the Wars of the Roses.

BISHOP OF ST. ALBANS
(Rt. Rev. E. M. Gresford Jones, D.D.)

I am delighted to send this message of welcome, through the courtesy of the Editor of "The Ringing World", to all ringers who will be coming to St. Albans for their conference.

On behalf of the diocese, which includes both Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire, I write to say we look forward to your visit, and we hope your conference will prove a notable milestone in the Association's history.

I am confident that the Hertford County Association of Change-Ringers will do its best to prepare for your arrival, and that the Bedfordshire Association will be co-operative too.

I delight to hear church bells ring, and I am inclined to think I enjoy them all the more because I do not listen to them with the critical ear of a trained ringer. I enjoy visiting bands of ringers though I am not sufficiently skilled to be eligible for election as a ringer member. Just occasionally I am embarrassed to meet ringers in churches in this diocese, for they travel round wherever there is a ring of bells to be dedicated—and I have only one sermon for these occasions. I will not quote from it now for I may need it on May 27th, and on that day I much look forward to meeting many of you.

✠MICHAEL ST. ALBANS.

Service Ringing

Aldenham	(8)	10.15 a.m.	6.00 p.m.
Apsley	(6)	8.45	6.00
Aston	(6)	10.30	6.00
Baldock	(8)	8.30	5.30
Benington	(8)	9.00	5.30
Brent Pelham	(6)	10.15	
Bushey	(8)		5.30
Bushey Heath	(8)	8.30	5.45
Essendon	(6)	10.45	6.00
Great Hormead	(6)	9.00	
Hatfield	(10)	10.15	5.45
Hemel Hempstead	(8)	8.45	6.00
Hitchin	(8)	8.45	5.45
Kimpton	(6)	9.00	
King's Langley	(8)	9.00	6.00
Langleybury	(6)	10.30	6.00
Much Hadham	(8)	8.40	
North Mymms	(8)	10.30	6.00
Northchurch	(8)	7.30, 10.30	6.00
Old Knebworth	(8)	10.15	
Radlett	(6)	9.00	5.45
Redbourn	(6)	9.00, 10.30	6.00
Rickmansworth	(10)	8.45	5.45
Rushden	(5)		6.00
St. Albans			
The Cathedral	(12)	10.15	
St. Michael's	(8)	10.00	5.30
St. Peter's	(10)	10.20	5.50
St. Stephen's	(6)	10.30	6.00
St. Ippolyts	(6)	10.15	
Sandon	(5)	10.45	
Sarratt	(5)	9.15	5.45
Sawbridgeworth	(8)	10.15	
South Mymms	(6)	10.20	5.50
Stevenage	(8)	10.30	5.45
Tring	(8)	9.15	5.45
Watford	(10)	10.00	5.30
Wheathampstead	(6)	10.30	6.00

Other Ringing

Saturday, May 24th, 1969

Northern Tour

Sandridge	(6)	9.30–11.00
Kimpton	(6)	10.15–11.45
St. Paul's, Walden	(6)	11.00–12.30
Hitchin	(8)	11.45– 1.15
Norton	(8)	12.30– 2.00
Baldock	(8)	2.00– 3.30
Ashwell	(6)	2.45– 4.15
Wallington	(6)	3.30– 5.00
Weston	(5)	4.15– 5.45
Benington	(8)	5.30– 7.00
Aston	(6)	6.15– 7.45
Hatfield	(10)	7.00– 8.30

Southern Tour

Radlett	(6)	9.30–11.00
North Mymms	(8)	10.15–11.45
South Mymms	(6)	11.00–12.30
Chipping Barnet	(8)	11.45– 1.15
Monken Hadley	(8)	12.30– 2.00
Northaw	(6)	2.00– 3.00
Cheshunt	(8)	2.45– 4.15
Broxbourne	(8)	3.30– 5.00
Hoddesdon	(8)	4.15– 5.45
Hunsdon	(8)	5.30– 7.00
Great Amwell	(6)	6.15– 7.45
Hertford, St. Andrew's	(8)	7.00– 8.30

Evening Ringing

St. Albans, St. Peter's	(10)	7.30– 9.00
St. Albans, St. Michael's	(8)	7.30– 9.00

Monday, May 26th, 1969

Ringing arrangements will be notified to representatives direct, in accordance with the wishes of members expressed at Worcester in 1968.

INFORMATION CENTRE

In the Abbey Room of the H.Q. hotel the Hertford County Association have an information centre and bookstall which will be manned in the evenings and on Sunday.

Maps and guide books will be available and also certain literature relating to ringing, including "The Ringing World".

The host Association has also prepared a handy booklet which has been sent to Central Council members in advance. Of particular value is the map of car parks and directions to various churches listed in the tours. Another thoughtful inclusion is guidance for places to eat at. Thank you, Herts Association, for your careful planning.

The Bells of the Cathedral and Abbey Church of St. Alban

By R. E. HARDY

DESPITE its great age, the Abbey of St. Alban has only held Cathedral status for comparatively few years, the bishopric having been constituted in 1877. For all its Norman simplicity the building cannot but impress, and it has been once described as "one of the grandest and most interesting churches of England". The continual flow of visitors to the Abbey, and pilgrims to the shrine of St. Alban, is a sure witness to the truth of this observation.

The modern town of St. Albans (not to be confused with Roman Verulamium, which stands on the opposite bank of the River Ver) was built around the Abbey, which itself has a continuous history from the 8th century. It was then that Offa, King of Mercia, smitten by remorse for a treacherous murder, founded a Benedictine Abbey upon the site where the remains of Alban, martyred about the end of the 3rd century in the Diocletian persecution, were discovered, as the chroniclers have it, miraculously, by the leading of a star. There is no knowledge of bells, if any, during the period from its foundation to its rebuilding in the 11th century.

ABBOT'S INTEREST

Paul de Caen, the 14th Abbot, appointed in 1077 by William the Conqueror, was the builder of the Abbey on its present scale, and it is recorded that "he stocked the tower with bells, to which two, larger and more commendable, were added by one of the English nobles, named Lyolf, who dwelt in the woody parts of this country". These bells (and there were probably four) were blessed during the rule of Geoffrey, 16th abbot, on the occasion of a visit by Geoffrey, Bishop of St. Asaph. A further addition of one bell, named after St. Mary, is recorded when William de Trumpington was the 22nd Abbot. Whether these bells were not satisfactory is a matter for speculation, but it is recorded of Roger Horton, the 24th Abbot, that "a great bell truly and a most sonorous one, called by the name of St. Amphibalus, he caused to be made for tolling the curfew daily; other two bells in honour of St. Alban and St. Katherine being made at the same time . . . out of four old bells broken up, without adding the smallest quantity of metal".

The next records are a little confused, but during the rule of the next Abbot, Michael Mentmore, the bell Amphibalus was broken while the curfew was being tolled, and was subsequently recast, as also apparently was the bell Alban, recorded as being "in our time so commendable for its sonorous tone". A further bell, Christ, was added by the 30th Abbot, Thomas-de-la-Mere. It is also interesting to find recorded that in his rule, in 1380, one of these bells fell, but fortuitously became wedged in the beams of the tower, thereby saving both bell and the monks "who sat beneath in the choir". This incident was regarded as a miracle at the time.

No record can be found, despite extensive searches, of bells at the time of the Dissolution (1539). Chauncy records five in 1700, and it is a fair guess that there were also five in 1539. Happily, the Conventual church, together with the lead, iron, glass and bells, was not destroyed, but subsequently granted (in consideration of £400) by Edward VI to the inhabitants of St. Albans.

ANCIENT BELLS REMAIN

These five ancient bells were broken up in 1699 and, with additional metal, were recast by Philip Wightman into a ring of six. Of these, four (present 7, 8, 11 and tenor) still remain. The ring of eight was completed in 1730, when Richard Phelps added two trebles. The lighter of these was recast by John Briant and again, in 1845, by C. and G. Mears. The ring of 12 was completed in 1935 by Mears and Stainbank, when four trebles were added. Other bells have also been recast at odd times (see below).

There is also a Sanctus bell, uninscribed and long-waisted, which now hangs inside and over the west door. This has been dated at about 1290, making it one of the earliest in the county. It is an experience to strike this bell and hear it echo round; by present day standards its tone is nothing short of excruciating!

THE RINGING ROOM

The ringing room and location of the bells are both unusual and worthy of mention. The former is similar to that at Hereford Cathedral, being full of large oak beams which cut across the rope circle. Access is via two stairways, the first in the N.W. corner of the north transept, being a spiral of 68 steps which leads to the triforium. This is traversed by a gallery built in the thickness of the wall, and open on one side, to the base of the central tower stairway. This spiral, of 92 steps, was completed in 1110 and is in places very narrow. Nevertheless, it is surprising how large a person is able to pass along it.

The bells themselves, the only ring of 12 in the diocese, hang in the S.W. corner of the tower, which also houses the clock case. The clock has only one face and this is in the ringing room. The N.W. corner holds the carillon mechanism. In the N.E. corner is a 3,000-gallon, lead-lined water tank, which is always full and acts as a counterbalance. The carillon plays every three hours, except at night, repeating its tune three times. Each day of the week has its own tune. The bells hang in two tiers, the back eight and treble beneath and 2, 3 and 4 on top in a new steel frame. Formerly they were rung from below the present level from a gallery, but after over 40 years' silence they were rehung in 1871 and the ringing room moved to its present level. Despite the rather restricted vision of the rope circle due to the beams, the bells go and sound well and are easier to ring and strike than would be expected.

There is no complete collected record of all peals rung on the bells. A board in the ringing room records a peal, "the first to be compleated in this Church" of Plain Bob Major on December 19th, 1765, and the Cathedral Society, founded in 1884, has recorded about 35. A fuller account of that Society will be found under the article on the Hertford County Association in this issue.

THE BELLS

The four trebles were cast in 1935 by Mears and Stainbank, being dedicated on Monday, May 6th, 1935. In addition to the founders' marks they bear the following inscriptions (translated):—

Treble.—That ye may give praise to God and remember St. Alban, Proto-Martyr of Britain, I lift my voice, ever commemorating Ernest Vincent Wilmer Madge who died aged 21 years in the year of salvation, 1934. Weight 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb., note A.

2nd.—The Hertfordshire Association of Change Ringers, founded on 29th October, 1884, dedicated me to the honour of God in celebration of its Jubilee, and also to the memory of Edward Percy Debenham, four times elected president, who died 16th December, 1934. Weight 5 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb., note G.

3rd.—William Worthington caused me to be made in the 25th year of the reign of George V. Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. For all things give thanks. Weight 5 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb., note F sharp.

4th.—To God and the Church of St. Albans, citizens and friends gave me that I may join in celebrating the twenty-fifth year of our King, George V. 6th May, 1935. The Very Rev. E. L. Henderson, M.A., Dean. H. E. C. Goodenough, Conductor. C. Jeffs, Secretary. J. G. Blow, Treasurer. Weight 6 cwt. 2 qr., note E.

5th.—Originally cast in 1730 by Richard Phelps, the present bell bears the following:

(Crown) MEARS AND STAINBANK FOUNDERS LONDON

(Waist) NATU MINOR LAUDE PRIOR RECAST 1901

W. J. LAWRANCE, M.A., DEAN AND RECTOR

T. KENT
G. WOOLAM } CHURCHWARDENS
W. CLIMMANCE

Weight 6 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb., note D.

6th.—Like the 5th, originally cast in 1730, both bells being paid for by gifts. The inscription is as on the 5th, but the Latin phrase is GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO. Weight 7 cwt. 7 lb., note C sharp

7th.—MADE BY PHILIP WIGHTMAN 1699.

Weight 7 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb., note B.

8th.—Same as the 7th; weight 8 cwt. 3 qr., note A.

9th.—OMNIA FIANT AD GLORIAM DEI.

RECAST IN 1699, 1731 AND 1935 BY PHILIP WIGHTMAN, RICHARD PHELPS AND MEARS AND STAINBANK SUCCESSIVELY. THE REV. EDWARD LOWRY HENDERSON, M.A., DEAN.

REGINALD THOMAS KENT
ERNEST RALPH MITCHELL } CHURCHWARDENS
ARTHUR GEORGE LORAINE CAMLEN

Weight 10 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb., note G.

10th.—THOS KINDER & WM HUNT & CHRS DOMVILL CH. WARDENS 1758—LESTER & PACK OF LONDON FECIT.

Weight 15 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb., note F sharp.

This bell was originally one of the 1699 bells.

11th.—As on 7th and 8th; weight 18 cwt. 17 lb., note E.

Tenor.—JEREMIAH CARTER, JOHN COOKE CHURCHWARDENS 1699
VIVOS AD CELVM MORTVOS AD SOLVM PVLSATA VOCO
MADE BY PHILIP WIGHTMAN, LONDON.

Weight 23 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb., note D.

TRING, HERTS.—On March 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. J. Badrick 1, Theresa Wright (first "inside") 2, R. M. F. Preston 3, Elizabeth M. Emmett 4, R. G. Ouston 5, H. Collings (cond.) 6. For Mothers' Day.

At the Helm in Herts Association

Rex Agg, General Secretary

Rex Agg was born in Wolverhampton in 1930 and learned to ring on the Barwell eight at St. Luke's, Blakenhall (now unringable), in 1949, being taught by Trevor Reynolds and Eric Speake. In 1951 he took a post in the Research and Development Branch of the Ministry of Supply (now U.K.A.E.A.) at Windscale in Cumberland. Although centres of ringing and groups of ringers were few and far between, the encouragement and enthusiasm of such stalwarts as Stanley Richardson, Nicholas Newby and James Burles did much to foster his interest in ringing.

A move to Hertfordshire in 1955 brought a much wider field of ringing within range. In the next few years he rang regularly with the University of London Society and organised several tours on their behalf. On taking up residence in Hitchin, Rex was at once asked to take charge of ringing at St. Mary's, a fine church with a heavy ring of eight, suffering from a depleted band and relying on support from surrounding villages to maintain any ringing. In the succeeding 12 years many youngsters have been taught and the bells have been rung regularly although, until recently, little progress was made with change-ringing, this being due in part to the weight of the bells.

In 1957 Rex married a former secretary of the Manchester University Guild, Anne Muirhead, and they now have three children — Elizabeth, David and Philip. In his work for the Water Pollution Research Laboratory of the Ministry of Technology, Rex spends considerable time in different parts of the country and has made many friends amongst ringers in this way. His other interests include chess, at which he still represents Staffordshire in correspondence competitions. He captained the Wolverhampton Kipping Chess Club in 1950–51 and was a member of the Stevenage Chess Club team which won the Hertfordshire county championship in its first year in the event.

Since being elected to succeed Harold Frost as general secretary of the Hertford County Association in 1960 Rex has found less time for other pursuits, particularly with the demands of a young family. Not a prolific peal ringer, he regards a happy social atmosphere as a sound basis on which to build a healthy, active Association and to maintain and improve local ringing standards.

Walter Ayre, President

Walter Ayre needs no introduction to members of the Central Council. Elected to the Council as a representative for the Hertford County Association in 1926, he has the honour of being the longest continuous serving member. His work as convener of the Peals Analysis Committee is well known.

Born in Barton-on-Humber in 1891, he went to school there, and later to Hull Grammar School and Grimsby Municipal College. After a period as a pupil teacher he took a teaching post at Gainsborough in 1911. He joined the Army at the outbreak of the 1914–18 war, serving in the artillery in France and Belgium. After completing further training at St. Mark's College he was appointed headmaster at Caythorpe in 1921 and then went as headmaster to Leverstock Green in 1922, in which post he remained until retirement in 1957.

He learned to ring at Barton and rang his first peal, Minor in three methods, in 1911. This was soon followed by a peal of Kent T.B. Major at Hull, and by 1918 he had commenced conducting.

His first 12-bell peal was at Southwark, to which he rang the tenor. He had joined the Cumberlands and was contemporary with John D. Matthews, who conducted his first peal on handbells. He took part in the Cumberlands' first peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus and also a peal of Stedman Caters at the Imperial Institute, South Kensington. In 1948 he was elected Master of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.

Walter served as secretary of the Western District of the Hertford County Association from 1923 to 1947, and was previously elected president in 1935. Under his guidance and leadership the Apsley band, which he joined in 1932, has rung peals in up to 32 Surprise Minor methods. His peal total is 934, of which he has conducted 529. Of these peals, 704 (conducted 394) have been rung on tower bells and 230 (135) on handbells; 572 of his peals were rung for the Hertford County Association.

His other love is music; he possesses a resonant bass voice and has been a member of one choir or another since he was 9 years old. He has taken an active part in local affairs, rising to the rank of Superintendent in the Special Constabulary, which he joined in 1926. In recent months Walter has been seriously ill and his condition caused his friends great concern. Happily he was able to take his place on the platform at the annual meeting at Hemel Hempstead, to the acclamation of all present.

Herts Tower in Danger of Falling Silent

The very fine ring of six bells at the Church of St Helen, Wheathampstead, Herts, will have rung for the last time at Whitsun (when they will be open on the Sunday and Monday for the Central Council visit) unless £1,000 can be raised to pay for urgent repair work to strengthen the central tower, in which a crack has developed.

The seriousness of the crack came to light during the past year when a fund was started to augment the bells to a ring of eight, £350 out of the £1,100 needed having already been raised by the efforts of the keen young band at Wheathampstead, with some help from members of the St. Albans District of the H.C.A.

Readers may remember the photograph of the church on the cover of the "R.W." for November 17th, 1967. The bells were originally a ring of six by Richard Phelps, cast in 1717, with a tenor of 17 cwt. They were recast in 1937 as a glorious six of 14 cwt. by John Taylor and rehung in a timber frame. The bells are rung from the ground floor in the centre of the church in full view of the congregation. There are no rope guides, at the insistence of the P.C.C. for aesthetic reasons, and in consequence there is an unguided rope draught of 36 ft. to the dumb floor. This probably accounts for the very few peals rung on these bells, the last one being Cambridge S. Minor on December 31st, 1966.

Until 1962 the band was entirely call-change, but since then, under the guidance of the tower captain, Fred Ellis, many youngsters have been taught and there is now a competent change-ringing band. Any donations towards the total of nearly £2,000 now needed will be gratefully received and acknowledged by Mr. F. W. Ellis, 130, Marford Road, Wheathampstead, Herts.

K. S. H.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The Leeds and District Society at its annual meeting at Headingley on May 3rd decided to increase its subscription to 2/6, with juniors 15 and under continuing to pay 1/-. The secretary (Mr. Ian North) reported that the standard of ringing at meetings had normally been high, with courses of standard Surprise methods usually being rung. The Society's first striking competition had been won by Wakefield Cathedral ringers.

The following officers were elected to serve for the forthcoming year: President, Mr. Robin Brown (Rothwell); secretary/treasurer, Robert Cater (Wakefield); Ringing Master, Ron Warford (Chapel Allerton). Irvin Slack thanked the retiring secretary, Ian North, and Ringing Master Alan Clifton for the services they had given.

Ringing continued afterwards on the eight bells of St. Chad's.

Next meeting, May 31st, at Batley.

CROSSWORD No. 14 SOLUTION

The first correct solution for Crossword No. 14 was submitted by Timothy G. Pett, 4, Monnery Road, London, N.19, who is awarded a prize of 10s.

Across.—1 Master of hounds, 10 Oiled, 11 Great Paul, 12 The bell, 13 Deep sea, 14 Thief, 16 Timpanist, 19 Bad humour, 20 Laird, 22 Imbibes, 25 Outlive, 27 Tight rope, 28 Tutor, 29 London Scholars.

Down.—2 All behind, 3 To die, 4 Rigoletto, 5 Fiend, 6 On the ball, 7 Nears, 8 Solo act, 9 Tomtit, 15 Four by two, 17 Merioneth, 18 Initiator, 19 Bristol, 21 Dreary, 23 Begin, 24 Stops, 26 Total.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.—On April 23rd (St. George's Day), 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. Leggett 1, N. V. Avis 2, R. Knight (first "inside") 3, B. Fairhead 4, D. Mills 5, J. P. Loveless (first as cond.) 6.

Letters to the Editor

HANDBELL PEAL COMPOSITIONS

Dear Sir,—I was not surprised to read the reply from the Wirral handbell band to Mr. Mayne's letter referring to the handbell compositions being rung and published. Unfortunately Mr. Coventry has, I think, misunderstood Mr. Mayne's letter. What Mr. Mayne deplores is not so much the construction of the peals with coursing pairs but more the compositions being published with the title "suitable for handbells". This conveys the impression that only peals of this type are rung on handbells when, of course, they are not.

Compositions of this type have provided an aid to learning for the Wirral band, but I would hope that they will now move on to non-coursing compositions. To have 3-4 and 5-6 coursing for large parts of the peal necessitates a good deal of non-coursing through the Wrong, Home and Middle. This means that either the ringers of 3-4 and 5-6 can ring the other positions of Treble Bob Maximus or the ringing is unsteady at the course ends. I hope the latter is not the case.

On the other hand the very experienced Hertfordshire band would gain nothing from this type of composition. Their experience is such that, more often than not, they are able just to sit down and ring something new, whereas the Wirral band have no such experience but decided they wanted to ring Maximus. This type of composition has made progress come a little quicker. Contrary to Mr. Mayne, I find that there is no sacrifice of music with just one pair coursing. Two of the most musical coursing orders in Plain and T.B. Maximust are 23456 and 65432.

Everyone will agree with Mr. Mayne that handbell ringers should aspire to be able to ring all the pairs in all the positions; it is more difficult for some than others. Even the Hertfordshire band nurse certain people to a certain degree by what pairs they ring, and the first peal of Surprise Maximus outside Leicester was in a method which some people might find easier than Oxford T.B. We must wait and see who rings the first peal of Cambridge Maximus outside Leicester—how about it, Hertfordshire?—Yours faithfully,

ALAN F. SCHOLFIELD.

Cambridge.

TRUMPINGTON

Dear Sir,—I was surprised to read Martin Kitson's letter (page 342). When in Cambridge last year my application for 30 minutes' ringing was refused on the grounds that the tower had to restrict ringing to a bare minimum: yet a peal can be organised at one day's notice. Perhaps there is one rule for the locals and another for outsiders. This was the only refusal of the day.—Yours, etc.,

GEOFFREY DODD.

Woolton Hill, Hants.

SUNDAY MORNING BELLS

Dear Sir,—Mr. Norman Mallett ("R.W.", April 25th) suggests that the present series of bell recordings broadcast on Sundays at 7.50 a.m. should be replaced by recordings of other bells.

This is a subject upon which I also feel strongly and which I, as Convener of the Central Council's Broadcasting and Television Committee, have been discussing with the B.B.C. for a considerable time; and I can say now that I shall be surprised —and disappointed—if other recordings are not introduced before the end of this month.—Yours faithfully,

H. N. PITSTOW, Convener,
Broadcasting and Television Committee.

Banstead, Surrey.

NO COLOUR BAR IN MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION

Dear Sir,—As regards the colour bar allegation made at the Middlesex A.G.M. by Mr. Knight, I cannot emphatically deny the existence of such because a coloured person has never been proposed for membership of our Association. Should the circumstance arise that a coloured person eligible for membership be rejected, I would most certainly resign. However, knowing the members as I do, I feel sure that this action will never be necessary. As you correctly state in your report, a few years ago the Association made a grant to Kilifi. I trust this action will give readers a more reliable impression of this Association than your report heading might initially convey. I also deny that Mr. Knight's application for affiliation was refused twice. It was only once owing to special circumstances in the area.—Yours sincerely,

W. S. DEASON
(Master, Middlesex Association)

Bookham, Surrey.

VETERANS BACK IN THE FOLD

Dear Sir,—On March 21st you published a letter which greatly encouraged two new members of our band who are both over 50, and I hope their experience will help others.

One of them learned to handle a bell over 40 years ago and the other 20 years, but neither progressed beyond rounds. They both returned eight weeks ago when our numbers were depleted. It only took a few minutes for them both to be ringing rounds again, although obviously not perfectly.

Providing we are able to fit them in with five competent ringers, they are now both able to ring a plain course of Bob Minor.

During the last few years I have had the pleasure of teaching quite a few young people, but I am sure that the achievement of these two compares very favourably with what the younger ones have done, at least in overcoming the first hurdle of Bob Minor.—Yours sincerely,

DENNIS COOPER.

Bolsover, Derbyshire.

MUSIC IN HANDBELL PEALS

Dear Sir,—It is a pity that John Mayne should write such an "out of character" letter as he did in "The Ringing World" of April 18th

Handbell ringers generally ring handbell peals primarily for the enjoyment of listening to good ringing and secondly for the sense of achievement they get on completing a peal. If a band produces better striking by ringing a simple composition why ring a difficult one?

I mentioned that John's letter was out of character because:—

(a) I felt that inexperienced handbell bands might be discouraged by it (as has been proved by Leslie Coventry's letter).

(b) He talks about sacrificing the musical qualities associated with the method. I believe that handbell compositions of Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Maximus with 5-6 and 3-4 coursing are more **musical** than conventional tower bell compositions. Particularly musical coursing orders are those like 65432, 23456, 56342, 24365, and the most musical leads in the course are when the treble is coursing immediately before or after the 2nd.

When one considers that the ratio of changes which are not roll-ups to those which are roll-ups is 23 to 1, both for Plain Bob and Treble Bob, is it not logical to try to obtain the best music within the lead, if not at the lead-end? I would not consider calling a tower bell composition to a handbell peal of Plain Bob Maximus, having heard the music that can be produced by a composition specially composed for handbells.—Yours sincerely,

ROBERT B. SMITH.

IDENTITY WANTED

Dear Sir,—I would like to ask, via "The Ringing World", if there is anyone who recognises this Little Minor method:—

—, 16, 56, 14. l.h. 64523. Bob 56423.
Single 65423.

The method can be rung to those compositions true for touches of Little Plain Bob and will also splice with Alliance methods to give an extent, according to the tables given in the Central Council Collection.

In the event of this method being true and unnamed, I would like it to be called "Holderness Little Bob". I don't know what procedure there is in naming methods, but if this is a satisfactory way of going about it then I will be pleased if you would be interested!—Yours sincerely,

P. J. COOK.

Forest Gate, London, E.

AN ESSEX CALL-CHANGE CONTEST

The winners of the Northern District, Essex Association, call-change competition at Stisted on April 19th, were St. Catherine's, Gosfield, under the leadership of Susan Burdon. Sandon were second and others competing were Braintree, Bocking and Terling. Miss H. G. Snowden and Mr. E. W. Roast were judges.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOL
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SURREY ASSOCIATION APPOINTS A PEAL BROKER

The Surrey Association has no shortage of ideas. At its annual meeting at the Chapter House, Southwark, on May 3rd, a new officer was appointed — a "peal broker". Any ringer or tower captain who would like assistance of any kind in arranging quarter peals or peals should contact C. F. Mew, 32, Wymond Street, S.W.15

Explaining the proposal, Mr. Mew said they hoped to assist peal bands with conductors, towers or ringers. Everything was covered in the scheme. He would also be grateful for the names of people willing to join in the scheme and help when appeals for assistance were made.

Biggest debate at the meeting arose over a proposal under any other business to abolish the Guild's service book. This was introduced by Mr. Michael Baughan, who moved that the service book be discontinued. "I am not against a service being held," he said. "If a service was held it should be Christian and not bellringers'. The present service is all 'inward-looking' towards bellringers. All the hymns are in just the same taste."

Mr. Norman Bagworth said the book was prepared by a sub-committee consisting of the Rev. Christopher Marshall, Mr. Pitstow and himself. It was not imperative for the clergy to use the book. The idea was if the clergy wanted a form of service there was one available.

The secretary (Mr. C. A. Cook) said the matter had been referred to the District secretaries for six months. Clergy were told that they could prepare their own form of service; if not a booklet would be provided.

A member said when the booklet was shown to the Vicar of Clapham Park he said it should be burned.

Mr. K. Game said in the Southern District the book had not been used.

Eventually the meeting accepted an amendment, prepared by the secretary, that the formal use of the booklet should cease and the District secretaries when arranging meetings should write to the clergy and inform them that there was a booklet with special hymns and prayers in it, but should stress to the clergy that they need not use it.

An amendment to rules was approved, whereby the assistant secretary should become a member of the general committee, but a proposal to reduce the size of the committee by deleting three members from each District on the general committee and instead making the District assistant secretary a member was heavily defeated. The main objection was that it would be government by officials with no representatives from the rank and file of members on the committee.

COMMITTEE'S REPORT

The committee's report, presented by the general secretary, stated that the highlights of 1968 included the dedication of the new bells at All Saints', Tooting Graveney, for which their thanks were due to the Rev. Tony Clayton for the tremendous energy he put into the task of salvaging the bells and turning them into a tuneful eight. There was also the success of the publication "Simple Compositions for the Young Conductor", and a profitable Redhill dinner.

Membership at present stood at 381, a small drop from the high figure last year. Peals totalled 31 with 109 ringers, a lower number than last year, but perhaps there had been quality rather than quantity. Not only were there a number of new performances but the peal of 9,600 Lincolnshire Surprise Major was the longest length yet rung in the method. Nine members rang their first peal.

The accounts showed a balance on the general fund of £84 against £47 brought forward, and in the Belfry Repair Fund £322 18s. 1d. against £304 7s. 5d.

The same team of officers was appointed for 1969, viz.: Master, F. E. Darby (who was in the chair at the meeting); general secretary and treasurer, C. H. Cook; assistant, Miss Juliet Stoy (after a ballot); hon. auditor, M. V. Chilcott; liaison officer to the Guildford Guild, N. Summerhayes.

After discussion, Banstead with Kingswood was selected for the 1970 A.G.M. The 90th anniversary dinner is to be held at Croydon on May 16th, 1970, and a dinner committee was appointed of the general secretary and Messrs. C. Mew and Bernard Hawkins.

Mr. B. J. Stone, the librarian, reported that there were approximately 530 peals waiting to be written in the peal book. An approach was being made to the B.B.C. for the controversial film "Blue Peter" to be placed in the library and made available to Surrey members free of charge.

A vote of thanks was moved from the chair to Bishop John Boys for his interesting address and to the Provost of Southwark for conducting the service and the Chapter for the use of the Chapter House; also to Miss Julie Armstrong and her helpers for the excellent tea.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION PASSES PEAL FEE FOR R.W.

BAD weather and the counter-attraction of the F.A. Cup final did nothing to spoil the attendance at this year's annual meeting in the Furness and Lake District Branch. Many travelled the full length of the county but the welcome made the journey worth while.

The service at St. Mary's, Dalton-in-Furness, was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. G. W. Brassington. Taking "Praise" as the theme, some rousing hymns followed, and our president, Canon Hodgson, developed the theme in his address, emphasising that service ringing and peal ringing should have no basic difference.

The president opened the meeting with a vote of thanks to the Vicar and all concerned with the success of the day, and in reply Rev. G. W. Brassington extended a very cordial welcome.

The balance sheet presented by the treasurer showed a healthy financial position (assets £852), with the Restoration Fund now being of useful proportions (balance £262).

In view of the retirement of John P. Partington as ringing secretary, the committee had decided to split the duties—Cyril Crossthwaite to be ringing secretary, dealing with matters relating to peals, Alan Ward to deal with compiling the report. This was accepted by the meeting, with very sincere thanks extended to the retiring secretary for his excellent work in the past.

A resolution was put to the meeting that the peal fee should be increased to 1/- per rope, of which 6d. would be given to support "The Ringing World". This gave rise to a fairly lengthy discussion and was finally passed by a good majority.

In view of the success of the garden party at Goosnargh last year, the president extended an invitation for this year, again on the last Saturday in June.

After the meeting there was more ringing to conclude another very enjoyable meeting.

FROM THE ANNUAL REPORT

The peal secretary very regretfully reported that nine peals rung at Hawkshead during 1966 and 1967 had been proved false due to containing one extent of Windsor Single Bob Minor, an asymmetrical method with no true extent. During 1968, 188 peals were rung, an increase of one; 24 were on handbells. First peals were rung by 24 members and 50 shared in conducting, three being their first. Leading conductors were Kevin M. Price 35¼, Jeffrey Brannan 21, and leading peal ringers: Richard S. Starkie 41, Kevin M. Price 40 and Jeffrey Brannan 38.

Peals specially mentioned were 12,096 Glasgow S. Major (longest in method), Spliced Surprise Royal in two methods on handbells (first for Association). 40-Spliced S. Maximus at Liverpool Cathedral (most methods to Maximus).

Biggleswade District members at their meeting at Tempsford received with enthusiasm the suggestion of a visit to the Expo Belfry at the Suffolk Olde Time Rally.

To usher in Helston's Floral Day (May 8th) the bells of St. Michael's Church were rung from 6 a.m. until just before 7 a.m., when the first dance started. The local band was augmented by three Truro Cathedral ringers and Dave Gough, who was on holiday at Penzance.

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DATE TOUCH

CHEWTON MENDIP, SOM.—On April 23rd, 1,969 Stedman Triples (by James Topp): S. Brown 1, A. P. Beck 2, J. R. Taylor 3, E. J. Chivers 4, P. H. D. Jones 5, D. G. Yeo 6, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 7, R. G. Beck 8. Rung for St. George's Day.

THE EXETER COLLEGES GUILD

EXETER.—At St. Mark's on Jan. 26, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: J. N. Longridge (cond.) 1, G. Skinner 2, Linda V. Cull 3, Christine M. Abbott 4, J. L. Anderson 5, M. S. Turner 6, M. Leonard (covering) 7.

HEAVITREE, DEVON. — On Feb. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Angela C. Hughes 1, J. L. Anderson 2, Christine M. Abbott 3, J. N. Longridge 4, K. A. Hughes 5, M. S. Turner 6, F. Wreford (cond.) 7, C. P. Yates 8. Also on Feb. 23rd, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. L. Anderson 1, Angela C. Hughes 2, P. K. Goodhew 3, D. J. Atkins 4, K. A. Hughes 5, P. Henry 6, F. Wreford 7, J. N Longridge (cond.) 8. Also on March 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Angela C. Hughes 1, Linda V. Cull 2, T. Griffiths-Jones 3, R. J. Wilsher 4, D. J. Atkins 5, M. S. Turner 6, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 7 K. A. Hughes 8.

BOVEY TRACEY, DEVON. — On March 17th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. R. Bould 1, J. C. Mitchelmore 2, Angela C. Hughes 3, F. D. Mack 4, K. A. Hughes 5, J. L. Anderson 6, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 7, P. L. Bill 8. A 21st birthday compliment to 7 and 8

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON.—On March 24th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Linda V. Cull 1, G. P Smerdon 2, Angela C. Hughes 3, D. J. Atkins 4, K. A. Hughes 5, J. L. Anderson 6, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 7, F. D Mack 8.

WOOKEY, SOM.—On April 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. S. Turner 1-2, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 3-4, C. F. Longridge 5-6.

ABERGAVENNY, MON. — On April 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Stephens 1, G. Ward (cond.) 2, M. Smith 3, Rev. I. J. Richards 4, G. Lewis 5, R. Horsington 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Roberts, aged 93 years, mother of one of the ringers.

ALDRIDGE, STAFFS.—On April 27th, 1,440 Pl. Bob Minor: Cynthia Humphreys 1, M. Allery 2, R. Riley (first "inside") 3, Daphne Appleby 4, J. L. Humphreys 5, J. P. Burton (first as cond.) 6 First Minor 1 and 4. For Evensong.

ASHILL, SOM.—On April 10th, 1,260 Doubles (32 M/V/S): R. F Arscott 1, K. E. Beale (cond.) 2, J. Cornelius 3, M. A. Arscott 4, R. A. C. Cross 5. 25th quarter together for 1 and 3, 3 and 5.

BABBACOMBE, DEVON. — On April 27th, 1,316 Grandsire Triples: Catherine Chambers (first attempt) 1, A. J. Garbett 2, Valerie Stephens 3, W. Wayman 4, J. L. Read 5, G. J. Roberts 6, D. J Roberts (cond.) 7, J. C. Gent 8. For Evensong.

BARKINGSIDE, ESSEX. — On April 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Jane Fransella 1, Jillian Turcan 2, Christine Morton 3, Mary Wilkinson 4, Barbara Shaw 5 Valerie Jones 6, D. Ellisdon (cond.) 7, M. Hollis 8. First quarter in method by a local band. For Patronal Festival.

BARKWAY, HERTS.—On April 25th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Jillian Turcan 1, M. Hollis (first Major) 2, Susan Turcan 3, Mary Wilkinson 4, Barbara Shaw 5, D. Wright 6, D. Ellisdon 7, C. Wright (cond.) 8.

BATTLE, SUSSEX.—On April 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. J. Winchester 1, Ann Harris 2, Christine Baldock 3, F. J. Lambert 4, D. R. Reed 5, I. V. J. Smith (cond.) 6, A. R. Baldock 7, I. S. Holland 8.

BATHFORD, SOM.—On April 17th, 1,440 Spliced Surprise Minor (three methods): Erica Pankhurst 1, Kay Whittaker 2, P. J. W Hardwick 3, D. G. Massey (first Spliced as cond.) 4 R L. Coles 5, D J. Orledge 6.

BERKHAMSTED, HERTS. — On May 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor Marilyn Warner 1, Mrs. D. Sennitt 2, D. Burbidge 3, Theresa Wright 4, A. R. Ashby 5, M A. Gilbey (cond.) 6 Rung for Stewardship renewal

BIGGIN HILL, KENT.—On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Kift 1, L. Hooper (first quarter) 2, B. Stocker 3, D. Stocker 4, H. M. Williamson (cond.) 5, R. Kift 6.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.—On April 27th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Anne Simkins 1, Jennifer M Millbank (cond., first in method) 2, Josephine A. Quilter 3, Jennifer M Syder 4, C. J. Barker 5, R. J Lindsell 6, A. R. Syder 7, P. G. Brown 8. For Evensong.

QUARTER PEALS

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL. — On April 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. J. George 1, H. Miles 2, G. W. Taysom 3, Canon A. S. Roberts 4, F. M. Bowers 5, W. R. Curtis 6, Marion L. Lidgey (cond.) 7, M. Smaldon (first in method) 8.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYS.—On April 27th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Marjorie Phipps 1, T. Wylie 2, P. Rose 3, H. Wagstaff 4, M. P. Phipps (cond.) 5, D. Hird (first "inside") 6, D. N. Peers 7, J. D. Arkwell 8. For annual Scout service, and as a farewell compliment to David Maybury on departure to Worksop.

CHENIES, BUCKS.—On April 21st, 1,440 Pl. Bob Minor: P. L. Knight (first Minor) 1, W. J. Atkins 2, M. Hatchett (cond.) 3, E. C. Pickton 4, F. H. Walters 5, D. J. Goodman 6.

CHRISTCHURCH, NEW ZEALAND. — On April 18th, at the Cathedral Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. R. Hainsworth 1, P. J. Perry 2, N. F. E. Reeve 3, R. Stevens 4, J. H. G. Gardner 5, R. J. Johnston 6.

CHURCH STRETTON, SALOP.—On April 19th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Cecelia Evans 1, E. White 2, Jennifer Beech 3, R. H. Newton 4, M. Allman 5, P. Evans 6, N. Holland 7, F. Beech (cond.) 8.

CLIFFE, KENT.—On April 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. K. Terris 1, B. Cousins 2, M. Barden 3, G. H. Terris 4, G. Philpott 5, L. Crouch 6, T. Cross (cond.) 7, G. Partington 8. With best wishes to Brian Trill and Patricia Barlow on the occasion of their wedding.

COALBROOKDALE, SALOP. — On April 26th, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: Miss E. Timmins 1, Miss G. B. Smith 2, A. S. Bayley 3, Miss C. Slater 4, R. C. Stevens (cond.) 5, E. G. Bowyer 6, H. G. Thomas 7, P. R. Johnson 8, A. M. Jones 9, W. Norcott 10. Rung half-muffled in memory of Walter Crawford, for many years a member of the Coalbrookdale band, who died on January 20th.

DOWNE, KENT.—On March 30th, 1,320 Pl. Bob Doubles: Kathryn Holman (first quarter) 1, Val Hayward 2, A. H. Long 3, K. Burgess 4, R. A. Grant (cond.) 5. For Evensong. Also on April 13th, 1,260 St. Clement's Bob Minor: K. Burgess 1, Val Hayward 2, A. H. Long 3, R. A. Grant 4, P. A. Butler 5, P. R. Butler (first as cond.) 6. For Evensong, and as a farewell to Rev. and Mrs. C. F. Hopkins on their departure to South Africa. Also on April 24th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob and St. Clement's Bob Minor: Val Hayward 1, K. Burgess 2, A. H. Long 3, P. A. Butler 4, P. R. Butler 5, R. A. Grant (first as cond. in more than one method) 6. Rung to welcome home Robin Knox-Johnson, of Downe, on his return from his non-stop single-handed voyage round the world.

HAYES, KENT.—On April 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Rogers (first quarter) 1, Miss H. Oakshett 2, M. F. Oakshett 3, C. J. Mundy 4, M. H. O'Callaghan 5, J. W. Smith (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of John Player and George Gallon.

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HEREFORD. — At the Cathedral Church of SS. Mary and Ethelbert, on March 30th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss C. A. Sherwood 1, Mrs. E. Pannell 2, R. A. Hatcher 3, P. L. Hughes 4, W. P. Nash 5, T. E. Wood 6, A. G. Semken 7, A. T. Wingate (first Major as cond.) 8. For Evensong.

HODNET, SALOP.—On April 18th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Maire Mothersnaw 1, P. Morris 2, Rachel Gee (first quarter) 3, M. Gee 4, R. E. Morris 5, G. Mothershaw 6. Conducting shared by 2, 3, 4 and 5. Late birthday greetings for Rachel (15).

HORSPATH, OXON.—On April 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Christine Baker 1, Linda Crozier 2, Christine Binks 3, L. Porter 4, T. Smith 5, J. Sear 6. Conducted by 4 and 5 Rung by St. Andrew's, Headington, band.

KEA, CORNWALL.—On April 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Barbara J. Duck 1, R. S. K. Salisbury 2, A. J. Davidson 3, D. R. Curry (first "inside") 4, A. Locke 5, T. J. Bell (cond.) 6.

KINGSCLERE, HANTS.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Dunstan 1, R. Jones 2, P. Dye 3, H Wells 4, F. Godden 5, R. Finch 6, G. K. Dodd (cond.) 7, R. F. Crook 8. Rung to herald the Kingsclere Music Festival (May 11th-17th).

LONG SUTTON, SOM. — On April 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. C. Gratton 1, Mrs. L. Crocker 2, C. Gratton (50th quarter) 3 H. Warr 4, E. T. P Field (cond.) 5, M. Eastment 6. A compliment to Mr. T. R. N. Walford and Miss J. E. Odell, married this day at St. Laurence's, Reading.

LONGWOOD, YORKS. — On April 20th, 1,440 Braintree and Marple Delight Minor: A. Lunn 1, S. Williams 2, S. Lunn 3, D. Williams 4, B. Ellis 5, I. Roberts (cond.) 6. To mark the centenary of the Parkwood Methodist Chapel, Longwood.

MACHYNLLETH, MONT.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Elizabeth I. Salem 1 Mary Pollard 2, Jill P. Gordon 3, Susan E. Davis 4, J. B. Wilson 5, M. H. Tompsett (cond.) 6. For U.C.W.S.

MARKSBURY, SOM.—On April 22nd, 1,272 Norwich Surprise Minor: R. Smith 1, R. Perry 2, S. Brown 3, J. Brain 4, M. J. Horseman 5, P. J. England (cond.) 6. Rung to welcome home Robin Knox-Johnson after his round-the-world voyage.

NETTLEHAM, LINCS.—On April 13th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: D. Booth (first quarter) 1, Mrs. M. Parker 2, W. Booth (first "inside") 3, Mrs. S. Sinden 4, M. H. Sinden (cond.) 5, A. Sinden 6.

POTTON, BEDS.—On April 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. H. Smith (cond.) 1, D. Goss 2, A. Norman 3, M. Mander (first Minor "inside") 4, A. S. Smith 5, C. R. Hardy 6. For Evensong

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.—On March 2nd, 1,516 Single Oxford Bob Caters Penny Halliwell 1, H. Furminger 2, B. Sadler 3, D. Sloman 4, P. Sadler 5, M. Hallett 6, J. Belcham 7, S. Halliwell 8, A. House (cond.) 9, P. Sloman 10. A compliment to David Sloman and Penny Halliwell on the announcement of their engagement. Also on March 26th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: H. Furminger 1, Penny Halliwell 2, S. Halliwell 3, A. Cansdale 4, P. Sadler 5, B. Sadler 6, D. Sloman 7, M. Hallett (cond.) 8. First in method 2, 3, 5, 6 and 7. Rung by the local band for Lenten service. Also on April 6th, 1,256 Little Bob Major: Jose Sadler 1, G. Bacon 2, P. Sloman 3, Penny Halliwell 4, J. Belcham 5, F Lufkin 6, B. Sadler (first in method) 7, D. Sloman (cond.) 8. Rung for Easter Day as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 2nd and 3rd and also as a farewell to Kathie Fance on her departure to Tobruk

PULHAM MARKET, NORFOLK.—On April 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: A. G. Harrison 1, T. G. Boast 2, J Mowle 3, A. H. Roberts 4, F. Sutton 5, O. P. Claxton 6, H. B. Fuller (cond.) 7, A. C W. Roope 8. A wedding compliment to Miss Bogg and Mr. A. C. W. Roope, verger and Ringing Master at Pulham; also a birthday compliment to Sally Tebble, grand-daughter of the 1st ringer and Mr Cecil A. Thompson.

PUTNEY, S.W.—On April 13th, 1,280 Treales Surprise Major: C. Harris 1, Julie S. Armstrong 2, L. C. Way 3, A. E Bagworth 4, C F. Mew (cond.) 5, Rev. M. Hart 6, A. R Patterson 7, M. J. Uphill 8. Rung as a compliment to Noel Waite and family, leaving for Leicester.

WEST MEON, HANTS. — On April 20th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): J. Flook 1, Mary White 2, Janet Yeates 3, B. Pink 4, K. G. Waller (cond.) 5, F. Sherfield 6. Rung for morning service.

YATTON, SOM.—On April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mary Lawrence 1, Mrs. C. Porter 2, P. J. England 3, S. G. Smith 4, R. W. Rice 5, G. Prescott (cond.) 6, W. S. Rice 7, J. K. Baker 8. Rung to the memory of Mrs. E. Smith, mother of the fourth ringer.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Concern over Redundancy

There was a large attendance at the annual meeting of the Bedfordshire Association held at Biggleswade on May 3rd, some 92 ringers sitting down to an excellent tea, which preceded the more serious business.

The president, Mr. A. E. Rushton, formally welcomed visitors from other Associations and Guilds and hoped the beautiful spring weather enabled everyone to take full advantage of the splendid arrangements made for their pleasure — those who did their duty faithfully Sunday by Sunday were entitled to relax occasionally!

After the minutes had been approved the election of officers took place. The serving president was elected for the tenth successive year, there being no other nominations, and was greeted with enthusiastic applause as he rose to thank the Association for the great honour they did him and the confidence they reposed in him.

The general secretary, Mr. Alan S. Smith, felt that he could no longer continue in office and was warmly thanked for the devoted service he had rendered over his six-year term of office. The new general secretary, Mr. P. Mehew, was warmly welcomed and wished a happy and successful term in that capacity. The peal secretary, librarian, auditor and trustees were re-elected. Mr. R. J. Sharp was elected a vice-president of the Association.

MONEY FOUND AT MANCHESTER

A large sum of money was found after the last Manchester Branch 12-bell practice at Manchester Town Hall on May 7th. Will the person who lost this money please contact the Branch secretary, Alan Ward, 7, Dartmouth Road, Whitefield, Manchester, M25 6AS. Telephone: 766 6786 (STD Code 061).

Great concern was expressed at the prospect of certain churches becoming redundant, and an extraordinary meeting of the general committee is being called to consider how best the Association can work to ensure that rings of bells, in some cases of historic importance, can be preserved for their intended purpose. A practical step in this direction was taken 12 months ago, when the Association decided to issue a revised and less costly form of annual report and devote the money saved to the Bell Repair Fund.

In closing the meeting the president thanked the clergy for their continued co-operation, the officers for another excellent year's work, and the ladies who so kindly provided a most adequate tea.

CORRECTIONS & AMENDMENTS

In the quarter peal at Weekley, Northants, the ringer of the second was Miss S. Diamond and not Miss Drummond.

URANGWOT VIII

We regret that a typographical error occurred in Urangwot VIII. In the fifth line an E appeared for an F. The equations should read:—

G+A=J+C
G+E=D+B
G+E=I+H
J+H=C+F
F+D=B+I

A has to ring the treble and B to ring the 4th.

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In the peal of Bob Minor at Ulceby, Lincs, on April 1st (see "R.W.", page 369), for the Lincoln Guild, the footnotes should read as follows: Stephen Hopkins, first in the method; John Plant, first peal attempt.

OBITUARY

BISHOP BROOK

With the death of Bishop Richard Brook the Suffolk Guild lost one of its past presidents. A distinguished scholar, Richard Brook stood out as a strong bishop; his sense of humour was warm and winning, with his native bluntness contrasting strongly with Suffolk's traditional preference for "wrapping up", but with him you always knew where you were. Under his apparently brusque exterior, really the outcome of shyness, lay a kindly, understanding and above all a fair-minded spirit.

A diocesan memorial service was held at Bury St. Edmunds Cathedral on April 19th.

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MR. W. T. HOLMES

The funeral took place on April 25th of Mr. W. T. Holmes, of Hyde Valley House, Welwyn Garden City, who was a member of St. Etheldreda's, Hatfield, band and a regular visitor to St. Peter's, Tewin, where he helped a number of young ringers. About three years ago he had a stroke which left him partially paralysed. Even so, in the summer months he would still come and ring at Tewin.

To his memory, a band of those who were taught by him or rang regularly with him rang on April 30th at Tewin 720 Plain Bob Minor: F. J. Garrod 1, A. G. Sears 2, H. Shire 3, D. Digby 4, D. S. Harris 5, P. Owen (cond.) 6.

DRAYTON BASSETT, Tamworth, STAFFS.—On April 6th, 1,272 Minimus (three methods): Gillian Davis (aged 10) 1, Theresa Parker (11) 2, Jacqueline Daisley (first quarter, 15) 3, K. Donnison (first as cond., 14) 4. Rung half-muffled for Evensong in memory of Preb. Alfred Jones. First on the bells by a "children's" band.

A COTSWOLD TOUR

Organised by Mr. S. R. Munday, of Bradford, a successful Easter tour was held in the Cotswolds. Race traffic caused a late arrival at Towcester on Easter Monday for the first tower. To add to the preliminary misfortunes the tenor clapper fell out, dislodging its slider. Many thanks are due to Mr. Bellamy, of Milverton, Somerset. Apart from providing three ringers he was very efficient in repairing bells, including replacing clappers.

Generally the days were uneventful, but Saturday was the most heavy day, starting with the 23 cwt. six at Powick. St. John's, Worcester, Stoulton and Bishampton were visited. En route for the last-mentioned tower, one of the cars had to be towed out of a deep, muddy ford by a local farmer, and had four inches depth of water in it. At Pershore Abbey nobody would turn in the 28 cwt. tenor, partly because of the situation of the ringing chamber and also because the tenor men were emptying the water out of the flooded car, using two cups! The tour came to an excellent end with ringing on the ten at Stratford-on-Avon, where the presentation of a week-end case was made to the organiser by Mr. M. Hillary.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Thorncombe was the venue for the quarterly meeting of the West Dorset Branch held on April 19th. Ringing was under the supervision of the Ringing Master until the service, which was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. L. T. S. Sims-Williams. A welcome tea was awaiting in the Village Hall, served by the ladies of the ringers.

Mr. C. W. Powell presided at the business meeting, when Frank Knight was congratulated on calling his first peal. Next quarterly meeting, Powerstock, June 21st. Practice meetings: Beaminster, Wednesday, June 11th; Askerswell, Saturday, July 19th.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Practice night at St. Mary's, Bocking, is on Thursday, 7.30–9.

Best wishes were sent by the Truro Branch at its spring festival to its treasurer, Mr. A. F. Burley, who was in hospital.

Fifty-eight churches containing 299 bells in the Lincoln diocese are to become redundant.

The first Geoffrey peal of Royal (Yorkshire) was rung at Daventry on May 3rd, conducted by Geoffrey R. Drew.

The Andover District plan to ring Highclere, Burghclere and Kingsclere Surprise at Highclere for its centenary next year.

At Kettering on May 3rd the 240th anniversary of the first peal on the bells was commemorated by a peal of Grandsire Triples. The actual date of the first peal was February 28th, 1729.

During his six years as ringing secretary to the Lancashire Association Mr. John P. Partington has dealt with 1,101 peals. The previous 6,300 rung for the Association were rung in a time spanning 85 years.

The "Brighton and Hove Gazette" carried in its issue of May 9th a well-illustrated article on bellringing—"Such an appealing hobby". Full credit for this enterprise must go to Mr. R. Ian Vaughan, hon. secretary of St. Peter's Society.

A farewell peal attempt for Frank Carter, who is leaving Ipswich for Wolverhampton, came to grief at Aldeburgh after two-and-a-half hours' ringing. This was on Frank's birthday and would have been his first peal in Suffolk and first of Major.

After much difficulty, Adelaide Cathedral ringers have secured a set of new ropes. Success was finally obtained through the direct intervention of Walter Knight, reports the current issue of "Ringing Towers". The Customs eventually let the ropes in duty free.

A total of £95 11s. was subscribed towards the "Godfrey Walpole Memorial Fund", which at his widow's request has been used to install an electric blower for the organ in Norton Subcourse Church, Norfolk. It was dedicated on Sunday, May 18th.

Mr. Arthur Cuthbert, secretary of the Stepney band, and his wife, Rita, have a son and heir. A peal of Stedman Caters was rung at Stepney in honour of the occasion on May 3rd, but the local band hope to join in the rejoicings with a performance on their own.

The Ilchester Branch is very grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gratton, who spent many hours in preparing the bells and ringing chamber at All Saints', Kingsdon, for its monthly practice meeting on May 3rd. A pleasant evening was spent on the good-going, heavy six (23¼ cwt.).

Fawley band have conquered St. George and The Dragon — two Doubles methods, This was accomplished on April 23rd at Damerham, the only church in Hampshire with a ring of bells dedicated to St. George. There were four unsuccessful attempts in 1968, and this year on St. George's Day success came at the second try.

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RICHMOND-ON-THAMES MUSIC FESTIVAL

A very large number of spectators and friends attended both the handbell and tower competitions of the Richmond-on-Thames Music Festival. Five teams entered the tune ringing section and the Colchester Handbell Society came out clear winners with an honours certificate. Some first-class ringing was heard in the change-ringing on handbells, the winners being the London County Association band, with a touch of Spliced Little Bob and Plain Bob Major.

After tea the ringers and friends moved over to St. Mary's Church, Twickenham, just opposite the hall, and heard five teams, all of whom set a good standard with their ringing. These varied from Plain Bob Triples to Spliced Surprise Major, and the winners with an honours certificate were the South London Youths. The adjudicator, Mr. A. Patrick Cannon, was thanked by the chairman (Dr. D. J. Neal Smith). The Doctor hoped that those present would continue their support as the festival was now an almost fixed event for the Saturday before Palm Sunday.

HAROLD REYNOLDS' BIRTHDAY

On practice night at St. Mary's, Eastbourne, the sallies were a little sticky, as a large iced cake (complete with knife) appeared mysteriously on the belfry table before the door was unlocked. Marked "Happy Birthday, Harold", it referred to the captain's birthday. (Candles were tactfully omitted.) Some stealthy detective work threw suspicion on Mrs. Elaine Baldock, wife of one of the ringers. About 30 ringers, including a complete band of ladies, filled the belfry and were able to put the cake to good use.

THE ELLIOTTS OF KELVEDON

For the 77th birthday of Mr. J. Elliott a short touch of Bob Minor was rung on May 4th at Kelvedon, Essex, by the following: D. J. Elliott (aged 10, grandson) 1, R. W. Elliott (13, grandson) 2, Mrs. C. F. Elliott (daughter-in-law) 3, Miss W. M. Elliott (daughter) 4, J. E. Elliott (son) 5, A. R. Elliott (son) 6. This is the first time the family has managed to achieve a full band of ringers, despite a history in ringing going back to the early 18th century.

Due to their weight (tenor 21 cwt.) and long draught the bells are not the easiest to handle, so a quarter peal will have to wait a little longer.

RAISING LAMBS FOR BELLS

Inwardleigh, Devon, has a novel way of raising funds for rehanging its five bells with new fittings. In the autumn members of the church who kept sheep were asked to buy ewes for the ringers. Last month the ewes and lambs were sold, showing a profit for rehanging the bells. The contract has been placed with Arthur Fidler, late of Loughborough.

THE CANTERBURY NEWSLETTER

The first issue of the Canterbury Newsletter made its appearance at the quarterly meeting at Ash-by-Sandwich on April 12th. The cover has a photograph of Canterbury Cathedral and articles include "A Look Around the District", "The Bells of St. Nicholas', Sturry," by Roger Button, District engagements for the year and a message from the popular chairman, Mr. Bert Luck. Thanks go to Rod Glover and Keith Davis for their initiative in producing this new venture. Copies may be obtained from the District secretary, Mr. J. B. Keeler, Bear Inn, Market Place, Faversham, price 6d. plus 4d. postage.

Some 55 were present at the business meeting. The glorious ring of eight, originally cast by Thomas Mears in 1790 and rehung in 1926 (when the fifth and tenor were recast by the same foundry), was put to good use. New members were able to take part in the ringing, from Teynham, Ash, Ringwould, Barham, Boughton and Petham.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA NEWS

Perth, Western Australia, is very much a town of transit. The new secretary of St. George's Cathedral Society, Mr. R. J. Carter, informs us that Mr. and Mrs. Frank Perrens spent a day with them and Pam Warren, after a short stay, is now on her way home to Merrow, Guildford, across Asia and Europe.

Newcomers to the Cathedral band are Ray Skinner and family, from High Wycombe, Tony Willis and family, from Penzance, and John Dunn, from New Zealand. There are also three learners.

Eldred Halton, ex-Edinburgh, was only able to ring on two occasions. While in W.A. he worked at the nickel mining centre of Kambalda, some 365 miles from Perth. He is now going to Thailand for another Australian mining company. Another loss is Dr. Tom Lambert, who is going to Melbourne.

"WATCH YOUR LEADS" CRY IN NORTH HERTS

A drive to improve the standard of striking, concentrating particularly on leads, was decided at the meeting of the Northern District, Herts County Association, at Baldock on May 3rd. This decision was put into effect in the ringing following the meeting and a good standard was achieved. A request was made from Benington for help in their Wednesday night practices.

BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

At the annual general meeting held on March 19th, Canon Greville Norburn was re-elected president and chairman of the Society. Miss G. M. James was elected Ringing Master, Mr. T. H. O. Lewis was elected secretary and Mr. R. Wilcox treasurer. The address for correspondence is now T. H. O. Lewis, The Rectory, Aston Clinton, Aylesbury, Bucks.

PUBLIC WATCH FESTIVAL RINGING

Many visitors joined the 60 or so ringers at the spring festival of the Truro Branch, held in the Cathedral ringing chamber on May 3rd. Ringing, in charge of Mr. Alan Carveth, ranged from rounds to Grandsire Caters. Canon H. A. Blair conducted the service, Mr. Harry Miles read the lesson, and the organist, Mr. Malcolm Blair, also came from Lelant. After a fine tea in the new Chapter Hall, a scheme for proficiency ringing at future festivals of the Branch was adopted at the meeting. Autumn festivel, Kea, on September 20th.

A POINT TO THINK ABOUT

After giving a talk on bellringing to about 30 members of the local group of the British Rheumatism and Arthritis Association, Mr. Charles Rouse, of Cheltenham, was surprised to learn that their subscription was £1 per annum for their amenities. He writes: "We ringers think we are hard done by if asked to pay 5/- per year, or 1/- for a peal. And we have health, or we should not be able to enjoy ringing as we do."

PERHAPS A LUCKY ESCAPE

Hoping to ring at St. Mary's, Brecon, during their tour on April 26th, members of the U.C.W., Aberystwyth, vainly sought an entrance to the belfry. Later they learned that as they were circling the tower one of the weights fell through the floor into the ringing chamber. Perhaps it was just as well they weren't inside!

Some six towers were visited. The tour ended with a 48-mile dash across Wales to find a Chinese meal at Carmarthen.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Arranged by Mr. Peter Searles, the Eastern District had a successful tour into Leicestershire, except that one minibus had to be abandoned and two cars substituted. The highlight of the day was the tour of the Loughborough Bell Foundry. This was followed by reasonably good ringing at Leicester Cathedral.

Towers visited were Kettering, Rushden, St. Neots and finally Potton, where a course of Cambridge came round before moving to the local hostelry. Mr. E. Newnham, the Ringing Master, looked after the ringing very capably.

MR. A. VICTOR SHEPPARD

We regret to learn that Mr. A. Victor Sheppard, convener of the C.C. Overseas Committee, has decided to give up ringing for a while due to other commitments, particularly in regard to his work as keeper of antiquities as Brighton Museum. Mr. Sheppard has been a valued contributor to our pages and recently wrote about St. Nicolas of Myra Church, of which church he is tower captain. All Brighton ringers hope that his absence will be very temporary: his enthusiasm has done much to advance local ringing.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
LEATHERHEAD, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., April 19, 1969, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5000 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 19 cwt. 12 lb. in E flat.

William A. Theobald	Treble	Robert E. Dennis	6
David E. Parsons	2	George E. Thoday	7
John D. Rock	3	Ralph G. Edwards	8
Alan R. Patterson	4	Kenneth J. Hesketh	9
David E. Rothera	5	Wilfred Williams	Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe. Conducted by Wilfred Williams.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
UPHILL, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., April 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES
Being 15 callings. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 9½ lb.

Marjorie Legg	Treble	*Geoffrey Hebden	4
George Prescott	2	Walter S. Rice	5
Roy W. Rice	3	Peter J. England	Tenor

Conducted by George Prescott.
* First peal of Stedman Doubles. Rung in memoriam P. J. Hall.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
STOTFOLD, Beds.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., April 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents, with 5–6 the right way throughout.
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 lb. in G.

*Keith Webb	Treble	Martin Major	4
Anthony H. Smith	2	Roy V. Webb	5
*Trevor Groom	3	Philip Mehew	Tenor

Conducted by Philip Mehew.
* First peal, rung at the first attempt in their "home" tower.

HARROLD, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., April 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 6 lb. in F sharp.

Anthony H. Smith	Treble	Alan D. Norman	4
Hazel A. Mackenzie	2	Robert L. Piron	5
Alan J. Collings	3	C. Michael Orme	Tenor

Conducted by Anthony H. Smith.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
LONG STANTON, Cambs.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., April 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5376 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Merryn Hutchings (Newn.)	Treble	R. A. G. Inglis (Selwyn)	5
Jenny Field (Newnham)	2	D. Barton (Selwyn)	6
A. T. Winter (Christ's)	3	*G. J. Band (Emmanuel)	7
D. G. Andrews (Trinity)	4	R. H. Youdale (Emmanuel)	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Alan T. Winter.
* First peal of Surprise. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the seventh.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
MARPLE, Cheshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., April 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Ronald F. Andrew	Treble	*Brian S. B. Kear	5
*Michael Foulds	2	Michael J. Platt	6
Basil Jones	3	Gerald Moorhouse	7
D. Paul Smith	4	Bernard F. L. Groves	Tenor

Composed by C. H. Hattersley. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

ECCLESTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Blessed Virgin.
On Sat., April 26, 1969, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J Parker's 12-part. Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in D.

*Nicholas Thomson	Treble	George H. Randles	5
Norah M. Randles	2	John W. Griffiths	6
Harry W. Howard	3	John Scott	7
Christopher J. Jones	4	†Eric J. Gilbert	Tenor

Conducted by John W. Griffiths.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † First of Grandsire.

WAVERTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., April 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being three extents each of St. Martin, St. Simon, St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place, Grandsire, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Rev. Canterbury and Plain Bob, and three each of six variations.
Tenor 8 cwt. 10 lb. in G.

Gordon K. Green	Treble	Frank R. Morton	4
*Valerie Jamson	2	Geoffrey A. Edwards	5
John R. Scott	3	†Michael J. Crawley (12)	Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.
* First peal of Doubles. † First at first attempt.
Rung as a birthday compliment to John R. Scott.

THE GUILD OF CLERICAL RINGERS.
OXFORD.—At Magdalen College.
On Fri., April 18, 1969, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 20 cwt.

Rev. S. M. Evans	Treble	Rev. D. Sansum	6
Rev. R. D St. John Smith	2	Rev. P. T. Robbins	7
Canon K. W. H. Felstead	3	Canon C. E. Wigg	8
Rev. E. B. Wood	4	Rev. F. Ross	9
*Rev. J. B. T Homfray	5	Rev. R. Keeley	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Rev. R. D. St. John Smith.
* First peal on ten bells. First clerical peal of Royal.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
ASHOVER, Derbyshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Tues., April 22, 1969, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 10 lb. in E.

Timothy Wylie	Treble	John Harrison	5
Jacki M. Quickfall	2	Brian A. Tomlinson	6
Arthur F. Hall	3	Clive A. Thrower	7
Richard M. L. Wilcox	4	Geoffrey Bridges	Tenor

Composed by C. Charge. Conducted by Geoffrey Bridges.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
LIFTON, Devon.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., April 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's 12-part. Tenor 21 cwt. 16 lb.

*John F. Steere	Treble	Stephen G. Peirce	5
John P. Sims	2	D. Roy Bould	6
Alan N. Frost	3	George E. Mudge	7
John C. Mitchelmore	4	Wilfred C. Boucher	Tenor

Conducted by D. Roy Bould.
* First peal on eight bells.
Rung as a compliment to Patricia M. Sims and Kevin Tucker on their recent engagement.

STOCKLAND, Devon.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., April 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three 720's of Cambridge Surprise and four 720's of Plain Bob.
Tenor 16 cwt.

Trevor Marks	Treble	Melvyn Hiller	4
Mrs. C. W. Powell	2	Cuthbert W. Powell	5
Raymond Selwey	3	William Turner	Tenor

Conducted by Cuthbert W. Powell.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the third.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
MORPETH, Northumberland.—At The Watch Tower.
On Wed., April 2, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

George S. Deas	Treble	Eric N. Harrison	5
Christine H. Telfer	2	*Colin C. Monson	6
*David Martin	3	Michael Maughan	7
John H. Taylor	4	James Crowther	Tenor

* First peal in the method. Tenor 10 cwt. 26 lb. in G.
Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Michael Maughan.

GOSFORTH, Northumberland.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Mon., April 7, 1969, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Christine H. Telfer	Treble	Eric N. Harrison	5
Malcolm E. Johnson	2	James Crowther	6
David Martin	3	George S. Deas	7
John E. Anderson	4	*Michael Maughan	Tenor

Composed by G. Baker. Conducted by Michael Maughan.
* 100th peal as conductor. Tenor 22 cwt. 23 lb. in E flat.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Bill Hedley and Pat Coburn.

TANFIELD, Co. Durham.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Wed., April 16, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

Christine H. Telfer	Treble	David Martin	5
Michael Maughan	2	George S. Deas	6
Stephen C. Wells	3	Eric N. Harrison	7
Roger Scholes	4	James Crowther	Tenor

Composed by M. S Bruce. Conducted by James Crowther.
First peal as conductor.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
CAMBRIDGE.—At the Church of St. Andrew the Great.
On Sun., April 27, 1969, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In eight methods, being 768 each of London and Rutland, 640 Bristol and 576 each of Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Superlative, Pudsey and Yorkshire, with 142 changes of method. Tenor 10 cwt. 85 lb. in G.

Janet House	Treble	John G. Gipson	5
David E. Rothera	2	Alan F. Scholfield	6
Kenneth J. Hesketh	3	Tudor P. Edwards	7
Donald F. Murfet	4	David E. House	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by David E. House.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
STRATTON ST. MARGARET, Wilts.—At the Church of St. Margaret of Antioch.
On Sat., April 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 DORCAN SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in F sharp.

Margery A. Wratten	Treble	Cyril A. Wratten	5
Anita D. O'Brien	2	Lewis F. Cobb	6
W. Bertram Kynaston	3	Brian Bladon	7
Maurice A. New	4	Anthony R. Peake	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.
First peal in the method.

DORCAN SURPRISE MAJOR
—58—1456—12—36.14—14.58.14—14.5 f.

RANDWICK, Glos.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Mon., April 7, 1969, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents. Tenor 6¼ cwt.

*Sara Cornock	Treble	*John E. Taylor	4
E. Mary Bliss	2	*Peter W. Screen	5
Roy P. Nicholas	3	Richard Barnett	Tenor

Conducted by Peter W. Screen.
* First peal. First as conductor.
Rung on the first anniversary of the dedication of the Elliot Chapel and augmented ring of bells. Also to welcome Stedman Charles Nicholas, son of Roy P. Nicholas.

COMPTON BASSETT, Wilts.—At the Church of St. Swithun.
On Sun., April 27, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being three extents in each of the following 14 methods: Stedman, Shipway's Place, Westminster II, St. Hilary, Blackburn Place, Rev. Canterbury, St. Nicholas, St. Remigius, Winchendon Place, Plain Bob, St. Simon, St. Osmund, St. Martin and Grandsire.
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in G.

*Peter W. Holroyd	Treble	‡Brian Evans	3
†Anthony J. Cox	2	Michael E. Stracey	4
Ronald A. Wright	Tenor		

Conducted by Michael E. Stracey.
* First peal. † First "inside." ‡ First in more than one method. First in 14 methods as conductor.
Rung for Evensong. Also as a wedding compliment to Ian and Gillian Stracey, of Duxford, Cambs, married on April 19th, 1969. Also as a birthday compliment to the mother of the conductor.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
YORKTOWN, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., April 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in F.

A. Patrick Cannon	Treble	Stanley G. Ponting	5
Rowan S. Bradley	2	Tom Page	6
Beryl R. Simpson	3	Michael J. Church	7
Alan D. Elsmore	4	Geoffrey K. Dodd	Tenor

Composed by Simon Humphrey. Conducted by Michael J. Church.
First peal in the method on the bells.

ASH, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., April 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In two methods, being three extents of Kent T.B. and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 103 lb. in A.

*Jennifer M. Sharpe	Treble	Peter J. Ostley	4
†Marilyn A. Reay	2	Peter G. Sherwood	5
Angela J. Smart	3	Peter G. Smart	Tenor

Conducted by Peter G. Smart.
* First peal. † First "inside." First on the bells by an entirely local band.
Rung to welcome the Rector, the Rev. Harry Jackson, inducted the previous day.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
EARDISLAND, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., April 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 NAILSTONE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

Leslie Evans	Treble	Brian W. Hall	5
Michael R. Rose	2	*Walter G. Knight	6
Alan R. Pink	3	D. Kay Adkins	7
*Valerie Willard	4	Christopher C. Clarke	Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. L. James Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.

WELLINGTON, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., April 24, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being two 2,160's and one 720. Tenor 16 cwt.

Peter L. Hughes	Treble	*Michael V. Powell	4
*Denise Jaine	2	John F. I. Turney	5
Austin T. Wingate	3	Marcus C. W. Sherwood	Tenor

Conducted by Marcus C. W. Sherwood.
* First peal of Surprise Minor.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
GREAT GADDESDEN, Herts.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Fri., April 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of London Surprise and Cambridge Surprise and one extent each of Norwich Surprise, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

George A. Reading	Treble	Brian M. Barker	4
C. Valerie Mills	2	Francis M. Byrne	5
Augustine V. Good	3	Reginald E. Sheppard	Tenor

Conducted by Reginald E. Sheppard.
Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of A. Reginald Goldsney, who was organist and tower captain at this church and interred here the previous day.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
DEPTFORD, London, S.E.—At the Church of St. John.
On Sat., April 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 18 lb. in F.

Peter R. Butler	Treble	G. William Shanks	5
Maureen J. Carruthers	2	Phillip A. Butler	6
Jennifer A. Dunning	3	Christopher I. Rowson	7
Philip Bosworth	4	John Pladdys	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by John Pladdys.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
TARLETON, Lancs.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., April 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in F sharp.

Donald G. Lawson	Treble	*David E. Marsden	5
*John Nelson	2	Stanley Anderton	6
Lawrence Walmsley	3	*John Ellison	7
Rev. William G. Wilson	4	*John D. Nixon	Tenor

Composed by Edwin Timbrell. Conducted by Donald G. Lawson.
* First peal of Major in the method.
The compositition, a three-part, is now rung for the first time.
Rung to celebrate the Feast of St. Alphege of Canterbury.

GREAT SALKELD, Cumberland.—At the Church of St. Cuthbert.
On Sat., April 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B. and five of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb. in F sharp.

*Robert Moore	Treble	Thomas F. Metcalfe	4
†Joseph Whalley	2	Kenneth J. Foster	5
Alan Capstick	3	Kevin M. Price	Tenor

Conducted by Kevin M. Price.
* First peal in three methods. † First of Minor in three methods on tower bells.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
GRANTHAM, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Wulfram.
On Sat., April 19, 1969, in 3 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 32 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in C sharp.

Peter Slight	Treble	William A. Lacey	6
*Christine L. J. Mills	2	R. Brian Mills	7
*Sheila M. Anthony	3	Denis A. Frith	8
David F. Moore	4	Roland H. Cook	9
†Martin Green	5	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by John H. Fielden. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
* First peal of Lincolnshire Surprise Royal. † 150th peal.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Thurs., April 24, 1969, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PUDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

*David F. Moore	Treble	*David G. Massey	6
W. Ernest Rawson	2	*R. Brian Mills	7
*Christine L. J. Mills	3	Martin Green	8
*Robin A. Gilliver	4	G. Ronald Edwards	9
*K. Paul Gilliver	5	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
* First peal of Royal in the method.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Thurs., April 10, 1969, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

G. Ronald Edwards	Treble	Martin Green	5
Christine L. J. Mills	2	David F. Moore	6
Sheila M. Anthony	3	Roland H. Cook	7
W. Ernest Rawson	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

ULCEBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Tues., April 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent T.B., Double and Single Oxford, St Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 8 lb.

W. Arthur Crowder	Treble	Geoffrey Bromfield	4
Jack Bray	2	Melvyn Rose	5
Ronald Chafer	3	John Hall	Tenor

Conducted by Jack Bray.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CARDIFF, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Thurs., April 24, 1969, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5027 ERIN CATERS
Tenor 26 cwt. 4 lb. in D.

Paul A. Williams	Treble	James Clatworthy	6
Michael Pilgrim	2	Peter S. Bennett	7
Thomas T. Yeomans	3	Stephen Fenwick	8
John W. Bull	4	M. Jack Pryor	9
J. Michael Lakin	5	William T. Petty	Tenor

Composed by G. Astbury. Conducted by Peter S. Bennett.
First peal of Erin by all the band.

NEWPORT, Monmouthshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., April 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's 12-part. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in F.

*P. Ann Pilgrim	Treble	Roger J. Shea	5
J. Anthony Bennett	2	Michael Pilgrim	6
*Geoffrey C. Sparling	3	*David F. Moore	7
John T. Parsons	4	Brian S. Neale	Tenor

Conducted by Michael Pilgrim.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples. First in the method as conductor.
Rung within the octave of St. George to welcome Emma Jane, daughter of Maryl and John Fielden, born April 14th, 1969.

ST. BRIDE'S MAJOR, Glam.—At the Church of St. Bridget.
On Sat., April 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being six 240's and 30 six-scores. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

Graham A. Evans	Treble	Peter G. Mayle	4
Derek J. Godfrey	2	Raymond J. Mayle	5
William T. Petty	3	Robert W. Procter	Tenor

Conducted by William T. Petty.

PETERSTON-super-ELY, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Wed., April 23, 1969, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

*Nicholas W. H. Simon	Treble	Gwyn I. Lewis	4
David J. Llewellyn	2	Paul A. Williams	5
Alwyn R. Lewis	3	J. Michael Lakin	Tenor

Conducted by J. Michael Lakin.
* Has now "circled the tower."

CADOXTON, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Catwg.
On Sat., April 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 1,440 Cambridge Surprise, 720 each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and St. Clement's College Bob and 1,440 Plain Bob.
Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in B.

Susan Harber	Treble	Lawrence C. Hanney	4
Rev. Geoffrey J. B. Stickland	2	Gwyn I. Lewis	5
Ellis N. Thomas	3	Alwyn R. Lewis	Tenor

Conducted by Alwyn R. Lewis.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

WILLESDEN, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., April 24, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

C. Edward Lankester	Treble	*Brian C. Watson	5
John Hill	2	G. William Critchley	6
Claudia A. Critchley	3	Thomas J. Lock	7
Alick Cutler	4	Richard F. B. Speed	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Richard F B Speed
* First peal of Surprise.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SWYNNERTON, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Wed., April 23, 1969, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in A.

William H. Watkin	Treble	Edward R. Fairbrother	4
Frank R. Morton	2	Frederick S. Sutton	5
Ruth A. E. Fairbrother	3	Geoffrey A. Edwards	Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.
Rung as a 28th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Warboys, of Swynnerton. Also rung in honour of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Watkin.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BANBURY, Oxon.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., April 26, 1969, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in E.

Murray A. Coleman	Treble	*Barry R. Care	6
Robert A. Reeves	2	John G. Mitchell	7
*Jean Marlow	3	*Edward C. Buckby	8
*Mark W. Sayers	4	Barry J. Davis	9
Diana Reeves	5	Richard J. Cowley	Tenor

Composed by Albert M. Tyler. Conducted by Murray A. Coleman.
* First peal of Caters.

SWINDON, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Mark.
On Sat., April 12, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Thurstans' four-part. Tenor 11½ cwt. in F sharp.

Patricia E. Hibbert	Treble	Frederick A. H. Wilkins	5
John W. T. Hibbert	2	Robert B. Blond	6
Brian R. White	3	John H. Napper	7
*Barry M. Wheeler	4	Francis A. White	Tenor

Conducted by John H. Napper.
* First peal of Stedman Triples.

CHECKENDON, Oxon.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., April 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in F sharp.

*Ian G. Judd	Treble	John R. Leary	5
†Carol N. J. Tull	2	William J. Irving	6
Stephen J. Franklin	3	Frank W. Lewis	7
J. Anthony Beaumont	4	Noel J. Diserens	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Noel J. Diserens.
* First peal. † First of Cambridge.

READING, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sun., April 27, 1969, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In eight methods, containing 640 each of Bristol, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative and Yorkshire and 608 each of Cambridge, London and Lincolnshire, with 120 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in D.

Eunice A. Lewis	Treble	John N. Diserens	5
Albert Diserens	2	Brian J. Luff	6
Helen M. Diserens	3	Frank W. Lewis	7
*Brian D. Shingler	4	Noel J. Diserens	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Noel J. Diserens.
* First peal of Surprise Major.
Rung by members of the local band to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the rehanging of the bells.

THE OXFORD SOCIETY.

WITNEY, Oxon.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., April 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's transposition. Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

William Hibbert	Treble	Frederick A. Munday	5
Clare F. Dolphin	2	Brian R. White	6
*Stephen R. Munday	3	John H. Napper	7
John W. T. Hibbert	4	Ernest J. Gower	Tenor

Conducted by John H. Napper.
* First peal of Stedman Triples

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THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

MOULTON, Northants.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul. On Tues., April 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 BIDDENDEN SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr 3 lb. in F.

Jean Marlow	Treble	Stephen B. Bell	5
Philip Bosworth	2	Barry R. Care	6
Richard J. Cowley	3	Barry J. Davis	7
J. Malcolm Tyler	4	Murray A. Coleman	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Murray A. Coleman.
First in the method for all the band and for the Guild.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mollie E. Care.

ROTHWELL, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity. On Sat., April 19, 1969, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 NENE SURPRISE MAJOR
Wratten No. 54. Tenor 21 cwt. 3 lb.

Jean Marlow	Treble	Barry J. Davies	5
Alan R. Pink	2	Peter J. Heritage	6
Stephen B. Bell	3	Murray A. Coleman	7
Christopher C. Clarke	4	George W. Holland	Tenor

Composed by W. E. Critchley. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
First peal in the method.

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DEENE, Northants.—At the Church of St. Peter. On Thurs., April 17, 1969, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DELIGHT MINOR
Being one extent each of Barham, Pembroke, Berkeley, Oswald, Edinburgh, Kentish and Wath. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in G.

David J. Morgan	Treble	Barry R. Care	4
Raymond Henman	2	Murray A. Coleman	5
J. Malcolm Tyler	3	Stephen B. Bell	Tenor

Conducted by Murray A Coleman.

MOULTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints. On Sat., April 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., St. Clement's and Single Oxford and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

R. William Smith	Treble	John Cooper	4
Geoff Davis	2	Gilbert F. Cowlin	5
Mrs. P. Ann Smith	3	Roy W. Spencer	Tenor

Conducted by Roy W. Spencer.

BRAFIELD-ON-THE-GREEN, Northants.—At the Church of St. Lawrence. On Sun., April 27, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt. 7 lb.

Leslie Battison	Treble	David J. Morgan	4
Anne Henman	2	Barry R. Care	5
Philip Jones	3	Raymond Henman	Tenor

Conducted by Barry R. Care.
Rung to mark the visit of the Lord Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Cyril Eastaugh, for the consecration of the new altar to the memory of the Rev. N. G. Philips (Vicar of Brafield with Little Houghton 1941–67).

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

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral of St. Philip. On Thurs., April 17, 1969, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5136 NEWGATE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

*John N. Lindon	Treble	Michael J. Fellows	7
Roderick W. Pipe	2	Terry R. Hampton	8
Norman J. Goodman	3	John R. Insley	9
Maurice F. Edwards	4	George E. Fearn	10
J. Alan Ainsworth	5	Clifford A. Barron	11
James Insley	6	Peter Border	Tenor

Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.
* 200th peal. Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul. Aston. On Sat., April 12, 1969, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 24 cwt. 102 lb. in D.

John N. Lindon	Treble	Andrew J. Corby	6
Muriel Reay	2	Stephen W. Barton	7
Norman J. Goodman	3	Bryan D. A. Woolley	8
John R. Insley	4	George E. Fearn	9
Terry R. Hampton	5	J Alan Ainsworth	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Andrew J. Corby.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew, Edgbaston. On Wed., April 16, 1969, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Odd- and even-bob and single 10-part. Tenor 10 cwt. 14 lb. in G.

John N. Lindon	Treble	Robert Edwards	5
*John R. Insley	2	Clifford A. Barron	6
Stephen W. Barton	3	J. Alan Ainsworth	7
Henry H. Fearn	4	Eric Spence	Tenor

Composed by Joseph W. Parker. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.
* First peal of Stedman Triples.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

EDINGTON, Wiltshire.—At the Priory Church of St. Mary, St. Katherine and All Saints. On Sat., April 19, 1969, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 24 cwt. 24 lb. in D.

*David C. Hawkins	Treble	‡Roy W. Rice	6
Edgar T. Skipsey	2	‡Walter S. Rice	7
†George W. Massey	3	Roger I. Kendrick	8
*Michael G. Dodson	4	†David J. Orledge	9
*Peter J. W. Hardwick	5	David G. Massey	Tenor

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley. Conducted by George W. Massey.
* First peal on ten bells and first in the method. † 25th peal together. ‡ First of Yorkshire Royal.
Rung with the bells fully muffled at the request of the Vicar.

KINGSTON, Dorset.—At the Church of St. James. On Sat., April 26, 1969, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in D.

Ronald N. Marlow	Treble	Timothy F. Collins	5
Graham W. Elmes	2	Robert E. J. Dennis	6
Katharine J. Maundrell	3	Frederick E. Collins	7
William T. Perrins	4	R. Roger Savory	Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights Conducted by R. Roger Savory.

DURWESTON, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Nicholas. On Thurs. April 17, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 12 lb. in F sharp.

Arthur B. Corry	Treble	John N. Longridge	4
*Susan M. Corry	2	Martin J. Corry	5
*Cyril J. Corry	3	Christopher J. Longridge	Tenor

Conducted by Christopher J. Longridge.
* First peal. First as conductor.

STURMINSTER NEWTON, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Mary. On Sun., April 20, 1969, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in E flat.

Mary E. Elmes	Treble	Ross G. W. Robertson	4
*William T. Perrins	2	Timothy F. Collins	5
Graham W. Elmes	3	Frederick E. Collins	Tenor

Conducted by Timothy F. Collins.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

EASTWOOD, Notts.—At the Church of St. Mary. On Sat., April 12, 1969, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 21 lb. in E flat.

*David W. F. Lazzerini	Treble	A. Richard C. Harris	5
†Sheila M. Anthony	2	Philip E. Jones	6
Susan O'Neil	3	R. Brian Mills	7
Peter A. Slight	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by Charles Middleton. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
* First peal on eight bells. † 25th peal.

GAMSTON, Notts.—At the Church of St. Peter. On Sat., April 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise and two extents of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt 1 qr. 18 lb. in A flat.

Sidney Carnall	Treble	Paul Raithby	4
Katharine Burchnall	2	Harold Denman	5
Grace Burchnall	3	Colin W. Reed	Tenor

Conducted by Colin W. Reed.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

PENN, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew. On Sat., March 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's 12-part (7th obs.). Tenor 10 cwt. 12 lb. inA.

*Kenneth Greatbach	Treble	Gordon E. Griffiths	5
*Martin Gaskell	2	Barnabas G. Key	6
George L. Roobottom	3	Cyril Griffiths	7
Gillian M. Griffiths	4	Charles F. W. Eyre	Tenor

Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.
* First peal.
Rung as a compliment to John A. Roden and Sandra Adams on the occasion of their wedding at this church this day.

WEST BROMWICH, Staffs.—At the Church of All Saints. On Sat., April 26, 1969, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F.

Christine Turner	Treble	David Wilkes	5
Frank Brotherton	2	James Eastwood	6
Anthony Howell	3	Howard Howell	7
John R. Cotterill	4	Maurice Turner	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Maurice Turner.
Rung as a tribute to Albert J. Mills, captain at this tower for 60 years, who passed away on March 21st, 1969.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

ASHTEAD, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Mon., April 28, 1969, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt 8 lb. in F.

Felicity Hamilton	Treble	Alan D. Flood	5
*Maureen J. Carruthers	2	*Roy D. Mills	6
*Tony Skilton	3	†Alan D. Elsmore	7
John Pladdys	4	Timothy G. Pett	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Timothy G. Pett.
* First peal in the method.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

UPPER BEEDING, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Fri., April 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's 12-part (6th obs.). Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

*Heather M. Craven	Treble	Ronald E. Stillwell	5
Reginald V. Johnson	2	Frank H. Hicks	6
*Francesca V. McAlear	3	James H. Lilley	7
†Peter D. Hepburn	4	*John E. Weaver	Tenor

Conducted by Frank H. Hicks.
* First peal. † First in the method.

THAKEHAM, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., April 24, 1969, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Consisting of a 720 each of: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Oxford Treble Bob, (3) Double Oxford, Thelwall, Pinehurst, St. Clement's, Childwall and Buxton, (4) Single Oxford, (5) Kent Treble Bob, (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in A.

Geoffrey C. Rix	Treble	E. Winifred Keys	4
*Patrick M. Wills	2	Philip Stevens	5
Anne M. Stevens	3	Frank H. Hicks	Tenor

Conducted by Frank H. Hicks.
* First peal in 11 methods.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Philip Stevens.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

FECKENHAM, Worcs.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., April 12, 1969, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in G.

*Christopher Pickford	Treble	Angela Styler	5
Eric Styler	2	Christopher Hims	6
Shirley M. Drew	3	Robert Edwards	7
*Richard Spray	4	Geoffrey R. Drew	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Geoffrey R. Drew.
* First peal on eight bells.
Rung for the 21st birthday of Roger Hunt of the Feckenham band.

CHADDESLEY CORBETT, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Cassian.
On Sat., April 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In seven methods, comprising 960 of London, 928 of Watford, 896 of Bristol, 672 of Cambridge, 640 of Superlative, 608 of Dorchester and 576 of Pudsey, with 125 changes of method. All the bells did all the work of each method. Tenor 16 cwt. 23 lb. in F.

*Peter J. Brown	Treble	*Robert Edwards	5
*M. Irene Brown	2	John C. Eisel	6
*Morley P. Tobin	3	*Gerald C. Hemming	7
Michael J. Fellows	4	Martin D. Fellows	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.
* First peal of 7-spliced.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Frederick V. Nicholls and Mr. Martin D. Fellows.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

DORE, Yorkshire.—At Christ Church.
On Sat., April 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation. Tenor 11 cwt. 24 lb. in G.

John J. L. Gilbert	Treble	John F. S. Eborall	5
Richard Farnsworth	2	Clive W. Longden	6
Michael J. Austin	3	Cyril Rusby	7
*Philip Charlesworth	4	Trevor Tarbatt	Tenor

Conducted by John J. L. Gilbert.
* First peal of Major.

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., April 19, 1969, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 4 lb. in E.

David Whitehead	Treble	J. Henry Fielden	5
Iris M. E. Lemare	2	David Featherstone	6
James S. Webb	3	Ronald R. Warford	7
Robert H. Jordan	4	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed by C. H. Hattersley. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

BIRSTWITH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. James Apostle.
On Mon., April 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 VRYNWY SURPRISE MAJOR

G. Armitage	Treble	Peter H. Gardner	5
Iris M. E. Lemare	2	David Featherstone	6
Ronald H. Dove	3	Ronald R. Warford	7
Robert H. Jordan	4	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Association. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G.

MARSDEN, West Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.
On Sat., April 26, 1969, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. in D.

G. Richard King	Treble	Timothy Wylie	5
F. John Nelson	2	Dennis Latham	6
David Vincent	3	Geoffrey R. Gardner	7
Eric Roughley	4	Denis Mottershead	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by F. John Nelson.

MIDDLESMOOR, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Chad.
On Sun., April 6, 1969, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In two methods, being one extent of Cambridge Surprise and six of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. in B flat.

*Ronald Crabtree	Treble	Geoffrey D. Armitage	4
Robert H. Jordan	2	C. Barrie Dove	5
Christopher J. Easton	3	David Featherstone	Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal on six bells. First peal on the bells.

FELIXKIRK, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Felix.
On Mon., April 7, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, viz.: (1) Oxford T.B., (2 and 3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Kent T.B., (5) St. Clement's, Buxton, Childwall, (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. in A flat.

Harry Winter	Treble	Geoffrey D. Armitage	4
Christopher J. Easton	2	Robert H. Jordan	5
Alan T. Winter	3	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed by C. Barrie Dove.
First peal on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BROMBOROUGH, Cheshire.—At 35, Croft Avenue.
On Fri., April 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 16 in B flat.

*Keith J. Walpole	1–2	*N. David Lane	5–6
†Eric J. Gilbert	3–4	*Robert Peers	7–8
		*F. Leslie Coventry	9–10

Composed by Robert Peers. Conducted by Keith J. Walpole.
* First peal in the method. † First in the method "in hand."

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire.—At 114, Park Street Lane.
On Mon., April 21, 1969, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 YORK SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor size 19 in F.

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	1–2	Roger Baldwin	7–8
Julia A. Fellows	3–4	*Gerald Penney	9–10
John R. Mayne (cond.)	5–6	Christopher W. Woolley	11–12

* First peal of York Surprise Maximus and first in the method on handbells.

ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire.—At 114, Park Street Lane.
On Mon., April 28, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORK SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor size 19 in F.

*S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	1–2	*Roger Baldwin	5–6
†Julia A. Fellows	3–4	John R. Mayne	7–8
		Christopher W. Woolley	9–10

Arranged and Conducted by John R. Mayne.
* 400th peal together. † First of Surprise Royal on handbells. First of York Surprise Royal on handbells by all the band and for the Association.

WHEATHAMPSTEAD, Hertfordshire.—At 55, Wick Avenue.
On Sat., April 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes
A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Peter T. Dale	1–2	Brian J. Woodruffe	5–6
Jean Dale	3–4	Julia A. Fellows	7–8

Arranged and Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CITY OF LONDON, E.C.—In the Belfry of St. Olave's, Hart Street.
On Sun., April 27, 1969, in 1 Hour and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

*David A. Town	1–2	Jennifer A. Dunning	3–4
		John Pladdys (cond.)	5–6

* First peal "in hand." Tenor size 15 in C.

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DEATH

COOK.—On May 10th, 1969, Charles William Cook, of Meldreth, formerly of Longstanton and Harston, Cambridgeshire, aged 77. Cremated privately. 7213

RETURN THANKS

NOLAN and IRIS GOLDEN express their thanks and gratitude to all members of the Norwich Diocesan Association who contributed so generously to the gifts presented to them at the annual general meeting on May 3rd 7208

PERSONAL

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Please note, general secretary and treasurer is now Mr. P. Mehew, 37, Vaughan Road, Stotfold, to whom all correspondence should now be addressed. 7191

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MEETINGS

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Saturday, May 24th, evening meeting at West Wycombe. Bells available 6–9 p.m. All welcome.—J. Muller. 7175

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South West District.—Meeting, Great Thurlow, Saturday, May 24th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. E. R. M. Reeve, Wellhouse Farm, Mount Bures, Bures, Suffolk. 7173

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Bexhill, on May 24th. Bells 4 p.m. to 5.15 p.m. Tea 5.30. Meeting after tea with further ringing until 8.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. D. Verdon, 23, Chantry Avenue, Bexhill-on-Sea.—Christine Baldock, Div. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

90th A.G.M. at Chelmsford

on the Spring Bank Holiday Monday, May 26th

Service in Cathedral 11 a.m., followed by meeting in the Chapter House.

Coffee 10.15 and lunch (6s. 6d.) in the Cathedral Hall at 1.30 p.m. Tea (3s.) in Bentley Village Club 5–6.15 p.m. By ticket only from P. J. Eves, 8, Lordship Road, Writtle. P.O. and s.a.e., please. Ringing at Cathedral 9.15–10.45 a.m. and 3–4. Further details with tickets.—P. W. Saltmarsh, Hon. Gen. Sec. 7123

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Bentley (5), Saturday, May 31st. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. E. Wylie, 117, Washington Grove, West End, Bentley. 7186

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting, Saturday, May 31st. Ringing, Gainford, 3–5 p.m., and at Staindrop 6–8.30 p.m. Please bring your own picnic tea.—Janet Warwick. 7209

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Forest Branch.—Meeting, Corse, May 31st, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Miss Mitchell, Sunnyside, Corse, GL19 3RE, by 27th. 7211

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire District.—Meeting, Bicker, Saturday, May 31st. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. B. Dawson, Gauntlet Lane, Bicker, Boston, by Wednesday, May 28th.—A. Richardson. 7189

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting, May 31st, Little Missenden. Bells available 3–4.30 p.m. Cups of tea to follow but please bring own food. Evening ringing from 6–8.30 p.m., Chalfont St. Giles. 7188

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, May 31st, St. Anne's Church, St. Anne's-on-Sea. Bells (8) 3.30 p.m. 7206

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting, Batley, Saturday, May 31st. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please bring own food, cups of tea only provided.—Robert Cater, Hon. Sec. 7227

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Branch.—Annual general meeting at Chipping Norton on Saturday, May 31st. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4, followed by business meeting. Further ringing at Chipping Norton until 7.30 p.m. and at Great Rollright from 7.45 p.m.—P. R. Coveney, Sec., Saddlers, Kingham, Oxford. 7166

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING at CHICHESTER on SATURDAY, MAY 31st.

Service in the Cathedral (ringers' choir) at 4 p.m.

Tea in the Council Chamber, County Hall, West Street, at 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting. It is essential to notify names for tea by Tuesday, May 27th, and please state if junior member. Send notifications to R. Wake, 28, Keynor Estate, Sidlesham, Chichester

RINGING ARRANGEMENTS:

10 a.m.–11 a.m.: Rudgwick (6), Upper Beeding (8), Itchingfield (5).
10.45 a.m.–11.45 a.m.: Wisborough Green (6), Findon (6), Billingshurst (8).
11 a.m.–12 noon: Arundel (8)
11.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m.: Petworth (8), Rogate (6), Shipley (6).
12 noon–1 p.m.: Lodsworth (6), South Harting (6), Lyminster (6), Thakeham (6).
1 p.m.–2 p.m.: Easebourne (8), Westbourne (8), Felpham (6), Storrington (6).
1.30 p.m.–2.30 p.m.: Bosham (6), Aldwick (4), Pulborough (8).
2 p.m.–3 p.m.: Stedham (6), Pagham (5), Fittleworth (6).
2 p.m.–3.45 p.m.: CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL (8).

If there is time, Chichester Cathedral and Arundel bells will be available after the meeting. 7168

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—Meeting, Whissendine, Saturday, May 31st. Ringing 3 and 6 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Scholes, Harringworth, Corby, by Tuesday, 27th. 7216

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Enford, on Saturday, May 31st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Striking competition 6 p.m. Names for tea to G. A. Trimby, 24, West Street, Wilton, by Tuesday, 27th. 7224

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Meeting, Saturday, May 31st, West Hallam (8), 3–4.30 p.m.; Ilkeston (8), 5.30–8.30 p.m. Cafés for tea in Ilkeston.—D. Stainsby, Hon. Sec. 7221

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Central District.—Car tour to the following towers on Saturday, May 31st; Wickham Steith, 3.30 p.m.; Thornham Magna, 4.30. Picnic tea, Rickinghall, 6.15. Redgrave 7.15 p.m. All welcome. 7217

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Alteration to ringing arrangements for A.G.M., Saturday, May 31st.

Findon bells not available. Midhurst (6) available from 1.30–2.30 p.m. 7223

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Monthly practice at Combe (6), Monday, June 2nd, 7 p.m.—E. Venn, Dis. Sec. 7220

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—12-bell practice at Manchester Town Hall, Wednesday, June 4th. Bells available from 6–9 p.m. Special method: Aldenham Surprise Maximus. All welcome.—A. Ward, Branch Sec. 7210

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Evening practice, Usk, Friday, June 6th, 7.30–9 p.m. Methods: Double Norwich, Cambridge and Yorkshire.—J. S. King. 7212

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—District practice, SS. Peter and Paul's, Hambledon, Friday, June 6th, 7.30-9 p.m. Methods: Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles. 7218

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

Meeting, BIRMINGHAM, JUNE 7th.

11.30–12.15: St. Chad's R.C. Cathedral.
1 p.m.: Lunch in St. Martin's Hall, followed by business meeting.
2.45–3.45: St. Martin's, Bull Ring.
3.30–4.45: Birmingham Cathedral.
6.15–7.15: Solihull.

Names for lunch (10s.) to the Master, Mr. A. N. Stubbs, 29, Sutherland Place, London, W.2, by May 30th at latest.—J. G. A. Prior. 7183

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Monthly meeting, Bridekirk, Saturday, June 7th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Own tea arrangements. 7174

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilkeston District.—Meeting, St. Mary's (8), Radcliffe-on-Trent, Notts, Saturday, June 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea. Ringing until 7 p.m. Names for tea to R. J. Tanner, 36, High Lane East, West Hallam, Derbys, or Ringing Master, St. Mary's; latest June 2nd, please. Local District members very welcome. 7162

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stow-on-the-Wold Branch.—Annual meeting, Stow-on-the-Wold (8), June 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Meeting 5.30. Bells 6.15–8 p.m. Names for tea to L. C. Dowdeswell, Sec., 5, Park Street, Stow-on-the-Wold, Glos, by June 5th. 7196

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

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The 7th annual striking competition will be held at Sempringham (6) on Saturday, June 7th, at 3 p.m. Ringing at Billingborough (8) in the evening. Names for tea to V. P. Evans, 9, Dale Road, Grantham, by Saturday, May 31st, please. 7222

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, St. Matthew's (8), Buckley, Saturday, June 7th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 3.45 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea to W. Cathrall, 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham. 7193

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SOUTHWELL GUILD'S PROGRESSIVE YEAR

THE 23rd A.G.M. of the Southwell Diocesan Guild was held in the Nottingham District on April 12th. During the afternoon ringing took place at the churches of All Saints (Nottingham), St. Margaret (Aspley), St. Leodegarius (Basford) and St. Mary (Nottingham).

Evensong, held in St. Mary's, was conducted by the senior curate, in the unavoidable absence of the Vicar, Canon D. R. Feaver. The ringers' choir of nearly 40 voices, ably conducted by Mr. R. Carlisle, made a most impressive début. Tea followed in St. Mary's Institute, served by the ladies of the Nottingham District, under the directions of Mrs. Elizabeth Beardsley.

The business meeting was presided over by the Guild chairman, Mr. F. W. Midwinter, supported by the hon. treasurer, Mr. H. Hanson, and the hon. general secretary, Mr. W. L. Exton. The meeting opened with a minute's silence for four members who had died since the last annual meeting, namely Messrs. D. R. Brown (Gamston), C. Warden (Misson), T. R. Flint (Warsop) and F. J. Milner (late of Southwell).

Arising from the minutes, the hon. general secretary said that the committee had again considered the cost of the annual report and had again come out in favour of continuing with a full report each year, despite the high cost of printing. Due to delays by the printers, the annual report was not available until just before the meeting. This did not prevent a discussion on the report and it was finally approved unanimously. Due to a printing error, Rempstone bells appeared to be at the bell foundry: this was not correct: the tower concerned was Ruddington.

OVER 500 MEMBERS

The hon. general secretary reported that membership had been maintained at over 500 members and again showed a small increase on the previous year.

Bell restoration had recovered from the previous year's stagnation: Aspley bells had been augmented to eight, East Retford's recast and rehung, Whatton's rearranged in an 8-bell frame and Ruddington's removed to the bell foundry, to be shortly followed by Arnold's. Advice had been sought and given to Bulwell on the condition of the frame and fittings.

The income to the Bell Repair Fund had again been increased and now stood at £449. Of this, £75 had been earmarked for augmentations at both Warsop and Whatton, £60 for augmentation at Arnold and £50 for the recasting of Ruddington bells. All Districts were now embarking on some fund-raising activities.

The hon. treasurer reported a surplus on the year's working of £32, making a balance in the General Account of £76, with £100 in the Reserve Account. This was considered most satisfactory.

PEAL ACTIVITIES

The peal committee reported that the total of 104 peals rung in 1968 indicated that the Guild had recovered from the visit of the Central Council in 1967, when only 75 peals were rung. Twenty-one members rang their first peal, an increase of six. Of the previous year's 15 first pealers only five failed to add to their totals in 1968. Seven members conducted their first peals, an increase of four and the highest figure since 1964. Two of the previous year's three first as conductor called further peals in 1968.

The leading tower for Guild peals was Holme Pierrepont with 15, followed by Nottingham St. Peter's and Coddington with seven. The conducting was shared by 31 conductors, the leaders being H. Denman (12), R. B. Mills and J. L. Millhouse (9). There were 192 ringers involved, 122 of whom are resident members of the Guild.

New methods rung for the Guild were Southwell Surprise Royal, Quedgley and Uxbridge Surprise Major and Rampton Surprise Minor. In the field of Spliced Minor ringing the number included in a peal rose from 46 to 55, 73, 101 and finally 106 Treble Bob methods, the last two containing the greatest number of Treble Bob Minor methods ever rung to a peal at that time. Doubles methods also shot to the forefront with a peal in 129 different Plain course methods at Shelford late in December. This peal would probably replace the present record peal at Hambledon, even though 43 extents were used. The first peal of Major by an all-ladies band for the Guild was rung at Tuxford.

Quarter peals totalled 158—a record—the list being headed by Shelford with 46, and Holme Pierrepont with 22 and Beeston with ten. Coupled with peals this means that 60 of the Guild's 92 towers had either a peal or quarter peal rung there in 1968.

Thanks were expressed to all the Guild's officers, who were re-elected, there being no other nominations. These are: Chairman, Mr. F. W. Midwinter; vice-chairman, Rev. W. H. Snow; hon. treasurer, Mr. H. Hanson; hon. general secretary, Mr. W. L. Exton; auditors, Messrs. C. J. Copp and B. Hough; trustees, Messrs. F. W. Midwinter and W. Nichols, and peal committee, Messrs. R. B. Mills (secretary) and B. M. Buswell. Mr. B. Hough gave notice that the auditors would not be standing for re-election after this year.

BULK PURCHASE OF ROPE

The hon. general secretary said that he had purchased 300 feet of pre-stretched terylene rope, which he would make available at cost to towers who wished to use this type of rope to splice on to the tops of their existing ropes where these had perished and become unserviceable. He also suggested that the Guild should perhaps make this available free of charge to towers where they had no ringers and where the bells were only rung on special occasions by the Guild members and whose ropes were known to break with monotonous regularity. This was agreed, the secretary to use his discretion and the cost to be met from the Bell Repair Fund.

The secretary also reported that he had proposed and Mr. J. D. Clarke had seconded the following motion to be put before the Central Council at its annual meeting at St. Albans this year: "That this Council through its Towers and Belfries Committee seeks early consultation with the Council for the Care of Churches and the principal bellfounders to revise and bring up to date their agreed policy on bells and bell frames, with particular regard to (a) the recasting of bells and (b) the position of bells in churches which are, or are about to become redundant or closed."

He reported the difficulties he had met and anomalies he had encountered in interpreting the present recommendations. After a short discussion it was unanimously resolved to support the motion.

The collection for the Bell Repair Fund taken at the meeting realised £5 8s. 5d. After a comprehensive vote of thanks, further ringing took place on the ten bells at St. Mary's and the 12 at St. Peter's.

SUNDAY SERVICE RINGING AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Dear Sir,—One important item of business at the Central Council meeting will be the reconstitution of its various committees, and careful thought and preparation is appropriate before names are put forward. At present the above committee has the following work in hand:—

(1) A Tutor's Handbook, Part 2 (now ready).
(2) Week-end and day courses.
(3) General interest film-strip.
(4) Recordings of examples of good striking.
(5) Liaison with theological colleges.
(6) Hire of Washington film.
(7) Research re possibility of a 16 mm. general interest film.
(8) Miscellaneous enquiries.

Item (8) dealt with by the Convener covers a wide field and it would be helpful to have someone new on the committee who could deal with enquiries about tune ringing on handbells and someone prepared to make available pin-up material as visual aids to instruction and recruiting drives.

The Convener has done much preliminary work on the possible content of a general interest film-strip and made contacts with people prepared to co-operate on the technical aspects of production. Should the Council decide to back such a production it will be helpful to have someone on the committee to deal with the detailed planning and script writing. Present members of the committee are already well committed and any new nominees need to be prepared for a fair "stint" of work of a specialist nature.—Yours, etc.,

NORMAN CHADDOCK, Convener.
Blencathra, Spring Road,
Market Weighton, near York.

LATE NOTICES

HANDBELLS WANTED

WANTED.—Set of five or six old, unused handbells for young learners who can only afford a nominal price. Please send particulars to Mr. White, 94, Merley Ways, Wimborne, Dorset. 7234

HANDBELLS FOR SALE

SET of 26 musical handbells, heavy gauge, heaviest 3¼ lb., 8 inches diameter; smallest 1¼ lb. (approx.), 3 inches diameter. Original price £235. Prepared to consider reasonable offer.—G. Bearne, Bancroft, East Ogwell, Newton Abbot, Devon. 7233

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Half-annual meeting and striking competition, Childswickham (6), Saturday, May 31st. Competition commences 2.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to M. Maggs, 50, Bouncers Lane, Prestbury, Cheltenham, by May 29th. 7236

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Meeting, Market Bosworth, on Saturday, May 31st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. R. Proudman, 20, Market Place, Market Bosworth, near Nuneaton, by Wednesday previous.—C. M. Wells, Dis. Sec. 7232

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Practice meeting, Bushey Heath, June 7th, 6.30 p.m. Names for half-day outing, please.—G. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 7237

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Quarterly meeting, Hever, on June 7th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Picnic tea, please. 7235

ALDEBURGH, SUFFOLK.—On April 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Ruth Bedford 1, S. Bedford 2, Ruth Woodman 3, A. Knights 4, V. Bedford (cond.) 5, P. Bedford 6. For Evensong.

BENINGTON, HERTS.—On April 27th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles (7, 6, 8 cover): J. Dey (first quarter) 1, A. A. F. Peters 2, Brenda J. Harris 3, P. C. Worthington 4, M. R. Worthington (cond.) 5, P. R. Worth (first quarter) 6, N. R. Perrin 7, P. J. H. Dobson 8. For Evensong.

BRYANSTONE, DORSET.—On March 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. J. Paulley 1, Miss S. M. Corry 2, C. J. Corry 3, T. G. Bleatham 4, M. J. Corry 5, C. F. Longridge (cond.) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to John N. Longridge. Also on April 15th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): Miss S. M. Corry 1, A. J. Paulley 2, A. B. Corry 3, C. J. Corry 4, T. G. Bleatham (cond.) 5, M. J. Corry 6. Also on April 19th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Miss K. M. Andrews 1, Miss S. M. Corry 2, A. B. Corry 3, M. J. Corry 4, C. J. Longridge (cond.) 5, C. J. Corry 6. Rung after the wedding of Dr. P. Simpson and Jane Carpenter-Jacobs.

BILLINGBOROUGH, LINCS.—On Easter Day, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. Baldwin 1, F. Carford 2, A. Walker 3, R. Reynolds 4, R. Howard 5, A. Key 6, W. B. Dawson 7, P. H. Reynolds (cond.) 8.

BILSTON, STAFFS.—On April 27th, 1,280 Pl. Bob Major: S. Yates (cond.) 1, Sylvia J. Hodister (first "inside") 2, I. A. Sheffield 3, A. J. Fletcher 4, P. G. K. Davies 5, D. J. G. Bates 6, C. J. Bennett 7, R. M. Hodister 8.

BLACKMOOR, HANTS.—On April 27th, 1,259 Pl. Bob and Grandsire Doubles: G. Cane (first on working bell) 1, D. Cooper 2, B. Castle (first "inside") 3, Rev. C. J. Butler 4, M. E. Cass (cond.) 5, A. Gill 6. Rung prior to the christening of five babies.

BLACKWELL, DERBYS.—On April 6th, 1,260 Pl. and Oxford T.B. Minor: W. Riley 1, Margaret Boam 2, F. D. A. Boam 3, W. Steele 4, A. Tomlinson 5, A. Wheeler (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

BOLSOVER, DERBYS.—On April 10th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: L. Coe 1, D. Chambers 2, L. Shaw 3, D. Cooper 4, R. Chambers (cond.) 5, H. Wagstaff 6.

BRADPOLE, DORSET.—On April 29th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Janice Gudge 1, R. Haines 2, I. L. Andrews (first of P.B.) 3, M. J. Hiller (cond.) 4, D. B. Ellery 5, K. Rix (first quarter) 6, I. Calvert 7, A. D Case 8. With 7, 6, 8 covering.

BRAMFORD, SUFFOLK.—On April 27th, 1,260 Minor (three methods): Susan Abbott 1, R. L. K. Whittell 2, A. R. Walters 3, A. Munnings 4, J. Hollins 5, R. J. Southgate (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

BRAY, CO. WICKLOW. — On April 25th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): C. Lane 1, C. A. Lewis (cond.) 2, C. E. S. Hall 3, A. R. MacKenzie 4, J. Shields 5, D. F. Lane (first quarter) 6.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At St. Peter's Church, on May 4th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Susan Hopkin 1, A. W. Bond 2, Caroline Mackie 3, B. J. Read (first in method as cond.) 4, T. G. Williams 5, D. L. Nibbs 6, A. P. Fester 7, N. R. Clatworthy 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Dave Nibbs.

BUCKLAND NEWTON, DORSET. — On April 11th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Miss E. Gill 1, R. H. J. Mears 2, P. Board 3, J. Vardy 4, C. Tidwell 5, E. H. Amey (cond.) 6.

BURITON, HANTS.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Wild (first quarter) 1, K. Sansom (cond.) 2, Maureen Tipper (first "inside") 3, R. Tipper 4, A. Reeves 5, K. Tipper 6. Wishing Jane Walker bon voyage to Canada.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.—On April 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. J. George 1, H. Miles 2, G. W. Taysom 3, Marion L. Lidgey 4, Canon A. S. Roberts 5, W. R. Curtis 6, F. M. Bowers (cond.) 7, J. Copping 8.

CATFIELD, NORFOLK. — On April 17th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Daphne Appleby 1, Rosemary White 2, Linda Wilkinson 3, J. L. Humphreys 4, B. J. Pickup (cond.) 5.

CHARMINSTER, DORSET.—On March 21st, 1,260 Pl. Bob Triples: Mrs. L. Mears 1, J. Marshall 2, Miss E. J. Gill 3, C. Tidwell 4, R. H. J. Mears, sen. 5, P. Board 6, E. H. Amey (cond.) 7, R. J. Mears, jun. 8. By Sunday service band.

CHEW STOKE, SOM.—On April 11th, 1,440 Norwich and London Surprise Minor: Ann Kingcott 1, R. Perry 2, P. J. England 3, A. Perry 4, J. R. Taylor 5, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 6.

CRADLEY, WORCS. — On April 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. J. Hall 1, H. White 2, A. H. Hall 3, Mrs. M. Hensman 4, H. J. Shuck 5, C. M. Cooksey (first Triples as cond.) 6, M. Green (first Triples "inside") 7, T. Davies 8.

QUARTER PEALS

DANBURY, ESSEX.—On March 16th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Christine Murray 1, J. E. G. Roast 2, E. W. Roast 3, Yvonne Murray 4, P. J. Came 5, I. J. M. Saunders 6, T. Spurgeon 7, J. L. Towler (cond.) 8. A 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of 1, which was also her first quarter of T.B. Also on April 13th, 1,264 Pl. Bob Major: Mary Roast 1, Susan Spurgeon (first quarter "inside") 2, E. W. Roast 3, Yvonne Murray 4, P. J. Came 5, T. Spurgeon 6, R. J. W. Housden 7, J. E. G. Roast (cond.) 8. Rung for the wedding of Carol Kemp and Christopher Salter.

DEWSBURY, YORKS.—On May 1st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss R. Richardson (cond.) 1, Miss S. Roberts (first quarter) 2, V. Bottomley 3, Avis Thompson, Mrs. J. Bottomley 5, K. Ineson 6, G. Richardson 7, J. Wightman 8. For Confirmation service.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS. — On April 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. White 1, H. L. Bishop 2, Miss M. Thomas 3, Mrs. P. Aplin 4, G. W. Bishop 5, M. Bishop 6, A. Webb (cond.) 7, E. Sawyer 8.

EDMONTON, MIDDX.—On April 27th, 1,264 Pl. Bob Major: Trudy Newcombe 1, C. Edwards 2, Beryl Platt 3, D. Dorrington 4, Carole Francis 5, Jacky Hedges 6, S. Hardy 7, T. C. Hawkins (cond.) 8. For Evensong, and to congratulate Rev. Clive and Evelyn Taylor on the birth of a son.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.—On May 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. A. Smith 1, P. T. Spencer-Phillips (cond.) 2, G. A. Bainbridge 3, Jane Foster 4, Anne Edwards 5, S. A. Waters 6, P. M. Wilkinson 7, J. M. C. Lysons 8. A compliment to Miss Ann Kingham, daughter of the Vicar (Rev. J. A. Kingham), on her marriage on April 12th, 1969, to Mr. Bruce Simpson.

GREAT GADDESDEN, HERTS.—On April 24th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. D. Sennitt 1, J. Hobbs 2, A. V. Good 3, G. A. Reading 4, R. G. Bell 5, R. E. Sheppard (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled after the burial service of A. R. Goldsney, organist and tower captain at this church.

HALLOW, WORCS.—On May 1st, 1,264 Pl. Bob Major: R. Rowe 1, Mrs. S. M. Drew 2, T. Lewis 3, R. Cole 4, J. Clements 5, F. Pugh 6, D. Franklin 7, G. Drew (cond.) 8. Rung for the centenary festival of SS. Philip and James', Hallow.

HARTING, SUSSEX.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: B. Walton (cond.) 1, Carol Stacey (first of Stedman Doubles) 2, D. Fox 3, D. Hughes 4, D. Hatherly 5, V. Walder 6.

KIRTON-IN-HOLLAND, LINCS.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Fensom (first quarter) 1, R. Reynolds 2, W. B. Dawson 3, W. E. Clarke 4, H. Barsley 5, R. Stephenson 6, P. H. Reynolds (cond.) 7, A. E. Flatters 8.

LEWKNOR, OXON.—On April 21st, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: W. Collins 1, R. Witney 2, F. Godden 3, B. Gray 4, F. Absolom 5, W. Fulker 6. Rung half-muffled after the interment of Mrs. P. Fulker, wife of sixth ringer.

LOWDHAM, NOTTS.—On April 1st, 1,320 Plain, Little and Alliance Doubles (11): Miss R. Blackshaw 1, Miss S. O'Neill 2, A. R. C. Harris 3, G. A. Dawson (cond.) 4, M. W. Harrison 5. First Plain, Little and Alliance Doubles by all, and for the Guild.

LUDHAM, NORFOLK. — On April 17th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): J. P. Burton 1, S. G. Pick 2, N. R. White 3, C. R. Bainham 4, P. R. Johnson 5.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICS. — On April 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Karen French (first on eight) 1, O. Homewood 2, Mrs. D. Day 3, W. Clamp 4, R. Looker 5, J. Day 6, H. Clayton (cond.) 7, A. French 8. To mark the start of the "Forward with Christ" Campaign; also a wedding compliment to Adelaide Day (daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Day) and John Ward, both members of the Leicester Guild, who were married in this church the previous day.

MILBORNE ST. ANDREW, DORSET.—On April 16th, 1,260 P.B. Doubles: Miss M. Davies 1, C. F. Longridge 2, Miss S. M. Corry 3, R. Jeans 4, M. J. Corry (cond.) 5, B. R. Jeans 6. Also same method on same day: Miss K. M. Andrews (first quarter) 1, C. J. Corry 2, T. G. Bleatham (cond.) 3, A. J. Paulley 4, B. R. Jeans 5, R. Jeans 6.

OXFORD.—At New College, on April 27th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Judith H. Harvey 1, L. J. Haines 2, Sue M. Heyworth 3, Shirley E. Jones 4, N. C. V. Pollock 5, S. K. Thompson 6, J. R. Pratt (cond.) 7, R. H. Johnston 8, P. H. Mackie 9, N. R. D. Orchard 10. First on ten for 1, 5, 10. For Evensong by Oxford University Society.

PERTH, W.A.—At St. George's Cathedral, on Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: J. Dunn (first in W.A.) 1, J. Carter 2, H. Mann (cond.) 3, B. Potts 4, L. Reynolds 5, A. Mann 6. A farewell to Most Rev. G. Appleton, Archbishop of Perth, on translation to Archbishopric of Jerusalem. Also on March 2nd, 1,260 P.B. Minor: J. Dunn 1, B. J. Potts 2, J. Carter 3, L. Reynolds 4, M. Scowen (from Melbourne) 5, A. Mann (cond.) 6. In honour of the birth of Alison Jan Mann (30/1/69). Also on April 6th, 1,260 P.B. Minor: J. Dunn 1, J. Carter 2, B. Potts 3, T. Lambert 4, E. Halton (first in Australia) 5, A. Mann (cond.) 6. In honour of the birth of Julie Norma (April 3rd). Also on April 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor. B. Potts 1, J. Dunn (first "inside" in method) 2, Pam Warren 3, J. Carter 4, L. Reynolds 5, A. Mann (cond.) 6. A farewell to Pam Warren and a wedding compliment to Dr. Tom Lambert and Jill Moody.

PETERBOROUGH.—On March 22nd, 1,260 Pl. B. Doubles: A. Spencer (first quarter) 1, Joan Parker 2, Ann Smith 3, W. Smith 4, Roy W. Spencer (cond.) 5. Also on April 28th, 1,260 Minor (Kent T.B. and Plain): M. R. Spencer 1, Joan Parker 2, Ann Smith 3, W. Smith 4, G. Davis 5, R. W. Spencer (cond.) 6. Half-muffled on day of funeral of Harry Branston, former churchwarden.

PUCKINGTON, SOM.—On April 15th, 1,260 April Day Doubles: J. Cornelius (cond.) 1, Mrs. B. Dean 2, Roy Welch 3, Reg Welch 4, R. J. Dean 5, A. Drayton 6. First in the variation by all except the conductor.

RINGWOULD, KENT.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Pl. B. Minor: J. B. Keeler (cond.) 1, L. A. Huckstepp 2, P. S. Philpott 3, P. M. Hills 4, H. S. W. Seward 5, Dawn V. Petts 6. First Minor "inside" 3 and 5.

ROTHWELL, YORKS.—On April 29th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: P. Massam (cond.) 1, D. Hudson 2, M. Nunns 3, G. Hudson 4, Patricia Lockwood 5, R Brown 6, G. Cox 7, I. North 8.

SOLIHULL, WARKS.—On May 4th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Muriel Reay 1, Verona C. Naylor 2, Pamela M. Turner 3, D. H. Walters 4, M. F. Edwards 5, E. J. Cole 6, T. J. Warner (cond.) 7, E. T. Lloyd 8, R. J. Cann 9, A. Crabtree 10.

SOUTH WALSHAM, NORFOLK.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Doubles (six methods): S. G. Pick 1, J. P. Burton 2, J. L. Humphreys 3, P. R. Johnson 4, C. R Bainham (cond.) 5.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBS. — On April 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jean F. West (first quarter) 1, E. Chapman 2, Marion Kemp 3, W. H. Pedley 4, M. R. Kitson 5, R. I. West (first as cond.) 6.

STOTFOLD, BEDS.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Groom 1, P. Jewell 2, R. V. Webb (cond.) 3, D. Hope 4, P. Mehew 5, K. Webb 6. First quarter 1 and 6. For Evensong. Also on March 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. Webb 1, T. Groom (first "inside") 2, D. Hope 3, R. V. Webb 4, M. Major 5, P. Mehew (cond.) 6. First Minor 1 and 2. A compliment to the Vicar (Rev. V. L. North) on the first anniversary of his induction.

THAKEHAM, SUSSEX. — On Easter Day, 1,320 P.B. Doubles: M. Skinner 1, C. B. Skinner 2, Miss J. Horton 3, M. Hutchens (first "inside") 4, B. W. Farhall (cond.) 5, W. Cherriman 6. For Evensong.

THEBERTON, SUFFOLK.—On April 7th, 1,320 Pl. Bob Doubles: Ruth Bedford 1, Margaret Adams (first "inside") 2, J. Pilgrim 3, S. Bedford 4, V. Bedford (cond.) 5, Dana Josephson (first quarter) 6.

TITCHFIELD, HANTS.—On May 4th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. Whiteman (first quarter) 1, Mrs. B. M. Hunt 2, W. F. J. Cope 3, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 4, N. George 5, J. F. A. Rolph (first Minor "inside") 6.

WELDON, NORTHANTS.—On April 27th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Sheila M. Hope 1, Susan M. Fitton 2, Susan Kemp 3, R. L. E. Newby 4, R. A. Webster (first as cond.) 5, Penny McCreadie 6.

WELLOW, SOM.—On April 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. M. Elkins 1, A. J. Coombs 2, B. Sarll 3, P. J. W. Hardwick 4, P. J. Devrell (cond.) 5, L. J. Ayling (first quarter) 6. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. Skuse, both local ringers; also a birthday compliment to Mrs. M. Elkins.

WESTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—On May 3rd, 1,264 Pl. Bob Major: I. F. A. Rolph 1, Mrs. C. Rolph 2, Eileen Jayne (first "inside") 3, Mrs. B. M. Hunt 4, L. D. Duguid 5, E. Treagus 6, M. Marshall 7, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 8. For the Festival of Flowers and Music.

WESTHAM, SUSSEX.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Rev. Canterbury Pl. Bob Doubles: Gillian Eldridge 1, J. M. Swift 2, Susan Harrison 3, Jane Mason 4, A. Baldock (cond., 50th on the bells and 75th of Doubles) 5, R. Funnell 6. First in method by all except conductor. Rung prior to a musical recital.

COMPOSITIONS

5,088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
By EDWIN TIMBRELL

23456	M	B	W	H
56234		—	2	
46325	—		2	—
62345			2	
45623	2		—	
52436		—		
23564		—		

Repeat twice; contains no 82s and 11 of the 86s, 85s and 84s.
First rung at Tarleton, Lancs, on April 19th, 1969, conducted by D. G. Lawson.

5,056 ST. CLEMENT'S BOB MAJOR
By RONALD J. SLACK

M	B	W	H
	X	—	3
		—	2
—		—	3
		S	—
—			2
		2	—
—	X		—
		—	—
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Repeated twice, omitting any block of 3Hs in one part.
Rung at Sprotborough, Yorks, Mar. 22, 1969.

5,472 (5,088) SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
(Five methods)
By C. KENNETH LEWIS

23456	M	W	H	
43526		2	—	
24536		—		R S R
64235	2			
32546	—	—	3	R Li R
35426		—	2	
34256		—	2	R C R
24653	—		3	
56342	—	—	3	R Y R
23645	—		—	

Twice repeated, omitting two blocks of three. 5,088 gives 3,392 of Rutland and 1,690 (total) of Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Superlative and Yorkshire.
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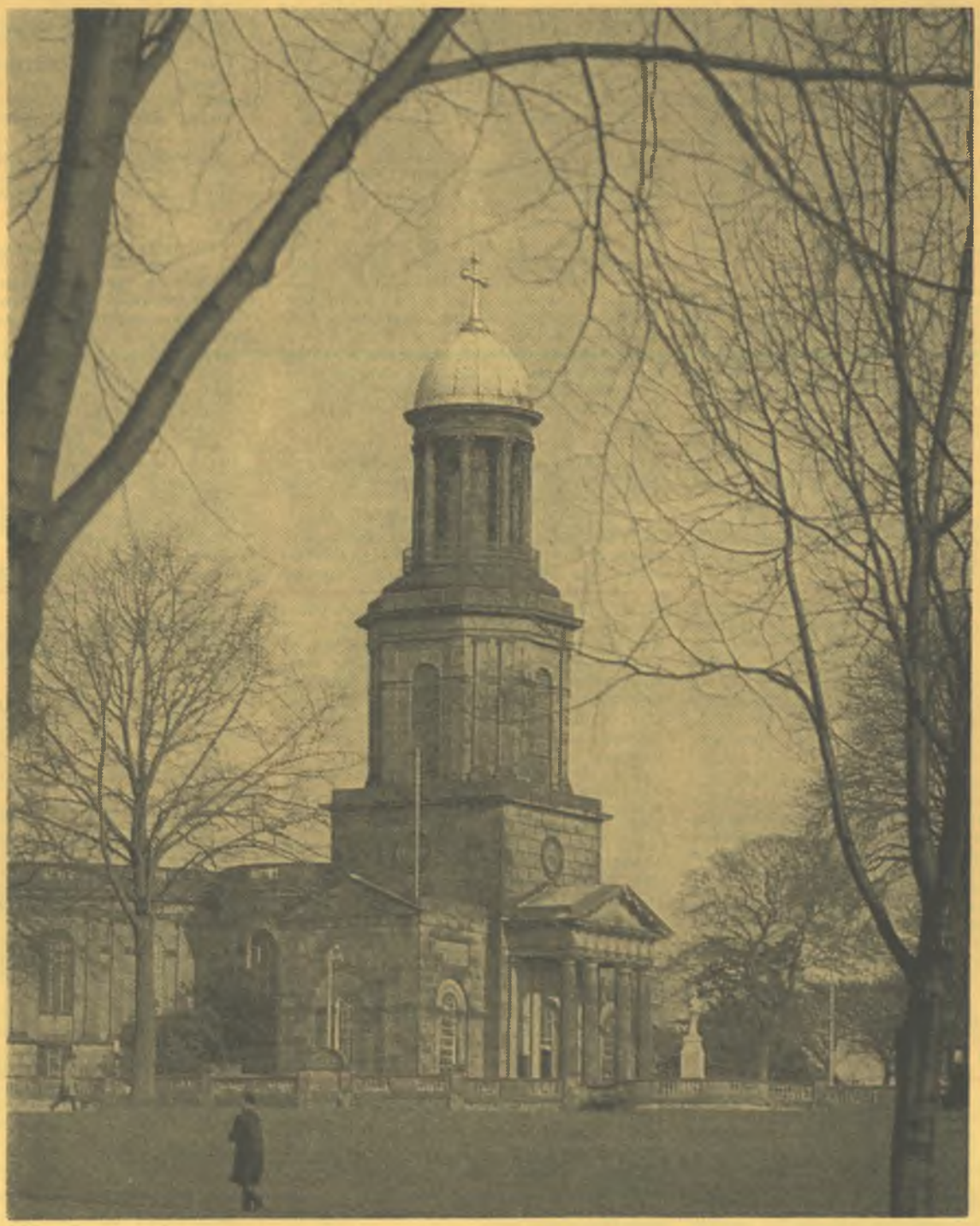

THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD, SHREWSBURY

OUR COVER PICTURE

The Church of St. Chad, Shrewsbury

By ERNEST F. WILLCOX, Ringing Master

Old St. Chad's. On January 14th, 1714, the Union Society was founded at Shrewsbury for the practice of change-ringing and a social club. It was composed of good-class townsmen and by 1795 comprised some 52 members, and among them was Sir William Pulteney, then Member of Parliament for the Borough of Shrewsbury.

Early in 1788 several cracks were noticed in the north-west pier of the central tower. The churchwardens were inclined to make light of the matter and the opinion of Thomas Telford, a distinguished engineer, was sought. He reported the tower unsafe and should be pulled down without delay. This report seemed a gross exaggeration as the cracks in the tower had been there, so people said, as long as men could remember. An attempt was made to replace some of the old stonework but shortly afterwards, in the early hours of a rainy morning, on July 9th, 1788, the whole tower fell in ruins.

No attempt was made to rebuild St. Chad's Church after its collapse, and after some delay the present church was erected on an entirely new site.

The fall of the tower had caused the destruction of Rudhall's bells, and a scheme was arranged, influenced by the Union Society, to provide the new church with a heavy ring of 12. A committee was formed and £1,000 was raised, plus £600 for the old bells, to purchase the new ring of 12.

Thomas Mears was given the order for the new ring and after paying for the bells, frame, ropes and a new floor, there was a surplus of £33, which was distributed among the poor.

New St. Chad's. The foundation stone to the new St. Chad's Church was laid on St. Chad's Day, March 2nd, 1790, and the dedication of the church was on August 19th, 1792.

The new bells arrived at Shrewsbury by water on July 14th, 1798, and by July 18th, 1798, they were hung and ready for opening.

By invitation of the Union Society, the College Youths rang for the opening of the new ring a peal of 5,184 changes Grandsire Cinques in 3 hours 54 minutes, conducted by Thomas Blakemore from the second bell. This peal was followed by another peal of 6,006 changes of Grandsire Cinques rung by the Union Society in 4 hours 27 minutes on November 25th, 1799. The footnote to this peal states: "Not a note of jarring discord hurt attention's ear."

Several more good peals were rung, mostly by the Union Society, and included Oxford T.B. Royal and Maximus, Grandsire Caters and Cinques, and Plain Bob Royal and Maximus.

About 1820 the Union Society was on the decline and peals became less frequent. In 1825 it was decided the tenor bell was not heavy enough for the rest and was replaced by one of which the weight was reputed to be 38 cwt. but has been given as weighing up to 43 cwt.

During the year 1836 the eighth bell became cracked and was replaced by another bell of the same weight. Peals were now very rare and the condition of the bells declining. In 1908 the last peal on the bells was rung until 1914. This was Grandsire Triples rung on the back eight, half-muffled, to the memory of Sir Lovelace Stamer (Bishop of Shrewsbury). The tenor was rung double-handed.

On the arrival of the late Charles R. Lilley to Shrewsbury, about 1912, ringing progressed. He conducted the first peal of Stedman Triples in Shrewsbury in 1913 and eventually the St. Chad's Society was formed. Ringing continued to progress and by 1914 St. Chad's bells were recast and rehung by John Taylor, of Loughborough (tenor 39 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.).

The rededication of the bells took place on Wednesday, May 28th, 1914, by the Dean of Lichfield (Dr. Savage). The ring of 12 is now in perfect order and of very rich musical tone.

The first peal was rung on November 19th, 1914, this being Plain Bob Major rung half-muffled to the memory of Lord Roberts. The peal was rung on the back eight, conducted by Charles R. Lilley from the tenor, with a local band. Plain Bob Royal was rung in 1917 and Plain Bob Maximus in 1919.

On January 30th, 1926, Charles R. Lilley conducted a peal of Stedman Cinques from the treble and James George rang the tenor. This was Charles R. Lilley's last peal in Shrewsbury.

Whilst St. Chad's had a steady Sunday service band, no one appeared interested in peal ringing and the tower was a closed shop to visiting bands.

It was not until December 1st, 1945, that the bells were heard in peal again, when Arthur Pritchard, then Ringing Master of the Shropshire Association, applied for the bells for a peace celebration peal. Kent T.B. Maximus was rung, conducted by Arthur Pritchard from the 11th bell. The tenor was rung by the late John Worth.

Since 1945 numerous peals have been rung at St. Chad's for different Guilds and Societies. St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was the first visiting band to ring a peal; this was Stedman Cinques in April, 1952.

The first Surprise Maximus, Spliced Yorkshire and Belgrave, on the bells was rung by the Leicester Guild, the late Harold J. Poole taking part.

In 1962 the church purchased the old Market Hall bell, which weighed about 19 cwt. This was recast and hung in St. Chad's as a sharp second. The first peal, using this bell, was Stedman Triples on April 20th, 1963. The Bishop of Lichfield dedicated the bell the following day at 11 a.m.

To commemorate the 175th anniversary of the dedication of the church the Ancient Society of College Youths rang a peal of Stedman Cinques, 5,175 changes, on August 19th, 1967. This was conducted and specially composed by John Chilcott for the occasion.

On October 21st, 1967, the first 12-bell peal for the Hereford Diocesan Guild—Plain Bob Maximus—was rung by six Shropshire members and six Hereford members; the conductor was Arthur Pritchard.

On December 7th, 1968, a peal of Plain Bob Major was rung on the front eight by the Sunday service ringers, conducted by Ernest F. Willcox. This is believed to be the first peal by local ringers since 1914.

The following are the diameters, weights and inscriptions of the bells:—

Treble:
"In sweetest sound let each its note reveal;
Mine shall be first to lead the dulcet peal."
(1798. Recast 1914.) Diameter 2ft. 1⅝in. Weight 4 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb.

Second:
"The public raised us with a liberal hand;
We come with harmony to cheer the land."
(1798. Recast 1907 and again in 1914.) Diameter 2ft. 3in. Weight 4 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

Third:
"We'll through the air extend each generous theme;
And float melodious down Sabrina's [stream."
(1798. Recast 1914.) Diameter 2ft. 4in. Weight 5 cwt. 1 lb.

Fourth:
"When female virtue weds with manly [worth;
We catch the rapture and we spread it forth."
(1798. Recast 1914.) Diameter 2ft. 5¼in. Weight 5 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.

Fifth:
"Does battle rage? Do sanguine foes [contend;
We hail the victor if he's Britain's friend."
(1798. Recast 1914.) Diameter 2ft. 7½in. Weight 6 cwt. 5 lb.

Sixth:
"Here let us pause; and now with one [accord;
Salute the church triumphant in the Lord."
(1798. Recast 1914.) Diameter 2ft. 9in. Weight 6 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

Seventh:
"May George long reign, who now the sceptre sways;
And British valour ever rule the seas."
(1798. Recast 1914.) Diameter 3ft. 0½in. Weight 8 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

Eighth:
"Success attend our gallant host in arms;
And glory crown the brave whom honour warms."
(1798. Recast 1837 and again in 1914.) Diameter 3ft. 4in. Weight 11 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb.

Ninth:
"May England's coasts the pride of commerce see;
And Salop's pride be always to be free."
(1798. Recast 1914.) Diameter 3ft. 9in. Weight 16 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb.

Tenth:
"May peace remain to bless Britannia's shore;
And faction fall to raise her head no more."
(1798. Recast 1848 and again in 1914.) Diameter 4ft. 0½in. Weight 20 cwt.

Eleventh:
"May each subscriber in these numbers live;
And unions ever feel those joys they give."
(1798. Recast 1914.) Diameter 4ft. 5½in. Weight 28 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb.

Tenor:
"May all whom I shall summon to the [grave;
The blessings of a well-spent life receive."
(1798. Recast 1825 and again in 1914.) Diameter 5ft. Weight 39 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. Total weight; 157 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. The ring is in the key of B.

Sharp Second:
"To tell passing hours was my former fame;
With new note now I praise God's Holy Name."
(Cast 1962.) Diameter 2ft. 1⅝in. Weight 4 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb.

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION & REORGANISATION

A CHALLENGE TO MR. BOTTOMLEY AS PRESIDENT

FOR its annual general meeting on April 26th the Yorkshire Association visited the area of the Barnsley and District Society. Sixteen-, 6- and 8-bell towers were open at various times throughout the day and were visited by over 200 ringers — the large attendance being due no doubt to the fact that an election was to take place for the presidency of the Association.

The lady ringers of Penistone had volunteered for the mammoth task of preparing tea for the gathering, which together with the meeting afterwards was held in the church school at Penistone. A substantial tea, which must have necessitated starting the preparation of sandwiches early in the morning, was provided at a nominal charge.

Prior to tea a service, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. R. Mathews, had been held in the Parish Church, and this had itself been preceded by a well-struck course of Yorkshire rung on the bells by mainly a young band drawn from all parts of the county.

THE MEETING

At the opening of the meeting the company stood in silence as a token of respect for three members who had died since the last general meeting — H. Morley (Selby), S. Steel (York), C. Moxon (Hemsworth).

After the reading and approving of the minutes Mr. Maurice Thurmott proposed a comprehensive vote of thanks to all concerned for the arrangements during the day, and responses were made by the Vicar, Mr. J. Whitehead for the local ringers and Mrs. Mathews for the ladies.

Seventeen new members were then elected to the Society, viz.: Anne Brown, Philippa Gornall and Richard Thurmott, of Bradford; Ann Walker, All Souls', Halifax; Delwyn Tidball, Horbury; Elizabeth Campbell, St. Chad's, Headingley; David Archer, Wentworth; Marianne Baker, Elizabeth Wait and Andrew Nelson, Rotherham; Frances Garfield and Elizabeth Scourfield, Silkstone; Lynn Parker and Adrian Moreton, Wakefield; Janet Walker, Wragby; Anthony Boden and Andrew Hessey, Hessle.

It was at this point that the voting took place for a president to serve for the coming three-year term of office. Mr. Vernon Bottomley, the retiring president, who had completed one term in the office, was proposed by Mr. W. F. Moreton, and Mr. Norman Chaddock, late of Rotherham and now of the East Riding, was proposed by Mr. Stuart Armeson. Vernon is well known to members all over the county from his many visits to District meetings during his term of office, whilst Norman is much appreciated for his sterling teaching work which he has carried out over many years.

As the voting was to be by ballot, three tellers were elected, and whilst counting was going on the 1968 annual report was presented.

DETAILS FROM 1968 REPORT

The committee stated that the higher attendance at meetings in 1967 had been maintained at the three general meetings of 1968, approximately 80 members attending at Goole, 150 at York and 130 at Knaresborough. A large turnover of senior officers had taken place during the year, with Geoffrey Pilkington and Harold Walker being welcomed as vice-presidents of the Southern and Eastern Districts and John Seager and Barry Sullivan as secretaries of the Southern and Western Districts.

A total membership of the Association of 720 was reported, a substantial increase on the previous year.

The peal secretary reported that 208 tower- and 11 handbell peals had been rung for the Association during 1968; 29 members rang their first peal. Mr. C. B. Dove, of Leeds, was both the leading peal ringer and leading conductor. The total of 17 new methods rung for the Association was undoubtedly a record.

REORGANISATION RESOLUTION

The secretary then gave the following interim report of the progress of the resolution which had been put to the Association by the Leeds and District Society and which called for a reorganisation of ringing in Yorkshire.

(i) The general committee considered the resolution in great detail in February, approved of the idea of a fusion between the Association in its Western District and the Leeds and District Society, and decided to arrange a discussion of the standing sub-committee with Leeds and District representatives. A letter was sent to the other District Societies indicating the willingness of the general committee to hold similar discussions if such were desired.

(ii) A fruitful meeting with Leeds and District representatives was held, when few problems were seen. A meeting of the Western District committee with the Leeds and District committee furthered progress and a discussion on the various suggestions is to take place at the Western District's A.G.M. on June 21st at Cleckheaton.

(iii) The general committee will consider the matter on June 28th at its meeting in York, and it is possible that specific proposals will be made by it at the Bradford general meeting on September 20th. Members may then, of course, discuss the proposals and vote on them in January.

(iv) The idea of having a two-tier membership and two levels of subscription has received favourable comment.

(v) The Beverley and District Society committee asked for discussions and these were held with the standing sub-committee at Walkington. The discussions were of an exploratory nature and were most cordial.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

With Mr. Tom Cox, the vice-president of the Northern District, in the chair, the results of the voting for president were announced. Mr. Bottomley polled 103 votes, Mr. Chaddock 77, and thus Mr. Bottomley was re-elected to serve for a further term. Norman was the first to congratulate Vernon on his success and pledged his support throughout the coming term.

Thus with the presidential election completed, and a diminution of the tension which had developed in the Association over the last few weeks, the remaining election of officers was continued.

Dr. T. D. Spencer was re-elected as peal secretary, C. F. Dempster was re-elected as one auditor and I. North replaced Billy Barton, who had served in the office for many years, as the second auditor. E. Hudson and J. Chaddock were both re-elected as representatives on the Joint Council of Yorkshire Ringing Societies.

With the closure of the meeting the company once again dispersed to all corners of the county for a further four months until the next general meeting at Bradford in September. R.C.

GUILD OF MEDICAL RINGERS

THE spring meeting of the Guild was blessed with everything save spring sunshine. Nevertheless, the fact that screen wipers rather than sun visors obscured the green Essex countryside did not detract from the success of the proceedings. Ringing began on the mellow eight of the Priory Church of Hatfield Broad Oak, where those who had had this pleasure in earlier years noted that the unique belfry frieze of aircraft silhouettes had disappeared. It seemed to be "our day" for, encouraged by the "go" and tone of the bells, we managed without the irregularities of striking which sometimes have characterised our infrequent assemblies, and everyone was happy. Moving on to Stebbing, we maintained the same success rate, and it was here that the Guild was joined by the senior past president, Dr. P. T. Spencer-Phillips, and a distinguished past Master of the Essex Association, but very much a present ringer, as is well known.

Tea was consumed on a large scale at the home of Dr. and Mrs. L. S. Castleden, the inroads being magnified by the presence of some of the second and third generation, though the grown-ups were not visibly outdone. The members then moved over the road to the great church of Great Dunmow, and succeeded here also in putting up a good show.

The day concluded with an informal dinner, taken at the Saracen's Head. The May meeting is not a business one, but the Guild was gratified to hear from the president, who was unable to be present, that he has not been idle and has turned a gavel and block for the Guild, against any disorder at the A.G.M. on November 15th, and to hear encouraging news of another senior member, Dr. E. L. Taylor, of Lyme Regis. Good wishes were sent to both, and the Master concluded the session by expressing thanks to all who had made the meeting possible, and in particular to Dr. and Mrs. Castleden, our hosts. D. L. G.

RUTLAND RECORD REMAINS

The attempt for 13,440 Rutland Surprise Major at Barnes on May 17th was called round after 10,752 changes (before the previous record had been passed) because the tiredness of some of the band had caused the standard of striking to deteriorate below that desired for a record length.

Chester Diocesan Guild Heads Most Peals List for 1968

THE annual festival of the Chester Diocesan Guild was held at Lymm on May 10th. During the morning ringing took place at a number of towers in the area, the times of ringing being arranged so that all arrived at Lymm for a prompt start of the business meeting.

At 2.30 p.m. members assembled in the Church Hall, which was filled almost to capacity. After the Master's opening remarks, the general secretary read the apologies for absence, which included one from the Lord Bishop of Chester. Two main items were discussed under the heading of correspondence:

(1) Mrs. Moore, of Lymm, suggested that a number of hymns be printed on a leaflet for use at ringers' services because of the lack of suitable hymns in most hymn books. After some discussion it was decided on a majority vote not to adopt the suggestion.

(2) A letter of thanks from the Dean of Chester Cathedral, following the handing over of a cheque for £1,000 from the Guild earlier this year, was read.

The minutes of the last annual festival and the statement of accounts for 1968 had been circulated and were adopted as presented.

Report for 1968.—The outstanding event of the year was the announcement by the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral of the scheme for a detached bell house with a ring of 13 bells and clubroom facilities. This scheme has resulted from discussions which the Guild's sub-committee had with the Dean. The Guild's secretary has spent a great deal of time on the matter in the past two years.

Losses by death were as follows: Peter Laflin, the librarian of the Beeston Library since it was presented in 1932 by the Rev. A. T. Beeston, and who had kept it up to date and provided a bookcase for it in St. George's tower, Stockport; William Kirkpatrick, of Lymm; James Peters, of Grappenhall; H. Stewart Bailey, of Port Sunlight.

Membership at present stands at: Honorary members 11 (11), Life ringing members 18 (22), ringing members 641 (633), representing 83 (87) towers (1967 figures in brackets).

Finance. — General accounts balance, £67 17s. 1d. (£77 2s. 7d.); Bell Restoration Fund balance, £316 12s. 8d. (327 8s. 11d.); Chester Cathedral Bell Fund, £788 13s. (£738 8s. 7d.).

Performances.—We believe that for the first time the Chester Guild heads the list of Guilds in the Central Council Analysis Table: 256 peals (now amended to 259) have been rung during the year, 152 on tower bells and 104 on handbells, compared with 174, 136 and 38 respectively in 1967. Those taking part were 171 resident members (161) and 75 non-resident members (75). There were 14 first pealers (29) and 69 rang their first in a new method or methods (68). There were 47 conductors (38), one of whom conducted his first peal (3).

In memoriam peals were rung to Peter Laflin at Norbury, Great Budworth, Stoke-on-Tern, Marple (handbells), Prestbury (handbells) and Cambridge (handbells).

A peal was rung on handbells at Marple for the golden wedding of the Past Master of the Guild, Mr. A. R. Elkins and Mrs. Elkins.

Record Peals: 18,000 Cambridge Surprise Royal, 13,140 Kent Treble Bob Maximus (Cam variation) on handbells and 15,160 Oxford Treble Bob Royal (on handbells).

First peals by the Guild were: All Saints Doubles, Winchendon Place Bob Doubles, Battersea, Crewe, Havant and Melbourne Surprise Major, Swindon Surprise Royal and Spliced Surprise Royal in six methods.

On handbells the following firsts were recorded: Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Rutland and London Surprise Major, Spliced Surprise Major in six methods, Yorkshire Surprise Royal, Spliced Surprise Royal in four methods, Little Bob Maximus and Oxford Treble Bob Maximus.

"Quickest peal on the bells." — The claims were due in a large degree to the change in the style of ringing; it would be more desirable, however, if the aim were "Best peal on the bells". "We should at all times be conscious of the fact that we practise our art at the expense of and with the tolerance of the local inhabitants and should ensure that our ringing is as good as we can make it."

A vote of thanks was given to the report secretary for preparing the report, particularly as he had been involved in changing his job during the last 12 months. Thanks were also extended to Mr. Alan A. Potts and his helpers who produced the report each year merely for the cost of materials.

Election of Officers. — There were no changes this year (although each office was considered separately). They are: Master, Mr. Alexander Martin; secretary and treasurer, Mr. Henry O. Baker; report secretary, Mr. C. Kenneth Lewis; peal recorder, Mrs. C. Kenneth Lewis; librarian, Mr. Arthur Whiting; auditor, Mr. Sam Jones. For the first time the two Central Council representatives (other than the Master and general secretary) were elected at the festival. Mr. Basil Jones and Mr. Denis Mottershead were elected without a ballot.

Looking ahead. — The general secretary gave particulars of the annual dinner to be held on October 11th at Mollington (tickets 30/-). The meeting decided to provide a Master's badge, at a cost of £82, to be inscribed with the name of the late Master, Mr. John Worth. The annual festival will be held in the Crewe Branch, centred on Nantwich, on the second Saturday in May.

The Vicar of Lymm conducted the service and the address was given by the Vicar of Rostherne. An enjoyable tea was provided by Mrs. Moore and her helpers, and at the Master's request a touch of Spliced Surprise Major in five methods was rung "in hand". The Lymm ringers were thanked for their hospitality before members dispersed for evening ringing.

NATIONAL POLICE GUILD

The first District A.G.M. of the "new look" Police Guild was held by the South Eastern District in the East End of London on April 26th. St. Dunstan's, Stepney (10), was a popular meeting place for officers from the Home Counties and Metropolis and good use was made of the bells before a party of 30 adjourned to Moyland House, to be welcomed by Ch. Supt. Magges of "H" Division and to enjoy an excellent lunch.

Ch. Supt. R. Hagley, of the Surrey Constabulary, a very able and popular District Master, welcomed members and especially Mr. George Cousins, the Guild president, who had travelled from Ross-on-Wye and who is doing much to stimulate Guild interest. He thanked Commander Linge, a Guild member, for his interest and support and paid special tribute to P.C. Peter Shonk, the District secretary, for the way in which he had maintained contact with members over a wide area.

District officers were re-elected unanimously. These included Mr. George Amor, of Bedford, committee member. The new Guild badge was officially on sale for the first time. Provisional arrangements were made for future meetings in Buckinghamshire in June, Essex in September, South London in November and the 1970 annual District meeting in North London on April 25th. C. E. W.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Witney and Woodstock Branch held its annual meeting at Yarnton on April 26th, where the Vicar (Rev. A. C. Adcock) conducted the service.

Officers elected at the meeting were: Chairman, Rev. P. Wilkins; vice-chairman, E. D. Patching; secretary, E. R. Venn; treasurer, R. J. Rouse; Ringing Master, N. I. Bridges.

Among matters discussed was the Guild annual report. The secretary asked members, on behalf of the Guild, to consider whether the report did what it was supposed to do and whether it was really necessary to print peal reports in the publication. Mr. P. Walker, the report editor, gave a short account of how expensive it was to produce. A questionnaire was handed out with the new report.

Votes of thanks were passed to all who had helped to make the meeting a success, especially Mr. J. H. Green, local captain. Evening ringing was at Yarnton and Kidlington. All enquiries about the Branch should be addressed to the secretary, Kimberley, Wootton, Woodstock, Oxford, OX7 1EH.

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Lincoln Guild Passes 10/- Subscription

MR. JACK MILLHOUSE NEW GENERAL SECRETARY

Saturday, April 26th, known in Lincolnshire as April Fair Saturday, saw the 69th annual general meeting of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild. In view of Mr. John Freeman's nomination as President of the Central Council, a new secretary/treasurer was necessary and Mr. J. L. Millhouse was appointed to the office. The day started with Holy Communion at the Ringers' Chapel at the Cathedral, ringers attending from several Branches.

Later in the morning ringing took place at Eagle, Swinderby, Bassingham and Norton Desney. Afternoon and evening ringing was at the Cathedral and at city churches. The service at the Cathedral at 4.15 was conducted by the new Dean, the Very Rev. O. Twisleton-Wykeham-Fiennes, who warmly welcomed the 150 ringers present. The A.G.M. followed tea in the Tithe Barn, and although the Dean joined the company he was unable to stay to the meeting. Mr. Jack Bray was accordingly elected to the chair.

In the annual report Mr. John Freeman reported the year's activities. Ringing schools were held at Billingborough, Welbourn and Lea, and a course of change-ringing on handbells was held at North Hykeham Evening Institute. These had all been well supported and of great assistance to Guild members. At Lincoln Bishop's Hostel Theological College Rev. Michael Freeman had lectured the students on the art of ringing.

SUBSCRIPTION INCREASE

A sub-committee elected from all branches had met to discuss the general finances of the Guild and the cost of printing the report. Members had generally desired that the report should be kept in its present form, and from their meetings the sub-committee concluded that at the A.G.M. serious thought should be given to increasing the subscription to 10s. per year.

The Master reported that although Guild peals were the lowest by far since the war, it appeared that quality was maintained.

MR. JACK MILLHOUSE

The Guild and Branch accounts almost all showed reduced balances. The report and accounts were adopted and the election of 20 non-resident life members was confirmed.

Officers were elected as follows: President, the Dean of Lincoln; hon. secretary and treasurer, J. L. Millhouse; Master, J. Bray; hon. peal secretary, E. T. Chapman; librarian, R. F. Smith; hon. auditors, J. Walden and W. Tomlinson; representative on diocesan advisory committee, J. Freeman: Following Mr. Freeman's election as President of the Central Council the following were elected by ballot as C.C. members: J. Bray, G. E. Feirn, J. L. Millhouse and P. Reynolds, the latter for two years as Mr. Freeman had served for one year.

Much discussion followed on the motion to increase the annual subscription to 10/-, but after two amendments were heavily defeated the motion was carried by a large majority.

REDUNDANCY

Notice was brought to the meeting that 58 churches containing 299 bells in the diocese were to become redundant. It behoved the Guild to keep a watchful eye on these bells and endeavour to save them from being sold for scrap. It was decided that the faculty committee representative should be a member of the general committee.

Members were informed that the 70th anniversary dinner was to be held on Saturday, September 27th, the Guild festival in the Central Branch on June 28th and one-day ringing courses on October 11th and 25th in the North and West Lindsey Branches respectively.

Votes of thanks were passed to Mr. J. Freeman for his eight years' work as hon. secretary and treasurer, and to Mr. H. Ruddy for his work with one-day courses. Mr. V. Evans presented the new treasurer with a cheque for Guild funds from the sale of ringers' car badges.

The incumbents were thanked for the use of their bells, and also those who had assisted in arrangements for the meeting and tea.

Message to Joint Committee — Avoid Trivialities

Dear Sir,—Referring to the Joint Committee's Report on Decisions, published in the "R.W." of April 25th, I wonder what is really the point of all these rules and regulations. Why should the Central Council wish to dictate, or even suggest, what should and what should not be rung? The old rules as published in the Handbook were more restrictive than those at present proposed, so they began to be ignored. Singles in Surprise methods came into favour and irregular Minor methods have been widely practised, so now a set of new rules is proposed which allows for these cases, but where is there scope for further development? The general message of the new rules seems to be that we can continue to ring as we have done in the past, but we must not try anything very different in the future. Surely it would be more reasonable to lay down a few general guiding principles and to do away with all these trivialities concerning method construction, leaving the choice to the discretion of the ringers concerned. After all, who can forecast what will come into vogue during the next ten or 15 years?

It is strange that these rules do not mention the musical qualities of methods or compositions, being content to leave this to individual choice. One might have expected something concerning peal compositions which plod through all kinds of rubbish in order to achieve a hundred and odd combination roll-ups. (Incidentally, those people who consider c.r.u.'s to be all-important can have them continually by the simple expedient of ringing call-changes.)

Looking at a few particular points, taken at random, it would seem, from my reading of the rules, that peals of Spliced containing Bristol with 6th place bobs and other methods with 4ths place bobs will not be acceptable, since it is clearly stated on the one hand that the bob is not part of the method, but on the other that only one type of bob may be used in one composition. In any case, Spliced Surprise aside, what logical reason can there be for this restriction to one type of bob? It is probable that only on the rarest occasions would anyone wish to use two or more types of bob, but this is no reason for imposing a complete ban.

A number of provisions are made to accommodate standard practice which would otherwise be upset by the rules, e.g., that dealing with calls in principles, obviously designed to protect Stedman, and the fiddling about with rules for classes of plain methods, part of this presumably being aimed directly at Double Norwich. These, and a variety of other points, show up the fallacy of attempting to particularise instead of sticking to the broad general principles.

Dropping the name "Exercise" for a certain class of T.B. method is a tentative step in the right direction. Dropping "Surprise" and "Delight" would have taken the process to its logical conclusion, the name "Surprise" having little more than snob value. Drastic simplification in the case of plain methods would not have been out of place. Where is the connection between a "Court" method and a "Little Court" method?

In the case of Minimus, why should changes be rung in true blocks of 24? Oxford T.B., which is as good as any other Minimus method, has each change row twice in its plain course, and so it is not acceptable under these rules!

I could go on at length picking out odd cases like these, and all would point to the same conclusion, namely that rules, if any, should be confined to generalisations and should be as far as possible unrestrictive, aimed only at producing a reasonable degree of standardisation, for instance in method naming.

I would suggest that the Central Council should at least postpone making a final decision until the 1970 meeting in order to give the Exercise time to mull over the situation and decide for itself whether it wishes to be engulfed in what threatens to become an extension of the bureaucratic State.—Yours faithfully,

NEIL D. LOMAS.

Wilmslow, Cheshire.

Letters to the Editor

TRUMPINGTON—A MISUNDERSTANDING

Dear Sir,—In reply to my letter in the "R.W." about "Tower-grabbing at Trumpington", I must say that this was a complete misunderstanding. The band in question had obtained permission previously and had told the tower captain, but the message did not reach her in time.

May I extend my deepest regret that the band have been unjustly accused of "tower-grabbing", but may I also point out that this does exist—no one will deny it—and that from this we should learn that we must never do in other people's towers what we would never do in our own—no matter how good ringers we are.—Yours, etc., MARTIN R. KITSON.

Trumpington.

PRACTICES IN TRUMPINGTON AREA

Dear Sir,—As a friend of Martin Kitson, of Trumpington, may I endorse what he says in his recent letter. I have been ringing for nearly nine years but I have come to the same conclusion as he: if you cannot ring Spliced Surprise you are not very welcome at the advanced practice at Trumpington on Tuesdays. One of the local band went one night and was given very black looks when she asked if she could have some Stedman!

There is, however, a more simple practice on Wednesdays which is attended by less expert and mostly younger ringers and where everyone is made very welcome. It is seldom attended by any of the Tuesday band, a few of whom seem to think that bells were hung for ringing peals and who do not all ring regularly on Sundays.

One of those who does ring on Sundays once remarked about all the time he spends "bashing about" helping learners. I was quite pleased he was doing this, until I realised he was grumbling about helping his own learners, in his own tower, on his own practice night!

In my District there is, thanks to a vigorous few, quite a lot of help given to beginners and Surprise experts, but little encouragement to those in between who make up the bulk of Sunday service ringers. —Yours sincerely, A. D. LILLEY.

Ickleton, Cambs.

TOWER-GRABBING DOGS

Dear Sir,—I was interested to read in the issue of May 2nd about Judy, of Pinxton; but she is not the only tower-grabbing dog. My late pal, Mischief, between 1952 and 1963 accompanied me to over 1,000 towers. Among the many meetings which she attended was one at Stroud on December 20th, 1952, when business proceedings in the Church Room were suspended for a few moments to enable her to chase and catch an errant mouse. Her predecessors, Peggy (1936/38) and Biddy (1945/52), also went on numerous ringing outings.—Yours sincerely, E. T. PAUL FIELD.

Stoke-sub-Hamdon,
Somerset.

LOCALS CLAIM FOR FIRST ON BELLS

Dear Sir,—Whilst I understand E. R. Heatley et al, of Penmark, must have suffered a degree of frustration by being deprived of the chance of ringing the first peal on their bells, I do not sympathise with their attitude.

For many years it was an ambition of the Wareham locals to ring an 8-bell peal. After many attempts this was accomplished. However, we did not refuse permission to other bands because we could not score a peal of our own. There were some 20 peals on the bells before ours.

I think that so long as factors such as noise do not prohibit long ringing periods local bands should encourage full use and appreciation of their bells.

There are some ringers—we have one in Dorset—who are quite prepared to ring peals and quarter peals at other towers yet when they receive a request for their bells a flat "No" is the answer.

I suggest that any peal by a local band is a fine achievement and that no matter how many peals are rung on the bells by others beforehand there is no detraction from the performance whatsoever. Students of the peal columns take greater note of "Firsts by local bands" than "Firsts on bells" footnotes; at least, I do.—Yours faithfully,

GRAHAM W. ELMES.

Wareham, Dorset.

RINGING AND ALLIED INTERESTS

Dear Sir,—During the ten years or so that I have been ringing I have made many good friends and met many interesting people from all walks of life. Recently an intriguing set of coincidences has come to light and I am wondering if other ringers have experienced similar discoveries.

As well as being keenly interested in most aspects of ringing I am also a lover of steam engines, railways in general and the English canals. Two of my ringing colleagues, John Nixon and David Marsden, both of Leyland, are also keenly interested in railways and canals. Another great friend and ringer, the Rev. William G. Wilson, of Hollinwood, Oldham, is also a renowned railway enthusiast.

The strange thing about this sharing of interests is that it is only ringing that has brought us together—none of us previously came into contact whilst enjoying the other pursuits.

It is also interesting to note that the late Sir A. Percival Heywood was also a great railway enthusiast, even to the extent of having a narrow gauge railway in the grounds of his residence.

The fact that there has been a Railwaymen's Guild in existence for many years now must surely be indicative of the curious fact that somewhere along the line (excuse the pun) there is a natural tendency for these two truly traditional facets of English life to go hand in glove.—Yours, etc.,

DONALD G. LAWSON.

Leyland, Lancs.

MORE ABOUT GOSPEL OAK

Dear Sir,—In Mr. Knight's letter appearing in "The Ringing World" of May 16th, he states: ". . . I had been promised the support of the Association." Again, in the report of the A.G.M. of the Middlesex Association, he is reported as saying that he wanted help in training.

In the period of less than a year in which he was training learners at Gospel Oak, the help he received was from four members of the Association, who assisted both by providing morning Sunday service ringing (after ringing at their home tower) and by helping at the practices. At these practices he usually had all four members to assist him and only one other ringer would have been required to complete a Cambridge band. We wonder what further help was envisaged by Mr. Knight for training learners to ring rounds and call-changes. We would also like to add that, on occasions, the Sunday service band was completed by a general officer of the Association.

We are sorry that Mr. Knight found our help of so little use.—Yours faithfully,

BRIAN WATSON,
DOROTHEA ROBOTHAM.

London, N.

SURPRISE ROYAL COMPOSITIONS

Dear Sir,—I append two compositions of Surprise Royal. I should be interested to know why the Joint Committee recommends that only one of these should be recognised as a peal.—Yours faithfully,

CHRISTOPHER I. ROWSON.

Edgbaston, Birmingham.

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Repeated.
Singles at 4½ rung by 7 and 8 only.

CHURCH BELLS REDUCE RATES

A Mildenhall, Suffolk, man told the Mildenhall Valuation Court on May 12th that he and his wife shouted at each other on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings to make themselves heard above the noise of the bells being rung at the church 75 yards from their flat. After visiting the flat, the court reduced the assessment from £180 to £125 and the rateable value from £130 to £86.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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Letters—continued

IRREGULAR MINOR METHODS

Dear Sir,—Once again my namesake is first in the field among the critics of the methods rung at Longparish and named by the conductor with names of his own choosing of towers in the Guild's area.

His objections to the methods are his own personal views, as were the Plain Bob variations rung to Major and named Hunslet, Kirkgate, Canterbury Pleasure and Aldermaston, with places substituted for dodges in all places where dodging occurs. The same type of thing has been done with most of the Surprise methods to add easy variations without learning something new, and to my mind makes ringing more interesting even though in most cases they do not add to the musical quality.

This has all been said before, but what is new is names in relation to Major methods. In the same issue as his letter is a peal of Single Oxford Minor reported as Oxford Bob, also what is rung as Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Minor becomes Canterbury Pleasure when rung to Major.

Then we have ringers like another old friend, Brian Mills, who when they ring an old method have to change its name. Both King Edward and Queen Victoria, old-established names, had to be changed when rung to splice. Fortunately we re-established the names when we rang full peals in both methods and now King Edward is becoming increasingly popular.

Why should Steeple Delight, bearing this name since 1883, have to be saddled with such an uninteresting name as Blidworth? I suggest, if Brian wants to keep the name he rings, a full 720 of it in one of his peals.

Now that Frank Blagrove has attempted to unravel the Doubles tangle, I suggest he tries to get the Minor names sorted out. Harold Chart has already published most of the old names and Cyril Wratten is doing his bit by introducing a few more old ones in his article on "Crown Bob".—Yours sincerely,

GEOFFREY K. DODD.

Highclere, Hants.

RINGWOOD BEST STRIKERS IN W. and P. GUILD

The need for strength being placed on the treble and experience on the tenor to keep a good, steady beat was stressed by Mr. F. E. Darby when he judged the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild's striking competition at East Tytherley on May 10th. A record entry of 12 bands from five Districts was received for the Alliston Cup.

Placings were: 1 Ringwood, 24 faults; 2 Highclere, 31; 3 Winchester Cathedral 45. Others competing: Alton, Bishopstoke, Buriton, Eling "A", Eling "B", Fareham, Kingsclere, North Stoneham and Petersfield.

Mrs. Darby presented the cup to Mr. W. E. Cheater (captain at Ringwood) and Mr. R. S. Savory (Guild Master) certificates to the captains of the first three bands.

RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD AT PENZANCE

Superlative was certainly the prefix to the arrangements by Mr. Sid Foskett at the A.G.M. at Penzance for the week ending May 11th. Three towers were open on the Friday, and Saturday's programme included six towers—Ludgvan (6), Phillack (8), Lelant (6), Carbis Bay (10), Madron (8) and Gulval (8). All were ready for a meat tea at 34, Market Jew Street, Penzance.

The Master, Mr. Jack N. Brown, presided at the business meeting which followed; the principal guests being Mr. S. G. Martin (secretary, Joint Committee, British Railway Staff) and Mr. A. J. Davidson (secretary, Truro Diocesan Guild).

It was agreed, as several members had asked for a badge, that Mr. Martin would make enquiries as to cost and design and inform the hon. secretary. An important announcement by Mr. Martin was that membership of the Guild and B.R.S.A. was now open to those in the transport industry.

Officers elected were: Master, Mr. Jack W. Brown; regional Masters—Messrs. W. B. Kynaston, Western; C. A. Bassett, Southern; S. Foskett, London Midland; F. A. Staveley, Eastern. C.C. representative, E. Franklin; hon. secretary, J. A. Hoare; auditors, J. Brough and F. R. Morton.

The 1970 A.G.M. will be held at Guildford, and Northampton will be the venue of the autumn meeting.

Mr. S. Fossey proposed the vote of thanks, including Mr. Sid Foskett for the arrangements and Messrs. J. N. Brown, S. Martin and the hon. secretary. Mr. W. B. Kynaston supported the vote.

Those who stayed over Sunday visited Camborne and Gulval in the morning and Truro Cathedral and Helston in the evening.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

South Eastern Striking Competition

Although it was disappointing to the organisers that only four towers were sufficiently interested to enter for the District striking competition, it was encouraging to see over 50 members and friends at Tollesbury on May 10th, in spite of the unpleasant weather.

The striking competition was held in the afternoon, and after a rousing service, conducted by the Vicar, with Mrs. Lewis at the organ, tea was taken in the Parish Hall, prepared by ladies of the local band. The judges, Messrs. R. Lindsell and A. Syder, of Braintree, then announced the results, as follows: Terling 90 faults, Chelmsford 127, Sandon 145 and Danbury 159. Terling and Chelmsford will represent the District at the Association final at Stanford-le-Hope.

At the business meeting the following new members were elected: Sheila and Sammy Mark, Wendy Palmer (Terling), Brian Reeves (Chelmsford) and Rev. David Moir (Danbury). Mr. P. W. Saltmarsh thanked the Vicar, the organist and Mr. Leavett and his helpers for their excellent arrangements. R. J. H.

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD A.G.M.

The Midland Counties Guild held one of its best-attended A.G.M.s at Burton on May 10th. The Guild service was held at St. Modwen's Church, conducted by the Vicar, Rev. W. V. G. Griffiths, as vice-president of the Guild for the last time, as he is leaving for Little Aston, Sutton Coldfield, shortly.

Mr. Benjamin Worthington, president, had travelled from Northumberland to preside. In his address he said there were three purposes the Guild should keep before them: firstly, service to the Church, particularly in the maintenance and improvement of Sunday service ringing; secondly, the "professional" side, the ringing of peals, the aim of most competent ringers, which in turn improved the standard of normal ringing. The Guild had done well during 1968 to ring 40 such peals, four more than the previous year.

Thirdly, the social side, good outings and the more recent innovation of an annual dinner—which he hoped would continue and prosper—to name two examples. Mr. Worthington was happy to see a good number of young ringers, both at the Winshill ringing before tea and at the meeting, which augured well for the future.

Mr. Joseph W. Cotton, hon. secretary since the formation of the Guild 23 years ago, reported 19 new members, bringing the total to 16 honorary and 136 ringing. The new ring of eight at Kingsbury would be opened on June 28th.

Forty peals had been rung, the leading ringer being the hon. secretary with 35, bringing his total for the Guild to 641 out of a grand total of over twice that number. Leading conductor was D. P. Jones with 19.

Mr. A. E. Rowley was elected vice-president in the place of the Rev. W. V. G. Griffiths, and Mr. G. Brown auditor vice Mr. Tom Pryce, who was retiring to Worthing, having held the office since 1946 with the foundation of the Guild. The other officers were re-elected.

Mesdames Dann, Brown and Hair were thanked for the excellent tea, for which no charge was made, and ringing at St. Modwen's in the evening was under the guidance of Mr. Gordon Lane, Ringing Master.

MANCROFT WIN BY ONE POINT

Eight teams competed for the Northern District striking competition at Wroxham under appalling weather conditions. The judge, Mr. Martin L. Howe, in summing up said the pouring rain on to the roof of his car had not made his job easy. The order of the change-ringing bands was: 1 Mancroft, 2 St. Giles', 3 St. George's. One point separated the first and second.

The chairman, Mr. G. Sayer, thanked the Vicar for conducting the service, the judge, Peter Bower, and the local ringers and their wives.

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HALF PEAL

WOODBOROUGH, NOTTS. — On March 29th, 2,520 Pl. Bob Minimus: J. D. Scott 1, S. E. Richards 2, D. W. Flower 3, P. L. R. Hayward (cond.) 4. First half peal by all. For the 160th anniversary of the birth of Henry Johnson.

BARNES, LONDON.—On March 8th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Elizabeth Bangham 1, J. Ketteringham 2, Caroline Madge 3, Ruby Myllys 4, A. Bagworth 5, M. Bangham (cond.) 6, G. Bridges 7, N. Thomson 8.

BARROW GURNEY, SOM.—On May 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. E. Newman (first Stedman T.) 1, D. C. Hawkins 2, A. F. Lee 3, A. Swatton 4, P. J. W. Hardwick 5, P. J. Devrell 6, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 7, B. Sarll 8. A 21st birthday compliment to ringer of sixth.

BARROWBY, LINCS.—On May 4th, 1,296 Kent T.B. Minor: T. Relf 1, W Dale 2, F. Pinchbeck 3, B. Buttery 4, L. Squires 5, J. H. Bluff (cond.) 6. For evening service and to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the oldest branch of the British Legion.

BASILDON, ESSEX.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles ("in hand"): G. Gray 1–2, G. Lucas (cond.) 3–4, A. Elliott (first quarter) 5–6. Also on March 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles ("in hand"): G. Mason (first on a working pair) 1–2, G. Lucas (cond.) 3–4, P. Cammiade (first quarter) 5–6. Also on March 27th, 1,320 Pl. Bob Doubles ("in hand"): T. Gibbs (first on a working pair) 1–2, G. Lucas (cond.) 3–4, P. Cammiade 5–6. All by the Barstable School Society of Change Ringers.

BATHAMPTON, BATH. — On May 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Angela Driscoll (first quarter) 1, A. F. Lee (cond.) 2, Jean Lee 3, Patricia Goulay 4, P. J. Devrell 5, K. G. Weeks (first quarter) 6. A farewell to the ringer of 1 and her father, Mr. Patrick Driscoll, both local ringers, who are leaving for Australia.

BATHEASTON, SOM. — On April 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. J. Devrell 1, Beatrice M. W. Dobbie 2, Jane M. Dennis 3, J. E. Newman (cond.) 4, H. D. Taylor 5, B. Sarll (first Triples "inside") 6, P. M. Giles 7, S. J. Townsend (first quarter) 8. To mark the birth of Gregory Mark Mortimer, grandson of Preb. R. A. Evans, Rector.

BERRINGTON, SHROPSHIRE.—On April 24th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, April Day, Grandsire): Irene E. Allmand 1, Janet B. Rowney 2, A. M. Glover 3, C. H. Allmand 4, W H. Lloyd (cond.) 5, K. Rowney 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. "Dal" Williams (Condover), an ex-ringer.

BISHOP'S CLEEVE, GLOS. — On April 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Patricia M. Baker (first quarter) 1, Margery A. Wratten 2, F. G. Norden 3, E. T. Newbury 4, C. A. Wratten (cond.) 5, P. Baker 6, W. A. Farmer 7, W. Newman 8. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Baker, grandparents of 1st ringer and parents of 6th ringer.

BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS.—On May 11th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Jean Dale 1, E. Booth 2, Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay 3, Kathleen Fletcher 4, R. Philpott 5, R. Pike 6, C. Conway 7, D. Grimwood (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

BUSHBURY, STAFFS. — On April 28th, 1,260 Doubles (five m/v): S. W. Illidge 1, Gillian Bosworth-Smith 2, S. G. Pick (cond.) 3, P. R. Johnson 4, C Bainham 5, Hilary Windsor (first quarter) 6.

CADBURY, DEVON. — On April 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. S. Down 1, W. J. Ransom 2, H. Ransom 3, C. Barnes 4, R. Trickey (cond.) 5, W. Ware 6.

CADLEIGH, DEVON. — On April 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. S. Down 1, W. J. Ransom 2, H. Ransom 3, R. Trickey 4, C. Barnes (cond.) 5, W. Ware 6.

CALVERLEY, YORKS.—On May 2nd, 1,440 Pl. Bob Minor: Penny Glover 1, Margaret Reddish 2, Stella G. Cousen 3, Joan M. Dawson 4, W. Lee 5, A. C. Driver 6, P. M. Dawson (cond., cover). To congratulate Leeds United, Football League champions, 1969.

CANTERBURY, KENT. — At St. Dunstan's Church, on May 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss F. Pollard 1, J. Stockbridge 2, Mrs. G. Stockbridge 3, Miss F. Templeman 4, J. Drage 5, D. Cawley (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled following the funeral of the Vicar, Canon A. L. Lawler.

COLCHESTER (Shrub End), ESSEX. — On May 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Whent 1, A. Gibbons 2, C. Andrews 3, P. Schafle 4, D. Cobb (cond.) 5, C. Coulson 6. First "inside" 2, 3. For Evensong.

QUARTER PEALS

CLARE, SUFFOLK.—On May 7th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Triples: Margaret Nock 1, Jennifer Garwood (first "inside") 2, J. Mayle 3, P. Mayle 4, F. Gilbert 5, W. Perry 6, S. Twitchett (cond.) 7, I. Ellingham 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of the Vicar (Rev. R. L. Horden), interred this day.

COUNTESTHORPE, LEICS. — On April 30th, 1,440 Pl. Bob Minor: Gill E. Thomas 1, Ann H. Whaley 2, R. T. Wakefield 3, A. J. Harrison 4, D. R. L. Jones 5, D. G Massey 6. Rung by the Leicester University Society for the engagement of Christine Kershaw and Roy Bateman.

DAMERHAM, HANTS.—On April 23rd, 1,320 St. George and Dragon Doubles: Catherine A. Roberts 1, L. D. Smith 2, Susan V. Banks 3, A. J. Mason 4, D. C. Jackson (cond.) 5, J. C. Banks 6. For St. George's Day.

DEWSBURY, YORKS.—On May 11th, 1,264 Pl. Bob Major: Mrs. J Bottomley 1, Miss S. Roberts 2, Miss A. Thompson 3, J. Ineson 4, V. Bottomley 5, K. Ineson 6, J. Wightman (cond.) 7, D. Carruthers 8. For united service in Christian Aid Week.

EALING, MIDDX.—At St. Mary's Church, on May 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sybil Aldridge 1, M. Sprackling 2, A. M. Stacey (cond.) 3, Jennifer Pearce 4, A. H. Fulwell 5, P. N. Felton 6, W. G. Wilson 7, N. F. Felton 8. For morning service.

EAST BEDFONT, MIDDX.—On April 19th, 1,260 Minor (Cambridge, Plain Bob): E. Morris 1, Elizabeth Bangham 2, Anne Horsford 3, P. Bevington 4, M. Bangham (cond.) 5, M. Hiller 6. For the marriage of Sheila Seaton and Maurice Davies, both ringers at this church.

EAST MEON, HANTS. — On May 7th, 1,260 Doubles (seven meth./var.): Sally Stacey 1, R. Tipper 2, Carol Stacey (50th quarter) 3, D. Hatherly 4, B. Walton (cond.) 5, K. Tipper 6.

FORNHAM ST. MARTIN, SUFFOLK. — On April 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. G. Bumstead 1, B. R. Wells 2, T. H. Jones 3, Sally E. V. Potter 4, C. R. Nunn 5, B. E. Whiting (cond.) 6. First of Minor 1 and 3.

KENSINGTON, LONDON.—On May 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. E. Powell 1, R. Cotton 2, J. Rea 3, J. E. Udall 4, S. Darvill 5, R. Overington 6, A. F. Udall (cond.) 7, D. Woodward 8. For Evensong.

KIBWORTH, LEICS.—On May 11th, 1,440 Pl. Bob Minor: G. Brodie 1, S. Iliffe 2, Beverley Burrows 3, T. Iliffe 4, Hazel Nichols 5, E. G. Slater (first Minor as cond.) 6. First Minor 1, 2, 3, 4.

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LECHLADE, GLOS.—On May 4th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Janet Powell 1, Bridget Hardisty (first "inside") 2, W. Gearing 3, H. N. Evnas (cond.) 4, H. R. Hayden 5, J. Ryman 6. For Evensong and dedication of west doors of St. Lawrence's Church, also a compliment to Mollie Walsh, former ringer and chorister, and Raymond Price, married at Temple Guiting the previous day.

LEIGH, near WORCESTER. — On May 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. E. Brookes (first quarter) 1, Christina Bouldin 2, R. Rowe 3, J. Clements (cond.) 4, T. W. Lewis 5, C. H. Deakin 6. For Rogation Sunday.

MADELEY, SALOP.—On April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. W. Illidge 1, S. G. Pick 2, R. Newton 3, C. Bainham 4, Gillian Bosworth-Smith 5, P. R. Johnson (cond.) 6, E. F. Wilcox 7, A. J. Molinoli 8.

OWSLEBURY, HANTS. — On May 5th, 1,260 Doubles (15 methods): J. W. Maundrell 1, R. J. M. Bavin 2, Katharine Maundrell 3, R. W. T. Slack 4, A. J. Mason (cond.) 5, A. M. Donaldson 6. Most methods to a quarter 2, 3, 4. Rung by the Winchester College Society.

PETERSFIELD, HANTS.—On May 11th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Triples: Sally Stacey 1, Maureen Tipper (first of Triples "inside") 2, K. Tipper 3, R. Tipper 4, Carol Stacey 5, A. Betsworth 6, B. Walton (cond.) 7, R. Cross 8. For Evensong, and to mark the start of Christian Aid Week.

PILTON, SOM. — On May 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Hull 1, Miss V. Frewin (first of Minor) 2, M. Whiteley 3, V. Roberts 4, Miss S. Hallett 5, G. Salmon (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to Stanley Atwell.

PINHOE, DEVON.—On May 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. S. Down 1, C. Barnes 2, W. J. Ransom 3, H. Ransom 4, R. Trickey (cond.) 5, W. Ware 6.

PIRBRIGHT, SURREY.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Minor (Cambridge, Plain Bob): E. J. Futcher 1, P. J. Munday 2, Felicity Hamilton 3, D. P. Elsmore 4, T. Skilton 5, A. D. Elsmore (cond.) 6.

POLTIMORE, DEVON. — On May 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Ware 1, W. J. Ransom 2, H. Ransom 3, R. Trickey 4, C. Barnes (cond.) 5, F. S. Down 6.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.—At the Cathedral on May 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Marion Wheeler 1, Mary Sutcliffe 2, Mrs. E. Jones 3, A. A. J. Buswell 4, Jennifer Quaife 5, W. Willans 6. Conducting shared by all the band. A birthday compliment to Barry Fry. Also on same day, 1,260 Bob Minor: Marion Wheeler (first Minor) 1, Mary Sutcliffe 2, Jennifer Quaife 3, A. A. J. Buswell 4, W. Willans (cond.) 5, S. T. Kirby 6.

RACKENFORD, DEVON. — On May 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Bellamy 1, W. J. Ransom 2, H. Ransom 3, J. M. M. Blanch 4, C. G. Barnes (cond.) 5, W. Ware 6.

RAINHAM, KENT.—On May 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. F. J. Cheal 1, N. Jackson 2, Miss J. Wood 3, Miss H. M. Carter 4, R. Johnson (cond.) 5, F. J. Cheal 6, N. Crane 7, K. D. Williamson 8. First Triples "inside" 2, 4. Birthday congratulations to Mrs. F. J. Cheal and Miss Irene J. Carter.

SILSOE, BEDS.—On May 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Catlin 1, D. T. Andrews (first "inside") 2, T. P. Harris (cond.) 3, M. F. Mitchell 4, A. Wheeler 5, T. R. Harris 6.

STAFFORD. — On May 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: F. R. Wiggin 1, R. A. Partridge 2, E. R. Fairbrother 3, N. Holland 4, R. K. Mowforth 5, P. J. Evans 6, R. J. Warrilow 7, A. E. Garbett 8, F. Beech (cond.) 9, E. Malin 10. For Matins. Also on May 11th, 1,250 Cambridge Surprise Major: K. Daniels 1, F. Beech 2, Ruth A. E. Fairbrother 3, Margaret A. Swain 4, R. A. Partridge 5, R. J. Warrilow 6, P. J. Evans 7, E. R. Fairbrother (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

WAREHAM, DORSET.—On May 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original): M. J. Dew (first on eight) 1, Miss M. E. Elmes 2, L. H. Pink 3, Dr. C. T. Brown 4, G. W. Elmes 5, R. G. W. Robertson 6, P. R. Keough 7, T. F. Collins (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

WESTHOUGHTON, LANCS.—On May 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Jolley 1, F. W. Brownlow 2, Kathleen Higginson (first quarter, aged 13) 3, R. K. Lister 4, A. J. Illingworth 5, J. E. Andrews (cond.) 6.

WHICKHAM, CO. DURHAM. — On May 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. Ford (first quarter) 1, Miss B. Cooke 2, J. Crowther 3), C. D. Davis 4, P. D. Thomas 5, W. Davidson (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

OBITUARY

DEATH OF MRS. FRANK HAIRS

The last lady member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, Mrs. Elsie L. Hairs, wife of Mr. Frank I. Hairs, of Norman Cottage, Park Corner, Groombridge, Tunbridge Wells, died on May 20th, aged 76. Recently Mrs. Hairs had a fall in her bathroom and fractured her ribs and had other injuries. This was followed by shock which was very persistent although there was a general improvement.

Mrs. Hairs was the daughter of Mr. Frank Bennett, "a 1,000 peal ringer," who died in 1957. She mastered the art of handbell ringing at an early age, and she had rung some 75 handbell peals, including six of Stedman Cinques, before learning to ring tower bells. Her peal total was about 320. In 1923 she was the first lady to ring a peal of Surprise "in hand" and she was also the first lady to take part in a peal of Cambridge Maximus.

On the occasion of their golden wedding anniversary on January 15th, 1966, Mrs. Hairs repeated a performance which she did with Mr. Hairs on her wedding day at Guildford 50 years previously, in taking part in a handbell peal of Stedman Caters. In the rejoicings for the golden wedding two tower bell peals were rung by old friends at Withyham and Tunbridge Wells and some 50 friends were entertained to dinner.

Mrs. Hairs had led a busy life. She was a founder member of the Ladies' Guild and for some years was secretary of the Central District. She had a close association with the Sussex Association, of which her husband was Master for many years and he represented that Association on the Central Council from 1919–1950, when honorary membership was conferred on him. She was peal secretary for many years and during that time wrote up the Association's peal book. In latter years she had been secretary of the Northern District, retiring about three years ago. Her membership of the College Youths exceeded 50 years and in 1967 she and Mr. Hairs reached their golden jubilee in the Society, an occasion of many congratulations at the annual dinner.

Mrs. Hairs' ringing friends went into hundreds. She was held in high esteem by all and her passing is very much regretted. The sympathy of the Exercise is extended to Mr. Hairs and their only child, Mrs. Olive Barnett, the wife of the vice-president of the Central Council.

The funeral service was at Withyham on May 23rd.

MR. JOHN BAILEY

A life member of the Lancashire Association, Mr. John Bailey died at Petersfield House, Penwortham, Lancs, on May 3rd, aged 81.

He learned to ring with his three brothers at Salmesbury at the turn of the century and later moved to Penwortham. Most of his 21 peals were rung at Salmesbury. He married Miss Alice Bailey, who died in 1963, and after her death he gave up ringing due to bad health but maintained a keen interest in the tower.

The funeral took place at St. Mary's Church, Penwortham. The bells were rung half-muffled before the service by Mrs. C. Crosthwaite, C. Crosthwaite, K. Martin, S. Barnett, L. Walmsley, J. A. Ascroft.

J. M. A.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD LOOKING FURTHER AFIELD

At the meeting of the East Grinstead Guild at Culham (10) on May 10th the chairman (Mr. B. E. Jeffrey) asked whether the members wished to limit activities to the area where the nucleus was. The idea was opposed as it was felt it would discourage prospective members in the outskirts of the District.

Subject to confirmation, the June 14th meeting would be at Mayfield and the August meeting at Cowfold and Lower Beeding. Practice meeting, Brasted, Friday, July 4th.

University of Bristol Society

The University of Bristol Society elected on April 30th the following officers for the 1969/70 session: Master, Anthony J. Cox; secretary, Michael J. Platt; treasurer, Shelagh Plumb; tower secretary, Andrew N. Brock.

Sheffield University Guild

The annual general meeting of the Guild was held on March 14th. The officers elected were: Chairman, J. D. Cooper; Ringing Master, I. Dear; secretary and treasurer, Janet Walker.

45 Years' Service to one Tower

The peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major at Bulkington on April 19th was rung as a compliment to Mr. A. J. Hinde, who completed 45 years as an active member of the St. James' band on March 15th this year.

Before becoming a full ringing member in 1924 Alf spent two years prior to this as a probationer. The early training ensured his constant devotion to the band, Sunday service and practice nights being his chief concern. He has several times been Ringing Master at St. James' and is at present deputy Ringing Master and tower keeper. His love of bells does not overshadow his love of the church itself—he has been verger for the last 17 years.

Of the 15 peals he has rung, 14 have been in his home tower and one at the adjacent church in Bedworth. He has conducted three of his peals.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Higham Ferrers Church, Northants, has had the gift of a new ringing chamber and porch, donated by Mr. John White. A peal of Pyrford Surprise Major was rung in honour of the gift on May 10th.

Mr. A. L. Bennett, of Buckfastleigh, held another successful tour on May 17th, when the Taunton area was visited. Lunch was at Bradford-on-Tone, and Audrey comments that the striking was all that could be desired.

When Mr. Alan Pink conducted a peal of Ullswater S. Major at Islip on May 15th he achieved a peculiar "alphabet" of Surprise Major methods in which he had conducted at least one of such methods to be rung for the first time.

Mr. R. H. Dove writes correcting the Derby Diocesan Association's report that Pinxton is the first case of a brand new ring of eight bells installed in a Derbyshire church in living memory. He cites the case of Creswell, where Messrs. John Taylor and Co. installed a new eight (tenor 13 cwt.) in 1927.

Officers of the Ashford District, Kent C.A., are considering a suggestion that junior members should remain as such until the completion of their education or apprenticeship.

With the peal of Plain Bob Maximus at Holy Trinity, Kingston upon Hull, on May 10th, Geoffrey W. Randall joins Alan H. Bridges as the only ringers ever to "circle the tower" to peals.

The band of College Youths that rang a peal of London Major on the bells of St. Mary's, Nottingham, on May 10th, is grateful to Mr. David Friend for standing down when the tenth member of the band failed to arrive. The method was to have been Rutland Surprise Royal.

The first peal of King Charles Delight Minor, rung at Barton Stacey, Hants, on May 11th, was only scored with difficulty. In the last extent the church was invaded by children with transistor radios and these and the bells were drowned by the organ. Ringing in this church takes place in an open balcony.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

TRIED TO RING STEDMAN FAMILY IN ONE DAY

An attempt to ring the Stedman family to peals in 24 hours by the University of Bristol Society on May 9th–10th was not successful.

The attempt for Triples at Thornbury on the Friday evening was successful, and it was the first of Stedman rung in the tower since 1904. The Doubles attempt got off to a good start at St. Michael's, Bristol, but unfortunately it came to grief half-way.

St. Mary Redcliffe bells were soon ringing out in the afternoon and Tudor Edwards ably conducted this peal from the tenor box. Having heard the Redcliffe peal well under way, ten more ringers ascended Christ Church tower to attempt Stedman Caters. All went reasonably well for about 2¼ hours, then suddenly it was lost. Result of the week-end, therefore, was only a 50 per cent. success. It is hoped to try again.

SIDCUP RINGER WEDS

It was a very happy occasion on April 12th when the bells of St. John's Church, Sidcup, rang out for the wedding of Miss Ruth Thomas and Mr. Martin Dale. Ruth has been a ringer here since 1962 and although Martin is not a ringer he is no stranger in the belfry. The Vicar, Canon D. Oldaker, officiated.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a full-length dress of wild silk, with a long silk net veil held in place by a headdress of white flowers, and carried a bouquet of Madonna lilies and white freesias. She was attended by her cousin, Miss Margaret Vincent, who is also a St. John's ringer.

The customary bottle of champagne for the ringers was left in the tower. The honeymoon was spent in Gloucestershire.

EXPO BELFRY GOING NORTH

Tremendous interest is being shown by ringers and the public in the visit to North Yorkshire of the Whitechapel Bell Foundry's Expo tower for the festival week, July 20th–27th. To date five peal attempts have been booked and there are a few vacancies for morning (10 a.m. start) and lunchtime (12.30 start). Six other towers will be available in the area for bands wishing to plan an outing, and arrangements can be made through the organising secretary, Mr. P. Sotheran, who has established an advanced booking scheme.

Responsibility for this attractive ringing programme has been undertaken by the combined bands of Saltburn and Marske. Help has been forthcoming in various ways: a civil engineering firm is providing the foundations and the Urban Council is putting up a guarantee against loss. Despite all this, it is costing about £200 to mount the display.

NEW SECRETARIES

THE REV. FREDERICK ROSS

Derby Diocesan Association

The new general secretary of the Derby Diocesan Association is the Rev. Frederick Ross, Vicar of Marlpool, Heanor. His church, a fine modern building, has only two bells, and he misses the regular Sunday service ringing which was part of his life for 13 years. His first curacy was at Hessle, an outer suburb of Hull, and he enjoyed being a member for four years of the very keen band there, which rang on every conceivable occasion.

At the beginning of 1956, at Newcastle upon Tyne, he learned to ring. He was then serving an engineering apprenticeship and eventually gained his H.N.C. in mechanical engineering. Two years' National Service in the R.A.F. followed, with good opportunities for ringing in Shropshire, Wiltshire and North Yorkshire—indeed at Melksham bellringing became recognised as an official Wednesday afternoon "sport".

His decision to enter the Church came while in the R.A.F., and in 1961 he entered Queen's College, Birmingham, where he rang regularly at St. Martin's and the Cathedral. His ordination was in York Minster in 1964, followed by a happy four years at Hessle.

The new secretary has a very creditable peal list of 300 which are mostly in Surprise methods and more than one-third have been rung on ten and 12 bells. While at present he is forced to be an "unattached" member of the Derby Diocesan Association, he is not entirely unattached as he is married and is the father of a one-year-old daughter!

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"A JOLLY GOOD 4s. WORTH"

The Lewisham District ran a successful ringing school in the form of a tour of local towers. It was designed to cater for those wishing to ring Plain Bob Minor and other Minor methods.

Towers visited during the day were Chelsfield, St. Mary Cray, Farningham, West Wickham and Bexley. At the conclusion one learner was overheard to say that he thought it had been "a jolly good 4s. worth". Perhaps this will go far to hearten the organisers who, at the end of such an event, sometimes wonder if it was all worth while.

MRS. DEAL BACK AT SHOREDITCH

Taking part in the peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, on April 26th, was Mrs. R. F. Deal, a much-respected member of the Cumberlands in London. Mrs. Deal moved to Acle in Norfolk two years ago, and although it is nearly five years since she last rang a peal of Stedman Cinques it was a pleasure to the band to see her placing her bell in her characteristic meticulous fashion. Also taking part in the peal were several old friends of Mrs. Deal, including Bert Audsley, a past Master of the Cumberlands and now in his 49th year of membership of the Society.

WATCH DRAYTON

Robert G. Walker is the first member of the Drayton, Norfolk, band to ring a peal, a distinction which he achieved on the evening of his 21st birthday. Judging by recent progress on this two-year-old Whitechapel six, it will not be long before he is joined by others. Help from nearby Norwich has established method ringing, so that the local band, under the leadership of Michael Frost, now rings Plain Bob as well as call-changes on Sundays. One or two of the band also cope well with Stedman and Cambridge. Congratulations!

WANTS TO SELL BELL

To meet an outstanding debt of £200 on his church, the Vicar of Kingston, Dorset (population 150), is seeking to sell an unused 17th century bell. An offer of over £100 has been received, but the Diocesan Advisory Committee has said that as the bell is Church property outside buyers should not be entertained. Kingston has a ring of eight with a tenor of nearly 27 cwt.

HORSLEY CUP CONTEST

The final of the Horsley Cup contest (Derby Diocesan Association) was rung at Horsley on May 10th. Results: Cup winners Bolsover (Cambridge), 221 points; 2 Sawley (Little Bob), 215; 3 Derby, St. Peter's (Oxford T.B.), 210; 4 Chesterfield (Bob Doubles), 186; 5 Derby Cathedral (Cambridge), 181; 6 Heanor–Sawley joint team (Bob Doubles), 176; 7 Breadsall (Bob Doubles), 170; 8 Old Whittington (London Scholars), fired out.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
LONDON.—At the Cathedral of St. Paul.
On Sat., April 26, 1969, in 3 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 62 cwt. in B flat.

James Phillips	Treble	John Phillips	7
Roger F. Overington	2	David P. Hilling	8
Andrew N. Stubbs	3	Alan R. Patterson	9
Antony R. Kench	4	Michael P. Moreton	10
Wilfred Williams	5	Philip A. F. Chalk	11
Michael V. Chilcott	6	John H. Crampion / Raymond G. Cousins	Tenor

Composed by David E. Parsons. Conducted by Michael V. Chilcott.
Rung to mark the retirement of the Rt. Rev. J. W. C. Wand, K.C.V.O., D.D., former Bishop of London, from the Chapter of St. Paul's, and to commemorate his long association with the Diocese of London.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
FROME, Somerset.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., May 3, 1969, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 DERBY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 31 cwt. in D flat.

Peter J. England	Treble	*Roy W. Rice	5
*George W. Massey	2	David G. Massey	6
Roland H. Cook	3	Roger I. Kendrick	7
Walter S. Rice	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed. Conducted by George W. Massey.
* 25th peal together. 25th peal on the bells. First in the method on the bells and by all the band.
Rung to mark the birth this day of a daughter, Nicola, to Garry and Susan Mason, of Leicester.

YATTON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., May 3, 1969, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 4 lb. in D.

Roger I. Kendrick	Treble	Peter J. England	5
Walter S. Rice	2	David G. Massey	6
George W. Massey	3	Roland H. Cook	7
Roy W. Rice	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. Davies. Conducted by Roland H. Cook.

THE BRISTOL SOCIETY.
BRISTOL.—At the Cathedral of the Holy and Undivided Trinity.
On Tues., May 6, 1969, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 UXBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 lb. in E flat.

D. John Hunt	Treble	Paul A. Williams	5
*Stephen J. Bateman	2	James R. Taylor	6
Stephen Fenwick	3	Peter S. Bennett	7
Edward G. Mould	4	Denis A. Chapman	Tenor

Composed by Stanley Jenner. Conducted by D. John Hunt.
* First peal of Surprise.

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.
ALLESLEY, Warwickshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., May 3, 1969, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, being 1,120 Rutland, 1,280 Cambridge and Lincolnshire and 1,440 Yorkshire. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

Colin C. Monson	Treble	Anthony J. Cox	5
*Christine A. Foster	2	*Arthur R. Wright	6
*C. Martin Foster	3	Ian C. Maycock	7
Michael J. Platt	4	*Edward G. Mould	Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. Davies. Conducted by Ian C. Maycock.
* First peal of Spliced. First of Spliced Surprise Major for the Society.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
PRESTBURY, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sun., April 13, 1969, in 3 Hours.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

Alan A. Potts	Treble	C. Kenneth Lewis	5
Ian M. Holland	2	Robert B. Smith	6
Harold C. Lonyon	3	Gerald Moorhouse	7
*Herbert M. Heaton	4	†Ernest Pimlott	Tenor

Composed by F. H. Dexter. (No. 1.) Conducted by G. Moorhouse.
* First peal of Stedman. † First of Stedman Triples. First tower bell peal as conductor. First on the bells since recasting.

GOOSTREY-CUM-BARNSHAW, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Luke.
On Sat., April 12, 1969, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Comprising two extents of Single Oxford, one of Kent, two of Cambridge and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt.

F. John Nelson	Treble	Eric Roughley	4
G. Richard King	2	Geoffrey Gardner	5
Brian Schofield	3	Denis Mottershead	Tenor

Conducted by Denis Mottershead.

HOPE, Flintshire.—At the Church of St. Cynfarch.
On Sat., May 3, 1969, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In nine methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford and Thelwall, St. Clement's and Childwall, Single Oxford, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in G.

*John R. Scott	Treble	Roland W. Morant	4
*Geoffrey A. Edwards	2	Harry W. Howard	5
*Frederick S. Sutton	3	*Frank R. Morton	Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.
* First peal in nine Minor methods.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
WARWICK, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., April 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's 12-part (7th obs.). Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in F.

*Penny Adams	Treble	L. Michael Callow	5
J. Susan Smith	2	Ian D. Thompson	6
Clare F. Dolphin	3	Geoffrey W. Randall	7
Peter C. Randall	4	Ernest J. Gower	Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker. Conducted by Peter C. Randall.
* First peal on eight bells.

ILMINGTON, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Tues., May 6, 1969, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents Cambridge Surprise, two extents St. Clement's and three extents Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in E.

*John A. Boocock	Treble	Brian R. Danby	4
Jill Riley	2	Edward C. Garrett	5
Richard M. Andrews	3	Richard J. Danby	Tenor

Conducted by Richard J. Danby.
* First peal.
Rung to welcome Anna Elizabeth, a daughter for Bob and Delphine Sherriff.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
DERBY.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Thurs., May 1, 1969, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5040 CLIFTON SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in E.

Michael J. Fellows	Treble	*Derek Astridge	6
*Geoffrey Bridges	2	Clive A. Thrower	7
*Timothy Wylie	3	Dennis R. Carlisle	8
Gordon A. Halls	4	*Rev. Frederick Ross	9
Brian A. Tomlinson	5	David W. Friend	Tenor

Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.
* First peal in the method.

BOLSOVER, Derbyshire.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Lawrence.
On Sat., May 3, 1969, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in G.

Timothy Wylie	Treble	Frank Cooke	5
Graham A. Newman	2	Dennis Cooper	6
Thelma E. Staples	3	Harold Wagstaff	7
*Andrew R. Queen	4	A. Colin Banton	Tenor

Composed by Frank Bennett. Conducted by A. Colin Banton.
* First peal on eight bells. The conductor's 50th peal for the Association.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
EXETER, Devonshire.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., May 3, 1969, in 4 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 72 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in B flat.

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	Treble	Christopher H. Rogers	7
Brian Bladon	2	Thomas J. Lock	8
David P. Hilling	3	Frank T. Blagrove	9
James R. Taylor	4	Michael P. Moreton	10
Roger Baldwin	5	James A. D. Woolford	11
Martyn L. J. Jordan	6	John R. Mayne / Robert C. Kippin	Tenor

Conducted by John R. Mayne.

(The Exeter Colleges Guild.)
HUISH EPISCOPI, Som.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Tues., April 15, 1969, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in F.

Christopher F. Longridge	Treble	David J. Atkins	5
Linda V. Cull	2	Malcolm S. Turner	6
*Christine M. Abbott	3	John N. Longridge	7
John P. Colliss	4	John L. Anderson	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by John N. Longridge.
* First peal.
Rung on a cycling tour.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BURWELL, Cambs.—At the Church of St. Mary the Blessed Virgin.
On Sat., May 3, 1969, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 7 lb. in F sharp.

Alan F. Scholfield	Treble	Donald F. Murfet	5
Kenneth J. Hesketh	2	Richard L. Underwood	6
Arthur G. Mason	3	John G. Gipson	7
Hilary Muirhead	4	Richard A. G. Inglis	Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by Kenneth J. Hesketh.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

PRITTLEWELL, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., May 3, 1969, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Traditional. Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in E.

Neil V. Avis	Treble	Geoffrey Bridges	6
John R. Ketteringham	2	Alfred J. House	7
*Maureen J. Carruthers	3	Frank Reed	8
Julia A. Fellows	4	David E. Rothera	9
Frank B. Lufkin	5	Andrew W. R. Wilby	Tenor

Conducted by Andrew W. R. Wilby.
* First peal of Royal in the method.

RAYLEIGH, Essex.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Tues., May 6, 1969, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

David E. Belcham	Treble	*C. John Warboys	5
*David Sloman	2	Bernard C. Sadler	6
*Stephan G. Halliwell	3	Michael J. Hallett	7
Frank C. May	4	Alfred J. House	Tenor

Composed by C W. Roberts. Conducted by Alfred J. House.
* First peal in the method.

SANDON, Essex.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., April 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Beverley, Cambridge, Thelwall, Childwall, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain.
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in G.

Judy Harrison	Treble	Robin Trebilcock	4
Ruth Gay	2	Richard J. Harrison	5
Josephine A. Quilter	3	Peter G. Brown	Tenor

Conducted by Peter G. Brown.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HAWKLEY, Hampshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sun., May 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In ten methods, comprising 576 each of Ashtead, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire, 448 of Bristol and 384 each of London, Rutland and Uxbridge, with 136 changes of method. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in A.

Felicity S. Hamilton	Treble	Stanley G. Ponting	5
*Beryl R. Simpson	2	†Peter J. Munday	6
*Alan D. Elsmore	3	*Michael J. Church	7
*Rowan S. Bradley	4	*Tom Page	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Michael J. Church.
* First peal of 10-spliced. † First of spliced. First of 10-spliced on the bells. This is the greatest number of methods rung to a peal of Spliced Surprise Major for the Guild All the ringers are resident Guild members

HASCOMBE, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., May 3, 1969, in 2 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 30 six-scores (10 callings) and six 240's.
Tenor 3 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb. in D.

John A. Collier	Treble	*Malcolm M. Powell	3
*Martin J. Kirk	2	E. John Wells	4
Roy Collins	Tenor		

Conducted by E. John Wells.
* First peal of Doubles in the method.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CLIFFORD, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., May 3, 1969, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in F sharp.

Frederick R. Harris	Treble	Valerie Willard	5
Margery A. Wratten	2	Leonard C. Edwards	6
Frances Fairbank	3	Patrick H. Allen	7
Ivor Goulter	4	George T. Cousins	Tenor

Composed by A. J. Corrigan. Conducted by George T. Cousins.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BUSHEY, Herts.—At the Church of St. James the Apostle.
On Thurs., May 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 REAL DOUBLE GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR
4ths place bobs. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F.

Frank Reed	Treble	S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	5
Martyn L. J. Jordan	2	Christopher W. Woolley	6
David E. Rothera	3	Roger Baldwin	7
*Barry R. M. Johnson	4	Jonathan S. N. Porter	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roger Baldwin.
* First peal in the method.
Rung as a farewell to David Rothera, shortly moving to Chelmsford.

THE HULL COLLEGES GUILD.

ESCRICK, East Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Helen.
On Sat., May 3, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in F.

*Catriona McNeil	Treble	Ian G. Campbell	5
Peter Church	2	Alan R. Bridges	6
Andrew Slade	3	George A. Dawson	7
Robert W. Sherriff	4	Michael Maughan	Tenor

Composed by Chris. P. Starbuck. Conducted by George A. Dawson.
* First peal. 75th as conductor.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ERITH, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Fri., April 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Washbrook's. Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

Arthur G. Mason	Treble	Trevor A. Cross	5
John Pladdys	2	*Timothy D. Wickens	6
Herbert E. Audsley	3	Richard Hayes	7
Frederick J. Cullum	4	James T. Stevens	Tenor

Conducted by Herbert E. Audsley.
* First peal in the method.

GRAVESEND, Kent.—At the Church of St. George.
On Sat., May 3, 1969, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E.

Trevor A. Cross	Treble	John A. Howard	5
Timothy D. Wickens	2	Richard Hayes	6
Peter D. J. Beal	3	Harold Evans	7
Alexander Waddington	4	John Pladdys	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Ketteringham. Conducted by Richard Hayes.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

CROSTHWAITE, Westmorland.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., May 3, 1969, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

*Harold Walker	Treble	Robert Moore	4
Alan Capstick	2	Kenneth J. Foster	5
Thomas F. Metcalfe	3	†Kevin M. Price	Tenor

Conducted by Kevin M. Price.
* First peal of Minor. † 50th on tower bells.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

QUORN, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.
On Sat., March 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in G.

*George A. Barber	Treble	Richard M. Wilson	5
*Clive J. Mobbs	2	*Stephen B. Bell	6
Peter J. Staniforth	3	David F. Moore	7
†David L. Alderton	4	Rupert A. Clarke	Tenor

Composed by J. Nicholls. Conducted by David F. Moore.
* First peal of Oxford Major. † First of Major.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

LINCOLN.—In St. Hugh's Tower at the Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
On Thurs., May 1, 1969, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in D.

Peter A. Sharp	Treble	*Philip C. Pitchford	7
Harold F. Gibson	2	*Walter Tomlinson	8
Beryl N. Reed	3	H. Leslie Pask	9
M. Ian Minns	4	Christopher J. Sharp	10
Raymond F. Smith	5	Geoffrey R. Parker	11
Jack L. Millhouse	6	David Phillipson	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Peter A. Sharp.
* 25th peal together.
Rung for the installation of Canon N. S. Rathbone, M.A., as Dean of Hereford.

BRANT BROUGHTON, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Helen.
On Sat., May 3, 1969, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in E flat.

Jack L. Millhouse	Treble	David Phillipson	4
Gillian Radley	2	Christopher J. Sharp	5
*M. Ian Minns	3	Peter A. Sharp	Tenor

Composed by Rev. E. Bankes James. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
LLANTRISANT, Glam.—At the Church of SS. Illtyd, Tyfodwg and Gwynno.
On Sat., May 3, 1969, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 FALMOUTH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt. in G.

Stephen Fenwick	Treble	Charles P. Quartley	5
Michael R. Meadows	2	Christopher Ricketts	6
David J. Llewellyn	3	Paul A. Williams	7
J. Michael Lakin	4	*Peter S. Bennett	Tenor

Composed by H. W Wilde. Conducted by Peter S. Bennett.
* 50th peal for the Association.

THE GREATER LONDON ASSOCIATION.
CITY OF LONDON.—At the Church of St. Olave, Hart Street, E.C.
On Sun., April 20, 1969, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in G.

*John R. Ketteringham	Treble	Andrew W. R. Wilby	5
Christopher I. Rowson	2	John R. Pratchett	6
*Maureen J. Carruthers	3	Timothy G. Pett	7
Geoffrey Bridges	4	Tony Lewis	Tenor

Composed by Christopher I. Rowson. Conducted by Timothy G. Pett.
* 25th peal together.

LONDON.—At the Church of St. Anne, Stamford Hill.
On Sat., April 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 MATTISHALL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in A.

Dorothea Robotham	Treble	Frank Reed	5
Maureen J. Carruthers	2	Brian C. Watson	6
Ronald K. Russ	3	John R. Ketteringham	7
Nigel Thompson	4	Timothy G. Pett	Tenor

Composed by John R. Ketteringham. Conducted by Timothy G. Pett.
First peal in the method.

MATTISHALL SURPRISE MAJOR
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THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
BUCKLEY, Flintshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew.
On Sat., May 3, 1969, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

John W. Griffiths	Treble	George H. Randles	5
Valerie Jamson	2	Geoffery Parting	6
Norah M. Randles	3	Dennis H. B. Millward	7
Robert J. Warrilow	4	Christopher J. Jones	Tenor

Composed by Rev. E. Bankes James. Conducted by John W. Griffiths.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
STEPNEY, London.—At the Parish Church of St. Dunstan and All Saints.
On Sat., May 3. 1969, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr. in D.

Joyce A. Parsons	Treble	Roger F. Overington	6
David E. Parsons	2	Nigel B. Thompson	7
Alan D. Flood	3	Leonard J. Fox	8
Clare F. Dolphin	4	John H. Napper	9
John W. T. Hibbert	5	Ernest J. Gower	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by David E. Parsons. (No. 4.)
Rung as a compliment to David S. Duncombe and Sandra A. Briden (daughter of the Mayor of Tower Hamlets) prior to their wedding at this church this day, and as a welcome to a son and heir born to Rita and Arthur Cuthbert this day.

EAST HAGBOURNE, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew
On Sat., April 19, 1969, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Groves' variation of Parker's 12-part. Tenor 21½ cwt.

*Gerald I. Wells	Treble	E. Stephen Wells	5
Harold W. Dunsden	2	Philip Murduck	6
George W. Bishop	3	Geoffrey K. Dodd	7
Peter L. Furniss	4	†Michael Bishop	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.
* First peal. † Sixth man to "circle the tower."

BENSON, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Helen.
On Mon., May 5, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

Clive Holloway	Treble	William Birmingham	5
Alan R. Pink	2	D. Kay Adkins	6
*James E. Godman	3	*Frank Absolom	7
Ronald K. Russ	4	Peter J. Heritage	Tenor

Composed by Fred Dench. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* First peal in the method.
Rung on the eve of the Feast of St. John before the Latin Gate.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
KIRTLINGTON, Oxon.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., May 3, 1969, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In eight methods, comprising 1,600 Rutland, 1,280 London, 640 Bristol, 416 Cambridge, 320 each of Yorkshire, Pudsey and Lincolnshire and 224 Superlative with 139 changes of method.
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb in E.

*Stephen K. Thompson	Treble	†Richard H. Johnston	5
†Shirley E. Jones	2	Peter H. Mackie	6
†Rodney A. Yeates	3	†Lawrence J. Haines	7
Stephen F. Royal	4	Jeremy R. Pratt	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Lawrence J. Haines.
* 25th peal. † First of Spliced Major. First of Surprise as conductor.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
DAVENTRY Northants.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Sat.. May 3, 1969, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr 11 lb. in E flat.

Rev. Geoffrey Stickland	Treble	Geoffrey J. Hemming	6
Geoffrey R. Parker	2	Geoffrey M. Brewin	7
Geoffrey W. Randell	3	Geoffrey Pratt	8
Geoffrey Pearson	4	Geoffrey Paul	9
Geoffrey Fothergill	5	Geoffrey R. Drew	Tenor

Composed by F. Darby. Conducted by Geoffrey R Drew
First "Geoffreys' Peal" of Royal.

KETTERING, Northants.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., May 3, 1969, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's 12-part. Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in D.

S. G. Robinson	Treble	*E. C. Buckby	5
M. A. Coleman	2	†C. J. Groome	6
R. J. Cowley	3	J. G. Mitchell	7
B. Austin	4	J. Mitchell	Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker. Conducted by J. G. Mitchell.
* 25th peal. † First of Triples.
Rung to mark the 240th anniversary of the first peal on the bells rung by a local band on February 28th, 1729, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes.

COGENHOE, Northants.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Fri., May 2, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Oxford T.B. and three extents each of Kent T.B. and Plain Bob Tenor 9 cwt.

Philip Jones	Treble	Anne Henman	4
Dorothy M. Stopps	2	Barry R. Care	5
Paul D. Clewitt	3	Raymond Henman	Tenor

Conducted by Barry R Care.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. E. Attewell, of Great Billing.

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PITSFORD, Northants.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., May 3, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being extents of Double Court, St. Clement's, Childwall, Double Oxford, Thelwall, Single Oxford and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in A.

David Robinson	Treble	Brian R. Danby	4
David J. Morgan	2	Barry R. Care	5
Raymond Henman	3	Murray A. Coleman	Tenor

Conducted by Barry R. Care.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
SHOREDITCH, London, E.—At the Church of St. Leonard.
On Sat., April 26, 1969, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5009 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 28 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in C.

Jane Foster	Treble	Christopher P. Starbuck	7
Mrs. R. F. Deal	2	Herbert E. Audsley	8
Joan Beresford	3	Derek E. Sibson	9
Marjorie F. Matthews	4	Frank J. Matthews	10
Edward F. P. Bryant	5	Dennis Beresford	11
Rev. Peter N. Bond	6	Peter Beresford	Tenor

Composed by Michael V. Chilcott. Conducted by Dennis Beresford.

SOUTHAMPTON, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., May 3, 1969, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 16 cwt. 43 lb. in F.

Canon K. W. H. Felstead	Treble	*Richard Weeks	6
Beryl R. Simpson	2	*Jeremy Cheeseman	7
Michael J. Church	3	Maurice J. Butler	8
Katherine J. Maundrell	4	David J. Forder	9
*Susan E. M. Davis	5	Thomas H. Francis	Tenor

Conducted by David J. Forder.
* First peal of Surprise Royal.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
FRAMSDEN, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., May 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's 12-part. Tenor 16¼ cwt.

W. Keith Whittell	Treble	Peter S. Abbott	5
Alan R. Bridges	2	Walter Arnold	6
Peter G. Pitt	3	Frank B. Lufkin	7
J. Martin Thorley	4	*A. Harry Archer	Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples

TANNINGTON, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Ethelbert.
On Fri., May 2, 1969, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being two 2,160's and one extent. Tenor 10 cwt. 4 lb. in A flat.

Leslie G. Brett	Treble	*Michael J. Howes	4
Katharine M. Thorley	2	Ernest G. Pearce	5
Muriel R. Page	3	J. Martin Thorley	Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.
* Has now rung peals of Cambridge from Minor to Maximus.

BRAMFORD, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., May 3, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 10¼ cwt. in G.

Alan R. Andrews	Treble	George N. Orman	4
Neville F. Whittell	2	Robert J. Southgate	5
*Jennifer M. Andrews	3	Edward E. Davey	Tenor

Conducted by Alan R. Andrews.
* 50th peal.
Rung on the 21st birthday of the ringer of the third.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
BREDE, Sussex.—At the Church of St. George.
On Sat., May 3, 1969, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in eight methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge and Beverley Surprise, (2) Oxford T.B., (3) Kent T.B., (4) Double Oxford Bob and St. Clement's College Bob, (5) Single Oxford Bob, (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 13 lb. in F.

Ann Harris	Treble	Thomas M. Barlow	4
Frederick J. Lambert	2	David R. Reed	5
Ian V. J. Smith	3	Alan R. Baldock	Tenor

Conducted by Alan R. Baldock.
First peal in eight methods on the bells and by all the band except the ringer of the second.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
NORTH STONEHAM, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Nicolas.
On Mon., April 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5376 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR
4ths place bobs. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in G.

Susan E. M. Davis	Treble	Thomas H. Francis	5
*Richard Green	2	Robert E. J. Dennis	6
*Derek C. Jackson	3	*George E. Evenden	7
Roger M. Heyworth	4	*David J. Forder	Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by David J. Forder.
* First peal of Glasgow. First of Glasgow for the Guild by a resident band.

EAST TYTHERLEIGH, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., May 3, 1969, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in F.

Ross G. W. Robertson	Treble	Timothy F. Collins	5
David Wilson	2	William T. Perrins	6
Mary E. Elmes	3	Frederick E. Collins	7
*Michael J. Young	4	Graham W. Elmes	Tenor

Composed by Chris. P. Starbuck. Conducted by Graham W. Elmes.
* First peal in the method. First of Surprise as conductor.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
HALLOW, Worcs.—At the Church of SS. Philip and James.
On Sat., May 3, 1969, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb. in E.

Paul Cattermole	Treble	Walter H. Raxter	5
Arthur C. Berry	2	Frederick C. Pugh	6
*Ronald W. Repton	3	David Beacham	7
David G. Franklin	4	John J. Stanier	Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker. Conducted by David Beacham.
* First peal.
Rung for the Patronal Festival and for the centenary of the consecration of this church (May 4th, 1869). Also to mark 50 years of ringing service to this church by F. C. Pugh.

KIDDERMINSTER, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Mary & All Saints.
On Sat, May 3, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLN SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in A.

*Peter J. Brown	Treble	Michael J. Fellows	5
*M. Irene Brown	2	*Gerald C. Hemming	6
*Clifford Skidmore	3	Robert Edwards	7
*Morley P. Tobin	4	*Martin D. Fellows	Tenor

Composed by Stanley Jenner. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.
* First peal in the method.

BROMYARD, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., May 3, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in F.

Morley P. Tobin	Treble	Peter J. Brown	5
Clifford Skidmore	2	Martin G. Powell	6
M. Irene Brown	3	Martin D. Fellows	7
Robert Edwards	4	Gerald C. Hemming	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Gerald C. Hemming.
First peal in the method on the bells.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
WAKEFIELD, Yorkshire.—At the Cathedral Church of All Saints.
On Tues., April 22, 1969, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5037 GRANDSIRE CINQUES
Tenor 35¼ cwt. in C.

*Helen Williams	Treble	†Peter Carbutt	7
†R. Anne Johnson	2	†Alan Clifton	8
†Gail Cater	3	†George E. Hancock	9
J. Henry Fielden	4	†Rev. Nicholas Webb	10
Wilfrid F. Moreton	5	Stuart Armeson	11
†Robert Cater	6	Trevor Tarbatt	Tenor

Composed by M. J. Morris. Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.
* First peal. † First on 12 bells.

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., May 3, 1969, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 42 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in C.

Basil Jones	Treble	John J. Durham	7
Iris M. E. Lemare	2	D. Paul Smith	8
Christopher M. Movley	3	Ronald R. Warford	9
Richard S. Starkie	4	C. Barrie Dove	10
Bernard F. L. Groves	5	Brian Harris	11
Robert A. Beresford	6	Jeffrey Brannan	Tenor

Composed by Peter Border. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Laura Grindrod.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(The Sheffield and District Society.)
HANDSWORTH, Sheffield.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Tues., April 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5120 QUEDGELEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. in F.

Geoffrey N. Goodall	Treble	H. David Holland	5
John J. L. Gilbert	2	Dennis A. Chapman ..	6
Eileen J. Goodall ..	3	Len Goodall	7
Cyril Rusby	4	Ian M. Holland	Tenor

Composed by I. M. Holland. Conducted by Len Goodall.

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Matthias, Burley
On Sat., May 3, 1969, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in B flat.

David Whitehead	Treble	David Featherstone	5
Christopher J. Easton ..	2	John J. Durham	6
Robert H. Jordan	3	Robert A. Beresford ..	7
Peter H. Gardner	4	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed by N. Smith. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

ILKLEY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sun., May 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in E.

Ronald Crabtree	Treble	Peter H. Gardner	5
Iris M. E. Lemare	2	C. Barrie Dove	6
Christopher J. Easton ..	3	John J. Durham	7
Robert H. Jordan	4	David Featherstone	Tenor

Composed by N. Smith. Conducted by David Featherstone.
First peal as conductor.

CROFTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Mon., April 7, 1969, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In four methods, being one extent of St. Clement's and two each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.

*George D. Johnson	Treble	Peter Carbutt	4
Hedley Burton	2	Trevor Tarbatt	5
Robert Cater	3	Wilfrid F. Moreton	Tenor

Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.
* First peal of Minor. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in F.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
MARPLE, Cheshire.— At 40, Ridge Crescent.
On Thurs., April 17, 1969, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

J. David Atkinson	1–2	Bernard F. L. Groves ..	5–6
Robert B. Smith	3–4	Gerald Moorhouse	7–8

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

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At 6, Ashwood Crescent.
On Sun., April 20, 1969, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In five methods, being 3,392 of Rutland, 480 each of Cambridge and Lincolnshire, 416 Superlative and 320 of Yorkshire, with 106 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

*Alan F. Scholfield	1–2	Bernard F. L. Groves	5–6
Robert B. Smith	3–4	Gerald Moorhouse	7–8

Composed by C Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Robert B. Smith.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise on handbells.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At 6, Ashwood Crescent.
On Sat., April 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Bernard F. L. Groves ..	1–2	Gerald Moorhouse	5–6
*John W. Gander	3–4	Robert B. Smith	7–8

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Robert B. Smith.
* First peal of Treble Bob on an "inside pair."
Rung as a compliment to Alan and Pamela McFall on the birth of a son, Richard John. Tenor size 15 in C.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At 6, Ashwood Crescent.
On Tues., April 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

J. David Atkinson	1–2	Bernard F. L. Groves	5–6
C. Kenneth Lewis	3–4	John W. Gander	7–8

Composed by J. Reeves. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
Rung for the birth of Robert William Smith, son of May and Robert B. Smith. Tenor size 15 in C.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At 6, Ashwood Crescent.
On Sat., May 3, 1969, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

J. David Atkinson	1–2	Bernard F. L. Groves	5–6
Robert B. Smith	3–4	Herbert Heaton	7–8

Composed by Stephen Wood. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
First peal of Major "in hand" in the method by all the band.
Rung for the birth of a son, Robert William, to May and Bob Smith.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
SHEFFIELD, Yorkshire.—At 194, Gleadless Common.
On Wed., April 30, 1969, in 1 Hour and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORK SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents with no 65's at backstroke. Tenor size 14 in D.

*Geoffrey Bridges	1–2	Michael J. Fellows	3–4
*A. Colin Banton (cond.) ..	5–6		

* First peal in the method. First of York Surprise on handbells for all the band and for the Association.

DERBY, Derbyshire.—At 6, Vernon Street.
On Wed., May 7, 1969, in 2 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents in five methods: (1) Westminster, (2) Cambridge, (3) Beverley, (4) Cambridge, (5) York, (6) Surfleet, (7) York, with no 6–5's at backstroke. Tenor size 14 in D.

*Geoffrey Bridges	1–2	*Michael J. Fellows	3–4
A. Colin Banton	5–6		

Conducted by A. Colin Banton.
* 25th peal together. The greatest number of Surprise methods to a handbell peal for all the band and for the Association.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
CITY OF LONDON.—In the Belfry of St. Olave's, Hart Street.
On Sun., May 4, 1969, in 1 Hour and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

David A. Town	1–2	Jennifer A. Dunning	3–4
John Pladdys (cond.)	5–6		

CITY OF LONDON.—In the Belfry of St. Olave's, Hart Street.
On Mon., May 5, 1969, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Jennifer A. Dunning ..	1–2	Len Goodall	5–6
Maureen J. Carruthers ..	3–4	John Pladdys	7–8

Composed by John R. Pritchard. Conducted by John Pladdys.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
OXFORD, Oxon.—In Exeter College, Staircase 9, Room 2
On Fri., March 14, 1969, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Lawrence J. Haines	1–2	Rodney A. Yeates	5–6
Stephen J. Thompson	3–4	Jeremy R. Pratt	7–8

Composed by C. K. Lewis. Conducted by Lawrence J. Haines.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Bettyfold.
On Fri., May 9, 1969, in 1 Hour and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Original, Single Oxford, College, Single Court and St. Clement's College and two of Plain Bob.
Tenor size 14 in D.

Joseph Whalley	1–2	Mary W. Whalley	3–4
Kevin M. Price (cond.) ..	5–6		

HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Bettyfold.
On Fri., May 16, 1969, in 1 Hour and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven methods in the following extents: (1) Horsmonden, (2) Plain Bob, (3) Single Oxford and Plain Bob, (4) Original, (5) College, (6) St. Clement's College and Plain Bob, (7) Single Court.
Tenor size 14 in D.

Joseph Whalley	1–2	Mary W. Whalley	3–4
Kevin M. Price (cond.) ..	5–6		

THE LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
LIVERPOOL.—At 23, Cumberland Avenue.
On Mon., April 28, 1969, in 1 Hour and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor size 12 in F.

*Geoffrey C. Sparling ..	1–2	Bruce Wakefield	3–4
H. Lyndon Hatfield (cond.)	5–6		

* First peal of Minor "in hand." First as conductor "in hand."
Rung to welcome Emma Jane, daughter of Maryl and John Fielden.

THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.
MANCHESTER.—At 151, Beresford Road.
On Sun., May 11, 1969, in 1 Hour and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor size 14 in D.

*Sandra M. Crocombe ..	1–2	†Clive R. Calton	3–4
John W. Gander (cond.) ..	5–6		

* First peal. † First "in hand." First "in hand" as conductor.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
LONDON.—At 16B, Sutherland Place, W.
On Sun., April 20, 1969, in 1 Hour and 38 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 SINGLE OXFORD BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor size 11 in G.

John R. Ketteringham ..	1–2	Maureen J. Carruthers ..	3–4
Geoffrey Bridges (cond.) ..	5–6		

First peal in the method by all.

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DEATH

HAIRS.—Peacefully on May 20th, 1969, Elsie L., wife of Frank I. Hairs, of Norman Cottage, Park Corner, Groombridge, aged 76 years. 7268

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

OGLESBY.—The address of Howard and Frances is now 3, The Grange, Green Lane, Burnham, Bucks. 7255

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WHITTELL.—As from May 17th, 1969, the address of Neville and Jennifer Whittell will be 1, Maltster's Walk, Stowmarket, Suffolk. 7243

TELEPHONE NUMBER

MOXON.—Chris and Christine, 48, Mayfield, Oxspring, Sheffield, S30 6YN, are now on the telephone—number: Penistone 2509. Correspondents to treasurer of the Yorkshire Association please note. 7238

PERSONAL

The prayers of ringing friends are asked for William Thomas Godfrey, former secretary and vice-chairman of the Christchurch District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, who is to be made Deacon by Falkner, Lord Bishop of Winchester, in his Cathedral on Trinity Sunday, June 1st. He is to serve in the parish of All Saints, West Southbourne, Bournemouth. 7250

EAST DERBY AND WEST NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The secretary is now Bryan A Jones, 3, Sycamore Close, Pinxton, Notts, NG6 6LX. 7263

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BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

ANNUAL SHIELD CONTEST

To be held at Cawthorne on the second Saturday in June (14th). Names for tea to Noel F. Moxon, Green Gables Cawthorne. Entries to be sent to the secretary, T. Tarbatt, 7a, Manorstead, Skelmanthorpe, Huddersfield. No names no tea. 7277

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Corporate Communion, Chewton Mendip, Sunday, June 1st, 8 a.m. Bells 7.15 Names for breakfast to Mr. H. Baber, Woodside, Chewton Mendip.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 7226

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Farnham District

SUMMER FESTIVAL

Saturday, June 7th, 1969

Arrangements have been made for towers to be available as follows:—

Pirbright (6)	10.00–10.45 a.m.
Bagshot (8)	10.45–11.45 a.m.
Worplesdon (8)	11.00–12 noon
Yorktown (8)	11.30–12.30 p.m.
Ash (6)	12.30–1.30 p.m.
Aldershot (8)	1.30– 2.15 p.m.
Seale (6)	2.15– 3.15 p.m.
Hawley (8)	2.30– 3.15 p.m.
Farnborough (8)	3.00– 4.00 p.m.
Farnham (8)	3.30–4.30 p.m.

Service 4.30 p.m., at St. Andrew's Church, Farnham. Preacher, the Ven. John Evans, Archdeacon of Surrey.

Tea 5 p.m., Church House, next to Central Car Park, Farnham. Names to Miss J. M Collins, Sands Cottage, Leigh Lane, Farnham, not later than Wednesday, June 4th.

Farnham (8)	6.00–7.00 p.m.
Aldershot (8)	6.30–7.30 p.m.
Crondall (6)	6.30–7.30 p.m
Bentley (6)	6.30–7.30 p.m.
Frensham (6)	7.00–8.00 p.m.
Grayshott (8)	7.45–8.45 p.m.

Notifications for tea to Miss J. M. Collins, Sands Cottage, Leigh Lane, Farnham, **not later than Wednesday, June 4th.**—S. J. Tate-Mitchell, Dis. Sec. 7251

MERSEYSIDE

RINGING DAY

SATURDAY JUNE 21st, 1969

LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL

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Service 3 p.m.

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All cheques and postal orders should be made payable to G. K. Austin. 7203

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—The striking competition will be held at Leigh-on-Mendip on Saturday, May 31st, at 3 p.m. 7225

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Saturday, June 7th.

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Dursley.—Festival of Flowers at Parish Church. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 4.30. Names for tea to G. Minors, 1, Heaterville Villas, Purton, Berkeley. Ringing after. (Sunday, June 8th, Deanery Evensong, Dursley. Bells 5.15–6.30. Ringing after service.) Friends welcomed to both towers. 7241

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SURREY ASSOCIATION

(Southern District)

ANNUAL STRIKING COMPETITION

Ashtead, Saturday, June 14th.

Will teams please be present at 2.30 p.m. or as soon as possible thereafter. Evensong 5.15 p.m., followed by quarterly business meeting. Much regretted that tea **cannot** be provided. Please make own arrangements. Entries to me at 23, Woodlands Road, Redhill, as soon as possible.—K. G. Game, Dis. Sec. 7275

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT.—Annual outing, Saturday, June 17th. Ringing at Matlock (8), 2–3.15 p.m.; Wirksworth (8), 4–5: ringing 5.45–7 p.m. not yet definite; Duffield (10), 7.30–8.30 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea. For final details send s.a.e. to R. Fletcher, 34, Dransfield Road, Sheffield, S10 5RN (Tel. 305208).—R. Fletcher, Hon. Sec. 7286

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MIDDLESEX C.A.—S.W. District.—Practice, Friday, May 30th, St. Mary's, Staines, Middlesex, and on last Friday of every month. —F. T. B. 7256

MEETINGS

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting, May 31st, Little Missenden. Bells available 3–4.30 p.m. Cups of tea to follow but please bring own food. Evening ringing from 6–8.30 p.m., Chalfont St. Giles. 7188

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Meeting, Saturday, May 31st, West Hallam (8), 3–4.30 p.m.; Ilkeston (8), 5.30–8.30 p.m. Cafés for tea in Ilkeston.—D. Stainsby, Hon. Sec. 7221

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. —Practice meeting, St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station). Monday, June 2nd, 7 p.m. 7245

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Monthly practice at Combe (6), Monday, June 2nd, 7 p.m.—E. Venn, Dis. Sec. 7220

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Surprise Major practice at All Saints', Leicester, Tuesday, June 3rd, commencing at 7.30 p.m.—Ron Hughes. 7246

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Evening practice, Usk, Friday, June 6th, 7.30–9 p.m. Methods: Double Norwich, Cambridge and Yorkshire.—J. S. King. 7212

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

Meeting, BIRMINGHAM, JUNE 7th.

11.30–12.15: St. Chad's R.C. Cathedral.
1 p.m.: Lunch in St. Martin's Hall, followed by business meeting.
2.45–3.45: St. Martin's, Bull Ring.
3.30–4.45: Birmingham Cathedral.
6.15–7.15: Solihull.

Names for lunch (10s.) to the Master, Mr. A. N. Stubbs, 29, Sutherland Place, London, W.2, by May 30th **at latest.** —J. G. A. Prior. 7183

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, June 7th, SS. Peter and Paul's, Chiselborough (5, 12 cwt.). Ringing 5 p.m. Service 6. Meeting 6.30. Ringing 7–9 p.m. No teas provided.—M. M. L.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Sampford Brett (6), Saturday, June 7th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to E. Tyndale-Biscoe, Burnells Gardens, Dunster 346. 7276

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Evening meeting, Saturday, June 7th. Kimbolton (5), 6–7 p.m.; Dean (5) 7–8.15 p.m. Everyone made welcome. 7285

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Marbury, June 7th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Evening ringing at Wrenbury (6). Names for tea by June 4th.—W. Kerr, 107, Moreton Road, Crewe. 7269

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Archdeaconry.—Monthly meeting at Butlers Marston, Saturday, June 7th. Bells (6) 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by more ringing in the evening. Also Tysoe (6) 2.30–3.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. L. A. G. Hall, 2, Bank View, Butlers Marston, Warwicks, please.—H. A. M. 7287

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilkeston District.—Meeting, St. Mary's (8), Radcliffe-on-Trent, Notts, Saturday, June 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea. Ringing until 7 p.m. Names for tea to R. J. Tanner, 36, High Lane East, West Hallam, Derbys, or Ringing Master, St. Mary's; latest June 2nd, please. Local District members very welcome. 7162

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stow-on-the-Wold Branch.—Annual meeting, Stow-on-the-Wold (8), June 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Meeting 5.30. Bells 6.15–8 p.m. Names for tea to L. C. Dowdeswell, Sec., 5, Park Street, Stow-on-the-Wold, Glos, by June 5th. 7196

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Practice meeting, Bushey Heath, June 7th, 6.30 p.m. Names for half-day outing, please.—G. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 7237

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Evening meeting, Saturday, June 7th. Barley (6), 5.30–7; Barkway (8), 7–8.30.—Mrs. C. A. Agg, Dis. Sec. 7253

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Quarterly meeting, Hever, on June 7th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Picnic tea, please. 7235

LADIES' GUILD.—Kent Branch.—Meeting on June 7th at Wrotham. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing 6.30–8.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. R. L. Sills, Glenavon, St. Vincent's Lane, Addington, West Malling, by previous Thursday.—R. W. 7283

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Striking competition, Christ Church, Southport, Saturday, June 7th, 2.30 p.m. Own tea arrangements. Evening ringing till 8 p.m. (special method, Oswald Delight). Will those entering competition please be punctual.—C. D'Aeth, Hon. Sec. 7267

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting, Gilmorton, June 7th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting in the Church Hall, Main Street. Names to Mr. G. Broughton, Main Street, Gilmorton, Rugby, by Wednesday, June 4th, please, or to me (Markfield 2544) by Monday, June 2nd. All welcome.—Ron Hughes. 7247

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. (S. and W. District) and LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting, June 7th. Ringing: Cranford, 3.30–4.45 p.m.; Heston, 6–7.30; Harlington, 7.30–8.30 p.m. Buffet tea at Heston, 5 p.m.—M. J. Palmer, M. Wycherley. 7249

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Swynnerton, June 7th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. Watkin, Early Lane, Swynnerton, Stone, by previous Wednesday. Barlaston (5) available from 3.30 to 4.30.—R. J. B. 7259

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, St. Matthew's (8), Buckley, Saturday, June 7th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 3.45 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea to W. Cathrall, 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham. 7193

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting, Whaddon (6), Saturday, June 7th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to B. R. Eglesfield, Hon. Sec., 7, York Road, Stony Stratford, Wolverton, Bucks, by Tuesday previous. 7278

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Practice evening, Gussage St. Michael (6), Saturday, June 7th. Bells available 7–9 p.m. Visitors welcome.—J. A. Robertson, Hon. Sec. 7184

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Escrick, Saturday, June 7th. Bells 2.30–8 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—Practice meeting, Buriton, Saturday, June 7th. Bells available 6.30–8.30 p.m. 7240

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Christchurch and Southampton District.—Quarterly meeting, Lymington, Saturday, June 7th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in All Saints' Church Hall (**Lymington**), 5.15 p.m., followed by meeting. Milford-on-Sea bells (8) in evening. Names for tea **essential** to 24, Stourcline Avenue, Southbourne, Bournemouth, BH6 3PT (Tel. 44101), by **Wednesday, June 4th.**—Gilian W. Davis, Dis. Sec. 7262

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Saturday, June 14th, at Mayfield (8). Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5. Service 6. Evening ringing until 8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. R. A. Large, 25, Nursery Close, Tonbridge, Kent, by June 12th. 7248

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The annual striking competition will be held on Saturday, June 14th, at Boughton-under-Blean. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. at the Parish Hall. Names for tea to Mr. J. B. Keeler, Bear Inn, 3, Market Place, Faversham, Kent, by June 11th. 7288

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Ringing and Conducting Standard Methods

By ROBERT B. SMITH

PART II OXFORD TREBLE BOB

(Continued from page 301)

(b) Conducting; Calling the Method Round

Most of the aids to conducting I gave for Kent Treble Bob apply when ringing Oxford Treble Bob. The essential difference between the two methods has already been pointed out, i.e., reversal of the two bells either side of the slow bell in the coursing order. One can again see that if the method has been learned properly the step to being able to conduct the method is a very small one indeed.

It will be remembered that when we considered conducting Kent Treble Bob for the sake of convenience I divided conducting into three parts:

(i) Bob calling.
(ii) Checking.
(iii) "Sorting out."

(i) **Bob calling.**—The calls in Oxford Treble Bob are made in exactly the same place as for Kent Treble Bob. The same compositions may be used for both methods provided the tenors are not parted by the calls. It should be pointed out at this stage, however, that the music produced by the two methods is completely different **for the SAME composition.** For example, the coursing order 63542 will produce two roll-ups ending 6278 in Kent Treble Bob when the treble is dodging 3-4 down. The same coursing order in Oxford Treble Bob produces two roll-ups ending 6578.

(ii) **Checking.**—I have already mentioned that a competent conductor checks each bell as he works out from the front to the back and vice versa. This is a more important requirement in Oxford Treble Bob than in Kent Treble Bob because there is a greater tendency for bells to cross over in the former method. The reason for this is due to "change in direction of movement" of the bells making 3rds and out or 4ths and in. If two of these bells dodge instead of making places in one lead, apart from the fact that there is repetition of changes, the two bells depart from each other in the wrong direction. Such a mistake can occur without a clip taking place and an unsuspecting conductor suddenly finds himself with a bell at the back which should be at the front and vice versa. Some conductors might not even notice until they come to call the next bob, when they find that the wrong bell is being affected by the call.

(iii) **"Sorting out".**—We touched briefly on the ethics of this part of conducting when we considered Kent Treble Bob and I do not propose to enlarge on that now. What is important is that any correcting should be done rapidly (and correctly, of course!). In addition to the advice I gave for Kent Treble Bob, the following I have found to be most useful for Oxford Treble Bob. **Make sure that the next slow bell courses down BEFORE the treble and that the previous slow bell courses down AFTER the treble.**

CALLING THE METHOD ROUND

Occasionally it becomes necessary to call a touch of Treble Bob round at some point other than was originally intended. The points I give apply equally well when ringing Kent Treble Bob and I could have dealt with this equally well when considering that method.

Kent or Oxford Treble Bob Minor

Precisely what method of calling round is adopted depends, of course, on the coursing order at the time and the lead the tenor (6th) is ringing at that time. The only position it is not desirable to call a bob in is for the tenor to make 4ths, as this means that it is moved back two places in the course and at least four more leads must be rung. Often the most convenient procedure is to call bobs at wrong (1 or 2) until the 5th runs out, run one plain lead and call bobs at home (1 or 2) if necessary, i.e., a maximum of four calls will bring any touch round; unless the 5th was coursing in front of the 6th, in which case the conductor should have known better than letting such a situation arise.

Kent or Oxford Treble Bob Major

Calling Treble Bob round on more than six bells can be quite a lengthy business and it may be expedient to call "Make this all" at a "suitable point". By "suitable point" I mean when 78 are at home in Major, Royal or Maximus. It is quite surprising how many people call "Make this all" when the poor tenor man is near to the lead!

There are a number of situations which can arise and they cannot all be considered here. Basically, however, the problem is to bring 5 and 6 home, when 0, 1 or 2 bobs at home will bring the touch round. The most awkward situation occurs if the 6th is in 5ths place, in that at least one more course must be rung in order to bring the touch round. Some examples are given here but the actual calling may depend on the particular lead being rung by the tenor when it is decided to call the ringing round.

Example 1.—Coursing order 53462.
This can be called round by calling two middles. If, however, the middle lead has been passed, calls at before and wrong will have the same effect (and be one lead shorter if the touch is rung to completion).
In the above example it may be desirable to call "This is all" after the two bobs at middle when a 5678 roll-up occurs.

Example 2.—Coursing order 24365.
This can be called round by calling before and two homes. Alternatively two middles, two wrongs, two homes may be called, but this adds six leads as opposed to two in the former calling.

Example 3.—Coursing order 56234.
Two homes and one middle bring this into the plain course. Alternatively one home, two middles and two homes could be called.

It may be that the touch needs to be called round for some external reason, e.g., to finish in time for a service, and it may be desirable to change the method to Plain Bob at suitable lead-end, but it is difficult to generalise.

[To be continued]

HEDGCOCK'S LAST FROM CANTERBURY

The retiring secretary of Christ Church College, Canterbury, Mr. James Hedgcock, decided to "go out with a bang" and arranged his last trip to London on May 10th.

Towers visited were St. Vedast's, Foster Lane; St. Andrew's, Holborn; St. Lawrence Jewry; St. James', Clerkenwell; St. Martin's, Gospel Oak; St. Anne's, Stamford Hill; St. Saviour's and St. Mary's, Walthamstow; St. Mary's, Leyton; All Saints', West Ham; and St. John-at-Hackney.

Special guests were Mr. Brian Bladon, of Swindon, and Mr. E. Venn, of Oxford. Ringing ranged from rounds to Yorkshire Surprise Major and Stedman Caters. The day was rounded off by a Chinese meal.

LATE NOTICE

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, June 14th, Widford (6), 3–4.30; Hunsdon (8), 6.15–8.30. Regret tea own arrangements; would suggest picnic.—Peter M. S. Searles. 7297

LATE NOTICES

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Winscombe Parish Hall, June 14th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea (5/-) 5.15 p.m. Names to J. H. Gilbert, 13, Fenshurst Gardens, Long Ashton, Bristol, by June 7th. Full details in annual report (2/6 post free to non-members). 7270

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting, Cartmel, Saturday, June 14th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Nelson, South View, Cartmel, Grange-over-Sands.—T. F. Metcalfe. 7273

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District joint with Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Barrow-upon-Soar on Saturday, June 14th. Bells available: Walton-le-Wolds, 2.30–3.30 p.m.: Barrow-upon-Soar, 3.30–4.15 and after meeting. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Hall. Names for tea to Miss Lynne Brookes, 1, Beveridge Street, Barrow-upon-Soar, Leics, by June 10th. 7254

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Guild will be held on Saturday, July 5th, at Christchurch. Meeting 2.30 and tea 5 in Priory Hall. Service 4 in the Priory. Names for tea should be sent to Mrs. M. Young, Gina, Sopley, Christchurch, Hants.—D. J. Forder, Hon. Gen. Sec. 7291

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The secretary for the remainder of 1969 will be: Richard J. Tibbetts, 54, Sandringham Road, Perry Barr, Birmingham, 22B. Tel.: 021-356 4509. 7294

ST. MARY'S, RICKMANSWORTH, HERTS

FLOWER FESTIVAL

For Tower Restoration Fund

Saturday, June 7th

Ringing 2.30–4.30. 7296

MEETINGS

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting, May 31st, Watton. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting.—C. E. G. Banham, Hon. Sec. 7292

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Evening meeting, Swaffham Prior, Saturday, June 7th. Bells (6) 6.30–9 p.m.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Beginners' meeting, June 7th, West Hoathly (6), 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, Turner's Hill (8) 6.15 p.m. Tea at Cat Inn, West Hoathly, at 4/-, for those who notify me by June 4th.—Jean Osbon, Div. Sec., 79, Blount Avenue, East Grinstead. Tel.: E.G. 23815. 7295

ST. MARY'S, HARROW-ON-THE-HILL

A thanksgiving peal of 5,040 Stedman Triples will be attempted at St. Mary's, Harrow-on-the-Hill, on Saturday morning, June 7th, to open the eight-day festival which will celebrate the 875th anniversary of its consecration by St. Anselm in 1094.

Other events include a five-day flower display, art exhibition sponsored by Harrow Arts Society, a civic service, organ and choral concert by the augmented choir, presentation of "Everyman" (a morality play) by Harrow School, young people's service, garden party and fête.

CHISWICK, MIDDX.—On April 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: C. R. Harris 1, Lesley Warwick 2, J. R Ketteringham 3, D. Clarke 4, Mary Knight 5, D. Town 6, N. F. Edwards (cond.) 7, J. West (first quarter) 8. For Family Communion, and to wish Mary Knight the best of luck in her new career.

CHURCHILL, SOM.—On April 26th, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods): C. Field 1, B. Mills 2, B. Dodd (cond.) 3, J. Chaplin 4, C. Avery 5, W. Warren 6. First in 11 methods for all except 2. For the engagement of Christopher Avery and Pamela Dodd; also for the latter's 21st birthday.

COLESHILL, WARKS. — On May 4th, 1,260 Doubles (six meth./var.; 5, 6, 8 cover): A. G. Ensor 1, Anne E. Deebank 2, D. L. Hooper 3, Dawn Holly (first "inside") 4, Lynne Winfield 5, Elizabeth Clarke (first quarter) 6, L. L. Willis (cond.) 7, H. Walker 8. Rung for Confirmation, and as a tribute to the Vicar, Rev. E. F. A. Morgan, on appointment as honorary Canon of Birmingham Cathedral.

CONSTANTINE, CORNWALL. — On April 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret A. B Weston (cond.) 1, Barbara J. Duck 2, Rosemary Guy 3, P. G. Jeans 4, G. W. Riddy 5, W. S. Pryor 6. A compliment to Rev. R. O. Mossop on his appointment as an hon. Canon of Truro Cathedral.

COWBRIDGE, GLAM. — On April 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Patricia Thomas (first Grandsire Triples) 1, F. Housden 2, Veronica E. Dupré 3, Kate M. H Branson (cond.) 4, W. G. Morgan (first Grandsire Triples) 5, H. Pickett 6, A. W. Thomas 7, A. W. Lloyd 8.

ESSENDON, HERTS.—On April 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Gillian Farnes 1, Rosalind Thorne 2, Susan Farnes 3, Elizabeth Thorne 4, Paula Healing (cond.) 5, S. Healing 6. First quarter 1, 2, 4. First quarter by local band for at least ten years. For Evensong, and to mark the birth of a son to Anne and Michael Healing.

FILTON, GLOS.—On May 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Wendy Miller (first quarter) 1, A. Howard (75th quarter) 2, Mary Haslum (cond.) 3, D. C. Haslum 4, A. N. Blount 5, Hilary Dash (first quarter) 6. For Evensong, and as a birhtday compliment to ringers of 1 and 3.

FROME, SOM. — On April 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Joanne Fletcher 1, G. W. Massey 2, R. L. Coles 3, P. J. W. Hardwick 4, D. C. Hawkins 5, D. J. Orledge 6, D. G. Massey (cond.) 7, R. I. Kendrick 8. To celebrate the 21st birthday of Joanne Fletcher.

GOODRICH, HEREFORDS.—On April 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Morgan 1, W. Reece (cond.) 2, Howard Meek 3, J. Higgins 4, K. Watkins 5, Harold Meek 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. E. Gardner, a ringer at St. Giles' for many years.

GOOLE, YORKS.—On April 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. J. J. Taylor 1, M. Whitehurst 2, H. Ferrimen 3, R. J. F. Watson 4, J. J. Taylor 5, L. M. Woodhead (cond.) 6. First quarter 2 and 3. In memoriam Horace S. Morley, who died on April 17th, 1969.

HAILSHAM, SUSSEX. — On April 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Booth 1, Miss V. Titherly 2, G. Beeney 3, G. Titherly 4, B. Stepney (cond.) 5, Miss A. Bradbury 6. An 80th birthday compliment to ringer of 1.

HAREFIELD, MIDDX. — On April 25th (Anzac Day), 1,440 Kent T.B. Minor: Miss P. Gough 1, W. Knight 2, Miss A. Horsford 3, R. Russ 4, F. H. Corke 5, T. J. Lock (cond.) 6. Rung in memoriam the men who died at Harefield Military Hospital during the Great War and are buried in their own Garden of Rest in Harefield Churchyard.

HEREFORD.—At the Cathedral, on May 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Claudia A. Sherwood (first on ten) 1, L. Evans 2, R. A. Hatcher 3, F. R. Harris 4, T. E. Wood 5, P. L. Hughes 6, M. V. Powell 7, P. D. Sell 8, A. T. Wingate 9, A. G. Semken (cond.) 10. Rung after the installation of Canon N. S. Rathbone as Dean of Hereford Cathedral.

MAIDSTONE, KENT. — At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels, on Easter Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Alison Levick 1, Rosemary Ellis 2, M. L Howe 3, E. Jenner 4, B. F. L. Groves 5, S. A. B. Wigg (cond.) 6.

MITCHELDEAN, GLOS. — On May 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Nicola Paton (aged 11, first quarter) 1, Susan Paton (first Grandsire) 2, Ann Brain (first Grandsire) 3, Mrs. B. Paton 4, A. A. Paton (cond.) 5, R. Smith (aged 13) 6. To welcome the Rector on his full return to ringing after his spinal operation. First quarter to include the whole Paton family.

QUARTER PEALS

MINSTER-IN-SHEPPEY, KENT. — On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (11 meth./var.): Susan Goodwin 1, Jane Bryant 2, Mira Ford 3, Marianne Leworthy 4, D. Leworthy (cond) 5, Ann Bryant 6. For Girl Guides' service. Also on March 30th, 1,260 Doubles (13 meth./var.): Susan Goodwin 1, Glynis Poppleton 2, Jane Bryant 3, Marianne Leworthy 4, D. Leworthy (cond.) 5, Ann Bryant 6. For Evensong. Also on April 6th, 1,260 Doubles (18 meth./var.): Susan Goodwin 1, Mira Ford 2, Jane Bryant 3, Marianne Leworthy 4, D. Leworthy (cond.) 5, Joan Exeter 6. Also on April 20th, 1,260 Doubles (11 meth./var.): Same band, with Ann Bryant 6. Rung for Evensong by the band which won the striking competition of the Rochester District.

MONKEN HADLEY, HERTS. — On April 25th, 1,260 Pl. B. Minor: Harriet Platten 1, J. Platten 2, M. Soper 3, Valerie Maynard 4, C. Ward 5, T. Pink (first as cond.) 6, R. Taylor 8. First in method 1, 2 and 4. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. Graham Wallis, J.P.

NAILSEA, SOM. — On May 6th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): H. Hardwidge 1, L. Derrick (cond.) 2, E. Davey 3, C. Kortright 4, J. Lott 5, A. R. Tovey (first quarter) 6.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARKS. — On May 4th, 1,260 St. John's Doubles: Carol A. Eveleigh 1, W. C. Budd 2, J. G. Edgson 3, P. M. Edgson 4, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 5, G. Allen 6. For the Patronal Festival of St. John's, Long Lawford, in the Parish of Newbold.

NORTHREPPS, NORFOLK.—On May 8th, 1,356 Minor (720 Oxford T.B., 636 Plain Bob): N. Golden (cond.) 1, Ivy Carter 2, H. F. Carter 3, R. Balls 4, D. Gray 5, D. W Pardon 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Cyril Pooley, for many years captain of the ringers and parish clerk here.

OLD ALRESFORD, HANTS.—On May 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Palmer (first quarter) 1, Ann Palmer (first "inside") 2, Dorothy M. Huggins 3, J. Huggins 4, L. Tremeer (cond.) 5, Wanda Oberman (first quarter) 6.

OTTERSHAW, SURREY. — On April 26th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): S. Holmes 1, I. F. Taylor 2, P. V. W. Feast (cond.) 3, J. M. Warnton (first St. Martin's "inside") 4, J. P. Ladd 5, R. L. Pashley 6 To congratulate R. L. Pashley (tower captain) and Miss M. Theobald on their engagement.

QUEENBOROUGH - IN - SHEPPEY, KENT. — On April 6th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Glynis Poppleton 1, S. Rayfield 2, W. A. Wood 3, Jane Bryant 4, D. P. Leworthy (cond.) 5, Ann Bryant 6. Rung for Evensong.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX. — On April 23rd, 1,280 Pl. Bob Major: A. House (cond.) 1, Valerie Nash (first "inside") 2, Janet Hallett 3, F. May 4, M. Hallett 5, C Warboys 6, T. Sharpe 7, D. Belcham 8. For Evensong.

RUISHTON, SOM.—On April 11th, 1,260 Doubles (2 M, 1 V.): Miss F. Gadd 1, K. E. Beale (cond.) 2, M. A. Arscott 3, R. A. C. Cross 4, J. Cornelius 5, A. W. Knight 6.

SEND, SURREY.—On May 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Sole 1, Miss A. Anthony 2, J. King (cond.) 3, H. Colcombe 4, D. Munday 5, S. Strudwick 6. In memory of W. A. Goldstone, and for Rogation Sunday.

SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—At St. Marie's Church, on April 27th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Susan Brown (first quarter) 1, P. Norman 2, Janet Walker 3, R. Padbury 4, J. Seagar 5, J. D. Cooper 6, I. Dear (cond.) 7, S. R. Cole 8. For Evening Mass by Sheffield University Guild.

SILKSTONE, YORKS.—On May 4th, 1,320 Oxford T.B. Minor (closed leads): E. Stainrod 1, A. Dunn-Birch 2, Miss F. A. Garfield 3, P. Charlesworth 4, P Carbutt (cond.) 5, H. Mann 6. For Evensong; also to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. L. Wood on their golden wedding on May 5th.

STEEP, HANTS.—On April 26th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: Jennifer L. Quaife 1, A. Gill 2, D. Cooper 3 M. E. Cass 4, B. J. Fry (first "inside" and first as cond.) 5, W. Willans 6. Longest length 2 and 3. A birthday compliment to David Cooper and Lesley Lodge.

STROUD, GLOS.—On April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Cantor 1, T. Pritchard 2, Sara Cornock 3, F. Garland 4, P. Barton 5, R. Watts 6, R. Cornock (first as cond.) 7, R. T. Ashby 8. For the induction of Rev. P. Minall as Vicar of Stroud; also for the Queen's birthday.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—On April 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Wilson (first quarter aged 10) 1, Katharine Burchnall 2, Grace Burchnall (cond.) 3, Susan Moxon 4, H. Hawcroft 5, A. Wilson 6. For Evensong.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church, on March 26th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. C. New (first of Caters) 1, Miss W. E. Marriott 2, Miss V. Ballard (first Caters "inside") 3, Miss J. Davidge 4, M. J. Stanley 5, M. New 6, R. Everall (first Caters) 7, L. F. Cobb 8, E. Sutton (cond.) 9, M. Sutton 10. Also on Easter Day, 1,264 P.B. Major: R. Everall 1, Mrs. J. Minchin 2, P. Minchin 3, R. Hulme 4, M. Sutton 5, E. Sutton (cond.) 6, M. Stanley 7, W. W. T. Daniell 8.

SWINESHEAD, LINCS.—On April 12th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor (tenor covering): R. D. Holland 1, R. Reynolds 2, R. Howard 3, W. B. Dawson 4, R. Stephenson 5, P. H. Reynolds (cond.) 6, C. Stubley 7. For the diamond wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. G. Houghton.

TOLLESHUNT D'ARCY, ESSEX.—On April 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. St. J. Chamberlain (first quarter) 1, G. A. Smith (first "inside") 2, S. A. Waters 3, Anne Edwards 4, G. A. Bainbridge 5, Jane Foster (cond.) 6. A compliment to Miss Ann Kingham, daughter of the Vicar of Great Baddow, on her marriage.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH. — On April 13th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Erica J. Pankhurst 1, A. F. Lee 2, D. A. Burt 3, Kay Whittaker 4, Shirley A. Cox (first Surprise as cond.) 5, R. L. Coles 6. A compliment to Alfred Hucklebridge on completing 50 years in the choir of this church. Also on April 27th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): Cherry Stapleford 1, A. F. Lee 2, Erica J. Pankhurst (first as cond.) 3, Kay Whittaker 4, I. P. Cox 5, M. J. Hawkins 6. For Evensong.

WARBLETON, SUSSEX.—On April 25th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: A. Turner 1, Christine Baldock 2, Gillian MacAdam 3, B. Stepney 4, A. Baldock (50th of Pl. Bob and 100th as cond.) 5, W. Ledward 6.

WARNFORD, HANTS.—On April 15th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: D. Pearce 1, Mary White 2, R. A. Stone 3, C. E. Bassett 4, D. Hatherley 5, K. G. Waller (cond.) 6.

WASHFIELD, DEVON. — On May 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. M. M. Blanch 1, W. J. Ransom 2, H. Ransom 3, C. G. Barnes 4, W. Ware (cond.) 5, J. Bellamy 6.

WATERLOO, LONDON.—At St. John's Church, on April 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. D. Grainger 1, E. J. Adams 2, Gwendoline G. Meyer 3, Rosemary J. Cotton 4, M. R. Wycherley 5, L. C. Way 6, C. M. Meyer (cond.) 7, D. K. Woodward (first quarter) 8 To commemorate the 200th anniversary of the birth of the Duke of Wellington.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On April 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. A. Butler (first as cond.) 1, Jacqueline Allen 2, C. J. Mundy (first "inside") 3, Wm. A. Hughes 4, P. R. Butler 5, A. S. Richards 6. Also on April 27th, 1,320 Treble Bob Minor (Oxford, Kent): Jacqueline Allen 1, A. S. Richards 2, P. R. Butler 3, S. H. Gay 4, J. E. Cannell 5, M. A. Gay (first in method as cond.) 6. To welcome Alison, daughter of John and Susan Cannell, born 10/4/69.

WIMBLEDON, S.W.—On March 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Burn 1, D. Budd 2, Rosamund Rawlings 3, Elizabeth Bangham 4, M. Bangham (cond.) 5, A. Bagworth 6. In memory of General Eisenhower.

WINCHESTER, HANTS. — At the Cathedral, on Easter Day, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Philippa Tubbs 1, R. H. Youdale 2, P. N. Tubbs 3, Katharine Maundrell (first as cond.) 4, J. A. Dodd 5, G. Grant 6, C. H. Kippin 7, C. Williams 8. First quarter on the middle eight.

WOODBOROUGH, NOTTS. — On March 22nd, 1,280 Minimus (two methods): Lynne Hoskins 1, Patricia M. Hayward (cond.) 2, D. W. Flower 3, P. L. R. Hayward 4. Following the wedding of Sheila Anne Cooling and David Alan Partridge. Also on April 5th, 1,296 Minimus (three methods): Same company. Following the wedding of Nina Peck and Robert Hallam.

WOODBRIDGE, SUFFOLK.—On April 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. D. Pettman 1, G. R. Goodship 2, M. Daniels 3, Sylvia R. E. Pipe 4, A. S. Woodard 5, J. Winram 6, C. W. Pipe (cond.) 7, E. G. Pearce 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to General Dwight Eisenhower.

YAXLEY, HUNTS.—On April 29th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Christine H. Beeton (first quarter) 1, J. R. Charlton 2, W. J. Riley 3, T. H. Loweth 4, J. M. Tyler (cond.) 5, J. E. David 6. Rung to welcome the arrival of a niece for the conductor and a son for the curate and his wife (Rev. and Mrs. Aveling).

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The Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Essendon, Herts

This church is of early foundations, probably 14th century. The tower containing six bells, being the oldest part now remaining, dates from the 15th century. The church as it stands today was rebuilt in 1883, with the exception of the chancel and portions of the east end which were destroyed by bombs dropped by a Zeppelin on the night of September 3rd, 1916. The beautiful east window was badly shattered as were other windows in the church, but the nave, aisle and tower withstood the shock.

The ruined parts of the church were rebuilt on the old lines; the stained-glass windows—two by Kemp and two by Clayton and Bell—were replaced by those firms, who had retained the original drawings, and except in the case of the east window most of the glass was reinstated.

The famous Wedgwood font, made of black basalt porcelain (given by Miss Whitbread in 1778), standing on its contemporary wooden pedestal, is enclosed by a well-designed oak rail gate and kneeling step. The picture forming the reredos representing "The Last Supper" was untouched by the bomb, as were the cross and candlestick on the altar, though the walls, rails and organ were shattered.

For particulars of bells see page 454.

OUR NEW PRESIDENT

MR. John Freeman, of Branston, Lincoln, is the seventh President of the Central Council and comes from a ringing family. His father, the late Mr. J. A. Freeman, was Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild and also Lincoln Cathedral. He too was a member of the Central Council.

Born 49 years ago, his life has been largely centred around Lincoln. Educated at Lincoln School, he entered the local government service in 1936. During the war he served in the Royal Army Medical Corps and on demobilisation held the rank of Staff Sergeant.

Professionally his qualifications are a chartered engineer, a member of the Institution of Municipal Engineers and a member of the Association of Public Health Inspectors. Since 1955 he has been surveyor and chief public health inspector to the North Kesteven Rural District Council. For some years he was a member of the Round Table, being chairman of the Lincoln Table in 1958–1959.

CONDUCTED CINQUES AT 15

John learned to ring in 1934 and in that year became a member of the Lincoln Cathedral Company of Ringers. His first peal was Stedman Cinques, on December 28th, 1935, on the Cathedral bells, which he conducted. This early development of conducting brought John quickly to the fore in the Exercise. His peal total to date is 463, of which he has conducted 272. These have been rung on all numbers of bells and, in fact, he has conducted peals from Minor to Maximus both in tower and "in hand". He took part in the first peals of Spliced Surprise Major in 16 and 22 methods and in 1947 conducted the record peal of 14,144 London Surprise Major. His handbell record includes London and Spliced Surprise Major. With this ringing record it was not surprising that he was a member of the College Youths band selected to ring at the opening of Washington Cathedral bells in 1964.

It is not only as a practical ringer that John has been elected as President of the Central Council but on account of his sound administrative experience in ringing and other matters. His first office was hon. sec. to the Lincoln District of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild from 1947 to 1950. Two years later he joined the Guild committee and in 1961, when Mr. Jack Bray became Master of the Guild, he succeeded him as hon. secretary. This post he held until last month and the period has seen a reorganisation of Districts and the establishment of one-day ringing schools. To enable the Guild to have resources to meet requirements of this age, including a Guild report, a 10/- Guild subscription has been passed. John is a valued member of the Lincoln Diocesan Advisory Committee, having served since 1947. With heavy redundancies listed among churches of the diocese, the question of safeguarding bells will have to be closely watched.

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild elected him to the Central Council in 1948 and since then his membership has been continuous. He is a member of the Towers and Belfries Committee and of the Standing Committee. Invariably John is requested to conduct the ringing which precedes the Holy Communion service on Whit Tuesday.

Our new President is married and has two children. His daughter is a ringer and has taken advantage of her father's travels as vice-president to increase her list of towers. His brother, the Rev. Michael Freeman, is a ringing parson.

"THE RINGING WORLD"

To all our readers.

My first duty, as convener of "The Ringing World" Committee, must be to express our thanks to Mr. R. S. Anderson, who because of pressure of business has retired from this position after six strenuous years. Were it not for his efforts, and those of his predecessor, Mr. J. F. Smallwood, we should not have been in a financial position to attempt even the limited modernisation which has been possible in the last few years. Indeed the setbacks we have had during the last 12 months could have entailed restriction instead of expansion of our efforts.

I am happy to say that we have been allowed by the Central Council to retain the present united committee, and that Mr. Anderson's experience and enterprise will still be available to guide and help us.

We will do our best to continue to provide the Exercise with this essential link between us all. To do this efficiently we need your help — in contributions to our columns, in the steady supply of up-to-date news, in increased circulation and, above all, with your goodwill towards our efforts.

May I add if you have any constructive advice to give us it will be very welcome. And if you have any destructive criticism please let us know. I promise you a reply —either a personal one or one from the committee, who hope to meet at least three or four times a year to consider the affairs of your paper.

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REVS. H. LAW AND E. BANKES JAMES

A Bristol Impression

The recent articles by the Rev. B. F. Sheppard and Messrs. C. Rawding and C. T. Bradley conveyed a fascinating insight into the lives of the two clerical brothers.

They were well respected by the Bristol ringers of their day and occasionally visited the city for peal attempts, etc. At one time Mrs. R. L. Wilkins, of St. Stephen's, was housekeeper to Bankes James, although one is uncertain as to whether or not he had much influence on her ringing career. In 1924 she rang the treble to the first all-ladies peal of Stedman Triples.

It was Bankes James who extended Bristol Surprise Major to Royal and this was first rung to a peal under the name of Clifton Surprise Royal in 1922 at St. Stephen's, Bristol, conducted by John A. Burford. A second peal was rung shortly afterwards, and the method was not then practised in the city until the present generation scored a peal of it at Christ Church in 1965, under the conductorship of D. John Hunt.

As far as I know the only survivor of the first peal of Clifton is Edwin J. Brown, who was Ringing Master at SS. Philip and Jacob's from 1926–64. He recalls that Law James sometimes displayed a slight antipathy towards women ringers and on one occasion, in the belfry of St. Nicholas', Bristol, Law James objected to the ladies present taking off their hats before ringing.

R. J. BOWDEN.

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A HAPPY CENTRAL COUNCIL AT ST. ALBANS

"KEEP HUMAN ELEMENT DOMINANT WITH BELLS"

THE first session of the 26th Council, held at the City Hall, St. Albans, on May 27th, marked the installation of a new president, Mr. John Freeman, of Lincoln. For six yeras Canon Gilbert Thurlow had enthused a gaiety, punctuated by a wit unrivalled in the Exercise, in the fulfilment of his occupancy of the chair. But at the same time there was an unflagging zeal in keeping constant before the Council the purpose of ringers and their art in the service of the Church.

These six years have been years of achievement and advancement in the art of change-ringing. A pinnacle has been reached that challenges man's ingenuity to surpass. The year 1968 witnessed an increase of 278 in peals rung—a grand total of 3,445. There were 543 people ringing their first peal.

St. Albans will be remembered as occasions of personal triumph to two members of the Council. It was the oldest member of the Council, Mr. Walter Ayre, who achieved a life's ambition of seeing the Central Council at St. Albans, and more so being the President of the Herts County Association in the year of the visit. The second was the honouring of Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd with life membership. He was described as the "Compleat Ringer" whose writings have delighted the whole Exercise.

On the practical side, the revision of the decisions relating to methods, calls and peal ringing was accomplished with one or two paragraphs referred back for reconsideration. The Joint Committee have fulfilled a mammoth task, and the dexterity with which Mr. F. T. Blagrove shepherded this revision through has given change-ringing a sounder base on which to operate, with a latitude in keeping with the desires of this age.

The careful preparation by the Hertfordshire County Association resulted in this visit being one of the happiest in the annals of the Council. The sharp words that have made debates notorious in recent years were absent. A mild "I beg to differ" replaced the verbal fireworks of old.

THE NEW PRESIDENT
Mr. John Freeman

THE OPENING CEREMONY

The modern City Hall where the Council met was admirable for the meeting with its spacious galleries and loudspeakers. There was a dignified entry of the platform personages. These included the Mayor (Cclr. John Farrelly), the Bishop (the Rt. Rev. E. M. Gresford Jones), the President of the Herts County Association (Mr. Walter Ayre), the President and officers of the Council, and Mrs. Freeman, the wife of the incoming President.

In extending a welcome to the Council the Mayor said he felt like a new boy on the first morning in school, because that was the first occasion since he took office that he had addressed a public gathering in St. Albans. It was a very pleasurable one because it was an historical day for the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers to visit St. Albans and for St. Albans to welcome so many visitors. St. Albans was a very historical city and they were very proud of it with its long tradition of Christianity. It was the home of Christianity to him and to many more in Great Britain. They had in their city a permanent memorial in stone to that long tradition in their Abbey which they looked upon with great affection.

As they thought of bells they thought of one of two things—joy or sorrow. It was a great joy to give praise to Almighty God by ringing, as in these days people were probably more selfish than in the past. It was gratifying to know that there were young and old ringing today, and the youngest was ten years of age.

The Mayor said he was sure it was a happy occasion for Mr. Walter Ayre, who for half a century had given loyal and affectionate service to the Central Council [applause], and it was a proud thing for him that he had seen the Council at St. Albans.

ECUMENICALLY-MINDED MAYOR

The Bishop of St. Albans also had an encouraging message to give and addressed the members as "fellow ringers", speaking, he explained, as one who tolled the bell at his institution. It was a great pleasure to hear the Mayor of St. Albans speaking as a practising Christian. On behalf of the diocese he would say how delighted they were to have a Roman Catholic as Mayor and they rejoiced to have an ecumenically-minded Christian holding that important office.

After apologising for the absence of the Dean, the Bishop said they were all aware what happened to one of the Abbey bells—the 11th made in 1699 by Philip Wightman. He noted that the 11th, 7th and 8th were the only bells which did not have an inscription. He would suggest that the following be added when it was rehung, taken from Micah VIII, v. 11: "Rejoice not over me oh my enemy, when I fall I shall arise." [Applause.]

The Bishop endorsed the Mayor's remarks concerning Mr. Ayre and thanked the Hertfordshire County Association for the literature he had received from them. The Bishop said he was much impressed by the article in the May issue of the Abbey Magazine, "I am a bell-ringer," by Miss Elizabeth Barber. The article stated that the bells were the largest voices of their church and the object of their weekly practice was that the quality of their service ringing should be maintained at a consistently high level to His glory.

The next welcome came from Mr. Walter Ayre, who said the Herts County Association was proud of its achievements, but this one beats the lot. They had long desired that the Council should visit them and now the Council had come. They were very grateful to the Corporation for their admirable co-operation.

PREVIOUS PRESIDENCY

When the Abbey bells were augmented to 12 he had the honour of being president of the Association and had the pleasure of handing over the ropes to the Dean at the dedication. He never thought that he should be president again to welcome them. As a Lincolnshire man it gave him great pleasure to welcome their new president, who was also a Lincolnshire man.

The President thanked the Bishop for celebrating at Holy Communion that morning and recalled meeting the Bishop years ago at Cambridge. There eight Anglicans rang at the R.C. Church for morning service before going on to ring for C. of E. service. Last Sunday the Mayor told him the Salvation Army Band played at his church. How splendid: perhaps at the last Sunday of his year of office the local handbell ringers will attend. The first time he met the Bishop was at Trinity, and at Trinity he (the Bishop) enrolled him as a member of the University Scouts, and he would never forget the look the Bishop gave him of inspiration and encouragement. The Canon commended the St. Albans Diocese on producing "1970—a Diocese looks forward". It reminded him of what Bishop Huddleston said the previous week: "What other people regard as a problem I regard as an opportunity." In these matters ringers would be glad to help in any way they could

In the Norwich Diocese they were doing a brisk trade in moving bells. Bells were mobile in these days of redundant churches. He hoped that there was a bell expert on each diocesan committee who would see that bells were transferred to where they were wanted. He hoped that any diocese which has not taken such a step would do so without delay.

The platform then emptied and the business started.

ATTENDANCE ROLL

Life Members.—E. A. Barnett, V. Bottomley, F. W. Perrens, F. Sharpe, J. F. Smallwood, Canon A. G. G. Thurlow, T. W. White.

Honorary Members. — Mrs. E. A. Barnett; Mrs. V. Bottomley, J. L. Garner-Hayward, F. E. Haynes, D. Hughes, C. K. Lewis, J. R. Mayne, H. N. Pitstow, G. W. Pipe, H. L. Roper, E. C. Shepherd, R. F. B. Speed, Mrs. R. F. B. Speed, L. Stilwell, P. L. Taylor.

Ancient Society of College Youths.—W. T. Cook, J. S. Mason, R. B. Meadows, W. Williams.

Australia and New Zealand Association.—P. M. J. Gray.

ATTENDANCE ROLL—continued

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—J. H. Gilbert, E. Naylor, A. H. Reed, H. J. Sanger.

Bedfordshire Association.—J. H. Edwards, K. H. Fleming, A. E. Rushton.

Beverley Association.—R. Ducker.

Cambridge University Guild.—C. M. P. Johnson, B. D. Threlfall.

Chester Diocesan Guild.—B. Jones, A. J. Martin, D. Mottershead.

Coventry Diocesan Guild.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, H. M. Windsor.

Cumberland and North Westmorland Association.—R. W. D. Wetenhall.

Derby Diocesan Association.—D. R. Carlisle, G. A. Halls, Rev. R. D. St. John Smith.

Durham and Newcastle Association.—K. Arthur, D. A. Bayles.

East Grinstead and District Guild.—K. Game.

Ely Diocesan Association.—J. G. Gipson, E. H. Mastin, D. F. Murfet, H. S. Peacock.

Essex Association.—F. B. Lufkin, J. E. G. Roast, J. Armstrong.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—A. L. Barry, A. R. Peake, J. R. Taylor, C. A. Wratten.

Guildford Diocesan Guild.—D. A. R. May, T. Page, W. H. Viggers.

Guild of Devonshire Ringers.—N. Mallett, D. R. Bould, Rev. J. G. M. Scott.

Hereford Diocesan Guild.—P. Hughes, P. J. H. Wycherley, J. F. I. Turney.

Hertford County Association.—W. Ayre, B. M. Barker, R. G. Bell, G. Dodds.

Irish Association.—P. W. Brown, F. E. Dukes, J. T. Dunwoody.

Kent County Association.—P. A. Corby, S. Jenner, I. H. Oram, C. A. Tester.

Ladies' Guild.—Miss J. Beresford, Miss D. E. Colgate, Mrs. P. J. Staniforth.

Lancashire Association.—N. Bennett, C. Crossthwaite, J. P. Partington, F. Reynolds.

Leicester Diocesan Guild.—S. Burton, J. M. Jelley, P. J. Staniforth, B. G. Warwick.

Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—J. Bray, G. E. Feirn, J. Freeman, J. L. Millhouse.

Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association.—T. M. Roderick.

London County Association.—G. W. Shanks, H. W. Rogers, Mrs. H. W. Rogers, W. G. Wilson.

Middlesex County Association.—F. T. Blagrove, G. W. Critchley, T. J. Lock, C. H. Rogers.

National Police Guild.—N. Bagworth.

North Staffordshire Association.—R. S. Anderson, C. S. Ryles.

North Wales Association.—Dr. E. V. Woodcock.

Norwich Diocesan Association.—P. M. Adcock, M. Cubitt, N. V. Harding.

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—W. Butler, N. J. Diserens, F. C. Price, P. Walker.

Oxford Society.—F. A. H. Wilkins.

Oxford University Society.—J. E. Camp.

Peterborough Diocesan Guild.—F. Billings, J. H. Bluff, J. Linnell.

Railway Guild.—F. J. Franklin.

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—G. F. Fearn.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Rev. R. Keeley, G. S. Morris, J. T. Barrett, G. J. Hitchins.

Sheffield and District Society.—J. Seager.

Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.—J. S. Barnes, D. Beresford, W. H. Dobbie, D. F. Sibson.

Society of Sherwood Youths.—G. A. Dawson.

South Derbyshire and North Leicestershire Association.—J. E. Collins.

Southwell Diocesan Guild.—J. D. Clarke, W. L. Exton, R. B. Mills, H. Poyner.

Stafford Archdeaconry Society.—C. F. W. Eyre, M. W. Fairey, C. M. Smith.

Suffolk Guild.—T. N. J. Bailey, H. W. Egglestone, C. W. Pipe, Rev. L. R. Pizzey.

Surrey Association.—A. P. Cannon, S. F. W. Kimber, C. F. Mew.

Sussex County Association.—G. Francis, J. R. Norris.

Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild.—G. I. Lewis.

Truro Diocesan Guild.—W. C. Boucher, F. M. Bowers, A. J. Davidson, A. Locke.

Universities Association.—Rev. M. Melville.

University of Bristol.—Dr. T. P. Edwards.

University of London.—A. J. Frost.

University of Manchester Guild.—M. C. W. Sherwood.

Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.—A. V. Davis, Canon K. W. H. Felstead, J. Hartless, R. R. Savory.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—B. C. Ashford, A. J. Brazier, D. Beacham, W. B. Cartwright.

Yorkshire Association.—N. Chaddock, W. E. Critchley, D. S. Johnson, W. F. Moreton.

APOLOGIES

G. W. Fletcher, B. E. Bartlett, F. E. Collins, R. W. R. Percy, A. T. Wingate, R. S. Wilson, E. F. Willcox, H. O. Baker, Miss H. Snowden, B. Hendry, Father Paulinus Angold.

A NEW AFFILIATION

An application for membership was received from the University of Manchester Guild of Change Ringers, and the Guild was elected to membership with only two votes against.

NEW MEMBERS

The following new members were welcomed by the President: R. B. Meadows (A.S.C.Y.), K. H. Fleming (Bedfordshire), B. Jones and D. Mottershead (Chester), Rev. R. D. St. John Smith (Derby), K. Game (East Grinstead and Dist.), A. R. Peake (Gloucester and Bristol), T. Page (Guildford), P. Hughes, J. F. I. Turney and P. J. H. Wycherley (Hereford), P. W. Brown (Irish), C. A. Tester (Kent), N. Bennett (Lancashire), G. W. Shanks (London County), C. H. Rogers (Middlesex), M. Cubitt (Norwich), J. E. Camp (Oxford Univ.), J. S. Barnes (Cumberland Y.), R. B. Mills (Southwell), Rev. L. R. Pizzey (Suffolk), C. F. W. Eyre (Stafford Arch.), C. F. Mew (Surrey), J. R. Norris (Sussex), Rev. M. Melville (Universities), D. S. Johnson (Yorkshire), S. J. Hitchins (Salisbury), R. Wetenhall (Cumberland and N. Westmorland), M. C. W. Sherwood (Manchester University).

Gilbert's Last Words as President

In his last speech as president, Canon Thurlow said:—

"I would like very briefly to say one or two things which it seems fitting to say, as one looks back on the past and faces the present and future.

(1) I am grateful beyond measure to innumerable fellow-ringers for friendship, kindness and hospitality during the last six years.

(2) Amongst many wise words I remember hearing at dinners, meetings and so forth during my time, may I quote just one, worth pondering and acting on, said by a priest at a North Country dinner: 'Amongst the ringers of our land, there is a vast source of potential energy and power, which Church leaders largely leave untapped.'

(3) Value and wherever possible apply the fact which ringing demonstrates, that technology is man's servant, not his master. In church it is gaining the mastery. The organist who can't play because electricity fails him and there's nobody left to blow is matched by the parson who's lost the art of public speaking because he is used to mumbling into a mike. Keep technology your servant in the belfry. Confine it to perfect tuning and hanging. See that the human element remains dominant otherwise.

(4) Let us see that we keep clergy and people 'ringing conscious', not to get glory

THE RETIRING PRESIDENT

but just to keep people conscious of the fact that ringing is a very human art, showing the values often lacking today—guts to continue with an activity when initial glamour wears off, guts to continue pursuing a worthy activity all through life and willingness to serve without reward.

(5) In an age often lacking initiative, remember Trevor Huddleston's words this week: 'What others regard as a problem, I regard as an opportunity.' Your P.C.C. and others who should know better may think of those silent, dead bells as a problem. See that the ringers think of them as an opportunity. We all know parishes where the P.C.C. has handed the problem of the dead bells to the ringers; they have risen in strength, grasped the opportunity, raised the money, stirred enthusiasm and given the tower a dynamic life which puts the parish to shame until it does likewise.

I am so grateful to all who have helped during these six years. It is indeed a joy to know that one so universally respected will occupy this chair.

CONFIDENCE IN NEW PRESIDENT

I must now perform one of the pleasantest tasks I have ever performed. The widest possible opportunity under our rules was given to us all, to propose a name different from that expected as your President. No such different name was proposed. So, in a moment, I will declare the Council's will in this regard. In doing so I can wish him of whom I speak nothing better than that he will be as happy and well supported and warmly welcomed as I have been. He will be able to make far more valuable specialist contributions to our work than I have done. I hope that however deep may be the differences of view amongst speakers in Council, as different they must be in any live society, they will always be as courteous to the Chair as they have been in the past. It is with confidence that every member supports me that I now declare the new President to be Mr. John Freeman. I present to you this shillelagh, presented by the ringers of Ireland at our Dublin meeting in 1958, both as a reminder that ringing extends far beyond our shores and as an alternative, for use if the milder English gavel proves insufficient to recall members to the respect they owe to the Chair."

NEW PRESIDENT INSTALLED

Having installed Mr. Freeman in the chair, Canon Thurlow presented him with the shillelagh, the gift of the ringers of Ireland in 1958, expressing the hope that he would not have to use it to keep order.

Thanking the Council for the honour, Mr. Freeman said he appreciated it very much and regarded it as a tribute to the Lincoln Diocesan Guild which he represented. At the moment he felt a sense of apprehension with a company facing him well grounded on procedure. As he looked at the Council he remembered the remark of Wellington inspecting recruits before the Battle of Waterloo and saying: "I don't know what they will do to the French, but they frighten me!" [Laughter.] From the members of the Council he had received many kindnesses and understanding, and he hoped as president to justify their confidence.

In thanking Canon Thurlow for his wise guidance in past years, he said that the Canon would be remembered for his sense of humour and also as a person well able to express himself. Amid the welter of words there had always been a worthwhile message. He heard someone describe his mastery of words by saying: "If you give Gilbert Thurlow a dead rat, in a quarter-of-an-hour he would turn it into a fairy princess."

FIRING A CANON

Concluding, Mr. Freeman remarked that he would always remember his installation, which the Council marked by firing a canon! [Laughter.] He then presented Canon Thurlow with a silver ashtray, inscribed: "Gilbert Thurlow, President, Central Council of Church Bell-ringers, 1963–1969."

Canon Thurlow, in accepting the gift, said: "I thought we made an unwritten law six years ago not to make a presentation. It is nice to know that there is a spirit of freedom that puts the law in its place." Putting it in his pocket, he said: "I will put it next to my heart for the time being."

THE OTHER OFFICES

Mr. E. A. Barnett was then declared to be vice-president, and thanked the Council; Mr. Frederick Sharpe was declared to be librarian and Mr. Vernon Bottomley hon. secretary and treasurer.

THE BIOGRAPHIES COMMITTEE

Deaths of the following past members have been recorded:—

A. W. Coles.—Middlesex County, 1948. Died 4/3/68. (Attended one meeting.)

G. H. Spice.—Kent C.A., 1939–1954. Died 22/3/68. (Seven meetings.)

J. A. Waugh.—London County Assn, 1936–1938; Ancient Society of College Youths, 1939–1947. Died 3/6/68. (Two meetings.)

A. J. Hughes.—North Wales Association, 1925, 1949–1954. Died June, 1968. (Three meetings.)

T. Tebbutt.—Peterborough Dio. Guild, 1927–1939. Died 11/12/68. (Nine meetings.)

The work of the committee may be considered to be up-to-date, and we have been assisted on a voluntary basis during the year by William Parrott, an immediate past committee member. It would be deemed to be a desirable situation if a member of the newly-elected Council, who is a good penman, would volunteer to be a committee member in order to write the biography sheets.

T. J. LOCK (Convener), 57, Holloways Lane, North Mymms, Hatfield, Herts.
W. H. VIGGERS.

The committee was re-elected with the addition of Mr. D. A. R. May.

Edgar Shepherd — a Life Member

Mr. G. W. Pipe, in proposing that Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd should be elected a life member, said: "Mr. Isaac Walton would have described him as a 'Compleat Ringer': he was a performer, composer and conductor of note, and his writing had delighted the whole Exercise; he was the most compelling writer since Armiger Trollope and a thoroughly Christian gentleman.

The Rev. J. G. M. Scott, in seconding, said he was astonished that Mr. Shepherd was not already a life member. He felt it was a shame that it had not been done before. His knowledge and high qualities had already been mentioned, but he would like to say that many times by his speech the whole tone of the Council had been changed by his integrity and irresistible charm. [Applause.]

The motion was carried unanimously.

In reply, Mr. Shepherd said 18 years ago the Council gave him the privilege of being an honorary member, but now they had conferred on him a very great honour and he felt very touched about it. It had been his pleasure and hobby to delve into ringing matters relating to men and women in the past and try to relate them to the affairs of today. If they took the trouble to read back the achievements and the human failings of the men of old they could find a tremendous amount of inspiration and instruction.

It had been his pleasure and desire to help the Exercise and particularly "The Ringing World", and he remembered reading issue No. 1. His desire was to reward them for the honour done him.

HONORARY MEMBERS

The Standing Committee recommended the election of the following honorary members: Mrs. V. Bottomley, Messrs. D. Hughes, H. N. Pitstow, R. F. B. Speed, P. L. Taylor, F. E. Haynes and J. L. Garner-Hayward.

There were five vacancies and the following were elected: Messrs. R. B. Smith, R. S. Dirkson of Washington Cathedral, Stephen Ivin and Nolan Golden (one vacancy).

Messrs. H. M. Pitstow and D. Hughes were re-elected auditors.

THE ACCOUNTS

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET
as at December 31st, 1968

ASSETS

	£	s.	d.
Library (£10)	10	0	0
Stock of Publications (£816) ..	550	4	9
Debtors and Payments in advance (£1,207)	919	13	8
Investments at cost (£10,262) ..	9,262	9	9
Cash & Bank Balances (£3,405)	7,386	14	2
	18,129	2	4
Sundry Creditors (£1,987) ..	3,453	7	3
Amounts received in advance (£1,617)	3,492	13	3
NET ASSETS (£12,096)	£11,183	1	10

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

	£	s.	d.
"The Ringing World" (£10,123)	9,156	15	6
General Fund (£1,021)	1,050	4	0
Clement Glenn Fund (£952) ..	976	2	4
	£11,183	1	10

"THE RINGING WORLD"

INCOME

	£	s.	d.
Publishing House (£2,979) ..	1,497	0	0
Newsagents (—)	2,209	1	11
Postal Subscribers (£5,791) ..	6,654	4	7
Donations (£698)	835	4	6
Special Donations (—)	310	9	11
Advertising (£516)	512	0	2
Notices and Peal Reports (£894)	1,034	12	3
Sundry Receipts (£178)	311	12	5
Interest Receivable (£476) ..	454	13	9
Premiums on Redemption (£86)	30	0	0
Bank Deposit Interest (£47) ..	54	17	0
TOTAL (£11,758)	£13,903	16	6

EXPENDITURE

	£	s.	d.
Printing, blocks, wrappers and despatch of copies (£10,168)	11,790	13	0
Editorial Office Expenses (£1,505)	1,798	14	9
Accounts and Publishing (£285)	482	12	9
Miscellaneous Expenses (£95)..	27	12	6
Audit and Accountancy (£45)	77	10	0
Bad Debt—Publishing House ..	518	3	10
Taxation (£183)	174	8	6
TOTAL (12,281)	14,869	15	1
Net loss for year (£523) ..	965	18	7
	£13,903	16	6

The Council's Income and Expenditure Account showed an excess of income over expenditure of £29 7s. 5d. (£45). Expenditure came to £137 11s. 1d., of which committee expenses were £35 9s. 11d., officers' expenses £12 2s. 6d., stationery and printing £39 11s. 6d., postages £13 13s. 2d., typing £5 5s., insurance £23 1s., sundries £29 7s. 5d. There was a profit on the Publications Account of £83 8s. 6d. (£56).

Figures in parentheses are for 1967.

The Hon. Treasurer said in the General Fund balance sheet they had rather a lot of money in the bank. That was because 10,000 Beginners' Handbooks were on order. In the Publications Account the increased profit was attributed to the higher figure of sales and not allowing discounts on the Beginners' Handbook.

Speaking about "The Ringing World" balance sheet, Mr. Bottomley said some of them might be surprised by the amount of cash lying idle in the bank. Of that, nearly £3,500 was for subscriptions in advance,

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Press and Literature Report

A FAVOURABLE PRESS—INSTRUCTIVE AND AUTHORITATIVE

WE wonder how many members are aware that our founder and first President, Sir Arthur P. Heywood, was a garden railway enthusiast. The 15-inch gauge railway, with steam locomotives, wagons and passenger stock, which included a dining car and sleeper, was built by Sir Arthur on his estate at Duffield Bank in Derbyshire. "Country Life" devoted two pages, which were illustrated, to this "Victorian Garden Railway", by Howard Clayton, in its issue of February 1st.

Having commenced our report on a pleasant note, it is gratifying to be able to mention a number of instructive and delightful references to our art. The "Message of the Bells" in the "Western Morning News", by P. Stephens, dealt with "the not so ancient" aspect of ringing. He mentions Stedman's "Tintinnalogia" and its effects on the development of the technical side of the Exercise. It is a well-written and authoritative article. "The Field", through its correspondent Doreen Robinson, described the "Bringing down of the Church Bells" at Edington, Wiltshire, when the six bells were being removed for augmentation to a ring of ten. (We referred to this subject in the report for 1967.) The ease with which Taylor's removed the bells fascinated her and she gave the details of each of the bells.

A PIOUS HOBBY

In the Country Talk column in the "Daily Telegraph" J. H. B. Peel speaks of the "Distant Music of the Bells". Opening and closing poetically, he describes how bellringing became a pious hobby for all sorts and conditions of people. Responsibility for the maintenance of bells is referred to and their uses in olden times as conveyors of news of national importance. The effects of healing on people who had erred from the "straight and narrow" is mentioned. Jeremy Rundall wrote in the "Reading Evening Echo" that "Ringing the Changes needs Skill". In the article, Mr. Albert Discrens described to the correspondent the three meanings of the term "peal" and the three basic principles of bellringing. It is instructive and authoritative, the accuracy of the contents not being distorted by the usual journalistic jargon.

Perhaps the most delightful reference appeared in the "South Wales Echo", when Jon Holliday's article "The Bells are Ringing" appeared. The writer visited Cowbridge, where the boys of the local grammar school "showed him the ropes". He was taken by the Classics master and ten boys to Llanbethian Church with its six bells, which had remained idle for some years around World War II. The Grammar School provides the ringers to keep these bells ringing. The article is very accurate and instructive, mentioning the simple safety rules and what actually happens when the bells are rung.

Such articles as we have mentioned will do much to enhance and advance our art in the eyes of the non-ringing public.

"Do-it-yourself" is the theme of a photograph and short note in the "Newark Advertiser", which shows the Whatton ringers moving one of their bells in the frame to make room for two additional trebles. The bellringers themselves are collecting the money to augment the six to eight.

"Bells ring out after 800 years!", as reported in the "Western Daily Press", is a misleading mention that five ringers were attempting the first peal on the bells of St. Michael's Church, Andersleigh, in Devon. It is a pity that reporters cannot keep to true facts.

ST. PAUL'S RINGERS

For the safe return of the three U.S.A. astronauts from their trip around the moon, in which the whole world was interested, we have received only one press cutting. It came from the "Daily Telegraph", which produced a photograph of some of the ringers taking part in the quarter peal in their honour at St. Paul's Cathedral, London.

The "Irish Times" published a large front page photograph of the late Mr. William E. Lynch standing to a rope in Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin. "The Old Bells of Limerick" was a 17-verse poem which appeared in the "Limerick Chronicle". The same paper gave prominent mention to the ringers' festival held at St. Mary's Cathedral, Limerick, in celebration of the 800th anniversary of the founding of the Cathedral.

The "Radio Times" published a number of letters following the recording of bells heard in "Dr. Finlay's Casebook". The bells, in fact, were those of St. Magnus' Cathedral, Kirkwall. The bells of Inveraray and their arrival at the church were mentioned in one of these letters.

The fact that the bells of March, Cambs., did not ring at midnight on New Year's Eve was the subject of a front page story in the "Cambridge Times". Mr. Trevor Bevis summed up the silent bells subject by expressing the view that the bitter disappointment exhibited by many of the locals indicated that more people wanted to hear the bells than not.

A letter from the Rev. Peter Nourse in the "Hereford Times" endorsed the view that only practising Christians should ring church bells. He added that "anyone who wishes to become a bellringer should, as a matter of course, be expected also to be, or at least to become, a practising churchman."

WORCESTER COUNCIL MEETING

The Central Council visit to Worcester prompted the "Worcester Messenger" to refer to the meeting. It also mentioned some accidents in the belfry, peal ringing, the part bells played in mediæval times and some bell customs. "Scope", the church newspaper for the parish of Stourbridge, had a front page article on the bells of St. Thomas's Church, Stourbridge, and made a special appeal for funds to rehang the ring of bells. The Worcestershire and Districts Association are to be congratulated on the preparation of an attractive and interesting brochure for the meeting of the Council. It included a brief history of the growth of change-ringing, of the Worcestershire and Districts Association of Change Ringers, of local bellfounders and of Worcestershire churches and their bells. It is certainly an invaluable asset to any library.

In trade journals we have received few references. "Midbank Chronicle News Desk" published a photograph of Midland Bank staff in a belfry. The ringers had travelled from all over the country to meet in London and to ring at a number of churches in the area. The house magazine of Edward Lumley and Sons Limited had an interesting article by Mr. P. D. Dawson-Taylor which explained the basic principles of the art for the benefit of the non-ringer. According to "Municipal Engineering", a complaint was received by the Public Health Department of Southampton of noise nuisance from a church bell rung for a few minutes at 8.30 on Sunday mornings. When told this was not considered a nuisance the complainer organised a petition to the Health Department. Mr. A. B. Palmer, manager of the Oxford Branch of the Woolwich Equitable Building Society, contributed an interesting article headed "Our Six Bells" to "The New Advance", the Society's staff journal. It is the story of St. Bartholomew's Church, Yarnton, near Oxford.

NEW PUBLICATIONS

New publications which appeared during the year include: "Bells and Bellfounding," by J. Llewellin; "Method Splicing—Major," by Giles B. Thompson; "Discovering Bells and Bellringing," by J. Camp; "Bellringer's Guide," 4th Edition, by R. H. Dove; "The Ringers' Notebook and Diary," 1969; "About Bells and Bellringing," by Roy H. Jones; "Simple Compositions for the Conductor," by C. F. Mew.

We have also had new editions of: "Bell Handling and Control" (College of Campanology); "Ringers' Handbook," by E. S. Powell, which was received a few days before the end of the year. About £3,000 of that sum had been invested in unsecured loan stock of very high yield. The investments were £1,200 in Bass, Mitchell and Butler Ltd., £1,000 nominal in Distillers Co. Ltd. and the remainder in Vickers Ltd. Those three investments would produce a gross income of £250 per annum, which was approximately 9 per cent. and there would also be a possible capital gain.

Mr. T. Dunwoody seconded.

Mr. Frank Haynes asked why Messrs. Vickers was selected. Mr. Bottomley said the stock came available with no transfer fees. It was an allotment he was able to grasp.

Mr. G. Dodds asked was £10 the true value of the library as it appeared in the General Fund.

The hon. treasurer: It is customary in having items like this to put in a nominal amount. The important thing was to see that it was adequately insured for replacements.

Mr. E. A. Barnett said 25 years ago there was a resolution that the library should be valued at £10.

Mr. W. Butler (Oxford Guild) said this year insurance was £23 as against £3 last year.

Mr. Bottomley: During 1968 the Carter Ringing Machine was moved from the Museum for overhaul and the insurance was about £21.

The accounts were then adopted.

JOHN CARTER RINGING MACHINE

FOLLOWING the excellent repair work carried out on the machine in December, 1967, and January, 1968, by Mr. Walter Dobbie, it has continued to function well throughout the year. Six demonstrations have been given, attended by a total of 155 people, and once again the number and variety of methods set and rung has reached a high figure.

Resetting the machine for a change of method during a demonstration while surrounded with visitors on a hot afternoon is no mean feat, and it reflects well on the patience and ability of our demonstrators that they manage this with remarkably few breakdowns due to mis-setting.

DOUGLAS HUGHES
and FRANK E. HAYNES,
Trustees.

The President thanked Mr. Walter Dobbie for bringing the machine to St. Albans and Mr. Cyril Crossthwaite for bringing the Woodhouse machine.

(It is very pleasing to see the continued appearance of the late Mr. Powell's attractive primer.)

Bellringing regulars which continue to appear are: "Reverberations," Journal of the Handbell Ringers' Guild of Great Britain; "Ringing Towers" from Australia was rather irregular due to changes in publishing methods; "North-East" came from the Essex Association; "Irish Bell News" appeared regularly at quarterly intervals.

We again extend our best thanks to those who forwarded items of interest. We are of the opinion, however, that some material is allowed to slip our notice and would, therefore, repeat our request that all references coming to the notice of our members—no matter how small and apparently insignificant—should be forwarded to the Convener.

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD (Convener),
46, Manor Gardens, Warminster, Wilts.
FRED E. DUKES.

The report was adopted and Messrs. E. C. Shepherd and F. E. Dukes were re-elected to the committee.

Overseas Committee's World-wide Survey

AFRICA

Cape Town, where ringing has been in the doldrums recently, came together at the end of the year to give a voyager a ring, and in so doing rekindled interest. Latest news holds out the hope that regular practice has begun again.

Durban. This must be reckoned a rewarding year for Cyril Chambers and the persevering company. Anticipating 1968 by two days, they scored the first quarter for over 12 years and then quickly topped it with two more. Greyville tower was chosen for the peal attempt on a March day, when the temperature had dropped to 70 degrees. The continued ringing on this occasion met with considerable hostility from the neighbours, who eventually broke into the church and summoned four police cars. In the face of all this the successful conclusion of Durban's first peal calls for sincere congratulations. The stimulus of Geoff Armitage's short stay yielded one more quarter so that this year's ringing surpasses all Durban's previous performances put together. The visits of ten overseas ringers have been a great encouragment during 1968.

Rhodesia has likewise enjoyed the company of several voyagers to that lovely country, and Geoff Armitage, who called a quarter at the Cathedral is, we believe, the first person to have done this in three African towers. An active year began with an open day for the public; ringing for the enthronement of Bishop Burrough made newspaper headlines, and a meeting at Que Que saw the election of the Guild's first African member. Mr. Stanley has learned to handle a bell and is making progress with change-ringing.

Although performances have been few this year, Salisbury's bells were rung on 50 Sundays, which we feel is not an unworthy achievement. At the moment, with relatively few learners, the local band strive to improve their striking with the avowed aim of a quarter peal early in 1969. Jolly good luck to their efforts.

ANZAB

At the time of writing we do not have full details of the whole year's activities in Australia and New Zealand, but in our "Ringing World" gleanings, correspondence and the two issues of "Ringing Towers" there is ample evidence of the growth of the art in Australasia. With the incidence of emigrants on the increase, and indeed the occasional traveller, local bands will benefit and be augmented, if only temporarily. In retrospect, most of the ringing centres in these countries have "shared" overseas visitors and themselves have increased their repertoire.

Australia. We have noted a peal of Bob Major at St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, and one of Minor "in hand" at Perth—the first ladies peal for ANZAB. Quarter peals include Stedman Triples from Adelaide Cathedral and Bob Major from the Town Hall; Triples and Minor from Perth Cathedral, despite the Western Australian earthquake, and several of Spliced Major by their talented handbell band. Melbourne has supplied Stedman, Oxford and St. Clement's Triples and several of Major. Also many of the Sydney towers have been prominent, particularly Burwood. Bendigo ringers continue to progress, they too scoring several quarters.

It was a great delight for many U.K. ringers to meet Tom Goodyer, who spent a working holiday in England from Sydney. We say "working" because a tally of 30 peals in about as many days is a fair dinkum effort! Tom represented Australian ringers and ringing in the best possible way. It was in this connection that two very enjoyable peals for ANZAB were scored in England during the summer—Double Norwich at North Mymms and Kent Royal at St. Clement Danes', appropriately conducted by another "overseas" man, Frank Blagrove, ex-Rhodesia. Happily, Philip Gray, the C.C. representative, was able once again to visit his members through a business trip.

New Zealand. What excitement in the lovely country of New Zealand! The possibility of St. Matthew's octave going again after years of clocking; an earthquake in Christchurch; quarters of London and Cambridge Surprise Minor — to name a few items. The Council will at least have to consider a venue in the Southern Hemisphere before many Whitsuns. At the end of last year the Christchurch band rang the first local Surprise peal ever—Cambridge Minor, conducted by Ray Idle. This was followed-up in March by the first of Major on the 32 cwt. ring—an extremely good performance. All in all an active year for ANZAB, and intending visitors or migrants need have no fears about going hungry.

CANADA

Tower bell ringing has maintained its status quo during 1968 and handbell ringing has shown an upward trend, with the success of the first peal "in hand" in Canada being rung at Hamilton, Ontario, in November.

Calgary bells are rung regularly by an enthusiastic local band, under the direction of Michael and Judy Simpson; two quarter peals were successful.

Mission City, B.C. At Westminster Abbey the ten bells are rung by a band of resident monks for all services; no peals are allowed, and lady ringers are only allowed to ring when with visiting bands.

Vancouver, B.C. The Cathedral bells are rung for Sunday morning services by a go-ahead band. Three quarter peals of Plain Bob Minor have been recorded. One of the four outings held during 1968 was outstanding in that four of the band hired a light aircraft to fly over the Rockies to Calgary for a quarter peal—it is only 520 miles each way!

Victoria, B.C. The Cathedral bells are rung by a local band for both Sunday services in methods extending to Grandsire, Stedman Triples and Kent Major.

AMERICA

The year 1968 has been notable for campanology in the United States. This has been brought about by several factors—the installation of a new ring of bells from the Whitechapel Foundry at Smith's Girls' College, Northampton, Mass; the attendant visit and inspection of towers and bells by William Theobald; the relatively numerous visitors from England and Australia; and last but not least the achievements and enthusiasm of the "locals".

Boston. Perkins School for the Blind. The bells are in ringable condition, but due to severe local opposition they are rarely rung.

Boston. Church of the Advent. These bells are at present only chimed although inspection shows that they could easily be made ringable. It is hoped the local incumbent will shortly start a band.

Chicago. The ten bells are difficult to ring, but under the leadership of Daniel Robbins ringing takes place during lunchtime on Saturdays in school term.

Groton. Mass. The excellent ring of ten bells in the school chapel are rung daily during lunchtime and for Sunday services in term time under the astute leadership of Russell Young. The quality of ringing is high, ranging to Stedman and Plain Bob Caters. One peal of Plain Bob Major, one half peal of Plain Bob Minor, conducted by one of the pupils, Alan MacDonald, and five quarters have been recorded.

Hingham. Mass. Only the top six of the ten in the Memorial Campanile are now regularly rung due to tower weakness. However, it is hoped that these bells may be rehung.

Kent School. Conn. The ten bells are rung regularly by a local band, under the leadership of Bill Howard. There is no further news to date of the possibility of a new ring being installed at the Girls' School here.

Northampton. Mass. Smith's College — one of the most delightful rings of eight of this weight in existence. First rung fully open on May 11th by American and English ringers. Practice takes place on Thursdays by the College ringers, guided by Alice Dickinson.

Washington, D.C. The Cathedral's glorious bells, under the expert direction of Rick Dirksen, are rung daily by local ringers. There are four complete bands, one adult and the other three formed from the Girls' School. Their achievements are of note, viz.: one peal of Major and ten quarter peals, including two of Grandsire Caters, on tower bells; also one handbell peal of Plain Bob Minor.

A most successful ringing weekend was held in New England last May, with ringers from Canada, England and Australia joining forces with the locals. Five towers were on the itinerary and methods up to Cambridge Surprise Major and Stedman Caters were rung. During May a handbell peal of Plain Bob Major was rung at Peterborough, New Hampshire—first peal in the State—the band being composed of Joan Hutchinson (U.S.A.), Tom Goodyer (Australia), Geoff Davies and Frank Price (G.B.). Groton School was the venue for the spring festival of the New England Guild of Handbell Ringers, at which recitals of tune ringing were given in the Chapel and demonstrations of change-ringing took place in the belfry. Efforts to sow the seeds of a North American Guild of Change Ringers have so far fallen on stony ground—perhaps 1969 will bring renewed vigour to American and Canadian ringers to constitute a flourishing Guild.

We wish to thank Mr. F. C. Price for his assistance.

A. VICTOR SHEPPARD (Convener),

It was announced that the Convener had resigned. Elected to the committee were Messrs. F. C. Price (Convener), "Zermatt", 10, Butler Road, Heathwood Estate, Crowthorne, Berks, G. W. Pipe and Philip Gray.

INGOLDMELLS SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir, — I was disturbed on reading the place notation of this method to see that bells lie still simultaneously in four consecutive places. Whilst I would not wish to deny any band the right to ring what they like, this type of construction seems a retrograde step and I hope it will not be copied. Whilst its use could possibly be justified in Minor ringing, where the limit of possible methods on conventional lines is being reached, this argument hardly holds good in Major, where several thousand possible methods are available without this disadvantage.—Yours faithfully,

ROBERT C. KIPPIN.

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HALF PEAL

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE. — At St. Peter's Church, on May 3rd, 2,520 Plain Bob Triples: M. Foulds 1, B. S. Kear 2, R. F. Andrew 3, Mrs. C. W. Lawton 4, A. E. Whiting 5, D. N. Heapy 6, B. Corbishley (cond.) 7, P. Widdows 8. Rung to celebrate the 21st anniversary of the opening of the bells as a war memorial.

ADDINGTON, SURREY. — On May 11th, 1,296 Annable's London Surprise Minor: E. G. H. Godfrey 1, Penny Cocks 2, Nicky Bennett 3, Amanda Powell 4, I. Wiltshire (cond.) 5, Wendy Wallace 6. For Home Guard service. Also 1,260 Minor (three methods): Kathryn Bone 1, A. J. Hobbs 2, Wendy Wallace (cond.) 3, N. Bennett 4, I. Wiltshire 5, E. G. H. Godfrey 6. For Evensong.

ALDERMASTON, BERKS.—On May 14th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: D. Livingstone 1, J. J. Hill 2, P. E. Corderoy (first Plain Bob Minor) 3, D. L. Wilcox 4, M. J. Holbrook 5, W. Butler (cond.) 6.

ALDRIDGE, STAFFS.—On May 4th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Daphne Appleby 1, N. White 2, R. Riley 3, Cynthia Humphreys (first Minor "inside") 4, J. P. Burton 5, J. L. Humphreys (first Minor as cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on May 14th, 1,260 Pl. B. Doubles: Sylvia Langford 1, J. L. Humphreys 2, M. J. Mulvey 3, R. Riley 4, N. R. White (first as cond.) 5, N. J. Tyas (first quarter) 6. Before Confirmation. After service, 1,260 Doubles (12 m/v): M. J. Mulvey 1, Rosemary White 2, J. P. Burton 3, N. R. White 4, J. L. Humphreys (cond.) 5, Daphne Appleby 6. Most methods by all.

BARTON-IN-FABIS, NOTTS.—On May 5th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. Newell 1, T. Kirkman 2, D. Osbourne 3, J. Eborall 4, R. Stretton (cond.) 5, D. Oliver 6.

BISHOPSTOKE, HANTS. — On May 4th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: Ruth Alderson (first quarter) 1, J. P. Colliss 2, Philippa E. Menniss 3, T. J. Frodsham 4, J. C. Hallett (cond.) 5, R. Le Marechal 6. Rung in memory of the Vicar's father, who died recently.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: K. Westwood 1, R. Hayden 2, R. Prime 3, W. Hunt 4, L. Luck 5, A. Richardson 6, P. Warboys (cond.) 7, D. Hutley 8. For Ascension Day.

BLOFIELD, NORFOLK.—On May 1st, 1,320 Bob Doubles: Mrs. D. Blyth 1, Mrs. B. Brindley 2, D. Blyth 3, Miss H. Grass 4, D. Ralls (first as cond.) 5, C. Tooke 6. Rung to celebrate Mr. C. Sharman's 50 years' membership of the church choir.

BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS.—At St. Gerald Road, on May 9th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Jean Dale 1-2, Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay 3-4, D. T. Matkin (cond.) 5-6, Kathleen E. Fletcher 7-8.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX. — On May 11th, 1,280 Superlative S. Major: R. J. Lindsell (cond.) 1, Ann Simkins 2, Jennifer M. Millbank 3, Josephine Quilter 4, A. R. Syder 5, C. H. Gillingham 6, C. J. Barker 7, P. G. Brown 8. First in method 2, 6. For Evensong. Also on May 12th, 1,260 Spliced S. Major (four methods): C. J. Barker 1, J. Warner 2, Josephine Quilter 3, K. W. Brown 4, R. J. Lindsell 5, A. R. Syder 6, A. Wiffen 7, P. G. Brown (first Spliced as cond.) 8.

BRISTOL.—At St. Mary Redcliffe, on May 4th, 1,346 Cambridge Surprise Maximus: A. M. Tyler 1, R. C. Kippin (cond.) 2, Mrs. E. A. G. Bowden 3, Mrs. H. A. Kippin 4, M. J. Hobbs 5, B. A. Shackleton 6, D. J. Orledge 7, E. F. Hancock 8, P. J. Bird 9, B. R. North 10, T. Chapman 11, R. G. Edwards 12. First Maximus 4, 7. To congratulate Mr. and Mrs. B. R. North on the birth of a son, Christopher David.

BROUGHTON, STAFFS. — On May 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Riley 1, M. J. Mulvey 2, Gillian Smith 3, Rosemary White 4, J. L. Humphreys 5, C. R. Bainham (first Triples as cond.) 6, J. P. Burton 7, Daphne Appleby 8. First on eight 1 and 8.

BUCKINGHAM, BUCKS.—On March 18th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: W. Townsend 1, W. D. Lanyon 2, R. W. Yates 3, P. J. Lankester 4, R. A. Vickers 5, W. A. Yates 6, G. W. Holland 7, J. L. Thorogood (comp. and cond.) 8. First Major 2, 4 and 8.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY. — On April 6th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): Marilyn L. Cooper 1, T. J. Wellen 2, P. Payne 3, J. H. Payton (cond.) 4, M. D. Fuller 5, G. Coleman 6. For Evensong. Also on May 18th, 1,260 Doubles (Pl. Bob, Grandsire): Marilyn L. Cooper 1, T. J. Wellen 2, M. D. Fuller (cond.) 3, P. Payne 4, J. F. Payne 5, C. J. Herrington 6. Rung for the Deanery service.

QUARTER PEALS

CHILCOMPTON, SOM. — On May 11th, 1,260 New Bob Doubles: J. Tarrant 1, E. J. Chivers 2, R. G. Beck (cond.) 3, A. P. Beck 4, R. E. Beck 5, E. C. Wadman 6. Rung for Evensong.

CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.—At the Priory, on Ascension Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Janet White (first quarter, aged 13) 1, I. J. Saunders 2, Mrs. B. White (first "inside") 3, B. Wright 4, G. W. J. Scragg 5, C. Dewsnap 6, A. V. Davis (cond.) 7, R. Moseley 8.

CHURCHAM, GLOS.—On May 9th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Ann Butcher 1, Mrs. Wendy Meadows (first Minor) 2, L. Walters 3, D. Price (cond.) 4, L. C. Meadows 5, J. J. Webb 6. A farewell tribute to Rev. Evan Evans on his retirement after eight years as Vicar.

CLAPHAM PARK, LONDON.—On May 4th, 1,250 Cambridge Surprise Major: Mrs. M. F. Matthews 1, R. J. Cooles 2, Miss R. J. Cotton 3, Miss R. J. Henderson 4, N. Thomson 5, Miss J. S. Armstrong 6, R. Grant 7, F. J. Matthews 8. For A.M.D.G.

CODDINGTON, NOTTS. — On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Draycott 1, Jean Moore 2, P. F. Curtis (first quarter) 3, D. J. Tysoe (cond.) 4, D. E. Kirton 5, P. Holmes 6. For Ascension Day.

COLSTON BASSETT, NOTTS. — On April 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: N. Handley 1, J. Eborall 2, A. Fowkes 3, A. Newell 4, S. Adams 5, D. Oliver (cond.) 6, G. Fisher 7, L. Butler 8.

CRANTOCK, CORNWALL.—On May 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. A. B. Weston 1, D. Docking 2, J. Roberts 3, C. Stephens 4, A. Pigott (cond.) 5, S. Pryor 6. For the Patronal Feast.

CRAWLEY, HANTS. — On May 9th, 1,260 Doubles (10 meth., 11 var.): R. J. Latham 1, R. J. M. Bavin 2, A. M. Donaldson 3, R. W. T. Slack (25th quarter) 4, A. J. Mason (cond.) 5. Rung by the Winchester College Society.

CROSTHWAITE, WESTMORLAND. — On May 7th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: R. S. Bridge (first attempt, aged 13) leading, Doreen Maclean (first Minimus) 2, Mary W. Whalley 3, J. Whalley 4, K. M. Price (cond.) 5, Rev. R. Lindsay (first Minimus) cover. Rung prior to the Mothers' Union service.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX. — On May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. V. Johnson 1, R. I. Vaughan (cond.) 2, Miss R. Stevens 3, A. W. Bond 4, B. J. Read 5, T. G. Williams 6, P. D. Hepburn 7, J. R. Norris 8.

DERBY.—At St. Peter's Church, on March 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (1 leading, 8 cover): P. Bartlett 1, C. Roadley 3, K. Betesta 4, D. Frost 5, D. Walklate (cond.) 6, W. Steen 7, R. McEwen 8. For morning service.

DANBURY, ESSEX.—On April 17th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Yvonne Murray 1, Mary Roast 2, E. W. Roast 3, R. J. W. Housden 4, P. J. Came 5, J. E. G. Roast 6, J. L. Towler (cond.) 7, T. Spurgeon 8. A farewell to Carol and Chris Salter on their departure for Cyprus, and a wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Roast. Also on May 11th, 1,256 Little Bob Major: E. G. Roast 1, Mary Roast 2, E. W. Roast 3, I. J. M. Saunders 4, P. J. Came 5, T. Spurgeon 6, R. J. W. Housden 7, J. E. G. Roast (cond.) 8.

DROGHEDA, CO. LOUTH.—On May 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Christine Jeffers 1, F. E. Dukes (cond.) 2, Patricia Meredith 3, Caroline Hack 4, R. Schmidt 5, Ann Hatton 6, E. Dukes 7, S. Tyner 8. By Drogheda Grammar School Society for Confirmation service. First quarter by all except ringer of 2.

DUNKERTON, SOM.—On May 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Rosemary Gooding 1, S. C. Davis 2, T. Barrett 3, V. J. Bowring (first as cond.) 4, S. Milverton 5, A. F. Butt 6. For Evensong and the visit of the Bishop of Bath and Wells. Also on May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Same band, with S. Milverton first as cond. Half-muffled in memory of Mrs. Emily Brimble.

EAST MOLESEY, SURREY.—On May 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Flood 1, Catherine Elliott 2, R. Caporn 3, Anne Anthony 4, S. Elliott 5, P. Henry 6, D. Parsons (cond.) 7, J. Maybrey 8. For civic service.

EDINGTON, WILTS.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Miss B. V. Hewitt (first quarter) 1, R. B. Pike 2, Miss L. M. Holbrook 3, Miss R. C. Hassell 4, D. L. Wilcox (cond.) 5, H. E. J. Smith 6.

ENFIELD, MIDDX.—On May 4th, 1,260 Kent T.B. Minor: Margaret Pasch (first quarter) 1, D. J. Duggan 2, H. Howson 3, R. Luxon 4, R. Wood 5, P. Twigg (cond.) 6. First T.B. Minor 2, 5, 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. G. H. Oliver, former ringer and chorister.

EPSOM, SURREY.—On April 25th, 1,260 Minor (Kent T.B., Plain Bob): P. J. Munday (cond.) 1, S. N. Mortimore (first T.B.) 2, J. Helder (first in two methods) 3, W. Parrott 4, W. J. Munton 5, T. Skilton 6, Jill P. Oakshott 7.

EVERCREECH, SOM.—On May 9th, 1,440 Yorkshire Surprise Royal: V. Savage 1, G. Salmon 2, H. J. Sanger 3, E. Naylor 4, P. Jones 5, D. McKay 6, R. G. Beck 7, R. E. Beck 8, A. Beck 9, E. Chivers (cond.) 10.

EWELL, SURREY.—On April 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Willes 1, Adrienne Gibson 2, H. N. Pitstow 3, A. W. Sawyer 4, D. J. F. Oakshott 5, C. W. Munday 6, P. J. Munday (cond.) 7, C. Pyner (first quarter) 8. Rung for the institution of the Rev. John Sadler as Vicar.

FELMERSHAM, BEDS.—On May 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. W. Payne 1, Mrs. H. Sidebottom 2, I. Gillman 3, P. Hensman 4, C. M. Payne 5, P. J. Payne 6. For Evensong by the local band.

FINCHLEY, MIDDX. — On Ascension Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. Bevan 1, A. Richardson 2, J. Paynton 3, C. Ward 4, T. Pink 5, L. Tubb (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

FORD END, ESSEX.—On May 10th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: D. J. Cheeseman 1, P. Warboys (cond.) 2, D. R. Hutley 3, H. W. Watts 4, P. Glazebrooke 5, W. Hunt 6. A birthday compliment to 3rd ringer.

HIGH HALDEN, KENT. — On May 18th, 1,296 Beverley Surprise Minor: B. C. Johnson 1, Pamela Court 2, Brenda Davies 3, R. A. Lucas 4, R. A. Birch 5, D. C. Manger (cond.) 6. First in method 2 and 5.

HILLINGDON, MIDDX. — On April 27th, 1,294 Stedman Caters: M. J. Palmer (cond.) 1, G. W. Critchley 2, Claudia A. Critchley 3, J. Walters 4, Ruby Myllys 5, Patricia A. Copas 6, A. R. G. Twinn 7, F. W. Goodfellow 8, W. H. Coles 9, P. Venn 10. For Evensong, and as a wedding compliment to John and Valerie Palmer, married at Cranford the previous day. First quarter on the bells since rededication.

HORRINGER, SUFFOLK.—On May 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. G. Bumstead 1, Theresa R. Orriss (first "inside") 2, Amanda M. Richmond (first Minor) 3, A. F. Ballam 4, C. R. Nunn 5, B. E. Whiting (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in grateful remembrance of Mr. J. Tudor-Craig, curator of Ickworth House (National Trust). Also on May 10th, 1,440 Kent and Oxford T.B. Minor: Amanda M. Richmond (first T.B.) 1, C. R. Nunn (first Kent and Oxford) 2, A. F. Ballam 3, B. E. Whiting (first Oxford) 4, C. Stannard (cond.) 5, A. G. Feaver 6.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On April 12th, 1,536 Spliced Surprise Major (C, Y, L, R): A. K. P. Poole 1, R. H. Newton 2, Anne M. Carpenter 3, G. J. N. Colborne 4, J. R. Rowson 5, J. S. Hopwood 6, P. G. Holden 7, C. I. Rowson (cond.) 8.

HURSLEY, HANTS.—On May 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. K. Waldron (first on treble) 1, M. L. Northway 2, I. H. Trueman 3, R. S. Parratt (first Grandsire "inside") 4, D. R. Fallick (first Grandsire as cond.) 5, S. T. Nicol (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX. — On April 20th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Maureen E. Kirkcaldy 1, I. Kirkcaldy 2, H. W. Brown 3, A. M. Humphrey 4, P. D. Hepburn 5, B. A. Harfield 6, J. R. Norris 7, S. W. Brown (first Major as cond.) 8. First Major 1, 2. First Major by the local band for over ten years. For Evensong.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDX. — On April 26th, 1,568 Yorkshire Surprise Major: M. R. Wycherley 1, K. J. Darvill 2, J. R. Pratt 3, H. W. Rogers 4, J. W. Smith 5, S. P. Darvill 6, C. M. Meyer (first in method) 7, A. R. Patterson (cond.) 8.

KEELE, STAFFS.—On May 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Roberts 1, Leona Roper 2, P. Gosling 3, Janet Lawson 4, M. J. Robinson (cond.) 5, P. W. Gay 6. For Evensong. Also on May 18th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: P. Gosling 1, Leona Roper 2, Janet Lawson 3, M. J. Robinson (first Surprise as cond.) 4, Felicity Ashford 5, P. W. Gay 6. First of Surprise 1, 2. For Evensong. Both rung for the University of Keele Society.

MR. F. SHARPE AND HIS RINGERS AGAIN AT PEMBROKE

The Annual Striking Competition of the St. David's Diocesan Guild took place on Saturday, May 10th, at Cardigan. Seven teams competed, the result being Llanbadarn Fawr (16 faults) 1, Pembroke (21 faults) 2, Cardigan "A" (37 faults) 3.

Mr. F. Sharpe of Launton, Oxon., was once again the adjudicator, and in his comments he said that a lot of the faults incurred in the ringing were due to a lack of experience on behalf of the conductors, and suggested that at perhaps one meeting a year a lecture with illustrations on a blackboard could be given to help the "would be" conductor master the art of transposition and conducting.

The Mayor of Cardigan, Alderman D. Percy Griffiths (who is the Guild Auditor), gave the ringers a civic welcome which was greatly appreciated. In his address he thanked the Guild for their congratulatory telegram received at his installation and for the peal which was subsequently rung in his honour. The Master (Rev. Russen Thomas) replying on behalf of the Guild thanked the Mayor and Mayoress for the civic welcome and proposed that it be recorded in the minute book at the A.G.M. as this was the first time one of their members had attained this high office.

The Master also expressed our thanks to Mr. Sharpe for his adjudication and his handbell ringers for the most enjoyable recital which by tradition has become the highlight of the competition meetings, and the ladies of Cardigan for a magnificent spread. B. M. R.

EAST DERBYS AND WEST NOTTS A.G.M.

The A.G.M. of the East Derbys and West Notts Association took place on Easter Monday at Blackwell. The delightful little six were put to very good use with methods including Little and Plain Spliced and London. A good "touch" of tea followed; thanks to the ladies being very ably conducted by Mr. S. Fossey.

The preliminaries of the business meeting were despatched with customary ease, the Secretary reporting that "despite a unanimous decision to continue the Association as an independent body and to hold bi-monthly meetings instead of monthly, drastic changes in attendance had just not come about." He added that if the Association was to flourish, members must show much more interest in its activities.

Both the President, Mr. B. A. Richards, and Secretary, Mr. E. J. Sterland, tendered their resignations due to pressure of work. New officers elected were President, Mr. A. Smithson; Hon. Secretary, Mr. B. A. Jones; Treasurer, Mr. L. G. Smith; and Ringing Master, Miss T. E. Staples.

The company thanked the retiring Secretary for his past service, and in the absence of the retiring President the Secretary was asked to send a letter to him expressing appreciation of his service.

Next meeting Swanwick, June 28th.

WELDON, NORTHANTS.—On May 11th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): T. Fellows 1, Susan Kemp 2, Sheila M. Hope 3, Susan M. Fitton 4, R. A. Webster (cond.) 5, Penny McCreadie 6. For Rogation Sunday.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD FESTIVAL

THE Annual Festival was held in Wootton Bassett the most northerly point of the Guild. It says much for the enthusiasm of members when some made a round trip of 200 miles to attend. About 140 sat down to an excellent meal provided by the ringers of the Calne Branch.

The Chairman of Cricklade and Wootton Bassett R.D.C., Councillor C. J. Turner, attended the Festival and gave the ringers a warm welcome, saying he found it very pleasing that ringers were prepared to do something unpaid.

At the annual meeting which followed, the Master (the Rev. R. M. Longridge) presided, supported by the President (Mr. W. C. West), Gen. Secretary and Ass. Gen. Secretary. The Master thanked the Calne Branch for the warm welcome they had extended. He said how pleased he was to see Mr. and Mrs. West present and hoped they would be able to ring soon; he asked that greetings be sent to Mr. L. Wilson, Vice-President, now in his 93rd year.

Then Gen. Secretary (Mr. F. Slatford) in his report said that during 1968 the Guild had rung a greater variety of Surprise methods to peals than ever before. That every Branch had reported new members and asked that greater efforts may be made to keep them. He also informed those present that the new rings at Edington and Beaminster had been pealed for the first time, and that two bells had been added to the ring of six at St. Mary's, Marlborough. Presenting the accounts. The Edwards Memorial Fund now stood at £207 and the General Fund showed an increase of £15 over the year's working.

STRIKING COMPETITION

A motion from the Wimborne Branch regarding the election of Central Council Representatives was defeated after much lively discussion by 45 to 26. A suggestion put forward by Mr. C. F. Andrews for a Guild Striking Competition was greeted with favour, but several members spoke against any kind of trophy or prize being provided. It was pointed out by the Master that this will not at any time be considered.

Mr. Barrett asked the meeting to consider a memorial to the late President, Canon C. C. Cox. He thought a fitting memorial would be a bell, and offered the empty pit in Beaminster tower. The cost would be about £385 or 7s. per member. Mr. West spoke against this, quoting other prominent past members, who had provided there own memorial. It was decided to let the matter rest.

The President presided during the election of officers, which resulted as follows: Master, Rev. R. M. Longridge; Gen. Secretary, Mr. F. Slatford; Ass. Gen. Secretary, Mr. M. Knee; Peal Secretary, Mr. C. F. Andrews; Hon. Auditor, Mr. J. S. Weeks; Guild Committee: Messrs. W. C. Shute, H. A. Mitchell, G. Elmes, D. Hacker and L. Page.

Ringing took place at all the Branch towers and at Christ Church and St. Mark's, Swindon, for which thanks are due to the Gloucester and Bristol Association.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Johnson 1, D. Bell 2, Miss J. Laud 3, S. Laud 4, D. Laud (cond.) 5, L. North 6, C. Ottaway 7, R. Bell 8. For Ascension Day.

BELFRY GOSSIP

There has been a steady stream of young ringers scoring their first quarters at St. Mary-le-Wigford, Lincoln, since ringing started again in 1962. Latest are two pupils at Christ Hospital Girls' High School, Lincoln—Vivian West and Susan Faull. The occasion was the wedding of Gwenda Etcell, whose brother Stephen was among the first six to learn in 1962.

An electric organ blower in memory of the late Mr. Godfrey ("Smoker") Walpole, was dedicated in Norton Subcourse Church at Evensong on May 18th. The amount donated for this by his many friends and fellow ringers totalled £95.

Miss Sheila Taylor, aged 14, of Kidsgrove, Staffs, rang her first peal at the first attempt, being Cambridge Surprise Major, on an "inside" bell at Kidsgrove. Two days later she rang in a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major (also on an "inside" bell) at Church Lawton. In both peals her performance was outstanding.

CORRECTION

The peal at Wormhill (April 19th) was not the first on the bells but the first with new ropes. The first peal here was on January 10th, 1953.

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LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

The tenth A.G.M. of the Society was held on May 3rd in the Common Room of Rankin Hall, when the following officers were elected: Master: A. John Macefield; Secretary: Susan D. Cowan; Treasurer: Patricia A. Jenkins; Committee Member: Keith L. Labbett.

It was decided to hold next year's A.G.M. on May 2nd and the Annual Dinner on February 21st. No firm decision was made at the meeting concerning next year's tour, but plans were announced for a ringing weekend in Leicester from July 18th to 20th, 1969, when towers and peal attempts, as well as a visit to the Loughborough bell foundry, have been arranged. All society members, and also any ringers hoping to go to Liverpool University in the autumn, are very welcome. For details please write to the Master, c/o 153, The Broadway, Dudley, Worcs. K. L. L.

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ALARMING ACCIDENT AT ST. ALBANS ABBEY

One of the planned features of the Central Council's visit to St. Albans was an attempted peal of Stedman Cinques on the Abbey bells on the Saturday afternoon. The ringing had proceeded normally for one hour and ten minutes when Philip Mehew, who was ringing the eleventh, said: "This bell seems to be dropping."

A resounding crash followed as the bell fell on her side and smashed the wheel and damaged timber-work on the other side. The bell came to rest supported by a 1ft.-square beam which held the 17 cwt. of metal.

The cause was that a gudgeon pin had sheared and there was a cracked plate.

An inspection was carried out by Mr. Trevor Bailey, who expressed the view that it was safe to ring the front eight.

TWENTY-ONE YEARS AFTER AT MACCLESFIELD

To mark the 21st anniversary of the opening of St. Peter's, Macclesfield, bells on May 1st, survivors of the first peal held a reunion and attempted a quarter peal which was unfortunately lost. The bells were installed as a war memorial and coincided with the Church's centenary. In the party were Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Lawton and Mr. Lawton was responsible for the apt wording on the seventh bell: "In me are cast the voices of all European bells desecrated by the enemy for munitions, 1939-1945."

Others of the original band taking part in the quarter attempt were Mr. Wilf Stevenson and Mr. Joe Whittaker (now retired from active ringing). Another present was Mr. Fred Horsfield, the inspiration for the provision of the bells and trainer of the opening band from young people in the Church who included Mr. Barry Corbishley. Unfortunately, Fred is not well enough to ring a quarter peal. Two of the first peal band—Mr. Jack Slack and Mr. John Worth—have now passed away.

The following Saturday a peal was attempted, but unfortunately this was not of a high enough standard and was brought round at the halfway mark.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD NEW SECRETARY

Over 70 members attended the extraordinary general meeting of the Guild chaired by the Master (Miss Muriel Reay) held at St. Martin's, Birmingham, on May 20th to elect a Secretary/Treasurer for the remainder of 1969.

Two nominations were received: Miss Muriel Reay and Mr. Richard J. Tibbetts. The meeting elected Mr. Tibbetts, who was congratulated by the Master and assured of her support. J. A. A.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

At the business meeting of the Ancient Society of College Youths on May 20th the sad news of the death of Mrs. Elsie Hairs was received with very deep regret and sincere sympathy was expressed to her husband, Mr. F. I. Hairs, and daughter, Mrs. E. A. Barnett.

Mrs. Hairs was the last of the only nine ladies who had been elected members of the Society. She and Mr. Hairs joined the Society in 1917 and they were both present at the anniversary dinner in 1967 to celebrate their fifty years of membership. Elsie Hairs will be remembered with affection and respect.

Mr. C. G. J. Watts, who had been the treasurer of the Society for twelve and a half years, resigned his office recently as he is shortly to go abroad on business for a year. Before his election as treasurer Mr. Watts had served the Society in other offices; he was elected Master in 1954 and had represented the Society on the Central Council. He takes with him the best wishes of the members and their thanks for all his sterling work.

Air Commodore J. S. Mason, C.B.E., has been elected treasurer.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY A.G.M.

On May 10th, the occasion of the A.G.M., morning ringing was enjoyed at two Thamesside towers, Putney and Fulham. A visit after lunch to the Carter Ringing Machine left everyone amazed, and relieved, that a machine can go wrong—but, after all, it was in Bristol Maximus! A service was taken at St. Olave's Church (the Society's H.Q.) by the Rector, Rev. L. E. M. Claxton. Richard Bower was organist.

A good tea in the Church Hall was followed by the business meeting, for which Mr. A. F. Thirst took the chair. Rev. and Mrs. Claxton were elected honorary members and six new undergraduate members were elected, making a total of 18 over the year.

The following were re-elected to office: President: Alan J. Thirst; Vice-Presidents: Alan J. Frost, John S. Seager, Derek E. Sibson; C.C. Representative: Alan J. Frost; Auditor: Peter R. Layton. New Officers: Master, Philip Bosworth; Secretary, Maureen J. Carruthers; Treasurer, Jennifer C. Dunning; Committee Members: Audrey R. Alexander, Susan Miles, Peter G. Holden.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Warsop won the Mansfield District round of the Crawford Cup at Selston on May 17th with 199 faults. They rang Single Oxford Bob Minor. Other placings were: Greasley (Grandsire Doubles) 253 faults; Mansfield (Grandsire Doubles) 272 faults. The judge was Mr. H. Poyner. Next District meeting Eastwood, July 26th.

MIDDLESEX FIND MONKEN HADLEY AN IDEAL SETTING

On a fine summer day it would be difficult to find a more pleasant setting for a Saturday ringing meeting than the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Monken Hadley, situated as it is on the fringe of the woods and common.

This was the venue of the N. & E. District on May 17th, but despite the inclement weather the attendance was above average, visitors being present from Rochdale, Chobham and Stotfold, with a special welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Dickinson of Massachusetts, U.S.A.

Ringing was under the direction of the Master, Mrs. H. G. Hart; the Rector, the Rev. Stanley Spencer, conducted the Association's form of service, and Mr. William Soper, son of the well-known local ringer, accompanied at the organ. At a short business meeting Mr. J. H. W. Smith of Harrow Weald was elected as a ringing member.

St. Giles', South Mymms, was visited in the evening where a further hour's ringing was enjoyed, and Mr. T. G. Hawkins, Deputy Master, saw that everyone had an opportunity to ring on this 12 cwt. six.

Thanks were accorded to Mrs. Sharpe (Monken Hadley) and Miss West (South Mymms) for making the necessary local arrangements. E. M. K.

TO RINGING FRIENDS EVERYWHERE

We love to welcome Visitors,
But may we just remind them
To take a look BEFORE they ring—
And leave things as they find them!

Not just mats and ropes, but noticing if the chiming-rope was attached. A particularly delightful quarter peal band who came here failed to re-tie it, and missed seeing the efforts of a small boy to chime for service next morning with the rope at a height comfortably suited to a giraffe!

Faced unexpectedly with a "dead" chiming-rope at 7.55 a.m., he quickly enlisted help from an ex-Naval officer, and a splendid bowline attached the chimining-rope to the wrong bell. . . .

From a Hampshire Tower.

WANT JUNIOR VIEWPOINT

The co-option of a junior representative to the St. Alban's District Committee was suggested by the Secretary (Mr. R. E. Hardy) at the meeting at Kimpton on May 17th. The juniors are asked to think about who they would like as their representative so that a co-option would be made at the July meeting.

The next assisted practice scheme will be at Radlett in the autumn, but any tower which would like a special practice is asked to contact the secretary.

Diary Dates.—District outing, Oxford, September 27th; Next Meeting June 21st, North Mymms and Morken Hadley.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
EDMONTON, London.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., May 10, 1969, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in E flat.

Alan G. Spreadbury	Treble	Frank Reed	5
Roger A. Gage	2	Peter T. Dale	6
Michael J. Palmer	3	William S. Deason	7
Ronald K. Russ	4	A. Patrick Cannon	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
The conductor has now rung a peal in 900 different towers.

NOTTINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., May 10, 1969, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 35 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in C sharp.

David E. House	Treble	Brian D. Threlfall	5
David C. Brown	2	John H. Fielden	6
John N. Discrens	3	D. John Hunt	7
David P. Hilling	4	Michael P. Moreton	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by David E. House.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
MARSTON BIGOTT, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Leonard.
On Sat., May 10, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

Arthur J. Callow	Treble	John Kingsnorth	4
*Susan A. Mayell	2	Francis J. White	5
Mrs. D. G. Mayell	3	Desmond G. Mayell	Tenor

Conducted by Desmond G. Mayell.
* First peal.

WEST PENNARD, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., May 10, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 24 cwt.

Raymond P. Selway	Treble	Albert W. Dyer	4
V. John Farthing	2	Fredrick T. Sandy	5
Michael J. Medley	3	William E. Turner	Tenor

Conducted by William E. Turner.
First peal on the bells since the recasting of the tenor in 1956, also to mark 58 years of ringing by V. J. Farthing.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
COPLE, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Mon., May 12, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

*Brian O. Stapleton	Treble	†Christine Edwards	4
*Michael Mander	2	Alan S. Smith	5
*Judith Edwards	3	Alan D. Norman	Tenor

Conducted by Alan D. Norman.
* First peal attempt. † First peal. First as conductor.
Rung as a compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. T. Hayes, on his departure from the village. Tenor 8¼ cwt. in G sharp.

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.
BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Redcliffe.
On Sat., May 10, 1969, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 50 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in B.

Christine A. Foster	Treble	Nicholas W. H. Simon	7
Frank D. Mack	2	Michael J. Platt	8
Angela Newing	3	John T. Parsons	9
Mandi McCallion	4	Michael T. Sprackling	10
Elisabeth A. G. Bowden	5	Patrick J. Bird	11
John C. Baldwin	6	Tudor P. Edwards	Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

THORNBURY, Glos.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Fri., May 9, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's No. 2. Tenor 22 cwt. in E flat.

Ian C. Maycock	Treble	Andrew N. Brock	5
Nicholas W. H. Simon	2	Patrick J. Bird	6
Anthony J. Cox	3	Tudor P. Edwards	7
Edward G. Mould	4	Colin C. Monson	Tenor

Conducted by Patrick J. Bird.

THE BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.
KINGSTON-UPON-HULL, Yorks.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., May 10, 1969, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS

Geoffrey W. Randall	Treble	*Richard D. Gibson	7
Alan H. Bridges	2	†John F. Thorne	8
Stephen F. Royal	3	†John K. Foot	9
*Brian R. Danby	4	*Robert W. Sherriff	10
George A. Dawson	5	Michael Maughan	11
*Roderick R. Horton	6	Andrew J. Slade	Tenor

Conducted by Michael Maughan.
* First peal on 12 bells. † First of Maximus.
Rung as a welcome to Anna Elizabeth Sherriff, daughter of Bob and Delphine Sherriff. Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in D.

PATRINGTON, E. Yorks.—At the Church of St. Patrick.
On Fri., May 9, 1969, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 24 lb. in G.

George A. Dawson	Treble	*Roderick R. Horton	5
Andrew J. Slade	2	Richard D. Gibson	6
Alan H. Bridges	3	Michael Maughan	7
*Robert W. Sherriff	4	John N. D. Chaddock	Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Michael Maughan.
* First peal in the method.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
WISTASTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Fri., May 9, 1969, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being three extents of Grandsire, All Saints, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Rev. Canterbury and Plain Bob and three each of nine variations.
Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb. in B.

Gordon K. Green	Treble	Roland W. Morant	3
Geoffrey A. Edwards	2	A. Doreen Edwards	4

*Frank R. Morton 5 and Tenor
Conducted by Frank R. Morton.
* First double-handed tower bell peal.

CHELFORD, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist.
On Mon., May 12, 1969, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.

*Carole A. Street	Treble	Harold C. Lonyon	4
Ernest Pimlott	2	Stephen L. Green	5
Brian Schofield	3	Harry W. Howard	Tenor

Conducted by Harry W. Howard.
* First peal of Minor.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
BULKINGTON, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sat., April 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in G.

Alfred J. Hinde	Treble	John E. Harrold	5
R. Joy Pluckrose	2	*Richard T. Liggins	6
Jean M. Whait	3	Geoffrey Pratt	7
*Jonathon Evans	4	George Pluckrose	Tenor

Composed by J. Henry Fielden. Conducted by George Pluckrose.
* First peal in the method.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. A. J. Hinde, who has completed 45 years' ringing at this church.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
STANTON-BY-DALE, Derbys.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Mon., April 28, 1969, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In 13 methods, viz.: (1) Rossendale, (2) Stamford, (3) Cambridge and Primrose, (4) Beverley and Berwick, (5) Surfleet and Hexham, (6) Carlisle, Chester and Munden, (7) London and Wells.
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr.

Jennifer Brackenbury	Treble	John Moore	4
Nora Carlisle	2	John V. Chadwick	5
Joyce Chadwick	3	Denis R. Carlisle	Tenor

Conducted by Denis R. Carlisle and John V. Chadwick.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
ORMESBY, North Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Cuthbert.
On Sat., April 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 14 lb. in E.

Malcolm E. Johnson	Treble	Michael Poppleston	5
Alan H. Bridges	2	George A. Dawson	6
Andrew J. Slade	3	James Crowther	7
Eric N. Harrison	4	Michael Maughan	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Michael Maughan.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
BOREHAM, Essex.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., April 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 19 lb. in F.

Gerald A. Bacon	Treble	Gerald D. J. Sandwell	5
Stephen G. Halliwell	2	David E. Belcham	6
Alfred J. House	3	Michael J. Hallett	7
Frank C. May	4	David Sloman	Tenor

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

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Stephen.
On Wed., April 30, 1969, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.

Katherine S. Hardy	Treble	Eric Edmondson	4
*Elizabeth Forster	2	Robert E. Hardy	5
*Joyce M. Clarke	3	Gerald Penney	Tenor

Conducted by Gerald Penney.
* First peal.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

EDLESBOROUGH, Bucks.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin. On Sat., May 10, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

Elizabeth M. Emmet	Treble	*Theresa Wright	4
Robert M. F. Preston	2	Richard G. Ouston	5
Francis M. Byrne	3	Howard Collings	Tenor

Conducted by Howard Collings.

* First peal "inside." First as conductor.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Preston Branch.)

PENWORTHAM, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mary. On Sun., April 13, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

*Sheila McCormick	Treble	John Ascroft	4
Dennis H. McCormick	2	Roger Barns	5
Phyllis Turner	3	Jeffrey Simcox	Tenor

Conducted by Jeffrey Simcox.

* First peal. Rung by the regular Sunday service band.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile. On Thurs., May 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

G. Ronald Edwards	Treble	K. Paul Gilliver	6
W. Ernest Rawson	2	Rupert A. Clarke	7
Christine L. J. Mills	3	R. Brian Mills	8
Robin A. Gilliver	4	David G. Massey	9
Martin Green	5	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by William Pye. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile. On Thurs., May 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 LANGLEY SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

G. Ronald Edwards	Treble	K. Paul Gilliver	6
W. Ernest Rawson	2	Martin Green	7
Christine L. J. Mills	3	R. Brian Mills	8
Robin A. Gilliver	4	David G. Massey	9
David F. Moore	5	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Arranged by R. F. B. Speed. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.

First peal of Langley Surprise Royal by all the band.

Rung as a compliment to the conductor on his 26th birthday.

AYLESTONE, Leicester.—At the Church of St. Andrew. On Fri., April 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's variation of Thurstans'. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in F.

K. Paul Gilliver	Treble	G. Harry Bray	5
*Stephen C. Wells	2	Tony R. Natt	6
Andrew S. Hayden	3	A. James Poynor	7
†Robin A. Gilliver	4	Malcolm Bray	Tenor

Conducted by A. James Poynor.

* First peal of Triples and in the method. † 75th peal.

Rung to the glory of God, fully muffled, with the tenor open at backstroke, for Good Friday Evensong.

HAZELBEECH, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Michael. On Sat., April 12, 1969, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 12 lb.

John Hunt	Treble	Guy Slater	5
Raymond H. Martin	2	Harry Bray	6
Hazel J. Nichols	3	Richard J. Cowley	7
Richard Chantler	4	Edward W. Martin	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Edward W. Martin.

STONEY STANTON, Leics.—At the Church of St. Michael. On Sat., April 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 IPSWICH SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt.

David Manship	Treble	Christopher M. Sturgess	5
Andrew S. Hayden	2	K. Paul Gilliver	6
Tony Natt	3	Brian L. Burrows	7
Robin A. Gilliver	4	A. James Poynor	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Brian L. Burrows.

First peal in the method by all the band.

COLE-ORTON, Leics.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin. On Tues., April 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 SOMERSET SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in G.

Arthur E. Rowley	Treble	Martin Green	5
David F. Moore	2	R. Brian Mills	6
Rupert A. Clarke	3	Roland H. Cook	7
Christine L. J. Mills	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by H. G. Cashmore. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.

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

EARL SHILTON, Leics.—At the Church of SS. Simon and Jude. On Sat., May 10, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 CORNWALL SURPRISE MAJOR

Roland H. Cook	Treble	David G. Massey	5
W. Ernest Rawson	2	William A. Lacey	6
K. Paul Gilliver	3	A. Maxwell Lindsey	7
Robin A. Gilliver	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by James W. Washbrook. Conducted by Roland H. Cook.

First peal of Cornwall Surprise Major by all the band, on the bells and in the county. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in G.

HOAR CROSS, Staffordshire.—At the Church of the Holy Angels. On Sat., May 3, 1969, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 28 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in D flat.

Robin A. Gilliver	Treble	William Johnson	4
Andrew S. Hayden	2	K. Paul Gilliver	5
Tony R. Natt	3	A. James Poynor	Tenor

Conducted by A. James Poynor.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Cynthia M. Wells.

HUMBERSTONE, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary. On Sat., May 10, 1969, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being six 720's Plain Bob, one 720 Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.

Edward W. Martin	Treble	Richard Chantler	4
John Hunt	2	Raymond H. Martin	5
Hazel J. Nichols	3	Guy Slater	Tenor

Conducted by Edward W. Martin.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Andrew. On Thurs., May 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

*Colin Applewhite	Treble	Ronald Chafer	5
William Bains	2	†John Selby	6
Harry Baldwin	3	Harold Judd	7
Jack Bray	4	Michael W. Crowder	Tenor

Composed by F. Bennett. Conducted by Jack Bray.

* First peal. † First of Major. Tenor 12 cwt. 28 lb. in G.

Rung in honour of the Rev. J. E. Swaby, president of the North Lindsey Branch, being made a Canon of Lincoln Cathedral.

RIPPINGALE, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew. On Sat., May 10, 1969, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents: (1) Single Court, (2) Single Oxford, (3) Plain Bob, (4) Kent T.B., (5) Ipswich, (6) Norwich, (7) Cambridge.

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in F sharp.

*R. Stevenson	Treble	†R. Paddison	4
L. C. Blanchard	2	F. Hubbard	5
C. Wade	3	W. R. Marsh	Tenor

Conducted by C. Wade.

* First peal. † First in seven methods.

Rung as birthday compliments to Andrew Holmes, of Edenham, and ringer of tenor, who has now "circled the tower."

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LLANTWIT MAJOR, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Illtyd. On Sat., April 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being one 240 and 40 six-scores. Tenor 11¼ cwt. in F.

Peter G. Mayle	Treble	*Gwyn I. Lewis	4
Alwyn R. Lewis	2	*William T. Petty	5
Raymond J. Mayle	3	Cyril Phillips	Tenor

Conducted by Alwyn R. Lewis.

* 50th peal together.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Valerie A. Petty.

WHITCHURCH, Cardiff.—At the Church of St. Mary. On Sat., April 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Morris's 240 and 40 extents (10 callings). Tenor 14¼ cwt.

*Paul Johnson	Treble	Richard Hall	4
Paul W. Thomas	2	William H. Harford	5
Thomas Yeomans	3	William H. Dare	Tenor

Conducted by William H. Harford.

* First peal. First of Grandsire as conductor.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ISLEWORTH, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Saints. On Thurs., May 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 EVESHAM SURPRISE ROYAL

Julia M. Sanders	Treble	John R. Ketteringham	6
Maureen J. Carruthers	2	Andrew W. R. Wilby	7
Eric Edmondson	3	Gerald Penney	8
*David E. Rothera	4	Timothy G. Pett	9
Christopher H. Rogers	5	Harold W. Rogers	Tenor

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Timothy G. Pett.

* 300th peal. First of Royal in the method by all the band, on the bells and in the county. Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

Rung in honour of the birth of a daughter, Natasha, to the Rev. and Mrs. Derek Hayward.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
SUNBURY-ON-THAMES, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Feb. 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

Roy Bettley-Cooke	Treble	*Michael B. Tyers	5
Dennis Brock	2	Christopher H. Rogers	6
John F. M. Maybrey	3	†Frank T. Blagrove	7
*Andrew G. Craddock	4	Vaughan L. P. Davis	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Frank T. Blagrove.
* First peal of Stedman. † First of Stedman Triples.
Rung to mark the 75th anniversary of the formation of the South West Middlesex Association, which later became the South and West District of the Middlesex County Association.

STAINES, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., May 10, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15¼ cwt. in F.

Malcolm S. Loveday	Treble	†Geoffrey D. Welch	5
Monica M. Blagrove	2	Andrew G. Craddock	6
Patricia Copas	3	Frank T. Blagrove	7
*Malcolm S. Pike	4	Christopher H. Rogers	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Frank T. Blagrove.
* First peal. † First of Major.

TWICKENHAM, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., May 10, 1969, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's 12-part. Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. in E flat.

*Jack M. Lovell	Treble	*Alan J. Hampton	5
Anne Horsford	2	†Brian C. Watson	6
*Peter W. Bevington	3	Thomas J. Lock	7
†Norman F. Edwards	4	*Theodore J. White	Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker. Conducted by Thomas J. Lock.
* First peal. † First in the method. First peal on the rehung bells.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Tues., April 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5008 EDMONTON BOB MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

Richard J. Clifton	Treble	Frank Chambers	5
B. Stedman Payne	2	Arthur E. Rowley	6
Ronald D. Hughes	3	G. Ronald Edwards	7
Joseph W. Cotton	4	Roland Beniston	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roland Beniston.
First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Tues., May 13, 1969, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

Joseph W. Cotton	Treble	Frank Chambers	5
Richard J. Clifton	2	Arthur E. Rowley	6
*Ronald D. Hughes	3	G. Ronald Edwards	7
B. Stedman Payne	4	Roland Beniston	Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Roland Beniston.
* First peal in the method.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
LOWESTOFT, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Thurs., May 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

*Lesley Gill	Treble	Richard W. R. Coates	5
Anne Corney	2	Andrew E. Crowe	6
*Elizabeth Carr	3	David J. McLean	7
Harvey Meadows	4	J. Barry Pickup	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by J. Barry Pickup.
* First peal. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in F sharp.
Rung by members of the Sunday service band to welcome the Rev. Douglas Caiger as Rector of Lowestoft.

NORWICH, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. George, Colegate.
On Thurs., May 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 80 lb. in G sharp.

Martin Cubitt	Treble	Carole A. H. Patey	4
*Robert G. Walker	2	David Cubitt	5
Barbara M. Payne	3	David E. House	Tenor

Conducted by David E. House.
* First peal attempt.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
READING, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Laurence.
On Sat., May 10, 1969, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5009 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 23 cwt. in D.

William Hibbert	Treble	David E. Parsons	7
Patricia E. Hibbert	2	John W. T. Hibbert	8
Albert M. Tyler	3	John H. Napper	9
Gillian R. Parsons	4	Roger F. Overington	10
Kathleen E. Chilcott	5	Michael V. Chilcott	11
Joyce A. Parsons	6	John Chilcott	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Michael V. Chilcott.

EAST HAGBOURNE, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Wed., May 7, 1969, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Original. Tenor 21¼ cwt.

John H. Napper	Treble	Clifford J. Garlick	5
Patricia E. Hibbert	2	Michael Bishop	6
John W. T. Hibbert	3	Brian R. White	7
George W. Bishop	4	Leonard F. Cox	Tenor

Conducted by John H. Napper.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, Wilts.—At the Church of St. Margaret of Antioch.
On Fri., May 9, 1969, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in F sharp.

*Alan D. Edens	Treble	Ronald C. Christopher	5
†Anita D. O'Brien	2	Peter J. Heritage	6
Geoffrey R. Drew	3	‡Lewis F. Cobb	7
Valerie Willard	4	Anthony R. Peake	Tenor

Composed by Dennis Knox. Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † 25th peal. ‡ 120th peal and 60th of Surprise Major.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
BICESTER, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Edburg.
On Sat., April 19, 1969, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 WHITMINSTER SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

Kilby R. Holtom	Treble	Stanley M. Ruddlesden	5
*Shirley E. Ruddlesden	2	Barry E. Saunders	6
Raymond A. Vickers	3	Alan A. Paul	7
Barry R. Care	4	Graham C. Paul	Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Graham C. Paul.
* 100th peal. First in the method by all the band and for the Guild.

EASTON NESTON, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Fri., April 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 ZETLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in G.

Shirley E. Ruddlesden	Treble	Graham C. Paul	5
Alan A. Paul	2	George W. Holland	6
Stanley M. Ruddlesden	3	Rev. Ernest G. Orland	7
Raymond A. Vickers	4	Barry E. Saunders	Tenor

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley. Conducted by Graham C. Paul.
First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild.

BLOXHAM, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., April 26, 1969, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORK SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in C sharp.

Stanley M. Ruddlesden	Treble	Malcolm J. V. Chown	5
Shirley E. Ruddlesden	2	*Graham C. Paul	6
Barry E. Saunders	3	Alan A. Paul	7
Roger W Smith	4	Patrick I. Chapman	Tenor

Composed by Harold G. Cashmore. Conducted by Graham C. Paul.
* 350th peal. First in the method by all the band and for the Guild.

STAVERTON, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., April 12, 1969, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of Kent T.B. and St. Clement's and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

Penelope J. Webb	Treble	Edward C. Garrett	4
Iris R. D. Webb	2	Arthur Wright	5
Kilby R. Holtom	3	Malcolm J. V. Chown	Tenor

Conducted by Malcolm J. V. Chown.
Rung for the wedding of Miss Linda Ashwell and Mr. Charles Reynolds.

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BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Edburgha, Yardley.
On Sat., April 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 82 lb. in F sharp.

John N. Lindon	Treble	Clive M. Smith	5
Peter G. Holden	2	Raymond Aldington	6
Richard J. Tibbetts	3	Bryan D. A. Woolley	7
Maurice F. Edwards	4	J. Alan Ainsworth	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist, Perry Barr.
On Sat., April 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb. in F sharp.

*A. Voirrey Kennaugh	Treble	David J. Purnell	5
Janet M. Aston	2	Mark Androlia	6
Susan Chew	3	Richard J. Tibbetts	7
John G. Perry	4	*Christopher Kennaugh	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Richard J. Tibbetts.
Umpired by James Insley.
* First peal. First of Bob Triples by all. Rung by the local band.

PACKWOOD, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Sat., April 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5280 HOLLYWOOD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in B flat.

Norman J. Goodman	Treble	Roderick W. Pipe	5
Maurice F. Edwards	2	J. Alan Ainsworth	6
James W. Belshaw	3	Clifford A. Barron	7
John R. Insley	4	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Peter Border.
First peal in the method.

HOLLYWOOD SURPRISE MAJOR
F.—58—16—56—36—34—38—36—38. f.c.h. —O, a, c.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

TROWBRIDGE, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sat., May 3, 1969, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5000 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in D.

Tudor P. Edwards	Treble	Eric J. Hitchens	7
Elisabeth A. G. Bowden	2	Charles P. Quartley	8
Jacqueline S. King	3	Richard G. Bowden	9
Edgar C. Shepherd	4	Patrick J. Bird	10
Donald G. Clift	5	David J. King	11
Albert M. Tyler	6	*Nigel P. Spencer	Tenor

Composed by J. Chilcott. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.
* First peal on 12 bells.

CANN (Shaftesbury), Dorset.—At the Church of St. Rumbold.
On Sun., April 13, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINIMUS
210 extents. Tenor 7 cwt. (Steel bells.)

*John C. Sawtell	Treble	*Ian Calvert	3
*Terrence A. Hiller	2	†Melvyn J. Hiller	Tenor

Conducted by Melvyn J. Hiller.
* First peal. † First of Minimus. First on the bells. First of Minimus for the Salisbury Guild.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

BALDERTON, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Sat., May 10, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 8 cwt. 24 lb. in G sharp.

Frederick G. Hooper	Treble	James W. Raithby	5
Derick E. Kirton	2	Colin W. Reed	6
Margaret E. Snyder	3	Paul Raithby	7
Beryl N. Reed	4	Derek J. Tysoe	Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker. Conducted by Paul Raithby.
First peal as conductor.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

WOLVERHAMPTON, Staffs.—At the Collegiate Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., May 10, 1969, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 33 cwt. 21 lb. in C sharp.

Jean F. Woolford	Treble	Michael J. Best	7
Neil Bennett	2	Gwilym Salmon	8
Richard A. G. Inglis	3	Philip N. Tubbs	9
Richard H. Youdale	4	Edward J. Chivers	10
Rowan S. Bradley	5	James A. D. Woolford	11
Frank L. Harris	6	Robert C. Kippin	Tenor

Composed by R. E. J. Dennis. Conducted by Frank L. Harris.

WALSALL, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew.
On Sat., May 10, 1969, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5280 KENT AND OXFORD T.B. ROYAL
Ilkeston variation. Tenor 26 cwt. 18 lb. in D.

*Jennifer M. Beech	Treble	Richard J. Warrilow	6
Barnabas G. Key	2	Neville Holland	7
†Margaret A. Swain	3	Ian Friend	8
Arthur E. Rowley	4	*Edward R. Fairbrother	9
Robert A. Partridge	5	*Frank Beech	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Frank Beech.
* First peal of Treble Bob Royal. First on 10 bells.

PATTINGHAM, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Chad.
On Sat., May 3, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's one-part. Tenor 13½ cwt.

*David Head	Treble	Gillian Bosworth-Smith	5
Albert D. Collins	2	Ian Friend	6
Albert G. Richards	3	Philip R. Johnson	7
S. Geoffrey Pick	4	Stanley W. Illidge	Tenor

Conducted by Albert D. Collins.
* First peal.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

FRAMSDEN, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sun., May 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 AMSTERDAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

Charles Stannard	Treble	Andrew T. Beckwith	5
Dorothy M. Durrant	2	Cecil W. Pipe	6
Muriel R. Page	3	J. Barry Pickup	7
Alan G. Feaver	4	Leslie G. Brett	Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. (No. 1.) Conducted by Leslie G. Brett.
First peal in the method by all the band and for the Suffolk Guild.

WILBY, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., May 10, 1969, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 8 lb. in F.

Muriel R. Page	Treble	Cecil W. Pipe	5
Leslie G. Brett	2	Michael J. Howes	6
Norman P. J. Cossey	3	Michael J. Parker	7
*John P. Loveless	4	J. Barry Pickup	Tenor

Composed by Rev. E. Bankes James. Conducted by J. Barry Pickup.
* First peal of Major "inside."

BENHALL, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., May 10, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 840 each of St. Simon, St. Martin and Grandsire and 2,520 Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr.

Michael A. Baldry	Treble	Vernon B. Bedford	4
Katharine M. Thorley	2	J. Martin Thorley	5
C. Jack Gibson	3	A. Harry Archer	Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

OTLEY, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Tues., May 13, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Ipswich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Double Oxford, St. Clement's Surprise and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

*Elizabeth A. Bowyer	Treble	Laurence J. Parry	4
†Leslie P. Brain	2	Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzey	5
Dorothy M. Durrant	3	Howard W. Egglestone	Tenor

Conducted by Howard W. Egglestone.
* First peal. † First in seven methods.
Rung as a farewell to Laurence J. Parry, leaving the district. Also birthday compliments to Alice E. J. Lester and C. Stanley Bloomfield.

IPSWICH, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Matthew.
On Wed., May 14, 1969, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In six methods: Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford T.B., St. Clement's, Double Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. in F sharp.

John C. Walters	Treble	Robert J. Isgar	4
W. Keith Whittell	2	Frank B. Lufkin	5
Alan R. Bridges	3	J. Martin Thorley	Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

BEDDINGTON, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., May 17, 1969, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5090 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 14 lb. in E flat.

Nigel Thomson	Treble	Roy D. Mills	5
*Maureen J. Carruthers	2	Kenneth J. Ryder	6
Jennifer A. Dunning	3	†Michael J. Uphill	7
G. William Shanks	4	*John Pladdys	Tenor

Composed by B. D. Price. Conducted by John Pladdys.
* 50th peal together. † 150th peal.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Audrey R. Alexander.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
THAKEHAM, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Tues., May 13, 1969, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Consisting of seven 720's in 13 methods, viz.: (1) College Bob and Wavertree, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Oxford T.B., (4) Double Oxford, Thelwall, Pinehurst, St. Clement's, Childwall and Buxton, (5) Kent T.B., (6) Single Oxford and Plain Bob, (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in A.

Charles B. Skinner	Treble	E. Winifred Keys	4
Patrick M. Wills	2	Philip Stevens	5
Edgar R. Rapley	3	Frank H. Hicks	Tenor

Conducted by Frank H. Hicks.
First peal in 13 methods by all.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
PORTSMOUTH, Hants.—At the Church of St. Mary, Portsea.
On Sat., May 10, 1969, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt.

John H. Hunt	Treble	E. Winifred Keys	5
William F. J. Cope	2	*Alan A. J. Buswell	6
Betty J. Daysh	3	Richard Green	7
John F. A. Rolph	4	Edward W. Colley	Tenor

Composed by J. Armiger Trollope. Conducted by John H. Hunt.
* 50th peal.

BARTON STACEY, Hampshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sun., May 11, 1969, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 KING CHARLES DELIGHT MINOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 12 lb. in A flat.

Peter Furniss	Treble	Jeremy D. Cheesman	4
Anthony J. Mason	2	Derek C. Jackson	5
Richard Weeks	3	Geoffrey K. Dodd	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.
First peal in the method.

KING CHARLES DELIGHT MINOR
—34—34.16—1236—14—1. 2nds i.e. 36245. Bob 4ths.

GOODWOOD CLATFORD, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Tues., May 13, 1969, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In three methods, being 2,160 Spliced Rev. St. Bartholomew and Plain Bob, 1,440 Grandsire and 1,440 Plain Bob, with seven changes of method. Tenor 8 cwt.

Bernard Doe	Treble	Jack C. Wimlet	4
David F. King	2	Geoffrey K. Dodd	5
Leslie W. Kinston	3	Walter Mulford	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.
Rung on the 70th birthday of the tenor ringer.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(The Sheffield and District Society.)
ROTHERHAM, Yorkshre.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Wed., May 7, 1969, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5000 SPLICED PLAIN AND LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 34¾ cwt. in C sharp.

*Stuart Bradbury	Treble	Roger Harper	5
Marie Hatswell	2	John N. D. Chaddock	6
G. Alec Holroyd	3	Neil Donovan	7
*Christopher Newton	4	Stuart Armeson	Tenor

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Stuart Armeson.
* First peal.

BIRSTALL, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., May 10, 1969, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

David Lockwood	Treble	*Robin Brown	5
Patricia Lockwood	2	Ian North	6
*Alan Clifton	3	Roger A. Smith	7
Rev. Charles C. Galley	4	Richard E. Price	Tenor

Composed by S. Jenner. Conducted by Richard E. Price.
* First peal in the method.

PUDSEY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Laurence.
On Sat., May 10, 1969, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt 13 lb. in F.

Herbert Lawn	Treble	Stephen R. Munday	5
William Barton	2	Colin Bottomley	6
John W. Gibson	3	Adrian Dempster	7
C. Frederick Dempster	4	*Frederick A. Munday	Tenor

Composed by C. Charge. Conducted by Frederick A. Munday.
* 100th peal for the Association.

CHAPEL ALLERTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew.
On Thurs., May 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 NORWICH SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in B flat.

Graham S. Miller	Treble	Christopher N. Grandidge	4
Jane P. Lawrence	2	Ronald J. Snack	5
Suzanne L. Withers	3	Ronald R. Warford	Tenor

Conducted by Ronald R. Warford.
First peal in the method by all.

KIPPAX, West Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., May 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Single Oxford, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. in F sharp.

Jane P. Lawrence	Treble	*David Whitehead	4
*Graham S. Miller	2	Ronald R. Warford	5
Suzanne J. Withers	3	Ronald J. Snack	Tenor

Conducted by Ronald J. Snack.
* Most Minor methods rung to a peal.

NON-ASSOCIATION.
BIGGIN HILL, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mark.
On Sat., April 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

*Harold L. Williamson	Treble	†David J. Stocker	4
Barbara A. van-Asselt	2	*Brenda M. Stocker	5
†Julia Collinge	3	H. Michael Williamson	Tenor

Conducted by H. Michael Williamson.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal. First of Minor as conductor.
Rung to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the dedication of the Church of St. Mark.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
SHEFFIELD, Yorkshire.—At 194, Gleadless Common.
On Wed., May 14, 1969, in 1 Hour and 56 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In four methods, being 1,440 each of Beverley, York and Surfleet and 720 of Cambridge, with 5–6 right way throughout. Tenor size 14 in D.

Geoffrey Bridges	1–2	Michael J. Fellows	3–4
A. Colin Banton (cond.)	5–6		

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire.—At 114, Park Street Lane.
On Mon., May 12, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 YORK SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor sze 16½ in B flat.

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	1–2	John R. Mayne	5–6
Julia A. Fellows	3–4	Christopher W. Woolley	7–8
Roger Baldwin	9–10		

Arranged and Conducted by John R. Mayne.

THE GREATER LONDON ASSOCIATION.
CITY OF LONDON.—In the Belfry of St. Olave's, Hart Street.
On Fri., May 16, 1969, in 1 Hour and 54 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

David A. Town	1–2	Jennifer A. Dunning	3–4
John Pladdys (cond.)	5–6		

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
BATTERSEA, London.—At 87, Sugden Road.
On Sat., April 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 19 in F.

Jennie Brown	1–2	Stephen P. Darvill	5–6
Leonard Goodall	3–4	Christopher P. Starbuck	7–8
Jeremy R. Pratt	9–10		

Composed by R. I. Parker. Conducted by Jeremy R. Pratt.

LONDON.—At 16B, Sutherland Place, W.
On Sat., May 3, 1969, in 1 Hour and 44 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor size 11 in G.

John R. Ketteringham	1–2	Maureen J. Carruthers	3–4
Geoffrey Bridges (cond.)	5–6		

First peal in the method by all.

LONDON.—At 16B, Sutherland Place, W.
On Sun., May 4, 1969, in 1 Hour and 43 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In five methods, comprising the following seven extents: (1) St. Clement's and Childwall, (2) Plain Bob, (3) Single Oxford, (4) Plain Bob, (5) Double Bob, (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor size 11 in G.

*John R. Ketteringham	1–2	*Maureen J. Carruthers	3–4
Geoffrey Bridges (cond.)	5–6		

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BIRTH

COX.—On Tuesday, May 20th, 1969, in Zachary Merton Maternity Hospital, Rustington, near Worthing, Sussex, to Brenda (nee Wilkinson) and Roy a son, Peter Alan. 7312

ENGAGEMENT

PENNEY—PEARSON.—The engagement is announced between Gerald, only son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Penney, and Janet Lesley, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Pearson, both of St. Albans. 7301

MARRIAGE

BENNETT—HARDMAN.—On May 24th, 1969, at St. George's Parish Church, Hyde, Neil Bennett, of Ashton-under-Lyne, to Ann Christine Hardman, of Hyde. 7313

GOLDEN WEDDING

NORTH—COOK.—On June 9th, 1917, at Woolwich, Norman North, B.E.M., who left Kirkheaton, Yorkshire, in 1914, and Violet Cook. Present address: 7, Barry Avenue, Bexleyheath, Kent. 7333

RETURN THANKS

MR. FRANK I. HAIRS and family send their grateful thanks to all who sent messages of sympathy on the death of Mrs. Elsie L. Hairs, to those who attended the funeral, and for the beautiful flowers. 7325

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

SAWYER.—The address of Derek and Susan Sawyer is now 2842, Hollington Crescent, Mississauga, Ontario, Canada. All ringers welcome. Regret no tower bells yet. 7323

PERSONAL

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MISCELLANEOUS

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY
ANNUAL SHIELD CONTEST
To be held at Cawthorne on the second Saturday in June (14th). Names for tea to Noel F. Moxon, Green Gables, Cawthorne. Entries to be sent to the secretary, T. Tarbatt, 7a, Manorstead, Skelmanthorpe, Huddersfield. No names no tea. 7277

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ALL SAINTS', PITSFORD, NORTHANTS
Annual Fete, Saturday, June 14th
Bells (6) 2.30–6 p.m.
Teas available. All welcome. 7318

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
Farnham District
SUMMER FESTIVAL
Saturday, June 7th, 1969

Arrangements have been made for towers to be available as follows:—

Pirbright (6)	10.00–10.45 a.m.
Bagshot (8)	10.45–11.45 a.m.
Worplesdon (8)	11.00–12 noon
Yorktown (8)	11.30–12.30 p.m.
Ash (6)	12.30–1.30 p.m.
Aldershot (8)	1.30– 2.15 p.m.
Seale (6)	2.15– 3.15 p.m.
Hawley (8)	2.30– 3.15 p.m.
Farnborough (8)	3.00– 4.00 p.m.
Farnham (8)	3.30–4.30 p.m.

Service 4.30 p.m., at St. Andrew's Church, Farnham. Preacher, the Ven. John Evans, Archdeacon of Surrey.

Tea 5 p.m., Church House, next to Central Car Park, Farnham. Names to Miss J. M. Collins, Sands Cottage, Leigh Lane, Farnham, not later than Wednesday, June 4th.

Farnham (8)	6.00–7.00 p.m.
Aldershot (8)	6.30–7.30 p.m.
Crondall (6)	6.30–7.30 p.m.
Bentley (6)	6.30–7.30 p.m.
Frensham (6)	7.00–8.00 p.m.
Grayshott (8)	7.45–8.45 p.m.

Notifications for tea to Miss J. M. Collins, Sands Cottage, Leigh Lane, Farnham, **not later than Wednesday, June 4th.**—S. J. Tate-Mitchell, Dis. Sec.
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RINGMER, SUSSEX.—The bells of Ringmer, near Lewes, Sussex, have been taken to Loughborough for retuning and will be away for at least six months. 7335

VETERANS' REUNION, LONDON.—Rev. S. Moore will be pleased to welcome all at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, on Saturday, June 21st. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, to John Euston, 28, Fairmile Avenue, Streatham, S.W.16. 7332

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SURREY ASSOCIATION
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ANNUAL STRIKING COMPETITION
Ashtead, Saturday, June 14th.

Will teams please be present at 2.30 p.m. or as soon as possible thereafter. Evensong 5.15 p.m., followed by quarterly business meeting. Much regretted that tea **cannot** be provided. Please make own arrangements. Entries to me at 23, Woodlands Road, Redhill, as soon as possible.—K. G. Game, Dis. Sec. 7275

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, COBHAM, SURREY.—There will be no ringing for Sunday Evensong from June 1st, 1969, until further notice. 7315

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT.—Annual outing, Saturday, June 7th. Ringing at Matlock (8), 2–3.15 p.m.: Wirksworth (8), 4–5: Alton (8), 6–7 p.m.: Duffield (10), 7.30–8.30 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea. For final details send s.a.e. to R. Fletcher, 34, Dransfield Road, Sheffield, S10 5RN (Tel. 305208).—R. Fletcher, Hon. Sec. 7286

MEETINGS

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—Meeting, Frodsham, Saturday, June 7th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Bibby, Bryher, London Road, Frodsham, via Warrington. No name, no tea.—J. Moore, Hon. Sec. 7306

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Archdeaconry.—Monthly meeting at Butlers Marston, Saturday, June 7th. Bells (6) 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by more ringing in the evening. Also Tysoe (6) 2.30–3.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. L. A. G. Hall, 2, Bank View, Butlers Marston, Warwicks, please.—H. A. M. 7287

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Evening meeting, Swaffham Prior, Saturday, June 7th. Bells (6) 6.30–9 p.m.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Evening meeting, Saturday, June 7th. Barley (6), 5.30–7: Barkway (8), 7–8.30.—Mrs. C. A. Agg, Dis. Sec. 7253

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Quarterly meeting, Hever, on June 7th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Picnic tea, please. 7235

LADIES' GUILD.—Kent Branch.—Meeting on June 7th at Wrotham. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing 6.30–8.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. R. L. Sills, Glenavon, St. Vincent's Lane, Addington, West Malling.—R. W. 7283

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting, Whalley, on Saturday, June 7th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting and further ringing till 8.30 p.m.—Maurice Hill, Branch Sec. 7298

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. (S. and W. District) and LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting, June 7th. Ringing: Cranford, 3.30–4.45 p.m.: Heston, 6–7.30: Harlington, 7.30–8.30 p.m. Buffet tea at Heston, 5 p.m.—M. J. Palmer, M. Wycherley. 7249

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Striking competition, Gorleston, Saturday, June 7th. Teams to meet for draw at 5.45 p.m.: 6 p.m. start. Names of teams to Mr. J. B. Pickup, 22, Lyndhurst Road, Lowestoft, by same morning. 7326

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Beginners' meeting, June 7th, West Hoathly (6), 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Turner's Hill (8) 6.15 p.m. Tea at Cat Inn, West Hoathly, at 4/-, for those who notify me.—Jean Osbon, Div. Sec., 79, Blount Avenue, East Grinstead. Tel.: E.G. 23815. 7295

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Christchurch and Southampton District.—Quarterly meeting, Lymington, Saturday, June 7th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in All Saints' Church Hall (**Lymington**), 5.15 p.m., followed by meeting. Milford-on-Sea bells (8) in evening. Names for tea **essential** to 24, Stourcliffe Avenue, Southbourne, Bournemouth, BH6 3PT (Tel. 44101).—Gilian W. Davis, Dis. Sec. 7262

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Surprise practice meeting, Monday, June 9th, at St. Nicolas-of-Myra (10), Brighton, evening, 7.30–9 p.m. This church is ten minutes' walk from Brighton Station and visitors are most welcome.—Ann Evans, Hon. Sec., Southern Division. 7310

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Surprise practice, Stevenage, Tuesday, June 10th, 7.30–9 p.m.—Mrs. C. A. Agg, Dis. Sec. 7328

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Surprise Major practice, St. Andrew's, Uxbridge, Tuesday, June 10th, 7.45 p.m. Evening practice at Harlington on Thursday, June 19th, 7.45 p.m.—M. J. Palmer. 7329

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Practice meeting at Lakenheath (6), Friday evening, June 13th. Bells 7–9 p.m. Please note the change of tower.—A. F. Ballam. 7337

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Winscombe Parish Hall, June 14th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea (5/-) 5.15 p.m. Names to J. H. Gilbert, 13, Fenshurst Gardens, Long Ashton, Bristol, by June 7th. Full details in annual report (2/6 post free to non-members). 7270

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—June meeting to be held at Willington (6), 3–5, and Cople (6), 6.30–8.30 p.m., on Saturday, 14th. Names for visit to Expo Belfry at this meeting, please. 7300

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Gawsworth (8), Saturday, June 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Please bring own tea. 7261

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Meeting, Davenham (6), Saturday, June 14th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. W. Howard, Beverley, Lime Avenue, Northwich. Special method: Milton x 56 x 14.56 x 12.36 x 12 x 56. 1.h. 142635. 7284

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Bidston, June 14th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. (Service **after** tea.) **Free** tea for those notifying by 12th.—Alexander J. Martin, 28, Glenmore Road, Oxton, Birkenhead. 7343

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DERBYSHIRE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Creswell, June 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. L. Barlow, Lilac House, Mansfield Road, Creswell, Worksop, Notts. Tel.: Creswell 370.—M. Phipps, Sec.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Central District.—Meeting, Saturday, June 14th, Lanchester. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. Walker, 6, Ford Street, Lanchester, Co. Durham. 7317

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Saturday, June 14th, at Mayfield (8). Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5. Service 6. Evening ringing until 8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. R. A. Large, 25, Nursery Close, Tonbridge, Kent, by June 12th. 7248

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—June 14th, Fulbourn (8) 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea and business meeting at Bottisham 5.45. Ringing (5) from about 7 p.m.—J. S. 7264

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Evening meeting, Saturday, June 14th, Epping. Ringing 7–9 p.m. 7316

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, June 14th, Widford (6), 3–4.30: Hunsdon (8), 6.15–8.30. Regret tea own arrangements; would suggest picnic.—Peter M. S. Searles. 7297

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The annual striking competition will be held on Saturday, June 14th, at Boughton-under-Blean. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. at the Parish Hall. Names for tea to Mr. J. B. Keeler, Bear Inn, 3, Market Place, Faversham, Kent, by June 11th. 7288

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District joint with Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Barrow-upon-Soar on Saturday, June 14th. Bells available: Walton-le-Wolds, 2.30–3.30 p.m.; Barrow-upon-Soar, 3.30–4.15 and after meeting. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Hall. Names for tea to Miss Lynne Brookes, 1, Beveridge Street, Barrow-upon-Soar, Leics, by June 10th. 7254

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Meeting, Arlingham (6), June 14th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Frampton available after tea and business. Names for tea to D. Pobjoy, 50, Fieldcote Drive, Hucclecote, Gloucester, by June 12th. 7307

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Meeting, Bishopstone (8), June 14th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. C. New, 93, Tydeman Street, Swindon, by June 10th. 7319

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Northchurch (8), June 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to R. Ashby, 110, High Street, Northchurch,

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Bye-meeting and striking competition, Hunton, Saturday, June 14th. Contest at 2.30, followed by service, tea and general ringing. Names for tea to C. A. Tester, 18, Maxwell Drive, Maidstone. 7339

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting, Emmanuel, Everton, Saturday, June 14th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss A. Ismay, 19, Agincourt Road, Liverpool, 12, by Wednesday.—G. K. A. 7303

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting, Cross Stone, Todmorden, Saturday, June 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea at the Bay Horse (6/6 each, approx.) 5 p.m. Business 6 p.m. Names for tea to me, please, by Wednesday, June 11th.—G. Cheetham, 12, Garden Street, Todmorden, Lancs. 7308

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD (North Lindsey Branch) and BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT RINGING SOCIETY.—Joint meeting, Saturday, June 14th, Barton-on-Humber. Bells: St. Peter's (8), 2.30–3.30 p.m.; St. Mary's, 3.30–4.30. Service at St. Mary's 4.30 Tea 5.15 p.m. at Barrow-on-Humber, followed by meeting and ringing there. Names for tea to A. Crowder, Manor Farm, Barrow-on-Humber, Lincs, by June 11th.—C. A. H 7299

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Quarterly ringing meeting, Llantristant, Saturday, June 14th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and further ringing. All ringers and friends welcome.—Iolo Davies, Branch Hon. Sec., The Grammar School, Cowbridge. 7302

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—A.G.M., Saturday, June 14th, Steeple Claydon (6). Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to J. W. Hall, 44, Buckingham Road, Winslow, Bucks, by Thursday, June 12th. 7322

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Summer meeting, Henley-on-Thames, June 14th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Evening ringing, Caversham, 7–9 p.m. Names for tea to C. J. Tigwell, 34, Gainsborough Road, Henley-on-Thames, by June 9th. 7349

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—City Branch.—Half-yearly meeting, Garsington (6), Saturday, June 14th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea (free) to A. J. Adams, 64, Horspath Road, Cowley, Oxford, by Monday, June 9th please. 7279

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting at Weedon (8) on Saturday, June 14th. Names for tea to Miss B. Furness, 56, Church Street, Weedon, Northampton, by Monday previous.—I. Webb. 7350

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—Quarterly, June 14th, Stourton. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, Zeals, 5.15 p.m., followed by meeting. Evening ringing, Mere. Numbers for tea by June 10th.—M. M. Godley, Yetminster, Sherborne. 7324

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Extraordinary meeting, Oswestry, Saturday, June 14th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea afterwards at the Coach and Dogs, Oswestry. Names for tea to Mr. S. Evans, 64, Willow Street, Oswestry, by June 11th. 7347

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Meeting, June 14th, Calverton and Woodborough, afternoon; Lowdham in evening. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Woodborough. Names for tea to Mr. P. R. Hayward, The Vicarage, Woodborough, Nottingham, NG14 6DX, by Wednesday previous. 7330

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—N. Notts meeting at Gamston, Saturday, June 14th. Names for tea to H. Poyner, The Old Vicarage, Sturton-le-Steeple, Retford, Notts, by the Thursday previous. 7340

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South East District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, June 14th, Ufford (8). Ringing 3–4.30. Service, tea and business meeting 5 p.m. Ringing 7–9 p.m. Please book for tea to Mrs. W. Lockwood, 2, Thorpes Hill Cotts., Hadleigh Road, Hintlesham, Ipswich, by Wednesday, June 11th.—W. L., Dis. Sec. 7345

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Church Lench (6), Saturday, June 14th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting at the Village Hall. Names for tea to A. C. Berry, 25, Priest Lane, Pershore, by June 10th. Bishampton bells (6) available 6.45–8.30 p.m. 7344

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Suckley, Saturday, June 14th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 at the Church Fete Ground, followed by business meeting in the church. Broadwas bells (5) available from 7 p.m. Names for tea to J. J. Stanier, Branch Sec., 14, Canterbury Road, Worcester. 7348

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—A.G.M. at Lichfield on Saturday, June 21st. Bells available: Cathedral (10), 3–4 p.m.; St. Michael's (6), 3.30–4.15 and after meeting, together with St. Chad's (4) and St. Mary's, 7.30 p.m. No ringing during service, please, which is in Cathedral choir stalls, 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting in St. Michael's Church Hall. (Guest preacher, Canon A. G. G. Thurlow, M.A.) Seating limited, so numbers for tea earliest possible, please, to Mrs. C. M. Smith, 29, Dimbles Hill, Lichfield, Staffs, at very latest by June 18th. Tel.: Lichfield 4539.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 7280

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Hartlebury, Saturday, June 21st, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea by Wednesday, June 18th, or you may be disappointed. Catering limtied.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., 17, Ham Lane, Pedmore, near Stourbridge, Worcs. 7304

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Bye-meeting at Hoo, Saturday, June 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. A. Vidgeon, Whitehouse Farm, Hoo, Rochester, by previous Wednesday.—T. Barton. 7309

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Meeting, St. Woolos' Cathedral, Newport, on June 21st. Bells (12) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Miss G. Colleypriest, 6, Graham Street, Newport, Mon., by June 13th. Gentlemen welcome.—J. S. King. 7351

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Annual general meeting, Howden, June 21st. Bells available 2.30–9 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. Newham, 31, Pinfold Street, Howden, by previous Wednesday. Eastrington bells will be available 2.15, 3.45 p.m. for Plain Hunt, Plain Bob. Voting will take place for vice-president and committee members. All welcome. Reports available; subscriptions due.—R. Ducker, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7320

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting Frittenden, Saturday, June 21st. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Because of catering difficulties tea will only be provided for those who notify Mr. D. C. Manger, 3, Thrift Cottages, Knoxbridge, Cranbrook (Staplehurst 517), by Thursday, June 19th.—A. P. S. B. 7341

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Annual meeting Cleckheaton (8), on June 21st. Ringing 2.30–5 p.m. and after meeting. Liversedge (8) available 3–4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. M. Halford, 22, Mount Gardens, Cleckheaton, by Wednesday, June 18th. No name, no tea.—A. B. Sullivan, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7338

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MR. CHARLES W. COOK

Mr. Charles W. Cook, of Meldreth, died at the age of 77 on May 10th. Although failing health over a number of years had prevented him from taking an active part in ringing, he never lost his keen interest in the art. On one occasion the conductor of a pretty, but false, touch had to answer for it to him, and only a few months ago he dictated a touch which he wished a friend to have. He was taught to ring at his native Longstanton prior to the 1914–18 War by the late Rev. H. B. Woolley. His job as a railwayman took him to Harston in 1929.

He represented the Ely Diocesan Association on the Central Council from 1936 to 1951, and was Cambridge District secretary in the 1930s. When the new ring of six was installed at Harston in 1937 he became tower captain and trained a local band there.

He had a great love of 6-bell ringing and was a first-rate conductor in Minor methods. He rang 100 peals, 97 of which were for the Ely Diocesan Association, and five handbell peals, all for the E.D.A. He took part in the first peal of seven methods Surprise Minor on handbells with John and Christopher Woolley at Longstanton in 1925. In 1934 he rang in a Railwaymen's peal at St. Giles-in-the-Fields. He rang his last peal at Harston in 1961.

On his retirement he moved to Meldreth to be near his daughter, Mrs. J. Gipson. It gave him great pleasure to hear the new eight at Meldreth, and the last time he was able to ring was when the bells were first tried out last year.

DETAILS OF HIS PEALS

Doubles: Grandsire 1, Stedman 1 (for the tercentenary at St. Bene't's). Minor: Plain Bob 11 (including 1 on handbells), Kent 2, Cambridge 11, Norwich 1, London 6, Oxford T.B. 1, multiple methods 8 (including 1 on handbells).

Triples: Grandsire 2. Major: Plain Bob 17 (including 3 on handbells), Little Bob 1, Kent 15, Double Norwich C.B. 9, Cambridge 6, Yorkshire 1, Superlative 4, London 8, from 1920 to 1961.

WRAXALL, SOM.—On May 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Evered 1, J. Yeates 2, M. Clarke (first quarter of Doubles) 3, C. Kortright (cond.) 4, L. Derrick 5, N. Bull 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Howard Duck, interred on the previous day.

ESSENDON CHURCH

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3rd, recast 1894 (5½ cwt.).
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CHAPEL ALLERTON, YORKS.—On April 20th, 1,272 London Surprise Minor: G. S. Miller 1, Margaret Warford 2, Suzanne J. Withers 3, C. N. Grandidge 4, R. J. Snack 5, R. R. Warford (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on April 25th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): G. S. Miller 1, C. N. Grandidge 2, Margaret Warford 3, D. Whitehead 4, R. R. Warford (cond.) 5. Also on May 4th, 1,272 Kent T.B. Minor: C. N. Grandidge 1, L. E. T. Clark (first in method) 2, Suzanne J. Withers 3, Margaret Warford 4, Jane P. Lawrence 5, R. J. Snack (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on May 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. R. Warford 1, G. S. Miller 2, R. J. Snack 3, Jane P. Lawrence 4, Suzanne J. Withers 5, C. N. Grandidge (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

CHERITON, KENT.—On April 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: Anthony Binstead (first quarter) 1, Pamela Court 2, Andrew Binstead 3, K. D. Butler (cond.) 4, A. C. Eastmead 5, J. B. Thorn 6.

KIMPTON, HERTS.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: J. S. Cull 1, Helen Dodds 2, Joyce Dodds 3, Francis Dodds 4, J. G. Cull 5, G. Dodds (cond.) 6. Also on May 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Diana Meredith 1, Jacky Howells 2, Diane Angell 3, I. Desborough 4, J. G. Cull (cond.) 5, Maisy Harding 6. Both rung as part of Kimpton May festival.

KINGSTON UPON THAMES, SURREY. — On March 15th, 1,260 Pl. B. Doubles: B. J. Stone 1, Lesley A. Hawes 2, Katharine A. Salvage 3, Ann V. Salvage 4, Anthea S. Bruce (cond.) 5, J. P. Hull 6. For Evensong. Also on May 4th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: B. J. Stone 1, Katharine A. Salvage 2, Ann V. Salvage 3, Bryony P. H. Moorby 4, Anthea S. Bruce (cond.) 5, J. P. Hull 6. For Evensong.

KINGSTONE, HEREFORDS.—On May 6th, 1,260 Doubles: T. J. Gundy 1, L. H. Colcombe 2, R. G. Powell 3, P. J. H. Wycherley (cond.) 4, T. H. Young 5, A. Williams 6. For the 50th anniversary of the local W.I.

KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.—On April 28th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Helen Dzuiba 1, B. A. Jones (cond.) 2, L. G. Smith 3, S. Marshall 4, E. J. Sollis 5. Birthday compliments to 1 and 4. Also on May 10th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles, cond. by L. G. Smith. For Flower and Industrial Festival. Also on May 11th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles, cond. by L. G. Smith. To welcome Bishop of Taunton. Also on May 18th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles, cond. by L. G. Smith. To welcome Archdeacon of Newark, and a birthday compliment to E. J. Sollis.

LANGDON HILLS, ESSEX.—On May 18th, 1,260 P.B. Doubles: G. Mason 1, A. Gibbs 2, D. Stott 3, K. Lucas 4, G. Lucas (cond.) 5, W. White 6. First on tower bells 1 and 2.

LECKHAMPTON, CHELTENHAM.—On May 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. H. Taylor 1, Ann Herbert (first quarter) 2, Hilda Taylor 3, H. Read 4, E. J. Taylor (cond.) 5, Clare Taylor 6.

LINCOLN.—At St. Mary-le-Wigford, on May 10th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: Vivian West (first quarter) 1, I. M. Minns 2, Susan A. Faull (first quarter) 3, J. Parkin (cond.) 4. A wedding compliment to Alan Moate and Gwenda Etcell (sister of a St. Mary's ringer). Also on May 11th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: Vivian West 1, A. W. Froggatt 2, Susan A. Faull 3, J. Parkin (cond.) 4. A farewell to Rev. Frank Drinkwater.

LONG EATON, DERBYS.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (eight m/v): Veronica Belfitt (most methods) 1, A. Humpthrey (cond.) 2, D. J. Marshall 3, C. Beswick (most methods) 4, A. Hartland 5, R. Dady (first quarter) 6. Also on March 23rd, 1,280 Little Bob Minor: A. Humphrey 1, Veronica Belfitt (first in method) 2, F. Ward 3, A. Hartland 4, C. Beswick 5, D. J. Marshall (cond.) 6. Also on April 25th, 1,260 Doubles (four m/v): R. G. Newsum 1, A. Humphrey 2, Veronica Belfitt 3, C. Beswick 4, C. Slack 5, R. Dady 6. For Festival of Music and Arts.

LONGWOOD, YORKS.—On May 4th, 1,320 College Bob IV and Newdigate Delight Minor: A. Lunn 1, S. Williams 2, S. Lunn 3, D. Williams 4, B. Ellis 5, I. Roberts (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

LONGWOOD, YORKS.—On May 18th, 1,320 New London and Violet T.B. Minor: A. Lunn 1, S. Williams 2, S. Lunn 3, D. Williams 4, B. Ellis 5, I. Roberts (cond.) 6. For Evensong, with the compliments of the band to Mr. G. Dodds.

QUARTER PEALS

LOWER BEEDING, SUSSEX.—On May 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Wadey 1, E. Wadey 2, Mrs. D. Smith 3, W. H. Harrison 4, D. D. Smith (cond.) 5, H. Feist 6, S. Allen 7, G. Stonor 8. A silver wedding compliment to H. Feist.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On the Whitechapel Expo bells, on April 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Elizabeth Todd 1, R. A. Birch 2, B. G. Butcher 3, C. T. Hillis 4, G. I. Neilson 5, J. Hemsley 6, C. J. E. Wyld (cond.) 7, M. J. Taylor 8. Rung for the birthday of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II. Also on May 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. P. Brotherston 1, Elizabeth Todd 2, B. G. Butcher 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. J. Neilson (cond.) 5, M. J. Taylor 6. For Evensong.

MARSTON, OXFORD. — On May 11th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): S. Buck 1, R. H. Jones (cond.) 2, H. Page 3, A. Gammon 4, L. R. Porter 5. For Rogation Sunday, and as a birthday compliment to Mrs. E. M. Jones, grandmother of the conductor.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARKS.—On May 14th, 1,260 Minor (St. Clement's, Pl. Bob): Carol A. Eveleigh 1, W. C. Budd 2, J. G. Edgson 3, R. W. Gibbons 4, P. M. Edgson 5, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Edith Budd, 2nd ringer's mother (died May 11th, aged 92).

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS. — On May 18th, 1,250 S. Minor (London, Wells and Cambridge): P. A. Harrisson 1, R. Weeks 2, R. Dennis (cond.) 3, J. D. Cheesman 4, Susan E. M. Davis 5, B. J. Read (50th quarter) 6. Most S. Minor by all except conductor. For Evensong.

NORTON, HERTS.—On May 8th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Dear 1, R. H. Vigor 2, Brenda J. Harris 3, Rosemary J. E. Roden (first Major) 4, Maureen P. Colley 5, Margaret M. Roden 6, J. R. Leeming 7, I. R. Panton (cond.) 8.

PEMBROKE. — On May 18th, 1,260 St. Simon's Doubles: Nesta M. Rosen 1, Betty M. Rogers 2, S. P. Rogers 3, J. Prytherch 4, P. C. Rogers (cond.) 5, P. F. Kraus 6. For Evensong, and a 17th birthday compliment to the tenor ringer and his twin sister Marion, also a ringer.

PENN, STAFFS.—On May 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Greatbatch 1, M. Gaskell 2, Gillian Griffiths 3, G. F. Griffiths 4, M. Williamson 5, C. Griffiths 6, J. A. Roden (cond.) 7, C. F. W. Eyre 8. For Confirmation service.

PERRY BARR, BIRMINGHAM.—On May 17th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: S. W. Illidge 1, Janet Blake 2, Gillian Bosworth-Smith 3, S. G. Pick 4, A. J. Fletcher 5, C. J. Bennett 6, J. Burton 7, P. R. Johnson (cond.) 8. To welcome Gareth Paul Baker, born on May 13th, nephew of ringer of 6th.

POTTON, BEDS.—On May 10th, 1,300 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Mander 1, Susan King 2, Karen Baker 3, M. Mander 4, D. Goss (cond.) 5, M. Downs 6

PRIXTON, DERBYS. — On April 19th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minimus: Helen Dzuiba 1, Marylin Bacon 2, B. A. Jones 3, E. J. Sollis (cond.) 4, Carol Reeve 5, S. Dzuiba 6. Also on May 4th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minimus: D. Jackson (first on working bell) 1, Marylin Bacon 2, Helen Dzuiba 3, B. A. Jones 4, S. Dzuiba 5. For Evensong and a 16th birthday compliment to Helen Dzuiba.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.—On May 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. O. Collins 1, Miss M. E. Elmes 2, G. W. Elmes 3, W. T. Perrins 4, T. F. Collins 5, F. E. Collins 6, D. Wilson (first Stedman as cond.) 7, L. T. Perrins 8.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On May 19th, 1,264 Pl. Bob Major: S. Bradbury 1, Marianne Baker 2, Marie Hatswell 3, C. Newton 4, Elizabeth Timmins 5, R. Harper 6, S. Armeson (cond.) 7, N. Donovan 8. Rung prior to a performance of Bach Mass as a part of the Rotherham Arts Festival.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At St. Stephen's Church, on May 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Valerie Urban (first Minor) 1, Carol Parkhurst 2, Rosemary Urban (first "inside") 3, Alison Macfarlane 4, D. O. Fellows 5, P. T. Dale (cond.) 6. For Evensong on the 12th anniversary of the dedication of the recast bells.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX. — On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (6, 8 behind): Ruth Waghorn 1, Jane Crouch (first quarter) 2, Gillian Coman 3, Eileen Coman 4, J. Epps 5, T. Edwards 6, A. Smith (cond.) 7, G. Coman 8. For family service.

SAXILBY, LINCOLN.—On May 4th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Anne Surman 1, Colleen East 2, Mrs. G. East (first "inside") 3, D. Surman 4, H. W. Cox (cond.) 5, D. Turner 6. First quarter 1, 2, 6. For Confirmation.

SHEFFIELD.—At St. Marie's, on May 18th, 1,280 Spliced Surprise Major (three methods): D. Prichett 1, J. Seagar 2, Patricia Rogers 3, P. Norman 4, J. Hartley 5, S. R. Cole 6, I. L. Dear (cond.) 7, C. Longdon 8. Rung by S.U.S.C.R. for evening Mass.

SIDMOUTH, DEVON.—On May 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. R. Arscott 1, C. H. J. Arscott 2, L. H. Arscott 3, F. C. Arscott 4, M. A. Arscott 5, R. F. Arscott (cond.) 6. A family quarter rung after the wedding of David C. Arscott, son of ringer of 4th and cousin to the others, to June M. Duffin.

SOUTHGATE, MIDDX. — At Christ Church, on May 14th, 1,264 Bob Major: Miss S. Green 1, Mrs. S. A. Spreadbury 2, Miss A. Bradbury 3, H. J. Hazell (cond.) 4, W. C. G. Wainwright 5, C. W. Ward 6, D. F. Willcocks 7, I. R. Whitham 8. For Evensong.

SOUTH NORMANTON, DERBY.—On May 5th, 1,440 T.B. Minor (Kent, Oxford). B. A. Jones 1, Mrs. D. Bradley 2, Mrs. M. Brown 3, F. Bradley 4, K. Hemm 5, A. E. Wheeler (cond.) 6. First T.B. 1, 3, 5. A 16th birthday compliment to Helen Dzuiba.

STAND, Whitefield, MANCHESTER. — On May 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Watt 1, J. Preston 2, S. Barnett 3, P. Dyson 4, Rev. M. Holt 5, G. O. Sanders (cond.) 6. First quarter 1, 2, 3, 4. First quarter by the band. Rung on the occasion of the christening of Emma Elizabeth, daughter of Rev. J. B. Pettifer (curate) and Mrs. Pettifer.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.—On May 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. E. Mimmack 1, Clare McNeil 2, Heather Craven 3, J. F. W. Read 4, R. E. Stillwell (cond.) 5, J. R. Wood 6. A farewell to J. F. W. Read, who returned to Pakistan the following Saturday to take up his next appointment.

SUTTERTON, LINCS.—On May 7th, 1,264 Pl. Bob Major: D. Femson (first Major) 1, M. J. Belcher (first quarter) 2, W. E. Clarke 3, H. Barsley 4, W. B. Dawson 5, A. E. Flatters 6, R. Stephenson 7, P. H. Reynolds (cond.) 8. A birthday compliment to H. Barsley.

SUTTON-ON-THE-HILL, DERBYS. — On March 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Gordon 1, S. Smith 2, D. Frost 3, D. Walklate (cond.) 4, K. A. Betesta 5, R. McEwen 6. First quarter 1, 2, 3 and 6. For morning service. Also on May 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Gordon 1, S. Smith 2, D. Frost 3, K. Betesta 4, D. Walklate 5, C. Roadley 6. For morning service.

SWINDON, WILTS. — At St. Mark's Church, on May 11th, 1,272 Pl. Bob Minimus: L. Townsend 1, S. Mitchener 2, K. Price (cond) 3, B. Coleman 4, A. Rogerson 5. First quarter by all the band.

THAMES DITTON, SURREY. — On May 18th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: Phyllis Dixon 1, Anne Donaldson 2, R. Caporn 3, Anne Anthony 4, J. Bailey (cond.) 5, C. Dingle 6. For evening service.

TOOTING GRAVENEY, LONDON.—On May 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. D. A. Trousdale 1, E. Adams 2, F. Seabright 3, M. Stanley 4, R. J. Cooles 5, L. Brown 6. For Confirmation.

UPPER BEEDING, SUSSEX.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Watson (first quarter) 1, A. A. Hoare (first "inside") 2, Heather Craven 3, Clare McNeil 4, R. E. Stillwell (cond.) 5, G. Smith (first quarter) 6.

WANSTEAD, ESSEX. — On May 4th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. Eyre (first Kent) 1, E. Wright 2, M. Wareing 3, P. Dickenson 4, G. Walker 5, A. Crowson (first in method as cond.) 6. First of Kent "inside" 2 and 4.

WAREHAM, DORSET.—On May 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Claire E. N. Brown 1, M. C. N. Brown (first Minor "inside") 2, T. F. Collins 3, Mary E. Elmes 4, G. W. Elmes 5, R. G. W. Robertson (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on May 18th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Anne R. Vidler (first quarter) 1, Mary E. Elmes 2, G. W. Elmes 3, T. F. Collins 4, R. G. W. Robertson (cond.) 5, M. J. Dew 6. For Evensong.

WARSOP, NOTTS.—On March 2nd, 1,320 Warsop Delight Minor: B. Moran 1, B. A. Richards 2, G. Challans 3, F. Cooke 4, D. H. Rooke 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6. For Evensong. First quarter in method. Also on May 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. D. Rooke (aged 10) 1, Miss S. Ettles (first "inside") 2, D. H. Rooke 3, G. Challans 4, F. Flint 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6. Also on May 15th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Minor: Miss S. Ettles 1, G. Challans 2, H. T. Rooke 3, F. Cooke 4, F. Flint 5, B. A. Richards (cond.) 6. For Ascension Day Eucharist.

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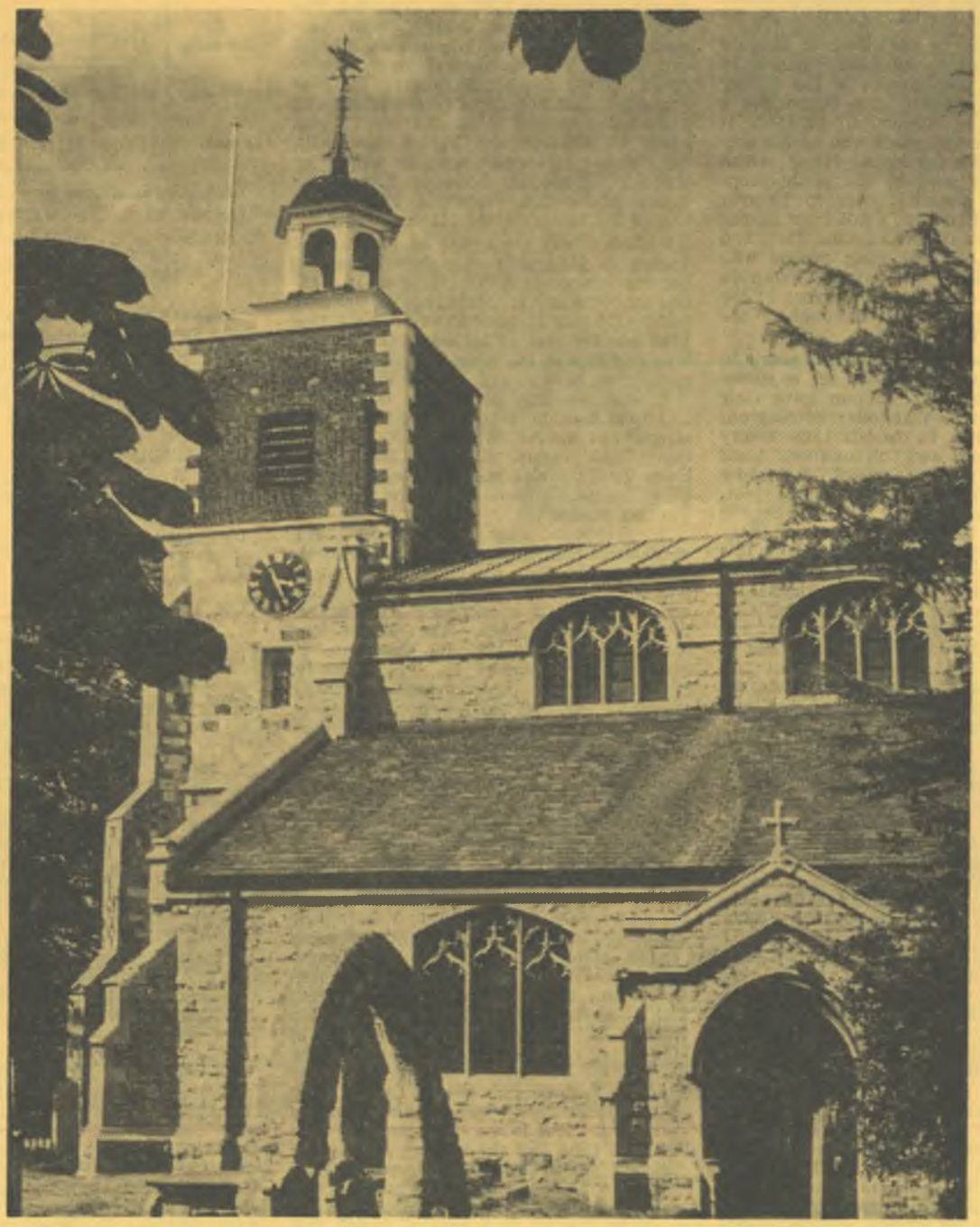

The Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Mortlake, Surrey

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OUR COVER PICTURE

Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Mortlake

By LESLIE R. FREEMAN

TO those outside the borough, Mortlake is probably best known as the finishing point of the University Boat Race and for the brewery which stands conspicuously on the Surrey shore just before the finish. The Parish Church of what is now the parish of Mortlake with East Sheen stands back a little way from the river, just east of the brewery. It has stood there since 1543, though the history of the church and parish goes back much earlier; the Archbishops of Canterbury held a manor house at Mortlake long before the Norman Conquest.

The derivation of the name is obscure and it has at varying times been spelt in 19 different ways. Ecclesiastically, the history starts with the granting of a licence for a chapel of ease by Edward III in 1348. It stood a few hundred yards west of the present site, alongside the Manor House, which continued to be used by the Archbishops until Cranmer passed it over to Thomas Cromwell. On Cromwell's fall from favour Henry VIII gave it to Katherine Parr, and it was one or other of these owners who apparently decided on certain alterations which were impeded by the presence of the chapel, so the latter was removed to the present site in 1543.

Henry VIII's mania for changes seems to have infected the parishioners for in subsequent years they could seldom leave their church in peace, so that today nothing but the tower remains. In the late 16th century a vestry was built and still survives. Used for many years as a school, the upper storey, following a restoration last year, now forms a very useful parish room. It would appear from surviving descriptions of the church by visitors that by the middle of the last century the interior left much to be desired, and evidently the parishioners agreed for plans for a complete rebuilding were prepared by Sir Arthur Blomfield. The chancel of the Parish Church was rebuilt to his designs in 1885, but it was not until 1905/6, after Sir Arthur's death, that the final plunge was taken and the nave and south aisle were completely rebuilt.

There are, however, plentiful reminders of the earlier church, chief amongst them being a fine example of a 15th century octagonal stone font presented to the original chapel by Cardinal Thomas Bouchier, Archbishop of Canterbury from 1454-1486. There are three ancient chests, the finest being one of German or Italian manufacture of the late 15th century, and the vestry records are very nearly complete from 1578.

LADDERS FOR STONE STAIRCASE

Throughout the years from 1543 the tower survived without too many alterations, a particularly unfortunate one being the removal for some reason about 1840 of the stone staircase, leaving a rather unnerving succession of ladders to be ascended by future generations of ringers. Of the bells, the earilest mention is in the inventory of the Commissioners of Edward VI in 1552, which left in the churchwardens' care three bells and a sauze bell. The history of bell ringing in the parish really starts in 1695, when the present brick belfry surmounted by the curious wooden cupola was added to the Tudor tower, giving the latter its present-day appearance.

Into this new belfry went a ring of five bells by Philip Wightman, and so far as can be traced they have never left the tower since. They cost £150, part of the parish being mortgaged to finance the expenditure. They form the present numbers 3, 4, 5, 7 and 8 and are plain castings without any decoration or inscriptions except for "Made by Philip Wightman" followed by the date, 1694, except for the tenor which is dated 1695.

A vestry minute dated 18th July, 1703, reads that "for adding three bells to ye church and repairs £180 was expended. The Garter property was charged with payment." In contrast to Wightman's original five, the new bells were distinctly unsuccessful, none lasting 50 years. In 1746 Theodore Eccleston came to the rescue and presented two new bells cast by Thomas Lester at Whitechapel. One of these bells, the No. 2, survives and bears the simple inscription: "Theodore Eccleston Esqr. Thos. Lester of London made me 1746". The fate of the two old trebles is not known.

Eccleston was a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths from 1744 and became Master in 1750. He died in 1753 and was buried at Mortlake on January 14th, 1753. It is of interest to note that 1746 was the year of his marriage at Mortlake and that at the same time he also presented two bells to All Saints', Fulham.

It was not long before the other 1703 bell gave trouble, to quote the present inscription of the No. 6: "Recast by subscription of the ringers. Rt. Catin fecit 1751." Even then troubles were not ended for in 1784 Eccleston's treble had to be recast by Thomas Janaway.

So the bells remain to this day. The weights are uncertain but the tenor is something over 14 cwt., a large ring for rather a small tower; the belfry is barely 11 feet square, and it is a decidedly tight fit between the larger bells. The present iron frame was fitted in 1911 and they were rehung on ball-bearings in 1954. Finally, only last year, the clappers were completely restored and refitted with independent staples. All these various repairs have been carried out by the Whitechapel Foundry.

REPAINTED PEAL BOARD ERROR

Of the actual ringing, few details have survived. Only 46 peals have been rung and only four of these are recorded on peal boards. There were a lot more which unfortunately "disappeared" without trace or record some years ago. The four survivors are all in poor condition but at least their details are recorded and two are of some interest. One bears the date in Roman figures of 1761, but from recent correspondence with Canon Felstead it is apparent that at some time it was repainted and a Roman "X" was mistaken for a "L", so in fact it records the first peal rung on the bells by the Mortlake Society on November 22nd, 1721, 5040 Bob Major Trebles (Bob Triples) in 3 hours 4 minutes and, to quote the board: "This is the third time this peal was ever rung and the first by the method designed and called by William Walker."

Walker rang the 6th on that occasion and many years later his name appears as the ringer of the 7th in a peal of 10,640 Bob Major rung by the Society of College Youths on August 2nd, 1776. This peal came round in 6½ hours. The other two boards record another peal by the College Youths in 1823 and one by the Junior College Society in 1829. The great period for peals was between 1891 and 1894, when 13 were rung; but since then they have been very scarce, only one being rung between the World Wars and four since 1945.

However, service ringing continued throughout this period and notable among the ringers were Henry Bullen and his son Tom, both of whom completed 60 years as ringers. It is probably a gross libel of the ringers, but from the memories of older parishioners it appears that some of the band are remembered more for the alacrity with which they made their way after ringing from the church to the nearby "Old George"! Times change. Those ringers have long since gone to their rest, and now the "Old George" has gone, demolished to make the road wider.

Since the Second World War and the death of Tom Bullen it has not been easy to keep a band going, due in the main to a dire shortage of experienced ringers, something essential on bells like Mortlake on which it is not easy for the inexperienced to attain an acceptable standard of striking. The present band had its foundation in 1963 after a period of only intermittent ringing. After reaching the stage of ringing occasional quarter peals for services, it is now beginning to suffer from the effects of business and educational commitments, so the immediate future is a little uncertain.

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Young Men's Innings at Central Council

EXAMINATION OF PROCEDURE

Have the seeds been sown for the reorganisation of the Central Council by the notice of motion submitted by Mr. Douglas A. R. May, Master of the Guildford Diocesan Guild? His motion was carried after an amendment which did not disturb the principle at stake.

But who is to make the investigation? The proposer wanted a new committee and not the Standing Committee. The Council favoured the Standing Committee and then decided to ballot for the new committee. Mr. May was an unsuccessful candidate: in fact it was very much the old brigade back on the Committee.

Will a special meeting of the Standing Committee be called to consider the principles at stake? This year's committee meeting lasted nearly three hours. It will be for the President and the officers to decide how adequate consideration can be given to the questions raised.

The motion in Mr. May's name read:—

"This Council instructs the Standing Committee to examine the constitution of the Council and to make recommendations with a view to ensuring that the business of the Council, particularly at its annual meeting, is completed in a satisfactory manner."

Proposing the motion, Mr. May said that after the last Council meeting he wrote an article which was published in "The Ringing World". It was critical of many aspects of the Council's procedure, but no one came to the support of the status quo. Many non-members told him that they thought the Council was irrelevant to the needs of the Exercise. This was not true, and it was unfortunate that many people felt that way.

After pointing out that the annual meeting was all-important to the Exercise, Mr. May said that the time given to the Council's business should be increased so that discussions and debates did not have to be guillotined. The main purpose of the motion, if carried, would be to take steps to bring the Council's operations up-to-date, relating them to the needs of the Exercise, and to make it apparent to the ordinary ringer that the Council had its priorities right. He asked the following questions:—

NINE QUESTIONS

(1) Is the meeting at the right end of the week-end and, in particular, should it be on a Tuesday?

(2) Is sufficient time allowed or should it span two days?

(3) Should there be a one-day half-yearly meeting either in Birmingham or London? On occasions in the past a matter had been referred to a committee and when the committee reported back it was rejected and a year was wasted.

(4) Should topics requiring a decision, especially technical matters, be referred to the committees as now constituted or would it be better to form committees in the Parliamenary sense which would sit during a Council meeting and report back to the same meeting?

(5) Was the Council too unwieldy? Should membership be reduced to make it an efficient debating chamber that it probably was at inception? If so, how should the reduction be achieved? Apart from the two ancient London Societies, there was little justification for non-territorial Societies to be represented because their membrs were also represented by territorial Societies. Should Societies not requiring an annual subscription have their number of representatives decided upon in a different way? Should the number of honorary members be reduced?

(6) Should the President chair the meetings or should a chairman be elected annually?

(7) Should everyone be entitled to speak as long as he likes or as often as he could catch the President's eye?

(8) The Monday ringing arrangements had not received wide publicity this year. Should the procedure be continued or even extended to the rest of the week-end?

(9) Should local dignitaries be asked to welcome the Council? He suspected that most of them felt as much a duty to agree to do so as they felt to listen.

During the last session a little patching-up of Council procedure had been performed, but he was sure that much could be gained from a thorough investigation into the Council's working. Those responsible should look to the future and not to the past, seeing from an impartial distance rather than the obscurity of close proximity.

Mr. W. Viggers seconded.

RECEPTION ON MONDAY EVENING

Mr. W. F. Moreton said the Yorkshire Association had been thinking about some of the points Mr. May had made in relation to the meeting next year and it was proposed that the reception be held not after the meeting but on the Monday evening. The Council would then be able to start at 9.30 and not restricted to finishing at 4.30.

Mr. C. F. Mew (Surrey Association) moved as an amendment that the Council appoint a committee to examine the position and not put it on the shoulders of the Standing Committee as many of its members were fully occupied with other Council matters. Mr. May had expressed a willingness to sit on such a committee.

He continued that the members were there for three main reasons: to collect information to be disseminated among Associations: to improve relations with the Church and to look after the practical side. The people who elected them might not understand the technical jargon, but they looked to them as leaders of the Exercise to do their best for them. "We must always be willing to be progressive and to change our ways as are necessary."

The Rev. St. John Smith (Derby Diocesan Association) supported Mr. Mew's amendment for two reasons. The majority of the members of the Standing Committee were too busy with other committees and the Standing Committee was too large.

It was agreed to amend the motion to instruct the Standing Committee to appoint a small ad hoc committee (ad hoc meaning that the committee would disperse as soon as the work had been done).

Mr. P. A. Corby (Kent) supported the motion because it was intended to do a little investigation into one's private life. His criticism of the previous speakers was that they had not made any suggestions as to what they wanted to do with the extra time.

He felt that the Council had four main objectives:—

(a) To promote Sunday and other ringing required by the Church

(b) To promote change-ringing as an art.

(c) To promote social contact.

(d) To provide links with the past and maintain an historical continuity.

They had a duty to elect a new Standing Committee. If they thought they were a lot of old dodderers it was their duty to elect the right one. It was the duty of the Standing Committee to look at the constitution.

Mr. Philip Gray (ANZAB) believed it was something like 20 years since the Council looked through its rules. He was sure it was not true that the same rules had remained since the Council's inception. After an interval of 20 years, when the people on the Council had almost changed completely, it was necessary to have another check. He supported a motion of this kind.

MR. D. A. R. MAY.
Master of the Guildford Diocesan Guild and former Master of the University of London Society.

He would ask the proposer to amend the motion as it implied criticism. The Council could not be asked to vote for something that implied criticism of themselves. The motion should read: "This Council instructs the Standing Committee to examine the constitution of the Council and methods of procedure."

This was accepted by Mr. May

Mr. T. Lock (Middlesex) suggested that each member body be asked to send in their suggestions within six months to be considered by the Standing Committee. It would be more representative of ringers as a whole.

The amendment appointing an ad hoc committee was defeated, but the motion incorporating Mr. Gray's amendment was carried.

THE MINUTES

The minutes of the Worcester meeting, which had been circulated were adopted.

Mr. R. L. Roper asked if they could be circulated a little earlier. The hon. secretary replied that he had nothing to guide him except precedent.

THE STANDING COMMITTEE

The following were elected by ballot for the 12 vacancies on the Standing Committee: Mrs. E. A. Barnett, Messrs. D. Beresford, W. B. Cartwright, F. E. Dukes, P. M. J. Gray, R. F. B. Speed, P. A. Corby, W. F. Moreton, Rev. J. G. M. Scott, B. D. Threlfall, H. J. Sanger and P. J. Staniforth.

Mr. H. Poyner (Southwell) asked if the Council was satisfied with the constitution of the Standing Committee. They had only 12 elected members. There were 11 conveners of committees and the president, the secretary/treasurer and the two auditors and the past-president and past-secretary/treasurer as ex-officio members. To what extent was it a self-perpetuating body?

PEALS COLLECTION REPORT

Work has begun on a draft collection of peals in 9- to 12-bell methods, and a manuscrip copy may be available in time for the members of the Central Council to inspect.

It was decided to omit Stedman Caters and Cinques in view of the existence of the 1961 collection of these.

W. E. CRITCHLEY (Convener).
28, Brompton Road, Sprotborough, Doncaster.
R. F. B. SPEED. G. E. FEIRN.

Mr. W. E. Critchley, moving the report, said there was a MSS. collection in the possession of Mr. Speed which anyone could go through.

The report was adopted and Messrs. W. E. Critchley (convener), R. F. B. Speed and G. E. Feirn re-elected to the committee.

278 More Peals Rung in 1968

LET us first say that we still cannot understand why some conductors are so dilatory in sending in the peals immediately they are rung, or why we still have so many repeats. PLEASE try and amend your ways, writes Mr. W. Ayre in introducing the report of the Peals Analysis Committee.

The 1967 figures shown include four which were queried in our previous report, thus showing an increase in 1968 of 278—tower 3,121, an increase of 194; handbells 334, an increase of 84. This gives a grand total of 3,455.

Interesting comparisons can be made from the other figures and lists in our report. There were 543 first pealers and 79 first as conductor, as reported in "The Ringing World".

In the table below it will be seen that Kent County and the Chester Guild have exchanged positions from last year, but an ordinary look at the figures will explain why. (We consider this a wonderful achievement.)

LEADING GUILDS

	Tower	Hand-bells	Total
Chester Guild	150	103	253
Yorkshire Assn. (1 in 1967)	209	11	220
Lancashire Assn.	164	24	188
Leicester Guild	156	31	187
Kent County	158	13	171
Oxford Guild	154	10	164
Hertford County	91	51	142
Bath and Wells	127	—	127
Peterborough Guild ..	120	1	121

These nine give 45.5% of the total peals rung in 1968.

The breakdown is as follows: —

	Tower 1967	Tower 1968		Handbells 1967	Handbells 1968	
Fourteen				1	—	− 1
Maximus	67	94	+ 27	15	18	+ 3
Cinques	47	51	+ 4	5	1	− 4
Royal	192	219	+ 27	27	36	+ 9
Caters	91	92	+ 1	4	11	+ 7
Major	1,200	1,359	+ 159	107	120	+ 13
Triples	206	210	+ 4	4	4	=
Minor	840	813	− 27	75	108	+ 33
Doubles	279	277	− 2	12	36	+ 24
Minimus	5	6	+ 1	—	—	
	2,927	3,121	+ 194	250	334	+ 84

OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCES

Chester Guild — 18,000 Cambridge Royal: 13,140 Kent Maximus and 15,160 Oxford T.B. Royal on handbells. Gloucester and Bristol—23 Spliced Surprise Major silent and non-conducted. Hertford County—10,784 Oxford T.B. Major and 17,284 Kent T.B. Major and 30, 26, 25, 21, 18 Spliced Surprise Major on handbells. Lancashire Association—40 Spliced Surprise Maximus at Liverpool Cathedral. Middlesex County — 28 Spliced Surprise Major on handbells. Society of Royal Cumberland Youths—completing six peals of 9 Spliced Surprise Major on one day. Surrey Association 9,600 Lincolnshire S. Major, and the increasing number of methods variations being used in peals of Doubles. Finally, but not least, five peals from America and one from Natal (Doubles) (with four firsts and first as conductor). May the increased peal totals reflect a similar increase in Sunday service ringing!

First pealers down a little, with 543, but not so many first as conductor—79 as against 103 in our last report. Can something be done about this? WALTER AYRE (Convener).

The report was adopted, and Messrs. W. Ayre (convener), Rev. W. H. Felstead, R. L. Roper and F. B. Lufkin appointed to the committee.

Council's Library now Catalogued

Mr. Frederick Sharpe, the acting hon. librarian, reports:—

During the year the borrowing of books from the Library increased slightly. The Library was administered until October by Mr. Frank Perrens, and at a meeting of the Library Sub-Committee held in Coventry in August it was agreed that during his absence from this country on a world tour I should become the Council's Acting Librarian. Mr. and Mrs. Perrens left on November 17th, and we wish them a happy journey and safe return, coupled with our most grateful thanks to Mr. Perrens for all he has done during his ten years in office.

MR. F. W. PERRENS,

who received the best thanks of the Council for his ten years in office as Hon. Librarian.

The Library was transferred to Launton in October, and at the present time the periodicals and literature of a similar character are housed in Caversfield Church, by courtesy of the Vicar and churchwardens, to whom our sincere thanks are due. The remainder of the contents of the Library are stored at my home and during a period of recuperation from illness I have catalogued the books and manuscripts. This is a task which I hoped to do when formerly I held the office of Librarian, and one which has baffled the past four holders of this office. Each book has been given a catalogue number and endorsed with the Council's stamp. From the numerical index an Index of Titles has been prepared and is kept in a series of loose-leaf binders with plenty of provision for additions in the future. From the Index of Titles an Index of Authors is being compiled, but is not yet completed.

Gifts to the Library during 1968 are gratefully acknowledged as follows: "Reverberations", from Mr. J. F. Partington; "Irish Bell News", from Mr. F. E. Dukes; "The History of the Bells of Westminster Abbey", from Mr. H. N. Pitstow (author); copies of articles from the publication "Copper"—(1) Repair of Cracked Bells, by Mr. K. J. Clews; (2) A Sound Investment, by Messrs. R. Hollis and D. Hughes (per Mr. D. J. Gay); a copy of the manuscrips of W. Crofts, per Mr. D. Stainsby. "The Bellringers Guide to the Church Bells of Britain", by Mr. R. H. Dove (author) (Fourth Edition).

In conclusion, I appeal to the ten persons who have kept the books they borrowed from the Library since 1967 and earlier to return them for cataloguing, and thank all those who promptly returned books for this purpose in response to the announcement in "The Ringing World".

Mr. Frederick Sharpe, in moving the adoption of the report, referred to the work of Mr. Perrens over the past years.

The report was adopted and the new committee consists of W. Ayre (convener), Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, Messrs. R. L. Roper and F. B. Lufkin.

BEGINNERS HANDBOOKS SOLD OVER 3,000

Sales of Central Council publications by Mr. J. L. Garner-Haywood during 1968 totalled 5,770. Of these the Beginners Handbook accounted for 3,132. Details are appended.

	Copies sold	Stock
Preservation of Bells	205	83
Beginners Handbook	3132	2094
Popular Major Compositions	104	651
False Course Heads	34	89
Minor Methods	169	163
Stedman Compositions ..	23	516
Doubles Methods	169	651
Ringing for Service	316	1420
On Conducting	196	231
C.C. Handbook	126	141
Method Sheets D.N.C. ..	31	622
Method Sheets Triples ..	51	337
Peals Section III	16	10
Care of Bells	16	—
Model Code of Rules.. ..	48	327
Electrical Switch-Gear Cards	18	805
Four-way Minor Methods ..	51	720
Recruiting Leaflets	525	2685
Change Ringing on Handbells	197	126
Grandsire Caters	37	655
Surprise Methods P.N. ..	124	560
Surprise Compositions (Wratten)	61	593
Blue Line Proof	45	54
Spliced Triples	76	111
	5770	

Mr. F. W. Perrens Thanked

The Vice-President (Mr. E. A. Barnett) said he felt they were in error in allowing Mr. Frank Perrens to depart from the Library without comment. They were all very grateful for the work he did in that capacity for a period of ten years. Mr. Perrens was one of the senior members of the Council, being a member for 42 years. It was with great regret that they learned he was giving up the position of librarian through moving into a smaller house.

Thanking the Council, Mr. Perrens said he was in Uganda when he was elected librarian.

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Tongue-tied Critics over "Ringing World" Report

For the past four years the reception of the report of "The Ringing World" Committee has given rise to very critical debates. This year there was a complete absence of criticism and not a single question was raised.

The report gave an admirable survey of the past three years of the 26th Council, revealing a 17 per cent. increase in space and 7.7 per cent. increase in sales.

Financially it was not a good year, with a loss of £966, which was aggravated by a bad debt of £518. The forecast for the coming year is that the journal will break even.

THE REPORT

The 26th Council has seen great changes in "The Ringing World", and at the end of this Council's term it is worth placing some of these on record.

In 1966 the standard paper was 16 pp. and only one issue had a coloured cover, but this idea has been developed to where 20 pp. and a coloured cover is the standard, as the table shows:—

1966: 1 coloured, 51 white, total pages 868, average 16.7 pp. per week.

1967: 28 coloured, 24 white, total pages 960, average 18.5 pp. per week.

1968: 46 coloured, 6 white, total pages 1,016, average 19.5 pp. per week.

(An average increase in space of 17% from 1966 to 1968.)

The average weekly sales in the three years have been: 1966, 5,646; 1967, 5,878; 1968, 6,081; an increase of 7.7%.

In 1968 the figure for the first half was 6,150 and for the second half it fell to 6,012 after the price increase. For the first ten issues of 1969 the average has been 5,907 and we are encouraged that the loss so far does not exceed 250. The reduction is almost entirely on supplies through newsagents as Rolls House ordered more than sales to cope with contingencies. Our figures are actual sales.

Improvements cost money, and the accounts show the combined effects of more coloured issues, more pages, increases in basic printing costs and the increase in postal charges in September, 1968. Costs have already gone up again from March, 1969. Income has had to be increased by raising the charges for notices and advertisements and the price of the paper itself was raised to 1/- in July, 1968. The investment policy has been reviewed and further adjustments have been made since the 1968 accounts were completed. The effects of these changes showed through to some extent in the second half-year. As reported at Worcester the draft accounts by the Auditor for January to April, 1968, showed a loss of £458 and, on this basis, it may reasonably be assumed that the loss for the first half of 1968 would be about £750 when additional costs were taken into consideration. The figure for the whole of 1968, less the bad debt referred to below, means that the second-half made a surplus of £300 in the opinion of our Auditor.

GENEROUS SUPPORT

The financial position of "The Ringing World" would be much worse but for the generous donations that many people continue to send. Quarter peal ringers contributed well over half the donations for 1968 and, in addition, there were special donations of £310 from voluntary payments by 600 people of the increased rates on unexpired postal subscriptions. At the time of writing further special donations totalling £112 have been received in 1969. Our sincere thanks are expressed to all these kind donors.

In June, 1968, Rolls House gave notice that they would cease trading because of difficulties with their accommodation. At very short notice Mr. W. G. Wilson and the Editor, with the willing co-operation of the "Surrey Advertiser", negotiated alternative arrangements which have continued the circulation through newsagents without interruption and have given us a slightly higher proportion of the revenue from those sales. We are now our own publishers.

MR. W. G. WILSON,
the successor to Mr. R. S. Anderson as Convener of "The Ringing World" Committee.

Unfortunately, Rolls House were not completely frank in their reason for closing down and in September, 1968, a statutory meeting of creditors was held. Mr. W. G. Wilson and our Auditor attended that meeting. On hearing that a very large claim of over £30,000 had been lodged, although vigorously disputed by Rolls House, the committee agreed unanimously that "The Ringing World" claim of £518 should be written-off as a bad debt in the 1968 accounts. It is not possible at this stage to say what, if any, dividend will be received.

STAFF CENTRED AT GUILDFORD

Mr. T. W. White has continued his untiring efforts as Editor throughout. He has also set up a shadow organisation to cope with emergencies but no permanent successor has yet been found. The Accountant's duties were taken over by Mr. C. W. Lucas after the death of Mr. Jeater. This new arrangement, which has brought all the work under one roof at Guildford, has been of material help to the Editor. Mr. Lucas readily took on the extra work on accounts that was entailed in becoming our own publishers. Mrs. Lucas has continued to assist in the office work. All of them deserve our special thanks.

Mr. Jeater's death in May, 1968, cannot be allowed to pass without our written acknowledgment of his many years of faithful service as our Accountant, and to express our sympathy for his family. We are indebted to those who undertook responsibility for transferring his books and papers to Guildford.

A milestone was reached in 1968 with issue No. 3000 on October 18th, and we salute all the select and faithful band who have taken the paper from its first issue. We are grateful to all subscribers, old and new, and to those who supply news and articles to fill the space that has been provided.

COMMITTEE 100%

Of the Committee itself, it may be noted that two major changes were introduced after the Council meeting at Bath in 1966. The size of the Committee was increased and it began to meet more frequently. During the past three years the membership has varied between 3 and 6 and the total of meetings held has been 10. Since Worcester the present Committee of 5 has met three times and attendance of elected members has been 100%. The Editor and Treasurer of "The Ringing World" and the Secretary of the Central Council have also been in almost 100% attendance throughout and the Vice-President of the Central Council has attended all the meetings in the past year.

On the basis of the 1968 Accounts, received in good time, a budget has been agreed for 1969. At the last meeting approval was given to the recommendations of the Auditor for improvements in the accounting system to provide easier interim checks on the financial position.

Looking to the future, our budget anticipates that the accounts will at least "break even" and possibly show a small surplus in 1969 with the present standard of the paper maintained. Finance is not the only limiting factor at this stage for in some weeks the Editor is short of good copy. It would seem that the next year or two should be a period of consolidation and it is hoped that everyone will give what support they can to increase circulation and to maintain and improve the appeal of the paper by their contributions of news and articles.

We end on a more personal note with thanks to various kind friends who have provided accommodation and hospitality for our meetings.

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P. J. STANIFORTH (Mrs.),
W. G. WILSON.

The report was moved by Mr. R. S. Anderson and adopted without comment. The committee consists of Messrs. W. G. Wilson (convener), R. S. Anderson, D. A. Bayles, R. F. B. Speed and Mrs. Staniforth.

SUMMARY OF ATTENDANCE

Societies		Members Present	Members Absent
Wholly represented	47	123	—
Partly represented	10	25	11
Not represented	7	—	10
	64	148	21
Life Members		8	1
Honorary Members		14	5
		170	27

Attendance, 1968: 166.
Attendance, 1967: 165.

NEARLY 43 YEARS BETWEEN PEALS

Dear Sir,—I think that the following information would be of interest to your readers:—

On June 14th, 1926, Mr. H. L. Williamson rang his first peal. This was on the treble to Grandsire Triples at St. Mary's, Greasley, Notts. On April 26th this year he rang his second peal. This was also on the treble, to Bob Minor at St. Mark's, Biggin Hill, Kent. Although 70 this year, Mr. Williamson showed no ill-effects from his exertions, and said afterwards that he had thoroughly enjoyed the ringing.

H. M. WILLIAMSON.

Biggin Hill, Kent.

Busy Year for Sunday Service and Education Committee

WASHINGTON FILM

During 1968 the film went out on hire six times and so far there are six bookings for 1969. The film is still in very good condition.

FILMS ON BELLRINGING

Following the appearance of our 1967 report in "The Ringing World" two people have written to the Convener offering to help in the production of an 8 mm. instructional film on bellringing. Although the Convener has drawn up suggestions for the content of an 8 mm. instructional film, as requested, progress in organising its production has been postponed because of—

(1) The question of expense

(2) The desirability of linking the techniques to be shown in the film with those advocated in the Tutor's Handbook.

It is suggested that the Council offer a number of substantial prizes for the best amateur 8 mm. instructional films submitted to them by a certain date. Any such competition would need to—

(a) ensure that the content of the film met the Council's wishes:

(b) attract a high quality of entries:

(c) provide the Council with the ownership of the films selected so that they would be available for hire on the Council's terms.

We would like the Council to consider this suggestion at its coming meeting.

The Convener has also had an offer of assistance in the production of a 16 mm. general interest film on bellringing, and as requested has supplied an outline of what might be included in the film. As the cost of this suggested film will be approximately £15 per minute for a 20-minute film (£300), it has not been possible to take any definite action until the Council has discussed it.

GENERAL INTEREST FILM-STRIP

The illness of Mr. F. Sharpe has prevented implementation of this commitment, but it is hoped to meet it in the near future.

WEEK-END AND DAY COURSES

In conjunction with the Hereford Guild Mr. Moreton again organised a successful week-end course at Hereford Training College during Easter. For 16 of the students the course was extended to five days, a venture which proved to be very worthwhile and successful. A three-day course is planned for 1969.

Mr. Chaddock assisted the Lincoln Diocesan Guild with their one-day course at Lea in October. Following his 1968/69 evening institute course at Market Weighton, a one-day course has been arranged on May 10th, 1969, for the Beverley and District Society and the East Riding Education Authority.

The Warden of Grantley Hall, Yorkshire, has again invited Mr. Chaddock to organise a week-end course there. This will be during the week ending November 14th–16th, 1969.

Assistance was given to the Lincoln Guild with a week-end course at Brant Broughton in March, 1969.

Mr. Sharpe assisted with the Hereford Course last year and in the period January–September, prior to his illness, gave some 20 instructional and training lectures. Seven of these were given to non-ringing societies or Church organisations and brought in the usual few recruits. Following his illness he gave one lecture in Oxford during December.

GRAMOPHONE RECORD ILLUSTRATING GOOD STRIKING

Messrs. Saydisc have undertaken to produce this for us from our own master tape. A draft has been prepared of—

MR. N. CHADDOCK, the versatile Convener of the Sunday Service and Education Committee.

(1) The instructional notes to be printed on the back of the record sleeve.

(2) The list of examples of good striking recorded on the disc, together with a brief note on each. This will be printed on the front of the sleeve with a suitable illustration to make an attractive cover.

Ninety-nine 12in. long play records will be produced. The cost of these, including labels and sleeves, will be just under the £100 allocated by the Council in 1968. The selling price of one record will be around 25 -.

As the recordings are being made from outside the towers, progress has been hindered by the adverse weather of recent months. Mr. Clive Smith is, however, pressing on with the task of completing the recordings.

THEOLOGICAL COLLEGES

We continue to make contact within the Theological Colleges, and it is interesting to note that on one occasion last year a lecture was given by a member of the clergy. Needless to say, a "ringing cleric" is an ideal lecturer and it is hoped to find more of these contacts as time goes by to assist in this field. Any members aware of such contacts are asked to let Mrs. Staniforth know. Thanks are expressed to secretaries of Associations who have volunteered information about their local colleges and so lighten the amount of written work involved.

THE TUTOR'S HANDBOOK

The final re-drafting of this, following the receipt of comments on the draft circulated early in 1968, has been a time-consuming task. However, Part I (Bell Control) is now on sale. Part II (Elementary Change Ringing) is completed and should be available shortly.

NORMAN CHADDOCK (Convener), Blencathra, Spring Road, Market Weighton, near York.

WILFRID F. MORETON, FREDERICK SHARPE, JILL STANIFORTH, MARIE R. CROSS, CLIVE M. SMITH.

THE DISCUSSION

Mr. N. Chaddock moved the adoption of the report with the exception of the paragraph linking a film with the Tutor's Handbook.

Mr. Moreton seconded.

Mr. W. G Wilson congratulated Mr. Moreton and those responsible for the production of Part I of the Tutor's Handbook.

Mr. Chaddock said regarding a film on bellringing, they had several offers of assistance after the last report in "The Ringing World". They had now had the offer of a 16 m.m. film through Mr. Richard Bell. It would cost about £500 to £600 for a colour film for about 20 minutes. They would need a working script by next Council meeting.

The General Secretary: It seems to me that financial matters are involved and a small ad hoc committee — perhaps Mr. Chaddock and myself—should be appointed.

Mr. R. L. Roper said they ought to endeavour to get a good film on bell ringing and not just good film technique.

Mrs. Staniforth (Ladies' Guild): Are we right in waiting 12 months before we know what the project is?

Mr. Moreton asked that an ad hoc committee be formed with power to act.

The secretary suggested that the committee be allowed within the limit of the funds in the Clement Glenn bequest.

This was agreed to and Messrs. R. G. Bell, Moreton, the President and Secretary were appointed to this committee.

The Sunday Service Committee was elected: Mr. N. Chaddock (convener), Mrs S. Staniforth and Messrs. W. F. Moreton, F. Sharpe and C. M. Smith.

Miscellaneous items included requests for film-strip and notes on "Bell Control", teaching aids and visual aids, tune-ringing technique and music.

HON. SECRETARY AND TREASURER'S REPORT

Most of the work may be regarded as routine. I am often asked about the volume. In 1968 there were nearly 500 items of outgoing mail in addition to the 200 pre-meeting packages of reports.

I have not yet been able to find the appropriate authority to whom the Council's interest in the "1970 Report" may be declared. I shall be glad to have the information from anyone with it. I should also like to be given accurate information about redundant bells.

I have dealt with three cases where there has been the threat of action under the Noise Abatement Act. I presume that action has not followed because I have not had any further report. It may be that those concerned have taken my advice to consult the appropriate chapter on sound control in the Preservation Handbook.—VERNON BOTTOMLEY.

Moving the adoption, the hon. secretary said in regard to paragraph 2, the Paul report was likely to be adopted in every diocese in the country. The Standing Committee recommended that Ringing Associations should seek representation on the Diocesan Advisory Committees in order to give advice and see that the interests of ringers were safeguarded.

The report was adopted.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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Report of the Broadcasting and Television Committee for 1968

FROM the regional reports it would appear that there has been a falling-off in the use of bells on the air during this year, but one wonders whether we are being informed of all that happens. We do reiterate our plea of previous years that ringers in the towers concerned should inform this committee when their bells are broadcast so that the event can be recorded.

North Region.—The only bells noted have been those rung before some of the morning services broadcast by I.T.V. The recorded epilogues mentioned in last year's report were broadcast by Tyne-Tees T.V. in 1968—Canon Thurlow's remaining two appearing in July, and three by Denis Bayles on "My Job in the Church" in September. This region's nomination for the Christmas broadcast was accepted by the B.B.C. The outcome was a very satisfactory item from St. John's, Preston, to which proper thought in the organisation may well have made some contribution.

Ireland.—In March, Radio Eireann gave a feature item, "The Bell Invites Me", in which the bells of St. Anne's, Sheldon; St. Mary's (R.C.) Cathedral Cork; St. Finbarre's (I.C.) Cathedral, Cork, and Cobh Cathedral carillon were heard. Several members of the St. Finbarre's ringers were interviewed in the programme. Other bells heard on the air during the year were those of St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin — muffled and open — Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin, and St. Mary's, Limerick. This region's contribution to the Christmas bells programme came from St. Mark's, Dundela.

Scotland.—Most of the churches here from which services are broadcast have no bells, and therefore ringing in this region is not heard very often. Ringing at St. James', Leith, was featured in a news item by Scottish T.V. and the bells of this church were heard in the Christmas bells programme.

Midland and East Anglia.—In this region television seems to have been the only medium to broadcast bells. B.B.C. interviewed M. J. Clack, aged 90, of Warboys, in May and later G. E. Symonds, aged 93, after ringing a peal. On Anglia T.V. bells preceded the services broadcast from Yoxford Parish Church, Suffolk, and from St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich. The handbell ringers from Redenhall Secondary Modern School, Norfolk, appeared in the programme "About Anglia" on Christmas Eve. In the Christmas programme Debenham provided some well-struck Major ringing.

In the **West** region bells have been used much less than usual. They were heard preceding services broadcast from Sherborne Abbey on Radio 4, Trent Parish Church, Dorset, and Witheridge Parish Church, Devon — both on World Service.

Wells Cathedral bells were heard for some minutes when shots of the Cathedral were on the screen at the time when the police were investigating thefts from the Cathedral. This heavy ten were recorded and broadcast prior to a service of carols on Christmas Eve, and Harry Sanger was invited to supervise the recordings. The bells were rung by a local band which included several young ringers who acquitted themselves quite creditably.

Wales.—Here we have reports of many more occasions when bells were heard on the air. The B.B.C.'s "Songs of Praise" programme in January came from Ebbw Vale and was preceded for some minutes by Grandsire Doubles. As two of the ringers were needed in the choir only six of the bells could be rung. In June the I.T.V. morning service was televised in Cheltenham Parish Church and from its tower came some 12-bell ringing. B.B.C. 2 visited St. David's in July to make a film of the Cathedral for showing at a later date. Shots were taken of the bells in motion and of the ringers, and the producer featured the action of the hands of two of the ringers.

July 17th was the occasion of the enthronement of the new Archbishop of Wales, and B.B.C. televised the service. Viewers saw some good shots of Llandaff Cathedral and heard Stedman Caters being rung on the Cathedral bells. The commentator made mention of the fact that the conductor—Nicholas Simon—is the son of the Archbishop.

These bells were heard again on December 31st in the B.B.C.'s "The end of the year from Llandaff Cathedral". When the Archbishop in his address referred to the "sound of the bells" some good Grandsire Caters rang out for about two minutes.

Harlech T.V. programmes for New Year's Eve were introduced with good shots of bells ringing.

For the Christmas bells programme Cadoxton, Neath, provided some well-struck Stedman Doubles.

London.—In this region there is singularly little to report. There was the repeat at the end of the year of the "Blue Peter" programme filmed at All Saints', Kingston, which sparked-off some correspondence in "The Ringing World". There have been two or three occasions when bells have been used very briefly as a background to a view of a cathedral or church.

It is significant that far more news of the broadcasting of bells has come from Wales than from any other region, and unless one is prepared to accept the conclusion that there is more interest in the Principality in bellringing than elsewhere, this must indicate that other regions do not report what happens. It is to be hoped that this will be remedied in future.

The Convener has had useful discussions with the B.B.C. regarding the Christmas bells programme, and particularly the use of bells to introduce Sunday morning broadcasts, and although at the time of writing this report no decision has been reached, there is reason to hope that changes will be effected in the near future.

H. N. PITSTOW (Convener),
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D. A. BAYLES, J. T. DUNWOODY, R. S. WILSON, G. E. FEARN, A. G. THURLOW, J. S. KING (Mrs.), H. J. SANGER.

Mr. H. N. Pitstow said regarding Sunday broadcasting, the report finished with an expression of hope. Since then the B.B.C. had agreed to eight records instead of four being used for Sunday mornings. Up to the present to the old four they had added three more—St. Peter Mancroft (10), West Wickham (6), St. Philip's, Birmingham (12). His interview with them was in February and he heard the result in May.

GLOSSARY OF RINGING TERMS DEBATE

A motion proposing the publication of a booklet containing a glossary of technical ringing terms to supersede that previously published circa 1901 was proposed by Mr. C. E. Mew. He said that there was a list in the ringing handbook by Powell and also by Mr. Wilson. With the exception of Mr. Wilson's "On Conducting" there was no book containing an explanation of the terms used. When he was learning he had to go to two old ringers for an explanation of some of the technical terms used.

Mr. G. W. Shanks (London County) seconded.

Mr. P. Gray said the Tutor's Handbook had a good glossary of terms. It would be published by the Council and cover the terms of the motion.

Mr. W. G. Wilson (London County) supported the publication of a new glossary.

Mr. Norman Chaddock confirmed that all technical terms for beginners were explained in the Tutor's Handbook.

Mr. C. K. Lewis said ringing terms were often local and not national. The 1901 glossary had to be given away to get rid of it.

Mr. John Seager (Yorkshire) said it was important that what was published should be understood nationally. An agreed vocabulary was needed.

The Rev. J. G. M. Scott (Guild of Devonshire Ringers) warned the Council that among many Devon ringers a rise and 60 changes constituted a peal. They would not change their term.

There were only 39 votes in favour of the motion which was heavily defeated.

[To be continued]

CANTERBURY, KENT.—At St. Dunstan's Church, on May 10th, 1,260 Pl. B. Minor: Miss F. Pollard 1, J. Stockbridge 2, Mrs. G. Stockbridge 3, Miss F. Templeman 4, J. Drage 5, D. Cawley (cond.) 6. Rung following the funeral of Canon Alan Lawler, Vicar 1954–1969.

DEATH OF MR. J. SAXTON

Many ringers in Derbyshire will regret to hear of the death on May 18th of Mr. Joseuh Saxton, of Bolsover, aged 56. Six years ago he had to give up ringing through heart trouble.

Joe was taught to ring at Bolsover by John Flint when his services as a choirboy ended. He served in the Royal Navy during the last war and rang in Sydney when stationed in that part of the world. In the belfry he was completely reliable both as a ringer and in maintaining the bells. He was a member of the former Midland Counties Guild and a founder member of the Derbyshire Association, for which he rang 39 peals.

The funeral service on May 22nd was conducted by the Rev. G. Lansdell, and Mr. J. Swain accompanied the singing of two of his favourite hymns. The bells were rung half-muffled and again in the evening to a peal of Double Norwich, a method of which he was very fond. D.C.

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By MARCUS C. W. SHERWOOD

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As rung at Colwall, Herefordshire, on April 19th, 1969.

QUARTER PEALS

SURREY ASSOCIATION
Quarter peals rung to commemorate the 89th anniversary of the Association
On May 18th

BEDDINGTON.—1,299 Stedman Caters: F. D. Jennings 1, N. Thomson 2, R. J. Cook 3, S. F. Kimber (cond.) 4, P. D. Dawson-Taylor 5, D. G. Spittle 6, Juliet S. Stoy 7, L. A. Bance 8, R. J. Talbot 9, L. A. Reece 10. For Evensong.

BENHILTON. — 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Janet Moore 1, Ann Murrells 2, R. J. Lear 3, D. T. Haine (first "inside") 4, M. Ling (cond.) 5, L. Murrells 6. Frist quarter 1 and 6. For Parish Communion.

CLAPHAM PARK.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. J. Munday 1, Rev. J. E. P. Tredennick 2, Pamela Gough 3, E. J. Adams 4, M. Morris 5, G. W. Stevens 6, S. Mortimore (cond.) 7, K. Game 8. For A.M.D.G

COULSDON.—1,320 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Doubles: G. Long 1, Geraldine Flook 2, A. Smith 3, J. Saysell 4, D. Little (cond.) 5. For Evensong

EGHAM. — 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. P. Baker (first quarter) 1, N. Summerhayes 2, Miss C. A. Elliott 3, S. R. Elliott 4, D. E. Parsons 5, A. D. Flood 6, W. A. Peck (cond.) 7, G. R. Tickner 8.

KINGSTON UPON THAMES. — 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. J. Stone 1, Katharine Salvage 2, Lesley A. Hawes 3, Ann V. Salvage 4, C. D. Collin (cond.) 5, Anthea S. Bruce 6.

KINGSWOOD. — 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. V. Boustred 1, B. Hawkins 2, Barbara Minnion 3, E. W. Taylor 4, A. G. Clark (cond.) 5, D. Mealor 6.

MERTON.—1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: J. Newton (first quarter) 1, M. Newton (first "inside") 2, G. Hawkes 3, M. Stanley 4, F. Seabright (cond.) 5.

PUTNEY, LONDON. — 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): Christine M. Cobb 1, Julie S. Armstrong 2, Josephine R. Paterson 3, L. W. Allen 4, R. J. Stewart 5, M. J. Uphill 6, C. F. Mew 8.

On May 25th

ADDINGTON. — 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Sheila Wilthu (first quarter) 1, Amanda Powell 2, I. Wiltshire 3, Louise Powell 4, N. Bennett 5, E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 6.

REDHILL.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Illman 1, Mary Dallison (first "inside") 2, K. Dallison 3, Marion Dallison 4, I. Goacher 5, A. Streeter 6, G. West (cond.) 7, H. Comber 8.

HALF PEAL

CARDIGAN. — On May 17th, 2,520 Plain Bob Minor: D. J. Morgan 1, Miss J. Gordon 2, A. Walters 3, Miss S. Davis 4, Miss M. Twigg (cond.) 5, M. Tompsett 6. First half peal for 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.—At Overdale, on May 27th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: G. Bromley 1-2, N. D. Robinson 3-4, D. W. James (cond.) 5-6.

BABBACOMBE, DEVON. — On May 18th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: A. J. Garbett 1, R. F. Shepperd 2, Valerie Stephens 3, W. Simmonds 4, J. L. Read 5, G. J. Roberts 6, D. J. Roberts (cond.) 7, W. Wayman 8. First in method for all. 50th quarter together for 6 and 7. For Evensong.

BARCOMBE, SUSSEX. — On May 15th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): S. I. Osborne 1, Miss H. J. Osborne 2, Mrs. G. S. M. Macadam 3, A. Turner (cond.) 4, E. M. Macadam 5, F. Smith 6. A compliment to Hilary J. Osborne on gaining her Queen's Guide Badge.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICS. — On May 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (all Singles): M. D. Barsby 1, Cherrill L. Everard 2, H. Christine Younger 3, P. G. Chambers 4, B. S. Payne (cond.) 5, R. I. Kendrick 6. For Ascension Day Evensong.

BASILDON, ESSEX. — On Jan. 30th, 1,260 P.B. Doubles: G. Gray 1-2, G. Lucas (cond.) 3-4, A. Elliott (first quarter) 5-6. Also on March 19th, 1,260 P.B. Doubles: G. Mason (first on working pair) 1-2, G. Lucas (cond.) 3-4, P. Cammiade (first quarter) 5-6. Also on March 27th, 1,320 P.B. Doubles: A. Gibbs (first on working pair) 1-2, G. Lucas (cond.) 3-4, P. Cammiade 5-6. By the Barstaple School Society.

BENTWORTH, HANTS. — On May 17th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): D. M. Hadley 1, D. G. Hatherly 2, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 3, R. A. Stone 4, B. E. Pink 5.

BERRY POMEROY, DEVON.—On May 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Tuckett 1, R. J. Edden 2, Valerie Stephens 3, John Read 4, William Wayman 5, G. J. Roberts 6, D. J. Roberts (cond.) 7, J. C. Gent 8. For Matins.

BLACKWELL, DERBYS.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob Minor: A. Smithson 1, E. A. Wilson 2, W. Riley 3, W. Steele 4, A. Tomlinson 5, A. Wheeler (cond.) 6. For Evensong

BLOCKLEY, GLOS.—On May 24th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: A. R. Pink 1, Margery Wratten 2, Angela Newing 3, C. C. Clarke 4, Valerie Willard 5, W. Birmingham 6, B. W. Hall 7, C. A. Wratten (cond.) 8. A farewell to Peter and Angela Newing.

BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS.—At St. John-the-Evangelist Church, on May 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mabel Mitchell 1, Sally Cooksey 2, Hilary Gardiner 3, Dorothy Fletcher 4, Kathleen Fletcher 5, Dorothy Gardiner 6, H. A. Mitchell (cond.) 7, L. Boyce 8. For Matins, and as a welcome to the new Vicar, Rev. R. Spittle.

BRADPOLE, DORSET. — On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Janice Gudge 1, M. J. Hiller (cond.) 2, J. R. Hartung 3, I. L. Andrews 4, D. B. Ellery 5, A. D. Case 6. 50th quarter together 2 and 5. A birthday compliment to I. L. Andrews.

BREMHILL, WILTS.—On May 18th, 1,320 Doubles (four methods): Mrs. J. Frayling (first quarter) 1, R. A. Wright 2, A. J. Cox 3, B. Evans 4, M. E. Straccy (cond.) 5, W. Frayling 6. For Evensong, and as a farewell tribute to the Vicar, Rev. J. Jackson.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At St. Peter's Church, on Whit Sunday, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Carolyn McInnes (first Major) 1, Susan Hopkin 2, Caroline Mackie 3, B. J. Read (cond.) 4, A. W. Bond 5, A. P. Fester 6, T. G. Williams 7, D. L. Nibbs 8. In memoriam Mrs. Elsie Hairs, former member of St. Peter's Society.

BROMHAM, BEDS.—On May 16th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Triples: Mrs. K. A. Marriott 1, C. S. Branson 2, R. Chapman 3, B. L. Crisp 4, F. C. Hulatt 5, D. A. Hammond 6, M. J. Marriott (cond.) 7, C. E. Jeffries 8. Rung half-muffled to the memory of Mr. F. V. Stanton, a member of the local band.

CARDIFF, GLAM. — At St. John-the-Baptist's Church, on May 15th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: T. T. Yeomans 1, P. Thomas (first Plain Bob Major) 2, Ruth E. Havard 3, D. Cormell 4, W. H. Harford 5, R. J. Hall 6, A. E. Marsh 7, P. S. Bennett (cond.) 8. For Ascension Day Evensong.

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CHIDDINGLY, SUSSEX.—On April 10th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): J. E. Baker 1, Mrs. G. S. M. Macadam 2, Mrs. M. Thorpe 3, A. Turner 4, B. Stepney (cond.) 5, S. J. Osborne 6. A wedding compliment to Carole Vine and Brian Horne, married at Keymer Parish Church.

CODSALL, STAFFS.—On May 15th, 1,264 Pl. Bob Major: S. W. Illidge 1, D. Head (first in method) 2, A. D. Collins 3, P. Bryan 4, S. G. Pick 5, A. G. Richards 6, Gillian Bosworth-Smith 7, P. R. Johnson (cond.) 8. For the Deanery Festival.

COMPTON BISHOP, SOM.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: Gwen Hooper 1, Susan Stott 2, H. Hooper (cond.) 3, H. Dodd 4, C. Field (first "inside") 5, J. Radford 6. For St. George's Day.

CRANBROOK, KENT.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. A. Legg 1, D. J. Beeken (first "inside") 2, B. N. Butter 3, A. J. Leeves 4, R. Weeks (cond.) 5, A. W. Webb 6. For Sung Eucharist.

CRAYFORD, KENT.—On May 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jill Dunmall 1, E. Barnett 2, J. A. D. Woolford 3, Jean F. Woolford 4, H. E. Audsley 5, W. J. Lemon 6, E. A. Barnett (cond.) 7, W. L. Bond 8. Rung on the 70th anniversary of E. Barnett's first peal.

CHIGWELL, ESSEX. — On May 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Pip Hall (first quarter) 1, Lesley Tibbitts (first "inside") 2, Susan F. Thomas 3, P. Dickinson 4, D. A. Tovell (cond.) 5, J. E. Murfitt 6. Also 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Bubb 1, Susan F. Thomas 2, Lesley Tibbitts 3, D. A. Tovell 4, J. E. Murfitt (cond.) 5, P. Dickinson 6. Both rung for the flower festival.

DUNHAM MASSEY, CHESHIRE.—On April 19th, 1,262 Yorkshire Surprise Royal: B. Jones 1, D. F. Yates 2, M. Fishwick 3, M. Platt 4, C. Movley 5, B. F. L. Groves 6, C. K. Lewis (cond.) 7, R. Starkie 8, F. Osbaldiston 9, R. B. Smith 10. Rung in honour of the wedding of the Vicar (Rev. John Heywood) and Mrs. J. D. Haworth which took place at this church earlier in the day.

ELING, HANTS.—On April 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Gwen Mackrell (first quarter) 1, Ronda Purkess 2, Anne Buchanan 3, B. Mackrell 4, J. Hartless (cond.) 5, R. Buchanan 6.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On Ascension Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor cover, omitting 2): P. Shonck (first quarter) 1, Miss Heably 3, P. Clarke 4, T. Culver 5, F. Hurrell 6, G. Clarke (cond.) 7, T. Hall (first quarter) 8. A compliment to P. Clarke and Janet on the birth of a daughter (Sarah Jane).

EPSOM, SURREY.—On May 16th, 1,280 Pl. Bob Major: J. Aronson 1, Ann Williams (first "inside") 2, Rosemary Astridge 3, S. N. Mortimore 4, Jill P. Oakshott 5, Felicity S. Hamilton 6, J. C. Davidge 7, P. J. Munday (cond.) 8.

FARNHAM, SURREY. — On May 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Denise A. Wood 1, Roy Collins 2, Judith M. Collins 3, J. A. Collier 4, S. Meadows 5, A. D. Elsmore 6, E. J. Futcher (first as cond.) 7, F. Olives 8. Also on May 15th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Judith C. Couperthwaite 1, Beryl R. Simpson 2, Margaret M. Lewis 3, J. R. Perrett (first Yorkshire) 4, B. W. White 5, W. J. Couperthwaite 6, M. J. Church 7, H. P. Read (cond.) 8. Both rung for the Farnham Festival.

FETCHAM, SURREY. — At Gatesden Road, on March 31st, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: G. Bromley 1-2, D. W. James 3-4, N. D. Robinson 5-6, T. Skilton (cond.) 7-8. Frist on eight handbells 5-6 and 7-8.

FITZHEAD, SOM.—On May 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Bellamy 1, C. G. Barnes 2, Miss J. Blanch (first as cond.) 3, A. W. Knight 4, R. A. C. Cross 5.

GLATTON, HUNTS.—On May 22nd, 1,272 Pl. Bob Minimus: D. Knox 1, C. Rofle 2, J. R. Charlton 3, A. J. Dolby (cond.) 4. First quarter 1 and 2. For "Women's World Day of Prayer".

HALESOWEN, WORCS.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Shilvock 1, T. Greenhall 2, M. Lashford 3, B. Ellsmore 4, A. Pickering 5, Miss M. Tromans 6, L. Clissett (cond.) 7, E. Woodall 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Major Hackett former churchwarden

WINSLOW, BUCKS.—On May 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Bull 1, F. Gibbard 2, H. France 3, N. Hall (first quarter) 4, H. Wood 5, J. Hall (cond.) 6, G. Edmans 7, I. Charlton 8. Rung for morning service to celebrate christening of Roderick Nigel, son of No. 4 and grandson of the conductor.

OBITUARY

MRS. ELSIE L. HAIRS

An appreciation

With the death on May 20th of Mrs. Elsie L. Hairs, wife of Frank I. Hairs and mother of Olive D. Barnett, there has passed on one of the most distinguished lady ringers of her generation and one who, in a ringing career which began 60 years ago, was one of the pioneers who showed that women could not only hold their own but outstrip many men in an activity which was then regarded as almost exclusively a male preserve.

Born at Guildford on October 22nd, 1892, the daughter of Frank Bennett, who himself rang 1,600 peals and is remembered by many as a most gifted all-round conductor, she learned to handle a bell at St. Alphege's, Greenwich. In her early years, however, her main interest was in handbell ringing; her first peal was Grandsire Triples on handbells on August 22nd, 1911, and she had rung 75 peals, including six of Stedman Cinques, before her first on tower bells, Stedman Caters at Hillingdon on May 1st, 1920. In all she rang 320 peals, the last being a handbell peal of Stedman Caters in which her husband also took part, on their golden wedding anniversary, January 15th, 1966, thus repeating a performance on their wedding day—a unique "double"

Mrs. Hairs was rightly proud of a number of the peals in which she took part. They included the first 10-bell peal by ladies, Stedman Caters at St. Clement Danes' in 1926, and the first all-ladies peal of Surprise, Cambridge Major at Crayford in 1928. She was the first lady to take part in a peal of Surprise on handbells, ringing 1-2 to Superlative Major in 1923, and among her other handbell peals were Carter's Odd-Bob Stedman Triples and an 8,099 of Grandsire Caters. One of her most cherished possessions was a letter from Sir Arthur Heywood congratulating her on her handbell ringing at the social after the Central Council meeting in 1912.

On tower bells she was, in June, 1924, the first lady to ring in a peal of Cambridge Maximus. One of her early tower bell peals was of Grandsire Triples by four married couples, and later she and her husband took part in a similar peal of Cambridge Royal. Her last was one of Bob Major in March, 1962, when she was in her 70th year, arranged so that she could ring a peal with her grand-daughter, now Jean Woolford.

Apart from peal ringing she was for some years secretary of the Central District of the Ladies' Guild, of which she was a founder member. For a number of years she was peal secretary of the Sussex County Association and more recently represented that Association on the Central Council. At different times she was secretary of the Southern and the Northern Districts. She was extremely proud of her membership of the College Youths, to which Society she was elected in 1917, and the last ringing function she attended was the College Youths' Dinner in November last.

The funeral took place at Withyham Church on May 23rd, conducted by the Rector, the Rev. Peter Scott, a member of the local band, in the presence of a representative gathering of ringers and other friends. Among those present were Messrs. R. V. Johnson and A. R. Baldock (Master and secretary of the Sussex County Association); Miss Joan Beresford (treasurer), representing the Ladies' Guild, and Air Cdre. J. S. Mason, representing the Ancient Society of College Youths. Others included Mrs. A. Richardson and Mr. and Mrs. J. Wayman (Surfleet), Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Staniforth (Leicester), Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Corby, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Dobbie, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Ladd, Messrs. G. Francis, A. E. Laker and W. Rogers, together with Mr. and Mrs. C. Osbon, Mr. and Mrs. R. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. E. Parkyns and Messrs. R. D. Divall, R. Osbon and Miss R. Heighes, of the Withyham band. The bells were rung half-muffled before and after the service, and a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells at the graveside by P. A. Corby 1-2, Mrs. P. J. Staniforth 3-4, W. H. Dobbie 5-6 and W. Rogers 7-8.

The list of Mrs. Hairs' peals is as follows:

Tower bells.

Triples.—Grandsire 2, Stedman 16.

Major.—Plain Bob 2, Double Norwich 12, Kent Treble Bob 3, Cambridge Surprise 21, Superlative 14, London 4, Bristol 6, Yorkshire 2.

Caters.—Grandsire 1, Stedman 17.

Royal.—Plain Bob 1, Kent Treble Bob 3, Oxford Treble Bob 1, Cambridge Surprise 17, New Sambridge 1, Middlesex 1, Yorkshire 2, Spliced Cambridge and Yorkshire 1.

Cinques.—Stedman 3. Maximus.—Cambridge Surprise 3. Total: 133.

Handbells.—Minor: Plain Bob 1: Triples: Grandsire 13, Stedman 10: Major: Plain Bob 62, Double Norwich 6, Kent Treble Bob 5, Superlative Surprise 1; Caters: Grandsire 11, Stedman 31; Royal: Plain Bob 26, Kent Treble Bob 4: Cinques: Grandsire 2, Stedman 12; Maximus: Plain Bob 2, Kent Treble Bob 1 Total: 187. Grand total: 320 pelas.

MR. F. V. STANTON

Mr. Frederick Venn Stanton, a member of the St. Owen's, Bromham, band, Beds, died suddenly at his home on May 10th, aged 78 years.

He learned to ring at Colmworth in 1911, leaving the village soon afterwards; owing to family circumstances he did no further ringing until ten years ago, when he retired from farming and moved to Bromham.

Mr. Stanton was a quiet and unassuming man with a sense of humour. Always a dignified countryman of a type rapidly disappearing, he was highly esteemed in all the circles in which he moved, and will be greatly missed. He rarely missed ringing for Sunday services, practices and local meetings.

The funeral service at St. Owen's, where Fred Stanton worshipped regularly and at which he was also a sidesman, took place on May 15th and was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. D. T. Evans; it was followed by interment in the adjoining churchyard. The bells were rung half-muffled afterwards by members of Bromham and Kempston bands, and on the following evening a half-muffled quarter peal of Plain Bob Triples was rung to his memory.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanton recently celebrated their golden wedding. He is survived by a widow, four sons and two daughters.

D. A. H.

A LOSS TO HOBART

Mrs. Smith, the wife of Mr. Sidney Smith of Hobart, Tasmania, died suddenly from a heart attack on May 26th. Although not a ringer, Mrs. Smith over the past 30 years always extended hospitality to visiting ringers.

The funeral service was held at Holy Trinity Church, and as the cortege left for the crematorium the bells were rung half-muffled by a mixed band from the Cathedral and Trinity towers.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

With his recent peal at Woolwich, Mr. John R. Ketteringham has completed the Surprise Major alphabet.

Mr. Charles A. Bassett writes that he has been a railway enthusiast for 55 years, a ringer for 33 years and a railway employee for 30 years.

The quarter peal at Redruth on May 16th as a farewell to E. H. Langley, who is leaving for South Africa, was the first to be rung entirely by the local band for 16 years.

In a recent peal at Edington Priory, Wilts, which is dedicated to St. Mary, Katharine and all Saints, there was a Mary and a Katharine in the band. A comment was made that all the rest must be the Saints.

In consequence of his business taking him to South Wales for two years, Mr. John Chilcott has resigned from the post of conductor of the St. Paul's Cathedral Guild of Ringers. His place has been taken by Mr. Michael Chilcott.

The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths are very proud of scoring peals of Bristol Surprise Maximus at St. Martin-in-the-Fields and St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, at the same time and using the same composition.

We are pleased to hear that Mr. Bert Audsley is home from hospital. A "get well quickly" peal of Stedman Caters was rung at Maidstone on May 31st and Bert was notified of the success.

A handsome silver salver has been presented by members of the Society of College Youths to Mr. Cyril Watts in recognition of his services as hon. treasurer for the past 12 years. His work has unexpectedly taken him to Cuba for a year.

Congratulations were bestowed upon Muriel R. Page, the popular secretary of the Central District, after calling "Middletons" Cambridge at Fransdeh like a "champion". This was the first occasion she had conducted any method.

The peal of 5,040 Spliced Surprise Royal at Loughborough Bell Foundry Campanile in 2 hours 17 minutes is claimed by the conductor, Mr. R. Kingsley Mason, as the fastest peal ever rung on ten bells. The previous fastest was Stedman Caters in 2 hours 22 minutes at this tower.

Geoffrey J. Hemming had a big disappointment on Saturday, May 31st. He was calling a peal of Superlative Surprise Major at Badsey, Worcs, on the 50th anniversary of his first peal on the bells when the 3rd rope broke after one hour and 40 minutes' good ringing.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

100 RINGERS AT ONE-DAY COURSE

Over 100 ringers attended the one-day course at Market Weighton County Secondary School on May 10th, run by the Beverley and District Society in conjunction with the East Riding County Council Education Committee.

Under the able direction of Mr. N. Chaddock, the lecturers—Messrs. I. Campbell, J. N. D. Chaddock, E. Critchley, R. Ducker, J. H. Fielden, D. S. Johnson, W. F. Moreton and N. Pailing—covered a wide range of subjects, including raising and falling in peal, elementary change-ringing, learning and ringing methods on 5, 6, 7, 8, 10 bells, handbell ringing (double-handed and tune ringing), basic conducting and composition and proof.

During the day practical experience was gained at Hutton Cranswick, Pocklington, Howden, Holme-on-Spalding Moor, Market Weighton, Walkington, Beverley St. Mary and the Minster, and Nunburnholme.

Grateful thanks go to all those who helped to make the course such a success, including the ringers at Walkington for a splendid tea, and Mr. and Mrs. N. Chaddock whose hard work made it all go like clockwork.

BARCLAYS AND MARTINS BANKS JOINT MEETING IN LONDON

Despite bad weather on May 17th, about 12 ringers and friends assembled for a tour of four London towers. The first was St. Olave's, Hart Street, where some enthusiastic comments were made about this fine eight.

From there the party moved on to St. Vedast's, Foster Lane, and then St. Clement Danes', where a well-struck course of Grandsire Caters and some good Cambridge Major were rung. After refreshment at a "nearby" corner-house, the party moved off to St. Andrew's, Holborn. Perhaps the best ringing of the day was here Stedman Triples.

All those who went were grateful for the excellent choice of towers and would like to thank those concerned with the arrangements, particularly the incumbents.

Another meeting is being planned for later this year. Woold **all ringers in the Barclays Bank Group** please send a note of their name, branch address and details of preferred meeting venues to either C. F. Pocock, c/o Martins Bank Limited, Liverpool City Office, or P. W. Harper, c/o Barclays Bank Limited, Hatfield Aerodrome, Hatfield, Herts.

CORRECTIONS

The peal of St. Clement's Major (page 416) rung at Tarleton, Lancs on April 19th was composed by Ronald R. Warford and not as printed.

The peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at Eastwood (page 410) should be credited to the Society of Sherwood Youths and not the Southwell Diocesan Guild.

NEW TOWER CAPTAINS

MR. WILLIAM T. PETTY
The Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association

The Llandaff and Monmouth Association elects a new Master each year, and this year the honour was bestowed on W. Tom Petty, of Bridgend.

He was taught to ring at St. Illtyd's, Bridgend, by the late C. H. Perry and rang his first peal a year later in 1926 at the age of 17. Unfortunately he lost interest and did not ring for many years. However, whilst on leave from the Army in 1943 he was persuaded to take part in a peal by Charlie Perry, and since that time has taken a very lively interest in his own and neighbouring towers. In 1948 he was elected Ringing Master of St. Illtyd's and had the immediate problem of building up from a very depleted band. He has succeeded in maintaining a regular Sunday service band and has given very valuable assistance to other towers in the area.

He has rung 158 peals and these include a high proportion with first-pealers in them. Many of these peals were of Doubles and these have provided an opportunity to many ringers from 6-bell towers achieving a number of peals to maintain their interest. By trade he is a general foreman in the building industry.

NINE DAYS' TOUR

A band of Australian ringers have had a 9-day tour, travelling by train, ship and air, visiting Melbourne, Ballarat, Bendigo and crossing the water to Hobart, Tasmania. A highlight was three quarters in a day at Hobart Cathedral on May 17th of Plain Bob Doubles, Minor and Triples. Major would have been attempted, but the plane left for Sydney at 3 p.m.

LONG LENGTH

Dear Sir, An attempt to ring **12,096 Little Bob Major** on handbells will be made at 55, Wick Avenue, Wheathampstead, Herts, on Sunday, June 15th starting at 12 noon. Visitors wishing to listen will be welcome.—Yours faithfully,

BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

Composition

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11 times repeated. Single for bob half-way and end.

LOSSES TO LINCOLN CATHEDRAL COMPANY

Lincoln Cathedral company has lost two valuable and efficient members by the departure of Mr. H. Leslie Pask and Mr. Geoffrey Paul from the City.

Mr. Pask, who is going to Nottingham on retirement, joined the company in 1928, and except for a short spell away while working at Plymouth has been a very loyal member whose services will be greatly missed in the Sunday service ringing.

Mr. Paul's association with the company dates back to 1953, and he is a most efficient and reliable member. When a change of officers took place in 1961, Geoffrey accepted the office of hon. secretary, a position he has filled with great capability. Lincoln's loss is Derby's gain and the company wish him every success in his new job.

A small presentation was made in the Cathedral belfry to both members as a token of respect and appreciation for their regular attendance and loyalty.

A 70th ANNIVERSARY

Not many ringers are fortunate enough to be able to celebrate actively the 70th anniversary of their first peal—Mr. George Symonds, of Ipswich, being one of the most notable exceptions—but Mr. Edwin Barnett did so on May 18th by taking part in a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples at Crayford with a band that included his son and grand-daughter. Also taking part were Herbert E. Audsley and William E. Bond, whose eldest brother and father respectively rang their first peal along with Mr. Barnett.

ROCHESTER DISTRICT RINGING SCHOOL

The Rochester District's ringing school, held at Milton Regis on May 17th, was attended by 30 people. The 20 or so youngsters were given verbal instruction on the basis of change-ringing and later practical work in ringing Plain Hunt, Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles. It was a very worthwhile afternoon and thanks are due to the Rev. Peter Lloyd and to Mr. and Mrs. Wood, who kindly provided a very adequate tea.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
EVERCREECH, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., April 19, 1969, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5077 STEDMAN CATERS

Eric Naylor	Treble	Alan F. Lee	6
S. Arthur Read	2	George Prescott	7
Edgar C. Shepherd	3	Norman G. K. Knee	8
Ronald G. Beck	4	Edward J. Chivers	9
*Marjorie Legg	5	Victor Savage	Tenor

Composed by Edgar C. Shepherd. Conducted by Eric Naylor.
* First peal of Stedman Caters. Tenor 21 cwt.

WESTON-SUPER-MARE, Som.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., May 17, 1969, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's transposition. Tenor 12 cwt.

Marjorie Legg	Treble	Walter S. Rice	5
David Gay	2	Sidney G. Smith	6
Roy W. Rice	3	George Prescott	7
Geoffrey Hebden	4	John K. Baker	Tenor

Conducted by George Prescott.

PILTON, Som.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., May 3, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb.

Eric Naylor	Treble	Edward J. Chivers	4
Gwilym Salmon	2	Adrian P. Beck	5
Ronald G. Beck	3	Robert E. Beck	Tenor

Conducted by Eric Naylor.
Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Sheila Hallett and Mr. Christopher Jenkins.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
BOWDON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
On Mon., May 12, 1969, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 8 lb.

*Alan Rothwell	Treble	Michael Thomson	5
*Peter Broadbent	2	Gerald Moorhouse	6
Bernard F. L. Groves	3	†Michael Foulds	7
Ronald F. Andrew	4	Robert B. Smith	Tenor

Composed by F. Dench. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First in the method.
Rung for the diamond wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Schofield.

CHURCH LAWTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Mon., May 12, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Roy Worrall	Treble	John Hall	5
*Sheila A. Taylor	2	*Geoffrey A. Edwards	6
Raymond J. Ballard	3	*Frederick S. Sutton	7
Norman Sherratt	4	Frank R. Moreton	Tenor

Composed by R. J. Parker. Conducted by Norman Sherratt.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb

NANTWICH, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., May 17, 1969, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 NANTWICH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14¾ cwt.

T. Felicity Ashford	Treble	Harold Dowler	5
Norman Sherratt	2	Raymond J. Ballard	6
Gerald Parsons	3	Roy Worrall	7
John Hall	4	Ivor R. Nichols	Tenor

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Ivor R. Nichols.
First peal in the method on the bells, for the Guild and by all the band.

TUSHINGHAM, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Chad.
On Sat., May 17, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one 720 each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Rev. Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in G sharp.

A. Doreen Edwards	Treble	Edward V. Rodenhurst	4
Roland W. Morant	2	*John R. Scott	5
Geoffrey A. Edwards	3	Frank R. Morton	Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.
* 200th peal.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
CLAYBROOKE, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., May 17, 1969, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Original. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

Peter Border	Treble	Ernest J. Gower	5
Joan P. Hutchinson	2	John W. T. Taylor	6
Clare F. Dolphin	3	Ian D. Thompson	7
Percy Stone	4	John Ariss	Tenor

Conducted by Peter Border.
Arranged for Joan P. Hutchinson, of Strafford, Pennsylvania, U.S.A.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
BOLSOVER, Derbyshire.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Lawrence.
On Thurs., May 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 1 bl. in G.

Allan Keller	Treble	Harold Wagstaff	5
Timothy Wylie	2	Brian A. Tomlinson	6
Geoffrey Bridges	3	Michael T. Fellows	7
Dennis Cooper	4	David W. Friend	Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe. Conducted by David W. Friend.
Rung half-muffled in memory of J. Saxton, buried on this day.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
DANBURY, Essex.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., May 17, 1969, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in A flat.

*Gary Bainbridge	Treble	Dennis A. S. Symonds	5
Richard J. W. Housden	2	Joe E. G. Roast	6
†Tony Spurgeon	3	Yvonne A. Murray	7
Richard J. Harrison	4	‡George E. Thoday	Tenor

Composed by Simon Humphrey. Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.
* First peal of Major. † First in the method. ‡ 650th peal and 500th of Surprise. First in the method on the bells.

TERLING, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., May 10, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 11 cwt.

*Susan Burdon	Treble	Colin H. Gillingham	4
Keith W. Brown	2	Roy Threadgold	5
Josephine A. Quilter	3	Peter G. Brown	Tenor

Conducted by Peter G. Brown.
* First peal.

THORINGTON, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Sat., May 17, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Beng one extent each of (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Oxford T.B., (3) Kent T.B., (4) Double Oxford, (5) Single Oxford, (6) St. Clement's, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 22 lb. in G.

Heather M. McArthur	Treble	Peter S. Abbott	4
Neil V. Avis	2	Bernard W. Fairhead	5
Harry J. Millatt	3	Adrian G. Semken	Tenor

Conducted by Adrian G. Semken.
Rung following the marriage of Jennifer M. Andrews, ringer at this tower, and Neville F. Whittell, ringer at Bramford, Suffolk.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
GLOUCESTER.—At the Cathedral Church of the Holy and Indivisible Trinity.
On Sat., May 17, 1969, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 25 cwt. in E flat.

Donald F. Murfet	Treble	David E. Rothera	6
Philip J. Rothera	2	Peter S. Bennett	7
Frederick Shallcross	3	Kenneth J. Hesketh	8
Peter G. Brown	4	James L. Towler	9
S. Clarke Walters	5	Ralph G. Edwards	Tenor

Composed by John H. Fielden. Conducted by Frederick Shallcross.
Rung to mark the birth of a daughter, Louise, to Mr. Michael Heather, head verger, and a grandson, Michael Robert, for Leslie Barry, Master of the ringers.

MITCHELDEAN, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Thurs., May 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 6 lb. in F.

William A. Farmer	Treble	George T. Cousins	5
*Margery A. Wratten	2	*Leonard C. Edwards	6
Frances Fairbank	3	*Patrick H. Allen	7
Valerie Willard	4	Cyril A. Wratten	Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.
* First peal in the method.
Rung on Ascension Day.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. James the Apostle.
On Sat., May 10, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In eight methods, comprising 1,920 London, 960 Rutland, 640 Bristol and 320 each of Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 119 changes of method.
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F.

Julia A. Fellows	Treble	Kenneth J. Darvill	5
Roger Baldwin	2	*Andrew W. R. Wilby	6
*Katherine S. Hardy	3	Gerald Penney	7
*Roger D. R. Brown	4	Robert E. Hardy	Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Roger Baldwin.
* First peal of eight-spliced.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

BARROW-IN-FURNESS, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sat., May 17, 1969, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's 12-part (7th obs.). Tenor 15¼ cwt. in F.

*Kenneth Foster	Treble	†John Bagnall	5
Stanley Walmsley	2	Kevin M. Price	6
Geoffrey Tembey	3	Alan Capstick	7
William Wall	4	Thomas F. Metcalfe	Tenor

Conducted by Alan Capstick.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † 100th peal, and "circled tower" to peals.

Rung for the 100th anniversary of the dedication of the church, May 18th, 1869.

MOORSIDE, Oldham, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.
On Sun., May 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in F sharp.

*John S. Gomersall	Treble	B. Michael Boardman	5
Wyn Pugh	2	Peter J. Malloch	6
David W. Howarth	3	Richard S. Starkie	7
Keith P. Tompsett	4	Derek Butterworth	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Derek Butterworth.

* First peal at first attempt

Rung for the church anniversary.

SOUTHPORT, Lancashire.—At Christ Church.
On Mon., May 19 1969, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. in A flat.

*John G. Lifton	Treble	*Robert Peers	5
*Charles F. Pocock	2	Eric J. Gilbert	6
*Lucy P. A. Hopkins	3	Keith J. Walpole	7
*Geoffrey C. Sparling	4	Bruce Wakefield	Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by Keith J. Walpole.

* First peal of Rutland.

CARTMEL, Lancashire.—At the Priory Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., May 17, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being one extent Cambridge Surprise and two each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

David H. Garnett	Treble	Kenneth Foster	4
Nicholas M. Newby	2	Kevin M. Price	5
Alan Capstick	3	*Thomas F. Metcalfe	Tenor

Conducted by Thomas F. Metcalfe

* 100th peal for the Lancashire Association.

Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, Rev. T. C. Ledgard, inducted on May 15th

(Preston Branch.)

HIGHER WALTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On May 11, 1969, in 3 Hours.
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in F.

*Martin Mansley	Treble	Frank Anderton	4
Dennis H. McCormick	2	Roger Barns	5
Walter Mansley	3	Cyril Crossthwaite	Tenor

Conducted by Dennis H. McCormick.

* First peal

KIRKBY-IN-FURNESS, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Cuthbert.
On Thurs., May 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Oxford T.B., one of Kent T.B. and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

Joseph Whalley	Treble	Stanley Walmsley	4
Kevin M. Price	2	*Alan Capstick	5
Thomas F. Metcalfe	3	Nicholas M. Newby	Tenor

Conducted by Nicholas M. Newby.

* 175th peal.

Rung on the occasion of the Vicar (Rev. E. C. Whitaker) being installed as the Second Honorary Canon of Carlisle Cathedral.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Thurs., May 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL

Comprising 2,240 Cambridge and 2,800 Yorkshire, with 27 changes of method. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

G. Ronald Edwards	Treble	K. Paul Gilliver	6
W. Ernest Rawson	2	Martin Green	7
David G. Massey	3	R. Brian Mills	8
Robin A. Gilliver	4	John E. Cook	9
David F. Moore	5	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.

First peal of Spliced Surprise Royal by all the band except the ringer of the second.

COLSTON BASSETT, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. John-the-Divine.
On Sat., May 17, 1969, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 DERITEND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in D.

Sheila M. Anthony	Treble	David G. Massey	5
Christine L. J. Mills	2	R. Brian Mills	6
David F. Moore	3	Roland H. Cook	7
W. Ernest Rawson	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by John R. Ketteringham.
Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.

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

LEICESTER.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., May 24, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in A

David F. Moore	Treble	David G. Massey	5
Sheila M. Anthony	2	R. Brian Mills	6
W. Ernest Rawson	3	Denis A. Frith	7
Roland H. Cook	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by Thomas B. Worsley. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

BARROWBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Thurs., April 24, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED DOUBLES

Comprising 42 extents in the following 95 methods: Wainfleet, Cheshire, Cornwall, Colnbrook, Shipways, Tandridge, Raveningham, Reverse Canterbury, Dorton, Runemede All Saints, Berkshire, Cambridgeshire, Minster, Buckinghamshire, Colne, Reverse St. Sebastian, Bristol, Poyle, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Bedfordshire, Candlesby, Plain Bob, Boxford, St. Nicholas, St. Remigius, Winchendon, Huntley, Casthorpe, Bedfont, Boveney, Londonthorpe, Nunthorpe, Eton, Manthorpe, Lincolnshire, Huntingdonshire, Leicestershire, Kent, Rutland, Northamptonshire, Northumberland, Ellingham, Oakley, Chipstead, Screveton, Bedingham, Itchingfield, Forncett, Intwood, Broughton, Ockham, Strelley, Lyng, Chesham, Knapton, Haddiscoe, Thornborough, Hascombe, Ossington, Harpley, Longford, Fundenhall, Welford, Slapton, Rugby, Braywood, Longworth, Merton, Sutton-on-Trent, St. Simon, St. Martin, St. Osmund, Eynesbury, Stedman S.C., St. Botolph, Coxwell Place, New Bob, St. Vedast, Huntspill, Blaisdon, Westminster II, St. Hilary, Blackburn, Dragon, Maltby, Chevasse, Callender, Montgomeryshire Place, Stedman, Grandsire, Reverse Union, Reverse St. Julian, Reverse St. Faith, St. Owen Place.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in G.

Thomas A. Relf	Treble	Peter A. Slight	4
Vaughan P. Evans	2	Denis A. Frith	5
Owen Homewood	3	David E. Leafe	Tenor

Conducted by Peter A. Slight.

Most methods by the band, on the bells and for the Guild.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MARSHFIELD, Mon.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
On Mon., May 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 TEDDINGTON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. in A.

*William H. Harford	Treble	David J. Llewellyn	5
Tudor P. Edwards	2	J. Michael Lakin	6
Ruth E. Havard	3	Stephen Fenwick	7
Paul A. Williams	4	†Peter S. Bennett	Tenor

Composed by H. G. Cashmore Conducted by Peter S. Bennett.

* First peal of Treble Bob Surprise Major † 100th peal of Surprise Major.

THE GREATER LONDON ASSOCIATION.

BARNES, London, S.W.13.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
On Sat., May 17, 1969 in 5 Hours and 35 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 10,752 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in G.

John R. Ketteringham	Treble	John R. Pratchett	5
Geoffrey Bridges	2	Brian J. Woodruffe	6
Christopher I. Rowson	3	Timothy G. Pett	7
Christopher P. Starbuck	4	Tony Lewis	Tenor

Composed by Christopher I. Rowson. Conducted by Timothy G. Pett.

Longest length on the bells and by all except ringers of 3, 5 and 6.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

NETHERSEALE, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Mon., March 10, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5120 BRAUNSTONE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in G.

Joseph W. Cotton	Treble	Arthur E. Rowley	5
Jennifer M. Beech	2	Richard C. Warrilow	6
Edward R. Fairbrother	3	John K. Smith	7
Frank Beech	4	Derek P. Jones	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

COLE-ORTON, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin. On Fri., March 28, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in G.

Percival W. Grice	Treble	Frank Chambers	5
Arthur E. Rowley	2	Joseph W. Cotton	6
Mary Barrass	3	John K. Smith	7
Sheila Parsons	4	Derek P. Jones	Tenor

Arranged by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.

OVERSEALE, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew. On Sat., May 17, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Holt's Six-Part. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in A flat.

*Leslie Haywood	Treble	Joseph W. Cotton	5
Arthur E. Rowley	2	Percival W. Grice	6
Sheila Parsons	3	Derek P. Jones	7
Norman W. Attaway	4	Herbert Shaw	Tenor

Conducted by Derek P. Jones

* First peal attempt.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SILVERDALE, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Luke. On Sat., April 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb.

John Hall	Treble	*Michael Wilshaw	5
Norman Sherratt	2	Harold Dowler	6
T. Felicity Ashford	3	Roy Worrall	7
Gerald Parsons	4	Raymond J Ballard	Tenor

Composed by Len Goodall. Conducted by Raymond J. Ballard.

* First peal of Bristol

TUNSTALL, Staffordshire.—At Christ Church. On Sat., May 3, 1969, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 WORTHINGTON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

David J. Midgley	Treble	Roy Worrall	5
Norman Sherratt	2	Harold Dowler	6
F. Hector Bennett	3	*Raymond J. Ballard	7
John Hall	4	David J. Danby	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Raymond J. Ballard.

* 175th peal First in the method on the bells, in the county, for the Association and by all the band.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Norman Sherratt and John Hall.

KIDSGROVE, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas. On Sat., May 10, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 4 lb.

Roy Worrall	Treble	T. Felicity Ashford	5
*Sheila A. Taylor	2	Michael Wilshaw	6
Norman Sherratt	3	†John Hall	7
Harold Dowler	4	Raymond J. Ballard	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton Conducted by N. Sherratt.

* First peal. † First of Cambridge Major.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BURNHAM, Bucks.—At the Church of St. Peter. On Sat., May 10, 1969, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F.

Rosamund M. Brown	Treble	David A. Cornwall	5
J. Keith Ward	2	William Butler	6
Michael Hatchett	3	*William Birmingham	7
Alan R. Pink	4	Frank W. Lewis	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow.

* 400th peal for the Oxford Diocesan Guild. Rung silent and non-conducted.

COOKHAM, Berkshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity. On Sat., May 11, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 BERKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb. in E.

Graham J. N. Colborne	Treble	Peter G. Holden	5
John R. Leary	2	Bernard E. Matthews	6
Melvyn J. Hiller	3	Rupert A. Clarke	7
Robert H. Newton	4	Christopher I. Rowson	Tenor

Composed by S. H. Wood Conducted by John R. Leary.

ISLIP, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas. On Thurs., May 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 ULLSWATER SURPRISE MAJOR

27-course block reduced. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in G.

William Birmingham	Treble	Christopher C. Clarke	5
Alan R. Pink	2	Peter H. Mackie	6
Ronald K. Russ	3	D. K. Adkins	7
David C. Brown	4	Barry J. Davies	Tenor

Conducted by Alan R. Pink.

First peal in the method. (Tipler's B 61/1.)

Rung for Ascension Day.

ULLSWATER SURPRISE MAJOR

B—58—16—12—38, 14—14, 38—1256—78, l.h. 2nds.

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EAST HAGBOURNE, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew. On Sat., May 17, 1969, in 3 Hours

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Thurstans' Four-Part. Tenor 21 cwt.

Alfred H. Webb	Treble	Leonard F. Cox	5
Henry L. Bishop	2	George W. Bishop	6
Clifford J. Garlick	3	Michael Bishop	7
*Patricia Aplin	4	Edward J. Sawyer	Tenor

Conducted by Michael Bishop.

* First peal in the method.

Rung to celebrate Alfred Webb and Mary Webb's 51 years' membership of the Guild.

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Ebbe with St Peter Le Bailey. On Sun., May 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

360-course block reduced. Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in B flat.

Charles H. Coles	Treble	Graham J. N. Colborne	5
Jennifer A. Dunning	2	Robert H. Newton	6
Anne M. Carpenter	3	Peter G. Holden	7
David A. Town	4	Christopher I. Rowson	Tenor

Conducted by Christopher I. Rowson

HUGHENDEN, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels. On Sat., May 24, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in F.

*Edward H. Langley	Treble	‡Arthur Newton	5
†‡Robert H. Newton	2	Roland Biggs	6
§A. Reginald Blaby	3	John E. Camp	7
Sydney M. Bailey	4	David A. Cornwall	Tenor

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by Robert H. Newton.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † 50th peal, and first of Surprise as conductor. ‡ 25th peal together. § First of Yorkshire.

Rung with the best wishes of the band to Ted Langley on his departure to Rhodesia.

OLD HEADINGTON, Oxford.—At the Church of St. Andrew. On Thurs., May 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In four methods, being 720 of St. Simon and 1,440 each of Grandsire, Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.

*Linda J. Cozier	Treble	Paul C. Lucas	4
Tom Smith	2	Leonard R. Porter	5
†Christine S. Baker	3	John F. Sear	Tenor

Conducted by 1, 2, 4 and 5. Directed by Leonard R. Porter.

* First peal. † First of Doubles.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Paul Lucas (vice-captain).

TADMARTON, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas. On Fri., May 9, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Cambridge and Kent and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 11¼ cwt. in G sharp.

*Clifford T. Wightman	Treble	Robert A. Reeves	4
Jean Marlow	2	Christopher C. Clarke	5
Diana Reeves	3	Barry J. Davis	Tenor

Conducted by Barry J. Davis.

* First peal of Minor.

Rung as an appreciation for the work in this parish of the Rev. Dr. L. W. A. Ahrendt upon his retirement.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

LITTLE MISSENDEN, Bucks.—At the Church of St. John Baptist. On Sun., May 11, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

Michael Hatchett	Treble	Michael J. Palmer	4
Patricia A. Copas	2	Anthony K. Fortin	5
*Louise A. M. Evans	3	David A. Cornwall	Tenor

Conducted by David A. Cornwall.

* First peal of Surprise Minor. First of Surprise on the bells.

Rung for the re-dedication of the organ, and as a farewell to Rev. C. E. Vogel, curate, who is going to Childrey.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

EDENHAM, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels. On Sat., May 10, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 ZELAH SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in F

*Alan J. Marks	Treble	Barry R. Care	5
Edward C. Buckby	2	Raymond H. Daw	6
†J. Malcolm Tyler	3	Richard J. Cowley	7
‡Peter M. Fleckney	4	‡Murray A. Coleman	Tenor

Composed by Harry Poyner. Conducted by Murray A. Coleman.

* First peal of Major. † 25th peal. ‡ 25th peal together. First in the method for all the band.

HIGHAM FERRERS, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., May 10, 1969, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 PYRFORD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb. in E flat.

William J. Chester	Treble	Christopher C. Stokes	5
Barry R. Care	2	Barry E. Saunders	6
Stanley M. Ruddlesden	3	Charles E. Truman	7
Graham C. Paul	4	Alan A. Paul	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Graham C. Paul.

First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild.

Rung in appreciation of the gift of the new ringing chamber and porch donated by Mr. John White.

DAVENTRY, Northants.—At the Church of the Holy Cross. On Sun., May 11, 1969, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 PREMIER SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E flat.

Kilby R. Holtom	Treble	Barry E. Saunders	5
Patrick I. Chapman	2	Graham C. Paul	6
Stanley M. Ruddlesden	3	Alan A. Paul	7
Malcolm J. V. Chown	4	Richard F. B. Speed	Tenor

Composed by J. A. Trollope. Conducted by Graham C. Paul.

First peal in the method by all the band, except Mr. Speed, and for the Guild.

MILTON MALSOR, Northants.—At the Church of the Holy Cross. On Sat., May 10, 1969, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In seven methods, being six extents each of Rev. Canterbury, Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas, Plain Bob, St. Simon, St. Martin and Grandsire. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in F sharp.

*John P. Sale	Treble	John S. W. Townley	3
†Julian C. Parker	2	Raymond Henman	4

George F. Roome Tenor

Conducted by George F. Roome.

* First peal. † First of Doubles.

Rung as a 17th birthday compliment to Julian C. Parker.

CRANFORD, Northants.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist. On Thurs., May 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of Bourne, Primrose, Berwick, Hexham, Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb. in G.

*Murray A. Coleman	Treble	Peter M. Fleckney	4
†David J. Morgan	2	J. Malcolm Tyler	5
†Raymond Henman	3	Barry R. Care	Tenor

Conducted by Murray A. Coleman.

* Has "circled the tower." † First peal of seven Surprise. 75th peal on the bells.

LITTLE HOUGHTON, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Blessed Virgin.

On Tues., May 20, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each of St. Martin Bob, Winchendon Place Bob, St. Simon Bob, St. Nicholas Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb. in F.

Colin F. Stanton	Treble	Barry R. Care	3
J. Malcolm Tyler	2	David J. Morgan	4

Raymond Henman Tenor

Conducted by Barry R. Care.

THE NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS.

FRENSHAM, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary the Blessed Virgin. On Sat., May 17, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

*P.Sgt. Michael Blencowe	Treble	†P.C. William A. Page	4
W.P.C. Geraldine G. Winnett	2	Ch.Supt. Ronald J.C. Hagley	5
*P.C. Trevor A. Davies	3	P. Sgt. Harold A. May	Tenor

Conducted by Police Sergeant Harold A. May.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal. First peal for the South East District of the N.G.P.R

Rung by members all currently serving with the Surrey Constabulary.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

EDINGTON, Wiltshire.—At the Priory Church of St. Mary, St. Katharine and All Saints.

On Sat., May 17, 1969, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 24 cwt. 24 lb. in D.

*Melvyn J. Hiller	Treble	Graham W. Elmes	6
Katharine J. Maundrell	2	†Timothy F. Collins	7
Mary E. Elmes	3	‡Robert E. J. Dennis	8
*Ross G. W. Robertson	4	Frank D. Mack	9
John N. Longridge	5	Ronald N. Marlow	Tenor

Composed by E. W. Tipler. Conducted by Timothy F. Collins.

* First peal of Surprise Royal. † First of Cambridge Surprise Royal. ‡ 150th of Surprise. First on ten bells as conductor.

Rung fully-muffled with the band's best wishes to the conductor on the occasion of his 18th birthday.

THE SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.

GRANTHAM, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Wulfram. On Sat., May 17, 1969, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 32 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in C sharp.

Peter Church	Treble	Ian G. Campbell	6
Alan H. Bridges	2	George A. Dawson	7
Paul Bagshaw	3	Ronald Ducker	8
*Peter Slight	4	Simon Humphrey	9
Robert W. Sherrift	5	John N. D. Chaddock	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe Conducted by George A. Dawson.

* First peal of Surprise Royal.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

WHATTON-IN-THE-VALE, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. John of Beverley.

On Sun., May 18, 1969, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Oxford Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 24 lb. in E.

Christine L. J. Mills	Treble	J. David Clarke	4
John C. Shonfeld	2	Thomas O. Greasley	5
Thomas G. Goodwin	3	*William L. Exton	Tenor

Conducted by William L. Exton.

* 325th peal

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. M. Richardson (curate) and his wife on this their last Sunday in the Cranmer Group of Parishes, and with all best wishes for the future at Lowdham.

BABWORTH, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of All Saints. On Wed., May 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B. and Oxford T.B. and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in A flat.

*Harold Denman	Treble	Philip Rogers	4
Harry Poyner	2	Raymond G. Fanthorpe	5
Stephen W. Knights	3	†Paul N. Mounsey	Tenor

Conducted by Paul N. Mounsey.

* Has now "circled the tower" to peals. † 25th peal.

Rung to mark the election of Cclr. G. Cooper as Mayor of East Retford

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THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

BLITHFIELD, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Leonard. On Sat., May 17, 1969, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in A.

Penelope Sedgwick	Treble	†Victor E. T. Holland	4
Cyril T. Collins	2	David J. G. Bates	5
*Ken G. Parker	3	Clive M. Smith	Tenor

C.C.C. Nos. 1, 2, 21 and 23. Conducted by Clive M. Smith.

* First peal at first attempt. † First "inside".

NETHERTON, Dudley, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Andrew. On Mon., May 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 11 methods, comprising 576 Cambridge, Pudsey, Superlative, Yorkshire, 448 Bristol, 384 Ashtead, Cassiobury, Lincolnshire, London, Rutland, Uxbridge; with 122 changes of method

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

Stephen T. Yates	Treble	J. Dennis Holden	5
Michael Elson	2	Antony W. T. Cleaver	6
Eric E. Speake	3	Philip G. K. Davies	7
Michael W. Fairey	4	John H. Allen	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Philip G. K. Davies.

Most Surprise Major methods rung for the Society.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

GRUNDISBURGH, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary. On Sat., May 17, 1969, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

J. Barry Pickup	Treble	Peter Adcock	6
Cecil W. Pipe	2	David Cubitt	7
Trevor A. Cross	3	Simon A. B. Wigg	8
Janet House	4	Martin L. Howe	9
Arthur G. Mason	5	David E. House	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by David E. House.

DEBENHAM, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene. On Sat., May 24, 1969, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 AMSTERDAM SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

*Walter W. Miller	Treble	*Ernest G. Pearce	5
*Howard W. Egglestone	2	*Vernon B. Bedford	6
Muriel R. Page	3	*Stephen J. Bedford	7
*Adrian Knights	4	Leslie G. Brett	Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley (No. 6). Conducted by Leslie G. Brett.

* First peal of Amsterdam.

Rung as a ruby wedding compliment to Mr and Mrs. E. G. Pearce, of Melton.

TANNINGTON, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Ethelbert. On Fri., May 23, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being one 2,160 and four extents Tenor 10 cwt. 4 lb. in A flat.

Muriel R. Page	Treble	J. Martin Thorley	4
Katharine M. Thorley	2	Leslie G. Brett	5
*Cynthia E. Barnett	3	Ernest G. Pearce	Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

* First peal of Surprise.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

PUTNEY, London Borough of Wandsworth.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin. On Wed., May 14, 1969, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 ALEXANDRIA SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F

Alan D. Flood	Treble	Peter J. Munday	5
Keith G. Game	2	Andrew W. R. Wilby	6
Michael J. Uphill	3	Timothy G. Pett	7
Roy D. Mills	4	*Alan R. Patterson	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Timothy G. Pett.

* 250th peal. First peal in the method

A 21st birthday compliment to Audrey R. Alexander (past Master of the U.L.S.C.R.).

ALEXANDRIA SURPRISE MAJOR

x 36 x 1456 x 58 x 36 x 14 x 38 x 12 x 38. L.h. 2nds. Group B.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

BRIGHTON, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Nicolas of Myra. On Sat., April 26, 1969, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 18 cwt. 20 lb. in F.

Martin L. Howe	Treble	Simon A. B. Wigg	6
George Francis	2	Richard Hayes	7
John A. Howard	3	Peter S. Muchlinski	8
Charlotte M. Harris	4	Andrew J. Corby	9
*Philip J. Simmonds	5	Philip A. Corby	Tenor

Conducted by Philip A. Corby

* First peal of Surprise Royal "inside".

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD

SKETTY, Swansea.—At the Church of St. Paul. On Sat., May 17, 1969, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in F.

William T. Petty	Treble	*Lawrence C. Hanney	5
Edmund J. Morris	2	William J. Thomas	6
Ruth E. Havard	3	Gwyn I. Lewis	7
Rev. Geoffrey J. B. Stickland	4	Alwyn R. Lewis	Tenor

Composed by B. Annable. Conducted by Alwyn R. Lewis.

* First peal on eight bells. First as conductor on eight.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

NORTH STONEHAM, Hants.—At the Church of St. Nicolas. On Mon., May 12, 1969, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 3 version. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in G

Michael J. Thomas	Treble	*Richard Green	6
David J. Forder	2	Derek C. Jackson	7
*Katherine J. Maundrell	3	†George E. Evenden	8
Robert E. J. Dennis	4	Thomas H. Francis	9
†Roger H. Heyworth	5	R. Roger Savory	Tenor

Conducted by David J. Forder.

* First peal of London. † First of London Royal.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

FECKENHAM, Worcs.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist. On Sat., April 12, 1969, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt 3 qr. 26 lb. in G.

*Christopher J. Pickford	Treble	Angela Styler	5
Eric Styler	2	Christopher Hims	6
Shirley M. Drew	3	Robert Edwards	7
†Richard H. Spray	4	Geoffrey R. Drew	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Geoffrey R. Drew.

* First peal on eight bells. † First of Major "inside".

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Roger H. Hunt, a member of the local band

COLWALL, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. James-the-Great. On Sat., May 10, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 OMEGA S. MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G

Christopher Hims	Treble	John Clements	5
Thomas W. Lewis	2	David Franklin	6
Austin T. Wingate	3	Adrian G. Semken	7
*Shirley M. Drew	4	*Geoffrey R. Drew	Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Geoffrey R. Drew.

* Have now completed the alphabet to Surprise Major methods First peal in the method

OMEGA S. MAJOR

x 38 x 14 x 58 x 36 x 14 x 1238.56.14.56.7. L.h. 12 B.

LONGNEY, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence. On Tues., May 13, 1969, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 JONAH SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt.

Shirley M. Drew	Treble	Gerald C. Hemming	5
Frances Fairbank	2	Valerie Willard	6
Hugh N. Evans	3	Cyril A. Wratten	7
John Clements	4	Geoffrey R. Drew	Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Geoffrey R. Drew.

First peal in the method

JONAH SURPRISE MAJOR

x 38 x 14 x 1258 x 16 x 14 x 38 x 1256 x 7. L.h. 12 B.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

BRIGHOUSE, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Martin. On Sat., May 10, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb in F sharp.

Alan Newbold	Treble	Robert H. Jordan	5
Christopher J. Easton	2	David Featherstone	6
*Graham Jones	3	John J. Durham	7
Peter H. Gardner	4	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed by S. A. B. Wigg. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

* First peal of Pudsey Surprise Major. 25th peal on the bells

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter. On Sat., May 10, 1969, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 4 lb. in F.

Ronald Crabtree	Treble	*David Featherstone	5
*A. Pattie Clapham	2	*John J. Durham	6
*Christopher J. Easton	3	*Robert A. Beresford	7
*Robert H. Jordan	4	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed by R. J. Parker. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

* First peal of Superlative Surprise Major. First in the method as conductor.

BIRSTWITH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. James, Apostle. On Sat., May 17, 1969, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G.

Ronald Crabtree	Treble	Alan E. Hartley	5
Iris M. E. Lemare	2	David Featherstone	6
John J. Durham	3	Robert A. Beresford	7
Robert H. Jordan	4	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed by C. H. Hattersley. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

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BIRTH

STREETER.—On May 31st, 1969, to Freda (nee Hankey) and Alan, a son, Neil Robert, a brother for Alison and Karl. 7374

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

CARRUTHERS.—The home address of Maureen Carruthers is now 6, All Saints' Close, Chigwell Row, Essex. Tel. 01-500 1137. Term. still 01-722 6154. 7353

FLOYD.—As from June 28th the address of David and Marilyn will be 15, Selworthy Gardens, Nailsea Bristol, BS19 2JZ 7391

YEO.—As from June 27th, 1969, the address of David G. Yeo (Sec., Chew Branch, Bath and Wells Assn.) will be Cheriton, 45, Ravens Cross Road, Long Ashton, Bristol, BS18 9EA. 7380

PERSONAL

FOUND.—Many thanks to Annita Wilson and Alan Ward for enabling the recovery of the money lost at Manchester Town Hall on May 7th.—P. G., B.-K. 7357

LOST.—Bell brooch, silvery metal, engraved JS, Whit Monday in Wales Reward.—Miss J. Sanderson, 1, Orchard Gate, Melbourn, Royston, Herts. 7363

"For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him."—Romans X: 12.

HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

COMBE MARTIN, N. DEVON.—Holiday bungalow, 2 double bedrooms, sleep 6, TV lounge, kitchen, bathroom, toilet, linen provided, car space. Vacant June 21st–28th, July 12th–19th and August 23rd onwards.—L. Walters, Stattens Cottage, Castle Street, Combe Martin. 7100

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SET of 26 musical handbells, heavy gauge, heaviest 3¾ lb., 8 inches diameter; smallest 1¼ lb. (approx.), 3 inches diameter. Original price £235. Prepared to consider reasonable offer.—G. Bearne, Bancroft, East Ogwell, Newton Abbot, Devon. 7233

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BRAINTREE, ESSEX, FLOWER FESTIVAL
SATURDAY, JUNE 21st
Towers open:

2.30	Braintree (for choral evensong) (8), Stebbing (6).
2.30–3.30	Felsted (8); Stisted (6), Rayne (6).
3.30–4.30	Gosfield (6), Wethersfield (6)
3.45–4.30	Finchingfield (8).
4.15–5.15	Braintree.

Teas at Braintree Church Hall, New Street, 5.30–6.45.
Numbers to R. J. Lindsell, Ringers, London Road, Black Notley, Essex, by 20th.
Evening ringing: 7–8, Bocking (8); 7.15–8, Sible Hedingham (8); 8–9, Halstead (8), and as arranged 7385

"RINGING TOWERS."—Because of devaluation and increased postal charges the annual subscription to "Ringing Towers," the Australian and New Zealand quarterly, is increased from 5s. to 6s. to subscribers in the U.K. Subscriptions should be sent to Tom Lock, 57, Holloways Lane, North Mymms, Hatfield, Herts

RINGERS' DIARY, 1970

To all Association and Guild secretaries.—Please send without delay your revised lists of Guild officers and dates of A.G.M.s and annual dinners, 1970, for insertion in the above which must go to press shortly. No guarantee of reminders this year.—W. Viggers, 37, Highfield Gardens, Aldershot, Hants. 7382

MISCELLANEOUS

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY
ANNUAL SHIELD CONTEST
To be held at Cawthorne on the second Saturday in June (14th). Names for tea to Noel F. Moxon, Green Gables Cawthorne. Entries to be sent to the secretary, T. Tarbatt, 7a, Manorstead, Skelmanthorpe, Huddersfield. No names no tea 7277

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX
FLOWER AND BELL FESTIVAL
July 19th and 20th, 1969
Visit this lovely old country town church. Bells (6) all day Saturday and usual times for Sunday service. Refreshments available both days. 7386

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD
SUMMER FESTIVAL
Waddington, Saturday, June 28th
Cricket Match, 2 p.m.
(All welcome)
Tea in Village Hall at 4.30 p.m.
Towers available:

Sleaford (8)	9.30–10.30 a.m.
Ruskington (6)	10.00–11.00 a.m.
Blankney (6)	10.30–11.30 a.m.
Metheringham (8)	11.00–12 noon.
Dunston (5)	11.30–12.30 p.m.
Nocton (6)	12.00– 1.00 p.m.
Branston (6)	12.30– 1.30 p.m.
Cricket Match, 2.00–4.30	
or	
Wellingore (6)	2.00–3.00 p.m.
Navenby (6)	2.30–3.30 p.m.
Harmston (8)	3.00–4.00 p.m.
Waddington (6)	3.30–4.30 p.m.
Tea 4.30–5.30 p.m.	
Waddington (6)	5.30–6.30 p.m.
Lincoln St. Giles (8)	6.00–7.00 p.m.
Nettleham (6)	6.30–7.30 p.m.
Scothern (6)	7.00–8.00 p.m.
Dunholme (6)	7.30–8.30 p.m.
Welton (6)	8.00–9.00 p.m.

Name for tea to Mr. R. F. Smith, Wendover, Station Road, Waddington, Lincoln, not later than Tuesday, June 24th. 7381

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
GARDEN PARTY
Goosnargh Vicarage
Saturday, June 28th. Open 2.30 p.m.
Tea 2/-.
Side-shows. Amusements.
Goosnargh bells available.
7274

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
The Festival and Annual General Meeting will be held at Oxford on Saturday, June 28th.
11 a.m., Service in Cathedral.
12 noon, Annual Meeting in Chapter House.
12.45 p.m., "Get-together" in Dining Hall.
1.15 p.m., Luncheon in Dining Hall (tickets 10/6 each).
Applications for tickets, accompanied by remittance and s.a.e., must reach Miss D. J. Pollard, 49, Foxborough Road, Radley, Abingdon, Berks, before Monday, June 23rd.
Ringing arrangements.—List of towers will be circulated with the luncheon tickets or on receipt of s.a.e. to Miss Pollard.—Marie R. Cross. 7354

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, MANSFIELD
FESTIVAL OF MUSIC AND FLOWERS
June 22nd to 29th
All welcome. Ringing Wednesday, June 25th, 7 to 9 p.m. No practice Thursday, June 26th. 7321

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, COBHAM, SURREY.—There will be no ringing for Sunday Evensong from June 1st, 1969, until further notice. 7315

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY
(Estd. 1623)
The 346th Anniversary of Great Ringing Day
will be held on
Saturday, June 28th
Ringing arrangements and towers as follows:
2 p.m.: 12-bell peal attempt by invited band at Saffron Walden.

Radwinter (8)	1.30–2.15 p.m.
Hempstead (6)	2.15–3.00 p.m.
Thaxted (8)	3.00–3.45 p.m.
Newport (6)	3.45–4.30 p.m.

TEA
No arrangements have been made. There are cafés in Newport and Saffron Walden.
Wenden's Ambo (6), 5.00–5.45 p.m.
Service (Saffron Walden) 6 p.m.
Saffron Walden (12) after service till 8.30 p.m.
Any further information from L. F. Pitstow, 3, Mount Pleasant Road, Saffron Walden. Tel.: 2074.

MISCELLANEOUS

ALL SAINTS', PITSFORD, NORTHANTS

Annual Fete. Saturday, June 14th

Bells (6) 2.30–6 p.m.

Teas available. All welcome. 7318

ST. NICHOLAS', WORTH, SUSSEX

FLOWER FESTIVAL

June 13th, 14th and 15th

Tower open for ringing each day from 2 o'clock till 8 (6 bells). 7365

ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST'S, CROYDON

PATRONAL FESTIVAL

Tuesday, June 24th, at 8 p.m.

No practice—quarter peal attempt. 7370

DUPLICATING and ELECTRONIC PRE-CUT STENCILS. Letterheads, Diagrams. Typewritten matter, etc. 24-hour service.—THE ALDERSHOT STORES (Duplicating Dept.), 37, Grosvenor Road, Aldershot Telephone 20876. 7157

NETHERTON, WORCS.—Flower Festival. Bells available 6.30 to 7.30, Thursday, June 19th: 3 to 4.30, Saturday, June 21st. All welcome.—John Eisel. 7368

AMPTHILL, Bedfordshire (6).—Church Fete. Saturday, June 28th. Tower open to ringers, 1 to 3 p.m.: 5 to 7 p.m. Parties of ringers welcome. Information from J. W. Yates, 'phone Flitwick 3273. 7383

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Advanced practice, Worplesdon (8). Tuesday, June 17th. 7.30-9 p.m.—S. J. Tate-Mitchell, Dis. Sec. 7387

ST. ALBANS CATHEDRAL.—Ringing will be as normal on Sundays and Tuesdays, **but** on the front eight only.—Mrs. K. S. Hardy, Hon. Sec. 7360

MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Winscombe Parish Hall, June 14th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea (5/-) 5.15 p.m. Names to J. H. Gilbert, 13, Fenshurst Gardens, Long Ashton, Bristol, by June 7th. Full details in annual report (2/6 post free to non-members). 7270

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Gawsworth (8), Saturday, June 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Please bring own tea. 7261

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Bidston, June 14th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. (Service **after** tea.) **Free** tea for those notifying by 12th.—Alexander J. Martin, 28, Glenmore Road, Oxton, Birkenhead. 7343

DERBYSHIRE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Creswell, June 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. L. Barlow, Lilac House, Mansfield Road, Creswell, Worksop, Notts. Tel.: Creswell 370.—M. Phipps, Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—June 14th, Fulbourn (8) 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea and business meeting at Bottisham 5.45. Ringing (5) from about 7 p.m.—J. S. 7264

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Evening meeting, Saturday, June 14th, Epping. Ringing 7–9 p.m. 7316

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The annual striking competition will be held on Saturday, June 14th, at Boughton-under-Blean. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. at the Parish Hall. Names for tea to Mr. J. B. Keeler, Bear Inn, 3, Market Place, Faversham, Kent. 7288

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Northchurch (8), June 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to R. Ashby, 110, High Street, Northchurch.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Bye-meeting and striking competition, Hunton, Saturday, June 14th. Contest at 2.30, followed by service, tea and general ringing. Names for tea to C. A. Tester, 18, Maxwell Drive, Maidstone. 7339

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Meeting and Branch striking competition, Saturday, June 14th, Eccleston. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Ellison, 58, Richmond Road, Eccleston, Chorley, by Wednesday.—R. Barnes, Branch Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD (North Lindsey Branch) and BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT RINGING SOCIETY.—Joint meeting, Saturday, June 14th, Barton-on-Humber. Bells: St. Peter's (8), 2.30–3.30 p.m.; St. Mary's, 3.30–4.30. Service at St. Mary's 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. at Barrow-on-Humber, followed by meeting and ringing there. Names for tea to A. Crowder, Manor Farm, Barrow-on-Humber, Lincs.—C. A. H. 7299

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Quarterly ringing meeting, Llantristant, Saturday, June 14th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and further ringing. All ringers and friends welcome.—Iolo Davies, Branch Hon. Sec., The Grammar School, Cowbridge. 7302

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Summer meeting, Henley-on-Thames, June 14th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Evening ringing, Caversham 7–9 p.m. Names for tea to C. J. Tigwell, 34, Gainsborough Road, Henley-on-Thames. 7349

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—City Branch.—Half-yearly meeting, Garsington (6), Saturday, June 14th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea (free) to A. J. Adams, 64, Horspath Road, Cowley, Oxford, please. 7279

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual General Meeting, Carmarthen, Saturday, June 14th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to J. Prytherch, 33, Haven Park Close, Haverfordwest 4240. 7373

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Meeting, June 14th, Calverton and Woodborough, afternoon: Lowdham in evening. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Woodborough. Names for tea to Mr. P. R. Hayward, The Vicarage, Woodborough, Nottingham, NG14 6DX. 7330

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—N. Notts meeting at Gamston, Saturday, June 14th. Names for tea to H. Poyner, The Old Vicarage, Sturton-le-Steeple, Retford, Notts, by the Thursday previous. 7340

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South East District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, June 14th, Ufford (8). Ringing 3–4.30. Service, tea and business meeting 5 p.m. Ringing 7–9 p.m. Please book for tea to Mrs. W. Lockwood, 2, Thorpes Hill Cotts., Hadleigh Road, Hintlesham, Ipswich.—W. L., Dis. Sec. 7345

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting Itchingfield (5), Saturday, June 14th. Ringing 3 p.m. and after tea. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea.—M. J. Wake: Tel: Sidlesham 325. 7352

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Church Lench (6), Saturday, June 14th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting at the Village Hall. Names for tea to A. C. Berry, 25, Priest Lane, Pershore, Bishampton bells (6) available 6.45–8.30 p.m. 7344

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting Suckley, Saturday, June 14th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 at the Church Fete Ground, followed by business meeting in the church. Broadwas bells (5) available from 7 p.m. Names for tea to J. J. Stanier, Branch Sec., 14, Canterbury Road, Worcester. 7348

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the Lord Raglan, St. Martin's-le-Grand, E.C., on June 17th at 8.15 p.m. Practices: June 17th, St. Paul's Cathedral; June 24th, St. Mary-le-Bow; July 1st, St. Andrew's, Holborn; July 8th, Southwark Cathedral—all at 6.30 p.m.—J. G. A. Prior. 7361

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Evening meeting, Edgware, Wednesday, June 18th. Ringing 7.30–9 p.m. (Two minutes Edgware Station—Northern Line.—E. M. Kilby. 7362

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Portishead (8), June 21st. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 7378

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Market Drayton, June 21st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to F. Price, The Grove, Bentley's Road, Market Drayton (Salop), by **June 18th**.—W. Kerr, Hon. Sec. 7389

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Huntingdon District.—Meeting, Leighton Bromswold, Saturday, June 21st. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. After business meeting a meeting of the District committee will be held (committee members please note).—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 7364

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, June 21st, Magdalen. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30 p.m. Everyone welcome.—D. A. Feek, Dis. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Striking competition, June 21st, Coln St. Aldwyn (8), 3–4.30 p.m. Tea 4.30. Service 6. Competition at Hatherop 6.30–8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. Godwin, 12, Fairford Road, Quenington.—J. Pearse, Branch Sec. 7272

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Meeting, Standish (6), Saturday, June 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Haresfield also available after tea. Names for tea to P. Screen, 22, Springfield, Hardwicke, Gloucester, GL2 6PX, by Tuesday, 17th. 7366

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Quarterly District meeting and striking competition, Saturday, June 21st, West Clandon. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Lewin, Thorneywood, The Street, West Clandon, by previous Wednesday, please. 7314

HEREFORD GUILD.—Bromyard District.—Combined practice, Bredenbury, June 21st, 5.30–9 p.m. All welcome.—R. L. Price, Dis. Hon. Sec. 7355

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, June 21st, North Mymms (8), 3 p.m., with service and tea. Monken Hadley (8) available, 6.30–8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Lock, 57, Holloways Lane, N. Mymms, Hatfield. **No name, definitely no tea.**—R. E. Hardy, Dis. Sec. 7266

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Evening meeting, Saturday, June 21st, Hoby (5), 7–9 p.m.—S. N. Hall, Dis. Sec.

NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS.—South-Eastern District.—Ringing meeting in the Stony Stratford area, Saturday, June 21st. Meet 1.30 p.m. at the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Buckingham. Names for tea, please, to me before June 15th.—P. Shonk, Dis. Sec., 58, Raeburn Road, Sidcup, Kent.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chiltern Branch.—Monthly practice, Great Kimble, on June 21st, 6.30–8 p.m. All welcome.—A. J. White. 7342

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Calne Branch.—Meeting, Yatesbury, June 21st, 3.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss V. Preston, 6, The Lymers, Yatesbury, Calne, Wilts. 7334

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Powerstock, Saturday, June 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to J. Davis, Mount Melplash, Bridport. 7369

NOTICES continued overleaf.

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—A.G.M. at Lichfield on Saturday, June 21st. Bells available: Cathedral (10), 3-4 p.m.: St. Michael's (6), 3.30-4.15 and after meeting, together with St. Chad's (4) and St. Mary's, 7.30 p.m. **No** ringing during service, please, which is in Cathedral choir stalls, 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting in St. Michael's Church Hall. (Guest preacher, Canon A. G. G. Thurlow, M.A.) Seating limited, so numbers for tea earliest possible, please, to Mrs. C. M. Smith, 29, Dimbles Hill, Lichfield, Staffs, at very latest by June 18th Tel.: Lichfield 4539.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec 7280

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Southover, Lewes (10), Saturday, June 21st Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing after tea. Names for tea, please, to Miss Ann Evans (Div. Sec.), 17, Hollingbury Place, Brighton, Sussex, BN1 7GE, by previous Wednesday 7197

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Hartlebury, Saturday, June 21st, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea by Wednesday, June 18th, or you may be disappointed. Catering limtied.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., 17, Ham Lane, Pedmore, near Stourbridge, Worcs. 7304

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Bye-meeting at Hoo, Saturday, June 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. A. Vidgeon, Whitehouse Farm, Hoo, Rochester, by previous Wednesday.—T. Barton. 7309

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Meeting, St. Woolos' Cathedral, Newport, on June 21st. Bells (12) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Miss G Colleypriest, 6, Graham Street, Newport, Mon., by June 13th. Gentlemen welcome.—J. S. King. 7351

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Annual general meeting, Howden, June 21st. Bells available 2.30-9 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. Newham, 31, Pinfold Street, Howden, by previous Wednesday. Eastrington bells will be available 2.15 3.45 p.m. for Plain Hunt, Plain Bob. Voting will take place for vice-president and committee members. All welcome. Reports available: subscriptions due.—R. Ducker, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7320

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting Frittenden, Saturday, June 21st. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Because of catering difficulties tea will only be provided for those who notify Mr. D. C. Manger, 3, Thrift Cottages, Knoxbridge, Cranbrook (Staplehurst 517), by Thursday, June 19th.—A. P. S. B. 7341

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Annual meeting Cleckheaton (8), on June 21st. Ringing 2.30-5 p.m. and after meeting. Liversedge (8) available 3-4.30 p.m Names for tea to Mrs. M. Halford, 22, Mount Gardens, Cleckheaton, by Wednesday, June 18th. No name, no tea.—A. B Sullivan, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7338

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Meeting at Rothersthorpe Saturday, June 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Henman, 1, Church Lane, Brafield-on-the-Green, Northampton, NN7 1BA, by Monday previous. Milton Malsor, 7.30-9 p.m. 7372

LADIES' GUILD.—Annual General Meeting, Saturday, July 5th, Manchester. Committee meeting 10.30 a.m. in Cathedral Refectory. Service in Cathedral 11.30 a.m. Annual General Meeting 1.30 p.m in Cathedral Refectory. Tea (5/-) 5.45 p.m. Names for tea, with cash and s.a.e., please, to Miss C. Andrew, 162, Hamilton Place, Ashton-under-Lyne, by Wednesday, July 2nd. Bells available: Birch-in-Rusholme, 9.45-10.30; Salford Sacred Trinity, 10-10.45; Miles Platting, 10.30-11.15; Hyde St. George, 2-3; Mottram St. Michael, 2.30-3.30; Ashton St. Peter, 3-4; Ashton St. Michael, 3.30-4.30; Manchester Cathedral, 4.30-5.30, Town Hall after tea. 7377

Letters to the Editor

THE ST. ALBANS BOOKSTALL

Dear Sir,—This was the first year that a bookstall was run over the Central Council week-end, and readers may like to know how sales went.

Total turnover, £84 5s. 3d. This includes £30 9s. for Central Council publications. Books supplied locally, e.g., maps, guides, "Nine Taylors," etc., accounted for £12 11s. 4d.

Apart from these, nine other ringing publishers supplied books and we are most grateful to them for making the most comprehensive display of ringing books ever assembled for sale.—Yours sincerely,

GEOFFREY DODDS,
Herts County Assn. Bookstall.

LATE NOTICES

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

FLOYD—BIRD.—The marriage between David and Marilyn will take place at St. Giles' Church, Oxford, on Saturday, June 28th, at 12 noon. All friends welcome at the church.

MEETINGS

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Meeting, Drayton (6), June 14th. Bells 2.30 p.m. 7396

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Branch.—Practice meeting, Combe St. Nicholas, Saturday, June 21st. Ringing 7-9 p.m.—R. J. Dean. 7393

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Coventry Archdeaconry monthly meeting at Chilvers Coton (10 bells), June 21st, 3 p.m. Own arrangements for tea, followed by more evening ringing. **Note:** There will be no practice at Chilvers Coton on Thursday, June 19th.—Ian F. Garvie, Dis. Sec. 7397

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—Curtailed ringing anniversary, Saturday, June 21st. Bells available 6.30-9 p.m. All welcome.—M. T. Symonds. 7394

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Half-yearly meeting, Saturday, June 21st, Chiseldon, 3 p.m. Servcie 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss H. Jones, High Green, Windmill Close, Aldbourne, Wilts, by Tuesday, 17th. 7392

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SUITABLE FOR HANDBELLS

Dear Sir,—I have been surprised at the rumpus created by John Mayne's letter on the composition of handbell peals: I am sure he did not intend to disparage anyone's performances or discourage anybody. But I must say that to apply the label "suitable for handbells" to a composition seems to me to be the result of muddled thinking. What is really meant is that such a composition is easier to ring than some others. Any composition is "suitable for handbells" provided the band is good enough to ring it.

If Alan Scholfield will read John Mayne's letter again he will see that he has misquoted it in his last parargpah. I see no reason why everyone should be able to ring all pairs, any more than that a member of an orchestra should be compelled to learn every instrument! Having, in my time, done a certain amount of fiddling round the front, I now prefer to beat the big drum.

Finally if, as Robert Smith aserts, compositions with 3-4 and 5-6 coursing are more musical than others, why not label such peals "suitable for tower bells" and have done with it?

I intend that our next peal shall have the footnote "Unsuitable for handbells. Not so hard as Cambridge Maximus."—Yours sincerely, C. W. WOOLLEY.

Bushey Heath.

IRREGULAR MINOR METHODS

Dear Sir, I am afraid Mr. Dodd is on the wrong track when he upbraids Mr. Brian Mills for "having to change the name of an old method when they ring it to a peal" (p. 423). At its meeting at St. Albans this Whitsun the Central Council officially endorsed the tradition that the first band to ring an extent of a Minor method, **or** to include it in a peal, has the sole right to name it, and this tradition Mr. Mills has been careful to follow.

I have already compiled extensive records of Minor methods and ringing, on behalf of the Council's Records Committee and, as I recently pointed out in these columns, this information is at the disposal of anyone who cares to contact me. The list of methods and names that appeared with Mr. Mills' peal at Holme Pierrepont was indeed first sent to me for checking, and I suggested that the previous history of Winthorpe and Blidworth should be given, in order to simplify other people's record-keeping.

On a point of detail, the correct name of "King Edward" (rather than "Keston") was established by a peal at Wath-on-Dearne in 1927, while the correct name for "Queen Victoria" is Sprotborough; the latter method has **never** been known as Queen Victoria—apart, that is, from Mr. Dodd's peal at Beenham last May. The entry in Chant's valuable Index of Minor Methods is incorrect.—Yours sincerely,

CYRIL A. WRATTEN.

Charlton Kings, Glos.

SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

Dear Sir,—On page 35 there appear some 720s of Spliced Surprise Minor by M. S. Bruce (corrections appear on page 105). The third of these, in six methods (Sutton, Warkworth, etc.), is false. 564231 occurs as row 12 in lead 2 and as row 15 in lead 9.—Yours faithfully,

ANTHONY P. SMITH.

King's College,
London.

HATFIELD, HERTS.—On May 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. D. Frost 1, G. Austin 2, E. Edmondson 3, R. A. Cochrane (first Stedman) 4, A. R. Carter 5, B. J. Foley 6, G. Penney (cond.) 7, S. Huckle 8. Rung as a tribute to Mr. W. T. Holmes, past president of the Hertford County Association.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—On May 19th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: S. Timms (first quarter) 1, D. Francis 2, A. Newton 3, J. Simmonds 4, L. A. Timms 5, J. E. Camp 6, S. M. Bailey 7, R. H. Newton (arr. and cond.) 8. Rung during the mayor's weighing ceremony.

HOBART, TASMANIA.—At St. David's Cathedral, on May 17th, three quarters in a day. 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Margaret Aslett 1, Delwyn Logan 2, D. Brown 3, R. Bampton 4, K. Hendry (cond.) 5, C. Herbert 6. 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: R. Bampton 1, J. Smith 2, D. Brown 3, P. Brown 4, C. Herbert (cond.) 5, K. Hendry 6. 1,260 Pl. Bob Triples: R. Symonds (first quarter) 1, N. Shaw 2, S. Smith 3, J. Smith 4, R. Bampton 5, C. Herbert 6, P. Brown (cond.) 7, K. Hendry 8. First Triples in the tower.

HURST, BERKS.—On May 21st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor (tenor cover): E. Allum 1, Mrs. S. A. Randle 2, Mrs. V. N. Castle 3, C. A. Eele 4, R. K. Rivers 5, B. C. Castle (cond.) 6, F. J. E. Hicks 8. Rung to mark the 50th anniversary of the treble ringer joining the Oxford Diocesan Guild in January, 1919.

HUYTON, LANCS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. E. Drabble 1, J. P. Richardson (first "inside") 2, W. R. Birchall 3, D. C. Simpson 4, G. K. Austin (cond.) 5, P. G. Bell 6. First quarter 1 and 6. For Ascension Day.

ICKLETON, CAMBS.—On May 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Monica Coningsby 1, Merryn Hutchings 2, D. Lilley 3, L. Flitton 4, A. T. Winter 5, G. Lilley 6, D. Barton (cond.) 7, A. S. Marland 8. For the weddings of the churchwarden's son and the previous Vicar's daughter.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.—At St. Margaret's Church, on May 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Gagen 1, W. Houghton 2, Shelagh R. Collins 3, W. W. Cousins 4, C. Cousins 5, R. Newson 6, N. V. Harding (cond.) 7, Wendy Twite (first quarter) 8. For Evensong.

LISS, HANTS.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Jacqueline Read 1, Gillian Read 2, B. S. Gambrill 3, D. Fox 4, D. M. Hughes (cond.) 5, Jennifer Lintott 6. First in method 1 and 2.

LITTLE HOUGHTON, NORTHANTS.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): Jane Battison (first quarter) 1, E. Hastings 2, D. Morgan 3, R. Henman 4, L. Battison (cond.) 5.

LOCKING, SOM.—On May 10th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Gwen Hooper 1, Jane Markham 2, Susan Stott 3, S. Lewis 4, H. Hooper (cond.) 5, C. Field 6. A birthday compliment to Jane Markham.

LONDON.—At Southwark Cathedral, on May 1st, 1,277 Stedman Caters: W. Rawlings 1, Maureen Carruthers 2, T. Pett 3, R. Mills 4, R. Woodward 5, P. Bosworth 6, J. Euston (cond.) 7, R. Bullen 8, R. Overington 9, J. Pladdys 10. For the 10th anniversary of the consecration of the Rt. Rev. Mervyn Stockwood, Bishop of Southwark.

LONG SUTTON, SOM. — On May 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Eastment 1, R. Venn 2, H. E. G. Jeanes 3, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 4, H. Warr 5, R. J. Hunt 6. A welcome to Simeon, third son of the Vicar and Mrs. Marshall, born the previous day. Also on Whit Sunday, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): T. S. Bryant 1, Miss S. A. Mayell 2, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 3, D. G. Mayell 4, F. J. White (cond.) 5, A. J. Callow 6. Rung to honour the christening of Zoe Ann White, grand-daughter of the conductor.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On May 18th, 1,260 Doubles (four m/v): R. Stainer 1, G. J. Neilson 2, Elizabeth Todd 3, H. P. Yates 4, B. G. Butcher (cond.) 5, M. J. Taylor 6. For Evensong.

MARSHAM, NORFOLK.—On May 18th, 1,280 Pl. Bob Major: Mrs. J. R. Smith 1, S. T. Smith 2, Mrs. H. F. Carter 3, K. A. F. Record 4, J. R. Smith (cond.) 5, H. F. Carter 6, D. Pardon 7, D. Phillips 8. First Major 2 and 4. For Ascension Day.

MILVERTON, SOM.—On March 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Bellamy 1, Miss J. Blanch 2, C. Barnes 3, R. Coleman 4, R. Cross (first Triples "inside") 5, R. F. Arscott (cond.) 6, W. R. Trickey 7, A. Knight 8. First of Triples 2, 4, 8. For the wedding of the Milverton captain.

MORETON CORBET, SALOP.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. H. Newton 1, F. Leech 2, M. Cecilia Evans 3, P. J. Evans 4, M. J. Orman 5, E. F. Willcox (cond.) 6.

QUARTER PEALS

NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS, LANCS.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. J. Bennett (cond.) 1, Mrs. M. Tickle 2, Miss L. Macraeth (first quarter) 3, R. Dorling 4, D. C. Makin-Taylor 5, K. Edwards 6.

NORTON-IN-HALES, SHROPSHIRE. — On May 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Brook 1, Jane Simon 2, Mrs. D. Brassington 3, Ruth Talbot 4, W. G. Talbot 5, G. Simon 6. Jointly conducted by 3 and 5. Rung in honour of Mr. Charles Swire on retirement after being churchwarden for 30 years .

OLDHAM, LANCS. — At St. Thomas' Church, Moorside, on April 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Wyn Pugh 1, L. Kathleen Miller 2, L. Miller 3, J. P. Partington 4, J. Kershaw 5, D. W. Howarth (cond.) 6. To mark the unveiling of a plaque commemorating the rehanging of the bels, by courtesy of Messrs. F. and E. Dunkerley.

OLD RADNOR, RADS. — On May 11th, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods): H. Istance 1, F. R Harris 2, T. Bound 3, R. A. Hatcher (cond.) 4, J. W. Hope 5, R. Preece 6. A farewell to the Rev. and Mrs. D. J. Williams on retirement.

ORSETT, ESSEX.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles. S. C. Wood 1, G. Mason (first "inside" on tower bells) 2, Joan Hills 3, G. Lucas (cond.) 4, D. Stott 5, F. W. Blatch 6. Rung prior to the christening of David George Hull, son of Elizabeth and George Hull; also a 21st birthday compliment to his godmother, Jean Metcalf. Both parents and godmother are members of the local band.

PATSHULL, STAFFS.—On May 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. Butler (first Minor) 1, Miss C. Slater 2 D. G. J. Bates (cond.) 3, S. G. Pick 4, R. B. Dorrington 5, P. Davies 6.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.—At the Cathedral, on May 6th, 1,260 Bob Triples: A. E. Hoodless 1, Mary Sutcliffe 2, Jennifer Quaife 3, A. A. J. Buswell 4, G. J Gammon 5, J. H. Hunt 6, W. Willans (cond.) 7, F. G. Edwards 8. For Lloyds Bank service.

QUATT, SALOP.—On May 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Walton (first Minor) 1, Mrs. S. Hodister 2, I A. Sheffield 3, P. G. K. Davies (cond.) 4, R. Hodister 5, D. J G. Bates 6.

RAMSBURY, WILTS. — On May 24th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Miss M. Bowman 1, Miss A. Toomer 2, T. R. Jones 3, G. A. Newman 4, A. G. Keen (cond.) 5, C. Barnes 6. A birthday compliment to ringer of 2nd.

REDHILL, SURREY.—On May 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Illman 1, Mary Dallison (first "inside") 2, K. Dallison 3, Marion Dallison 4, I. Goacher 5, A. Streeter 6, G West (cond.) 7, H. Comber 8. For Whitsunday Evensong.

REDRUTH, CORNWALL.—On May 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 cover): E. S. Seymour 1, W. H. Seymour 2, E. H. Langley 3, D. Escott (first "inside") 4, T. R. Hart (cond.) 5, D. James (first quarter) 6, S. R. Curnow 7, P. R. White 8. Rung by the Sunday service band as a farewell to Ted Langley, leaving for South Africa.

RINGMER, SUSSEX.—On May 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss C. Russell 1, R. Towler 2, W. Merritt 3, T. Russell 4, J. Lonsbrough (cond.) 5, K. King (first quarter) 6. Last quarter before bells are lowered for re-tuning.

RUSHDEN, NORTHANTS.—On May 11th, 1,320 Kent Treble Bob Minor: B. Hodgkin 1, B. Whitworth 2, Brenda Dixon 3, G. Muncey 4, S. Hodgkins 5, R. Coley (cond.) 6, L. Hall 7, D. Mason 8. Rung prior to United Men's Service.

SALISBURY, WILTS.—On May 21st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Jane Skelton 1, H. Rumens 2, N. Skelton 3, R. N. Marlow 4, L. Page 5, J. Mussell 6, R. Jones 7, Rev. R. Keeley (cond.) 8. A 21st birthday compliment to N. Skelton.

SANDY, BEDS.—On May 22nd, 1,260t P.B. Minor: R. Mander 1, D. Goss 2, M. Mander 3, Karen Baker 4, C. R. Hardy 5, C. D. Corby (first Minor as cond.) 6. Rung as a compliment to Antony Smith and F. Raisen on their Ordination.

SHALFORD, SURREY. — On May 22nd, 1,280 Double Norwich C.B. Major: P. Henry 1, Jill M. May 2, J. H. Payton 3, W. Savill 4, F. W. Housden 5, J. F. M. Maybrey 6, D. J. Tubbs 7, D. A. R. May (cond.) 8. First in method 2, 3, 4. A welcome to Alison Mary Struckett, born on April 27th.

SHREWSBURY, SALOP.—At St. Mary's Church, on April 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: S. W. Illidge 1, P. R. Johnson 2, E. R. Fairbrother 3, F. Leech 4, R. H. Newton 5, F. Beech 6, L. Roberts 7, M. J. A. Orman 8, N. Holland 9, E. F. Willcox (cond.) 10. To welcome the Rev. H. H. Follis as Vicar.

SELLINDGE, KENT.—On May 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (four m/v): J. Bailey 1, Elizabeth Todd (cond.) 2, J. Hemsley 3, B. G. Butcher 4, M. J Taylor 5, W. J. Beeching 6.

STEEPLE ASHTON, WILTS.—On April 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Moore 1, J. Berrett 2, L. Edwins 3, V. Rose 4, J. Twiney (cond.) 5, G. Burbidge 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of E. V. Ashby, former churchwarden.

STONE, GLOS. — On May 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Collins 1, G. G. C. Minors 2, C. Legg 3, E. Martin 4, R. Cox (cond.) 5, L. Martin (first quarter) 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Minors on the birth of a son (Richard Graham).

THAKEHAM, SUSSEX. — On May 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. B. Skinner 1, Miss M. Skinner 2, M. Davies 3, Miss J. Horton 4, B. W. Farhall (cond.) 5, W. Cherriman 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Linfield.

THROWLEY, KENT.—On May 23rd, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: W. W. Ring (cond.) 1, R. A. Lucas 2, R C. Offen 3, P. R. Staples 4, E. J. Clifton 5, M. W. Marshall 6.

TETSWORTH, OXON.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. Grover 1, D. Goss (cond.) 2, R. Wellman 3, M. Goss 4, P. Watts 5, G. Green 6.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGE.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. Morris (first quarter) 1, Miss C. E. Willers 2, Miss M. Griffiths (first of Triples) 3, W. Chandler 4, R. W. Balls 5, R. H. Ling (first Triples) 6, F. E. Haynes (cond.) 7, R. Iredale 8. For Ascension Day.

WALKINGTON, YORKS.—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Shirley Waddingham (first quarter, aged 11) 1, Vicky Bond (first "inside", 13) 2, Eileen Waddingham (first as cond., 13) 3, Joan Gray 4, P. Carey 5, R. Carey 6. Birthday compliments to Vicky Bond and Mr. R. Carey.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On May 11th, 1,254 Grandsire Cinques: J. Hoath 1, R. E. J. Dennis 2, Mrs. Jane Chapman 3, Glynis E. Perry 4, Susan F. Thomas 5, June Whitcher 6, D. J. Hawkins 7, G. H. Walker (first on 12) 8, J. E. Murfitt 9, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 10, M. C. Austin 11, E. T. Newnham 12. For Matins.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on March 2nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Janet Gamble 1, Jillian Turcan 2, Susan Turcan 3, C. T. Coles 4, E. E. Holman 5, D. A. Wright 6, A. M. Faulkner 7, C. G. Wright (cond.) 8. For the christening of Catherine Mary Shepherd, grand-daughter of the 4th. Also May 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Janet Gamble 1, Susan Turcan 2, Jillian Turcan 3, K. Ward 4, E. E. Holman 5, C. T. Coles 6, C. G. Wright (cond.) 7, D A. Wright 8. For Evensong. Also May 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Johnson (first quarter) 1, Valerie Jones 2, Mary Wilkinson 3, E. E. Holman 4, A. J. N. Boyack 5, K. Warner (cond.) 6, D. A. Wright 7. For Ascension Day. Also May 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor. J. Knott (first quarter) 1, Janet Gamble 2, K. Warner 3, D. A. Wright 4, C. T. Coles 5, C. G. Wright (cond.) 6, E. E. Holman 7. For Evensong.

WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX. — On May 21st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: W. Cherryman 1, Miss M. Skinner 2, C. W. Skinner 3, Mrs. S. Verrall 4, B. Farhall 5, C. Longhurst (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. P. Favell, churchwarden.

WEST LYDFORD, SOM. — On May 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. D. G. Mayell 1, Miss S. A. Mayell 2, Miss G. M. Beckett 3, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 4, F. J. White 5, J. Kingsnorth 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Mayell on their wedding anniversary and a birthday compliment to F. J. White.

WHITECHURCH CANONICORUM, DORSET.—On May 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Harold Arscott 1, Mrs. C. W. Powell 2, Miss J. M. Atkey (first of Triples) 3, H. G. Keeley 4, F. G. Knight 5, M. J. Hiller 6, C. W. Powell (cond.) 7, G. S. Morris 8.

WHITSTABLE, KENT.—On Ascension Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss C. Amos 1, S. Wooding 2, Miss D. Austin (first as cond.) 3, Miss J. Steed 4, D. Cawley 5.

WHITWICK, LEICS. — On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Lord 1, W. Lord 2, Helen Wright (first G.T. "inside") 3, D. Waldram 4, H. Moult 5, J. Rawson 6, R. Beniston (cond.) 7, G. Howlett 8.

COMPOSITIONS

DATE TOUCH
1969 STEDMAN TRIPLES
By JAMES TOPP

123456	S	H	L	V	Q	
245163		X			X	
425136		X				
326145	X					
213465	X	X			X	"A"
543216		X	X			
512436	X			S		
534126	X			S		
521346	X			S		
154236						"A"
413526						
342156						"A"
351426	X			S		
132546						"A"
214356						"A"
123456	S1					

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54632	—	—		
24635	S	6		(6=BBSBBS)
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45326	S	5	S	(5=BSBBS)
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56324	6	S		
25364		—		
65324	6	S		
23456	—	—		

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		—	42356
—		2	43526
	—	—	65324
2	2	3	42563
	—	—	35264
2		3	56234
—		—	23564

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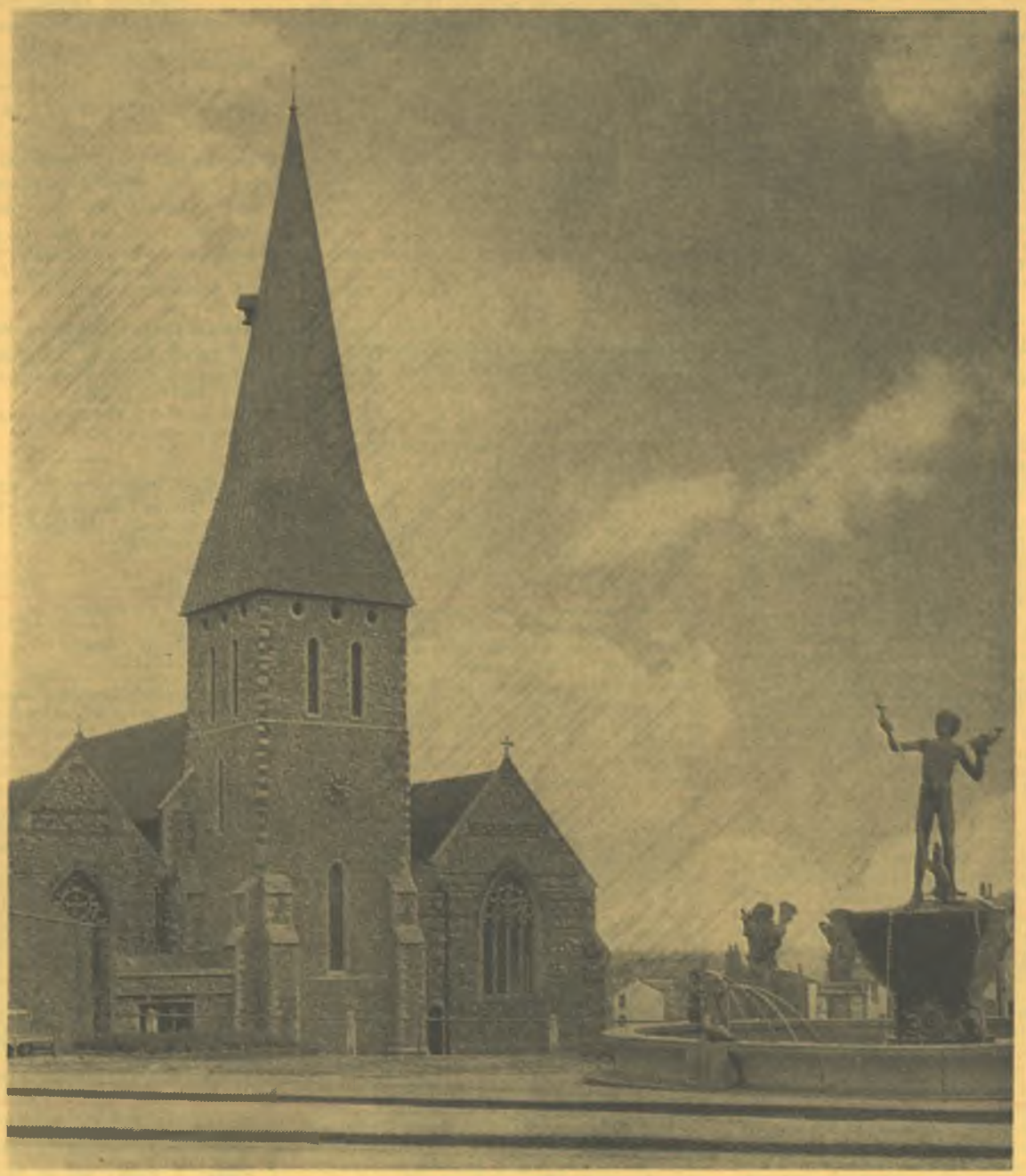

The Church of St. Michael the Archangel, Braintree, Essex

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OUR COVER PICTURE

St. Michael the Archangel, Braintree, Essex

By C. H. GILLINGHAM

BRAINTREE is a flourishing market town situated in rural north Essex. Close to Chelmsford, it lies on the old Roman road from St. Albans to Colchester, upon which the White Hart, one of a number of ancient coaching inns, is strategically placed. St. Michael's is constructed of flint and stone, on an ancient British site, in the Early English, Decorated and Perpendicular styles. Roman bricks and tiles may be seen in the walls of the typical Early English tower, which is surmounted by a 14th century shingled broach spire, rebuilt in the 19th century, rising 120 feet—a mediæval moon-rocket fixed firmly to the ground, despite its heavenly inclination. Externally the circular openings, between the tops of the lancet windows and the spire eaves, are an interesting feature. The external bell is of unknown but early date. It is unused and, according to Deedes and Walters, without a clapper hook. Its origin might lie in the will dated 1519 of John Pepper, who left 20s. "to the charges of a newe clocke bell to be made, to serve for the clocke of the church of Braintree". The tower clock no longer strikes, having been superseded by the sonorous boom of the 34 cwt. hour bell, housed with four quarters in the handsome cupola surmounting the Town Hall erected in 1928, one of the many civic gifts of the Courtauld family.

The Manor of Branchetren belonged to the Bishops of London, and the founding of St. Michael's Church in 1199 by Bishop William de Sancte Maria is commemorated by the inscription on the treble bell of 1899. The town was a busy stopping-place for pilgrims to the shrines at Walsingham and Bury, in the Middle Ages, and a centre for wool. It is still a weaving town, with Courtaulds' mills and the unique factory of Warners of Braintree Ltd., where craftsmen still weave the finest silken cloth required for royal robes. Light engineering now reinforces the traditional industries, and Bradbury's fork-lifting implements, Crittall-Hope metal windows, jacks equipment from the Lake and Elliot foundries, and Selmers' musical instruments provide some of today's world-wide exports.

77 PEALS

There are now eight bells hung for change-ringing in the tower, upon which 77 peals have been rung since 1883. In 1523 Edward Curson gave £6 3s. 4d. towards making the "great" bell. There is a reference to the bells in 1549, but no mention in the 1552 inventories. The ring of six bells, the tenor cast in 1682, inscribed "God be my good speed" (hope), and the rest dated 1675, 1682, 1738 and 1754, were all recast by G. Mears of London in 1858, tenor 11¼ cwt. in F sharp. They can be said to "go well" and, although too loud in the small first-floor ringing chamber, they sound well outside. In 1899 John Warner and Sons of London cast two trebles to complete the octave. The estimate for this work was £98 17s. 6d., the cost was raised by public subscription, and the bells were dedicated at Michaelmas that year. The first peal, Minor in seven methods, was the first 6-bell peal for the Essex Association. Four more Minor peals followed, one in 14 methods; the remaining peals were all of Major or Triples and also rung by largely local bands. They include Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob (three) and Double Norwich (16), while seven Surprise methods and one of 4-spliced account for over half the total peals rung. The 75th peal was one of the three peals rung on the bells last year.

Braintree ringing prior to 1879, when the Essex Association was formed, probably deserves the obscurity in which it has rested. The disorderly ringing of certain military gentlemen from elsewhere, who had been entertained at the Dean of Bocking's expense, in the year 1641, is the least sacrilegious of their well-documented acts of protest. Each year on its outings and dinners the modern Guild attempts to make retribution outside its own parish boundaries. No doubt the Braintree Fountain (or ringers' gotch), purpose-made at the Stock pottery and given to the ringers in 1685 by Braintree's "four and twenty", the form of local government which ruled the town in those days, could tell some tales. Bunyan spent much time in Braintree (the Congregational Church was founded in 1550), and it will always remain an open question whether the old bells of Braintree or of Bocking inspired his description of Christian's passing into the Holy City. He never shared Fox's dislike of steeplehouses.

VALUED MSS.

There is in the belfry an interesting manuscript record of local service ringing and practice from 1880 until about 1904. One member who joined the original band in 1881 rang until 1948. In 1881, 74 extents are recorded, the opening of Stisted bells and ringing for various local and national events and personages. The following year the number of extents is doubled and methods rung increased from seven to 14. In 1884 the band's first handbell extent was rung and London and other Surprise methods became common. In honour of the Golden Jubilee of Queen Victoria's accession to the throne, four extents were rung on June 20th, 1886, and "firing was carried out lustily during the day". On January 20th, 1894, an extent of Braintree Minor was rung for the first time, composed by Mr. Andrew Huckson. There is a postcard signed by Jasper Snowdon, addressed to Mr. Huckson and postmarked January 17th, 1883, Leeds, recommending London Surprise as the most complex 6-bell method then generally practised, and a board in the belfry records an extent in that method on September 8th, 1883, first for all the band and for the Essex Association (this extent was a bone of contention at the time with the Glemsford band). The band unfortunately resigned en bloc in April, 1896, but the subsequent painstaking rebuilding of the band, with a staple diet of Kent Treble Bob, until after the augmentation to eight, provides a remarkable document. The pace of life at the beginning of this century is glimpsed in the entry against an extent of Kent Treble Bob Minor "upon the receipt of the relief of Ladysmith"—which had occurred three days earlier.

In this century two past Braintree ringers by adoption have set examples worthy of emulation: Charles Howard for the work he did in establishing the Essex Association, and Lewis Wiffen (by chance the third generation and one of four brothers to ring here) for the high standard he set and expected. He had rung at Ipswich and in the West Country before he settled in Braintree. At Ipswich he rang the 11th bell in the first peal of Surprise Maximus (Cambridge) conducted by James Motts in 1908. The present band plans a peal attempt on the 100th anniversary of Charles Howard's birth later this year. Mention must also be made of the recent years of hard work by the present captain, Robert J. Lindsell, devoted to training and maintaining regular service ringing and practice of a satisfactory standard and variety in what might well have become another silent tower.

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CENTRAL COUNCIL (cont.)

REVISED DECISIONS OF THE COUNCIL

There were two notices of motion before the Council relating to methods and calls and peal ringing. These were proposed by Mr. F. T. Blagrove and seconded by Dr. D. E. Sibson.

During the debate, which lasted over two hours, a number of amendments were accepted and parts of the original minutes of the Joint Committee were taken back for further consideration. Below we print the revised Decisions which were accepted by the Council.

The Rev. J. G. M. Scott expressed thanks to Mr. Blagrove for his clear explanations of points raised. Thanks to the Joint Committee were expressed by Mr. J. C. Millhouse, who asked that recommendations on parts taken back be circulated to members as early as possible.

(D) PEAL RINGING

A. Conditions required for all peals.

1. A peal shall start and end with rounds and shall be rung without interval.

2. No row shall be struck more than once before the next change is made.

3. Every bell must sound at every row throughout the peal.

4. Each bell must be rung continuously by the same person or persons.

5. For handbells the bells shall be retained in hand.

6. For tower bells the bells shall be audible outside the building in which they are contained.

7. No assistance of any kind shall be given by any person not ringing in the peal.

8. The use of physical aids to memory in conducting and ringing is not permitted.

9. No error in calling shall be corrected later than during the change at which the call or change of method would properly take effect.

10. Any shift or error in ringing shall be corrected immediately.

11. The methods and calls used in all peals shall conform to the Definitions and Requirements given in part A of the Decisions on Methods and Calls.

12. Any objection which may be taken to a peal, other than one with respect to the truth of the composition, shall be raised in writing to the conductor and Society concerned at the earliest date, and in any case within one month after publication in "The Ringing World".

B. Particular conditions required for peals on different numbers of bells.

1. Peals of Minimus shall be rung on tower bells only, at towers with only four ringable bells, and shall consist of at least 5,040 changes rung in true and complete 24s, each starting from rounds.

2. Peals of Doubles shall be rung on five bells or on six bells with the tenor as cover, and shall consist of at least 5,040 changes rung in any combination of the following, each starting from rounds:—

(a) True and complete 120s.

(b) Round blocks of 240 changes in which each row occurs twice, and containing no round block of plain leads in one method

(c) Round blocks of two or more 120s in which each of the 120s comprising the block is true and complete.

3. Peals of Minor shall be rung on six bells and shall consist of at least 5,040 changes rung in any combination of the following, each starting from rounds:—

(a) True and complete 720s.

(b) Round blocks of two or more 720s in which each of the 720s comprising the block is true and complete.

4. Peals of Triples shall be rung on eight bells with the tenor as cover and shall consist of one or more true and complete 5,040s, each starting from rounds.

5. Peals of Caters, Cinques, Sextuples, etc., shall be rung on ten, 12, 14, etc., bells respectively with the tenor as cover and shall consist of at least 5,000 true changes.

6. Peals of Major, Royal, Maximus, Fourteen, etc., shall be rung on eight, ten, 12, 14, etc., bells respectively and shall consist of at least 5,000 true changes.

7. Peals of "Doubles and Minor" shall be rung on six bells with the tenor as cover when ringing Doubles and shall consist of at least 5,040 changes rung in any combination of extents and round blocks as permitted in 2 and 3 above

8. Peals of "Triples and Major", "Caters and Royal", etc., shall be rung on eight, ten, etc., bells respectively, with the tenor as cover when ringing Triples, Caters, etc., and shall consist of at least 5,000 true changes.

C. Peals in more than one method.

1. Peals in more than one method shall be called Spliced if the methods are so joined that the leads of the methods remain intact, the changes of method being at the lead-head or half-lead but not both in the same composition.

The Council agreed to the request of the committee, that they give further consideration to compositions in which the changes of method occur at both front and back.

2. Peals on six bells or less and of Triples shall be called Spliced only if each extent or round block is Spliced.

3. Doubles variations may be included in an extent or round block, provided that either all the variations and methods have the same call or calls and there is at least one plain lead of each, or all the variations and methods have the same plain course, with no call common to any two or more, and all the distinctive calls are made for each variation and method.

4. Peal reports shall state the number and names of all methods and all variations separately. For peals of Spliced the number of changes of method at lead-head and at half-lead shall be stated separately, and for peals of Triples and above the number of changes rung in each method shall be stated.

D. Record Length Peals.

The Record Length Peal in a method or group of methods on a given number of bells shall be the longest length recognised as a peal by the Council. Tower bell and handbell records shall be kept separately.

Any attempt for a peal of 10,000 or more changes which would surpass in length an existing record or which would be the first peal in that method on that number of bells, must comply with the additional conditions below. Any such performance not rung in full compliance with these conditions shall not be recognised as a peal and shall not be published in "The Ringing World".

(a) Not less than 14 days' notice shall be given in "The Ringing World", stating the place, date and hour at which the attempt is to be made, and stating the method, number of bells and number of changes proposed to be rung.

(b) The ringing to be heard and the figures of the composition to be checked throughout the peal by a competent umpire or umpires.

(c) If a record length is rung the peal report and the figures of the composition, if not previously published, shall be sent immediately to "The Ringing World".

(d) For handbell peals, every ringer shall ring at least two bells. Additionally, arrangements shall be made for interested persons to be able to hear the attempt.

E. Recognition.

The Council shall recognise all peals rung in complete conformity with parts A to D above, and such peals shall be included in the analysis.

In the case of peals not strictly complying with parts A to C above, the Council will decide whether or not to include such peals in the Analysis, regard being had to the merit of performance. In considering the merit of a performance, regard shall be had to local circumstances and/or the technical implications of the performance.

F. The Technical Committees.

The Peals Analysis Committee shall prepare an annual report and analysis of all peals. Peal reports should indicate all "first peals" and "first peals as conductor" for inclusion in the analysis. The Committee shall not be held responsible for the non-inclusion in the analysis of any peal not published in "The Ringing World" before the end of February in the following year.

The Records Committee shall maintain a record of the first peal in each method on each number of bells, for both tower bells and handbells, and subsequent record length peals, together with the compositions used. Also a record of new methods included in multi-method peals, and a record of the progressive number of methods rung in peals of different groups of methods.

The Peals Collection Committee shall maintain a comprehensive collection of compositions of 5,000 changes and upwards, and shall prepare for publication such collections as the Council shall direct.

The Methods Committee shall consider all questions arising from the nomenclature used for any method, and the findings of the Committee shall be published in "The Ringing World".

(Continued overleaf)

CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Standing Committee has been instructed to examine the constitution and the procedural workings of the Council as the first step towards possible revision.

In order that the Council may effectively serve the whole Exercise, an opportunity is offered to **all** ringers to submit suggestions. These should be made to me within the next month. I shall acknowledge receipt, but I shall not extend any reply beyond this.

VERNON BOTTOMLEY,
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Revised Decisions of the Council--cont.

(E) METHODS AND CALLS

A. Definitions and requirements.

1. A method is defined by the places made between successive rows of its plain course, which shall be a true round block divisible into equal parts. At the beginning of each part the hunt bells, if any, shall be in the same positions and the working bells shall be in different positions, so that all the working bells do the same work in the plain course, and the number of parts is the same as the number of working bells. There shall be more working bells than hunt bells

Methods with no hunt bells are also known as principles and their parts may be referred to as divisions; otherwise the parts are called leads.

In the plain course no bell shall make more than four consecutive blows in the same position, this requirement not applying to Minimus methods

2. A call is not part of a method, but is a means of passing from one course to another. It is effected by altering the places made between two consecutive rows, without altering the length of a lead or division. For methods with hunt bells at least one of the hunts shall be unaffected by all calls in a given composition.

A bob is formed by moving places or by the addition or removal of non-adjacent places.

A single is formed by the addition of pairs of adjacent places to the places of the plain lead or the bobbed lead.

3. The Council agreed to the request of the committee, that they give further consideration to the use of calls in compositions.

4. In the case of Doubles only, a variation is defined as the use in a plain method of calls other than the standard calls for that method. A lead containing a call must not constitute a plain lead of another method. Each variation must by itself be capable of producing a true six-score, and shall be given its own name.

B. Regular methods.

The Council agreed to the request of the committee, that they give further consideration to Regular Methods.

C. Classification of methods with one hunt bell.

1. There are five types of single hunt method: Plain, Treble Dodging, Treble Place, Alliance and Hybrid. With the treble as hunt bell they are classified as in paragraphs 2 to 6, and may be further classified as Little if the path of the treble is restricted to fewer places than the number of bells.

2. In Plain methods the path of the treble is a plain hunt. They are classified as:—

(a) Bob methods—in which seconds place is made at treble's lead or the penultimate place is made at treble's whole pull behind, or both places are made.

(b) Imperial methods—in which two working bells make adjacent places wrong within a half-lead

(c) College methods — in which pairs of working bells work together in a block below the treble for the whole time the treble is above the block.

(d) Court methods — these have internal places adjoining the path of the treble, other than Bob places, Imperial places, and places causing College work.

(e) Court Bob methods—these have Court places which cause one or more complete dodges.

(f) Little methods are classified as Little Bob if they have seconds place at treble's lead, and as Little Court otherwise.

(g) Plain Doubles methods are classsified as Place if the path of a working bell consists only of hunting and place making, and as Bob otherwise

3. In Treble Dodging methods the treble dodges consecutively in 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, etc., the number of dodges in each position being the same. They are classified as:—

(a) Treble Bob methods which have no internal places made as the treble passes from one dodging position to another.

(b) Surprise methods which have at least one internal place made every time the treble passes from one dodging position to another

(c) Delight methods, which are all other Treble Dodging methods

4. In Treble Place methods the path of the treble includes the making of at least one place within the half-lead, the path being symmetrical about the half-lead and the treble having the same total number of blows in each position of the path within the lead.

5. In Alliance methods the treble is not the same total number of blows in each position of the path within the lead, but the path is symmetrical about the half-lead.

6. In Hybrid methods the path of the treble is not symmetrical about the half-lead.

D. Classification of methods with two or more hunt bells.

These methods are in three groups. With the treble as principal hunt, being unaffected by calls, these are:—

(a) Those methods in which all the secondary hunts have the same path as the treble. These are classified as for single hunt methods but with reference to all the hunts
Plain methods with an internal place immediately above or below the crossing of the treble with a secondary hunt, or immediately above the crossing of two secondary hunts at treble's lead, or immediately below the crossing of two secondary hunts at treble's whole pull behind are classified as Bob.

(b) Those methods in which one, or more, secondary hunts pivots at the same time as the treble. These are classified as for single hunt methods with reference to the treble
Plain methods in which the seconds place bell is one of these secondary hunts are classified as Slow Course.

(c) Other methods in which the paths of the secondary hunts are not related to that of the treble as in (a) and (b). These are classified as for single hunt methods with reference to the treble or with reference to treble and all secondary hunts having the same path as the treble.

E. Nomenclature and Extensions.

1. The stage names for different numbers of changing bells are:— 4 Minimus, 6 Minor, 8 Major, 10 Royal, 12 Maximus, 14 Fourteen, etc.: 5 Doubles, 7 Triples, 9 Caters, 11 Cinques, 13 Sextuples, etc

2. The title of a principle shall consist of "Name and Stage"

3. The title of other methods shall consist of "Name, Class(es) and Stage", with the exception of Grandsire, Union and their related methods

4. (a) Methods at different stages in the same class shall only have the same name if they are related as in the Report on Extension or subsequent amendments.

(b) Methods at different stages in the same class which are uniquely related as in the Report on Extension or subsequent amendments shall have the same name, and where not uniquely related one relationship shall have the same name: any relationship covering most stages shall take preference over any others.

5. The band which first rings a peal of a new method or an extent in the case of Doubles or Minor, or includes it in a multi-method peal, shall name the method, subject to E.4 above.

Any correspondence can be addressed to "The Ringing World" or to F. T. Blagrove, 57, St. Andrew's Crescent, Windsor, Berkshire.

SOUTHWELL GUILD'S CONCERN

A notice of motion which did not appear on the agenda was submitted by Mr. W. L. Exton on behalf of the Southwell Diocesan Guild. It read:—

"That this Council through its Towers and Belfries Committee seeks early consultation with the Council for the Care of Churches and the principal bellfounders to revise and bring up to date their agreed policy on bells and bell frames, with particular regard to (a) the recasting of bells and (b) the position of bells in churches which are, or are about to become, redundant or closed."

Mr. Exton in his speech pointed out the forward policy of the Southwell Guild in regard to the care of bells; last year their belfry repair fund exceeded £200. Of the 322 churches in the diocese, 92 had bells and five of these were unringable.

The Rev. J. G. M. Scott congratulated Southwell on its work. He said the position with the Central Council for the Care of Churches was delicate, and it was felt that rather than report an acrimonious debate it would be better to discuss it with the Council for the Care of Churches first. It was for that reason the motion was not on the agenda.

Mr. P. A. Corby moved that the Council proceed with the next business, and this was agreed to by a large majority. The motion was defeated.

NEXT MEETING

On behalf of the Yorkshire Association, Mr. W. F. Moreton proposed and Mr. W. E. Critchley seconded that the next annual meeting be held at Ilkley, from May 23rd to May 26th, the Spring Bank Holiday. This was agreed to.

The secretary reported that no invitation had been received for the 1971 meeting.

Mr. J. Garner-Hayward invited the Council to visit the Coventry Diocese on behalf of the Coventry Diocesan Guild. The invitation was accepted.

OPENING WITH PRAYER

Mr. W. G. Wilson said they were promised at the last meeting that proceedings would open with prayer. They had that morning the Lord Bishop and also a canon but they did not open with prayer.

Canon Thurlow: I must be just brief and frank. I forgot.

Mr. R. S. Anderson congratulated the new President on his election and conduct of the meeting that day. They wished him well for the future.

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Guild Peal Records for 1968

A. Socy College Youths.—Max. 12, Cinques 8, Royal 8, Caters 1, Major 11, Triples 4. Total 44.

ANZAB.—Royal 1, Major 4, Minor (2). Total 7 (2).

Bath and Wells.—Royal 3, Caters 4, Major 32, Triples 10, Minor 26, Doubles 52. Total 127

Bedfordshire A.—Royal 4, Caters 1, Major 12, Triples 1, Minor 12. Total 30.

Beverley and District.—Minor 1. Total 1.

Cambridge University.—Cinques 2 (1), Royal 3 (2), Caters 3 (1), Major 12 (3), Triples 3, Minor 1 (3), Doubles 1. Total 35 (10).

Chester G.—Max. 4 (13), Royal 8 (15), Caters 1 (3), Major 72 (27), Triples 4, Minor 45 (21), Doubles 16 (24). Total 253 (103).

Cleveland and N Yorks.—Major 1. Total 1

Coventry G.—Royal 2 (1), Caters 2, Major 23 (3), Triples 1, Minor 24, Doubles 4. Total 60 (4).

Cumberland and N W'land.—Major 1, Triples 1. Total 2.

Derby D.A.—Royal 7 (2), Caters 5, Major 32 (1), Triples 2, Minor 34 (12). Total 95 (15).

G. of Devonshire.—Cinques 1, Major 13, Triples 5, Minor 2 (1), Doubles 1. Total 23 (1).

Dudley and District.—Major 2. Total 2.

Durham and Newcastle.—Max. 2, Cinques 1, Royal 3, Caters 2, Major 26, Triples 3, Minor 1 (1). Total 39 (1).

E. Derby and W. Notts.—Minor 1. Total 1.

E. Grinstead and Dist.—Major 2. Total 2.

Ely Diocesan.—Royal 4, Major 19, Minor 16, Doubles 1. Total 40.

Essex Association.—Max. 6, Cinques 1, Royal 4, Caters 5, Major 50 (1), Triples 4, Minor 40, Doubles 1. Total 112 (1).

Glouc. and Bristol.—Max. 3, Royal 2 (1), Caters 3, Major 13 (4), Triples 6, Minor 12 (1), Doubles 6. Total 51 (6).

Guildford D.—Royal 2, Caters 4, Major 16, Triples 9, Minor 4, Doubles 1. Total 36.

Hereford G.—Royal 1, Caters 1, Major 16, Triples 1, Minor 15, Doubles 8. Total 42.

Hertford C.—Max. 1 (5), Cinques 2, Royal 9 (3), Major 46 (39), Triples 4, Minor 27 (4), Doubles 2. Total 142 (51).

Irish A.—Cinques 1, Major 6, Triples 3, Doubles 1. Total 11.

Kent C.A.—Max. 1, Cinques 1, Royal 5 (4), Caters 3 (2) Major 80 (4), Triples 14 (1), Minor 47 (1), Doubles 6 (1), Minimus 1. Total 171 (13).

Lancashire A.—Max. 8, Cinques 3, Royal 20 (1), Caters 3, Major 81, Triples 14, Minor 30 (23), Doubles 4, Minimus 1. Total 188 (24).

Leicester G.—Max. 6, Cinques 3, Royal 18 (4), Caters 2 (2), Major 77 (14), Triples 7 (1), Minor 37 (10), Doubles 6. Total 187 (31).

Lincoln G.—Max. 2, Cinques 3, Royal 2 (1), Caters 2 (3), Major 17 (2), Triples 4 (1), Minor 21 (1), Doubles 13. Total 72 (8).

Llandaff and M'mouth.—Max. 2, Royal 8, Caters 6, Major 25, Triples 11, Minor 18, Doubles 16. Total 86.

London County.—Cinques 1, Royal 7, Caters 3, Triples 1. Total 12.

Middlesex C.—Royal 2, Caters 2, Major 38 (2), Minor 4, Triples 1 (1), Doubles 1. Total 51 (3).

Midland C.—Royal 2, Caters 3, Major 32, Triples 2, Doubles 2. Total 41.

North Staffs.—Royal 1, Major 8, Triples 1, Minor 1, Doubles 1. Total 12.

North Wales.—Major 2. Total 2.

Norwich D.—Max. 3, Cinques 2, Royal 4, Caters 3, Major 28, Triples 3, Minor 31, Doubles 3. Total 77.

Oxford D.G.—Max. 3, Cinques 1, Royal 7, Caters 4, Major 68 (3), Triples 24, Minor 41 (7), Doubles 6. Total 164 (10).

Oxford Society.—Caters 3, Triples 3. Total 6.

Oxford University.—Caters 1, Major 5, Minor 6. Total 12.

Peterborough D.—Royal 13, Caters 2, Major 40 (1), Triples 3, Minor 54, Doubles 8. Total 121 (1).

St. David's D.—Major 5, Minor 4, Doubles 3 (2). Total 14 (2).

St Martin's G.—Max. 21, Cinques 3, Royal 14, Caters 1, Major 24, Triples 3, Minor 1. Total 67.

Salisbury G.—Max. 1, Cinques 2, Royal 3, Caters 2, Major 21, Triples 6, Minor 20 (2), Doubles 3. Total 60 (2).

Soc. Sherwood Youths.—Major 1, Minor 1. Total 2.

S. Derby and N. Leics.—Minor 2, Doubles 1. Total 3.

Shropshire A.—Royal 2, Caters 1, Major 4, Minor 5, Doubles 1. Total 13.

Soc. R. Cumberland Y.—Max. 5, Cinques 2, Royal 2, Major 30, Triples 1, Doubles 1. Total 41.

Southwell D.—Max. 3, Cinques 5, Royal 5, Caters 2, Major 12 (1), Triples 9, Minor 44, Doubles 22. Total 103 (1).

Stafford Arch.—Cinques 1, Royal 1, Caters 1, Major 12, Triples 5, Minor 6, Doubles 1. Total 27.

Suffolk G.—Royal 7, Caters 1, Major 45, Minor 46, Doubles 9 (1). Total 109 (1).

Surrey A.—Cinques 1, Royal 1 (1), Caters 1, Major 18, Triples 3, Minor 1 (2), Doubles (3). Total 31 (6).

Sussex C.—Caters 4, Major 34, Triples 8, Minor 23, Doubles 9, Minimus 1. Total 79.

Swansea and Brecon.—Major 2 (2), Doubles 1. Total 5 (2).

Truro D.—Major 7, Triples 1, Minor 9, Doubles 10, Minimus 1. Total 28

Universities A.—Major 2 (2), Minor 3. Total 7 (2)

University of Bristol.—Maximus 1, Cinques 1, Caters 3, Major 4, Triples 2. Total 11.

University of London.—Major 2, Minor 2 (2), Doubles (2). Total 8 (4).

Winchester and Portsmouth.—Maximus 1, Cinques 3, Royal 6, Caters 2, Major 24 (1), Triples 10, Minor 18, Doubles 39, Minimus 2. Total 106 (1).

Worcester and District.—Maximus 6, Caters 2, Major 67, Triples 3, Minor 11, Doubles 5. Total 94.

Yorkshire Assn.—Maximus 2, Cinques 2, Royal 26 (1), Caters 2, Major 109 (1), Triples 7, Minor 53 (6), Doubles 8 (3). Total 220 (11).

Other Societies, etc.—Maximus 1, Cinques 1, Royal 2, Caters 1, Major 26 (9), Triples 3, Minor 13 (9), Doubles 4. Total 69 (18).

(Handbell peals are in brackets.)

VOTE OF THANKS

The customary vote of thanks to all who had helped in the arrangements was proposed by the President. He said his predecessor had thanked the Bishop, Dean and Chapter, and it fell to him to thank the members of the Hertford County Association The sub-committee had done most of the work with Mr. Walter Ayre, the President, Brian Barker, Geoffrey Dodds, Rex Agg, Howard Collins and Mary Colbourne. They also thanked the District officers, the clergy for the use of the bells, and Miss Doris Colegate who had helped Tom White in reporting the proceedings.

At the civic reception which followed in the Town Hall, the President thanked the Mayor and the City Council for their hospitality. A great attraction was the two ringing machines. The social evening given by the Hertford County Association followed.

TOWERS AND BELFRIES

Advice given to 158 Churches

THE work of the committee increased during 1968 in greater proportions than in any previous year. In contrast to 1967, in which an all-time record was achieved and enquiries from 120 churches were dealt with, advice on bell and tower restoration was given by members of the committee this year in 158 churches. Thirty-one enquiries were dealt with by correspondence; the remainder necessitated visits to the churches concerned.

As in previous years, the report of the committee's work has been compiled by the convener from statistics sent in by the members, and by reason of its special nature it is only possible to give a brief summary here. It is estimated that the reports cover 900 closely-typed quarto size pages. Members of the committee travelled approximately 7,000 miles to inspect towers and wrote over 500 letters.

The 158 churches in which advice was given: Beds 1, Berks 12, Bucks 6, Cambs 15, Cards 2, Carms 1, Derbys 2, Dorset 2, Devon 20, Essex 3, Glam 3, Glos 4, Hants 3, Herefords 5, Herts 1, Hunts 5, Lancs 1, London 6, Mon 1, Norfolk 3, Northants 3, Oxon 8, Salop 2, Som 30, Staffs 2, Surrey 1, Sussex 1, Warks 4, Wilts 5, Worcs 2, Yorks 2, Australia 1, Scotland 1.

The work of the committee may be further analysed as follows:—

Maintenance of existing bell gear, 93 churches; recasting cracked or unsatisfactory bell, 25; augmentation of rings, 14; repair of existing frames and gear, 73; rehanging bells with new gear, 71; installation of new bell frames, 37; oscillation of towers and structural repairs to masonry, 45; bell acoustics and sound control, 61.

Thirty-one lectures have been given to diocesan, architectural and professional organisations, parish church councils and resident ringing courses, and a sub-committee is investigating the welding of bells. The committee regrets that it has not made as much progress as it had hoped in the production of the proposed two new handbooks. This is partly due to the great influx of tower inspection work and also to the illness at the end of the year of the convener, who apologises for delay in dealing with some enquiries, and tenders his sincere thanks to the other members of the committee who deputised for him during that period.

FDK. SHARPE (Convener), F.S.A., F.I.O.B.
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B. D. THRELFALL, M.A., A.M.I.C.E.

Proposing the adoption of the report, Mr. Frederick Sharpe said he would like to thank the members of the committee for the vast amount of work and particularly Mr. Threlfall for technical evidence in a case in the Consistory Court that lasted two days.

Mr. N. Chaddock proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Sharpe, and this was supported by Mr. Corby. The committee was re-elected, consisting of Messrs. F. Sharpe (convener), B. Austin, F. E. Collins, J. Freeman, A. J. Frost, H. J. Sanger, T. M. Roderick, B. D. Threlfall and Rev. J. G. M. Scott.

THE OBITUARY LIST

J. A. Waugh: London County Association 1936–1938, A.S.C.Y. 1939–1947; died June 3rd, 1968.

A. J. Hughes: North Wales Association 1925, 1949–1954; died June, 1968.

T. Tebbutt: Peterborough Diocesan Guild 1927–1939; died December 11th, 1968.

Lt.-Col. C. F. Jerram: Truro Diocesan Guild 1932; died January 12th, 1969.

R. G. Blackman: Sussex County Association 1945–1963; died January 22nd, 1969.

C. W. Cook: Ely Diocesan Association 1936–1951; died May 10th, 1969.

Mrs. F. I. Hairs: Sussex County Association 1963–1967; died May 20th, 1969.

Letters to the Editor

ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS, GLOUCESTER

Dear Sir, — I wonder if any reader of "The Ringing World" can give me any details of "The St. Michael's Juniors, Gloucester", as I have recently acquired what appears to be their peal-book from a second-hand bookshop.

It is a stiff-backed book and inserted in it are some 85 peal cards, reprinted from the "Bell News". Most of the designs of the peal cards are different and reflect the "Art Nouveau" of the period.

The first peal recorded is one of Grandsire Triples on September 13th, 1888, and the last one of Grandsire Caters on January 11th, 1912. The bulk of the peals were rung between 1888 and 1898, quite a few actually being at St. Michael's, Gloucester. The names of H. Law James and E. Bankes James occur in a high proportion of the peals.

Also in the book is a photograph of William J. Sevier, a member of the Society, and his carillon of bells on wheels — 12 handbells being "tapped". Perhaps someone knows something of this ringer? The photograph was taken at Skegness in 1923, apparently after William Sevier moved to Nottingham.

My wife and I at the moment are collecting information about the church bells of Montgomeryshire, and if anyone has any information, anecdotes, legends, etc., we would be most grateful if they could pass it on to us.—Yours sincerely,

Dudley, Worcs. JOHN C. EISEL.

BELLS WERE OIL DRUMS

Dear Sir.—The recently-expressed belief ("R.W.", May 2nd) that bells may exist in the Tongan Royal Chapel at Nuku 'Alofa is, I fear, possibly unfounded.

The National Geographic Magazine of March, 1968, featured an article on the Coronation of King Taufa 'Ahau Tupou IV, which included several photographs showing the (Methodist) Royal Chapel. The Chapel was built in 1882 and is constructed of wood and roofed with corrugated iron. There are twin 50ft. high western towers, having spires of different height.

According to the article, "the Chapel bells pealed" as the royal procession left the Chapel, but a photograph of the dancing on lawns surrounding the Chapel and the Royal Palace clearly shows five large corrugated oil drums, mounted upon a scaffold-like structure beside the south aisle of the Chapel! The scaffolding is painted white and the "bells" with what appears to be that good old standby of some bell-founders—red lead!—Yours sincerely,

PATRICK I. CHAPMAN.

Daventry.

A PLEA FOR BLIDWORTH

Dear Sir,—Whilst not professing to be an expert in the field of irregular Minor methods, I must make a brief reference to the letter from G. K. Dodd on this very subject ("R.W.", May 30th).

A passing mention is made to the method Steeple Delight and its recently being "saddled" with the uninteresting name Blidworth.

I would humbly suggest that the name Blidworth (known with affection locally as Blid'erth) has just as equally an attractive ring about it as Steeple Delight, and would urge Brian Mills, nay — beg him, to preserve this name. **Blidworth** — "Gateway to the Dukeries", for posterity by, if necessary, ringing a 720 of it in a not-too-distant peal.—Yours sincerely,

MARTIN KIRK.

Guildford.

TRUMPINGTON EXPLANATION

Dear Sir.—I am certain that many ringers will have been surprised at the two letters recently published relating to ringing at Trumpington, Cambridge. The first was written and hurriedly despatched without full knowledge of the circumstances; in his letter Mr. Dodd fails to point out that his request was for a Sunday afternoon. Many of us, despite the gradual introduction of the "Continental" Sunday, still feel that except in very unusual circumstances the ringing of church bells on Sunday should indicate that a service is to take place shortly.

In actual fact, of course, visitors are always welcome at Trumpington, and it is very rarely that permission to visiting bands is refused.—Yours faithfully,

Cambridge. F. E. HAYNES.

MAXIMUS ON HANDBELLS

Dear Sir.—Mr. Alan F. Scholfield wrote on May 23rd: "The first peal of Cambridge Maximus outside Leicester was in a method which some people might find easier than Oxford T.B."

The writer conducted two peals of the latter in November, 1928, after committing to memory the coursing order, as one might do of Stedman Cinques.

The footnote to the first peal read: "First peal of Oxford T.B. Maximus on handbells since 1816."—Yours sincerely,

Ipswich. GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

CANTERBURY DISTRICT PRACTICE

The Canterbury District held a successful practice meeting in the vicinity of Wingham on May 10th, with between 20 and 25 at each tower. The six at Littlebourne were much approved by those who had not sampled bells by Carr, of Smethwick, before, and cups of tea were kindly provided in the church before the visitors moved on to the fine Phelps eight at Wingham.

REVIEW

"Casting a Bell for Exeter Cathedral, 1372." The Rev. J. G. M. Scott, M.A. Reprinted from pp. 191–203 of Vol. 100 of the Transactions of the Devonshire Association for the Advancement of Science, Literature and Art. (3/6 post free from the author, The Vicarage, Newton St. Cyres, Exeter.)

Those who have read Mr. Scott's previous work on the bells of Exeter Cathedral as well as his contributions to this journal may welcome this little pamphlet with enthusiasm. In recent years many discoveries have been made in the digging up — literally — of evidence of the mediæval bell-founder's art. Mr. Scott mentions the notable Winchester discoveries and then describes concisely the *cire perdu* or "lost wax" casting process.

What is most interesting is that Mr. Scott has unearthed in the Fabric Rolls of Exeter Cathedral an account of 1372 which, in his own words, "probably contains more details of the operation than any other document of the period". A further point of interest is that the founder, Thomas Karoun, is known neither from any surviving bell nor from the location of his

Reviewed by David L. Cawley, F.S.A. Scot.

foundry. Mr. Scott first attempts to identify which of the present bells now in use contains the metal of Karoun's 1372 work.

The account then proceeds with the making of the mould; with this is associated the mysterious purchase of what the clerk of works would have us believe to be bitumen but which Mr. Scott ingeniously concludes to be mud. Those with a forensic turn of mind might be interested in his reasons for this conclusion; those of a linguistic turn certainly would!

With the help of some excellent diagrams Mr. Scott describes the completion of the false bell and outer mould. Has any ringer wondered why there are moulding "wires" on a bell—are they purely decorative? The writer here shows that they once had a very practical use. Karoun is followed on his travels to find copper at Dartmouth and tin from the stannaries of Ashburton, and the process of "tinning up" and the reasons for so doing are discussed, together with the interesting composition of the metal used

The firing of the furnace is not neglected, and high tension ensues at the moment of casting (Mr. Scott alludes to the well-known Bagley tragedy of some three centuries later); following this we have a similar account of the casting of a smaller bell. The account closes with an interesting, if brief, discussion on the later Exeter founders.

The author states that much research remains to be done on the mediæval Exeter Foundry, and in an account which the reviewer would find difficult to fault he has certainly made a solid foundation backed by documentary evidence of its earliest beginnings. We are much indebted to him.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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COVENTRY CATHEDRAL BELLS

EXPRESSIONS of profound regret at the frustration over Coventry Cathedral bells were expressed in the annual report of the Coventry Diocesan Guild, presented at the A.G.M. at Rugby on April 26th. The retiring president (Mr. Arthur Beamish) wrote: "Enquiries regarding our own Cathedral bells being rehung have resulted in no further progress. That they will, one day, ring again, I am certain. The deep feeling of frustration amongst the majority of the clergy and laity in this and other dioceses will, no doubt, remove the cause of the delay. I appeal to our younger members to bear this in mind, as the time passes, to endeavour to bring this project to fruition."

The new president (Mr. J. L. Garner-Hayward), writing as the general secretary, said: "My greatest disappointment has been that I have failed to get the Cathedral bells hung for ringing, which would have given the Guild its first ring of 12. It remains to be seen what will happen now, but I am cerain that the Provost has it in his power to give the word 'Go' if he so wishes. The stumbling block is the groined ceiling inside the tower that no one ever sees. There are a number of similar ceilings in the country, although they are generally inside the church itself, where there is a central tower. I sincerely hope that in the not-too-distant future a change of mind will take place, so that our Cathedral may speak with the loud cymbals that we hear so much about in the psalms."

Mr. H. M. Windsor (Ringing Master) comments: "It is not unreasonable that we ringers feel that our Cathedral should be prepared to put its bells to their proper use, instead of allowing them to hang stationary in the tower. That the technical difficulties can be overcome is only too well illustrated by the example of Chester Cathedral, who are prepared to build a new tower so that bells can ring again."

Before the service in St. Andrew's Church, Rugby, there was ringing at Bilton, Newbold-on-Avon and St. Andrew's. The Rector (Canon D. M. Davies) took the service in his own inimitable style, and tea followed in a nearby café.

The president opened the meeting in Church House with a welcome both to the visitors and the Guild members. A discussion took place on the alteration of Rule 9, which meant that life members would automatically become committee members so that the Guild would have available the knowledge that these members possessed from their years of experience in Guild matters.

Stoneleigh was agreed as the venue for the striking competition to be held on September 30th. The Guild dinner would be held later in the year when a suitable venue had been found.

The accounts showed a balance on the General Fund of £274 9s. 8d. (last year, £241) and a balance of £47 in the Bell Repair Fund.

Peals, at 60, showed a slight decrease. First pealers numbered 10 and the conducting was shared by 20 members. Congratulations were extended to the Mackies on ringing a peal together—the first on the bells at Radway; to the local band at Brinklow on their first peal (five firsts) and to F. W. Perrens on ringing 600 peals.

Officers elected were: President, J. L. Garner-Hayward; general secretary, H. M. Windsor; Ringing Master, R. Winter; treasurer, H. G. Summers; peal secretary, P. Stone; hon. auditor, S. Royal.

The retiring president took the opportunity to thank all the officers for the grand job they had done for the Guild in their respective offices and was quite sure that the changes made would be quite as effective.

Mr. Garner-Hayward thanked the members for the compliment they had paid him in electing him to be their president. He said that he would do his utmost in this office and would serve them to the best of his ability.

After closing the meeting with thanks to Canon Davies for allowing the Guild to once again visit St. Andrew's, Rugby, the members returned to the eight at St. Andrew's for further ringing.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The last monthly meeting was held at Batley on May 31st. Attendance was not as high as of late, and as few learners were present ringing on the fine eight tended to be of a more advanced nature.

At the business meeting after tea the new secretary, Mr. Robert Cater, proposed: "That the Society holds practice meetings, at this stage at approximately six-weekly intervals, at towers in the District where the Society's assistance would be welcomed: the meetings to take place on the week-day practice nights of the tower concerned, and the methods practised to be those that the tower itself requests." The proposition was carried unanimously.

Next meeting, June 28th, at Guiseley.

G.C.

DUMB-BELLS

Dear Sir,—I wonder if anyone knows the principle of the dumb-bell?

I have just idled away a few hours in devising a system of weights, ropes and flywheels which, I should think, could be installed in a house loft to simulate, for example, a light six or eight.

The action presents no out-of-balance forces, consequently eliminating lateral frame movement, and a striking mechanism could be incorporated to ring some little bells hung dead in the ringing chamber.

I know all this has been done before, but I should be very happy to hear from anybody with experience of dumb-bells, or for knowledge of the whereabouts of any dumb-bells still hung for "ringing".—Yours faithfully, DONALD A. BEDFORD.

Yelvertoft, Rugby.

HEREFORD GUILD CROSS THE BORDER FOR ANNUAL FESTIVAL

AN innovation this year was the holding of the festival and annual meeting of the Hereford Diocesan Guild in another diocese. This took place on Whit Monday at Welshpool in the Diocese of St. Asaph, with the kind consent of the officers of the North Wales Association. There was a special reason for this visit to Welshpool, as an invitation had been received from the tower captain at St. Mary's Church, Mr. Charles Williams, now 85 years of age and who became a member of the Hereford Diocesan Guild as far back as 1902.

The festival received civic recognition with the attendance at the Guild service of the Mayor and Mayoress of Welshpool (Cclr. Elwyn Davies and Mrs. Turner). This service was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. Owen Thomas, who in his address welcomed the members of the Hereford Guild.

After the service, 120 members and friends sat down to an excellent tea served in the Church Hall. Speaking after tea the Mayor of Welshpool paid tribute to the lifelong service given to ringing at St. Mary's by Mr. Williams.

At the annual meeting, very satisfactory reports on the affairs of the Guild were given by the Ringing Master, Miss Valerie Edge, and the secretary, Mr. George Cousins. The financial statement was presented by the treasurer, Mr. F. C. A. Bennett, and showed a balance on the general account of £201 and the Bell Restoration Fund of £126. The above-mentioned officers were re-elected, together with Mrs. Chandler, assistant secretary and peal recorder, and Mr. Alan Elsmore, auditor.

At the end of the meeting the Master thanked all who had assisted in making the festival so successful, especially Rev. Owen Thomas, Mr. Charles Williams and the Guild secretary (Mr. George Cousins), together with Mr. Barney Bell, who was called on at the last moment to play the organ.

In addition to St. Mary's, Welshpool, ringing during the day took place at Berrington, Clun, Condover, Clunbury, Bishop's Castle, Church Stoke, Pontesbury, Pulverbatch, Newtown, Worthen, Chirbury, Forden, Montgomery, Leighton and Llanfyllin.

WAKEFIELD LADIES' PEAL

The ladies of the Wakefield Sunday service band rang a peal of Plain Bob Doubles on the front six at the Cathedral on Sunday, June 1st. The peal was the first on the bells by an all-ladies' band, and the first on the front six.

Two of the band were first pealers—Mrs. Daisy Whitaker (who has been a member of the Yorkshire Association for over 15 years) and her daughter, Anne. Four of the band are still at school. For the last half hour Mr. Wilfrid F. Moreton was to be seen pacing the churchyard outside, anxiously biting his nails, writes our correspondent.

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ADDINGTON, SURREY. — On June 1st, 1,320 Trinity Sunday Treble Bob Minor: E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 1, Louise Powell 2, Amanda Powell 3, Carol Rodgers 4, N. Bennett 5, I. Wiltshire 6. For Evensong.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICS. — On June 1st, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: B. S. Payne (cond.) 1, M. D. Barsby 2, J. R. Perkins 3, P. G. Chambers (first T.B.) 4, R. Wilmore 5, R. I Kendrick 6. For the Patronal Festival

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—On May 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Hutley 1, R. Hayden 2, W. Hunt 3, F. Bird 4, P. Warboys (cond.) 5, A. Richardson 6, T. Camp 7, K. Westwood 8. An 80th birthday compliment to the ringer of 4.

BLACKMOOR, HANTS.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): R. Gill 1, A. M. R. Gill 2, Mary Sutcliffe 3, B. Castle 4, D. J. Cooper (first as cond.) 5, V. Shadbolt 6. For the centenary of the church.

BOCKING, ESSEX.—On May 15th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor (6, 8 covering): J. Porter 1, Mrs. M. Moore 2, H. Moore 3, P. Dodd 4, G. Saunders 5, R. Fuller 6, R. Suckling (cond.) 7, A. Porter 8.

BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS.—On Whit Sunday, at St. Peter's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Dorothy Fletcher 1, Hilary Gardner (first Stedman) 2, Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay 3, Kathleen Fletcher 4, G. Roobottom 5, R. G. Pike (cond.) 6, C. C. Conway 7, E. J. Booth 8. For Evensong.

BRABOURNE, KENT.—On May 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Thomas 1, Marion Kemp 2, Pamela Court 3, J. Hemsley 4, R. A. Birch 5, P. R. Staples (cond.) 6.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTS. — At Christ Church, on April 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. York (first quarter) 1, G. B. Davis 2, A. Dyer (first "inside") 3, G. Parson 4, P. S. Gaisford (cond.) 5, F. W. Box 6. For Easter. Also on May 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. G. Bradshaw (first quarter) 1, P. S. Gaisford 2, A Dyer 3, G. Parson 4, F. W. Box (cond.) 5, A. York 6. For Whit Sunday.

BRAMFORD, SUFFOLK.—On May 15th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Sandra Cunningham 1, A. R. Walters 2, R. L. K. Whittell 3, N. F. Whittell 4, R. J. Southgate 5, L. R. Pizzey (cond.) 6. For Ascension Day.

BRAUGHING, HERTS.—On June 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Hutley 1, K. Westwood 2, L. Luck 3, W. Hunt 4, P. Glazebrook 5, A Richardson 6, P. Warboys (cond.) 7, E. Mardell 8. For Matins.

BROMYARD, HEREFORDS.—On May 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. J. Stanier 1, R. Rowe 2, D. R. Morris 3, D. R. Sayers 4, D. G. Franklin 5, R. W. R. Sheppard 6, D. Beacham (cond.) 7, F. C. Pugh 8. Also on May 15th 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. E. Pannell 1, A. G. Semken (cond.) 2, R. G. Powell 3, M. V. Powell 4 P. L. Hughes 5, P D. Sell 6, T. E. Wood 7, A. T. Wingate 8. Rung in Christian Aid Week.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.—On May 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: H. Miles 1, Mrs. D. A. Chapman 2, Marion L. Lidgey 3, Canon A. S. Roberts 4, Mrs. M. Horseman 5, M. Horseman 6, D. A. Chapman (cond.) 7, M. Smaldon 8.

CHIPSTABLE, SOM.—On May 29th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: H. V. Young 1, Brenda M. Bindon 2, Deborah Bishop 3, M. A. Arscott 4, R. F. Arscott 5, A S. Bishop (cond.) 6

CHRISTOW, DEVON.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. P. Panter 1, R. Perry 2, W. Panter 3, G. West 4, J Glanville (cond.) 5, S. Archer (first quarter) 6.

CHUTE FOREST, WILTS.—On May 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. A. Newman 1, Ann Toomer 2, Margaret Bowman 3, A. G. Keen (cond.) 4, T. R. Jones 5, C. Barnes 6.

CLEVEDON, SOM.—On May 26th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): L. R. Sutherland (first away from tenor) 1, Miss J. M. M. Blanch 2, S. H. J. Edwards 3, C. G. Barnes (cond.) 4, V. H. James 5.

COLCHESTER (Shrub End), ESSEX.—On June 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. Schafie 1, C. Andrews 2, D. Cobb (cond.) 3, A. Gibbons 4, A. Wright 5, C. Coulson 6. For Evensong.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On June 1st, 1,294 Stedman Cinques: N. Steere (cond.) 1, R. Davies 2, Mrs. Christine Foster 3, E. Razzell 4, D. Brown 5, F. E. Mitchell 6, G. Fisher 7, N. Brown 8, I. M. Parry 9, K Taber 10, A. Brown 11, C. Foster 12. For Evensong.

DARLINGTON.—On May 22nd, at Holy Trinity Church, 1,272 Plain Bob Minor: J. Boxell 1, Irene Park 2, A. D. Park (first quarter) 3, D. R. Cox 4, R. Park 5, P. M. Park (cond.) 6.

QUARTER PEALS

DUNSTER, SOM.—On May 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Brenda M. Bindon 1, Deborah Bishop 2, L. Arscott 4, B. V. Rogers 5, R. F. Arscott 6, A. S. Bishop (cond.) 7, H. V. Young 8.

EAST BRENT, SOM.—On May 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. J. Brooks 1, W. G. Champion 2, D G. Burrough 3, I. J. Burrough 4, F. B. Comer (cond.) 5, C. H. Champion 6. First quarter 1, 2, 6. Rung for the golden wedding of Mr. W. E. Wiseman (tower captain at East Brent for 36 years) and Mrs. Wiseman

ELTHAM, KENT.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: P. Shonck 1, P. Spice 2, Mrs. Coode 3, F Hurrell 4, G. Clarke (cond.) 5, T. Culver 6, P. Clarke 7, T. Hall 8. First in method 1 and 2. For Evensong.

ENFIELD, MIDDX.—On May 25th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Deborah Holtam 1, Margaret Parch (first "inside) 2, N. Holtam 3, D. J. Duggan 4, R. Luxon 5, P. Twigg (cond.) 6. To celebrate the engagement of Mr. R. Wood (tower captain) to Miss J. Reed.

FORDHAM, CAMBS.—On June 1st, 1,260 Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob Minor: R. J. Palmer (cond.) 1, C. L. Bell 2, Miss L. Whitwood 3, R. Whitwood 4, M. Brown 5, A. M. Barber 6. For Trinity Sunday, and to celebrate the 35th anniversary of the ordination of the Vicar, Rev. R. J. Cole.

FULHAM, LONDON.—At All Saints' Church, on May 4th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: M. E. Dodd 1, Gwendoline G. Meyer 3, J. Winram 4, Deborah Bishop 5, A. J. Hampton 6, C. M. Meyer (cond.) 7, R. D. Bing (cover) 8. For Evensong.

GREAT LONGSTONE, DERBYS.—On May 17th, 1,320 Doubles (April Day, Plain Bob): T. Cairns 1, R. Fletcher 2, Miss J. Walker 3, E. P. King 4, M. King (cond.) 5, R. Nalliah 6.

HAILSHAM, SUSSEX. — On May 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Newton 1, Miss V. Titherly 2 G. Titherly 3, G. Beeney 4, B. Stepney (cond.) 5, J N. Clark 6 A 12th birthday compliment to ringer of 1.

HAWKSHEAD, LANCS. — On May 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Kenyon 1, Sheila H. Heaton (first Grandsire) 2, K. M. Price (cond.) 3, Mary W. Whalley 4, J. Whalley 5, Rev. R. Lindsay 6. Rung as a 90th birthday compliment to Mrs. Bradley, and also for Mr. Fred Coward's birthday.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.—On May 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: L. P. Brain 1, Margaret Egglestone 2, Rev. L. R. Pizzey 3, A. Walters 4, Rev. B. Redgers 5, A. Munnings 6, H. W. Egglestone (cond.) 7, R. C. Groom 8 First Stedman for 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6.

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HERSHAM, SURREY.—On May 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Bailey 1, Miss H. Bailey 2, Miss H. Pady 3, P. Hartt 4, Miss D. Colcombe 5, H. Colcombe 6, C. Webb (cond.) 7, J. King 8 For Evensong; also to mark the birth of a second son to Genebeth and Christopher Webb.

HIGHCLERE, HANTS.—On Whit Sunday, 1,440 Andover Minor: W. Kewell 1, D. Goss 2, P. Furness 3, M. Goss 4, R. Crocker 5, G. Dodd (cond.) 6. First in method: 56, 14—36—56 2nds. For Evensong.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.—On May 25th, at St. Margaret's Church, 1,260 Minor (Cambridge, Plain Bob): R. G. Kersey 1, A. Munnings 2, J. Girt 3, K. W. Whittle 4, J. Munnings 5, R. W. Steward (cond.) 6.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.—At St. Margaret's Church, on June 1st, 1,296 Grandsire Caters: Shelagh R. Collins 1, W. W. Cousins 2, D. G. Adams 3, N. V. Harding (cond.) 4, G. P. Adams 5, D. Gagen 6, R. Newson 7, C. Cousins 8, C. Bird 9, B. Gogle 10. For Evensong.

LAKENHEATH, SUFFOLK.—On Trinity Sunday, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. E. M. Peachey 1, A. Ballam 2, C. Nunn 3, B. Whiteing 4, J. W. Paul 5, H. B. Fuller (cond.) 6. For Evensong, and as a birthday compliment to Mr. G. Miller, the retiring captain; also a birthday compliment to the mother of the ringer of 1.

LANGDON HILLS, ESSEX.—On June 1st, 1,260 P.B. Doubles: W. White 1, A. Gibbs 2, G. Mason 3, K. Lucas (cond.) 4, G. Lucas 5.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On Feb. 9th, 1,264 Bob Major: Anne Parr 1, Pauline Smith 2, P. Ford 3, A. H. Smith 4, D. James 5, J. Laver 6, D. Robinson (cond.) 7, A. J. Smith 8. Also on May 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Anne Parr 1, Jill Laver 2, Judith Robinson 3, Pauline Smith 4, A. H. Smith 5, D. James 6, A. J. Smith (cond.) 7, P. Ford 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Canon P. C. Lee.

LITTLE CHART, KENT. — On June 2nd, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Pamela Court 1, B. C. Johnson 2, J. A. Hemsley (first in method "inside") 3, R. A Lucas 4, N. J. Davies 5, D. C. Manger (cond.) 6.

LYMINGTON, HANTS. — On May 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. J. Fry 1, Jennifer L. Quaife 2, Christine M. Webb 3, Mary Sutcliffe 4, M. E. Cass (first Triples "inside") 5, W. Willans 6, A. A. Nunn (first Triples as cond.) 7, S. Baybut (first Triples) 8. Rung as a thanksgiving for the life of the Rev. Cecil Hope-Gill, M.A., buried 45 years ago this day, who, as Vicar of Brockenhurst, was responsible for the augmentation of the bells from three to six; the tenor was recast in his memory.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE. — On May 25th, 1,320 Pl. Bob Cinques: A A. Potts 1, B. Corbishley 2, D. N. Heapy 3, H. N. Heaton 4, D. J. Atkinson 5, H. C. Lonyon (cond.) 6, S. Noble 7 E. Potter (first quarter) 8, G. Moorhouse 9, J. Taylor 10, J. Smith 11, C. Morlidge 12. First Cinques on tower bells 3, 4, 7 and 9. To mark the closing of the Macclesfield Art Festival.

MANCHESTER.—At the Cathedral, on May 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Ward 1, S. Barne: 2, P. Dyson 3, D. Manby 4, Margaret Manby 5, M. Murphy 6, P. Bellamy-Knights (cond.) 7, P. Boucher 8. For the 168th annual Whit Walks.

MARKSBURY, SOM.—On May 23rd, 1,260 Pl. Bob (Rev. Canterbury, Stedman): Erica Pankhurst 1, P. Devrell 2, Kay Whittaker 3, A. Coombs (cond.) 4, R. Perry 5, P. Blacker 6. A birthday compliment to Mr. C. Baker, verger and sacristan.

MELBOURNE, VICTORIA.—At St. Paul's Cathedral, on April 30th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Margaret Aslett 1, Jennifer Murphy 2, M. Scowen 3, R. Turner 4, Barbara Beeson 5, D. Roaf 6, H Rossell 7, A Bolton (cond.) 8. Also on May 7th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Joyce Bills 1, Barbara Beeson 2, J. Bills 3, Jennifer Murphy 4, R. Turner (cond.) 5, M. Scowen 6, A. Bolton 7, H. Rossell 8. Also on May 28th, 1,259 Grandsire Triples: Helen Jolly 1, Margaret Aslett 2, Barbara Beeson 3, Jennifer Murphy 4, R. Jolly 5, M. Scowen 6, H. Rossell (cond.) 7, M. Lawrence 8.

MIDDLETON STONEY, OXON. — On June 2nd, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: E. G. Jones 1, C. W. J East 2, V. Mead 3, L. Busby 4, E. J. Evans 5, C. H. Kinch (cond.) 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. V. Mead on their 24th wedding anniversary.

SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—At St. Mary's, Walkley, on May 31st, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: R. A. Fry 1, R. Fletcher 2, Miss J. Walker 3, Miss A. Waldron 4, M. King (cond.) 5, J. D. Staley 6. First quarter for 1 and 6.

OBITUARY

MR. CYRIL POOLEY

Cyril Pooley spent nearly all his 78 years in the North Norfolk village of Northrepps where his family had lived for many generations. All had taken an active part in the life of the Church and could boast of a service as parish clerks of a century-and-a-half.

Cyril, whose father, John W. Pooley, was a ringer and parish clerk, was introduced to the belfry as a lad of eight, helping to toll on the death of my grandfather! The company then stood at five, and one could only join when a rope became vacant. It was in those days a rare event for an extent of Doubles to be rung, and in his diary Cyril laments the fact that his first 120 was not completed in October, 1909, until he had been an official member of the band for some three years. The Rector, Rev. A. G. Blyth, himself a keen ringer, gave a reward of half-a-crown—"one and sixpence more than I got from my father", the Rector wryly remarked.

Grandsire Doubles continued to pour out from St. Mary's splendid tower until the First World War, when ringing practically stopped with Cyril and David Pardon serving in the Army. After the war Cyril began in 1924 the task of teaching a new band, of whom Mr. Hanbury F. Carter, now of Marsham, and the writer have been active ringers ever since. The fact that Mr. Pooley was a successful teacher no doubt prompted the Rector of Northrepps, Rev. David Ainsworth, to say that Cyril Pooley had perhaps more than any other man influenced, directly or indirectly, ringing in Norfolk.

But the bells rehung in 1872 by John Warner were now giving trouble: the brasses were much worn and the woodwork unsound, and one eventful evening during practice the collapse of the treble's stock nearly resulted in tragedy. However, Cyril and his youthful band were undaunted, and my uncle, a craftsman in wood and metal, rehung the bell and ringing continued. The frame was of the kind now rapidly disappearing, set diagonally across the tower with the lower beam-ends resting on the louvre cills, with the treble raised above on a sub-frame.

It was obvious that some drastic restoration would be needed before long, though youthful energy, to the detriment of the tower walls, was equal to the task of ringing bells in a rickety frame. Cyril's great day came in 1937 when the loyal villagers were reminded that rehanging the ring would be a worthy Coronation memorial, and so it was that the bells were reopened on a foggy and eventually rainy day in May. Before the end of the next year a new treble was added to complete Cyril's joy.

For 40 years Cyril Pooley spent his days in ringing and teaching and encouraging ringers to give of their best. He was a complete man; not only was he an expert gardener but he was the perfect parish clerk, devoting thousands of unpaid hours towards the beautifying of the church and the churchyard. He was interested in architecture and had visited dozens of churches in pursuit of this hobby. He could discourse at great length on bell frames and fittings of all the churches for miles around. He had a veneration for the craftsmanship which went into their making and in his diary he mentions, for example, the fine work in the Scottow frame, now replaced by ironwork. He writes somewhat sadly of the time that might come when wooden frames would exist only in photographs. He was keenly interested, too, in literature and had an especial admiration for the works of William Blake. He found the history of ringing fascinating and added his contribution to ringing lore. Above all, he was a gentle, humble, loyal man with the highest ideals.

He joined the Norwich Diocesan Association in 1920 and was a devout supporter of its aims and attended as many meetings as his duties allowed. Not only did he teach in his own tower but he regularly through the years helped the ringers at Cromer to keep going and to improve their standard. He was "at home" with handbells and was proficient with a pair in a number of Doubles and Minor methods. He had taken part in 39 peals, 16 of which were on handbells.

Three years ago, owing to failing health, Mr. Pooley, a bachelor, went to live at Stapleford with his niece, and he died on May 3rd in a Nottingham hospital. His body was brought back to his beloved village on May 8th. At the service, during which the Rector spoke of the great contribution Cyril Pooley had made to the life of the parish, ringers were present from the local band, Aylsham, Cambridge, Holt, Marsham, Norwich and Southrepps, and included three of Cyril's former pupils. In the evening a half-muffled quarter peal of Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob Minor was rung in tribute. NOLAN GOLDEN.

CORRECTIONS

The 5,152 Surprise Major by Harry Poyner, published on page 436, is in fact a 5,248.

At the Middlesex County Association annual meeting Mrs. G. Neal and helpers were responsible for the tea and not Mrs. Steele.

On page 429 the ringer of the 4th in the peal of Mattishall S. Major for Greater London Association and Stedman Caters for the Oxford Diocesan Guild was Nigel Thomson and not as submitted.

MR. F. J. KNAPP

The death took place suddenly on June 1st, after a long illness, of Mr. Frank Knapp (aged 78), who was captain of the Highclere, Hants, ringers between the two world wars and a founder member of the Andover District. He was mainly responsible for the augmentation of Highclere bells from six to eight in 1928.

A proficient ringer on six and eight bells, he was in his time one of the leading ringers in the district, coming under the influence of Harry Balaam when he was leader at Woolton Hill. This was a band which practised Cambridge and London Minor.

At Highclere he built up a good 8-bell band. His two daughters, one of whom married Jack Chesterman, were accomplished ringers and rang several quarters of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major. One of his disappointments was in an attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples at Whitchurch, when a well-known lady ringer, then only a girl, had a fit of giggles and the peal was lost.

To his memory a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Highclere before Evensong by B. Doe 1, D. Goss 2, M. Goss 3, P. Watts 4, R. Crocker 5, P. Taylor 6, G. K. Dodd (cond.) 7, W. Kewell 8.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Seven new members were elected at the May quarterly meeting of the Eastern Division at St. Peter's, Bexhill, when ringing ranged from rounds to a well-struck course of London to conclude. An excellent tea was held at the home of Colin and Daphne Vernon.

The 1969 dinner has been arranged at the King Alfred, Kingsway, Hove, for October 18th (tickets 27/6). Names are required by the August quarterly meeting if possible. The Vicar of Waldron wants a trainer for his band. Will volunteers please get in touch with Mr. Alan Baldock.

STEEPLE ASTON, OXON.—On May 18th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Diana Reeves 1, Jean Marlow 2, M. W. Sayers 3, P. J. Davis 4, R. A. Reeves 5, B. J. Davis (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Major Robert R. Sipes, who died on May 11th when his Voodoo 101 reconnaisance jet crashed on take-off from the U.S.A.F. base at Upper Heyford.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Sidcup ringers are planning a quarter every fourth Sunday afternoon. Christopher Sims and David Ketley scored their firsts on Whit Sunday.

Mr. William Holmes, of Edenham, Lincs, met with an unfortunate accident while at work, injuring his ribs and shoulder. His many ringing friends wish him a speedy recovery.

Regarding the record peal of 6,728 Little Bob Major, successfully rung at St. Ebbe's, Oxford, by the Oxford Society, an attempt was also made to ring the same record "in hand". This unfortunately was unsuccessful.

The Parks, of Darlington, were in a family quarter peal at Holy Trinity Church, Darlington, on May 22nd. The band included father, mother and two sons. David, who was ringing his first quarter, is 13 years of age.

St. Mary's, Bocking, Guild of Ringers had an enjoyable outing to Newmarket on May 24th, when ringing took place at Soham, Ely, Littleport, March and Godmanchester.

The Ronalds rang a peal of Rutland Surprise Major at Banbury on May 24th. It was conducted by Ronald C. Noon.

Miss Susan M. O'Neill, of Gedling, Nottingham, writes questioning Mr. P. Heyward's entry of 103 towers in our "Tower Grabbers, 1968" list.

Officers of the Essex Association rang a peal of London Surprise Major at Danbury on May 31st to mark the 90th anniversary of the foundation of the Essex Association.

Miss Karen French, aged 12, who started to learn to ring at Melton Mowbray only six months ago, rang her first peal at Blankney, Lincs, on May 24th.

Mr. Richard J. Page, of Highways, Bristol Road, Hardwicke, Gloucester, and his sister (both teenagers) hope to be on holiday in Vancouver Island from July 29th to August 22nd. They would like to meet fellow-ringers if these would kindly contact them.

Mr. Fred Bird rang in a quarter peal at Bishop's Stortford for his 80th birthday on May 24th. He had been ringing at this church for over 60 years and was Master for 35 years from 1928 to 1963.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

FORTY YEARS ON IN THE THORLEY CLAN

May 31st, 1969, saw a great gathering of the Thorley clan at Howden in Yorkshire (the native county of all but the younger members) to celebrate the ruby wedding of Mr. and Mrs. James Thorley.

During the morning eight members of the family participated in ringing on the delightful six at Holme-on-Spalding Moor: a family peal had been planned but the delicate state of the ropes (a keen pealer had spliced the treble rope on his way north to stay with in-laws) made it rather a chancy affair, and so a well-struck quarter (720 Cambridge, 540 Plain) was rung by James 1, Katharine 2, John 3, Ernest 4, David 5, Martin (conductor) 6.

In the afternoon, while the ladies prepared the celebration tea the senior members of the family instructed their juniors in the finer points of the quaint old Yorkshire game of cricket—how to appeal and how to bowl leg-breaks on a wet wicket.

After a magnificent buffet meal had been disposed of by a score of hungry Thorleys (some may not have eaten all week) an electric automatic bedside teamaker was presented to the happy couple. Other friends arrived later in the evening as the long-distance travellers from Lincoln and Suffolk began to disperse. Our thanks to David and Anne for acting as hosts to the rest of us on this happy occasion.

J. M. T.

NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY

In past years the Nottingham University Society of Change Ringers has reached a fairly high standard of ringing, achieving peals of Spliced Surprise Minor up to 27 methods and Surprise Major including Lincolnshire, Gainsborough, Rutland, London and Bristol, some being spliced. The quarter peal of Grandsire Caters rung on Whit Sunday at St. Mary's, Nottingham, was, however, the first time that the Society had ventured alone into the realms of 10-bell ringing. The band included a vice-president of the Society. Six of the ringers scored their first quarter peal on ten and it was also the first quarter peal attempt for the treble ringer.

TEYNHAM BELLS

Mr. J. How, of 41, Bradfield Avenue, Teynham, near Sittingbourne, appeals for unwanted trading stamps, cigarette coupons and British and foreign stamps to raise funds to put the bells of Teynham (6) in order.

These bells were originally cast and hung by Robert Catlin in 1743. Robert Catlin was then bellhanger to Samuel Knight, of Holborn, but it is not clear whether these bells were recast from previous bells that were in the tower in 1509.

COVENTRY GUILD'S NEW PRESIDENT

MR. J. L. GARNER-HAYWARD

There are few names better known in the Exercise than that of Mr. J. L. Garner-Hayward, of Lowfold, Ashorne, Warwick, whose name appears in "The Ringing World" each week in connection with the sale of Central Council publications, an honorary task that involves despatching over 5,000 copies annually. Readers will join with us in congratulating him upon his appointment as president of the Coventry Diocesan Guild in succession to Mr. Arthur Beamish.

"Jim" Garner-Hayward learned to ring in 1912 whilst serving an engineering apprenticeship at Builth Wells, Breconshire. In World War I he served with the Royal Flying Corps. When about 30 he went to Coventry and first rang at Allesley. In 1958 he took over as captain at St. Nicholas' Church, Warwick, and was responsible for the rehanging of the bells. He has rung about 160 peals

For five years he served the Coventry Guild as a Branch secretary and for the last ten years has been general secretary. In 1971 it will be his privilege to welcome the Central Council to the diocese, wearing the Guild's handsome presidential chain, the gift of Mr. Arthur Beamish, the retiring president.

ANOTHER 1,000-PEALER

Through the careful searching of Mr. Leonard Stillwell it has recently come to light that Mr. H. William Barrett, of Loddon, the general secretary of the Norwich Diocesan Association, rang his 1,000th peal on June 29th, 1968, at Forncett St. Peter, Norfolk.

We hope to publish his ringing career and list of peals in an early issue.

POTOMAC ENGLISH HANDBELL TOUR

A concert tour of Holland and England has been arranged by the Potomac English Handbell Ringers from Washington, D.C., and Prince George's County, Maryland. The leader is Mrs. Nancy Poore Tufts, who will be accompanied by her husband. Both are former Deans of the American Guild of Organists. The 14 ringers will have with them more than 100 handbells, cast at the Whitechapel Foundry. The repertoire includes arrangements from classical composers, folk songs and dances and original handbell music. Letters of commendation have been received from President Nixon and the Governor of Maryland and they will carry messages of goodwill to the mayors of towns visited

The ringers arrive in London from Holland on June 26th, where they will spend four days and give a concert. Bell concerts have been arranged for Oxford, June 30th; Llandaff Cathedral, July 1st; Bromsberrow Church, Ledbury, July 2nd; Shrewsbury, July 3rd (possible concert); Chester, July 4th (for Cathedral Bell Fund); Keswick, July 5th; St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, July 7th.

12,096 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Through unexpected circumstances it has been necessary for Mr. Brian J. Woodruffe to postpone the long length attempt of 12,069 Little Bob Major on handbells at 55, Wick Avenue, Wheathampstead, from Sunday, June 15th, to Sunday, June 29th, at 12 noon.

A LEARNER'S LAMENT AND PRAYER

After a first and memorable "outing" and before a (?) second

As in each church we ring on "outing" day,
O Lord! Protect us from the broken stay.

Please listen.

Though we fear your ears are full
Of nature's boon—the blessed cotton wool.
In our attempts to ring the tuneful round
Bear our intent and not the awful sound.
And, when our sins of sloth and pride
Are such that justice deems we take a ride,
As we to the heavens ascend
Not only on the rope
May we depend;
But also on thy mercy
At the latter end!
If, in thy wisdom, we must humbled be,
Lift thoughts alone, not bodies, up to thee.
O Lord! reprove us in less public ways.
Dear Lord! Protect the sanctity of stays.
Oh! make us worthy members of the band.
Oh! put down something soft on which to land.

P.S.—O Lord! my sins are known—
Perhaps I'll never make a ringer.
But say! What's Ernie done?
That he should hurt his finger.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

CITY OF LONDON.—At the Church of St. Lawrence Jewry.
On Sat., May 24, 1969, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in E flat.

Wilfred Williams	Treble	John G. Gipson	5
G. William Critchley	2	Cecil W. Pipe	6
Tudor P. Edwards	3	J. Alan Ainsworth	7
Christopher M. P. Johnson	4	Frank C. Price	Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BATHEASTON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
On Sat., May 24, 1969, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in F.

Richard W. Sweet	Treble	Bernard G. North	5
Gordon W. Land	2	Robert C. Kippin	6
Michael J. Hobbs	3	D. John Hunt	7
Peter Bridle	4	David E. House	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by D. John Hunt.
First peal in the method on the bells.
Rung for the Whitsun Festival, and to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Peel-Steven, of Lakeshore, Montreal P.Q., Canada.

LONG ASHTON, Somerset.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., May 24, 1969, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in D flat.

Bradley Murduck	Treble	Philip Murduck	5
Nigel A. B. Dawson	2	*John H. Gilbert	6
Peter Furniss	3	D. John Hunt	7
Robert L. Crocker	4	Geoffrey K. Dodd	Tenor

Composed by John R. Pritchard. Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.
* 150th peal.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, Bath.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., May 24, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 ST. SIMON'S TRIPLES
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

*Jennifer M. Durston	Treble	Marjorie Legg	5
Alan F. Lee	2	Geoffrey Hebden	6
David A. Burt	3	George Prescott	7
George J. Hawkins	4	Sidney G. Smith	Tenor

Composed by Henry Hubbard. Conducted by George Prescott.
* First peal on eight. 175th peal on the bells. First in method for all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—At the Church of St. Paul.
On Mon., May 5, 1969, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5093 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in D.

Stephen Ivin	Treble	Malcolm C. C. Melville	6
Linda Ellison	2	Robert L. Piron	7
Kathleen A. Marriott	3	Keith H. Fleming	8
James H. Edwards	4	C. Michael Orme	9
Anthony H. Smith	5	Clive Longden	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Stephen Ivin.
Rung to mark the wedding of Margaret King, daughter of Canon J. H. King, Vicar of St Paul's, and John Robert Taylor.

BEDFORD.—At the Church of St. Paul.
On Mon., May 26, 1969, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr 6 lb. in D

Keith H. Fleming	Treble	Martyn J. Marriott	6
Linda Ellison	2	Robert L. Piron	7
Anthony H. Smith	3	Frank W. Rivett	8
Kathleen A. Marriott	4	James R. Taylor	9
Rodney H. French	5	Stephen Ivin	Tenor

Composed by Frank E. Darby. Conducted by Stephen Ivin.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BOWDON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
On Sat., May 24, 1969, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Original. Tenor 18 cwt. 8 lb. in E.

David Vincent	Treble	Geoffrey Green	5
Frank R. Morton	2	Geoffrey A. Edwards	6
*David A. Godfrey	3	Harry W. Howard	7
Frederick S. Sutton	4	Gordon K. Green	Tenor

Conducted by David Vincent.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

CLAINES, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
On Sat., May 31, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in F sharp

J. Susan Smith	Treble	S. Clarke Walters	6
Pamela M. Turner	2	Derek H. Walters	7
Hazel A. Mackenzie	3	Maurice C. Hughes	8
Geoffrey W. Randall	4	Ian C. Maycock	9
F. Mark Robottom	5	Frederick Shallcross	Tenor

Composed by H. J. Tucker Conducted by Frederick Shallcross.

PACKWOOD, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St Giles.
On Tues., May 6, 1969, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in B flat.

Victor H. Nash	Treble	Frederick Shallcross	5
R. David Baker	2	John F. Thorne	6
Derek H. Walters	3	Maurice C. Hughes	7
Hazel A. Mackenzie	4	Geoffrey W. Randall	Tenor

Composed by P. I. Chapman. Conducted by Frederick Shallcross.
Rung as a wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. B. Smith.

SHIRLEY, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Mon., May 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in B flat.

Victor H. Nash	Treble	*Derek H. Walters	5
Hazel A. Mackenzie	2	*John F. Thorne	6
Frederick Shallcross	3	Maurice C. Hughes	7
Pamela M. Turner	4	Geoffrey W. Randall	Tenor

Composed by Richard J. Parker. Conducted by Frederick Shallcross.
* First peal in the method.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CONSETT, Co. Durham.—At Christ Church.
On Wed., May 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 19 lb. in F.

John H. Taylor	Treble	Alan Tubb	5
Christine H. Telfer	2	Malcolm E. Johnson	6
George S. Deas	3	James Crowther	7
Stephen C. Wells	4	Eric N. Harrison	Tenor

Composed by A. Craven Conducted by Eric N. Harrison.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MELDRETH, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Fri., April 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In ten methods, comprising 576 Rutland, 544 Chesterfield and Pudsey, 512 Adelaide, Cambridge and Lindum, 480 Brighton and London, 448 Superlative and 416 Bristol: with 135 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 11¼ cwt. in F sharp.

Derek E. Sibson	Treble	Richard L. Underwood	5
*Donald F. Murfet	2	Richard H. Youdale	6
Hilary Muirhead	3	*John G. Gipson	7
*Geoffrey Pearson	4	*Kenneth J. Hesketh	Tenor

Composed by Richard G. Crosland Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
* First peal of 10-Spliced Surprise Major First of 10-Spliced Surprise Major for the Association.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANFORD-LE-HOPE, Essex.—At the Church of St. Margaret of Antioch.
On Thurs., May 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt.

Hubert H. Furminger	Treble	Roy D. Tomlin	5
Stephan G. Halliwell	2	David Sloman	6
C. John Warboys	3	David E. Belcham	7
Frank C. May	4	Alfred J. House	Tenor

Composed by H. W. Wilde. Conducted by Alfred J. House.
First peal in the method by all the band.

DANBURY, Essex.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
On Sat., May 31, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in A flat.

Dennis A. S. Symonds (Trustee)	Treble
Donald E. Cobb (Master, S.W. District)	2
Harry Turner (Life Vice-President)	3
Patrick W. Saltmarsh (Secretary)	4
Bernard W. Fairhead (Master, N.E. District)	5
Joe E. G. Roast (C.C. Representative)	6
Frank B. Lufkin (Master)	7
Peter G. Brown (Peal Secretary)	Tenor

Composed by Frederick Dench. Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
An officers' peal, to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the Essex Association.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SWINDON, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Mark.
On Sat., May 31, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt.

Anita D. O'Brien	Treble	Peter Bridle	5
W. Bertram Kynaston	2	James R. Taylor	6
Diana M. Bridle	3	Anthony R. Peake	7
Michael R. Rose	4	Brian Bladon	Tenor

Composed by Stanley Jenner. Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.

HANNINGTON, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
On Tues., May 20, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout.
Tenor 11 cwt.

W. Bertram Kynaston	Treble	‡Lewis F. Cobb	4
*Anita D. O'Brien	2	*Anthony R. Peake	5
†David J. Vowles	3	Brian Bladon	Tenor

Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.
* 25th peal together. † First of Surprise. ‡ Completes the Cambridge "family". First of Minor on the bells.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

ALDERSHOT, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Michael, Archangel.
On Tues., May 13, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5184 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in A.

W. John Couperthwaite	Treble	Stanley G. Ponting	5
*Beryl R. Simpson	2	Derek E. Sibson	6
David D. Smith	3	*Douglas A. R. May	7
*Michael J. Church	4	Tom Page	Tenor

Composed by John R. Mayne. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
* First peal in the method.

EWHURST, SURREY.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., May 24, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 WHITWICK SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr 8 lb. in G sharp.

Tony Skilton	Treble	Peter J. Munday	5
*Beryl R. Simpson	2	W. John Couperthwaite	6
Alan D. Elsmore	3	†Michael J. Church	7
Norman Summerhayes	4	*Tom Page	Tenor

Composed by Arthur Craven. Conducted by Michael J. Church.
* 25th peal together. † 75th peal. First in the method for all the band, on the bells, and for the Guild

HERSHAM, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., May 24, 1969, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. in G sharp.

Peter J. Munday	Treble	Peter Henry	5
Felicity S. Hamilton	2	Roy D. Mills	6
*Jeffrey J. Bailey	3	Christopher D. J. Webb	7
Keith G. Game	4	Tony Skilton	Tenor

Composed by W. Thornley. Conducted by Peter J. Munday.
* First peal of Plain Bob.
Rung as a welcome to Matthew Christopher Webb.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WHITNEY-ON-WYE, Herefordshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sun., May 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 14 meth./var., being three extents each of Stedman, St. Simon, St. Albans, St. Martin, St. Paul, Winchendon Place, St. Miles, St. Nicholas, St. Giles, Plain Bob, Kennington, Rev. Canterbury, Southrepps and Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt.

*Brian J. Hillstead	Treble	Robert A. Hatcher	3
†Howell O. Istance	2	John W. Hope	4

Frederick R. Harris .. .. Tenor
Conducted by John W. Hope.
* First peal. † First "inside".
Rung to welcome the birth of a son to Colin and Gillian Lewis on May 4th.

CENTRAL COUNCIL PEAL

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LUTON, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., May 26, 1969, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 25 cwt. 24 lb. in D.

Cyril A. Wratten	Treble	Cyril Crossthwaite	6
Helen M. Diserens	2	Cecil W. Pipe	7
Peter J. Wycherley	3	R. Roger Savory	8
Norman V. Harding	4	Christopher H. Rogers	9
William Butler	5	Noel J. Diserens	Tenor

Composed by William Pye. Conducted by Noel J. Diserens.

BENINGTON, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Wed., May 28, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12¾ cwt. in G.

Anthony Locke	Treble	†Timothy J. Bell	5
*F. Malcolm Bowers	2	*Anthony J. Davidson	6
Claudia A. Critchley	3	Jack S. Dear	7
Edgar C. Shepherd	4	John R. Mayne	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by John R. Mayne.
* First peal in the method. † First of Surprise "inside".
Rung with the congratulations and best wishes of the rest of the band on the occasion of Mr. Shepherd's election as a life member of the Central Council

NORTON, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Thurs., May 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 lb

Claudia A. Critchley	Treble	Anthony Locke	5
F. Malcolm Bowers	2	Jack S. Dear	6
Timothy J. Bell	3	Anthony J. Davidson	7
Peter C. Worthington	4	Eric Edmondson	Tenor

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Claudia A. Critchley.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

BRENCHLEY, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., May 24, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes
A PEAL OF 5184 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In eight methods, being 768 each of London, Bristol and Rutland, 576 each of Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire; with 144 changes of method. Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in E.

Martin L. Howe	Treble	Colin A. Tester	5
Peter M. Wilkinson	2	*Trevor A. Cross	6
*Alexander Waddington	3	Simon A. B. Wigg	7
*Colin J. E. Wyld	4	*Peter S. Muchlinski	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Simon A. B. Wigg.
* First peal of 8-Spliced. First of 8-Spliced as conductor

SITTINGBOURNE, Kent.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., May 24, 1969, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 YPRES SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E.

Peter R. Butler	Treble	Philip J. Simmonds	5
Valerie J. Howard	2	John A. Howard	6
Richard Hayes	3	Tony Lewis	7
Nicholas J. Chesson	4	Philip A. Corby	Tenor

Composed by Stanley Jenner. Conducted by Richard Hayes.
First peal in the method (H. and M. No 4587).

YPRES SURPRISE MAJOR
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NEWCHURCH, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., May 24, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In five methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T. Bob, Kent T. Bob and Single Oxford, and three of Plain Bob; each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in F sharp.

*Anne Barber	Treble	Nicholas J. Davies	4
*Brenda M. Davies	2	Crawford T. Hillis	5
David C. Manger	3	*Alan P. S. Berry	Tenor

Conducted by Crawford T. Hillis.
* Most methods to a peal. First on the bells.
Rung to celebrate the restoration of the bells, rededicated by the Archbishop of Canterbury on May 4th

BREDGAR, Kent.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
On Mon., May 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Consisting of seven 720s in seven methods, viz.: (1) Beverley S., (2) Surfleet S., (3) Oxford T.B., (4) St. Clement's College Bob, (5) Cambridge S., (6) Kent T.B., (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in G.

Rev. Stanley M. Evans	Treble	Nicholas J. Chesson	4
Trevor A. Cross	2	Richard Hayes	5
Timothy D. Wickens	3	Peter S. Muchlinski	Tenor

Conducted by Peter S. Muchlinski.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BLACKBURN, Lancashire.—At the Cathedral of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
On Sat., May 17, 1969, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5000 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 3 version. Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in D.

Michael Foulds	Treble	Bernard F. L. Groves	6
Derek F. Yates	2	Ian M. Holland	7
Basil Jones	3	D. Paul Smith	8
Christine Andrew	4	Frank Osbaldiston	9
C. Kenneth Lewis	5	Robert B. Smith	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

LANCASTER, Lancashire.—At the R.C. Cathedral of St. Peter.
On Sat., May 31, 1969, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 25 cwt. in E.

*Kenneth J. Foster	Treble	Stanley Anderton	6
Alan Capstick	2	Andrew J. White	7
Stanley Walmsley	3	*David H. Garnett	8
Keith Lewin	4	Thomas F. Metcalfe	9
John Bagnall	5	Kevin M Price	Tenor

Composed by H. J. Tucker. Conducted by Kevin M. Price.
* First peal on ten bells. First on ten as conductor.
Rung as a 30th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Anderton

BURTON-IN-KENDAL, Westmorland.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sat., May 24, 1969, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 20 extents (ten callings) and 11 different 240s (Pitman's three, B. D. Price's three, Traditional three, L. W. G. Morris's two).
Tenor 11 cwt. 17 lb. in G.

*Doreen Maclean	Treble	†Kenneth J. Foster	4
Alan Capstick	2	Kevin M. Price	5
Joseph Whalley	3	†Rev. Robert Lindsay	Tenor

Conducted by Kevin M. Price.
* First peal in the method. † First of Doubles First of Doubles on the bells.
Rung for Whitsuntide and as a belated welcome home from South Africa to Doreen Maclean and Anne Blundell.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
BARTON-UNDER-NEEDWOOD, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. James
On Sat., May 24, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 KNEBWORTH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in F.

Clive J. Mobbs	Treble	J. Edward Cawser	5
Beryl E. Cawser	2	Robin A. Gilliver	6
B. Stedman Payne	3	Russell S. Morris	7
Norman W. Attaway	4	E. Alan Jacques	Tenor

Composed by H. G. Cashmore. Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.
First peal in the method by all the band.

LEICESTER.—At the Church of St. Mary-de-Castro.
On Sat., May 24, 1969, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 OXFORDSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in F.

Christopher I. Rowson	Treble	Rupert A. Clarke	5
*Carol M. E. Johnson	2	Graham C. Paul	6
Richard J. Parker	3	Barry E. Saunders	7
Raymond A. Vickers	4	Alan A. Paul	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Christopher I Rowson.
* First peal of Surprise "inside"

SHEPSHED, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Botolph.
On Sat., May 24, 1969, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes
A PEAL OF 5088 XAVIER SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

Carol M. E. Johnson	Treble	Rupert A. Clarke	5
Christopher I. Rowson	2	Barry E. Saunders	6
Raymond A. Vickers	3	Richard J. Parker	7
Alan A. Paul	4	Graham C. Paul	Tenor

Composed by P G. K. Davies. Conducted by Graham C. Paul.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD
EAGLE, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., May 17, 1969, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford T.B., Single Oxford, Plain Bob, Double and Single Court, Plain Bob and St. Clement's, Single Oxford and Single Court. Tenor 8¼ cwt. in A.

Thomas A. Relf	Treble	Brian Buttery	4
Vaughan P. Evans	2	Harry Barnes	5
Frederick W. Pinchbeck	3	James H. Musson	Tenor

Conducted by James H. Musson.
The conductor's 100th tower for a peal.
A coming-of-age peal for Carole, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Shelbourn (North Hykeham) and niece of Mr. H. Barnes.

BARROWBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., May 10, 1969, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OE 5040 SPLICED DOUBLES
Comprising 42 extents in the following 186 methods/variations: 62 methods: Great Dalby, Long Clawson, All Saints, Frithville, Yaddlethorpe, Minster, Claypole, Bracebridge Heath, Rev. St. Sebastian, Bag Enderby, Hagworthingham, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Raveningham, Rev. Canterbury, Dorton, Candlesby, Plain Bob, Boxford, Ellingham, Oakley, Chipstead Screveton, Bedingham, Itchingfield, Forncett, Intwood, Broughton, Ockham, Strelley, Lyng, Chesham Knapton, Haddiscoe, Thornborough, Hascombe, Ossington, Harpley, Longford, Fundenhall, Welford, Slapton, Rugby, Braywood, Longworth, Merton, Sutton-on-Trent, Westminster II, St Hilary, Blackburn, Dragon, New, St. Vedast, Huntspill, Blaisdon, St. Simon, St. Martin, St. Osmund, Eynesbury, St. Nicholas, Winchendon, St Remigius, Huntley, and 124 variations. Tenor 10 cwt 1 qr. 25 lb. in G.

Frederick W. Pinchbeck	Treble	Peter A. Slight	4
Brian Buttery	2	Denis A. Frith	5
Owen Homewood	3	H. Leslie Squires	Tenor

Conducted by Peter A. Slight.
First peal in 186 m/v by the band, on the bells, and for the Guild.

50V	Great Dalby.	345, 1, 5, 1, 145, 1, 5, 1, 345, 123.
52V	Long Clawson.	345, 1, 5, 123, 145 123, 5, 1, 345, 123.
72U	Frithville.	345 145, 5, 1, 145, 1, 5, 145, 345, 123.
74U	Yaddlethorpe.	345, 145, 5, 123, 145, 123, 5, 145, 345, 123.
44V	Claypole.	3, 145, 5, 1, 145, 1, 5, 145, 3, 123.
46V	Bracebridge Heath.	3, 145, 5, 123, 145, 123, 5, 145, 3, 123.
38U	Bag Enderby.	3, 1, 5, 1, 145, 1, 5, 1, 3, 123
40U	Hagworthingham.	3, 1, 5, 123, 145, 123, 5, 1, 3, 123.

THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.
SALFORD, Lancashire.—At the Church of the Sacred Trinity.
On Sun., May 17, 1969, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

Maris C. Stephenson	Treble	*Godfrey L. Foat	5
Christopher J. Baker	2	†William M. Taylor	6
Margaret L. Ellwood	3	Peter G. Bellamy-Knights	7
Linda M. Deebank	4	Marcus C. W. Sherwood	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Marcus C. W. Sherwood.
* First peal attempt. † First "inside" on eight. First in the method by all except the conductor.
Rung to celebrate the 334th anniversary of the consecration of this church.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
LONDON.—At the Church of St. Michael, Wood Green.
On Sat., May 24, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 1,440 Cambridge Surprise and 3,600 Plain Bob.
Tenor 10¼ cwt. in G.

John R. Ketteringham	Treble	Robin A. Grant	4
Alan D. Flood	2	Frank B. Lufkin	5
*Lesley A. Warwick	3	Goeffrey Bridges	Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
* First peal.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
MEASHAM, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.
On Wed., April 23, 1969, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb.

Alfred Ballard	Treble	*Frank Chambers	5
David F. Moore	2	Peter J. Staniforth	6
Arthur E. Rowley	3	Roland Beniston	7
Joseph W. Cotton	4	Percy W. Grice	Tenor

Composed by F. H. Dexter. (No. 1.) Conducted by P. J. Staniforth.
* First peal of Stedman Triples.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
HIGH WYCOMBE, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Mon., May 26, 1969 in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 29 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in C sharp.

Alan R. Patterson	Treble	*Anthony K. Fortin	7
G. William Critchley	2	†Michael J. Palmer	8
Claudia A. Critchley	3	Frank W. Lewis	9
*David C. Brown	4	Alan J. Frost	10
David P. Hilling	5	Michael P. Moreton	11
*Robert H. Newton	6	D. John Hunt	Tenor

Composed by P. Border. Conducted by David P. Hilling
* First peal on 12 bells. † First of Surprise Maximus.

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THE OXFORD SOCIETY.

TROWBRIDGE, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Mon., May 26, 1969, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in D.

Walter F. Judge	Treble	*Richard H. Johnston	7
Brian R. White	2	Jeremy R. Pratt	8
Adrienne Gibson	3	Edgar J. Smith	9
Peter J. Heritage	4	Roger M. Heyworth	10
Lawrence J. Haines	5	John E. Camp	11
*Peter H. Mackie	6	*J. Paul Coad	Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by Walter F. Judge.
* First peal on 12 bells.

APPLETON, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Laurence.
On Sat., May 17, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E.

William Hibbert	Treble	Andrew N. Stubbs	6
Patricia E. Hibbert	2	Frederick C. White	7
Roger F. Overington	3	Brian R. White	8
John W. T. Hibbert	4	John H. Napper	9
William T. Cook	5	Francis A. White	Tenor

Composed by Albert M. Tyler Conducted by Brian R. White.

RECORD PEAL

OXFORD, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Ebbe.
On Sun., May 25, 1969, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 6728 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in B flat.

Lawrence J. Haines	Treble	Stephen K. Thompson	5
Sue M. Heyworth	2	Richard H. Johnston	6
Rodney A. Yeates	3	Peter H. Mackie	7
Richard J. Wilsher	4	Jeremy R. Pratt	Tenor

Composed by Lawrence J. Haines. Conducted by Jeremy R. Pratt.
Umpire: Roger M. Heyworth (Ancient Society of College Youths).

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

ISLIP, Northants.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Mon., May 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in eight methods, viz.: Norwich, Cambridge, Oxford, Kent, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

*Sally K. Diamond	Treble	John E. David	4
J. Malcolm Tyler	2	Peter M. Fleckney	5
Alfred Waller	3	Raymond H. Daw	Tenor

Conducted by Peter M. Fleckney.
* First peal.

PETERBOROUGH.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., May 24, 1969, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods: (1) Norwich Surprise, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Oxford Treble Bob, (4) Kent Treble Bob, (5) Double Oxford, (6) St. Clement's, (7) Single Oxford Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb. in A.

Geoffrey Davis	Treble	*William Smith	4
Mrs. P. A. Smith	2	Roy Spencer	5
Alfred Waller	3	John H. Bluff	Tenor

Conducted by John H. Bluff.
* First peal in seven methods.
Rung to commemorate 50 years' service by John H. Bluff in this wonderful and skilful art.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

GREAT YARMOUTH, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., May 10, 1969, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 30 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in D.

M. Louise Slater	Treble	John R. Pratchett	7
*Margaret E. Oram	2	Howard W. Egglestone	8
Joan Beresford	3	John S. Barnes	9
Adrienne Gibson	4	Derek E. Sibson	10
*Peter N. Bond	5	*James L. Towler	11
*Ian H. Oram	6	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus.
Rung to mark the eighth anniversary of the dedication of the church.

LONDON, W.C.—At the Church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields.
On Sat., May 31, 1969, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5280 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 30 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in D flat.

Angela M. Wright	Treble	*Edwin A. Barnett	7
Jane Foster	2	*Kenneth Newman	8
Joan Beresford	3	John S. Barnes	9
*Sheila M. Dobbie	4	*Howard W. Egglestone	10
John R. Pratchett	5	James A. D. Woolford	11
Peter M. Wilkinson	6	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Conducted by Dennis Beresford.
* First peal of Bristol Maximus.

LONDON, E.—At the Church of St. Leonard, Shoreditch.
On Sat., May 31, 1969, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5280 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 28 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in C.

M. Louise Slater	Treble	Christopher P. Starbuck	7
*Adrienne Gibson	2	Edward F. P. Bryant	8
Susan E. Smith	3	Roger Baldwin	9
*S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	4	Derek E. Sibson	10
*Simon Humphrey	5	*Thomas H. Francis	11
*Michael H. D. O'Callaghan	6	*Stanley Jenner	Tenor

Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
* First peal of Bristol Maximus

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

SALISBURY, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury.
On Sat., May 24, 1969, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 27 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in C sharp.

Melvyn J. Hiller	Treble	*Leslie A. Page	5
Timothy F. Collins	2	Reginald T. Jones	6
Graham W. Elmes	3	Rev. Roger Keeley	7
Neil O. Skelton	4	Ronald N. Marlow	Tenor

Composed by Nolan Golden. Conducted by Ronald N. Marlow.
* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.

DRAYTON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Catherine.
On Tues., May 27, 1969, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in E.

Melvyn J. Hiller	Treble	*David L. Cull	5
Mary E. Elmes	2	*Derek S. Beaufoy	6
Katharine J. Maundrell	3	Graham W. Elmes	7
William T. Perrins	4	†Timothy F. Collins	Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by Timothy F. Collins.
* First peal in the method. † 50th for the Guild. First in the method as conductor.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

STANFORD-ON-SOAR, Notts.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., May 24, 1969, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5184 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in F.

A. Richard C. Harris	Treble	*C. Richard Daft	5
Christine L. J. Mills	2	Robert Preston	6
Royston Blackler	3	George A. Dawson	7
Peter J. Hawcock	4	Simon Humphrey	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Simon Humphrey.
* First peal of Surprise Major "inside."

STURTON-LE-STEEPLE, Notts.—At the Church of SS. Peter & Paul.
On Wed., May 28, 1969, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In four methods, being one extent each of Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Single Oxford Bob and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

Harry Poyner	Treble	Mary C. Poyner	4
*Bryan Birkett	2	Stephen Knights	5
Christine M. Wright	3	Harold Denman	Tenor

Conducted by Harry Poyner.
* First peal in four methods.
Rung for the Feast of the Holy Spirit.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

STAFFORD.—At the Collegiate Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., May 26, 1969, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 19 cwt. 11 lb. in E.

David W. Friend	Treble	Frank Beech	6
Robert J. Warrilow	2	Richard J. Warrilow	7
*Geoffrey W. Stevens	3	Ian Friend	8
Robert A. Partridge	4	Edmund Malin	9
*Jennifer M. Beech	5	Roy K. Mowforth	Tenor

Composed by R. A. G. Inglis. Conducted by David W. Friend.
* First peal of Stedman Caters.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

FRAMSDEN, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., May 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. in E.

Muriel R. Page	Treble	Adrian Knights	5
Vernon B. Bedford	2	Ernest G. Pearce	6
Stephen J. Bedford	3	William J. Button	7
Walter W. Miller	4	Leslie G. Brett	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Muriel R. Page.
First touch as conductor in any method.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
HINTLESHAM, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Mon., May 26. 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of St. Clement's, Oxford T.B., and Kent T.B. and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

Katharine M. Thorley	Treble	Alan R. Bridges	4
Cynthia E. Barnett	2	J. Martin Thorley	5
Winifred Lockwood	3	E. James Lockwood	Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.
Rung as a compliment to Paddy.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
BEDDINGTON, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., May 24, 1969, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5055 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 18 cwt. 14 lb. in E flat.

John R. Ketteringham	Treble	Alan D. Flood	6
Nigel Thomson	2	Frank B. Lufkin	7
Maureen J. Carruthers	3	Geoffrey Bridges	8
Robert E. J. Dennis	4	Timothy G. Pett	9
David C. Brown	5	Robin A. Grant	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Robert E. J. Dennis.

EGHAM, SURREY.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., May 17, 1969, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt 3 qr. 26 lb. in F.

*Ian Summerhayes	Treble	Walter A. Peck	5
Joyce A. Parsons	2	Christopher M. White	6
†Catherine A. Elliott	3	David E. Parsons	7
Norman Summerhayes	4	Alan D. Flood	Tenor

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Alan D. Flood.
* First peal. † First in the method. First as conductor. First on the bells by a local Sunday service band.
Rung to commemorate the 89th anniversary of the founding of this Association.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
LEWES, Sussex.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist, Southover.
On Sat., May 24, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in E.

*Timothy D. W. Banner	Treble	*Geoffrey C. Rix	6
Ian Wickens	2	E. Winifred Keys	7
Edgar R. Rapley	3	*Patrick M. Wills	8
*Harold F. Wood	4	†Philip Stevens	9
*M. Iain Davey	5	David D. Smith	Tenor

Composed by H. J. Tucker. Conducted by E. Winifred Keys.
* First peal on ten bells. † First of Royal on an "inside" bell. First on ten bells as conductor.

RINGMER, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., May 24, 1969, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

Albert W. Bond	Treble	Terry G. Williams	5
Brian J. Read	2	Peter D. Hepburn	6
*H. Clare McNeil	3	†Bill G. Merritt	7
*Susan Hopkin	4	James H. Lilley	Tenor

Composed by H. J. Howlett. Conducted by Brian J. Read.
* First peal. † First of Bob Major. First as conductor.
Rung to welcome the new Vicar, the Rev. S. P. Hayller.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
FORDINGBRIDGE, Hants.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., May 24, 1969, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in F.

David Wilson	Treble	Michael J. Young	5
Mary E. Elmes	2	Derek S. Beaufoy	6
Trevor E. Marks	3	Melvyn J. Hiller	7
Graham W. Elmes	4	Timothy F. Collins	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Timothy F. Collins.

(Andover District.)
ANDOVER, Hants.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Wed., May 28, 1969, in 3 Hours.
A PEAL OF 5040 ANDOVER BOB MINOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 21 lb. in F.

Jack C. Wimlett	Treble	Robert G. Crocker	4
David Goss	2	Peter G. Watts	5
Michael J. Goss	3	Geoffrey K. Dodd	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.
First peal in the method.
Rung by Andover District members as a birthday compliment to Betty Goss, wife of the ringer of the third.

ANDOVER BOB MINOR
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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., May 17, 1969, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
A PEAL OF 5152 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 4 lb. in F.

Christopher N. Grandidge	Treble	David Featherstone	5
*David Whitehead	2	John J. Durham	6
Graham Jones	3	Robert A. Beresford	7
Robert H. Jordan	4	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed by S. A. B. Wigg. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal of Pudsey Surprise Major.

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Francis of Assisi, Holbeck (R.C.).
On Mon., May 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 KNEBWORTH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in G sharp.

Ronald Crabtree	Treble	Peter H. Gardner	5
Graham Jones	2	David Featherstone	6
Iris M. E. Lemare	3	*C. Barrie Dove	7
Robert H. Jordan	4	Ronald R. Warford	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* 350th peal for the Association. 300th peal as conductor. First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Association. The conductor has now rung the alphabet to peals

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew, Chapel Allerton
On Sun., May 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2/3) Oxford T.B., (4) Kent T.B. (5) St. Clement's, Buxton, Childwall, (6/7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in B flat.

Graham S. Miller	Treble	Peter H. Gardner	4
Ronald Crabtree	2	David Featherstone	5
Robert H. Jordan	3	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
Rung on the 10th anniversary of the conductor's first peal.

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew, Chapel Allerton.
On Mon., May 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Single Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Oxford T.B., St. Clement's, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob, with seven different callings and no 6–5's at backstroke.
Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in B flat.

Graham S. Miller	Treble	A. Colin Banton	4
Susan E. Thompson	2	*Christopher N. Grandidge	5
*Jane P. Lawrence	3	†Christopher J. Groome	Tenor

Conducted by A. Colin Banton.
* First peal in seven methods. † 50th peal for the Association.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND ASSOCIATION.
MIDLAND, Western Australia.—At 37 Dance Dr.
On Fri., May 9, 1969,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents.

*John A. Watson	1–2	Heather A. Mann	3–4
Anthony R. Mann (cond.)	5–6		

* First peal.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
CAMBRIDGE.—At 4, St. Peter's Terrace.
On Sat., May 17, 1969, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 17 in A.

A. T. Winter (Christ's)	1–2	R. A. G. Inglis (Selwyn)	5–6
A. F. Scholfield (Clare)	3–4	R. H. Youdale (Emmanuel)	7–8
R. L. Underwood (P'house)	9–10		

Arranged and Conducted by Richard A. G. Inglis.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
HOLLAND PARK, W.—At 35D, Holland Park Road.
On Thurs., May 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 6 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 16 in B.

Michael R. Wycherley	1–2	Alan R. Patterson	5–6
Stephen P. Darvill	3–4	Len Goodall	7–8

Composed by Amburn Wilson. Conducted by Len Goodall.

THE NORTH AMERICAN ASSOCIATION.
TORONTO, Canada.—At 50, Ravensbourne Crescent.
On Tues., May 20, 1969, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 12 in F.

H. M. Ruth Horwood	1–2	Derek M. Sawyer	5–6
William H. Jackson	3–4	David R. Ingram	7–8

Composed by E. Maurice Atkins. Conducted by Derek M. Sawyer.

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BIRTH

ROBERTSON.—On June 11th, 1969, at Dorchester Hospital, to Judith (nee Harding) and Ross, of Tarrant Keyneston, Dorset, a daughter, Clare Judith, a sister for Simon. 7425

ENGAGEMENT

BERRY—BARBER.—The engagement is announced between Anne Barber and Alan Berry, of Folkestone. 7410

DEATH

COSTAR.—On June 2nd, 1969, after a long illness, Bertram (Bert) Dan Costar, aged 82, of Glebe Farm, Standlake, Witney, Oxfordshire, for many years ringer and captain of the tower at St. Giles' Church, Standlake. 7402

PERSONAL

"Only fear the Lord, and serve him in truth with all your heart: for consider how great things he hath done for you."—I Samuel xii, 24.

HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

COMBE MARTIN, N. DEVON.—Holiday bungalow, 2 double bedrooms, sleep 6, TV lounge, kitchen, bathroom, toilet, linen provided, car space. Vacant June 21st–28th, July 12th–19th and August 23rd onwards.—L. Walters, Stattens Cottage, Castle Street, Combe Martin. 7100

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BRAINTREE, ESSEX, FLOWER FESTIVAL
SATURDAY, JUNE 21st
Towers open:

2.30	Braintree (for choral evensong) (8), Stebbing (6).
2.30–3.30	Felsted (8); Stisted (6), Rayne (6)
3.30–4.30	Gosfield (6), Wethersfield (6)
3.45–4.30	Finchingfield (8)
4.15–5.15	Braintree

Teas at Braintree Church Hall, New Street, 5.30–6.45.
Numbers to R. J. Lindsell, Ringers, London Road, Black Notley, Essex.
Evening ringing: 7–8, Bocking (8); 7.15–8, Sible Hedingham (8); 8–9, Halstead (8), and as arranged 7385

RINGERS' DIARY, 1970

To all Association and Guild secretaries.—Please send without delay your revised lists of Guild officers and dates of A.G.M.s and annual dinners, 1970, for insertion in the above which must go to press shortly. No guarantee of reminders this year.—W. Viggers, 37, Highfield Gardens, Aldershot, Hants. 7382

MISCELLANEOUS

ALL SAINTS', EDMONTON, N.
(Two minutes Lower Edmonton Station)
FLOWER FESTIVAL '69
July 5th
Ringing: 10 a.m.–12 noon; 2–4.30 p.m.
All visitors welcome.
Refreshments available. 7419

AMPTHILL, Bedfordshire (6).—Church Fete, Saturday, June 28th. Tower open to ringers, 1 to 3 p.m.; 5 to 7 p.m. Parties of ringers welcome. Information from J. W. Yates, 'phone Flitwick 3273. 7383

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Central District.—Preliminary notice. Annual cricket match, Tanfield, Saturday, July 19th. Please note change of date.—W. Davidson, Sec. 7432

GREASLEY, NOTTINGHAM
St. Mary's Church
ARTS FESTIVAL
July 2nd–8th
Open ringing (8 bells), Sunday, July 6th, 1.30–6 p.m. and 7.15–9.30 p.m.
Light refreshments available. 7422

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Surprise Major practice, Shalford, Thursday, June 26th, 7.45 p.m.: Spliced London, Bristol, Cambridge, Superlative.—F. W. Housden. 7406

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD
SUMMER FESTIVAL
Waddington, Saturday, June 28th
Cricket Match, 2 p.m.
(All welcome)
Tea in Village Hall at 4.30 p.m.
Towers available:

Sleaford (8)	9.30–10.30 a.m.
Ruskington (6)	10.00–11.00 a.m.
Blankney (6)	10.30–11.30 a.m.
Metheringham (8)	11.00–12 noon.
Dunston (5)	11.30–12.30 p.m.
Nocton (6)	12.00– 1.00 p.m.
Branston (6)	12.30– 1.30 p.m.
Cricket Match, 2.00–4.30	
or	
Wellingore (6)	2.00–3.00 p.m.
Navenby (6)	2.30–3.30 p.m.
Harmston (8)	3.00–4.00 p.m.
Waddington (6)	3.30–4.30 p.m.
Tea 4.30–5.30 p.m.	
Waddington (6)	5.30–6.30 p.m.
Lincoln St. Giles (8)	6.00–7.00 p.m.
Nettleham (6)	6.30–7.30 p.m.
Scothern (6)	7.00–8.00 p.m.
Dunholme (6)	7.30–8.30 p.m.
Welton (6)	8.00–9.00 p.m.

Name for tea to Mr. R. F. Smith, Wendover, Station Road, Waddington, Lincoln, not later than Tuesday, June 24th 7381

KINGSBURY, Warwickshire.—Dedication of new ring of eight bells, Saturday, June 28th, 3 p.m. Refreshments will be available. Ringing also on Sunday, June 29th, 2–4 p.m. 7408

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
GARDEN PARTY
Goosnargh Vicarage
Saturday, June 28th. Open 2.30 p.m.
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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

The Festival and Annual General Meeting will be held at Oxford on Saturday, June 28th

11 a.m., Service in Cathedral.

12 noon, Annual Meeting in Chapter House.

12.45 p.m., "Get-together" in Dining Hall.

1.15 p.m., Luncheon in Dining Hall (tickets 10/6 each)

Applications for tickets, accompanied by remittance and s.a.e., must reach Miss D. J. Pollard, 49, Foxborough Road, Radley, Abingdon, Berks, before Monday, June 23rd.

Ringing arrangements.—List of towers will be circulated with the luncheon tickets or on receipt of s.a.e. to Miss Pollard.—Marie R. Cross. 7354

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY
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The 346th Anniversary of Great Ringing Day
will be held on
Saturday, June 28th
Ringing arrangements and towers as follows:
2 p.m.: 12-bell peal attempt by invited band at Saffron Walden.

Radwinter (8)	1.30–2.15 p.m.
Hempstead (6)	2.15–3.00 p.m.
Thaxted (8)	3.00–3.45 p.m.
Newport (6)	3.45–4.30 p.m.

TEA
No arrangements have been made. There are cafés in Newport and Saffron Walden.
Wenden's Ambo (6), 5.00–5.45 p.m.
Service (Saffron Walden) 6 p.m.
Saffron Walden (12) after service till 8.30 p.m.
Any further information from L. E. Pitstow, 3, Mount Pleasant Road, Saffron Walden. Tel.: 2074.

UNIVERSITY OF WALES SOCIETY.—Summer tour: Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire, Lincolnshire, August 18th–24th. Final details now available. S.a.e., please.—D. J. Morgan, Herbrandston Rectory, Milford Haven, Pembs. 7409

MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Practice meeting, Hawkridge (6), Saturday, June 21st, 6 p.m.—E. R. T. B. 7429

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Huntingdon District. — Meeting, Leighton Bromswold, Saturday, June 21st. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. After business meeting a meeting of the District committee will be held (committee members please note).—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec 7364

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, June 21st, Magdalen. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30 p.m. Everyone welcome.—D. A. Feek, Dis. Sec.

CHESTER GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Joint meeting with Derby Association, Chapel-en-le-Frith, June 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. For tea, please advise Mrs. A. Hibbert, Ashdene, The Horderns, Chapel-en-le-Frith.—C. K. Lewis. 7403

GUILDFORD GUILD. — Leatherhead District —Quarterly District meeting and striking competition, Saturday, June 21st, West Clandon. Ringing from 3 p.m Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Lewin, Thorneywood, The Street, West Clandon, please. 7314

HEREFORD GUILD.—Bromyard District. —Combined practice, Bredenbury, June 21st, 5.30–9 p.m. All welcome.—R. L Price, Dis. Hon. Sec. 7355

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, June 21st, North Mymms (8), 3 p.m., with service and tea. Monken Hadley (8) available, 6.30–8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Lock, 57, Holloways Lane, N. Mymms, Hatfield. **No name, definitely no tea.**—R. E. Hardy, Dis. Sec. 7266

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Bye-meeting at Hoo, Saturday, June 21st. Bells 3 p.m Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. A. Vidgeon, Whitehouse Farm, Hoo, Rochester.—T. Barton. 7309

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch. — Surprise Major practice at Lowestoft on Saturday, June 21st, 6.30 p.m. Methods: Cambridge, Yorkshire, Lincolnshire and Rutland.—N. C., Sec. 7431

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch.—Combined practices will be held at Sonning on June 21st and Sandhurst on July 19th, at 6 p.m. Special method: London Surprise. 7428

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch. — Meeting. Haselbech, Saturday, June 21st. Names for tea to P. Turner, 26, Greenhill Road, Long Buckby, near Rugby (Tel. L.B. 557), by Tuesday previous. 7404

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Powerstock, Saturday, June 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to J Davis, Mount Melplash, Bridport. 7369

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Southover, Lewes (10), Saturday, June 21st Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing after tea Names for tea, please, to Miss Ann Evans (Div. Sec.), 17, Hollingbury Place, Brighton, Sussex, BN1 7GE 7197

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Hartlebury, Saturday, June 21st, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea, or you may be disappointed. Catering limited.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., 17, Ham Lane, Pedmore, near Stourbridge, Worcs. 7304

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Waverton, Saturday, June 28th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea to Mr. M. A. Speed, 1, Abbots Road, Waverton, near Chester, not later than Wednesday, June 25th. 7424

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Practice, Chepstow (10), 7.30 p.m., Wednesday, June 25th. All ringing friends welcome.—B. J. 7418

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Evening meeting, Westoning, Saturday, June 28th. Bells (6) from 5 p.m. Next advanced practice, Woburn, Wednesday, July 2nd, 7 p.m. 7405

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. —Meeting, Saturday, June 28th, Barnby Dun. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—cups of tea only. 7415

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND WEST NOTTS ASSOCIATION. — Meeting. Swanwick, June 28th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss H. Dzuiba, 201, Park Lane, Pinxton, Notts, by June 26th, please. — B. Jones. 7293

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Rural Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Bitton (8), Saturday, June 28th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Picnic tea. Meeting to follow in Church Hall. 7427

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Striking competition, Frensham (6), Saturday, June 28th, commencing 3 p.m. Bells available 3–9 p.m. Normal ringing after tea. Notifications for tea to Mrs A. Beadle, Longlands, West End Lane, Frensham, by previous **Saturday**, please.—S. J. Tate-Mitchell, Dis. Sec. 7414

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Annual cup contest and meeting, June 28th, at Sowerby. Draw 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. A. Briggs, Faircroft, Sowerby New Road, Sowerby Bridge, by Wednesday, June 25th. 7413

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Blackburn Branch.—This month's Branch meeting to Ribchester is combined with the garden party at Goosnargh Vicarage. All the usual activities of a garden party plus ringing. This will be followed by further ringing at Ribchester from 6–8.30 p.m. Bring your family and friends and support your Association on June 28th.—Maurice Hill, Branch Sec. 7395

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting, Guiseley, Saturday, June 28th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. A. Walsh, Dunster, Oxford Avenue, Guiseley, near Leeds, by previous Wednesday. All ringers welcome.—R. Cater, Hon. Sec. 7412

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Meeting, Stoke Golding, Saturday, June 28th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea: please, to Mr. H. Hill, Gables, 31, Wykin Lane, Stoke Golding, near Nuneaton, Warks, by Wednesday previous.—C. M Wells, Dis. Sec. 7398

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Evening meeting, Appleby Magna (5), Saturday, June 28th. Ringing from 7–9 p.m. All welcome. — Hilary Watson-Walker, Dis. Sec 7401

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Addington, Saturday, June 28th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting in the Church Hall. West Wickham (6) also available 3–4.15 p.m. Addington bells after meeting. Names for tea, please, to Miss P. Cocks, 11, Crossways, Addington Croydon (Tel. 01-657 5713), by previous Wednesday.—E Godfrey, Hon Sec. 7375

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting, Burghclere, Saturday, June 28th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr P. Watts, Grange Cottage Burghclere, Newbury, Berks 7331

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Branch.—Corporate Communion, Nailsea, Sunday, June 29th. Bells available 7 a.m. Service 8 a.m. Breakfast follows for those who notify Mr. L. Derrick, Peacehaven, Old Church Road, Nailsea, Bristol, by Friday, June 27th.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 7379

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch. — Quarterly meeting, North Curry (8), Saturday, July 5th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 3.45 p.m. Names for tea, please.—A. H. Reed, 41, George Street, Taunton, Som. 7423

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Summer quarterly meeting, Fairfield, Buxton, July 5th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. and after meeting till 8.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. E. Ellison, 70, Kings Road, Fairfield, Buxton.—Rev. F. Ross, Hon. Sec. 7411

HALIFAX ARCHDEACONRY GUILD.—Next meeting, Kirkburton, Saturday, July 5th. Bells (8) 2.30–8 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by cups of tea; please bring own food.

LADIES' GUILD.—Annual General Meeting, Saturday, July 5th, Manchester. Committee meeting 10.30 a.m. in Cathedral Refectory. Service in Cathedral 11.30 a.m. Annual General Meeting 1.30 p.m in Cathedral Refectory. Tea (5/-) 5.45 p.m. Names for tea, with cash and s.a.e., please, to Miss C. Andrew, 162, Hamilton Place, Ashton-under-Lyne, by Wednesday, July 2nd. Bells available: Birch-in-Rusholme, 9.45–10.30, Salford Sacred Trinity, 10-10.45: Miles Platting, 10.30-11.15: Hyde St George, 2–3: Mottram St. Michael, 2.30–3.30; Ashton St. Peter, 3–4; Ashton St. Michael, 3.30–4.30: Manchester Cathedral, 4.30–5.30. Town Hall after tea.

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LINCOLN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Willoughby, July 5th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. R. Reynolds, 9, Abbey Crescent, Swineshead, Boston, Lincs, by June 30th. 7426

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Evening meeting, Uttoxeter, July 5th. Bells (8) available from 6–8.30. All welcome.—R. J. B. 7260

NORWICH ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch.—Monthly practice meeting for Western Deaneries at Dereham, Saturday, July 5th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Bring picnic teas. 7407

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual festival, St. Mary's, Swansea, Saturday, July 5th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4, followed by tea in the Church Hall. Business meeting 6 p.m., approx. Names for tea by June 28th.—J. A. Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Fforestfach, Swansea. 7417

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LATE NOTICES

BIRTH

DYE.—On June 6th, 1969, to Paul and Erica, a son (George Lawrence), brother for Sally, Ruth and Matthew. 7439

MARRIAGE

BAGWORTH — MADGE.—On May 30th, 1969, at St. Mary's, Wimbledon, Alan Bagworth to Caroline Madge, both of London, S.W. Present address: 12, Pendarves Road, London, S.W.20. Telephone: 01-946 8100.

MISCELLANEOUS

TEN SHILLINGS REWARD for return to owner of blue I.C.I. diary lost in or near ringing room of tower open during Guildford Guild festival—probably Pirbright, Bagshot, Crondall or Bentley.—S. M. Mortimer, 18, Dorking Road, Epsom. 7443

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Meeting, Newchurch (8), Saturday, June 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting and further ringing. Everybody welcome.—H. Parkinson, Branch Sec. 7400

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—Meeting at Colerne (8), Wednesday, June 25th, 7.30 p.m. 7438

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting, Horwich, near Bolton, Lancs, Saturday, June 28th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m., followed by further ringing until 8 p.m. Special method: London S Major. All welcome—R. K. Lister, Branch Sec. 7449

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch.—Meeting at St. Helen's Church, Churchtown, near Garstang, Saturday, June 28th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. 7450

BOLTON'S THREE COUNTIES OUTING

The Bolton Branch's outing on the second Saturday in May embraced three counties. Ringing started on the fine-toned 18 cwt. eight at Clitheroe, followed by the heavy six at Burton-in-Lonsdale. Lunch at Sedburgh rather delayed proceedings and visits to Sedburgh Parish Church and Bowness-in-Windermere were unfortunately brief.

Cartmel Priory provided a unique experience. An ascent up well-worn stone steps led to a hazardous walk across the roof; then more stone steps to a massive, cavern-like ringing room which, owing to a failure in the lighting system, was lit by a single oil lamp.

Tea at Morecambe was followed by a final ring on the light eight there, where the finest ringing was achieved with a touch of Cambridge Major. Our thanks include those to our gallant organiser, Mr. John Illingworth. J. E. A.

S.W. Essex Striking Competition

With a record of eight teams entering, the District striking competition at Chigwell on May 10th was more competitive than in previous years. Last year's winners from Barkingside made an unfortunate trip at the halfway stage which brought them into third place, after Walthamstow first and Waltham Abbey second.

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.—Joint Branch meeting Crosthwaite, Keswick (8), July 5th. Bells 2 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to J. W. Brownrigg, 14, Greta Hamlet, Keswick. Cumberland, by July 2nd. Grand concert in the Rawnsley Hall at 8 p.m. by the Potomac Handbell Ringers, U.S.A., and the Crosthwaite Handbell Ringers, Keswick.—J. W. B., Sec. 7444

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Lavenham	11 a.m.–12 noon
Finchingfield	9.45–10.45 a.m.
Wethersfield	10.45–11.30 a.m.

Long Melford bells will be open.

Sunday

(for services at times indicated)

Clare, Long Melford, Lavenham	11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.
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Dedication of New Treble at Isleham, Cambs

By ROSEMARY J. PALMER

During the 15th century an important family at Isleham were the Peytons. They added a splendid clerestory and roof to the nave of the Parish Church of St. Andrew; there is also a Peyton Chapel with fine memorials and brasses and a bell of about 1484, the oldest in the tower, bears the Peyton arms.

The family became divided during the Civil War and some members emigrated to America, but on Sunday, May 11th, there was a family reunion when 70 members, 40 of them from America, met at Isleham Church for the dedication of a new treble bell, which they have given, also of restoration work in the Peyton Chapel.

The Vicar, Rev. J. B. Goodchild, had the inspiration to ask the Peyton family to donate the new bell when plans were afoot to rehang the old five. They agreed, and from this developed the idea of the reunion. The American Peytons are spending several weeks in this country visiting various places with which the family has connections, and sightseeing.

CRACKED BELLS WELDED

Just over 100 years ago the tower of Isleham Church fell down, but fortunately none of the bells was broken. The tower was rebuilt and the bells hung in a deal frame, but this never proved satisfactory and the bells had gone badly for many years before the present restoration. When they were removed from the tower it was found that the second and third were cracked. The second was dated 1516 and the third was the old Peyton bell, so recasting was out of the question. The problem was solved by sending them to the Welding Institute at Abington, where they were successfully repaired.

During research at the Institute on the welding of bells an 1892 Warner bell of 3½ cwt. was deliberately cracked and repaired. When Rev. J. B. Goodchild visited the Institute he was shown this bell and on his asking what would happen to it he was told that it was to be tested to destruction and then sold for scrap. He then decided to buy the bell and presented it to Isleham Church as a sanctus bell in thanksgiving for the silver jubilee of his ordination. St. Andrew's, Isleham, therefore, now has three welded bells.

A MINOR RING

The old five were a minor ring and the tenor was estimated at about 20 cwt., making them the third heaviest five in the country, but at the foundry she was found to be 18 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb., and the key is given as between E and F. (The bells were not tuned.) The new treble weighs 6 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb. and has a Latin inscription meaning "Given by the Peyton family in the old world and the new", and it bears the Peyton arms.

The bells have been hung in a new steel frame by Taylors and the new treble blends in beautifully with the old five. All who rang them after the dedication agreed that they handled very well, although some did not like the rather solemn tone of the ring as they are of course still in a minor key. The only other complaint is of too much noise in the ringing room, but this is to be corrected by further sound-proofing.

During the dedication service the new treble was rung up by 87-year-old Canon R. J. P. Peyton-Burbery, who was for 40 years rector of St. Mary's, March, Cambs, but who retired last year and moved to Basingstoke. After the service touches were rung by members of the Ely Diocesan Association and visitors from Suffolk.

Members of the Peyton family outside Isleham Parish Church, Cambs, taken after the dedication of the new treble bell which they had donated.
[Photo by courtesy of "The Sun."

QUARTER PEALS

NUNBURNHOLME, E. YORKS.—On May 31st, 1,440 Minor (Kent of Oxford T.B.): R. D. Gibson 1, E. A. Ewan 2, D. R. Garner 3, A. E. Shingles (first Minor) 4, F. N. Pailing 5, R. R. Horton (cond.) 6. First of Kent and Oxford for 2, 3 and 4.

PACKWOOD, WARKS.—On May 25th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Major: G. Rushton (first Major) 1, R. E. Tallis, jun. 2, Susan J. Jenkins 3, Pamela M. Turner 4, D. H. Walters 5, M. C. Hughes 6, R. E. Tallis, sen. 7, D. E. Rothera (cond.) 8. Rung for the christening of Nicola Jane Tallis, daughter of the ringer of 2 and Christine Tallis, granddaughter of the ringer of 7, and niece and god-daughter of the conductor.

PETHAM, KENT.—On May 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jenifer Castle (first quarter) 1, C. Beeching (cond.) 2, P. Southon 3, Dawn Petts 4, W. Seward 5, D. Sara 6 For the wedding of Sheila Tolputt and Terry McKinley.

SKIPTON-IN-CRAVEN, YORKS.—On May 18th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: W. Pallister 1, Susan Rhodes 2, M. Hillary 3, A. Stott 4, R. Crabtree 5, R. M. Harker 6, E. Lee 7, M. F. D. Burton (cond.) 8

SHILTON, WARKS.—On April 21st, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): L. Trevor (cond.) 1, J. Evans 2, W. Day 3, J. Draycott 4, P. Mackie 5, G. Edmands 6. A 17th birthday compliment to ringer of 2.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On June 1st, 1,280 Bristol S. Major: B. T. Lister 1, J. K. Ward 2, D. C. Brown 3, Rosamund M. Brown 4, W. Butler 5, W. Birmingham 6, F. R. Scott 7, D. P. Hilling (cond.) 8. First of Bristol for 1, 3, 4. Rung for Confirmation service.

TILNEY ALL SAINTS, NORFOLK. — On May 21st, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: M. Gray 1, Mrs. D. Baxter 2, E. Emmerson 3, G. Rich 4, W. H. Spiller (cond.) 5. To commemorate the first anniversary of the Rev. Lloyd Jukes in this parish.

TIVERTON, DEVON. — On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. R. Emmett 1, G. W. Hollis 2, J Upton 3, G. Court 4, P. Mayne (cond.) 5, J. Kelland 6, J. Rowsell 7, P. Cork 8. For morning service; also to mark the birth of a son to Beryl Willis (née Hollis); also of a daughter to Christine Clay (née Griffith). Both were ringers at this church.

TURRAMURRA, N.S.W. — On May 4th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: Philip Goodyer 1, Margaret Goodyer 2, S. James (first as cond.) 3, Alison Goodman 4, J. Rainsford 5, K. Stacey 6. Also on Whit Sunday, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Margaret McEvoy 1, P. Goodyer 2, Margaret Goodyer (cond.) 3, Alison Goodman 4, J. Rainsford 5, S. James 6.

WAREHAM, DORSET. — On May 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mary E. Elmes 1, Sara E. Elmes (first in method) 2, T. F. Collins (first in method, joint cond.) 3, M. J. Dew (first in method) 4, G. W. Elmes (joint cond.) 5, L. H. Pink 6. Rung on the front six for Evensong. Also on May 29th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Frances J. N. Brown 1, Claire E. N. Brown 2, Mary E. Elmes 3, G. W. Elmes 4, P. R. Keough 5, Dr. C. T. Brown 6, R. G. W. Robertson 7, T. F. Collins (cond.) 8. First in the method by all the band. Both rung by the local band.

WHITTLESFORD, CAMBS.—On May 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: I. Hinton 1, F. Harper 2, J. Sanderson 3, I. West 4, R. Collins 5, B. J. Couzens (cond.) 6

COMPOSITIONS

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The Church of SS. Peter & Paul, Kingsbury, Warks

OUR COVER PICTURE

SS. Peter & Paul, Kingsbury, Warks.

KINGSBURY is a large parish situated between Tamworth and Coventry on the A423, the village only occupying part of the parish.

The church, which dates back to the 11th century, is built of grey sandstone and stands on high ground overlooking the River Tame and Bodymoor Heath Boating Lakes. In origin the church was Norman, but additions have been made through the centuries, the tower being built in the 14th century. In 1610 additions were made to the tower to accommodate a fifth bell. During the next 230 years one of the bells disappeared, the reasons for this being unknown.

In 1849 the remaining four bells were recast into five by John Taylor and Co. of Loughborough, the event being recorded by inscription on the tenor bell. It is interesting to note that the opening ringing was performed by the Stoney Stanton ringers, Leicestershire.

The bells were rehung on ball bearings in 1921 and immediately afterwards ringing ceased until tower repairs could be carried out. These were completed as recorded by the stone on the tower in 1928. Ringing was entirely call changes for festivals only. A curfew bell was rung until 1939, and for a short period after the war. This was a means of ringers learning to handle a bell at Kingsbury. Call change ringing continued after the war until 1948, when Walter, Gordon and Keith Lane were taught Doubles ringing by the late W. C. Rhodes and other ringers of Coleshill. The Lane family then taught method ringing at Kingsbury. The first peal was rung on December 17th, 1949, on the 100th anniversary of the casting of the tenor bell.

In 1950 the ringers saved all wedding fees to buy a set of 18 handbells, then used these at Christmastime to raise money, in addition to wedding fees, towards a new treble bell. This was dedicated in 1959, the cost of which was £362, paid for from the ringers' fund. The ringers then increased the set of handbells to 26, costing £56.

Ambition was still prevalent, the next project being eight tower bells. Estimates were obtained for tuning the old bells, and hanging in a new eight-bell frame a floor lower in the tower, separate estimates being given for two trebles. An all-out effort was made to raise the money by collecting scrap iron, travelling many miles with acetylene cutting equipment to fetch it in; collecting, sorting and counting paper farm food bags, at the rate of 200 plus a week, then transporting at 2,000 a time to a firm who bought them. Scrap paper was collected for a while, but storage was a problem. Scrap batteries were transported 50 at a time to Leicester. A few items were salvaged from the scrap, repaired and sold.

Tunes on handbells were rung at functions far and near; ringing carols at Christmas eight or ten nights without a break, counting money one Christmas Eve until 2 a.m. Ringers past and present rang for weddings, and all fees went to the fund. Mr. Joseph Basford, ringer at Kingsbury since 1915, although unable to assist in the more strenuous efforts, was always ready to stand in for weddings. Various donations were received; a generous gift came from the Barron Bell Trust Fund and the late Mr. W. E. Davies, Churchwarden, bequeathed a sum of money also.

It was evident after about four years of this concentrated effort that it would be possible to recast the old bells, and add two trebles at the same time; the order was placed in 1967. The estimate was on the understanding that the local ringers removed and transported the bells to the foundry, brought the new bells, frame and fittings back, and assisted in their erection.

On Thursday, July 11th, 1968, the treble was dismantled from its frame and on Saturday, July 13th, the old five bells were rung for the last time at 2 p.m. for a wedding. By 11 p.m. all the bells were halfway down the tower. On Saturday, July 20th, the tenor bell was transported round the parish on a trailer for people to see, at the same time a "Guess the Weight Competition" taking place. On July 27th a crane was loaned from a local firm, Messrs. George Cohen, to load the bells on a lorry, also loaned by a local contractor, Mr. V. Alton, and the bells transported to Loughborough.

Whilst the tower was empty, all floors were removed and renewed by local labour and the bell frame was collected by another local transport contractor, Mr. E. Watts, on Thursday, April 3rd, 1969, and unloaded with the aid of a tractor loaned by a local farmer, Mr. B. Wathes. Ringers and other helpers worked part of Good Friday and all day Saturday to hoist up and position the frame, which was finished and ready for the bells. Mr. J. Walker the bell hanger came on the Wednesday to find everything done, but the bells were not ready at the foundry, so he returned to Loughborough to help in the preparation of the bells. Owing to delays the bells were not finished until April 28th. Mr. Walter Lane helped the bell hanger throughout, and others helped as their spare time would allow.

The ringers met Mr. T. Clayton from the bell foundry on May 22nd to try out the bells fully muffled, with the tower closed in, so that the bells would not be heard in the village. Details of the bells are as follows:

Treble.—John Taylor and Co., Founders, Loughborough, 1969. The gift of Gordon H. Lane to the memory of his father Howard A. Lane and Cousin Joyce Lane, both ringers at this church. Diameter 2ft. 4in. Weight 5 cwt. 0 qt. 9 lb. Note E.

Second.—John Taylor and Co., Founders, Loughborough, 1969. This ring was restored and augmented by the assistance of the Barron Bell Trust and the bequest of Mr. W. E. Davies, Churchwarden, 1935-1964. Diameter 2ft. 5in. Weight 5 cwt. 1 qt. 16 lb. Note D sharp.

Third.—John Taylor and Co., Founders, Loughborough, 1959. I came by many "Lanes." Diameter 2ft. 6½in. Weight 5 cwt. 3 qt. 12 lb. Note C sharp.

Fourth.—John Taylor and Co., Founders, Loughborough, 1849. Recast 1969.

The names of the ringers here listed below,
Raised most of the money for our music to flow.

Robert Farmer, Gordon H. Lane, Anthea C. Richards, Nigel W. Richards, D. Keith Lane, Walter G. Lane, Keith C. Richards. Diameter 2ft. 8½in. Weight 6 cwt. 2 qt. 10 lb. Note B.

Fifth.—John Taylor and Co., Founders, Loughborough, 1849. Recast 1969.

Ringers are taught, some don't stay,
Some have been ringing for many a day,
The kind who keep the art alive
Raised to eight our previous five.

Diameter 2ft. 11in. Weight 7 cwt. 3 qt. 3 lb. Note A.

Sixth.—John Taylor and Co., Founders, Loughborough, 1849. Recast 1969.

The treble was added in '59,
The old bells recast in '69.
Then two more trebles were hung alongside,
To the glory of God we ring out with pride.

Diameter 3ft. 1¼in. Weight 9 cwt. 1 qt. 17 lb. Note G sharp.

Seventh.—John Taylor and Co., Founders. Loughborough, 1849. Recast 1969.

Kenneth E. Hood, Vicar. W. Herbert Davies and Albert E. Wright, Churchwardens.

Diameter 3ft. 5in. Weight 12 cwt. 1 qt. 15 lb. Note F sharp.

Tenor.—R. Glover and J. Clarkson, Churchwardens. The old four bells recast into five 1849. Taylors, Loughborough, recast 1969. "There must be the beginning of any great matter, but the continuing unto the end until it be thoroughly finished, yields the true glory." The bells dedicated by John W. Bennett, Vicar, 1953–1964. Diameter 3ft. 10in. Weight 17 cwt. 1 qt. Note E.

The dedication is on Saturday, June 28th, at 3 p.m. Sunday ringing will be 10.30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Practice, Fridays 8 p.m.–9.30 p.m.

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Research proves H. William Barrett a 1,000 Pealer

FOR the second time in its history the Norwich Diocesan Association extends heartiest congratulations to one of its members on having rung his 1,000th peal. Through many hours of careful researching by Mr. Leonard Stilwell, it has recently come to light that Mr. H. William Barrett scored his 1,000th peal as long ago as June 29th, 1968, when he rang the fifth, as conductor, to a peal of Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles at Forncett St. Peter, Norfolk.

Bill, as he is affectionately known throughout the Exercise, was born at Loddon on November 26th, 1905, and it was there he rang his first peal. This was a four methods Minor peal rung on October 2nd, 1923, and conducted by his tutor, Mr. F. A. Finch.

During the nineteen thirties and forties he lived at Tolworth, Surrey, and was attached to Kingston Parish Church where he was tower secretary. At this time he made many journeys to Guildford and Burnham on his bicycle to ring peals with Alfred H. Pulling and George Gilbert, and even after he had returned to his native village of Loddon it was not unusual to see him turn up at Burnham for a peal, after which he would cycle some forty miles to a convenient railway station where he could board a train for the remainder of the journey to Norfolk.

He is a member of the Central Council having represented his Association since 1954. He was Association Ringing Master from 1955 to 1962, when he became General Secretary, which office he holds to this day, assisted by his wife Evelyn. Although many hours have been taken up to ring a thousand peals, a great deal of his time has been devoted to teaching youngsters throughout Norfolk, including about 40 in one parish.

Apart from the war years he has been in the Civil Service, and is at present an Officer of the Ministry of Social Security in Norwich. He extends grateful thanks to Mr. Leonard Stilwell for compiling his list of peals as follows:

NORVING.

H. WILLIAM BARRETT'S 1,000 PEALS

Doubles.—1-13 49, (hand 5), (conducted 30).

Minor.—1-14 264, (h. 3), (cond. 80).

Triples.—Carshalton 2, Grandsire 28, Plain Bob 6, Stedman 33, various method 9.

Major. — Double Norwich 87, Double Oxford Bob 4, Little Bob 5, Plain Bob 80 (h. 8), (cond. 18); St. Clement's 3, Spliced 2–9 methods 10, various 24, Plain and Little (h. 3).

Treble Bob.—Albion 1, Kent 33, Oxford 23, Kent and Oxford 3.

Surprise Major.—Bristol 19, Cambridge 36, Lincolnshire 13, London 2, Pudsey 4, Rutland 5, Superlative 42, Yorkshire 39, 2- and 3-Spliced 7, 18 various methods 24.

Caters.—Erin 2, Grandsire 26, Plain Bob 1, Stedman 23.

Royal. — Cambridge 7, Double Norwich 2, Kent 8, Little Bob 4, Plain Bob 19 (h. 1); Yorkshire 2, various methods 5.

Cinques.—Grandsire 14, Plain Bob 1, Stedman 4

Maximus.—Little Bob 1, Plain Bob 5, Pudsey 1.

Total: Tower 980, handbell 20: cond. 128.

WINNING TICKETS IN PORTSMOUTH "SPONSORED" PEAL ATTEMPT

Dear Sir,—The "sponsored" peal attempt at Portsmouth Cathedral in aid of the D-Day Memorial Appeal was not successful. The attempt to ring 5,040 Grandsire Caters was lost after one hour seven minutes good ringing when there was a slight upset in the rhythm of the striking and two bells changed over. The breakdown occurred after ringing 1,612 changes.

Only one person who took part in this competition had forecast the correct answer and wins £100, the other prize-winners having guessed to within seven changes of the point of breakdown.

The winning numbers are:

First for £100: Ticket No. 54880 from Berkshire.

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And Three at £5 each:

Ticket No. 6921 from Somerset.

Ticket No. 22344 from Middlesex.

Ticket No. 71071 from Somerset.

On behalf of the Appeal Committee I should like to thank all ringers, home and abroad for making this competition such a success. The proceeds are being given to "The Society of the Golden Barque." This entitles a donor, either in the form of an individual or a collective body which has given £100 or more to the Appeal, to have a suitable inscription placed on one new chair which is to be placed in the completed Cathedral.—Yours faithfully,

ALAN A. J. BUSWELL.
Tower Captain, Portsmouth Cathedral.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

ILCHESTER BRANCH VISIT THE "SINGING CHURCH"

The Ilchester Branch quarterly meeting on June 7th was held (to use the Bishop's words) in the "Singing Church" of SS. Peter and Paul, Chiselborough (12 cwt. 5). The Rev. B. N. Carver conducted the Guild Service and in his address stressed the importance of bells in service and worship, and said that Chiselborough could also now be called a "Ringing Church." Mrs. Langdon was at the organ.

The business meeting was chaired by Mr. Gilbert Rendell, who welcomed members and visitors (including the Association's Secretary, Mr. John Gilbert). New members elected and re-elected were Messrs. W. Cole, I. Passek, G. Holman, R. Beale and W. Monckton of South Petherton.

The following "milestones" were recorded: The birth of a third son, Simeon, to the Branch Chairman (the Rev. C. J. B. Marshall) and Mrs. Marshall; the marriage of Mr. Michael Turner and Miss Francesca Maddigan of Hardington Mandeville; Mr. Robert Parker's (Langport) 75th quarter peal; and the loss the Branch had sustained by the death of one of its oldest members, Mr. H. Westlake of Langport. The company stood in silence to his memory.

Votes of thanks were recorded to the Rev. B. N. Carver, Mrs. Langdon and Mr. Lewis Cavill (the Tower Master) for their courtesy in helping to make the meeting a success.

Ringing was resumed after the meeting and included rounds, Plain Bob, Grandsire, Stedman, Reverse Canterbury, Reverse St. Bartholomew, St. Simon Bob and Winchendon Place Bob, under the direction of the Branch Ringing Master, Mr. Gordon Rendell.—M. M. L.

A NEW SOMERSET SIX

The bells of Sampford Brett, Somerset (tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.), have recently been rehung with a new treble added. They were rededicated on May 21st, and consequently the choice of these bells for the Dunster Deanery quarterly meeting on June 7th was appropriate. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed ringing them, although one or two found them a little on the light side.

After the service, taken by the Master, the Rev. H. F. Warren, an excellent tea gave strength to get speedily through the business meeting. Several new members were welcomed, and Branch practices for the next quarter arranged. The weekly learners' practices were cut to once a fortnight until September, when it was felt there would be more time to spare for them.

The ringers then returned to the tower where various methods (some a little more "various" than others!) up to and including Cambridge Surprise were rung. At 9 p.m. the bells were lowered, and midges under the yews outside the ringing chamber were left replete!—P. T.

ST. PAUL'S TO HONOUR PRINCE CHARLES

In honour of the investiture of the Prince of Wales, a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus will be attempted by members of the Ancient Society of College Youths at St. Paul's Cathedral on Tuesday, July 1st, starting at approximately 5 p.m.

CENTRAL COUNCIL REFORM

Dear Sir,—The pace of change is increasing all the time and it is necessary therefore to be constantly examining the workings of any organisation to ensure that it is geared to the needs of the present time.

Now that the Central Council has agreed to its Standing Committee looking into its procedural rules we hope that it will meet to commence discussion at an early date so that they can have concrete proposals to put before the Council at its next meeting. Agreed it will be difficult to convene frequent meetings of such a large committee, so one hopes that they will divide themselves into small "Ad Hoc" sub-committees each to examine a specific section of the procedural rules with definite terms of reference and when they have got something to work on get down to examining the whole, for surely as one criticism of the Central Council is its size the Standing Committee should not leave itself open to the same comment.

In this matter the Standing Committee must surely go to the Exercise for suggestions so that it can ascertain what ringers in general feel is wrong with their Council, for if the Exercise decides that their Council is not working and is, in their opinion, a self perpetuating body concerned only with its own glorification, and refusing to alter its constitution, then let us make no mistake about it there will be, in their opinion, no need for the Central Council and it will die! A state of anarchy resulting.

If the Standing Committee refuses to make any changes or does not come up with any recommendations for improvement then it is tantamount to saying that the procedural rules of the Central Council and its constitution are perfect. However, it must be ensured that change is made only for the better and is not made for change's sake to appease the Exercise. It is the responsibility of the Central Council to consider very carefully the recommendations made to it. May it be suggested that more than one reading is given to any proposals put to it on this matter, so that due consideration can be given to any amendments brought up by the full Council without discussion having to be curtailed due to lack of time and in view of the great importance of this matter a short period be given for members to reflect upon the items to ensure that the Central Council does not make any rash decisions.—Yours faithfully,

G. WILLIAM SHANKS.
Clapham, London, S.W.4.

NOTE.—Reader Shanks, who is a new member of the Council, will, we trust, note the announcement of the General Secretary and co-operate by sending his suggestions forthwith.—Ed.

RULES ON REPORTING WANTED

Dear Sir,—It seems to me that any attempt to tell ringers what they should ring is doomed to failure. Local traditions will persist obstinately in spite of any committee's activities, and ingenious composers will continue to discover methods and compositions not covered by rules and ones that obey the letter but not the spirit.

But what is very necessary is a nationally agreed vocabulary for describing methods and their structures, to avoid a "Tower of Babel" situation in which different composers use different names for the same thing or use the same name for different things. Unless we can achieve agreement on this, at least in official publications and "The Ringing World," confusion and muddles will continue. I therefore suggest that the most reasonable attitude would be "Ring what you like, but report it clearly according to standard rules." This will not prevent people ringing "rubbish" if they want to, but will ensure that it can be recognised as such when it is reported.

Emotional attitudes such as "Spliced Surprise; that's the fancy stuff the nobs ring." are quite out of place in technical descriptions. But the words "surprise" and "spliced" both seem useful and well-established technical terms. (Incidentally, it seems a pity that the suggestion I put forward at Worcester, to introduce the terms Plain Spliced, Reverse Spliced and Double Spliced to denote the joining of methods at the lead-ends only, at the half-leads only and at both, did not find favour with the Committee.)

Ideally the rules should prevent ambiguity both ways; one composition and set of method names should lead to only one series of changes, and one series of changes should only be described in one way. The detailed working out of this principle would be a long and complicated matter, and some arbitrary decisions would probably be needed. For example, a set of changes might be described as a lead of an asymmetrical method, or as two symmetrical methods spliced at the half-lead. A rule against asymmetry might therefore be needed; but to prevent ambiguity, not because asymmetry was thought inherently improper.

I do not know how far the Methods Committee or the Central Council as a whole would accept this attitude of "Rules on reporting, to avoid ambiguity and confusion," rather than attempting to lay down "Rules on what should or should not be rung." But if there appears to be enough support for the idea and no major snags I will probably propose a motion for the next meeting asking the Methods Committee to attempt to develop rules along these lines.—Yours faithfully,

Sheffield. JOHN SEAGER.

MR. MAY—"A GREAT SERVICE"

Dear Sir,—I am sure that Mr. May has done the Exercise and the Council itself great service by successfully initiating an examination of constitution and procedure. All my natural inclinations are those of a traditionalist (i.e., "a reactionary"), but it does no harm to clear our collective minds, so that what is valuable—even if not new—may be retained, and what has served its turn may be discarded.

Having seen the Council at work but once—this year—I would be rash to offer any detailed suggestions. But one thing stood out a mile at St. Albans: the occupation of something over the first hour by ceremonial business. I do not agree with Mr. May's hint that much of this be done away with by not having a V.I.P. welcome. The Council fulfils ambassadorial functions as well as deliberate and executive ones, and I therefore consider this kind of ceremonial contact between hosts and guests is valuable.

Nevertheless, as one much occupied with meetings and procedure I am well aware that one hour before lunch is worth two in the afternoon when speaking in terms of productivity.

Could the Council not build upon the change which next year's hosts, the Yorkshire Association, have already announced? Let the Council proceedings open (for about an hour) on the previous evening for speeches of welcome, introduction of new members and other ceremonial or purely formal business. What could be more appropriate then than an adjournment to a reception at which V.I.P.s, new members and old can all get together? Then bright and early next morning get straight into the committees' reports and other business requiring careful consideration, and often meriting debate.—Yours faithfully,

DAVID GULLICK.
Stevenage.

KNIGHTHOOD FOR HON. MEMBER

The Exercise offers its congratulations to Mr. John Betjeman, who has had a knighthood conferred upon him in the Queen's Birthday Honours List. It was in 1965 that the Central Council elected Mr. Betejman an honorary member in recognition of his great love of bells so vividly expressed in many of his poems.

A SUGGESTED SOUVENIR

Dear Sir,—It would be a pity, I think, to have to wait nearly twelve months before drawing attention (in a formal report) to a publication that may have immediate interest and which may be obtainable only at the present time

Mrs. Coburn has kindly sent to me a copy of the June issue of "Hertfordshire Countryside." The issue is illustrated with a most attractive selection of views of the county's countryside, among them a most striking picture of the fine tower at Watford, and a charming cover depicting the Abbey at St. Albans in springtime. Mrs. Coburn has contributed to this number a concise and excellently planned article on the visit of the Central Council, and (what is somewhat rare) an account of the Council and its work.

I feel that many who enjoyed the memorable weekend at St. Albans (and possibly others) will like to know of this publication, for I cannot think of any more suitable souvenir of the Council Meeting and the kindness shown to all of us by the Hertford County Association.

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Convener, Literature and Press Committee.
Warminster, Wilts.

CENTRAL COUNCIL

RECORDS COMMITTEE REPORT FOR 1968

A. New Methods and Performances on Tower Bells

January
4 5152 Whitehall S. Maj., Hertford.
19 5024 Littleport Little S.R., Peterborough.
20 5184 Greasley S. Maj., Derby.

February
1 5088 Belmont S. Maj., Middlesex.
3 5056 Burford S Maj., Oxford.
8 5024 Honiton S. Maj., Middlesex.
13 5280 Wollaton S. Maj., R. Cumberlands.

March
2 5040 Putney S. Royal, Surrey.
2 5088 Osmaston S. Maj., Derby.
2 5024 Ulpha S. Maj., Peterborough.
9 5088 Ugley S. Maj., Essex.

April
3 5184 Whalley S. Maj., Hertford.
4 5152 Zebedee S. Maj., Worcestershire.
14 5080 Cork S. Royal, Peterborough.
15 5184 St. Simon's Coll. Bob Cat., London.
20 5088 Basing S. Maj., Win. and Ports.
27 5184 Rothwell S. Maj., Peterborough.

May
3 5152 Vanderplanck S. Maj., Peterborough.
4 5152 Dougal S. Maj., Worcestershire.
12 5040 Shortheath S. Royal, Peterborough.
23 5056 Isis S. Major, Oxford.
24 5056 Stour S. Major, Worcestershire.
30 5056 Morley S. Major Derby.

June
6 5152 Haymarket S. Major, Hertford.
15 5024 Quainton S. Major, Oxford.
22 5088 Westhoughton S. Maj., Lancashire.
29 5056 Vectis S. Major, Oxford.

July
9 5184 Benson S. Major Yorkshire.
24 5056 Badsey S. Major, Worcestershire.

August
15 5184 Horncastle S. Maj., Middlesex.
15 5056 Ipplepen S. Maj., Sussex
17 5056 Moulton S. Maj., Peterborough.
28 5056 Hungerford S. Maj., Hereford.
31 5024 Petworth S. Maj., Sussex.

September
8 5000 Banbury S. Royal, Peterborough.
27 5152 Colegate S Maj., Norwich.
28 5184 Barnes S. Major, Surrey.
28 5056 Kinver S. Major, Glos. and Bristol.

October
4 5056 Hillmorton S. Maj., Peterborough.
14 5056 Southam S. Maj., Coventry.
19 5184 Welford S. Maj., Peterborough.
24 5056 Ulceby S. Maj., Hertford.

November
2 5040 Faxton S. Royal, Peterborough.
2 5152 Holbeach S. Maj., Kent.
10 5040 Everdon S. Royal, Peterborough.
16 5056 Mortlake S. Major, Middlesex.
23 5088 Yorktown S. Major, Guildford.
28 5024 Reigate S. Major, Middlesex.

December
3 5056 Yass S. Major. Midland Counties.
5 5152 Double Glasgow S. Maj., Hertford.
6 5056 Zanzibar S. Major, Oxford.
7 5088 Rockingham S. Maj., Peterborough.
8 5040 Harpole S. Royal, Peterborough.
12 5056 Inglewood S. Major, Middlesex.
15 5088 Thanet S. Maj., Lancashire.
21 5040 St. Martin's Bob Triples, Yorkshire.
23 5056 Grandpont S. Major, Oxford.
23 5120 Lambeth Delight Maj., Middlesex.
26 5088 Fourgates S. Major, Lancashire.
27 5184 Okeford S Major, Sussex.

March
2 5040 50-Spliced Sur. Royal, Glos. & Bris.
16 5040 14-Spliced Sur. Royal (all the work), Lancashire.

April
6 5600 25-Spliced Sur. Major (all the work). Middlesex.

August
17 5040 40-Spliced Sur. Max., Lancashire.

February
18 5152 23-Spliced Sur. Major (all the work), silent, Glos. and Bristol.

January
6 12096 Glasgow S. Major, Lancashire.

February
10 16559 Grandsire Caters, Oxford.

April
20 18000 Cambridge S. Royal, Chester.

June
8 9600 Lincolnshire S. Major, Surrey.

B. New Methods and Performances on Handbells

March
21 5088 Glasgow S. Major, Hertford.

September
27 5152 Nettleden S. Major, Hertford.

October
18 5088 Kent and Oxford T.B. Maximus (Ilkeston Var.), Hertford.

December
3 5120 Real Rev. Bob Maj., Glos. & Bris.
17 5040 Real Double Bob Maj., Glos. & Bris.

February
27 5072 48-Spliced Pl. Maj., Birmingham University Society.

March
12 5384 61-Spliced Pl. Maj., Birmingham University Society.

August
26 5120 26-Spliced Sur. Major, Hertford.

September
23 5120 28-Spliced Sur. Major, Hertford.

December
2 5120 30-Spliced Sur. Major, Hertford.

May
5 10784 Oxford T.B. Major, Hertford
26 17824 Kent T.B. Major, Hertford.

July
6 13140 Spliced Kent T.B. and Kent Little Court Maximus, Chester.

December
21 15160 Oxford Treble Bob Royal, Chester.

C. Work is proceeding on the completion of records of all methods rung to peals, of their record length peals, of their extension to higher numbers and of the Edith Fletcher Memorial Volumes.

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J. R. MAYNE, D. E. SIBSON,
C. A. WRATTEN, C. M. SMITH.

Mr. G. Dodds asked for another name than Double Glasgow to be chosen. He knew there was a precedent in Double Dublin. They knew that Glasgow was the name for a most difficult of methods; could they not seek two different names and ask for the name to be changed?

The committee elected was Messrs. F. T. Blagrove (convener), G. Dodds, J. R. Mayne, D. E. Sibson, C. M. Smith and C. A. Wratten.

WHAT PEOPLE ARE RINGING

Methods in which Ten or More Peals were Rung in 1968

Compiled by Peal Analysis Committee

Maximus.—Cambridge 54, Plain Bob 16.

Cinques.—Stedman 50.

Royal.—Cambridge 72, London 20, Yorkshire 33, Kent T.B. 14, Plain Bob 51.

Caters.—Grandsire 50, Stedman 50.

Major.—Spliced Surprise over 12 methods 10; 9 methods 16; 8 methods 20; 5 methods 12; 4 methods 43; Bristol 64, Cambridge 133, Glasgow 20, Lincolnshire 67, London 95, Pudsey 26, Rutland 86, Superlative 33, Yorkshire 195, Kent T.B. 25, Oxford T.B. 14, D. Norwich 65, Plain Bob 264, Little Bob 14.

Triples.—Grandsire 98, Stedman 71, Plain Bob 36

Minor.—Over 30 methods 11; 15–30, 31; 14, 12; 13, 12; 11, 14; 9, 12; 8, 16; 7, 174; 6, 28; 5, 57; 4, 66; 3, 52; 2, 42; 1, 376.

Doubles.—Over 40 M/V, 34; 15–40, 42; 14, 11; 7, 24; 6, 12; 5, 21; 4, 12; 3, 27; 2, 18; 1, 78.

The sorting out of the Doubles M/V may not suit all tastes, but the members will obtain some idea of what has happened with the figures shown.

Note the rise in Cambridge Maximus and Royal, Bristol, Cambridge, London, Yorkshire and **Double** Norwich Major, with the decline of Kent T.B. Major.

ADDITIONAL PEALS, 1968

Chester G.—Frodsham: 5,056 Plain Bob Major, September 9th, cond. J. R. Bibby; 5,056 Plain Bob Major, September 23rd, cond. J. R. Bibby.

Kent C.—Putney: 5,088 London S. Major, December 14th, cond. E. F. Bryant.

Shropshire A.—St. Martin's: 5,040 Minor, 1 method, December 28th, cond. D. Parry; 5,040 Doubles, 2 methods, December 31st, cond. D. Parry.

Southwell G.—Clowne: 5,040 Minor, 3 methods, July 27th, cond. H. T. Rooke.

These are **not** included in the Analysis.

W AYRE (Convener),
K. W. H. FELSTEAD, H. L. ROPER.

FROME BRANCH COMPETITION

Leigh-on-Mendip Church is as "Somerset" as they come, and this was the tower —tall and imposing—which welcomed the Frome Branch on May 31st. It was half hoped that this year would see Midsomer Norton the winners and thus spread the honours round the main supporting teams of this event, previous winners having been Frome, Chilcompton and Farmborough.

However, it was not to be, and Chilcompton romped home with only seven faults in a nice touch of Cambridge. Midsomer Norton took second place with 16 faults. The judges, Albert Tyler and Fred Hancock, noted that this had been an extremely close contest, seven teams all having below 28 faults.

Ten senior teams took part and one junior team rang with the seniors as there was insufficient response for juniors to run a separate section. Thanks are due to Leigh-on-Mendip ringers and friends for organising tea and for their help with local arrangements.

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More Letters to the Editor

METHOD NAMING

Dear Sir,—I see my "singular" namesake has joined battle on method naming. Yes, I admit the views expressed on the methods which are "Kent places" variations on Plain Bob are my own, but I am sure they are shared by a very great number of other ringers. A certain standard was set by the Central Council collection of Major methods, in which the methods chosen had "natural" or Plain Bob lead-heads, had no fewer than triple changes and only "coursing-pairs," the right way round, on the back. This last condition omitted any 7ths place without the treble behind. Of course there are many methods rung which are below this standard.

Perhaps the least important of the above conditions is "only coursing pairs" behind, as 68's and 48's can then be introduced to vary the music. Most ringers feel that certain combinations of bells behind at backstroke should be avoided, particularly 28's and 87's. Aldermaston starts with the 7ths place bell lying still one blow and the 8ths place lying still two blows behind (i.e., giving 3 blows in 8ths), thus ensuring 87's at back, if the method stands on its own, as it should, without covering it up in spliced.

I have nothing against Reverse Canterbury Pleasure or Hunslet Bob Major. It is just that they can be improved a little by adding places in 56 and in 34 respectively when the treble is in 78. This would then give natural lead-ends without learning much extra work. The former would be called Brentford Bob incidentally. Also, Geoff, I believe Plain Bob Major with Kent places in 34 instead of dodging is called Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, the same as the Minor.

Oxford Bob can be called Single Oxford Minor or even, to cover all its features, Single Oxford College Bob Minor. Any of these will define it, from Double Oxford, Oxford Imperial Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Old Oxford Delight.

With reference to the methods named in the Longparish peal, true the conductor is entitled to name methods rung for the first time, **providing** the name does not belong to another method in the same class. Winchester Bob Major bears no relation to the "Winchester Bob Minor" rung, so the latter must be renamed. This is not opinion, it is a Central Council requirement.

Lastly, providing confusion doesn't arise, I am pleased to see the old names being revived. Many of them had very attractive names.—Yours sincerely,

St. Albans. GEOFFREY DODDS.

RECORD PEAL OF 6,728 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Dear Sir,—I had pleasure in umpiring the record peal of 6,728 Little Bob Major at St. Ebbe's, Oxford, on May 25th. The peal was of an excellent standard throughout and came round in three hours and six minutes.—Yours faithfully,

R. M. HEYWORTH.

NEW DOUBLES

Dear Sir,—As the Central Council has approved the recommendations placed before them on the matter of nomenclature of regular methods and extensions, we, the band of Carhampton, Somerset, would like to name the following Treble Place methods, having rung an extent of 240 changes of each consisting of three round blocks joined by bobs.

5, 3, 5, 1, 5, 1, 345, 1, 5, h.l. 3, l.h. 125, bob 145, Exmoor.
5, 3, 5, 1, 5, 3, 345, 3, 5, h.l. 3, l.h. 123, bob 125, Brendon.
5, 3, 5, 1, 5, 123, 345, 123, 5, h.l. 3, l.h. 123, bob 125, Somerset.
5, 3, 5, 1, 5, 3, 145, 3, 5, h.l. 3, l.h. 125, bob 145, Quantock.
5, 3, 5, 1, 5, 3, 125, 3, 5, h.l. 3, l.h. 123, bob 125, Dunkery.

No doubt other bands will be quick to see that these five methods can all be rung starting 3531, and it would be pleasing to us it the bands who first ring them could choose West Country names for them so that all methods based on this particular treble path could be generally known as West Country Doubles methods. We have found these methods interesting and musical but during the summer months are unable to collect a band to ring any more of them.—Yours faithfully,

E. R. TYNDALE-BISCOE.

Minehead, Somerset.

"RINGING TOWERS"

Now edited by Mr. R. L. Clark, 133 Parramatta Road, Concord, N.S.W., "Ringing Towers" has a very readable issue to start 1969.

Opening feature is about the 1969 Festival of A.N.Z.A.B. which was held at Melbourne from June 14th to 16th. On the Saturday there was ringing in the two City churches and the annual dinner at Chadstone about seven miles away.

The annual meeting was held at the Cathedral on Sunday afternoon and a house party followed at Jenny Murphy's home in the evening. Before breaking up on the Monday, the morning was devoted to ringing and then came a barbecue lunch at St. Mary's Church, Caulfield.

To those contemplating visiting Australia, there is the first of a new series dealing with Australian towers. The first is on Adelaide with a wealth of detail. Brian Lawes of Perth contributes "Itchy Feet," the story of his travels. One of the ringing novelties was ringing Grandsire Doubles at Marlborough from a card on a music stand in front of each ringer.

There is a dip into the past from Len Stilwell. This is an extract from the "Bell News" of March 30th, 1889, telling of the visit of the Victoria Society, Melbourne to Sidney. The issue also contains one peal and 20 quarter peal reports and two good pages of Belfry Gossip.

CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Standing Committee has been instructed to examine the constitution and the procedural workings of the Council as the first step towards possible revision.

In order that the Council may effectively serve the whole Exercise, an opportunity is offered to **all** ringers to submit suggestions. These should be made to me within three weeks. I shall acknowledge receipt, but I shall not extend any reply beyond this.

VERNON BOTTOMLEY,
Secretary.

45, Westercroft Lane,
Northowram,
Halifax, Yorkshire.

MARSTON ST. LAWRENCE, NORTHANTS

On Wednesday evening, June 11th, the five bells of the church of Marston St. Lawrence were rung after a silence of some 30 years. This was at the request and invitation of the architect responsible for the massive restoration work on the fabric, Mr. A. J. Frost, of Leighton Buzzard, who had asked ringers from the Daventry District to meet him and try the bells.

Very little attention was required in order to ring apart from grease on the bearings and the provision of one second-hand rope. The bells, tenor 12¼ cwt., are a major five, the third being slightly out of tune with the others. After being raised singly, with Mr. Frost upstairs, several six-scores were rung without incident and too much difficulty. There is a fair amount of noise in the ringing room due to the bells being immediately overhead, but a little ingenuity could easily cure this.

It would appear from knowledge gleaned locally that ringing ceased in the 1930's due to tower oscillation, which in turn was caused by the near collapse of the whole length of the south aisle. This was shored up both inside and outside until recently. The south aisle has now been rebuilt, together with other restoration to the fabric and tower movement is not now apparent.

The village of Marston St. Lawrence, of under 200 people, has raised some £4,000 in the last 20 years, much of which has now been spent on immediate and temporary repairs. Another £10,000 is needed for further extensive fabric restoration work. Large or small donations will be most gratefully received by the Vicar, the Rev. Sir Clifford Wigram, Bart., Marston St. Lawrence Vicarage, Banbury.—K. R. H.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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"OLD MUGS" REUNION

Whitsuntide had been chosen this year for the annual reunion of the "Old MUGs" (life members of the Manchester University Guild), in the hope that more people would be able to attend. This was in fact the case, although there were still a number of absent friends, several of whom sent their best wishes.

The arrangements were in the capable hands of John and Beryl Baldwin, and it was at their home in Grove that the party began to assemble on the Friday evening. After a pleasant chat, those who were staying at Ridgeway House set off in the direction of Harwell, guided by the flashing red beacon on the A.E.R.E. establishment.

Saturday morning began with a kind of treasure-hunt—finding a mysterious building called "B—Mess," in which breakfast was to be served. The first tower was Drayton, famous as the home of Rev. F. E. Robinson, and we made a good start by ringing on the pleasant light eight. At Harwell we were joined by Edward Bryant and Pat Newell. It also began to rain heavily. On, then, to East Hagbourne, a good heavy eight, followed by lunch at an excellent hostelry in East Hendred. Attempts to find a short cut to Marcham ended in defeat, and eventually we were all able to join in the fun with the tricky anticlockwise six. At Appleton the ringing fell short of expectations, especially when our ringing-master retired to eat his ice-lolly, but at West Hanney we had obviously recovered, and there was some good ringing on the very fine six.

Tea at the Baldwins' was a highlight of the day, the main topic of conversation being whether the cat would open the kitchen door by swinging on the handle. The cat, of course, considered this quite unnecessary when there were twenty-odd people there, all capable of doing it for her. There was more good ringing at Wantage in the evening, when we were honoured by a fleeting visit from Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Benfield. After a leisurely drink at the "local," the MUG motorcade once again found its way to Grove for a showing of the famous Poly-slides.

On Sunday morning, those who were staying in Wantage rose early enough to ring at Christ Church, Oxford, whilst the Harwell party had breakfast and then met the others at St. Aldate's. After coffee, and a stroll through Christ Church Meadows, we succeeded in losing Ian Goldthorpe while he was leading up (from the rear) to "a very good place for lunch." However, no one went without food, and suitably refreshed we all proceeded to Dorchester Abbey, where the group photograph was taken with much hilarity. For service ringing the married couples rang a quarter of Bob Major at Wantage, whilst the rest went to ring on the light but not too easy six at Ardington.

The weekend was concluded by ringing at Yarnton, Eynsham, and Witney on Monday morning. Our thanks go to John and Beryl for a most enjoyable time, to the incumbents and local ringers for making us welcome.—J. P.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

South-West Branch

The blustery wind all but drowned the sound of the bells at the spring meeting of the South-West Branch. Wembury church overlooks a beach more often frequented by holidaymakers than bellringers, but because of the weather the cove was deserted apart from the 30 or so Guild members who attended the meeting.

Inside the church, the pleasant little six were audible, and were rung to Grandsire, Plain Bob, Little Bob, Kent, Oxford and Cambridge, as well as rounds and call changes for the less experienced. A touch of Stedman Doubles was rung immediately before the service, which was conducted by the Rev. K. R. Gray.

After a fine tea, ably organised by Mrs. Gray, the business meeting opened on a sad note when we learned of the death of Albert Chubb of Launceston. He will be sincerely missed by everyone. Don Callow was elected to membership.

It was agreed that Branch officers should make arrangements for the fiftieth anniversary dinner, to be held on Saturday, November 8th. Concern was expressed over the condition of the bells at Peter Tavy, the venue for the Branch's first meeting fifty years ago, where we hope to ring before the dinner and hold the autumn meeting. The Ringing Master, D. R. Bould, agreed, however, to visit the tower with Arthur Fidler (whom we welcome to the area) to give the bells some attention beforehand.

Brixton had been chosen as the tower for evening ringing as the Cornwood bells were not available. The Brixton six were found not to deserve their unenviable reputation as hard going, and the methods rung rivalled the afternoon's ringing for variety. The highlight of the evening's ringing was a touch of Cambridge Surprise Minor, rung by an encouragingly young band.—J. F. S.

LADIES' GUILD (Kent Branch)

A small but successful meeting of the Kent Branch was held on June 7th at Wrotham. Following a delicious tea, prepared by Mrs. Sills and Miss Stone, a short business meeting took place at which the Midland Region's suggestion regarding the future of the Ladies' Guild was discussed.

Some enjoyable ringing on the eight bells followed, a variety of methods being covered. Our thanks go to Mr. R. Sills for making the necessary arrangements and assisting us in the belfry.—I. M. P.

IRISH ASSOCIATION INCREASES SUBSCRIPTIONS

The annual meeting of the Executive Council of the Irish Association was held at St. George's, Dublin, on May 3rd. In the absence of the President, Mr. A. F. Bogan, due to a fractured ankle, the meeting was chaired initially by Mr. George McGregor, Vice-President.

After the reports of the Association and the "Irish Bell News" were adopted and the accounts approved the election of officers took place.

The new Council is as follows: President, Very Rev. M. J. Talbot, Dean of Limerick (who then took the chair); Vice-Presidents, Messrs. V. R. McCormack, G. McGregor and L. Douglas; General Secretary, Fred E. Dukes, Meadow Cottage, Whitecross, Drogheda, Co. Louth, telephone (041) 8848; Master, John T. Dunwoody; Librarian, Charles J. Reede; Auditor, Miss E. A. Buttimore; Badge Secretary, J. T. Dunwoody, 11, Church Avenue, Holywood, Co. Down (Badges 3/- each plus postage); Editor "Irish Bell News," F. E. Dukes (subscription 3/- per annum).

It was decided to raise the subscription rates for certain classes of member as from January 1st, 1970, as follows: Ringing members from 2/6 to 4/- per annum; members under 17 years from 1/3 to 2/-; non-resident members (life) from 5/- to 10/-.

The new Central Council publication "The Tutor's Handbook" is to find its way into every tower in Ireland. It was recommended that it should be retained in the ringing room itself so that every ringer will have access to it.

A new but smaller Membership Certificate is to be produced to meet the demand for a continuance of such certificates.

The question was raised about judges always sitting together when judging striking competitions as a certain amount of distraction was bound to occur. It was decided that in future contests the judges should sit apart from each other.

Prior to the meeting the contest for the Murphy Cup was run off on the bells of St. George's Church. The Cup was won by St. Mary's Cathedral, Limerick, the qualifiers from the Southern District. The Northern qualifiers were second, viz., St. Macartan's Cathedral, Enniskillen. The Eastern team, Christ Church, Bray, came a close third. The judges were Messrs. G. McGregor and W. L. Douglas along with Mrs. J. Jeffery. Mr. J. T. Dunwoody was the Ringing Master.

LATE NOTICES

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Ringing meeting, Newton Hall, on Saturday, July 5th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Please bring your own picnic tea.—D. M. 7500

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—N. District.—Meeting, Middleham (8), Saturday, July 5th. Bells from 2.30–8. Names for tea to Edward Hudson, Hon. Sec., Singleton Cottage, Sharow, Ripon, by July 3rd. 7501

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HALF PEALS

MARKET DEEPING, LINCS.—On May 31st, 2,520 Plain Bob Minor: D. E. Leafe 1, J. E. Coleman 2, J. Riley 3, V. P. Evans 4, B. Buttery 5, P. A. Slight (cond.) 6. Rung in honour of the Rev. D. E. Davies' 20 years in the Ministry.

MIDGHAM, BERKS.—On May 31st, 2,520 Grandsire Doubles: R. Jones 1, R. Bing 2, H. Page 3, R. Miles 4, L. Porter (cond.) 5. Rung in memoriam Mrs. A. Gammon (mother of Mr. Alec Gammon) and Mr. F. Nipress.

BANWELL, SOM. — On May 2nd, 1,280 Eastcote Surprise Major: G. Hebden 1, Diana Bridle 2, P. J. England (125th quarter) 3, J. Brain 4, R. W. Rice 5, W. S. Rice 6, P. Bridle (cond.) 7, S. Brown 8. First in method by all. Also on June 4th, 1,264 Pl. Bob Major: W. S. Rice 1, B. Mills (first Major "inside") 2, G. Prescott 3, P. J. England (cond.) 4, R. W. Rice 5, G. Hebden 6, S. G. Smith 7, M. T. Hebden 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Sarah Tiley.

BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.—At All Saints' Church, on May 27th, 1,320 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: R. J. Wilson 1, W. J. Marlow 2, Lynette M. Holbrook 3, M. G. Palmer 4, H. E. J. Smith (cond.) 5, G. F. Whittear 6. A birthday compliment to the ringer of 1.

BATH, SOM.—At the Church of SS. Michael with Paul, on May 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss C. J. Mitchell 1, J. G. Hobbs 2, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 3, Miss S. A. Cox 4, P. J. Devrell 5, A. Swatton 6, D. C. Hawkins 7, B. Sarll 8. For Matins. Also 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss H. M. Mitchell 1, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 2, A. Pugh 3, B. Sarll 4, J. G. Hobbs 5, D. C. Hawkins 6. For Evensong.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS. — On May 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sue Lee (first quarer) 1, Gwendolyn Reeves 2, Dorothy Fletcher 3, Belinda Wood 4, D. Francis (cond.) 5, R. Lee 6, D. Wood 7, H. J. Wingrove 8. Rung to commemorate the seventh centenary of the granting of a Charter for Beaconsfield Fair, this Charter being granted to the Abbess of Burnham.

BETHERSDEN, KENT.—On May 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Thomas 1, Pamela Court 2, Marion Kemp 3, H. Deacon 4, P. Staples 5, J. Hemsey (cond.) 6. With the band's compliments to Elizabeth Ballard and David Smith on their wedding.

BINFIELD, BERKS. — On May 29th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: D. Excell (first quarter) 1, Susan E. Rance (first "inside") 2, S. G. Scott 3, G. N. Scott 4, A. J. Rance (cond.) 5, R. Butler 6. For Confirmation service.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—On May 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: K. Westwood 1, R. Hayden 2, W. Hunt 3, P. Glazebrook 4, L. Luck 5, A. Richardson 6, P. Warboys (cond.) 7, D. Hutley 8. For Evensong. Also on Feb. 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: K. Westwood 1, L. Luck 2, R. Hayden 3, P. Glazebrook 4, P. Warboys 5, A. Richardson 6, D. Kingston (cond.) 7, D. Hutley 8. A farewell compliment to the ringer of the 7th.

BRADING, I.O.W.—On June 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Duff (first away from cover) 1, K. Squibb 2, A. Russell 3, T. F. East (cond.) 4, Janice Squibb (first "inside") 5, E. Duff 6. Rung by the Sunday service band to the glory of God, for Trinity Sunday Parish Eucharist. First quarter by entirely local band for many years.

BRENT KNOLL, SOM.—On June 5th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. Kent (first T.B.) 1, G. Marchant 2, C. T. Clarke 3, E. Dibble (first Surprise Minor) 4, S. Brown 5, J. Brain (cond.) 6.

CALVERTON, NOTTS.—On March 22nd, 1,272 Minimus (three methods): Ruth Blackshaw 1, Pamela J. Clifton 2, W. G. Marsh (cond.) 3, M. W. Harrison 4. A compliment to Glynda Wyrill and Clive Wagstaff, married this day.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.—On May 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. J. Bell 1, A. J. Davidson 2, Canon A. S. Roberts 3, R. Perry (first "inside") 4, F. M. Bowers (cond.) 5, E. H. Langley 6. Rung by a band of servers to mark the annual festival of the Guild of Servants of the Sanctuary, held at St. Ives later in the day.

CONGRESBURY, SOM. — On June 2nd, 1,282 Cassiobury Surprise Major: G. Hebden 1, P. J. England (cond.) 2, E. T. Lee 3, Diana Bridle 4, S. Brown 5, W. S. Rice 6, R. W. Rice 7, J. Brain 8. Rung for the 16th anniversary of the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II.

QUARTER PEALS

COLCHESTER, ESSEX. — On April 13th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,344 London Surprise Major: V. Cross 1, E. P. Duffield 2, N. Avis 3, B. W. Fairhead 4, B. Vaughan 5, A. R. Andrews 6, E. E. Davey 7, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 8. First in method 1, 5. Also on April 27th, 1,312 Bristol Surprise Major: B. Vaughan 1, V. Cross 2, E. P. Duffield 3, M. J. Howes 4, N. Avis 5, A. R. Andrews 6, B. W. Fairhead 7, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 8. First in method 1 and 2. Both rung for Evensong.

COOKHAM, BERKS.—On May 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (1, 2 leading). Mrs. S. Bagshaw (first quarter) 1, D. Rimmell 2, Mrs. C. Miller 3, Mrs. C. Eldridge (first "inside") 4, E. Eldridge 5, D. Hartley 6, J. Muller (cond.) 7, T. Tocock 8. Rung to mark the opening of the second Cookham Festival of Arts. Also on June 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (1, 2 leading): P. Dieppe 1, A. Harris 2, Mrs. C. Eldridge 3, Miss M. Salter 4, T. Tocock 5, E. Eldridge 6, J. Muller (cond.) 7, D. Hartley 8. First quarter 1, 2, 4. For Patronal Festival Evensong.

DEVIZES, WILTS. — At St. John's Church, on May 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Burry 1, W. Beaven 2, Pamela Osborne 3, G. Beaven 4, J. Turney 5, B. Osborne 6, D. Bailey (first Triples as cond.) 7, F. Cannings 8. First Triples "inside" 5, 6. A farewell to the tenor ringer, who is tower secretary of St. John's and has moved to Bristol.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS. — On May 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. White 1, H. L. Bishop 2, Miss M. Thomas 3, Mrs. H. J. Garlick 4, L. F. Cox 5, A. H. Webb (cond.) 6, C. J. Garlick 7, E. G. Sawyer 8. Also on May 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. W. Bishop 1, Mrs. H. J. Garlick 2, Miss M. Thomas 3, Mrs. P. Aplin 4, C. J. Garlick 5, A. H. Webb 6, J. H. Napper (cond.) 7, L. F. Cox 8.

EAST MALLING, KENT. — On June 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Carter 1, Mrs. Bingeman 2, M. Pring 3, S. Garner 4, P. K. King (cond.) 5, P. Brandon 6. For Confirmation service.

EVERTON, LIVERPOOL. — On June 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Lucy Hopkins 1, Dianne Hatfield 2, Patricia Jenkins 3, A. J. Macefield 4, D. Parks 5, G. C. Sparling 6, H. L. Hatfield (cond.) 7, G. K. Austin 8. For Evensong.

GOTHAM, NOTTS.—On May 30th, 1,260 Doubles (Rev. Canterbury, Grandsire): F. Bowley 1, D. Osborne 2, J. Eborall 3, A. Newell 4, T. H. Kirkman 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam P.C. E. Bancroft, father of two local ringers, who died following a road accident.

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GRANTHAM, LINCS. — On Easter Sunday, 1,296 Plain Bob Caters: Miss M. Cheesewright 1, H. L. Squires 2, P. A. Slight 3, D. Leafe 4, F. W. Pinchbeck 5, P. A. Hill 6, B. Buttery 7, D. A. Frith (cond.) 8. H. R. Woods 9, V. P. Evans 10. First of Plain Bob Caters by all. For Evensong. Also on June 1st, 1,080 Plain Bob Royal: V. P. Evans 1, R. A. G. Inglis 2, F. W. Pinchbeck 3, D. E. Leafe 4, A. Crawford (first Royal) 5, P. A. Hill 6, D. A. Frith 7, P. A. Slight (cond.) 8, B. Buttery 9, H. R. Woods 10. Rung for Evensong, and to congratulate Mr. H. R. Woods on completing 50 years as a ringer, 40 of them at Grantham.

GREAT CHEVERELL, WILTS. — On June 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: D. Bailey (cond.) 1, Pamela Osborne 2, W. Beaven 3, B. Osborne 4, J. Twinney 5, R. Whiting 6. First Stedman Doubles for 3, 4, 5 and 6.

HOLME-ON-SPALDING MOOR, YORKS. — On May 31st, 1,260 Minor (Cambridge and Plain Bob): James Thorley 1, Katharine M. Thorley 2, John Thorley 3, E. Thorley 4, D. Thorley 5, J. M. Thorley (cond.) 6. A 40th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. James Thorley.

HOPTON, SUFFOLK.—On May 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. A. Foreman 1, T. G. Boast 2, S. Flatman 3, A. W. Foreman 4, D. Boast 5, H. Fuller (cond.) 6. Before Evensong on Ascension Day.

KEA, CORNWALL.—On May 18th, 1,320 Jacobstowe Doubles (6, 8, 7 covering): Barbara J. Duck 1, T. J. Bell 2, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 3, R. P. Pearce 4, A. Locke 5, R. S. K. Salisbury 6, Janet Evans (first quarter) 7, D. R. Curry 8. A compliment to Rev. P. J. and Mrs. Larkin on the birth of their third child.

KEELE, STAFFS.—On May 25th, 1,260 Doubles (five m/v): D. Roberts 1, Leona Roper 2, P. W. Gay 3, C. J. Morey (cond.) 4, M. J. Robinson 5, P. Gosling 6. For morning service. Also on June 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Leona Roper 1, P. Gosling (first Minor "inside") 2, Janet Lawson 3, Felicity Ashford 4, M. J. Robinson 5, C. J. Morey (first of Minor as cond.) 6. For evening service. Both rung by the Keele University Society.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.—On June 8th 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss E. Tingle 1, L. Toseland 2, Miss D. Rogers 3, S. Robinson 4, D. Bowen 5, B. Austin 6, J. G. Mitchell (first Stedman as cond.) 7, J. Mitchell 8. First Stedman 1, 3. Rung by the local band to welcome the curate, Rev. J. Ellis.

LANE END, BUCKS.—On May 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. C. Eldridge 1, Mrs. K. Horne 2, Mrs. D. Young 3, E. Eldridge 4, D. Young 5, J. Muller (cond.) 6. An engagement compliment to Colin Hagger (ringer at this church) and Pauline Edwards.

LECKHAMPTON, GLOS. — On June 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Helen Taylor 1, Hilda Taylor 2, A. Newman 3, H. Read 4, D. Newcombe 5, T. Stephens 6, E. Taylor (cond.) 7, A. Newman 8. Half-muffled in memory of Mr. T. A. D. Clarke, churchwarden for 34 years and a close friend of the ringers.

LLANDAFF, GLAM.—On May 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Anne Cooke 1, Judith Ashcroft 2, S. Fenwick 3, P. A. Williams 4, J. M. Lakin 5, N. W. H. Simon (cond.) 6, D. J. Llewellyn 7, F. W. Corney 8. For parish Evensong. Also on May 23rd, 1,263 Stedman Caters: D. G. Clift 1, T. P. Edwards (cond.) 2, N. W. H. Simon 3, Judith Ashcroft 4, P. A. Williams 5, J. W. Bull 6, S. Fenwick 7, M. Pilgrim 8, J. M. Lakin 9, W. J. Goodfellow 10. Rung as a thanksgiving for the life and work of Canon Buckley and Fr. Scudamore, who had both passed away.

LONGPARISH, HANTS. — On May 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. R. Crook 1, A. M. Donaldson 2, J. W. Maundrell (first "inside") 3, Katharine Maundrell 4, A. J. Mason (cond.) 5, R. J. M. Bavin 6. Rung by the Winchester College Society.

LONG SUTTON, SOM.—On Trinity Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Eastment 1, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 2, H. E. G. Jeanes 3, R. Guppy 4, G. W. Rendell, jun 5, A. Hill 6. The 2nd ringer has now "circled the tower" as conductor of quarter peals. For the Patronal Festival.

MARSTON, OXFORD. — On May 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Catherine Cartlidge 1, R. Jones 2, H. Page 3, M. Bolton (cond.) 4, L. Porter 5. A welcome to the Bishop of Dorchester, and for Confirmation.

CORRECTIONS

VERY IRREGULAR

Dear Sir,—Mr. Cook's Little Minor method (page 402) does not appear in H. Chant's Index of Minor Methods. It seems unlikely that it has been rung before since it is very irregular, having both a bell striking 3 blows in one place (6ths) and 5ths place made without the treble in 6ths.

It will not splice with any regular Alliance method. In fact, any Alliance method splicing with it will need to have both the above mentioned properties. That is, at best, will start x 14.56.16 or x 14.56.36. —Yours faithfully,

ANTHONY P. SMITH.

King's College Hall, London.

A FALSE COMPOSITION OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Dear Sir,—I regret that Mr. Len Martin's peal of Plain Bob Major on page 342 is false, even allowing for the curious course ends accompanying the composition. The use of a single Before is dangerous, for this effectively cancels our guarantee that only the back-strokes of course-heads need be checked to prove the peal. It is easily seen that a course-head 3254768 will produce rounds at the hand-stroke of the next treble-lead, and in fact the course rung from this course-head is identical with a plain-course, except that it is rung backwards, starting as it does from a back-stroke which is in fact the hand-stroke row of the first treble-lead of plain course. So although 24 courses are possible in the 678 position, and 24 in the 768 position, these will be the same courses, except that the latter group will be rung backwards from different starting points. Thus no extra music is gained by using the 768 position, but extra work at proving the peal is. In this case falseness occurs between the first parts of the 3rd and 11th courses.

However, I agree that courses with the 7 in 6ths and the tenor home are unusual, and suggest that as we would wish to avoid 768 (although for curiosity's sake a composition with 12 courses each of 678 and 768 can be produced), we should use 748, which is in fact the tittums position and capable of good music, as well as producing a hand-stroke home effect.—Yours sincerely,

MARCUS C. W. SHERWOOD.

University of Manchester.

OBITUARY

MRS. ELSIE HAIRS—AN APPRECIATION

The news which "The Ringing World" gave me on page 425 re the passing to higher service of Mrs. Elsie Hairs reminds me of the years prior to World War I when handbell peals were few, and on August 22nd, 1911, at New Cross a girl of 19 rang her first peal. Before her 20th birthday she was ringing peals of Major, Caters, Royal and Maximus, including an 8,099 peal of Caters. Other pens have recorded tributes to this brilliant lady, but having called her first peal and taken part in 37 others from 1911 to 1920 her friendship was loyal and true and my wife and I extend true sympathy to those left behind. I regret it is not possible to write more at this stage, but perhaps the future will reveal many of her sterling qualities. R.I.P.—Sincerely yours,

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Addlestone.

MR. HARRY J. GRAVETT

When the ring of eight bells was completed at St. John-the-Evangelist Church, Burgess Hill, Sussex, in 1904, Harry was recruited to the belfry. He rang 24 peals and continued to ring until last November when, although health and eyesight were failing, he was determined to ring for a few minutes on the bells after their re-hanging.

Present ringers will remember him more for his willingness and desire to help the younger members of the tower and the obvious joy he derived from their achievements. He died on Sunday, May 18th, at the age of 89, and the present band were proud to ring a half-muffled quarter peal as a tribute to his service as a member of the tower for so many years. D. S. A.

CRAWFORD CUP CONTEST

Placings in the Bingham District Round of the Crawford Cup contest were: Whatton 1, Shelford 2, Radcliffe 3, Cotgrave 4, Gedling 5, Holme Pierrepont 6. The contest was at Willoughby-on-the-Wolds on May 10th and was judged by Messrs. S. Humphrey and R. Preston.

The Vicar conducted Evensong with Miss P. Clifton as organist. The ladies were thanked for a good tea by Mr. T. Greasley in a general vote of thanks to the Vicar and organist.—R. B.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

In aid of the restoration of the bells of St. Nicholas' Church, Wickham, Hants, an art exhibition will be held at the Victory Hall, Wickham, from July 3rd to 5th.

The Irish Association has a total membership of 819 which includes 421 non-resident. Fifty-three resident and 47 non-resident were elected in 1968.

The first all-ladies' peal for the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association was rung at Randwick, Glos, on June 14th, conducted by Miss Valerie Willard. It was Minor in four methods.

Eight bells weighing over two tons have been stolen from the disused church of St. Mary's, West Tofts, near Thetford, Norfolk, reports the "Yorkshire Post" (June 7th).

Following the quarter peal at Stowmarket on June 14th the bells were rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. Jim Dale, tower keeper for many years, who died earlier in the week, aged 90.

By ringing in a peal of Cambridge Maximus at High Wycombe on Whit Monday, Anthony Fortin has completed the Cambridge family from Minor to Maximus. Congratulations, Tony.

Congratulations to Mr. H. R. Wood of Grantham on completing 50 years as a ringer. Forty of these years have been at Grantham where a congratulatory quarter of Plain Bob Royal was rung on June 1st.

Old Wykehamists in residence at Cambridge University rang a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at Trumpington on June 7th. We doubt whether any other school has had a resident Surprise Major band at a university. Congratulations.

The Bridgwater Branch of the Bath and Wells Association has only one 8-bell tower which is not available for a Branch peal. The band who rang at Shepton Beauchamp are indebted to this tower for allowing them to make the attempt.

On June 7th the Malvern Link ringers held a very successful 12-bell practice at Tewkesbury Abbey, under the guidance of Mr. J. A. Ainsworth.

The band that rang a peal of Union Triples at St. John's, Erith, on June 9th, for the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Norman North, wish to thank them for their kind hospitality after the peal.

The Ancient Society of College Youths had a fruitful day in Lincolnshire on June 14th with a peal of Cambridge Maximus at Lincoln Cathedral, conducted by Kenneth J. Hesketh, and of Stedman Cinques at Surfleet, conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

For their visit to Keswick on July 5th, the Potomac Handbell Ringers will join forces with the Crosthwaite Handbell Ringers. The proceeds will be given to the Abbeyfield Society of Keswick, whose main purpose is to provide the elderly with their own home within the security and companionship of small households.

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CHURCH BELLS AND SUNDAY ENTERTAINMENT

The position of church bells under the Sunday Entertainment Bill, which is now in its final stages in the House of Commons, has given risen to anxiety. Mr. A. Purdom, of St. Mary's, Eastbourne, asks that the Central Council should make sure now that the Bill will have no adverse effect on the ringing of church bells for their intended function.

Lord Constantine, in a letter to "The Daily Telegraph," writes: "Many areas have their Sundays disturbed chiefly by church bells. In this age of the juke box and Concorde, noise is something which deserves investigation in its own right. The Sunday Entertainment Bill, by the way, has provisions for complaints on this score and does not free Sunday until 2 p.m."

WEST WICKHAM COURT

Wickham Court, the Manor House of West Wickham, which adjoins the Parish Church of St. John the Baptist, was built in the fifteenth century, and in 1952 was acquired by the Convent of the Ladies of Mary, Croydon, becoming Coloma College, a teachers' training establishment.

To celebrate the quincentenary, the College produced a performance of Son et Lumiere on the four evenings of May 28th-31st, outlining in this fascinating manner the history of Wickham Court. After each performance, the spectators were conducted along the yew avenue (one of the oldest and finest in England) and into the house to inspect the beautiful woodwork and heraldic stained glass in the banqueting hall and other rooms. The evenings were concluded by a recital of sixteenth century music, given in the library by students of the College.

Before each performance the bells of the Parish Church were rung by local and neighbouring ringers. John Smith of Hayes arranged a band to ring a quarter peal of Cambridge Minor on Wednesday, the ringers on the other three evenings coming from West Wickham, Biggin Hill, Spring Park and Sidcup. Chris Sims of Sidcup was able to score his first extent of Minor.

FORTHCOMING LONG PEAL ATTEMPT

Saturday, July 5th, 1969, at 10 a.m., 11,520 Eardisland Delight Major at Aspenden, Hertfordshire.

A N.Z. AUGMENTATION

St. Paul's, Papanui, N.Z., according to "Ringing Towers," has on order with John Taylor and Co. a sixth bell. The Society, which has a membership of 15, has raised sufficient money to cover the cost of the bell itself, but installation expenses have still to be met.

TOWER CAPTAIN FOR 50 YEARS

Mr. Williams Dobbins was for 50 years tower captain at St. Catherine's Church, Gorseinon, Swansea. Mr. Dobbins, now in his 85th year, started his ringing career as a boy in his native Tewkesbury and he came to Wales as a coachman for a local doctor.

His arrival coincided with the completion of the new church and his experience of ringing was invaluable for he had to set about training a team of ringers immediately. It is his proud boast that he has rung the bells in every tower in South Wales between St. David's Cathedral in the west to Cheltenham in the east.

Illness and increasing deafness has prevented Mr. Dobbins from churchgoing for some years, but he is an avid reader of "The Ringing World," at present his only link with his beloved bells.—W. A. W.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD AND DISTRICT TOUR

Ringers from Bishop's Stortford and district held their usual Whit Monday outing, organised by Peter Warboys, the objective being Southern Cambridgeshire.

The eight at Ickleton (18 cwt.) provided some of the best ringing of the day with methods ranging from Grandsire to Double Norwich. At our next stop, the heavy six at Whittlesford, we seemed unable to alter our usual fast ringing pace to the slower one required for these bells. On the pleasant six at Harston we rang Oxford, and our final towers were the light but musical eights at Trumpington and Meldreth. We would like to express our sincere thanks to the ringers and incumbents at the towers visited.—P. C. W.

DROXFORD, HANTS, AUGMENTED TO FIVE

The ring of bells at St. Mary and All Saints', Droxford, near Southampton, has now been augmented to five.

A redundant bell dated 1625 was given by St. Margaret's, Canterbury, and has been recast to make a new treble by John Taylor and Co.

The original four bells, dated 1606, 1631 and 1672, and one recast as the former treble, hang in the original wooden frame, which was large enough for five. The inscription on the new treble records its history and that it was recast and hung as "my gift to the memory of my parents."

The rededication by the Bishop of Portsmouth is to take place on July 20th.

UNIVERSITY OF SUSSEX GUILD

New officers of the University of Sussex Guild are: Master, Brian Read; Secretary, Terry Williams; Treasurer; Christopher McKay.

The annual dinner was held on March 15th. After a day's ringing members attended Evensong at St. Peter's, Brighton, conducted by the Guild president, Canon J. H. Keeling.

A company of 48 sat down to dinner in the New Refectory with representatives from Southampton, Oxford, Bristol, Reading and Nuneaton. The president was in the chair and speeches were made by Susan Hopkin, the retiring secretary, Rev. M. Jacobs, University Chaplain; David Nobbs, Guild treasurer; Philip Daniel, O.U.S.; and Caroline Mackie, retiring Master.

Drinking and raving were provided for, first in the Refectory bar and then at the well-known 8, Shanklin Road, writes our correspondent.

A START AT CODDINGTON, NOTTS

Before the bells of Coddington, Notts, were rehung and augmented to six in December, 1965, they were extremely difficult to handle, and there was only a call-change band. Since then, one of the band has learned to change-ring and rang in the first peal of Coddington Delight Minor at Coddington on June 7th. Also in the band were two more local ringers, one ringing his first peal, who have learned to ring since the augmentation. All the members of the band are regular attenders at the local Friday night practice

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION
Northern District

The venue on June 7th was Barley and Barkway. Ringing commenced at 5.30 at Barley and, although the poor attendance prevented a very high standard being reached, it enabled the less experienced ringers to get plenty of ringing.

At 7.0 the company commenced ringing at Barkway, on an easy-going 16 cwt. eight. Numbers greatly improved here and amongst methods rung were some well struck Stedman, Double Norwich and Oxford Bob Major.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
SAFFRON WALDEN, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., May 31, 1969, in 3 Hours and 41 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5042 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in D.

Brian D. Threlfall	Treble	Philip J. Rothera	7
W. Eric Critchley	2	Kenneth J. Hesketh	8
David E. Rothera	3	Cecil W. Pipe	9
Robert E. J. Dennis	4	J. Henry Fielden	10
George E. Thoday	5	John H. Fielden	11
John S. Mason	6	Philip A. F. Chalk	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.

ASHTEAD, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Sat., May 31, 1969, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
C.C.C. No. 16. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in F.

G. William Shanks	Treble	Anthony R. Carter	5
David C. Brown	2	Andrew W. R. Wilby	6
Martyn L. J. Jordan	3	Gerald Penney	7
*Roy D. Mills	4	Alan R. Patterson	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Gerald Penney.
* First peal of London Surprise Major.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., May 24, 1969, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 lb.

*Alan G. Kent	Treble	Cecil T. Clarke	5
Brian J. Wylde	2	*Edwin T. Dibble	6
D. Keith Lane	3	‡Michael J. Stone	7
†Graham Nabb	4	Ronald D. Short	Tenor

Composed by John R. Pritchard. Conducted by Ronald D. Short.
* First peal of Major. † First on eight bells. ‡ First in the method. First on eight bells as conductor. First of Major by a Bridgwater Branch band.

DITCHEAT, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Sat., May 31, 1969, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 4 lb. in E flat.

Mary E. Elmes	Treble	*Timothy F. Collins	5
Katharine J. Maundreli	2	William T. Perrins	6
*Graham W. Elmes	3	Frederick E. Collins	7
David Wilson	4	Ronald N. Marlow	Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Ronald N. Marlow.
* 50th peal together.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
CREWE, Cheshire.—At Christ Church.
On Sat., May 31, 1969, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5069 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

Norman Sherratt	Treble	†John Hall	6
Harold Dowler	2	Ivor R. Nichols	7
Gerald Parsons	3	Raymond J. Ballard	8
Walter Sherratt	4	Roy Worrall	9
*Frank R. Morton	5	Charles A. S. Webb	Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Ivor R. Nichols.
* 300th peal and has now "circled the tower" to peals. † First of Stedman. First of Stedman as conductor.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
WALTHAM ABBEY, Essex.—At the Abbey Church of the Holy Cross and St. Lawrence.
On Sat., May 24, 1969, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 38 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in C.

M. Louise Slater	Treble	Robert E. J. Dennis	7
Josephine A. Quilter	2	John C. Slater	8
Robert J. Chapman	3	Philip J. Rothera	9
Peter G. Brown	4	Christopher H. Rogers	10
John Armstrong	5	S. Clarke Walters	11
Richard H. Youdale	6	John E. Murfitt	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Robert E. J. Dennis.
Rung for the 909th anniversary of the foundation of Waltham Abbey by King Harold.

BRAINTREE, Essex.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., June 7, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Traditional. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

Colin H. Gillingham	Treble	*Peter G. Brown	5
*Robert J. Lindsell	2	Josephine A. Quilter	6
Frank B. Lufkin	3	Walter Arnold	7
†Anne C. Simkins	4	Cecil J. Barker	Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
* First peal of Superlative. † First of Major and Surprise.
Rung for the Braintree Carnival and as an 88th birthday compliment to Frank Claydon, life member of the Association, which he joined in 1907.

RAYNE, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., May 31, 1969, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Beverley, Surfleet, Ipswich, Cambridge, St. Clement's and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 6¼ cwt.

Judy Harrison	Treble	Yvonne A. Murray	4
Josephine A. Quilter	2	Keith W. Brown	5
Ruth Gay	3	James L. Towler	Tenor

Conducted by James L. Towler.
Rung a a birthday compliment to the treble ringer and to mark the 90th anniversary of the foundation of the Essex Association.

PLESHEY, Essex.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sun., June 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being eight extents each of St. Simon, St. Martin, Stedman and Plain Bob and ten of Grandsire. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

*Yvonne A. Murray	Treble	Richard J. Harrison	3
Frank B. Lufkin	2	Keith W. Brown	4
James L. Towler	Tenor		

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
* 100th peal. Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

WORMINGFORD, Essex.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Thurs., June 5, 1969, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in 32 methods: (1) Bogedone, Wilmslow, Rostherne and Knutsford Delight, (2) St. Albans, Wragby, Neasden, Charlwood, College Bob IV, Willesden, Old Oxford and Newdigate Delight, (3) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley Treble Bob (4) London Scholars', Kingston, Sandal, Capel and Oxford Treble Bob, (5) Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise, (6) St. Clement's, Childwall, Buxton, Double Oxford, Thelwall and Pinehurst Bob, (7) Oxford, Double and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

Peter G. Pitt	Treble	Bernard W. Fairhead	4
Neil V. Avis	2	Frank B. Lufkin	5
Brian J. Vaughan	3	Walter Arnold	Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
STRATTON ST. MARGARET, Wilts.—At the Church of St. Margaret of Antioch.
On Wed., June 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 GLEVUM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in F sharp.

Roger Fry	Treble	Peter J. Heritage	5
Anita D. O'Brien	2	Lewis F. Cobb	6
Alan R. Pink	3	Anthony R. Peake	7
W. Bertram Kynaston	4	Brian Bladon	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.

GLEVUM SURPRISE MAJOR
—38—1456—12—36—12—58—14—5 f.

WINDRUSH, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Mon., June 2, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 ALLENDALE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

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

Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.
* First peal in the method.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
CHESHUNT, Herts.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Mon., May 26, 1969, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in E.

Andrew Wilby	Treble	George E. Feirn	5
Jacqueline S. King	2	Norman V. Harding	6
Peter J. Wycherley	3	Cecil J. Pipe	7
Richard F. Prime	4	David J. King	Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by George E. Feirn.

TRING, Herts.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Mon., May 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

Hilary Adcock	Treble	Peter Adcock	5
Martin Green	2	Michael D. Frost	6
Robert D. Bellamy	3	Andrew W. R. Wilby	7
David F. Moore	4	Andrew J. Corby	Tenor

Composed by N. Smith. Conducted by Andrew J. Corby.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
MAIDSTONE, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., May 31, 1969, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CATERS

Doris E. Colgate	Treble	Gerald D. J. Sandwell	6
Frederick J. Cullum	2	Thomas Cullingworth	7
*Tony Lewis	3	Frank J. Matthews	8
Arthur G. Mason	4	*John W. Smith	9
Trevor A. Cross	5	Alfred J. House	Tenor

Composed by George R. Fardon. Conducted by John W. Smith.
* 25th peal together. Tenor 32 cwt. 20 lb. in C sharp.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. A. G. Mason.

ROCHESTER, Kent.—At the Cathedral Church of Christ and the Blessed Virgin Mary.
On Sat., June 7, 1969, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 30 cwt. 14 lb. in D.

Terence Barton	Treble	*Gordon K. Terris	6
*C. Douglas Linington	2	Trevor A. Cross	7
Christopher T. Osenton	3	*Laurence Mitchell	8
†Barry J. Couzens	4	*Timothy D. Wickins	9
*Malcolm J. Hitchcock	5	*George Philpott	Tenor

Composed by E. C. Shepherd. (No. 1.) Conducted by Trevor A. Cross.
* First peal on ten bells. † 25th peal and first peal of Caters. First of Grandsire Caters as conductor.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Elizabeth Gripper, daughter of Canon Gripper of Rochester Cathedral, and Roger Stanley.

ASHFORD, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., May 31, 1969, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in E flat.

Martin L. Howe	Treble	Trevor A. Cross	5
John A. Howard	2	Simon A. B. Wigg	6
Richard Hayes	3	Andrew J. Corby	7
Peter S. Muchlinski	4	Philip A. Corby	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Richard Hayes.

LONDON, S.E.—At the Church of St. John, Deptford.
On Sat., May 31, 1969, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5280 COMBINED KENT AND OXFORD T.B. MAJOR
Liversedge variation. Tenor 14 cwt. 18 lb. in F.

Jennifer A. Dunning	Treble	Alan D. Flood	5
Maureen J. Carruthers	2	Nigel Thomson	6
Kenneth J. Rider	3	Michael J. Uphill	7
David A. Town	4	John Pladdys	Tenor

Composed by Ernest Morris. Conducted by John Pladdys.
First peal in these two methods combined by all the band.

MERSHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat, May 31, 1969, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in F sharp.

*Elizabeth A. Todd	Treble	Leonard Mannering	5
*Pamela E. Powell	2	*P. Charles Sinden	6
*Rachel J. Sinden	3	Crawford T. Hillis	7
*James Hedgecock	4	A. Patrick Cannon	Tenor

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

BROMLEY, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., June 7, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in F.

*Tony Lewis	Treble	Ernest J. Ladd	5
Percival W. Cave	2	‡Samuel A. Nicholls	6
†Graham A. Duke	3	John W. Smith	7
Percy J. Spice	4	‡John A. Powell	Tenor

Composed by James W. Washbrook. Conducted by John W. Smith.
* Has "circled the tower." † First peal of Stedman. ‡ First peal.

ERITH, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Mon., June 9, 1969, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 UNION TRIPLES

James T. Stevens	Treble	Frederick J. Cullum	5
*Timothy D. Wickens	2	*John Pladdys	6
Arthur G. Mason	3	*John W. Smith	7
*Kenneth J. Rider	4	Thomas W. Blewitt	Tenor

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Frederick J. Cullum.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 15 cwt. in G.
Rung for the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Norman North, also for the birthday of K. J. Rider.

RODMERSHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Fri., May 30, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Consisting of seven 720's in five methods, viz.: (1) Oxford T.B., (2) St. Clement's, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Plain Bob, (5) Kent T.B., (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. in G.

David Parks	Treble	*Graham H. Terris	4
Timothy D. Wickens	2	Peter M. Wilkinson	5
Malcolm J. Hitchcock	3	Peter S. Muchlinski	Tenor

Conducted by Peter S. Muchlinski.
* First peal.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
SOUTHPORT, Lancashire.—At the Church of Emmanuel.
On Sat., May 31, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 OSWALD DELIGHT MAJOR
4ths place bobs. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in A flat.

Keith J. Walpole	Treble	*William E. Court	5
*Dianne M. Hatfield	2	H. Lyndon Hatfield	6
*Katherine S. Hardy	3	Martin E. Snape	7
*Geoffrey C. Sparling	4	*Robert E. Hardy	Tenor

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Keith J. Walpole.
* First peal in the method.
Rung to welcome the Vicar back after a long illness.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., May 31, 1969, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 30 cwt. 2 qr. in D flat.

David F. Moore	Treble	David G. Massey	6
Christine L. J. Mills	2	R. Brian Mills	7
W. Ernest Rawson	3	John M. Jelley	8
Martin Green	4	Roland H. Cook	9
William A. Lacey	5	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by W. E. Critchley. Conducted by Roland H. Cook.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Richard M. Wilson and Jill Howitt, married at Newtown Linford earlier this day.

FAKENHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Mon. May 26, 1969, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19½ cwt.

Edward W. Martin	Treble	Frank C. G. Arnold	5
Hazel G. Nichols	2	Kevin S. Hohl	6
Raymond H. Balls	3	Richard G. Chantler	7
Thomas E. Spight	4	*Raymond H. Martin	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Edward W. Martin.
* 50th peal, all rung for the Leicester Diocesan Guild.

ATHERSTONE, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., June 7, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 UXBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in A.

Clive J. Mobbs	Treble	Rupert A. Clarke	5
Eileen J. Goodall	2	J. Edward Cawser	6
Beryl E. Cawser	3	Russell S. Morris	7
Monica M. Jelley	4	John M. Jelley	Tenor

Composed by William Barton. Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.
First peal in the method by all the band.

BLANKNEY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Oswald.
On Sat., May 24, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

*Karen French	Treble	Harry Clayton	4
Peter Slight	2	Charles Cooper	5
Walter Clamp	3	Richard E. Manton	Tenor

Conducted by Richard E Manton.
* First peal, aged 12. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in A.

WIVETON, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
On Tues., May 27, 1969, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being four extents of Cambridge and one each of Plain Bob, St. Clement's, Spliced Kent and Oxford T.B. Tenor 12 cwt.

Sidney Marshall	Treble	Guy Slater	4
*Hazel G. Nichols	2	†Raymond H. Martin	5
Richard G. Chantler	3	†Edward W. Martin	Tenor

Conducted by Edward W. Martin.
* 25th peal. † 50th peal together.

WHITWICK Leics.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Wed., May 28, 1969, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, viz.: (1) London Surprise, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Kent and Oxford, (4) Plain, (5) Double Court, (6) Single Oxford, (7) Plain. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

John W. Rawson	Treble	Ronald D. Hughes	4
Arthur E. Rowley	2	B. Stedman Payne	5
*Frank Chambers	3	Roland Beniston	Tenor

Conducted by Roland Beniston.
* 100th peal.

NEWTOWN LINFORD, Leics.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., May 31, 1969, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

*Bridget Critchlow	Treble	§David L. Alderton	4
†Frances A. Pegg	2	A. James Poynor	5
‡Hilary Watson-Walker	3	Clive J. Mobbs	Tenor

Conducted by A. James Poynor.
* First peal attempt. † First "inside." ‡ First in the method. § First of Minor.
Rung with the best wishes of the band to Jill Howitt, of Newtown Linford, and Richard Wilson, of Loughborough, married at this church earlier in the day.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

EAST RETFORD, Notts.—At the Church of St. Swithun.
On Sat., May 31, 1969, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 RUTLAND SURPRISE ROYAL

*Gillian Radley	Treble	*Phillip C. Pitchford	6
Mary C. Poyner	2	Harold F. Gibson	7
Jack L. Millhouse	3	John Freeman	8
*David Phillipson	4	Peter A. Sharp	9
Walter Tomlinson	5	Geoffrey R. Parker	Tenor

Composed by Harry Poyner. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* First peal of Royal. First of Rutland Surprise Royal by all the band and for the Guild. Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

EATON, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Denys.
On Thurs., May 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

*Thomas A. Relf	Treble	‡Vaughan P. Evans	4
†Denis A. Frith	2	*David E. Leafe	5
Edgar A. Cole	3	†Peter A. Slight	Tenor

Conducted by Peter A. Slight.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † 50th peal together. ‡ 50th peal. First in the method by all except ringer of 2nd. First of Treble Bob as conductor. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in B flat.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. V. P Evans.

BASSINGHAM, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., May 24, 1969, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

*Paul Raithby	Treble	Colin W. Reed	4
Walter Tomlinson	2	*David Phillipson	5
*Harold F. Gibson	3	*Peter A. Sharp	Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. Law James. Conducted by Peter A. Sharp.
* First peal of London Surprise Minor.
Rung for the Flower Festival. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. in G.

DUNHOLME, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Chad.
On Fri., May 30, 1969, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in A.

Aidan C. A. Hopkins	Treble	David Phillipson	4
Gillian Radley	2	Christopher J. Sharp	5
Edward W. Colley	3	Peter A. Sharp	Tenor

Composed by Rev. E. Bankes James. Conducted by Peter A. Sharp.

SKILLINGTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Thurs., June 5, 1969, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED DOUBLES
Comprising 42 extents in the following 14 methods—Stedman, St. Simon, St. Osmund, St. Martin, Eynesbury, St. Nicholas, St. Remigius, Winchendon, Huntley, Rev. St. Bartholomew, All Saints, Rev. Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire—and 80 variations.
Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in A.

*Edgar A. Cole	Treble	*Frederick W. Pinchbeck	3
Vaughan P. Evans	2	Denis A. Frith	4
Peter A. Slight	Tenor		

Conducted by Peter A. Slight.
* First peal in 94 methods/variations.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Annette Draper.

THE GREATER LONDON ASSOCIATION.

LONDON.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Woolwich.
On Sat., May 31, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 XYSTUS SURPRISE MAJOR

Geoffrey Bridges	Treble	Philip Bosworth	5
John R. Ketteringham	2	Nigel Thomson	6
Maureen J. Carruthers	3	Alan D. Flood	7
Ronald K. Russ	4	Timothy G. Pett	Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Timothy G. Pett.
First peal in the method. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in G.

XYSTUS SURPRISE MAJOR
—38—14—56—16—14—38—36—18. B 60.

LONDON, N.—At the Church of St. Anne, Stamford Hill.
On Sat., May 31, 1969, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in A.

*Stephen D. Clarke	Treble	Ronald K. Russ	4
Lesley A. Warwick	2	John Weaver	5
John R. Ketteringham	3	Geoffrey Bridges	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey Bridges.
* First peal.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

AYLSHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., May 31, 1969, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

H. William Barrett	Treble	David Cubitt	6
Janet House	2	*David Heighton	7
*Carole A. H. Patey	3	Geoffrey H. Pullin	8
John R. Smith	4	Martin Cubitt	9
Thomas E. Spight	5	David E. House	Tenor

Conducted by David E. House.
* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal. First of Yorkshire Royal on the bells. Tenor 17 cwt. 34 lb. in E flat.

DRAYTON, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Sat., May 31, 1969, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being ten extents of Grandsire (ten callings) and 32 extents of Plain Bob (four callings). Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb. in B.

*Michael A. Frost	Treble	Richard A. Hunt	4
†Robert G. Walker	2	David E. House	5
†Janet House	3	Trevor N. J. Bailey	Tenor

Conducted by David E. House.
* First peal attempt. † First of Doubles. First in the tower since the recasting of the tenor and first in the tower to include members of the local band.

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.

LLANELLI, Carmarthenshire.—At the Church of St. Elli.
On Sat., May 24, 1969, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in A flat.

Edmund J. Morris	Treble	John Hill	5
Susan Harber	2	John Prytherch	6
Simon P. Rogers	3	Alwyn R. Lewis	7
Philip C. Rogers	4	Ellis N. Thomas	Tenor

Arranged by Geoffrey Davies. Conducted by Ellis N. Thomas.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(The Society of Raving Ringers.)

HOOK NORTON, Oxon.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., May 17, 1969, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in E.

Barry E. Saunders	Treble	Barry J. Davies	5
Raymond A. Vickers	2	Michael W. Coleman	6
Christopher C. Clarke	3	Michael J. Church	7
Ronald K. Russ	4	Peter J. Heritage	Tenor

Composed by Simon Humphrey. Conducted by Michael J. Church.
First peal in the method for the Society.
Rung for the birth of a daughter, Alison Jane, to Heather and Tony Mann.

BANBURY, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., May 24, 1969, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in E.

Ronald Crabtree	Treble	Ronald C. Christopher	5
Ronald J. Sharp	2	Ronald R. Warford	6
Ronald K. Russ	3	Ronald J. Snack	7
Ronald D. Hughes	4	Ronald C. Noon	Tenor

Composed by N. Smith. Conducted by Ronald C. Noon.

FARNHAM ROYAL, Bucks.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., May 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

Michael Hatchett	Treble	William Birmingham	5
John R. Ketteringham	2	Leonard Stillwell	6
*Lesley A. Warwick	3	Alan D. Flood	7
Ronald K. Russ	4	Geoffrey Bridges	Tenor

Composed by John R. Ketteringham. Conducted by Geoffrey Bridges.
* First peal on eight bells.

GREAT BARRINGTON, Glos.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., April 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LIGHTFOOT SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

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

Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.
* First peal in the method.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
MARSTON, Oxford, Oxon.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., May 17, 1969, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 12 methods/variations: Grandsire, Plain Bob, Rev. Canterbury, Rev. St. Sebastian, St. Quintin, Ladbroke, Stanton, St. Helen, Beckley, St. Anne, Longparish and Jacobstowe. Tenor 6 cwt.

Howard Page	Treble	*Roy H. Jones	3
Leonard R. Porter	2	Frank E. Godden	4
Alec Gammon	Tenor		

Conducted by Roy H. Jones.
* 51st peal on the bells. The conductor is the second Marston ringer to ring more than 50 peals at Marston on the same five bells; the other was Mr A. Gammon.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Sat., May 31, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

John G. Mitchell	Treble	*J. Malcolm Tyler	6
Richard J. Cowley	2	Barry R. Care	7
Mary R. Coleman	3	Edward C. Buckby	8
Murray A. Coleman	4	*Terry G. Smith	9
*Stephen B. Bell	5	*Raymond H. Daw	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Murray A. Coleman.
* First peal of Royal.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Edward C. Buckby (May 12th).

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
LONDON, S.W.—At the Church of All Saints, Fulham.
On Mon., May 26, 1969, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 3 Version. Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in E.

M. Louise Slater	Treble	†Edward F. P. Bryant	6
Susan E. Smith	2	John S. Barnes	7
Joan Beresford	3	Derek E. Sibson	8
*John R. Pratchett	4	†Douglas A. R. May	9
Christopher P. Starbuck	5	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed by J. Henry Fielden. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
* 150th peal. † First of London Surprise Royal.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
NOTTINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., May 3, 1969, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 19 cwt.

Christopher I. Rowson	Treble	Stephen W. Barton	7
Muriel Reay	2	Eric N. Harrison	8
Maurice F. Edwards	3	Roderick W. Pipe	9
James W. Belshaw	4	George E. Fearn	10
Norman J. Goodman	5	J. Alan Ainsworth	11
James Crowther	6	Clifford A. Barron	Tenor

Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral of St. Philip.
On Thurs., May 15, 1969, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

John N. Lindon	Treble	Terry R. Hampton	6
James W. Belshaw	2	Clifford A. Barron	7
Susan E. Smith	3	George E. Fearn	8
Norman J. Goodman	4	J. Alan Ainsworth	9
Maurice F. Edwards	5	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Peter Border.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
(And the Ancient Society of Purbeck Youths.)
WIMBORNE MINSTER, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Cuthberga.
On Mon., May 26, 1969, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

David Wilson	Treble	Graham W. Elmes	6
Mary E. Elmes	2	William T. Perrins	7
*Ross G. W. Robertson	3	George E. Bonham	8
Timothy F. Collins	4	Ronald N. Marlow	9
John N. Longridge	5	Philip Mehew	Tenor

Composed by John H. Fielden. Conducted by Philip Mehew.
* First peal of Royal in the method. First in the method on the bells. Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in D.

STEEPLE ASHTON, Wilts.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., May 3, 1969, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different 720's. Tenor 20 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in E flat.

Anne M. Stevens	Treble	Patrick M. Wills	4
Susan M. Wills	2	Philip Stevens	5
E. Winifred Keys	3	Frank H. Hicks	Tenor

Conducted by Frank H. Hicks.

PIDDLEHINTON, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Fri., May 23, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In four methods, being one extent of Oxford Treble Bob and two extents each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb. in G sharp.

Timothy F. Collins	Treble	Ross G. W. Robertson	4
Mary E. Elmes	2	†Graham W. Elmes	5
*David L. Cull	3	Melvyn J. Hiller	Tenor

Conducted by Timothy F. Collins.
* First peal on six bells. † 50th for the Guild.

LONG BREDY, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Fri., May 23, 1969, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In five methods and three variations, being seven extents of Stedman and five extents each of Rev. St. Bartholomew, Grandsire, April Day, Southrepps, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Kennington and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in G sharp.

*Graham W. Elmes	Treble	†David L. Cull	3
*Mary E. Elmes	2	*Ross G. W. Robertson	4
*Timothy F. Collins	Tenor		

Conducted by Timothy F. Collins.
* Most Doubles m./v. to a peal. † First peal of Doubles First on five bells for all the band. First on the bells.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION
STANTON-ON-HINE HEATH, Salop.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., May 24, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 42 extents in 13 methods—Stedman, Huntley Bob, Eynesbury, Bob, St. Osmund, St. Remigius, St. Nicholas, St. Simon, St. Martin, Winchendon Place, Rev. Canterbury, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Plain Bob and Grandsire —and 18 variations.
Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in A.

S. Geoffrey Pick	Treble	Philip R. Johnson	4
Linda M. Wilkinson	2	Ian Friend	5
Gillian Bosworth-Smith	3	Stanley W. Illidge	Tenor

Conducted by S. Geoffrey Peck.
First peal in 31 methods/variations by all the band.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
EAST DRAYTON, Notts.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Fri., May 30, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being one extent each of Killamarsh, College Exercise, Duke of Norfolk, London Scholars' Pleasure, Sandal, Cambridge and Oxford.
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in G.

Mary C. Poyner	Treble	Paul N. Mounsey	4
Harry Poyner	2	Harold Denman	5
Philip Rogers	3	David W. Jack	Tenor

Conducted by Paul N. Mounsey.
Rung to the glory of God.

ORSTON, Notts.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Fri., May 30, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents in five methods, viz.: (1) St. Clement's and Buxton, (2) St. Clement's and Childwall, (3, 4 and 5) Plain Bob, (6) Plain and Rev. Canterbury, (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in A flat.

*Stephen E. Richards	Treble	†David W. F. Lazzerini	4
David Stainsby	2	Susan O'Neill	5
J. Richard Anthony	3	A. Richard C. Harris	Tenor

Conducted by Susan O'Neill.
* First peal. † First of Minor. First as conductor.

LEADENHAM, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Swithin.
On Sat., May 31, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different callings. Tenor 13 cwt. 9 lb. in F.

Harry Barnes	Treble	Maurice W. Harrison	4
Ruth Blackshaw	2	Harold Denman	5
F. William Midwinter	3	James H. Musson	Tenor

Conducted by James H. Musson.

NORTH WHEATLEY, Notts.—At the Church of SS. Peter & Paul.
On Sat., May 31, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three extents of Single Oxford Bob and four of Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. 18 lb. in A flat.

Bryan Birkett	Treble	Christine M. Wright	4
Paul N. Mounsey	2	Philip Rogers	5
Stephen W. Knights	3	John A. Coates	Tenor

Conducted by Paul N. Mounsey.

CODDINGTON, Notts.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., June 7, 1969, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CODDINGTON DELIGHT MINOR
Being seven extents, four callings. Tenor 7 cwt. 12 lb. in B flat.

*Paul F. Curtis	Treble	Paul Raithby	4
Derick E. Kirton	2	Derek J. Tysoe	5
Keith C. Vernon	3	Colin W. Reed	Tenor

Conducted by Colin W. Reed.
* First peal. First in the method.
For Place Notation see "Ringing World" No. 3019, page 170.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
BECCLES, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., May 31, 1969, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5160 OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL

*Rosemary E. White	Treble	Vernon Bedford	6
Edwin R. Goate	2	†J. Barry Pickup	7
†Frederick W. Gunton	3	†Richard C. L. Brown	8
†Norman P. J. Cossey	4	Stephen Bedford	9
†Richard Hunt	5	†Trevor N. J. Bailey	Tenor

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Edwin R. Goate.
* First peal of Treble Ten. † First of Oxford Royal.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Ralph Bickers, of Beccles, Eastern Branch chairman. Tenor 25¼ cwt. in D flat.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
SHOREHAM-BY-SEA, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary de Haura.
On Tues., May 20, 1969, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

*Francesca V. McAlear	Treble	Terry G. Williams	5
Albert W. Bond	2	James H. Lilley	6
Reginald V. Johnson	3	Ronald E. Stillwell	7
Brian J. Read	4	Frank H. Hicks	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Frank H. Hicks.
* First peal of Major. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in F.
Rung as a 17th birthday compliment to Francesca V. McAlear.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
CARBIS BAY, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Anta and All Saints.
On Sat., May 17, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's 12-part (7th obs.). Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. in G sharp.

Gordon H. Baldam	Treble	F. Malcolm Bowers	5
*Robert Peel Pearce	2	Anthony J. Davidson	6
Canon A. S. Roberts	3	Timothy J. Bell	7
Anthony Locke	4	*T. Roy Hart	Tenor

Conducted by Timothy J. Bell.
* First peal on eight bells. First on eight as conductor.
Rung as a compliment to Valerie C. Allen, of Truro, and Roger Pengelly, of Paul, on their recent engagement.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
OSSETT, Yorkshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., June 7, 1969, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 27 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in D.

Ruth Richardson	Treble	Christopher Forster	6
W. Eric Critchley	2	Ronald R. Warford	7
Frederick A. Munday	3	Ronald J. Snack	8
Stephen R. Munday	4	Ronald Ducker	9
Richard E. Price	5	John N. D. Chaddock	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.

CLECKHEATON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. John.
On Sun., May 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Vernon Bottomley	Treble	Trevor Tarbatt	5
Jeanne E. Bottomley	2	Alan Clifton	6
Patricia Lockwood	3	Rev. Nicholas Webb	7
*Ian North	4	Wilfrid F. Moreton	Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.
* 100th peal. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in A flat.

BINGLEY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., May 24, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

*Janet R. Jurica	Treble	Alan E. Hartley	5
Iris M. E. Lemare	2	David Featherstone	6
Robert H. Jordan	3	John J. Durham	7
Ronald H. Dove	4	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed by Richard J. Parker. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal on eight bells. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb. in F.

LIVERSEDGE, Yorkshire.—At Christ Church.
On Sat., May 24, 1969, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Belinda M. Gilbert	Treble	J. Henry Fielden	5
Iris M. E. Lemare	2	David Featherstone	6
*Alan Newbold	3	John J. Durham	7
Robert H. Jordan	4	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed by Richard J. Parker. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal of Yorkshire "inside." Tenor 13 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

BRADFORD, Yorkshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity, Idle.
On Mon., May 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Ronald Crabtree	Treble	*Graham Jones	5
Iris M. E. Lemare	2	J. Henry Fielden	6
*David Whitehead	3	David Featherstone	7
*Rev. Nicholas Webb	4	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed by N. Smith. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal of Rutland. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in F.

EARLSHEATON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Mon., May 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in F sharp.

Ronald Crabtree	Treble	Graham Jones	5
*David Whitehead	2	Peter H. Gardner	6
Iris M. E. Lemare	3	David Featherstone	7
Alan Newbold	4	†C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed by Simon Humphrey. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal of Lincolnshire. † 400th peal.

BOLSTERSTONE, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Tues., May 27, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5022 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

Harry Winter	Treble	Christopher J. Easton	5
*Ronald Crabtree	2	Peter H. Gardner	6
Robert H. Jordan	3	David Featherstone	7
David Whitehead	4	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed by Simon Humphrey. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal of Surprise Major "inside."

HEPTONSTALL, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.
On Tues., May 27, 1969, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt.

*Eric Lord	Treble	Arthur Rogers	5
Frederick A. Munday	2	David Smith	6
†Stephen R. Munday	3	J. Henry Fielden	7
A. Barry Sullivan	4	Giles C. Galley	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. Henry Fielden.
* First peal. † First in the method.

DRIGHLINGTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Paul.
On Sat., May 31, 1969, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 DRIGHLINGTON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 16 lb. in E.

Ronald Crabtree	Treble	David Featherstone	5
Christopher J. Easton	2	John J. Durham	6
David Whitehead	3	Robert A. Beresford	7
Robert H. Jordan	4	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed by H. W. Wilde. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
First peal in the method.

DRIGHLINGTON SURPRISE MAJOR
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4th place bob.

LEEDS, Yorks.—At the Church of St. Francis of Assisi, Holbeck. (R.C.).
On Sat., May 31, 1969, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 PURBECK SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in G sharp.

Ronald Crabtree	Treble	C. Barrie Dove	5
Christopher J. Easton	2	Graham Jones	6
David Whitehead	3	John J. Durham	7
Ronald H. Dove	4	David Featherstone	Tenor

Composed by J. A. Reeves. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
First peal in the method by all the band and on the bells.

ROTHWELL, Yorkshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., May 31, 1969, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 21 lb. in F.

Gail Cater	Treble	Patricia Lockwood	5
Valerie M. Gill	2	Ian North	6
*David Hudson	3	Alan Clifton	7
Robert Cater	4	Robin Brown	Tenor

Composed by Giles B. Thompson. Conducted by Robin Brown.
* First peal at first attempt.
Rung to mark the opening of the church's "Festival '69."

CHAPEL ALLERTON, Leeds, W. Yorks.—At the Church of St. Matthew.
On Sat., May 31, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In three methods, being one extent St. Clement's, two Kent T.B and four Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in B flat.

Ronald J. Snack	Treble	Margaret Warford	4
Alan Newbold	2	*Jane P. Lawrence	5
*Graham S. Miller	3	*Christopher N. Grandidge	Tenor

Conducted by Christopher N. Grandidge.
* First peal in three methods. Most methods as conductor.

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ENGAGEMENT

HANNEY—CARRUTHERS.—The engagement is announced between Maureen Carruthers, of Chigwell Row, Essex, and Lawrence Hanney, of Swansea, Glamorgan. 7466

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

HOLDCROFT—RICHARDSON.—The marriage arranged between Ian and Ruth will take place at the Church of SS. Mary and Eanswythe, Folkestone, on Saturday, June 28th, at 2.30 p.m. 7470

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

BENNETT.—The address of Neil and Ann is now 2, Brookdale Avenue, Marple, Stockport, Cheshire, SK6 7HP. Telephone: 061-427 5942. Applications for Manchester Town Hall bells to this address.

BRYANT.—Would ringing friends please note that the address of Clive and Joyce is now 77, The Greendale, Hill Park Estate, Fareham, Hants. 7482

HEDGCOCK.—As from June 21st–September 4th my address will be 37, Wilson Street, St. Helens, Lancs. From September 4th: c/o 31, Cinque Ports Avenue, Hythe, Kent. 7475

NEWING.—Angela and Peter will not be moving until August 5th, after which their address will be The Rectory, Tibberton, Gloucester. Telephone: Tibberton 286. All ringing friends (particularly avid gardeners) welcome. Licensing by the Bishop of Gloucester, Tuesday, August 12th, at 7.30 p.m. 7485

PERSONAL

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MISCELLANEOUS

ALL SAINTS', EDMONTON, N.
(Two minutes Lower Edmonton Station)
FLOWER FESTIVAL '69
July 5th
Ringing: 10 a.m.–12 noon; 2–4.30 p.m.
All visitors welcome.
Refreshments available.
7419

DRAYTON BASSETT, TAMWORTH, STAFFS.
At St. Peter's Church
A FLOWER FESTIVAL
June 27th, 28th and 29th
Bells (4) available Saturday until 9 p.m.
7474

GREASLEY, NOTTINGHAM
St. Mary's Church
ARTS FESTIVAL
July 2nd–8th
Open ringing (8 bells), Sunday, July 6th, 1.30–6 p.m. and 7.15–9.30 p.m.
Light refreshments available.
7422

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, NAILSEA
FLOWER FESTIVAL
July 11th, 12th and 13th
10.30 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily
Services:
Friday, Organ Recital, 7.30 p.m.
Saturday, Evensong, 7.30 p.m.
Sunday, Holy Communion, 8 a.m.;
Family Service, 10.30 a.m.;
Evening Service, 6.30 p.m.
Anyone wishing to ring, bells open before services and after, please contact L. Derrick, Old Church Road, Nailsea. Five miles from Clevedon and nine miles from Bristol. 7458

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
Preliminary Notice
The Annual Dinner–Dance will be held on Saturday, October 11th, at the Mollington Banastra Hotel, Parkgate Road, Chester. Meet 5.45–6.15 p.m. Tickets 30/- each. Application for tickets to Henry O. Baker, 63, Parkgate Road, Chester. Evening dress optional. —Henry O. Baker, Gen. Sec. 7462

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS
QUARTERLY MEETING
SATURDAY, JULY 12th
Danbury (8), 3–4.30.
Tea 5 p.m. in the Vicarage Room, Great Baddow, followed by meeting.
Great Baddow (8), 6.30–8.
Names for tea to J. S. Barnes, 56, Leamington Avenue, Orpington, Kent, BR6 9QB.

ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST'S, BASTON
(Near Bourne, Lincolnshire, on main A15 Bourne–Peterborough Road)
Six bells, tenor 9¼ cwt.
DEDICATION OF NEW TREBLE
Sunday, June 29th
at 3 p.m
Ringing from 2–3 p.m.
4–6.30 p.m.
7.30–9 p.m.
Hymn singing, 6.30–7.30 p.m.
Teas available at moderate price.

ST. MARY'S, SWANAGE, DORSET
RINGERS' SERVICE
Evensong, 6.30 p.m., Sunday, July 13th.
Ringing from 5.30. Ringing and refreshments after service. Preacher, Rev. H. D. Anderson M.V.O., M.A., B.D.
Visitors welcome 7437

AMPTHILL, Bedfordshire (6).—Church Fete, Saturday, June 28th. Tower open to ringers, 1 to 3 p.m.; 5 to 7 p.m. Parties of ringers welcome. Information from J. W. Yates, 'phone Flitwick 3273. 7383

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KINGSBURY, Warwickshire.—Dedication of new ring of eight bells, Saturday, June 28th, 3 p.m. Refreshments will be available. Ringing also on Sunday, June 29th, 2–4 p.m.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
GARDEN PARTY
Goosnargh Vicarage
Saturday, June 28th. Open 2.30 p.m.
Tea 2/-
Side-shows Amusements.
Goosnargh bells available.
7274

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY
(Estd. 1623)
The 346th Anniversary of Great Ringing Day
will be held on
Saturday, June 28th
Ringing arrangements and towers as follows:
2 p.m.: 12-bell peal attempt by invited band at Saffron Walden.
Radwinter (8) 1.30–2.15 p.m.
Hempstead (6) 2.15–3.00 p.m.
Thaxted (8) 3.00–3.45 p.m.
Newport (6) 3.45–4.30 p.m.
TEA
No arrangements have been made. There are cafés in Newport and Saffron Walden.
Wenden's Ambo (6), 5.00–5.45 p.m.
Service (Saffron Walden) 6 p.m.
Saffron Walden (12) after service till 8.30 p.m.
Any further information from L. E. Pitstow, 3, Mount Pleasant Road, Saffron Walden. Tel.: 2074.

PRACTICE NIGHTS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Practice at Burrington (6), Saturday, June 28th, 5 p.m.—M. Legg. 7453

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Branch.—Practice meetings, 7–9 p.m. Sat., July 5th, South Petherton (8, 23 cwt.); Friday, July 11th, West Coker (8, 12 cwt.), for floral festival, with skittles and refreshments.—M. M. L. 7441

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Evening practice. Brasted (6), Friday, July 4th, 7–9 p.m. 7455

HEREFORD CATHEDRAL.—10-bell practice, first Wednesday of each month, commencing at 7.30 p.m. All visitors are welcome. —Edna Pannell, Dis. Sec. 7465

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Surprise Minor practice, Brafield. Saturday, July 12th. Bells 7–9 p.m.—Anne Henman 7371

WESTLEIGH (6), Bideford three miles Practice night. Friday, 7–8.30 p.m. Visitors welcome. Local band most grateful for help.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—District practice, St. Peter's, Curdridge, Friday, July 4th, 7.30–9 p m. Methods: Stedman, Plain Bob and Erin Triples 7430

MEETINGS

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Waverton, Saturday, June 28th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea to Mr M. A. Speed, 1, Abbots Road, Waverton, near Chester. 7424

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND WEST NOTTS ASSOCIATION. — Meeting. Swanwick, June 28th Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss H. Dzuiba, 201, Park Lane, Pinxton, Notts, please.—B. Jones. 7293

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Striking competition, Frensham (6). Saturday, June 28th, commencing 3 p.m. Bells available 3–9 p.m Normal ringing after tea. Notifications for tea to Mrs A. Beadle, Longlands, West End Lane, Frensham, please. —S. J. Tate-Mitchell, Dis. Sec. 7414

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Annual cup contest and meeting, June 28th, at Sowerby. Draw 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. A Briggs, Faircroft, Sowerby New Road, Sowerby Bridge. 7413

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Ross District. — Quarterly meeting, Much Marcle, June 28th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Upton Bishop (6) 6.30–8.30 p.m. Names for tea please, to J. J. Webb, 23, Alton Street, Ross-on-Wye. 7459

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Evening meeting, Appleby Magna (5), Saturday, June 28th. Ringing from 7–9 p.m. All welcome. — Hilary Watson-Walker, Dis. Sec 7401

PETERBOROUGH GUILD. — Wellingborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Mears Ashby, Saturday, June 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Callis, The Farm, Mears Ashby, by June 24th. 7460

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Addington. Saturday, June 28th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting in the Church Hall. West Wickham (6) also available 3–4.15 p.m Addington bells after meeting. Names for tea, please, to Miss P. Cocks, 11, Crossways, Addington, Croydon (Tel. 01-657 5713). — E. Godfrey, Hon. Sec. 7375

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting, Burghclere, Saturday, June 28th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr P. Watts, Grange Cottage, Burghclere, Newbury, Berks 7331

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch. — Quarterly meeting, North Curry (8), Saturday, July 5th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 3.45 p.m. Names for tea, please.—A. H. Reed, 41, George Street, Taunton, Som. 7423

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Freshford (5), July 5th. Usual arrangements Claverton (4) available 7.30 onwards. Names for tea essential to M. White, Rose Cottage, Park Corner, Freshford, by July 3rd.—A. F. L., Sec. 7464

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Moorlynch, Saturday, July 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea by July 2nd, please.—J. Aldridge, Longstone, Holford; tel. Holford 345. 7434

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Archdeaconry.—Monthly meeting, Snitterfield. Saturday, July 5th. Bells (6) 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., following by more ringing. Also Sherbourne bells (6) 2.30–3.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Woodward Court, Snitterfield Vicarage, Stratford-upon-Avon, please.—H. A. M 7472

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION. — Joint Branch meeting Crosthwaite, Keswick (8), July 5th. Bells 2 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to J W. Brownrigg, 14, Greta Hamlet, Keswick, Cumberland, by July 2nd Grand concert in the Rawnsley Hall at 8 p.m. by the Potomac Handbell Ringers, U.S.A., and the Crosthwaite Handbell Ringers, Keswick.—J. W. B., Sec.

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Summer quarterly meeting, Fairfield, Buxton, July 5th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. and after meeting till 8.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. E. Ellison, 70, Kings Road, Fairfield, Buxton.—Rev. F. Ross, Hon. Sec. 7411

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—N.E. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Kentisbeare, Saturday, July 5th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business after. Names for tea to G Hollis, 26, The Avenue, Tiverton, by previous Thursday, please. 7356

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth Branch.—Summer meeting, Madeley, on July 5th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Joan Bennett, Rudge Heath Road, Claverley, by July 2nd. 7461

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Benington (8), Saturday, July 5th Bells from 5.30 p.m. Business meeting in the tower 6.30 p.m. —Mrs C. A. Agg, Dis. Sec. 7477

LADIES' GUILD.—Annual General Meeting, Saturday, July 5th, Manchester. Committee meeting 10.30 a.m. in Cathedral Refectory. Service in Cathedral 11.30 a.m. Annual General Meeting 1.30 p.m in Cathedral Refectory. Tea (5/-) 5.45 p.m. Names for tea, with cash and s.a.e., please, to Miss C. Andrew, 162, Hamilton Place, Ashton-under-Lyne, by Wednesday, July 2nd. Bells available: Birch-in-Rusholme, 9.45–10.30, Salford Sacred Trinity, 10-10.45; Miles Platting, 10.30-11.15; Hyde St George, 2–3; Mottram St. Michael, 2.30–3.30; Ashton St. Peter, 3–4; Ashton St. Michael, 3.30–4.30; Manchester Cathedral, 4.30–5.30. Town Hall after tea.

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Demonstration ringing by the Suffolk Guild—Handbell Ringing

JUNE 28 and 29, MELFORD HALL, SUDBURY, Suffolk

Ringing arrangements:—

Saturday

Clare	10–11 a.m.
Cavendish	11 a.m.–12 noon
Bury St. Edmunds	10.15–11.15 a.m.
Lavenham	11 a.m.–12 noon
Finchingfield	9.45–10.45 a.m.
Wethersfield	10.45–11.30 a.m.

Long Melford bells will be open.

Sunday
(for services at times indicated)

Clare, Long Melford, Lavenham	11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.
Bures, Assington	11 a.m.
Bury St. Edmunds	10.30 a.m.

OPEN RINGING ON EXPO BELFRY, 8–9 p.m. daily ONLY

Advance tickets (7/6) from L. D. Mills, Lyford, Colchester Road, Bures. 7420

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch. — Monthly meeting, Christ Church, Aughton (8), Saturday, July 5th, at 2.30 p.m. All welcome, especially learners. Names for tea to D. R. Jones, 226, Prescot Road, Aughton, not later than Thursday, July 3rd. — C. D'Aeth, Hon. Sec. 7481

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District. — Evening meeting, St. Mary-de-Castro's, Leicester, July 5th, commencing at 6 p.m. All welcome.—Ron Hughes. 7479

LINCOLN GUILD. — Eastern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Willoughby, July 5th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. R. Reynolds, 9, Abbey Crescent, Swineshead, Boston, Lincs, by June 30th. 7426

NORWICH ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch.—Monthly practice meeting for Western Deaneries at Dereham, Saturday, July 5th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Bring picnic teas.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Packwood (8), Saturday, July 5th. Bells 15.00. Service 16.30. Business meeting 17.45. Please bring your own picnic tea. Bells till 21.00.—R. J. Tibbetts, Hon. Sec. 7442

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Devizes Branch.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Trowbridge (12) on Saturday, July 5th. Ringing commences 3 p.m., followed by service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. R. H. Lucas, 29, Harford Street, Trowbridge.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting, Nuthall, Saturday, July 5th. Bells (6) from 6 p.m.—S. Adams.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Meeting, West Grinstead, Saturday, July 5th. Stoolball match 3 p.m. Picnic tea 5 p.m. Drink provided but please bring own cups and food. Service 6 p.m., followed by ringing. Everyone welcome.—Jean Osbon, Div. Sec. 7483

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual festival, St. Mary's, Swansea, Saturday, July 5th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4, followed by tea in the Church Hall. Business meeting 6 p.m., approx. Names for tea by June 28th.—J. A. Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Fforestfach, Swansea. 7417

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, July 12th, at Monk's Kirby. Other towers will be available in the morning and afternoon; details later. — H. M. Windsor, Sec.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, July 12th: Higham-on-the-Hill, 9.30 – 10.30; Stoke Golding, 10.30 – 11.30; Hinckley, 11.30–12.30; Stoney Stanton, 2–3; Barwell, 3.15–4.15; Earl Shilton, 3 to service 4.30. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Names for tea to Mr. G. Newton, 26, Avenue South, Earl Shilton, not later than July 9th. Room available in the evening. Annual dinner, September 20th. Striking competition October 5th.—A. J. Poynor. 7471

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Meeting on July 12th at Bassaleg. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. J. King, The Cedar Tiles, High Beech Lane, Chepstow, Mon, by July 7th. 7456

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION — Saturday, July 12th: St. Stephen's, Weir Road, Clapham Park, 2.30–3.30; Our Lady of Victories (R.C.), Clapham Common, 3.30–4.30, tea and service to follow. All Saints', Tooting Graveney, 6.30–7.30: St. Leonard's, Streatham High Road, 7.30–8.30. Names for tea to Mr. G. W. Shanks, 86, Macauley Road, S.W.4, by previous Wednesday. No name no tea.—M. R. W., Sec. 7406

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD — Basingstoke District. — Quarterly meeting, Wolverton, Saturday, July 12th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. in Village Hall. Numbers for tea to J. J. Hill, 67, Oakridge Road, Basingstoke, by Tuesday, July 8th, please. 7463

LATE NOTICES

MISCELLANEOUS

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, NORTH MYMMS, HERTS
FLOWER FESTIVAL
July 4th, 5th and 6th
North Mymms Park and Rose Gardens also open. Refreshments available. Bells (8), Saturday, 4.30–8.30.
7492

MEETING POSTPONED

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch — Will all ringers please note that the Branch meeting due to be held at Horwich on June 28th has been postponed until July.—R. K. Lister, Branch Sec. 7498

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Monthly meeting at Doddington on Saturday, July 5th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting and further ringing until 8.30 p.m. 7490

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—South and West District.—Meeting, Cranford, Saturday, July 5th. Ringing at Norwood Green, 3–5; Cranford, 7–8.30. Tea at Cranford 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting. —M. J. Palmer. 7499

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Culworth Branch.—Meeting, Boddington, on Saturday, July 5th. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. M. Baughen, Poplars Farm, Upper Boddington, Rugby.—A. E. R. Walker, Sec 7493

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch—Meeting, Kelmarsh, on Saturday, July 5th. Names for tea to Mrs. Storey, The Farm, Kelmarsh, by Tuesday previous. 7495

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

Annual General Meeting, 1969

The A.G.M. of the Guild will be held at Christchurch on Saturday, July 5th. The arrangements are as follows:—

Annual General Meeting in the Priory Hall, 2.30 p.m.

Service in the Priory, 4.30 p.m.

Tea in the Priory Hall, 5.30 p.m.

Names for tea should be sent to Mrs. M. Young, Gina, Sopley, Christchurch, Hants, by Tuesday, July 1st.

Ringing:—
10.00–11.00, Lyndhurst (8) and Brockenhurst (6).
10.30–11.30, Lymington (8).
11.00–12.00, Hordle (6).
12.00– 2.00, Christchurch (12).
7.00– 8.45, Fordingbridge (8).

It is hoped to announce further evening ringing at the meeting. — D. J. Forder, Hon. Gen. Sec. 7496

Other Late Notices on page 503.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD
HARSTON, Cambs.—At The Granary.
On Fri., May 16, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor size 16 in B.
Christopher W. Woolley .. 1–2 | *J. M. Hadley Hunter .. 5–6
Richard A. G. Inglis .. 3–4 | Vivian Nutton 7–8
*Brian D. Threlfall 9–10
Composed and Conducted by J. M. Hadley Hunter.
* 25th peal together.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
PRESTBURY, Cheshire.—At West Pines, Dale Brow.
On Tues., May 13, 1969, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 15 in C.
Alan A. Potts .. .. .. 1–2 | Gerald Moorhouse 5–6
C. Kenneth Lewis .. .. 3–4 | John Gander 7–8
Herbert M. Heaton 9–10
Composed by B. Annable. Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
CHELTENHAM, Gloucestershire.—At 48, Willersey Road.
On Tues., May 20, 1969, in 2 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR
In six methods, comprising 2,752 Plain Bob, 832 Double Bob, 512 each of Reverse Bob and Little Bob, and 240 each of Wellington Little Court and Gainsborough Little Bob, with 271 changes of method. Tenor size 12 in F.
Frances Fairbank .. .. 1–2 | Hugh N. Evans 5–6
Valerie Willard .. .. .. 3–4 | Cyril A. Wratten 7–8
Arranged and Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.
Rung as a compliment to the officers and members of the Irish Association who helped to make a recent tour of Ireland by Mrs. Wratten's "Wringers" such an enjoyable and successful week.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
SHORNE, Kent.—At 14, Warren View.
On Tues., May 13, 1969, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.
Trevor A. Cross .. .. .. 1–2 | Frank J. Matthews 5–6
Edward J. Beer .. .. .. 3–4 | *Peter S. Muchlinski 7–8
Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Trevor A. Cross.
* First peal of Major "in hand."

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Bettyfold.
On Fri., May 23, 1969, in 1 Hour and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 ENNERDALE BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor size 14 in D.
Joseph Whalley .. .. .. 1–2 | Mary W. Whalley 3–4
Kevin M. Price (cond.) .. 5–6
First peal in the method by all the band.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
HINCKLEY.—At 128, Leicester Road.
On Tues., Feb. 11, 1969, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.
John Vernon .. .. .. 1–2 | Alfred Ballard 5–6
*Geoffrey N. Goodall .. 3–4 | John L. Morris 7–8
Composed by James Nicholl. Conducted by Alfred Ballard.
* First peal in the method "in hand."

LEICESTER.—At The Wayside, 150, Narborough Road South.
On Wed., April 2, 1969, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.
*Rupert A. Clarke .. .. 1–2 | †Alfred Ballard 5–6
Peter J. Staniforth .. .. 3–4 | Richard A. G. Inglis .. 7–8
Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Peter J. Staniforth.
* First peal of Surprise "in hand." † 400th handbell peal.

MONTACUTE, SOM.—On May 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. F. Arscott 1, A. H. Reed 2, Deborah Bishop 3, H. V. Young 4, R. F. Arscott 5, A. S. Bishop (cond.) 6.

NAILSEA, SOM.—On May 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Youde 1, Mrs. R. Short 2, L. Childs 3, L. Derrick (cond.) 4, C. Kortright 5, H. Hardwidge 6. A birthday compliment to Mrs. H. Hardwidge (78), wife of 6th ringer. Also on May 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. G. Barnes 1, Miss H. R. Kirkpatrick 2, M. J. K. Griffiths 3, S. H. J. Edwards 4, V. J. James (first as cond.) 5, L. R. Sutherland 6. Also on May 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. D. Strong 1, L. Derrick (cond.) 2, L. Childs 3, D. Willis 4, J. Everard 5, H. Hardwidge 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. Yeates, cremated this day.

NETTLEHAM, LINCS.—On Whit Sunday, 1,820 Plain Bob Doubles: Ruth Wilson (first quarter) 1, M. Parker 2, W. Booth 3, C. Sharp 4, G. Parker (cond.) 5, L. Lawrence 6. For Evensong.—June 1st, 1,300 Bob Doubles: Miss L. Redden (first quarter) 1, Mrs. M. Parker 2, A. Sinden 3, Mrs. S. Sinden 4, M. H. Sinden (cond.) 5, W. Booth 6. For Trinity Sunday Evensong.

NEWCHURCH, KENT. — On May 20th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): W. J. Beeching 1, Mrs. R. Wratten 2, Annie Rayner 3, Elizabeth Todd (cond.) 4, B. Butcher 5, L. W. Beeching 6. First quarter on rehung bells. A "Thank you" to all who helped us to make rehanging possible.

NORTH TAMERTON, DEVON.—On June 4th, 1,296 Cambridge S. Minor: T. Chapman (cond.) 1, Margaret Chapman 2, Diane Pickett 3, D. Pickett 4, H. Stacey 5, D. J. Forder 6. A wedding anniversary compliment to Tom and Margaret Chapman and Brian and Penny Vince.

NOTTINGHAM.—At St. Mary's Church, on Whit Sunday, 1,350 Grandsire Caters: Hilary K. Derham (first quarter) 1, Alison M. Brown 2, Rosamund M. Rawlings 3, H. J. Baker 4, J. M. Rice 5, R. M. Day 6, S. Humphrey (cond.) 7, P. N. Mackley 8, P. J. Bagshaw 9, W. J. Nichols 10. First quarter on ten for 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, and for Nottingham University. Rung for Evensong.

OLD ALRESFORD, HANTS.—On June 1st, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): Ann Palmer 1, Dorothy M. Huggins 2, L. Tremeer (cond.) 3, A. Hoar 4, J. Huggins 5, S. Goodley (first quarter) 6. To celebrate four wedding anniversaries.

OSPRINGE, KENT.—On May 26th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Triples: A. Leeves 1, Margaret Jenner (50th quarter) 2, Marion Kemp 3, Pamela Court 4, B. Johnson 5, R. A. Birch 6, J. Hemsley (first Triples as cond.) 7, P. Thomas 8.

OXFORD.—At St. Thomas-the-Martyr's Church, on June 1st, 1,272 Kent T.B. Minor: J. R. Pratt (cond.) 1, D. Cooper 2, Jenny Unsworth (first Kent) 3, P. W. West 4, N. R. D. Orchard 5, N. C. V. Pollock 6. By O.U.S. for morning service. Also on June 4th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: G. Scarsbrooke (first Minor) 1, Linda Cozier (first Minor) 2, R. Jones (50th quarter on the bells) 3, P. Lucas 4, T. Smith 5, L. Porter (first Minor as cond.) 6.

OXFORD. — At New College, on June 8th, 1,260 Erin Triples: Judith H. Harvey 1, Sue M. Heyworth 2, Shirley E. Jones 3, S. F. Royal 4, R. H. Johnston 5, P. H. Mackie 6, J. R. Pratt (cond.) 7, R. A. Yeates 8. By O.U.S. for Evensong.

PERRY BARR, BIRMINGHAM. — On June 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Voirrey Kennaugh 1, Susan Chew 2, Janet Aston 3, J. G. Perry 4, R. J. Tibbetts (cond.) 5, D. J. Purnell 6. To welcome the new curate, Rev. Simon Gedge.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On May 25th, 1,344 Double Oxford Major: Miss V. Nash 1, Mrs. J. Hallett 2, S. Halliwell 3, F. May 4, T. Sharpe 5, R. Tomlin 6, A. House 7, M. Hallett (cond.) 8. A birthday compliment to Miss V. Nash.

ROTHWELL, YORKS.—On May 6th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: P. Massam 1, Valerie M. Gill 2, D. Hudson 3, I. North 4, Patricia Lockwood 5, G. Hudson 6, E. G. Cox 7, R. Brown (cond.) 8.

SELWORTHY, SOM.—On May 28th, 1,260 Minor (Double Oxford, St. Clement's): Brenda M. Bindon 1, Deborah Bishop 2, F. C. Arscott (first in method) 3, M. A. Arscott 4, R. F. Arscott 5, A. S. Bishop (cond.) 6.

SIDCUP, KENT.—On May 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. Sims (first quarter) 1, T. Lewis (cond.) 2, Miss P. Fox 3, Miss M. R. Andrews 4, M. Hansford 5, D. Ketley (first quarter) 6.

QUARTER PEALS

SELLY OAK, BIRMINGHAM. — On May 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss N. Barker 1, Mrs. B. Parsons 2, P. Trend (first "inside") 3, Miss M. A. Thow (first in method) 4, A. L. Westwood 5, W. B. Cartwright (cond.) 6, H. T. K. Haslam 7, J. L. Boylin 8. For the opening service of the festival of flowers and music at St. Mary's.

SHERBORNE, DORSET. — On May 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. S. Newman 1, Mrs. D. Bishop 2, Miss M. M. Lewis 3, J. Smith 4, K. Newman 5, W. J. Couperthwaite 6, A. Bishop (cond.) 7, H. V. Young 8. A compliment to the tenor ringer and to enable him to achieve a long-cherished ambition.

SOLIHULL, WARKS.—On June 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mary B. Suthers 1, A. Crabtree (first "inside") 2, G. E. Fearn 3, T. J. Warner 4, P. L. D. Grove 5, D. H. Walters 6, R. J. Cann (cond.) 7, E. J. Cole 8. First of Grandsire for 1 and 5.

SOUTH CADBURY, SOM.—On May 25th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): T. Mead 1, W. A. Osborn 2, K. L. Laver 3, W. J. Tiley (cond.) 4, F. L. Andrews 5 E. Snook (first quarter) 6. For Whitsunday; also a compliment to W. A. Osborn, who still rings regularly in his 81st year.

SOUTH WINGFIELD, DERBYS.—1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Helen Dzuiba (first Minor) 1, Thelma E. Staples 2, B. A. Jones (first Minor "inside") 3, E. J. Sollis (first Minor) 4, D. R. Chambers 5, L. G. Smith (cond., first Minor) 6. Longest length 1, 4, 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Jennifer Chambers.

SOUTHWARK, S.E.—At the Cathedral, on May 18th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: E. J. Adams 1, Gwendoline G. Meyer 2, Rosemary J. Cotton 3, P. N. Felton 4, M. T. Sprackling 5, W. G. Wilson 6, K. J. Rider 7, H. W. Rogers 8, C. M. Meyer (cond.) 9, C. T. Richards 10. For "Sunday Evenings in Southwark".

SOWTON, DEVON.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. R. Panter 1, W. Reekes 2, W. Panter 3, A. Tapley 4, G. Retter (cond.) 5, J. Glanville 6, F. Willmington 7, H. Willmington 8. Rung as a golden wedding compliment to parents of 1, 7 and 8.

SPROUGHTON, SUFFOLK.—On June 7th, 1,260 Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob Minor: M. Whittell 1, K. Whittell 2, A. Walters 3, R. Kersey 4, J. Munnings 5, R. Steward (cond.) 6. A silver wedding compliment to the Rector (Rev. E. A. Wells) and Mrs. Wells.

STANDLAKE, OXON.—On June 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Monica Barrett 1, A. Cantwell 2, G. Elms 3, W. F. Judge 4, M. J. Turner (cond.) 5, A. Hicks 6. Rung half-muffled following the funeral of B. D. Costar, a ringer and chorister at this church for over 60 years.

STEEPLE ASHTON, WILTS.—On May 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Janet Pink 1, Pamela Osborne 2, P. Barrett 3, B. Osborne 4, J. Twinney 5, D. Bailey (cond.) 6. First of P.B. Minor "inside" for 3 and 5.

STONELEIGH, WARKS.—On June 6th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: C. Sweeney 1, Penny Coomber 2, Joan Hutchinson (first "inside") 3, T. M. W. Weedon 4, R. D. Baker (cond.) 5, S. C. Walters 6.

TAMWORTH, STAFFS. — On May 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Sheila Parsons 1, E. Elton 2, G. H. Peers, sen. 3, J. E. Cawser 4, R. G. Howell 5, G. H. Peers, jun. 6, N. W. Attaway (cond.) 7, A. A. Parsons 8. To mark the election of Ald. H. Coggins ac Mayor of Tamworth.

TENTERDEN, KENT.—On April 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: R. Offen 1, Helen Rowland 2, P. Stapies 3, R. A. Birch 4, H. Deacon 5, D. Manger 6, B. Johnson (cond.) 7, J. Hemsley 8. To congratulate the conductor on his recent wedding.

THURLASTON, LEICS.—On May 20th, 1,320 Pl. Bob Doubles: "Fiz" Wilson (first quarter) 1, Joyce Pickering 2, Jane Tooby (cond.) 3, G. Pickering 4, J. Morris 5, M. Chaplin 6. Rung as a farewell to "Fiz" on leaving for Scotland.

TYDD ST. MARY, LINCS.—On May 31st, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: R. M. Ragsdell 1, Mrs. G. Butler 2, G. R. G. Butler 3, P. W. Campling 4, G. H. Campling (first as cond., aged 14) 5, P. G. Butler 6. A birthday compliment to ringer of 4.

WAREHAM, DORSET.—On June 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. C. N. Brown 1, Claire E. N. Brown 2, Frances J. N. Brown 3, Betty A. Christopher 4, M. J. Dew 5, R. G. W. Robertson (cond.) 6. First of Minor by 4 and 5. For Evensong.

WESTERHAM, KENT.—On June 3rd, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: R. Myhill 1, Miss M. Cosgrove 2, J. Wardle 3, J. Igglesden 4, R. Lee 5, R. Waterhouse 6. A wedding compliment to Barbara Davis and Robert Waterhouse, married at this church on May 31st.

WEST MALLING, KENT.—On May 27th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Linda Frankland 1, R. Carter 2, P. Carter 3, M. Pring 4, P. K. King (cond.) 5, T. Wickins 6. Rung for the silver wedding anniversary of the parents of the ringer of 1.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On May 28th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Hilda Oakshett 1, Jane Reynolds 2, F. Reynolds 3, M. F. Oakshett 4, D. P. Smith 5, J. W. Smith (cond.) 6. Also on May 31st, 720 Plain Bob Minor: C. Sims (first extent of Minor) 1, A. S. Richards 2, L. W. G. Skinner (cond.) 3, A. H. Long 4, J. A. Hopkins 5, T. Lewis 6. Both rung as a prelude to performances of Son et Lumière at Coloma College (Wickham Court) to celebrate the quincentenary of the Manor House of West Wickham.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,296 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: H. Deacon 1, J. Hemsley (first in method) 2, P. Richardson 3, M. S. Lancefield 4, R. Carlton 5, P. R. Staples (first in method as cond.) 6. For Evensong.

WINCHESTER, HANTS.—At St. Mary's College Chapel, on May 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. W. Maundrell (first Minor) 1, R. W. T. Slack 2, R. J. M. Bavin 3, Katharine Maundrell 4, H. E. J. Smith 5, A. J. Mason (cond.) 6. 25th quarter together 2 and 6. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

WITNEY, OXON. — On May 31st, 1,250 Spliced Surprise Major (three methods): J. R. Pratt (cond.) 1, Judith H. Harvey 2, R. H. Johnston 3, J. P. Coad 4, N. C. V. Pollock 5, P. G. McIlhone 6, L. J. Haines 7, B. H. Mackie 8. By O.U.S.

WOODBOROUGH, NOTTS.—On June 7th, 1,296 Pl. Bob Minimus: Jennifer R. Lush 1, D. W. Flower 2, Patricia M. Hayward 3, P. L. R. Hayward (cond.) 4. A birthday compliment to Thomas Wagg.

WOODHOUSE EAVES, LEICS.—On May 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. L. Alderton 1, Maureen Clulow (first "inside") 2, B. S. Payne 3, R. N. Scholes 4, R. I. Kendrick 5, C. J Mobbs (first as cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to Mrs. W. M. Smalley, Hugh Thomas and Maurice Kirk, all on Sunday.

WORLE, SOM. — On June 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Susan Stott 1, S. Lewis 2, J. Lambard 3, C. Field 4, H. Hooper (cond.) 5, W. Kingsbury 6. A compliment to the Vicar (Rev. W. C. Foster) upon his retirement. Also on June 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Lambard 1, Marjorie Legg 2, H. Hooper 3, J. Coombs 4, G. Prescott (cond.) 5, S. Lewis 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Rev. E. Vallance Cook, a former vicar.

YATTON, SOM.—On May 30th, 1,250 Yorkshire Surprise Major: G. Hebden 1, P. J. England (cond.) 2, Diana Bridle 3, G. Prescott 4, W. S. Rice 5, S. Brown 6, S. G. Smith (first Surprise Major) 7, R. W. Rice (has now "circled the tower") 8.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

A good attendance was attracted to the Marlborough Branch meeting at the Collingbournes on May 24th. Ringing commenced on the medium weighted six at Collingbourne Ducis, and after some delay, when the rope of the 4th parted near the wheel, some good ringing was accomplished.

The Guild service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. G. F. Kidd) with Mr. A. Keen as organist. Local ringers provided an excellent tea prepared by Mrs. Sandra Fisher, and appreciation was shown by a collection on behalf of Church Funds.

Previous to the meeting, with Mr. George Newman in the chair, a quarter peal of Doubles was rung at Ramsbury in honour of Miss Ann Toomer's birthday. She is a member of the Chisledon tower and took part in the quarter. A comprehensive vote of thanks was moved from the chair and ringing resumed at Collingbourne Kingston. Methods rung ranged from Grandsire to London Surprise, and those who had not previously rung there were very appreciative of the tonal qualities of the bells. —W. A. E.

SPLICED PLAIN MINOR

By the Professor

(Continued from page 334)

No. 6 (5 methods—all irregular)

23456	Jervaulx	
34625	"	
46532	"	
S 65423	Selkirk	
43256	"	
— 26345	Dorney	
— 63245	"	
32564	"	"A"
25436	"	
54623	"	
— 46523	Wenlock	
53264	Selkirk	
24635	"	
65342		

Repeat "A" twice with a "Single" at the end brings up:—

65243	Jervaulx
— 52643	Ilstone
26354	Jervaulx
63425	"
34562	"
— 45362	"
— 53462	"
34256	

Repeat twice omitting "A".

No. 7 (4 methods)

23456	Thelwall
42635	Ewenny
64352	"
S 35624	Ragstone
63245	"
26453	"
— 54236	"
— 32564	"
53642	"
65423	"
46235	"
24356	"
— 53264	"
S 26543	Thelwall
52364	Xanten
24536	Thelwall
52643	Ewenny
65432	"
46325	Thelwall
34562	Xanten
42356	

Twice repeated.

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The Priory Church of Holy Trinity, Christchurch, Hants

retains the dignity of its Norman builders and attracts thousands of visitors each year. Augmented to 12 in 1932, by the Barron Bell Trust, the bells, with a tenor of 27 cwt., are held in veneration by ringers. It owes its position as a change-ringing tower largely to the late George Preston, who for 70 years gave faithful service as a ringer here.

OUR COVER PICTURE

Priory Church of Holy Trinity, Christchurch

By C. H. STICKLAND, Head Verger

CHRISTCHURCH Priory Church stands at the head of the harbour, where the Rivers Avon and Stour meet. It contains work of every period from Norman and Tudor.

The church stands on the site of a Saxon monastery, probably founded about A.D. 650 by St. Birinus, "The Apostle of Wessex", who landed on the Hants coast in A.D. 634. Little is known of this tiny church, the only record of it being in the Domesday Book where it is called the Monastery of the Holy Trinity at Tionham (or Twynham, a/s "Betweox Thaem Eam"), meaning "between the waters", and it is referred to as a Minster with nine surrounding cells or chapels.

The present church was commenced by Ralph Flambard, later Bishop of Durham, who had the religious zeal of the Normans and an urge to build churches "more worthy of the Saints" — both Durham Cathedral and Christchurch Priory are known as Flambard's Churches.

By tradition the new church was to have been built on St. Catherine's Hill, a mile up the valley, but every night the materials were, by mysterious means, transported back down the hill to the old sacred site. This the builders took to be Divine guidance. Work proceeded and soon an extra workman joined them, labouring daily without meals or pay. One evening a roof timber was found to be a foot short; it was left overnight and in the morning it was found to be long enough and in its place, the extra workman not being seen again.

Having recovered from their astonishment, the labourers said that the extra worker must have been "The Carpenter of Nazareth", hence the name "Christ's Church, Twynham". The old name was eventually dropped; the legend had changed the name of the town.

Henry I next granted the patronage of the Priory to Richard de Redvers, Earl of Devon, and by the middle of the 12th century it was a cruciform structure with nave, transepts and quire.

In 1150, under the influence of Henry de Blois, Bishop of Winchester, it became a house of Canons Regular of the Order of St. Augustine of Hippo. He began to erect the conventual buildings — a complete monastery with everything needed for a self-supporting community leading a secluded life.

The Augustinian or Black Canons were small in numbers in their priories but they had many houses in this country, second only to the Benedictines. Their dress was "a white coat and a linen surplis under a Black Cloak, with a hood covering their head and neck which reacheth unto the shoulders . . . doublet, breeches, white stockings and shoes . . . and when they walk out, a black cornered cap . . . their crowns being shaven".

The glory of the church is the reredos, c. 1320, depicting Isaiah's prophecy "There shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse . . .". In mediæval days the now empty niches held figures. By tradition these were hidden by the last Prior in order to preserve them, together with much plate and other valuables, which has given rise to the story of the lost treasure of the Priory—always regarded as rich. The tower was the last part of the church to be built; from the top can be obtained lovely views over Hengistbury Head, the Isle of Wight, away to the low hills of the New Forest area and over Bournemouth.

BELLS "A MIXED LOT"

The tower contains a ring of 12 bells and they are known among campanologists as a "mixed lot". They date from the end of the 14th century to the present day and are capable of producting excellent bell music. Two bells were cast in 1370 and are two of the oldest in England still in use.

At the time of the dissolution of the monasteries in 1539 there were seven bells. Henry VIII issued letters patent in 1540 giving the church to the people of Christchurch Twynham, provided that it should be used as a parish church. This document refers to " . . . 7 bells in the belfry aforesaid now hanging". The fate of the other five is a mystery.

There is evidence of a central tower over the crossing; this collapsed after the erection of a spire on it. There is a room over the porch which also bears evidence of once being a belfry and this may have been the home of the bells between the fall of the central tower and the building of the present one.

The first reference to eight bells is in a vestry minute book of 1640 which says that "the 4th and 8th bells shall be rung all the year long". There is also an item referring to "casting of bells".

By 1776 the ring of eight bells consisted of No. 4 (1663, cast by William Purdue), five others by Rudhall Bros., of Gloucester, and the two 14th century bells mentioned before, which were cast by Thomas Rufford, believed to have had a foundry at Toddington, Beds, and who was known as the Royal Bellfounder, with permission to use a model of the head of Edward III on his casting. The head can be clearly seen in the crown band of each bell.

When the floor of the ringing chamber was replaced in 1965 rope holes were discovered in the lowest of the four floors removed, indicating that the bells had been rung from a lower level than the present ringing room.

FIRST PEAL

In 1885 much work was carried out by John Taylor, of Loughborough, including recasting No. 3 and rehanging the whole octave, and shortly afterwards the first peal of 5,000 changes was rung.

In 1904 two treble bells were added, through the generosity of Francis Chicheley Stevens, who also fitted the Westminster chimes and hour striking apparatus to the clock.

In 1931 it was found necessary to replace the 1663 No. 6 bell; this is still preserved in the bell chamber, badly cracked and showing signs of many attempts to weld it.

Then in 1932, through the generosity of the Emma Barron Bell Trust, the bells and frame were completely overhauled and the ring augmented to 12 bells, making Christchurch Priory one of the few parish churches to possess a full ring of 12 bells.

The rapidly-growing town of Christchurch lies to the north of the church, and it is rather wonderful to think that two of the bells which called the people of the village to church 600 years ago still ring out their message in 1969.

The inscriptions of the 14th century bells reveal the ancient belief that the bells had power to repel pestilence and the "Evil One". Here are translations furnished by the Rev. Dr. Towers, at present hon. assistant priest at the Priory:

No. 9. — May it be a good omen to us since your name is 'All Saints'; May the power of the bell make us live in good health."

No. 10. — "Even now, O Augustine, be present before the 'Great Preacher' [the bell] resounds, so that the Lamb may banish loathsome and most evil pests."

Some of the Ringers (by A. V. D.)

The first peal on the bells was rung in April, 1888, being Holt's Original Grandsire Triples, called by George Williams; but it is another George—George Preston—who is so closely connected with Christchurch Priory ringing. It can be said, with truth, that he introduced change-ringing into this corner of Hampshire, travelling many laborious miles to the district towers to give instruction, week in, week out, for many of the 70 years he was a ringer at the Priory. He taught his pupils Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob, and later had the satisfaction of knowing that change-ringing was taking place regularly at the neighbouring towers, with many of his former pupils in charge. There was E. C. Elliot (Lymington), W. E. Cheater (Ringwood), W. Tucker (Brockenhurst), E. Waters (Bournemouth) and J. G. Bennett, also of Bournemouth. The last-named, "Jimmy Bennett of the deep bass voice", sang in St. Peter's, Bournemouth, choir for over 50 years. It was said that he could reach a bottom B, but some of his colleagues alleged he used to scrape the floorboards of the choir stall with his boot to "give it more resonance". Anyway, one can recall today how his big voice rumbled round the ringing room on practice nights.

Another character in George Preston's band in the early 1900s was tenor man Percy Osman—a man of great size, weighing nearly 18 stones, who used to declare that when George "hollered it frightened him". Percy was succeeded by Harry Gillard, who was scarcely above half his weight. Today the band misses Harry's immaculate beat when covering, which they enjoyed until a few years ago.

The present Priory captain, Gerald Scragg, and his immediate predecessor, Len Stone, were also George Preston's pupils. George may have had his critics—a leader of his calibre is almost bound to have them —but it should be remembered that in the early stages of his teaching George would be "ringing the lot". He was a happy man when the augmentation to 12 bells took place in 1932 and had the satisfaction of calling the first peals of Cinques and Plain Bob Maximus on them with his own Sunday service band.

The good work continues; the bells continue to be rung Sunday by Sunday by a loyal band, the youngest of which is a young lady just entering her teens.

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Essex Association Halt Membership Decline

The Essex Association, which passed through an uneasy period in 1968, is now on the road to recovery with an increase in membership, a stronger financial position and the division of the South-Western District by the formation of an additional District.

The 90th annual meeting of the Association was held on Whit Monday at Chelmsford. A service in the Cathedral preceded the meeting which was held in the Chapter House.

The same team of officers was elected, viz.: Master, F. B. Lufkin, deputy Master, Miss H. G. Snowden; hon. general secretary, P. W. Saltmarsh; hon. general treasurer, P. J. Eves; auditors, Miss V. Cross, G. H. Isgar; trustees, J. Clarke, P. J. Crane, D. A. S. Symonds.

The Master (Mr. F. B. Lufkin) in his report stated that one of the most important things that happened in 1968 was the decision to split the South-Western District into two Districts — a South-Western District and a Southern District. Those responsible did a fine job in having the matter well ventilated. They wished every success and happiness to the new officers.

"With the passing of the old South-Western District I recall men of that District that I knew but who have now passed on, men who made a very rich contribution to the work of the Association—Bill Judd, George Joyce, Alf Prior and Ernie Butler. Those still with us are John Crampion, Charles Willmington, Bob Heazel and Frank Gant. The new officers have a good precedent to follow."

In a tribute to the Southend and District Guild, which has been operating since 1950, the Master wrote: "They had over the years done a good job, but when hearing that the two new Districts were being formed they quite freely decided to end their activities and to put all their weight and experience behind the new Southern District. I consider this action is very commendable."

"ALL NOT WELL"

"Another important thing which has happened in 1968 is an awareness by the committee that all is not well, and that more effort is required by all to maintain the objects of the Association. It is a fact that there has been a decrease of membership from the maximum of 1,006 in 1961 down to 837 in 1957. The number of towers affiliated happily remains high at 119. I am anxious about the number of remote towers where the enthusiast passes on and is not replaced by a person of the same calibre. I feel that we require more people who are committed to the cause of the Church and to the maintenance of our art, which we prize so much and which gives us so much happiness."

MEMBERSHIP RISE

The secretary (Mr. P. W. Saltmarsh) in the membership report for 1968 gave a more encouraging figure. The table of paid-up members for 1968 showed: Ringing 924 (837 previous year), honorary 138 (147).

The treasurer (Mr. Peter J. Eves) reported that the effect of the increased subscription rates and peal fees became apparent, and an increase in income of approximately £56 from subscriptions and £21 from peal fees had resulted in the balance of the General Account rising to £57 0s. 6d.

The Bell Restoration Fund was again well supported. Grants totalled £50 and the final balance was increased to £376 7s. 7d. The total assets of the Association now stood at £433 8s. 1d.

PEAL REPORT

Mr. Peter G. Brown, the peal secretary, reports: A number of interesting observations can be made about the 111 peals rung during 1968. Although a total of 235 ringers took part only 32 members rang more than five peals, a fact which indicates that the bulk of the Association's peals are rung by only a small proportion of the membership. Twenty-three members rang their first peal, and although slightly down on last year the number is still very encouraging.

A sure indication of the progress being made on the higher number of bells is that 16 peals have been rung on 10 and 12 bells—a number which has probably never been achieved before.

Mr. F. B. Lufkin is congratulated on steering seven ringers through their first peal of Maximus in a peal of Plain Bob at Saffron Walden. Also congratulated are Jonathan S. N. Porter, on conducting R. G. Crosland's unusual peal of 4-Spliced Surprise at Great Dunmow, in which calls are made at every position, and Joe E. G. Roast, who conducted two of A. J. Pitman's "all the work" compositions.

A long length of 6,000 Plain Bob Major was rung at Ardleigh, and for the second consecutive year the ladies of Mid-Essex rang another peal—Minor in three methods.

A total of 286 quarter peals has been recorded, rung mainly by regular Sunday service bands. Langdon Hills rang 29, with Rayleigh following closely behind with 26.

Leading peal conductors were F. B. Lufkin 22, G. E. Thoday 16, J. E. G. Roast 12; leading peal ringers for the Association: J. L. Towler 51, Miss J. A. Quilter 37, Miss Y. A. Murray 34, P. G. Brown 33, K. W. Brown 32, G. E. Thoday 29, F. B. Lufkin 25.

The following are congratulated on personal achievements during the year: F. B. Lufkin, 750th peal; G. E. Thoday, 550th peal and 100th for the Association; J. L. Towler, 300th peal and 200th for the Association; Susan Rothera, 250th peal; P. G. Brown, 150th peal; P. G. Pitt and J. S. N. Porter, 100th peal; J. E. G. Roast, 300th peal as conductor.

Making things hum in the Leicester Guild

In her presidential message in the annual report of the Leicester Diocesan Guild Mrs. Jill Staniforth has something very topical to say:—

"As we sound our bells out over the city, towns and villages, we are left with the 'hum' in our ears. I would commend to you three more 'Hums'—

HUManity
HUMility
HUMour.

"If we bear these three thoughts in our minds, and attempt to carry them out in our lives, I am sure we cannot fail to make an improvement in our work for the Church and the Guild, however large or small our contribution may be."

MEMBERSHIP

The general report gave the membership at December 31st, 1968, as 608 (last year 590). During the year there had been 99 new or rejoined members and 46 non-resident life members elected. It was very pleasing to note that 18 new members were elected from Quorn and ten from Syston.

Under the new Bell Repair Fund rule £125 was available for grants: £80 to Stoney Stanton, £30 to Newtown Linford and £15 to Aylestone.

Mr. John Bramley had been appointed caretaker-librarian and the St. Margaret's, Leicester, ringers raised funds to have a bookcase made in which the "Bell News" and the "Ringing Worlds" were to be kept. About 40 volumes had now been bound.

The annual dinner held at the Stanford Hall, Leicester University, was one of the best, and with slight alterations should make 1969's exceptionally good. During the year Messrs. C. Lowe (Queniborough), H. L. Wykes (Thornby) and J. H. Cook (Asfordby) were transferred to the list of hon. life members in recognition of their services to the art of ringing in the diocese.

SOUND FINANCIAL POSITION

The balance sheet at December 31st, 1968, showed a balance on the General Fund of £246 15s. 11d., the surplus for the year being £103 7s. 2d. The Bell Repair Fund had a surplus of £622 16s. 8d., an increase of £9 12s. 9d. In the Life Ringing Membership Fund there was a balance of £58 7s. 9d. and in the "Bell News" Binding Account a balance of £8 0s. 6d.

Peals rung during 1968 totalled 186 (tower 155, handbells 31). Individual performances were: First peals, 17; different conductors, resident 22, non-resident 14; residents who rang peals, 141; non-residents ditto, 114.

Personal milestones were: 25th peal—John Hunt; 50th peal—Monica M. Jelley, Christopher M. Sturgess, Robin A. Gilliver; 75th peal — K. Paul Gilliver, John Watkins; 100th peal — Martin Green, K. Paul Gilliver; 125th peal—Martin Green; 375th peal—R. Kingsley Mason; 400th peal —Herrick B. Bowley; 500th peal—B. Stedman Payne; 700th peal—John M. Jelley; 100th peal for the Guild—Maurice R. A. Kirk; 200th peal for the Guild — Roland Beniston; 300th peal for the Guild — G. Ronald Edwards; 700th peal for the Guild —Peter J. Staniforth, Alfred Ballard; 100th peal of Surprise on handbells—Alfred Ballard; 100th peal of Surprise — B. Stedman Payne.

Leading peal ringers of 1968: R. Kingsley Mason 43 (cond. 30), Martin Green 41, K. Paul Gilliver 41, Robin A. Gilliver 38, Donald F. Moore 38, Alfred Ballard 37, John M. Jelley 35 (13), W. Ernest Rawson 31, Roland H. Cook 28, P. J. Staniforth 28 (16).

The peal secretary (Mr. R. H. Cook) in his report mentions that the total was boosted by the peal tour of Leicestershire by Mr. Tom Lock and his band, who together rang 16 peals for the Guild. During this tour Mr. George Fearn rang his 2,250th peal and the 4,000th peal was rung for the Guild — Rutland S. Major at Loughborough Bell Foundry.

Of the methods rung to peals Yorkshire Surprise Major was the most popular, with 12 peals on tower bells and two on handbells. London Surprise Major was next with nine, all on tower bells. Cambridge Surprise Major was way down on the list with only one peal on tower bells and three on handbells.

This report covers two years, 1967 and 1968. It has a very valuable list of compositions, occupying 15 pages.

POINTS ABOUT INSTRUCTING — By MICHAEL V. WHITE

I HAVE read "A Tutor's Handbook—Part I—Bell Control to Plain Hunting" and I feel I must write to commend it to all towers as an excellent publication. I have long been interested in teaching learners—and have the following observations to make on some of the ideas in the handbook, for I do not altogether agree with every single point. But then, the authors state there are other ways of teaching, and so readers may like to know of some other possible hints.

I strongly commend the introduction of the handbook, and how true to say that there should be a regular intake of learners who should be trained for Sunday Service ringing. I am sure that the best learners are boys and girls in their early teens, most of my learners over the past seven years being in this age group. They are then "caught" before homework and examinations occupy them, and although there will be a break for these later on, they will most likely return to ringing if the "bug has bitten them" in time. Tower captains must realise that school homework and examinations are far more important than ringing practices and they should be sympathetic in this respect.

From my experience, it is little use only having one young learner because companionship and competition are important. I know of several cases where there has been only one teenager in a band and he or she has left in due course. It is a pity the authors were not more realistic when they say that ideally the first practices should be for 20 to 30 minutes every day for the first 6 days, or even three times in the first week. How many tutors and/or pupils can afford this sort of time and frequency?

I have always adopted slightly different approaches to teaching boys and girls to handle a bell. I am sure it is a good thing for a boy to get a bell up once **and once only**—before he is taught the hand and backstrokes separately. I always look after the sally in this operation and therefore the handstroke, and set the bell at handstroke as soon as the bell is up. This does enable the boy to feel the weight and swing of the bell. Before he commences to do this I make sure that the rope is the correct length (an essential point in all teaching). I do **not** use this approach with girls, for not having such strong arm muscles they tend to use their stomach muscles which should never be allowed for obvious reasons.

I would most certainly agree that it is essential for the pupil to see a belfry, have the mechanism of the bells explained, and to see a bell raised and set at both handstroke and backstroke. Likewise, it is essential to have a correct demonstration in the ringing chamber of the different strokes, the correct stance, etc., etc. I was a little amused about the full-length mirror. Many people do not possess one of these in their homes, and how long would it stay in one piece? I have never seen such a mirror in any ringing chamber. (Of course, it is not a bad idea, but in some ways a little impracticable from space, cost, maintenance, etc.)

I do not agree with the five stages outlined in the handbook. I always teach my learners as follows: (1) Backstroke alone—holding the tail end. (2) Pulling off at handstroke. (3) Catching the sally and therefore the complete handstroke with a dummy tail end in the left hand. (4) Combination of the hand and backstrokes—i.e., everything.

I have found that a very common fault after 4 is that after the backstroke pull the tail is not tight between the index finger and thumb of the left hand, and therefore all the left hand fingers are not round the sally at handstroke. One way to overcome this is to instruct the pupil to push the rope into the correct holding position in the left hand with the right hand as the hands come down from backstroke—i.e., push both hands towards the vertical rope as the hands are pulling the rope downwards. This will then place the tail end in its correct holding position in the left hand, thus leaving all the left hand fingers free to catch the sally correctly at handstroke.

I always teach my pupils to raise a bell and then to lower it before they attempt open-bell ringing. I find this useful, for they then know what to do if the bell starts to come down when they are ringing it and attempting to hold it on the balance at each stroke.

Also, before open ringing is commenced, I always make sure the pupil can competently follow me both at a steady rate and with some quick and slow ringing as if I am hunting up and down to a plain method. I then insist they practise tied-bell dodging—both up and down dodges. All this adds confidence and better bell control. Then, when open ringing is commenced the pupil finds it relatively easy. This is followed by open-ringing rounds, leading, call changes, dodging, plain hunting on 3, 4 and then 5 bells. All this latter work would probably take more than six months—depending on the number of learners, the proficiency of the rest of the band, etc.

To conclude, I must say once again that I thoroughly enjoyed reading the handbook and do commend it to every Tower Captain as a MUST. I look forward to the publication of Part II.

The Birmingham University Tour

THE area chosen for this year's tour was Norfolk, and so on the Tuesday following Easter we could be found converging on Norwich, which was to be our headquarters until the end of the week. Having experienced such a wonderful Easter weekend, we were hoping that the weather would continue to treat us favourably, but unfortunately it was to fall short of our expectations before the end of the week.

Wednesday's ringing started at Hethersett, where we successfully rang Cambridge before going on to Wymondham, where we rang Bob Royal and Grandsire Caters and were allowed to look at the bells. The last tower before lunch was Yaxham. In view of the continued good weather lunch took the form of a picnic. Ringing continued on the fine eight at Dereham, the best ringing here being Stedman, before moving on to Honingham. On returning to Norwich we rang at St. Peter Mancroft, but the last-minute reduction in numbers of our party did not improve our chances of doing justice to these fine bells, and we thank the local ringers who rang with us and strengthened our band.

Thursday morning saw the start of the deterioration in the weather as we set off for Long Stretton. Pulham Market was the next call, where we managed to ring Superlative. Unfortunately the striking could not be described similarly! At Pulham St. Mary we found seven ropes and an eight-bell tower! Investigation revealed one rope and two stays missing, and as time was rapidly overtaking us by now we rang some Cambridge on the remaining six—fortunately a reasonably musical six. Then on to Redenhall, where we found the heavier bells extremely finely set, and we apologise to the inhabitants for several unintentional solos! On the delightful little six at Scole we achieved some of our best six-bell ringing of the tour. The day's programme was concluded at Diss, where the ringing suffered from the sudden change in weight, and finally at Dickleburgh.

Friday morning started with a wet walk to St. Michael's, Norwich, where we rang Cambridge before going on to Horsham St. Faith and Marsham. Whilst most methods were successful at Marsham, Pudsey was most elusive. At Aylsham we rang our only course of Erin Caters of the tour. The afternoon's programme ended with three six-bell towers, which allowed us to practise our Surprise Minor and Doubles methods. The day's ringing was concluded at Coltishall, except for some of us who made the journey to the Surprise Major practice at Dereham.

Saturday found us rather depleted in numbers, but we managed to ring London at Norton Subcourse before venturing into Suffolk. At Beccles the wind was so strong that we were almost blown up to the ringing chamber. The last tower before lunch was Pakefield, where we got our only glimpse of the sea. The afternoon's programme consisted of Somerleyton, Gorleston and Great Yarmouth, and we were sorry that we were not strong enough in numbers to hear the lovely bells at Great Yarmouth at their best.

For those who so desired, service ringing was at St. Peter Mancroft and St. Giles on Sunday morning, and this brought our tour to an end. Our thanks go to all ringers who helped us with our arrangements and made us so welcome, but most of all to our secretary, Stephen Gullick, for his excellent arrangements.—J. R. W.

ULSTER RINGER HONOURED

Mr. John M. Benn, M.A., of St. Mark's, Belfast, was awarded the C.B.E. in H.M. Birthday Honours List. Irish ringers are proud of the fact that one of their number should be included in the Honours List. Mr. Benn is the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Education, Northern Ireland, and was mainly responsible for seeing that a ring of ten bells was installed in St. Mark's, Belfast, in 1954. Mr. Benn finds time in his busy life to "take a rope" in St. Mark's.

COUNSEL AND THE COLLEGE YOUTHS

By W. T. COOK, librarian to the College Youths

BY one of those odd coincidences which happily occur from time to time, I lighted by chance the other week on a newspaper cutting which sets the "Counsel and College Youth" controversy beyond all reasonable doubt (to use a legalistic phrase).

It appears that it is quite correct that, as Mr. Barnett said in his letter on page 222, the College Youth in question was George Stockham. I must apologise, however, to those who have been searching in vain through the reports of Stainbank v. Beckett (1881) for the original of the anecdote. I freely confess to "artistic licence"; when I wrote my article on Ringing for Lord Mayor's Day, I quoted the anecdote from a several-years-old memory of a talk told to me by an old College Youth, and decided that Stainbank v. Beckett was as good a case to foster it on as any other!

The newspaper cutting to which I have referred is preserved in an extremely interesting MS notebook compiled by the late James Robert Haworth, which has on its title-page the words, "Change Ringing on Church Bells in Various Methods. By James Robert Haworth, London, 1850." (I hope to write a fuller account of this book in the near future.)

The cutting is from a newspaper (possibly "The Times") of February 4th, 1862, and gives an account of the action heard in the Court of Exchequer (After Term Nisi Prius Sittings, at Westminster, before Mr. Baron Martin and Common Juries), between George Stockham and John Friend.

Both these gentlemen were members of the College Youths. George Stockham, who was a handbell founder and occupied premises in Old Boswell Court, joined the Society in 1838. His first peal with the Society was one of Grandsire Caters, at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, on February 26th, 1838, and during the next ten years he took part in nearly every peal rung by the Society, many of which he conducted. After that his peal-ringing with the Society was less frequent. His last College Youths' peal was the famous 8,580 Stedman Cinques at Cornhill in 1861, in which he rang the sixth. James Dwight wrote of him that he was

". . . A man of wide renown
For the many peals he'd rung
Both in country and in town.
He was always willing to call peals
For any young rising band,
And for many years was steeple-keeper
At St. Clement's in the Strand."

Besides his connection with St. Clement's, he was also a member of the Westminster Abbey band.

John Friend, of Hythe, Kent, joined the College Youths in 1844. In the following year the College Youths rang a peal of Kent Major at Hythe, which Friend conducted from the tenor. He only rang two other peals with the Society, in one of which George Stockham took part; but he rang in many peals in and around Hythe with local ringers, including one of 13,440 Bob Major. At the time of the action he was High Constable of Hythe.

The newspaper report tells us that the case of Stockham v. Friend was "an action to recover the value of two church bells" to which Mr. Friend entered a plea of "never indebted."

The report goes on to tell that at Hythe there was a ring of eight bells, "one of them being a recusant, ill-conditioned tenor." John Friend was anxious to have it recast, and the ring augmented to ten. He tried to raise money for this work to be carried out, but only collected enough subscriptions to pay for the two new trebles. He negotiated for these through George Stockham and, after some correspondence, Stockham agreed to supply the bells for £95. In his last letter, Friend said that he looked forward with pleasure to the opening of the ten "with the plaintiff and the other collegians."

Stockham made arrangements with Messrs. Mears for the new bells, and Mears sent Mr. Oliver down to Hythe with several tuning-forks, to take the note of the existing treble. The new trebles were cast to harmonise with this note (surely a somewhat haphazard way of proceeding!), and were hung, and Saturday, July 6th (presumably 1861), was appointed for the opening day.

The entertainments on the opening day included "a dinner at the Town Hall, presided over by the minister, and supported by the churchwardens. A programme of the proceedings was drawn up and published, in which it was stated that a select band from the Old College Youths would attend, and give 'a touch of Grandsire Royals, a touch of Stedman Caters, and a touch of Kent Triple Bob Royals'—(laughter)—with a final touch by the select band of College Youths. (Laughter.)"

Before the dinner "there was ringing from twelve o'clock till six, and it appeared that the presence at Hythe of the College Youths gave great offence to the old bell-ringers of the place, who had been bell-tollers from their youth upwards." Unfortunately, however, opinions were very divided about the new bells. At the dinner the clergyman, the churchwarden and Mr. Friend "eulogised the bells, and the churchwarden offered to head a subscription with 10s. to recast the recusant tenor." The clergyman, however, seems to have changed his mind quite suddenly, for later on in the report we read that Mr. Hawkins (counsel for the defence) "said he should be glad to have the matter settled, for the sake of the people of Hythe. Half the inhabitants had been driven mad by the discord of these bells—(laughter)—and there was such a commotion in consequence on the opening day that the clergyman could not go on with his dinner. (Renewed laughter.)

"Mr. Baron Martin: What! Did it turn the stomach of the clergy?

"Mr. Hawkins: It did. There is no mistake about it. He gave orders—'Silence those dreadful bells.'—(Laughter.)"

When Stockham was being cross-examined, however, he said, "The clergyman left the table suddenly, but it was not because he was disgusted with the Kent Triple Bob Royals that were being played upon the bells. (Laughter.) It was being played at the time upon some musical handbells."

It was earlier on, when George Stockham was being examined by his own counsel as to the main facts of the case, that the famous exchange took place.

"The plaintiff . . . said that the 'Old College Youths' Society' was established 200 years ago.

"Mr. Baron Martin: Do you remember it?—Plaintiff: Yes, my lord, perfectly well. (Loud laughter.)"

Stockham maintained that the ringers of Hythe said this was an excellent splice, but on being cross-examined by Mr. Hawkins he said that "he heard late at night on July 6th that some persons were so disgusted with the bells that they could not attend the dinner. (Laughter.)"

Incidentally, just before that, Mr. Hawkins had asked Stockham, "Are you one of the men who ring every night 'Away with melancholy,' at St. Clement's Danes? (Laughter.)"

The object of George Stockham in bringing this action was, of course, to obtain payment for the bells, as Friend had refused to pay for them owing to all the complaints, "though they were in constant use up to within a few months." But although the case provided such rich entertainment for the legal gentry, it settled nothing, for eventually, "Mr. Baron Martin said that he thought this case ought to be arranged between the parties. He should think it was very easy to make the bells harmonise. . .

"Mr. Hawkins: I am told they never will harmonise.

"Plaintiff: Yes, they will, but the defendant won't have it done.

"Ultimately his lordship's suggestion was adopted, and the case was referred to Mr. Maunsell, a gentleman of the bar conversant with bells and bell-ringing."

The "Mr. Maunsell" referred to was also a College Youth. His name appears in the list of members as "William T. Maunsell Esqre, Barrister at Law—Thorpe Manor, Kettering, and Recorder of Stamford, Lincolnshire." I have not found his name in any of the Society's peals. It would be interesting if some reader could tell us what eventually happened to the bells at Hythe: I see that there are only eight bells there now. Was the "recusant tenor" recast?

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

The Taylor Shield

On June 7th the Sixth Annual Striking Competition of the Southern Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild was held at St. Andrew's Church, Sempringham. The judges were Mr. and Mrs. Brian Mills of Shelford, and their marking for the five teams taking part was as follows: 1 St. Wulfram's, Grantham, "A" team, 49½ faults; 2 All Saints', Stamford, 52; 3 St. Wulfram's, Grantham, "B" team, 54; 4 St. Andrew's, Billingborough, 89½; 5 St. Denys', Silk Willoughby, 102.

The teams in first and second place will represent the Branch in the Guild competition to be held at Branston on September 6th.

Members of the winning team were: H. L. Squires 1, Mrs. H. E. Ketteringham 2, P. A. Hill 3, V. P. Evans 4, B. Buttery 5, P. A. Slight (cond.) 6.

WICKWAR, GLOS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Clark 1, Valerie Parfitt 2, B. Angell 3, J. Ferris 4, H. T. Ferris (cond.) 5, N. Smart 6. First quarter 1, 2. Rung to mark the completion of the restoration of the church.

Letters to the Editor

CHESTER GUILD'S HANDBELL POLICY

Dear Sir,—I do wish that Mr. Woolley and others would read letters more carefully before taking up pen and paper to reply to them. He seems to be surprised that John Mayne's letter upset people: Mr. Woolley appears to have become more upset at the replies which, in my opinion, were less offensive than the original! I was **not surprised** that John Mayne's letter provoked a reply from Leslie Coventry, as a number of people, including a number of non-handbell ringers, had suggested to me that it was particularly directed at two of our Chester Guild handbell bands. They thought that the letter was completely unnecessary and very offensive.

Several people who spoke to me about the matter before I decided to write to "The Ringing World" said that the implication of the letter was that John Mayne was saying: "We are good: we don't need to ring peals of Royal and Maximus with coursing pairs." To each of these people I said that I did not think that that had been the intention of the letter, but it had unfortunately been worded rather badly.

In my letter I tried to make the following points:—

(a) That John Mayne did not intend to upset handbell bands in the way he had obviously done.

(b) That compositions of Plain Bob and Treble Bob (Maximus in particular) are more musical with coursing pairs **when ringing handbells**. The effect of coursing pairs on tower bells is not so noticeable because of the differences in speed and acoustics. In addition, when one reaches the stage of ringing Surprise Maximus on handbells the coursing order is broken up by the place making and therefore there is no point in calling compositions with coursing pairs.

While it is very nice to ring peals in difficult methods, we in Cheshire are more interested at present in giving as many people as are interested an opportunity to ring handbell peals. Less than 12 years ago most of us had not rung a handbell peal and we were struggling with Plain Bob Minor: we could not raise a band for a peal of Plain Bob Major from the whole of the Guild. Our first aim is to hand on to the next generation of ringers in the Guild a better state of affairs than this. It is true that the compositions which we have generally used were designed for their simplicity, but we are all agreed that they are better to listen to as well. What we have found by experience (and we have considerably more than anybody else at this point in time) to be the best way of teaching a band to ring Maximus on handbells we would like to commend to those who are in a less fortunate position than ourselves; hence the notes "Suitable for handbells".

Finally, I believe that John Mayne was trying to suggest that by commending these simple compositions to people as being "suitable for handbells" we were lowering the standard of handbell ringing. We have found the exact opposite of this state of affairs to be true, mainly due to the fact that we have many more people interested. Some 30 people have rung peals of Maximus on handbells for the Chester Guild during the past five years, 25 ringing their first on 12 handbells. We now choose a method and composition to suit the varying abilities of different ringers taking part each week. We admire the performances of John Mayne's band and would like to emulate them when we have set our house in order.—Yours sincerely,

ROBERT B. SMITH.

Marple, Cheshire.

ST. CHAD'S, SHREWSBURY

Dear Sir,—As a former ringer at St. Chad's I was interested in the article by Mr. Willcox in your issue of May 30th, but feel he is probably unaware of the opposition to peal ringing there in the 1920s, which had a bearing on the number of peals rung during that period. He mentions a peal of Stedman Cinques, with James George ringing the tenor. This was not the first attempt by this "tenor king" of former years to ring St. Chad's tenor. One attempt was foiled when objectors to the ringing smashed the tower door and invaded the ringing room.

However, a number of peals were rung by mixed bands and between 1922 and 1924 the local Sunday service band rang peals of Stedman Triples, Double Norwich and Grandsire Caters. The following, which I think is of interest, appeared in "The Ringing World" relating to the peal of Caters which was rung on December 6th, 1924.

"The peal rung at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, to celebrate Queen Alexandra's 80th birthday was the first local peal of Caters at this church for 116 years, the previous peal having been a 10,097 rung in 6 hours 50 minutes on 5th April 1808. It is a coincidence that in both these peals there took part a butcher, a saddler and a schoolmaster while a Lee also rang in each peal."

Yours faithfully,

W. B. KYNASTON.

Rodbourne Cheney, Wilts.

SALISBURY BRANCH STRIKING COMPETITION

The quarterly meeting and striking competition of the Salisbury Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild was held at Enford on May 31st. The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. N. H. Lawrence, and a splendid tea arranged in the village hall by the local ringers was followed by the business meeting.

A return was made to the church for the draw, where five teams entered for the competition. The result was a win for the home tower Enford with 4½ points, followed by Fittleton 10½, Wilton 11, Sarum St. Thomas 19, and Broadchalke. We are most grateful to Messrs. N. Knee and E. Hitchins of the Devizes branch for their ready help and advice as judges.—G.A.T.

THE ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS, GLOUCESTER

Dear Sir,—I was very interested in Mr. Eisel's letter requesting information about the St. Michael's Juniors, Gloucester, and W. J. Sevier.

With regard to the Society, I will leave this to the historians, except to say that I am probably a surviving member, having about 1904 rung the treble in an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Double Norwich Caters for the Society with a band which included the Rev. E. Bankes James (then curate to his father, Canon James, Rector of St. Michael's), John Austin who was conducting, W. J. Sevier and Adolphus Roberts, of whom more later.

My first recollection of W. J. Sevier is when I was a small boy about 1891. He called one evening to see my father, having apparently left Gloucester to work for a few months in Woolwich Arsenal. He was an eccentric type of person, and afterwards whenever I saw him (I hadn't started to ring then) I used to think of him as "that funny man from Woolwich". I do not remember meeting him after he left Woolwich and returned to Gloucester until the peal attempt some 13 years later.

I had until quite recently four bound volumes of the "Bell News", 1889–1892, which were my father's. I have now passed them on to another ringer, but browsing through them over the years I saw that W. J. Sevier called a great many of the St. Michael's Juniors' early peals, which included the first peal of Major in Monmouthshire in 1892.

His eccentricity must have increased because about 50 or 60 years ago, from time to time, he would write to the "Bell News", calling himself "The Prophet Sevier", and Harvey Reeves, who would apparently print anything, used to publish his "prophecies".

Regarding the peal book Mr. Eisel has acquired, Adolphus Roberts left Gloucester for the Midlands many years ago, where he died a few years ago, and as Mr. Eisel lives at Dudley I wonder if it belonged to Mr. Roberts.—Yours sincerely,

E. BARNETT.

Crayford, Kent.

P.S.—It was the St. Michael's Juniors who rang what for a long time was thought to be the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal until it was discovered a peal of it had been rung at Wakefield in 1822, conducted by (I think) Benjamin Thackrah.—E. B.

DATE TOUCH STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dear Sir,—On page 476 Mr. James Topp has published a date touch of Stedman Triples.

May I respectfully suggest that (for the benefit of young and less experienced conductors) he should have made it clear that the touch does not start in the normal Stedman Triples manner?—Yours sincerely,

HARRY MILES.

Carbis Bay, Cornwall.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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CENTRAL COUNCIL

Records Committee

APPENDIX E

The following will bring up to date the Central Council Collection of Surprise Methods as far as the end of 1968.

1. NUMERICALLY ORDERED TABLE

(a) Surprise Major Methods

1E. Reigate (k)—34.58.14—58—36—14—58—14—1.
2E. Ugley (f)—38—14—12—16—34—1238—34—5.
3E. Horncastle (c)—38—14—12—38—12—38—56—1.
4E. Honiton (e)—38—14—12.58.16.34—14.58—14—1.
5E. Badsey (b)—38—14—1258—1236—12—1238—16—7.
6E. Mortlake (b)—38—14—1258—1236—12—1458—16—7.
7E. Burford (b)—38—14—1258—1236—34—38—16—7.
8E. Rothwell (b)—38—14—1258—16—12—38.14.36.12.7.
9E. Kinver (b)—38—14—1258—16—14—1238—12—7.
10E. Vectis (b)—38—14—1258—16—14—1238—56—7.
11E. Yass (b)—38—14—1258—16—14—38—56.34.7.
12E. Ulceby (b)—38—14—1258—16—14—38.12—12.7.
13E. Grandpont (b)—38—14—1258—16—14—38.56—56.7.
14E. Welford (b)—38—14—1258—16—34—3458—16—7.
15E. Morley (b)—38—14—1258—16—34—58.14.36.14.7.
16E. Osmaston (f)—38—14—1258—16—34—58.36.14.36.1.
17E Zebedee (b)—38—14—1258—36—12—38—16.34.7.
18E Greasley (b)—38—14—1258—36.14—14.38.56.12—7.
19E. Westhoughton (f)—38—14—56—38—14—1238—56—3.
20E. Fourgates (f)—38—14—56—38—14—38—56—3.
21E. Yorktown (b)—38—14—58—16—14—1258.36.12—7.
22E. Rockingham (b)—38—14—58—16—34—1458—36.14.7.
23E. Nettleden (b)—38—14—58—36—14—1458—36—7.
24E. Plumstead (b)—38—14—58—36.14—14.38.56—36.7.
25E. Colegate (b)—38—14—58—36.14—14.58—36—7.
26E Dougal (b)—38—14—58.12.36—12—38—16—7.
27E. Barnes (b)—38—14—58.12.36—34—1458—16—7.
28E. Holbeach (b)—38—1456—56—16—12—58—16—5.
29E. Isis (b)—38—1458—12—36—12—38—16—7.
30E. Hillmorton (g)—56—14—56—38—14—38—14—3
31E Moulton (d)—58—14—12—16—12—58.16—16.7.
32E. Inglewood (b)—58—14—56—36—34—1458—36—1.
33E. Belmont (g)—58—14—58—16—34—58—34—1.
34E. Petworth (mx)—58—14.58—58.1236—14—1458—14—3.
35E. Zanzibar (d)—58—1456—56—36—12—1238—14—7.
36E. Basing (b)—58—16—12—1238—14—58—14.36.7.
37E. Stour (d)—58—16—12—1238—14—58.14—14.5.
38E. Quainton (d)—58—16—12—16—34—1458—14—7.
39E. Southam (f)—58—16—12—36—12—58—1236—3.
40E. Thamesmead (b) 34—34.16—58—36.14—14.38—34—7.
41E. Wollaton (mx) 36—34.16.58—12.38.14—12.58—14.56.1.
42E. Ulpha (e) 38—58.16—56—36—14—58—16—3.
43E. Vanderplanck (c) 38—58.16—56—36—14—58.14—14.7.

(b) Surprise Royal Methods

53E. Stapleton (mx)—30—14—12—30—14—30—16—50—14—3.
44E. Harpole (b)—30—14—50—1236—1470—58—16—70—18.56.9.
45E. Putney (f)—30—14—50—16—1270—18—16—30.14.38—3.
46E. Wrington (f)—30—14—50—16—1470—38—16—70.18.56.18.7.
47E. Chepstow (f)—30—14—50—16—70—18—36—70—18—7.
48E. Evercreech (f)—30—14—50—36—1470—38—16—30.14.38—3.
49E. Fishponds (f)—30—14—50—36—70—18—16—30.14.38—3.
50E. Merrywood (f)—30—16—50—18—14—50—16—50 78.16.78.5.
51E. Appleton (e)—30—16—50—38—1270—18—16—50—18—3.
52E. Poole (f)—50—14.50—12.30—14—50—14—50—12—5.
54E. Horfield (f)—50—14.50—12.30—14—50—14—50—34—5.
55E. Faxton (b)—50—16—12—30—14—30—14—70—18—9.
56E. Bishopsworth (f)—50—16—50—36—1470—58—36—1450—38—3.
57E. Cork (f) 30—30.14—12—30.14—14.50.14—36.70.18—78.9.
58E. Everdon (mx) 56—50.14—50—36.14—70.58—16—70.16—56.1

(c) Little Surprise Royal Method

59E. Littleport (mx)—50—14.50—50.36.14—14.50—14—18.

(d) Triple Hunt Surprise Royal Method

60E. Shortheath
(1236485079) 30—30.14—12—30.14—14.50.16—16.70.14.—58.9.

(e) Surprise Maximus Methods

61E. Quex
(b)—38—147T—1250—369T—147T—58—169T—70—18—9T—10—E.
62E. Kidderminster
(b)—38—147T—50—169T—7T—18—129T—30—14—5T—16—E.
63E. Conisbrough
(f)—3T—14—12—36—12—3T—16—3T—16—3T—16—3.

2. TABLE OF FIRST PERFORMANCES

(a) Surprise Major Methods

Badsey	24- 7-68	Badsey	5E.
Barnes	28- 9-68	Barnes	27E.
Basing	20- 4-68	Kingsclere	36E.
Belmont	1- 2-68	Harrow Weald	33E.
Benson	9- 7-68	Guiseley	63C.
Burford	3- 2-68	Burford	7E.
Colegate	27- 9-68	Gressenhall	25E.
Dougal	4- 5-68	Mickleton	26E.
Fourgates	26-12-68	Westhoughton	20E.
Grandpont	23-12-68	St. Ebbe's, Oxford	13E.
Greasley	20- 1-68	Greasley	18E.
Hillmorton	4-10-68	Daventry	30E.
Holbeach	2-11-68	Woolwich	28E.
Honiton	8- 2-68	Willesden	4E.
Horncastle	15-8-68	Willesden	3E.
Hungerford	28- 8-68	Llanfigan	64C.
Inglewood	12-12-68	Willesden	32E.
Ipplepen	15- 8-68	Lower Beeding	37C.
Isis	23- 5-68	Islip	29E.
Kinver	28- 9-68	St. Mary-de-Crypt, Gloucester	9E.
Morley	30- 5-68	West Hallam	15E.
Mortlake	16-11-68	Chiswick	6E.
Moulton	17- 8-68	Moulton	31E.
Nettleden	27- 9-68	Watford (on handbells)	23E.
Okeford	27-12-68	Slaugham	21D.
Osmaston	2- 3-68	Bottesford	16E.
Petworth	31- 8-68	Petworth	34E.
Plumstead		Rung in Spliced	24E.
Quainton	15- 6-68	Stewkley	38E.
Reigate	28-11-68	Willesden	1E.
Rockingham	7-12-68	Desborough	22E.
Rothwell	27- 4-68	Rothwell	8E.
Southam	14-10-68	Southam	39E.
Stour	24- 5-68	Netherton	37E.
Thamesmead		Rung in Spliced	40E.
Thanet	15-12-68	Helmshore	60.
Ugley	9- 3-68	Felstead	2E.
Ulceby	24-10-68	All Hallows', Tottenham	12E.
Ulpha	2- 3-68	Weedon Bec	42E.
Vanderplanck	3- 5-68	Daventry	43E.
Vectis	29- 6-68	Deddington	10E.
Welford	19-10-68	Welford	14E.
Westhoughton	22- 6-68	Westhoughton	19E.
Whalley	3- 4-68	Bushey	86C.
Wollaton	13- 2-68	Bushey	41E.
Yass	3-12-68	Overseale	11E.
Yorktown	23-11-68	Yorktown	21E.
Zanzibar	6-12-68	Islip	35E.
Zebedee	4- 4-68	Hinton-on-the-Green	17E.

(b) Surprise Royal Methods

Appleton		Rung in Spliced	51E.
Banbury	8- 9-68	Daventry	682.
Bishopsworth		Rung in Spliced	56E.
Chepstow		Rung in Spliced	47E.
Cork	14- 3-68	Daventry	57E.
Evercreech		Rung in Spliced	48E.
Everdon	10-11-68	Daventry	58E.
Faxton	2-11-68	Swindon	55E.
Fishponds		Rung in Spliced	49E.
Harpole	8-12-68	Daventry	44E.
Horfield		Rung in Spliced	54E.
Littleport Little	19- 1-68	Daventry	59E.
Merrywood		Rung in Spliced	50E.
Poole		Rung in Spliced	52E.
Putney	2- 3-68	St. Nicolas', Guildford	45E.
Shortheath	12- 5-68	Daventry	60E.
Stapleton		Rung in Spliced	53E.
Wrington		Rung in Spliced	46E.

(c) Surprise Maximus Methods

Conisbrough		Rung in Spliced	63E.
Kidderminster		Rung in Spliced	62E.
Quex		Rung in Spliced	61E.

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HALF PEAL

PAINSWICK, GLOS. — On Whit Sunday, 2,520 Grandsire Doubles (on middle six): Miss J. Page 1, Miss G. Richardson 2, Miss S. Perry 3, Miss S. Dennis 4, Miss P. Buckland (cond.) 5, Miss S. Cornock 6. First half peal by all For Evensong.

ALDERMASTON, BERKS. — On May 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Janet Livingston 1, P. Corderoy 2, J. J. Hill 3, Rev. Kenneth C. Davis 4, D. L. Wilcox 5, M. S. Holbrook 6, W. Butler (cond.) 7, D Livingston 8. Also on June 4th, 1,260 Doubles (nine m/v): J J. Hill 1, D. Livingston (first "inside") 2, W. Butler (cond.) 3, D. L. Wilcox 4, M. S. Holbrook 5, P. Corderoy 6. Also on June 11th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Minor: D. Livingston 1, Janet Livingston 2, Mary Wells 3 J. J. Hill 4, W Butler (cond.) 5, M. S. Holbrook 6. First in method 2, 4 and 6.

ALVESTON, GLOS.—On June 15th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): Miss C. M. Hanson 1, Miss E. E. Starling 2, G. T. Collins 3, C. J. Bell 4, E. G. Mould (cond.) 5, A. R. Tuck 6. Rung for the Severn Vale British Legion's Commonwealth Day service.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.—On June 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jacqueline Wolfe (first quarter) 1, Gillian Laver 2, Elizabeth Gibbs (25th quarter) 3, Felicity Hamilton 4, J. A. Laver 5, T. Skilton (cond.) 6. 50th together 4 and 6. For Evensong.

BATHFORD, BATH.—On June 2nd, 1,320 Reverse St. Bartholomew Doubles: Anne Ringham (first away from cover) 1, Hilary Jacobs 2, Valerie Thompson (first "inside") 3, A. F. Lee (cond.) 4, P. J. Devrell 5, K. Weeks 6. First in method by all except 4.

BATTERSEA, LONDON. — On June 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Carole A. Fosbury (first quarter) 1, Margaret A. Robinson 2, Rosemary J. Cotton 3, E. E. Dodds 4, F. A. Benn 5, G. W. Shanks 6, R. J. Cooles (cond.) 7, R. Jean Henderson 8. For evening service.

BEDFORD.—On June 8th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: J. Piron (first on ten, aged 10) 1, Charlotte M. Harris 2, Kathleen A. Marriott 3, Avril Ivin 4, Rev. M. C. C Melville 5, M. J. Marriott 6, R. L. Piron 7, S. Ivin 8, C. M. Orme 9, R. H. French 10.

BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.—On June 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. Hardy 1, R. J. Brown (cond.) 2, Miss C. Hardy 3, Miss S. Bird 4, Miss B. Fisher 5, F. Southwood 6. For evening service of Confirmation by the Bishop of Bradwell.

BICKER, LINCS.—On June 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples. D. Fensom 1, W. B. Dawson (cond.) 2, M. J Belcher (first Grandsire) 3, R. Reynolds 4, H. Barsley 5, P Reynolds 6, R. Stephenson 7, R. Howard 8. To celebrate W. B. Dawson's 23rd wedding anniversary.

BIGGIN HILL, KENT.—On June 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Collinge 1, P. Kift 2, Julia Collinge (first as cond.) 3, B. Stocker 4, D. Stocker 5, R. Kift 6. For Evensong on Trinity Sunday.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.—1,260 Doubles (two methods): Miss J. E. Bland (first quarter) 1, Miss R. P Watts 2, H. F. Wood 3, T. D. Banner 4, R. A. Banner (cond.) 5, G. C. Rix 6. First in two methods 2 and 4.

BINSTED, HANTS. — On May 24th, 1,440 Kent T.B. Minor: Sally Stacey 1, Carol Stacey (first in method) 2, A. Reeves 3, D. Hughes 4, D Fox (first in method) 5, B. Walton (cond.) 6.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—On June 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. Hunt 1, K. Westwood 2, R. Prime 3, P. Glazebrook 4, L. Luck 5, A. Richardson 6, F. Warboys (cond.) 7, D. Hutley 8. Rung at a meeting of the "Friends of St. Michael's".

BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS.—At St. John-the-Evangelist's Church, on June 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mabel Mitchell 1, Susan A. Mayell 2, Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay 3, D. T. Matkin (cond.) 4, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 5, R L. Boyce 6, D. G. Mayell 7, W. C. Shute 8. Arranged for Mr. and Mrs D. G. Mayell and Susan A. Mayell, of Somerton, Somerset.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.—On June 15th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: K. Reed (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Millbank 2, Miss J. Quilter 3, Miss A. Simkins 4, C. H. Gillingham 5, H. G. Felton 6, P. G. Brown 7, R. J. Lindsell (cond.) 8. For Evensong

BRAMPTON, HUNTS. — On May 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Paul E. Wells 1 E. J. Whiting 2, J F. W Allen 3, R. F. Baker (cond.) 4, H. S. Peacock 5, C. Higgins 6. Rung for the wedding of James Robert Maurice Dale and Susan Olive Ard.

BRERETON, CHESHIRE. — On June 9th, 1,440 Doubles (12 meth/var.): G. K. Green 1, R. W. Morant 2, A. Doreen Edwards 3, F. R. Morton (50th quarter, cond.) 4, G. A. Edwards 5.

QUARTER PEALS

BRIDGERULE, DEVON. — On May 25th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Joyce Barton 1, Molly Barron 2, R. G. Pearce 3, D. Gay (first in the method) 4, B. Groves (cond.) 5, H. Stacey 6, S. Barton 7, C. A. Barron 8.

BRINKLOW, WARKS.—On June 7th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Betsy A. Mountford (first Minor) 1, R. Joy Pluckrose 2, B. Elliott 3, D. W. Mountford 4, J Evans 5, G. Pluckrose (cond.) 6. A welcome to Evelyn Rose, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Judd.

BURGESS HILL, SUSSEX.—On May 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Anne P. Lloyd 1, C. R. Squires (first "inside") 2, Susan M. Merrett 3, M. J. D. Thompson (first "inside") 4, D. S. Anderson (first as cond.) 5, W E. Hubbard 6. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the life and service of Harry Gravett, ringer at this church since 1904.

BURITON HANTS.—On May 21st, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: R. Tipper 1, D. Hatherly 2, K. Tipper (first Stedman Doubles) 3, A. Reeves 4, B Walton (cond.) 5, D. Fox 6. A birthday compliment to Andrew Tremeer on his first birthday. 200th quarter for the St. Peter's Guild of Ringers, Petersfield.

CASTOR, PETERBOROUGH.—On May 25th, 1,320 Pl. Bob Doubles (three methods): Miss M. Hill 1, C. Banks 2, K. Oliver 3, G. Oliver 4, F. Sismey (cond.) 5. For morning service. Also on May 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Davis 1, K. Oliver 2, A. Foster 3, C. Banks 4, F. Sismey (cond.) 5, G. Oliver 6. Wedding compliments to Mr. M. Glendining and Miss C. Tinkler, married earlier at All Saints', Paston.

CHILVERS COTON, WARKS. — On June 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: L. Trevor 1, A. H. Beamish 2, J. Evans 3, Mrs. D. E. Beamish (cond.) 4, J. Gibbons 5, J. Draycott 6, G. A. Bell 7, J. E. Lloyd 8. Rung prior to the service commemorating the 150th anniversary of the birth of the novelist George Eliot (Mary Ann Evans), who was born in the parish and worshipped at this church. The conductor is a vice-president of the George Eliot Fellowship.

CLAPHAM PARK, LONDON.—On June 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sandra Thexton 1, Felicity Hamilton 2, Irene Shanks 3, N. Thomson 4, R. Cooles 5, J. W. Smith (cond.) 6, G. Shanks 7, P. Munday 8.

CRANTOCK, CORNWALL.—On June 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. A. B. Weston 1, D. Docking 2, J. Roberts 3, C. Stephens 4, A. H. Eplett (cond.) 5, E. Veale 6. Rung half-muffled for the life and work of Donald Martyn Stephens, former churchwarden and ringer. R.I.P.

DEVIZES, WILTS. — At St. Mary's Church, on May 4th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Janet Pink 1, R. Fisher 2, G. Beaven 3, B. Osborne 4, D. Bailey (cond.) 5, P. Barrett 6. For Evensong, and for the christening of Richard James Bolland, tenor ringer's nephew.

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LONG LENGTH

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS. — On May 5th, 1, Mrs. C. Mills 2, S. Humphrey 3, W. L. Exton 4, 2,160 Spliced T.B Minor (81 methods): P. A. Slight D. A. Frith 5, B. Mills (cond.) 6.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—At the Cathedral, on June 13th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): Helen Walker (first quarter) 1, D. J. Tubbs 2, M. J. Novell 3, R. Gee 4, M. J. Kirk (cond.) 5, Carolyn Williams (first quarter) 6.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCS.—On June 6th, 1,296 Evening Star Delight Minor: F. Lawrence 1, D. Price (cond.) 2, B. Spiers 3, M. Hawkes 4, S. B. Bell 5, J. Clements 6.

HARDWICKE, GLOS.—On May 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Page 1, Miss S. Perry 2, Miss P. Buckland (cond.) 3, P. Screen 4, R. Page 5, R. Screen 6. For Rogation Sunday Evensong Also on May 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J Page 1, Miss S. Perry 2, Miss G Richardson 3, Miss J. Pillinger 4, N. Amphlett (cond.) 5, P. Screen 6. First Minor 1, 2, 3 and 4. For Ascension Day

HARESFIELD, GLOS. — On May 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. Jones (first quarter) 1, Miss J Pillinger 2, Miss G. Richardson 3, J. E. Taylor 4, N. Amphlett (cond.) 5, D Tomlins 6. For Rogation Sunday Evensong. Also on May 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Page 1, Miss S. Perry 2, Miss P. Buckland 3, P. Screen 4, N. Amphlett (cond.) 5, J. H. Taylor 6. For the wedding of Miss P. Richardson and Mr. D. Ingram.

HESSLE, E. YORKS.—On June 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Hope (first quarter) 1, G. P. Horton 2, A. Hessey (first "inside") 3, G. F. Gardiner 4, K. Gatman (first as cond.) 5, R. R. Horton 6 For the United Churches service.

HONILEY, WARKS.—On June 11th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: C. Sweeney 1, Sandra P. Nettleship (first quarter) 2, Penny Coomber 3, R. D. Baker 4, S. C. Walters (cond.) 5. Rung by the Coventry Colleges Guild

KERESLEY, WARKS. — On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Gail Bowcutt 1, H. Folwell 2, N. Stowe (cond.) 3, C. Stowe 4, Thelma Bowcutt 5.

KINGSTON UPON THAMES, SURREY.—on June 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Ann V. Salvage 1, R. B. Dorrington (cond., first Royal) 2, Lesley A. Hawes (50th quarter) 3, Bryony P. H. Moorby 4, Anthea S. Bruce 5, C D. Collin 6, J. J. Bailey 7, A. H. Long 8, B. J. P. Stone 9, R. A. Grant 10 For Trinity Evensong.

KINGSWINFORD, STAFFS.—On May 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Skidmore 1, C. F. Jukes 2, C. Peakman 3, J. Dudley (first "inside") 4, S. Mallen 5, B. Lawton 6, R. A. Peakman (first as cond.) 7, N. Whitehouse 8. Rung for the institution of Rev. F. N. Lewis as Vicar.

LANE END, BUCKS. — On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire and Bob Doubles: C. Meakes 1, S. Smith 2, W. Avery 3, T. Wright 4, C. Hagger (cond.) 5, R. Meakes 6. For Confirmation by Bishop of Oxford.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On April 29th, 1,282 Cambridge Royal: P. Ford 1, Christine Harbott 2, Pauline Smith 3, Felicity Hamilton 4, T. Skilton (first C.S.R.) 5, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 6, A. H. Smith 7, J. Robinson 8, A. J. Smith 9, D. W. James 10. First Surprise Royal by 1, 2, 3, 4. The conductor has now called a quarter peal from each of the ten bells. By the Leatherhead District of the Guildford Guild. Also on June 10th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: J. C. Davidge 1, Pauline Smith 2, Gillian Laver (first on ten) 3, Christine Harbott 4, Felicity Hamilton 5, J. B. Helder 6, T. Skilton (first on ten as cond.) 7, N. D. Robinson 8, A. P. Cannon 9, P. Ford 10. A compliment to David and Margaret James on the birth of a daughter.

LEIGHTON BROMSWOLD, HUNTS. — On May 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. W. F. Allen 1, E. J. Whiting 2, R. F. Baker (cond.) 3, R. Chapman 4, C. Higgins 5

LITTON CHENEY, DORSET. — On June 10th, 1,344 Grandsire Triples: J. R. Hartung (first Triples) 1, Helen Haines 2, R. Haines 3, I. Calvert (first Triples) 4, D. B. Ellery 5, M. J. Hiller (first Triples as cond.) 6, I. L. Andrews (first "inside" on eight) 7, A. D. Case 8. Birthday compliments to ringers of 1 and 3.

LOCKING, SOM.—On May 31st, 1,260 Doubles: Marjorie Legg (cond.) 1, Jane Markham 2, June Legg 3, J. Coombs 4, G. Prescott 5, H. Button 6. Also on June 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Marjorie Legg (cond.) 1, J. Lambard 2, June Legg 3, J. Coombs 4, H. Button (first "inside") 5, G. Kingdon 6.

OBITUARY

MR. CLARENCE F. BRIGGS

Newark Parish Church suffered a great loss on June 11th by the sudden death of Clarence Frank Briggs at the age of 65. Clarence was present at the weekly practice and after a short touch of Stedman Caters sat down and, as is common among ringers when the ringing has been good, was discussing it with a fellow ringer. Suddenly, without warning and without sound or struggle, he slumped on to the floor unconscious. An ambulance crew were on the scene within seven or eight minutes, and despite attempts at resuscitation it was obvious that "Stand" had been called for Clarence.

His end was peaceful and gentle and without fuss. This was typical of him: a loyal companion and an excellent ringer, quiet and unassuming. We shall miss him very much and will find it difficult to fill his place.

He learned to ring at Staunton, in the Vale of Belvoir, graduated to Bottesford and joined the band at Newark Parish Church during the war after moving to Newark. He is believed to have rung 99 peals on all numbers up to ten, 85 of which were rung for the Southwell Diocesan Guild.

Besides being a ringer Clarence served on the Parochial Church Council as a sidesman and was a regular communicant. A painter and decorator by trade, he was a conscientious workman and a perfectionist. During a severe wintry spell some years ago he and a friend redecorated the ringing chamber at Newark Parish Church and refused any payment, though he had been out of work for weeks.

His funeral service in the Parish Church was conducted by the Vicar, Canon E. J. Kingsnorth, and was followed by cremation at Grantham. The Vicar spoke of Clarence's life and work and ended by saying that he was a truly good man.

In the evening a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung half-muffled on the Parish Church bells by Margaret E. Snyder, Messrs. A. E. Chilton, Paul Raithby, F. G. Hooper (cond.), F. W. Midwinter, H. Stevenson, J. W. Raithby and D. Simpson.

Clarence is survived by a widow, two sons and a daughter, to whom much sympathy is extended. In the words of the Vicar, Clarence was a good man, his end was peaceful and we who are left are enriched by having been numbered among his friends. J. W. R.

CORRECTIONS & AMENDMENTS

Mr. W. E. Turner withdraws the footnote to the peal at West Pennard, Somerset, that it was the first peal there since 1956 (see page 447).

Mr. David Robinson writes correcting the number of changes in the quarter peal of Plain Bob and Grandsire rung at Weston Favell on April 12th (page 354) to 1,260.

CAMBRIDGE "FAMILY" IN A DAY

Five ringers rang Cambridge Surprise from Minor to Maximus in a day on handbells at Leicester on June 21st. They were Alfred Ballard (who has also done a similar feat on tower bells), Peter J. Staniforth (the conductor), David F. Moore, Bernard F. L. Groves and Robert B. Smith.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The quarter peal at Litton Cheney, Dorset, on June 10th, was the first by a Bradpole, Dorset, Sunday service band since the 1930s.

Congratulations to Miss Peta Ollen, the third successive member of the Sussex Guild to obtain a First Class Honours Degree in Physics.

The peal at Ashwick, Somerset, on May 31st, was rung as a wedding compliment to Graham Targett and Lorraine Mabberly, who were married at St. Peter's Church, Westfield, on this day.

Durham University Society has appointed the following officers for next year: Master, N. J. Webber (St. John's College); secretary, Helen Campbell (St. Hild's); treasurer, John Wallbridge (University College).

Mr. Anthony R. Peake's band rang at Overton, Hants, on June 21st, a peal of 7,168 Spliced Surprise Major in 32 methods. This is the greatest number of methods yet rung to an "all the work" peal.

Taking part in a quarter peal at Silverdale, Lancs, was Frances Pellatt, of Salisbury, Rhodesia. It is believed that this was the first quarter by a Rhodesian-trained ringer outside of Rhodesia.

Reporting on a peal at Coalbrookdale on June 7th, Mr. R. C. Stevens, formerly of Croydon, writes: "A good effort for a mixed band, and we had some excellent ringing in places with little to worry about."

Zeal, Dorset, bells have unfortunately been out of commission for some time owing to the heavy burden of repairs needed to the church, including the tower. It is a gratifying sign of loyalty that the entire band maintains its membership of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

Mr. George Mitchell, a regular member of the Middleton, Lancs, Parish Church company, celebrates his 50th year as a ringer this year. He came to Lancashire from Lincolnshire, where he learned to ring. A supporter of Branch meetings, he cycles quite a few miles each week visiting towers.

A former Ringing Master of the Truro Diocesan Guild, Douglas Burnett, was ordained deacon on Trinity Sunday to serve in the parish of Flixton, Lancs. Four officials of the Truro Guild — the president, general secretary, assistant Ringing Master and a C.C. representative—were present at the ordination service and took part in a quarter peal at Flixton in the evening.

ST. MARY-LE-TOWER, IPSWICH

Considerable correspondence has appeared in the Ipswich press about the restoration of the bells of St. Mary-le-Tower. Mr. George Pipe raised £700 towards the sum required and feels that it is not beyond the resources of the inhabitants to find the rest. Seven bells would have to be recast, all need retuning and all would have to be rehung.

The Vicar, Canon B. L. Spurgin, has suggested that silent bells, which lie in some Suffolk churches as lumber, could be made use of.

Canon Gilbert Thurlow writes supporting the appeal. He states: "All the rings of 12 bells around Ipswich — those of Great Yarmouth, Mancroft (Norwich), Great St. Mary's, Cambridge, Saffron Walden, Waltham Abbey and Chelmsford Cathedral — have been restored since the war and today proclaim the joys of life to all around. When will dead St. Mary's bells do the same again?"

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NEWINGTON-NEXT-SITTINGBOURNE, KENT

Spring Bank Holiday Monday is traditionally the date set aside by the Newington ringers for their annual outing. This year was no exception and at 8 a.m. a 52-seater coach set off for Sussex loaded with ringers from the neighbouring towers. Good time was made on the journey to the first tower, St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, where we were met by Mr. Bernard Collison. We reached our next tower via the beautiful scenery of the Ashdown Forest, but upon arrival at Newick we were met by the Vicar who had the news that the clapper of the 5th had broken the night before. We had to be content therefore with admiring the floral arrangements which were truly magnificent.

After lunch at Lewes several had their baptism of 10 bell ringing at St. John's, Southover. More grand scenery along the Sussex downs was enjoyed en route for Henfield where some of the best ringing of the day took place. Cowfold (6) preceded tea at Ringles Cross.

Heading for home, calls were made at Rotherfield and Frant. At a stop to quench thirsts at Beltring, thanks were expressed to Mrs. Hazel Mitchell for her organisation and to Keith Holliday, the driver.—L. M.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

UNUSUAL CHURCH FOR MONMOUTH MEETING

Despite a cold wet day on May 10th, the Monmouth Branch held a very enjoyable meeting at Nash with some 50 ringers and friends attending.

The unusual little church, set in almost "fenlike" surroundings, holds much of interest. The ground floor ringing chamber has a fine, wide window but a little low door, as many heads discovered! Here are rung the six light bells, the treble by Taylors and the other five by John Kingston of Bridgwater, cast in about 1819.

The long, narrow church is filled with "horsebox pews" and a three-decker pulpit. As Canon Oliver Davies said in his most humorous address: "Strangers to this church never know what to do in the pews—they know not whether to sit down, stand up or turn full circle!"

The Rev. Ivor Richards read the lesson and Mrs. Dent played the organ for a very encouraging service. Afterwards a most welcome tea was waiting in Nash school, provided by the ladies of the parish.

Mr. Colin Coombes thanked these kind ladies for their most appreciated efforts and Mr. Gordon Wilkinson thanked Mrs. Dent for playing the organ.

Interesting items mentioned were the bells at Bedwellty and "a newly discovered" three at Trellech. New members were elected from Caerleon, St. Woolos, Trevethin and Mitcheldean.

The Branch Master, Mr. Reuben Clench, thanked Canon Oliver Davies for his very warm welcome, and wished him every happiness in his eventual retirement.

Next meeting, Bassaleg, July 12th.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF WALES SOCIETY

U.C.W.'s biennial visitors' book grabbing A44 tour took place on May 31st. The tour was based on towers within close proximity to the A44 between Rhayader and Leominster and included ringing at "the other Llanbadarn Fawr". This very pleasant ring of five in Radnorshire is in a village of the same name as our "home tower" in Cardiganshire. It therefore provided a visitors' book we were particularly keen to inscribe!

Though we were few in number, as exams had begun, there was some enjoyable ringing, especially on the six at St. Mary's, New Radnor.

This last meeting of term, and the last as students of U.C.W. for some of our members, finished in Hereford—with a quick burst of handbells in the main street!

E. I. S.

CAN WALK AS WELL AS RING

Thirteen ringers of Middleton Parish Church, Lancs, joined many other parishioners in a 15-mile sponsored walk on Easter Monday, which raised £1,500 in aid of the proposed Church Day School. All the ringers finished the course, and their contribution amounted to £86. Ringers in other towers are thanked for sponsoring their Middleton colleagues.

A CHALLENGE ACCEPTED!

The first ladies' peal for the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association began, as do so many good peal attempts, in the pub when rehydrating after a true and compleat peal, when three of the ladies present accepted a challenge to ring an all-ladies peal.

The tower and the ladies selected were all available on the appointed date and the intervening weeks were profitably used for training the conductor: any Thursday or Sunday, when six ringers were gathered together awaiting the remainder of the band, she was encouraged to practise some "wrong-home-wrongs" or some "in-out-ins".

Came the day, came the six ladies to North Cerney, came the inevitable fire-out at the beginning of the second 720; the conductor had heaved a sigh of relief over the safe conclusion of the Cambridge, called for Oxford T.B. a whole pull too soon, dodged for the Oxford but omitted the final dodge of the Cambridge and tried to put everybody "right" according to her own wrongness.

Another date was fixed, another tower chosen, but this attempt was snowed-off by a blizzard the preceding night. Saturdays over the next few months were taken up with other people's peals, striking competitions, Irish tours and even some non-ringing commitments. By a happy chance June 14th was selected, and the Vicar of Randwick welcomed the opportunity for six ladies to ring a peal for the official birthday of H.M. Queen Elizabeth.

There was a fear that this would be heat-waved off but the church was relatively cool and a local ringer had thoughtfully provided the west window with some protection from the afternoon sun. After 2 hours 25 minutes the cast-iron band had proved that the bob-caller's lot can be both happy and successful, save for the odd handful of blisters. Luckily a husband and a fiancé were available to assist with the lower.

The Vicar arrived with his congratulations and a very welcome invitation to tea at the Vicarage, where a garden fête had been in progress, with the bells providing background music.

We are grateful to all who made this attempt a reality by provision of bells and encouragement, not least to our trainer (he gave us a fifty-fifty chance!). We are now looking for a suitable eight within the Association limits!

SISTERS RING 400 PEALS TOGETHER

We offer congratulations to the Misses Grace and Katharine Burchnall, of Sutton-on-Trent, who on June 14th rang their 400th peal. All of these have been rung together and this one was rung for the wedding of two of their local ringers, Miss Eleanor Rose and Mr. Leslie Hall. Also taking part was Mr. Harold Denman, who with this peal has now rung 200 peals with the twins.

FORTHCOMING PEAL ATTEMPTS

Lancashire Association: Spliced Surprise Maximus, July 12th, St. Peter's, Nottingham, 5 p.m.

By the St. Martin's Guild: Exeter Cathedral, July 12th, 3.30 p.m.; Beverley Minster, July 26th, 2 p.m.

MANCHESTER CATHEDRAL ITEMS

The band at Manchester Cathedral intended to ring a quarter peal on the Cathedral bells to mark the opening of the Arts Festival. With a service at 2.15 and afternoon Evensong at 3.30 and the City Police Band playing in the Cathedral before the opening service at 7, it was not possible to attempt the quarter on the Cathedral bells.

Permission was, however, given to ring it at St. James' Church, Birch-in-Rusholme. Through the columns of "The Ringing World" the Cathedral band would like to thank the Birch ringers and the Rector, Rev. W. R. Hartley, for allowing the Cathedral ringers the use of the bells.

On June 14th the Cathedral band attempted a quarter peal of Kent Treble Bob Major to mark the 50th anniversary of the crossing of the Atlantic by Alcock and Brown, as both men were educated in Manchester. The attempt was lost 20 changes from the end when the tenor rope broke.

ANSWER TO THE MAIDEN'S PRAYER

Miss Maureen Colley was determined to ring her first peal before her marriage to Mr. Ian Panton. And it was to be a peal to defy superstition. Thus on Friday, June 13th, she stood in for a peal of Yorkshire at Knebworth. All went well for the first two courses and then a gentleman carrying binoculars sauntered into the ringing chamber, which was on the ground floor. The band, however, kept their minds on the job and despite this and other distractions arising from ladies decorating the church, Maureen rang her first peal from the third. She will go to the altar a happy bride. Maureen and Ian are making their home near Hitchin.

SHERWOOD YOUTHS CONGRATULATIONS

The Society of Sherwood Youths visited West Hallam on May 31st. Dr. G. Futer and his ringers are to be congratulated on their efforts in installing a ringing chamber floor some 12 feet above the former ground floor chamber. Ringing was under the direction of the Master, Mr. G. A. Dawson, and ranged from rounds to Cambridge Surprise.

Ilkeston was visited in the evening and methods on this splendid eight included the Ilkeston variation of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Numbers present were not large but all enjoyed the ringing. Copies of the second draft of the proposed change in Society rules are now available from the secretary.

D. S.

YORKSHIRE RINGERS IN NORFOLK

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
GRESSENHALL, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., May 24, 1969, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

Norman V. Harding	Treble	Neil Donovan	5
Patricia Lockwood	2	David Nichols	6
Ian North	3	Stuart Armeson	7
Alan Clifton	4	H. William Barrett	Tenor

Composed by Christopher Rowson. Conducted by Stuart Armeson.

NORTH ELMHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., May 24, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. in F sharp.

Peter Warren	Treble	Alan Clifton	5
Patricia Lockwood	2	Ian North	6
Geoffrey R. Drew	3	Adrian G. Semken	7
Arthur C. Berry	4	Richard E. Price	Tenor

Composed by Chris. P. Starbuck. Conducted by Richard E. Price.

WYMONDHAM, Norfolk.—At the Abbey Church of St. Mary the Virgin and St. Thomas à Becket.
On Sun., May 25, 1969, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 26 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in D.

David Nichols	Treble	Andrew Slade	6
Patricia Lockwood	2	Ian Campbell	7
Ian North	3	Ronald Ducker	8
Alan Clifton	4	Stuart Armeson	9
Neil Donovan	5	Richard E. Price	Tenor

Composed by Christopher Rowson. Conducted by Stuart Armeson.

DISS, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Mon., May 26, 1969, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in D.

Stuart Armeson	Treble	Alan Clifton	5
Andrew Slade	2	David Nichols	6
Ian Campbell	3	Ronald Ducker	7
Neil Donovan	4	Richard E. Price	Tenor

Composed by Stanley Jenner. Conducted by Richard E. Price.

EAST DEREHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Mon., May 26, 1969, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5376 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Being 1,344 changes each of Rutland, Cambridge, Yorkshire and Lincolnshire Surprise, with 150 changes of method. Tenor 23½ cwt. in D.

Ronald Ducker	Treble	Neil Donovan	5
Patricia Lockwood	2	Andrew Slade	6
Ian North	3	Ian Campbell	7
David Nichols	4	Stuart Armeson	Tenor

Composed by Christopher Rowson Conducted by Stuart Armeson.

OTHER PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
CHRISTCHURCH, Hants.—At the Priory of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., June 14, 1969, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Brian Bladon	Treble	Alan J. Frost	7
*David Brown	2	Christopher H. Rogers	8
Andrew N. Stubbs	3	James R. Taylor	9
Robert C. Kippin	4	D. John Hunt	10
William T. Cook	5	David P. Hilling	11
Roger F. Overington	6	Michael P. Moreton	Tenor

Composed by David E. Parsons. Conducted by Robert C. Kippin.
* First peal of Cinques Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

LINCOLN.—At the Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
On Sat., June 14, 1969, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in D.

Alan F. Scholfield	Treble	John G. Gipson	7
Keith W. Brown	2	John H. Fielden	8
Rev. Giles C. Galley	3	Philip J. Rothera	9
David E. Rothera	4	David E. House	10
Kenneth J. Hesketh	5	Tudor P. Edwards	11
Richard H. Youdale	6	Ralph G. Edwards	Tenor

Composed by Peter Border. Conducted by Kenneth J. Hesketh.

SURFLEET, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Laurence.
On Sat., June 14, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb. in F.

David E. House	Treble	Rev. Giles C. Galley	7
Tudor P. Edwards	2	John G. Gipson	8
Philip J. Rothera	3	Ralph G. Edwards	9
Keith W. Brown	4	Kenneth J. Hesketh	10
Richard H. Youdale	5	John H. Fielden	11
David E. Rothera	6	Alan F. Scholfield	Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
NEWPORT, Monmouthshire.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Woolos.
On Mon., May 26, 1969, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5011 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 21 cwt. 76 lb. in E flat.

Robert C. Kippin	Treble	†Walter S. Rice	7
Heather A. Kippin	2	‡John Brain	8
Janet House	3	*Peter Bridle	9
*Diana M. Bridle	4	Edward J. Chivers	10
*Peter J. England	5	David E. House	11
†Roy W. Rice	6	†Bruce Martin	Tenor

Composed by Shirley Burton. (No. 13.) Conducted by R. C. Kippin.
* First peal of Stedman Cinques. † First on 12 bells. ‡ 50th peal.
First 12-bell peal by the Association since 1936.

BECKINGTON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. George.
On Sat., June 7, 1969, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Nigel A. B. Dawson	Treble	Denis A. Chapman	5
Michael J. Hobbs	2	James R. Taylor	6
*Bruce Martin	3	D. John Hunt	7
*Trevor Newlands	4	Ralph G. Edwards	Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by D. John Hunt.
* First peal of Pudsey. 250th peal as conductor. Tenor 16 cwt.

ASHWICK, Somerset.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sat., May 31, 1969 in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In seven methods, viz.: London, Wells, York, Surfleet, Beverley, Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 7 cwt.

Jeremy D. Tarrant	Treble	David Adnett	4
Ronald G. Beck	2	Robert E. Beck	5
Philip H. D. Jones	3	Edward J. Chivers	Tenor

Conducted by Edward J. Chivers.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
LEIGHTON BUZZARD, Beds.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sun., June 8, 1969, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.

William A. Theobald	Treble	George E. Thoday	6
G. William Critchley	2	Christopher H. Rogers	7
Claudia A. Critchley	3	Wilfred Williams	8
Alan J. Frost	4	Andrew J. Corby	9
David E. Rothera	5	John H. Fielden	Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe. Conducted by Wilfred Williams.

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THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
PACKWOOD, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Mon., June 9, 1969, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in B flat.

Victor Nash	Treble	David Baker	5
Mark Robottom	2	Derek Walters	6
Hazel Mackenzie	3	Maurice C. Hughes	7
John Thorne	4	Frederick Shallcross	Tenor

Conducted by Frederick Shallcross.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
SAWLEY, Derbyshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Thurs., June 5, 1969, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in G.

Valerie Meadows	Treble	Clive A. Thrower	5
Michael J Fellows	2	Dennis R. Carlisle	6
Timothy Wylie	3	Rev. Frederick Ross	7
Brian A. Tomlinson	4	David W. Friend	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.

DERBY.—At the Church of St. Luke.
On Sat., June 7, 1969, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in D flat.

Timothy Wylie	Treble	David W. Friend	5
Dennis R. Carlisle	2	Michael J. Fellows	6
Stephen W. Barton	3	Gerald C. Hemming	7
Morley P. Tobin	4	Clifford A. Barron	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.
First peal of London on the bells.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
(The Exeter Colleges Guild.)
THORVERTON, Devon.—At the Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury
On Mon., June 9, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

*Tom Griffith-Jones	Treble	Jim M. Clarke	5
Gordon H. Baldam	2	Malcolm S. Turner	6
David T. Atkins	3	†Frank D. Mack	7
Kevin A. Hughes	4	John N. Longridge	Tenor

Composed by S H. Wood. Conducted by John N. Longridge.
* First peal. † First of Little Bob Major First in the method by all except the ringer of the 7th. Tenor 17 cwt.

WESTLEIGH, Devon.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Tues., May 27, 1969, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being five methods in seven extents as follows: (1 and 2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Kent Treble Bob, (4) Oxford Treble Bob, (5) St. Clement's Bob, (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. in G sharp.

Bernard F. L. Groves	Treble	Stephen W. Barton	4
*Gillian R. Cleaver	2	Robert B. Smith	5
†David J. Gay	3	Cilfford A. Barron	Tenor

Conducted by Robert B. Smith.
* First peal in five methods. † First of Minor in five methods.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
TRUMPINGTON, Cambs.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Michael.
On Tues., June 10, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 UXBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in G.

Barry J. Couzens	Treble	John G. Gipson	5
Brian D. Threlfall	2	Alan F. Scholfield	6
Donald F. Murfet	3	Frank E. Haynes	7
Geoffrey Pearson	4	Kenneth J. Hesketh	Tenor

Composed by Stanley Jenner. Conducted by Kenneth J. Hesketh.
First peal in the method on the bells and for the Association.

MELDRETH, Cambs.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Wed., June 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Frank Harper	Treble	John G. Gipson	5
Geoffrey Pearson	2	Barry J. Couzens	6
*Marion Kemp	3	Allen Twyman	7
Kenneth J. Hesketh	4	Alan F. Scholfield	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Kenneth J. Hesketh.
* First peal of Surprise Major Tenor 11 cwt. in F sharp.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
PRITTLEWELL, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sun., June 8, 1969, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in E.

*Peter Sloman	Treble	*Stephen G. Halliwell	6
Frank B. Lufkin	2	*Hubert H. Furminger	7
*Josephine A. Quilter	3	*Bernard C. Sadler	8
Alfred J. House	4	*David Sloman	9
*Kenneth Warner	5	*Peter G. Brown	Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by David Sloman.
* First peal of Kent Royal. First of Royal as conductor.
Rung to congratulate the Rev. Samuel Erskine, Vicar of this church, on completing 25 years as a priest.

GOLDHANGER, Essex.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Wed., June 11, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. in A.

Bernard C. Mann	Treble	Yvonne A. Murray	5
*Sandra J. Turner	2	Patrick J. Cross	6
Harry R. Appleton	3	Ian V. Foster	7
Neil V. Avis	4	James L. Towler	Tenor

Composed by G. H. Cross. Conducted by James L. Towler.
* First peal "inside" and first of Major.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd, and a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 7th.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
AMBLECOTE, Worcestershire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., June 7, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in B.

Ivor Goulter	Treble	Valerie Willard	5
Michael J. Mulvey	2	Leonard C. Edwards	6
Margery A. Wratten	3	Patrick H. Allen	7
Frances Fairbank	4	Cyril A. Wratten	Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.
First peal in the method by all except the conductor.
Rung as a compliment to the ringers of 2 and 4 on their engagement.

RANDWICK, Glos.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., June 14, 1969, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In four methods, comprising one extent of Cambridge Surprise and two each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.

E. Mary Bliss	Treble	Angela M. Newing	4
Margery A. Wratten	2	Frances Fairbank	5
Shirley M. Drew	3	Valerie Willard	Tenor

Conducted by Valerie Willard.
First peal as conductor. First of Minor on the bells. First ladies' peal by the Association. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in B.
Rung in honour of the Queen's official birthday this day.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
HAWKLEY, Hampshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sun., June 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 11 methods, comprising 576 each of Cambridge, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire, 448 of Bristol and 384 each of Ashtead, Cassiobury, Lincolnshire, London, Rutland and Uxbridge, with 124 changes of method. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in A.

*Peter J. Munday	Treble	†Stanley G. Ponting	5
Beryl R. Simpson	2	W. John Couperthwaite	6
Alan D. Elsmore	3	‡Michael J. Church	7
Rowan S. Bradley	4	†‡Tom Page	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Michael J. Church.
* 25th peal. † 75th peal together. ‡ 25th peal together. Greatest number of methods rung to a peal of Spliced Surprise Major by all the band, on the bells, in the county and for the Guild.
Rung by a resident Guild band and as birthday compliments to Mr. and Mrs. David Nevitt.

ALDERMASTON, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., June 14, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 INVERNESS-SHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in G.

William Birmingham	Treble	*David L. Wilcox	5
Rowan S. Bradley	2	Peter J. Munday	6
Beryl R. Simpson	3	Michael J. Church	7
Graham J. N. Colborne	4	W. John Couperthwaite	Tenor

Composed by Arthur Craven. Conducted by Michael J. Church.
* First peal in the method "inside." First in the method by all the band (except ringer of fifth), on the bells and for the Guild.
Rung for the Queen's official birthday.

STRATFIELD MORTIMER, Berks.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., June 14, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

Beryl R. Simpson	Treble	W. John Couperthwaite	5
Graham J. N. Colborne	2	*Peter J. Munday	6
Rowan S. Bradley	3	Michael J. Church	7
*Alan D. Elsmore	4	Tom Page	Tenor

Composed by George Baker. Conducted by Michael J. Church.
* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.

SEND, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., June 16, 1969, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being one extent each of London, Beverley and Surfleet and two each of Norwich and Cambridge. Tenor 10 cwt. 89 lb.

John A. Collier	Treble	†John F. M. Maybrey	4
*Jill M. May	2	†Peter Henry	5
†Christopher D. J. Webb	3	Douglas A. R. May	Tenor

Conducted by Douglas A. R. May.
* First peal of Surprise in five methods. † First of Surprise Minor.
Rung to commemorate the 21st anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

COALBROOKDALE, Salop.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity On Sat., June 7, 1969, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb. in D.

Elizabeth Timmins	Treble	†Alan M. Jones	6
Ian Friend	2	‡Philip R. Johnson	7
Richard C. Stevens	3	Reginald H. Newton	8
S. Geoffrey Pick	4	Ernest F. Willcox	9
*Peter Wycherley	5	Ronald T. Winwood	Tenor

Composed by Charles H. Kippin. Conducted by Richard C. Stevens.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † 25th peal on the bells. ‡ First of Caters and 50th peal.

Rung in memoriam Walter Crawford, a member of the local band.

BRIDGNORTH, Salop.—At the Church of St. Leonard. On Sat., June 14, 1969, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's 12-part (7th obs.). Tenor 18 cwt. 18 lb. in D.

Alan M. Jones	Treble	Barnabas G. Key	5
E. Marion Key	2	David Hawksworth	6
Ian Friend	3	Richard C. Stevens	7
Elizabeth Timmins	4	Ronald T. Winwood	Tenor

Conducted by Richard C. Stevens.

Rung on the day of the Queen's official birthday; also as a compliment to Barnabas and Marion Key, marking their 20th wedding anniversary, and a compliment to Ian Friend, marking his birthday.

BODENHAM, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Thurs., June 12, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in G.

Reginald G. Powell	Treble	Peter L. Hughes	4
Austin T. Wingate	2	Peter D. Sell	5
E. Charles Biggs	3	Adrian G. Semken	Tenor

Conducted by Adrian G. Semken.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BUSHEY, Herts.—At the Church of St. James the Apostle. On Sat., May 24, 1969, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

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

Robert E. Hardy	Treble	S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	5
Thomas J. Lock	2	Roger Baldwin	6
*Katherine S. Hardy	3	Frank T. Blagrove	7
John R. Mayne	4	R. Roger Savory	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by R. Roger Savory.

* 50th peal

KNEBWORTH, Herts.—At the Church of St. Mary and St. Thomas a Becket.

On Fri., June 13, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12¼ cwt. in F sharp.

John R. Leeming	Treble	A. Rex Agg	5
Margaret M. Roden	2	Geoffrey T. Horritt	6
*Maureen P. Colley	3	Michael R. Worthington	7
Jack S. Dear	4	Ian R. Panton	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow Conducted by John R. Leeming.

* First peal.

Rung, in spite of the date, as a farewell to the maiden name of Maureen Colley, shortly to marry Ian Panton, and with the band's best wishes for their forthcoming marriage.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

EDENBRIDGE, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul. On Sat., June 14, 1969, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 MEDWAY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb. in F sharp.

Ian H. Oram	Treble	Michael H. O'Callaghan	5
Ann Jenner	2	Edward J. Jenner	6
Margaret E. Oram	3	Tony Lewis	7
Doris E. Colgate	4	Stanley Jenner	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Stanley Jenner.

First peal in the method. First on the bells since rehanging.

Rung as a first birthday compliment to Susan Jenner.

MEDWAY SURPRISE MAJOR

—58—16—12—16—12—1258—14—18 C. f.c.h. b.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MANCHESTER.—At the Cathedral and Ancient Parish Church of the Virgin Mary, SS. George and Denys. On Sat., June 7, 1969, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 27 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in D.

Alan Ward	Treble	†David G. Manby	5
*Paul Boucher	2	Geoffrey O. Sanders	6
*Stewart M. Barnet	3	Marcus C. W. Sherwood	7
*Peter Dyson	4	Peter G. Bellamy-Knights	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Peter G. Bellamy-Knights.

* First peal. † First in the method "inside."

Rung to mark the 50th anniversary of the crossing of the Atlantic by Sir John Alcock and Sir Arthur Whitten Brown. Also a wedding anniversary compliment to Joyce and Geoff Sanders, a 90th birthday compliment to the grandmother of the treble ringer and a birthday compliment to Mrs. Joan Ward and Miss Claudia A. Sherwood.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile. On Thurs., June 5, 1969, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

Christine L. J. Mills	Treble	Martin Green	5
John M. Jelley	2	R. Brian Mills	6
Monica M. Jelley	3	Roland H. Cook	7
W. Ernest Rawson	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by John R Mayne. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

NOTTINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Peter. On Sat., June 14, 1969, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5115 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in E flat.

Richard A. G. Inglis	Treble	†Christopher J. Sharp	7
Sheila M. Anthony	2	Peter A. Sharp	8
Harold F. Gibson	3	Jack L. Millhouse	9
Gillian Radley	4	Geoffrey R. Parker	10
M. Ian Minns	5	Geoffrey Paul	11
*Geoffrey Bridges	6	†David Phillipson	Tenor

Composed by John E. Chilcott. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

* First 12-bell peal. † 25th peal together.

BLANKNEY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Oswald On Thurs., May 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Single Oxford and Single Court and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

Mrs. Millicent Short	Treble	Walter Weston	4
Richard A. Hunt	2	Clive W. Brook	5
Trevor N. J. Bailey	3	James H. Musson	Tenor

Conducted by James H. Musson.

THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.

SALFORD, Lancashire.—At the Church of the Sacred Trinity. On Fri., June 13, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

Patricia James	Treble	Margaret L. Ellwood	5
Maris C. Stephenson	2	*Hamish M. McNaughton	6
Lynda M. Deebank	3	†Peter G. Bellamy-Knights	7
William M. Taylor	4	Marcus C. W. Sherwood	Tenor

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Marcus C. W. Sherwood.

* First peal on eight bells. † 75th peal. First in the method by all except the conductor

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

WILLESDEN Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary. On Thurs., June 5, 1969, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 TAUNTON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

Claudia A. Critchley	Treble	Frank Reed	5
Thomas J. Lock	2	G. William Critchley	6
Michael H. D. O'Callaghan	3	Dennis Knox	7
Alick Cutler	4	John Hill	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Dennis Knox.

First peal in the method. (Corrigan's, No. 309.)

TAUNTON SURPRISE MAJOR

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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile. On Tues., June 10, 1969, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

B. Stedman Payne ..	Treble	Joseph W. Cotton	6
Richard J. Clifton	2	Frank Chambers	7
Rev. M. C. C. Melville ..	3	Martyn J. Marriott	8
Ronald D. Hughes	4	G. Ronald Edwards	9
Arthur E. Rowley	5	Roland Beniston	Tenor

Composed by Walter Ayre. Conducted by Roland Beniston.

First peal in the method as conductor.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile. On Tues. May 20, 1969, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 ZURICH SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

G. Ronald Edwards ..	Treble	Ronald D. Hughes	5
Richard J. Clifton	2	Arthur E. Rowley	6
*Rev. M. C. C. Melville ..	3	*B. Stedman Payne	7
Joseph W. Cotton	4	Roland Beniston	Tenor

Composed by W. Barton. Conducted by Roland Beniston.

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

BURTON-ON-TRENT, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Modwen. On Tues., June 3, 1969, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Seventh observation. Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb. in E flat.

Joseph W. Cotton	Treble	Derek P. Jones	5
George L. Roobottom ..	2	B. Stedman Payne ..	6
John K. Smith	3	Roland Beniston	7
Arthur E. Rowley	4	Percival W. Grice	Tenor

Composed by Brian D. Price.

Arranged and Conducted by Roland Beniston.

Rung as a farewell to the Vicar, the Rev. W. V. G. Griffiths, vice-president of the Guild, on his departure to Little Aston, Staffs. Also to Mr. T. Pryce on his retirement to Sussex after 53 years as a ringer at this tower.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME, Staffs.—At the Church of St. Giles. On Sat., May 24, 1969, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in E.

John Hall	Treble	Harold Dowler	6
Stephen Yates	2	David J. Danby	7
Norman Sherratt	3	Raymond J. Ballard	8
Elizabeth Timmins	4	Charles A. S. Webb	9
Clive M. Smith	5	Phillip G. K. Davies ..	Tenor

Composed by Giles B. Thompson. Conducted by Raymond J. Ballard.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Pat Mills and Phillip Jones.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BUNWELL, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels. On Sat., June 7, 1969, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Oxford and St. Clement's, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

Katharine M. Thorley ..	Treble	*Gordon D. Elvin	4
Owen P. Claxton	2	Thomas E. Spight	5
Frank C. J. Arnold	3	J. Martin Thorley	Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

* Most methods to a peal

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

DAVENTRY, Northants.—At the Church of the Holy Cross. On Sun., June 8, 1969, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in E flat.

Barry E. Saunders	Treble	Christopher C. Stokes ..	6
Shirley E. Ruddlesden ..	2	Charles E. Truman	7
Patrick I. Chapman	3	David J. Marshall	8
William J. Chester	4	Alan A. Paul	9
Stanley M. Ruddlesden ..	5	Graham C. Paul	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by David J. Marshall.

Rung to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the first peal in the tower, this being the 125th.

OAKHAM, Rutland.—At the Church of All Saints. On Sat., May 31, 1969, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 FALCUTT SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in D.

Kilby R. Holtom	Treble	Stanley M. Ruddlesden ..	5
Patrick I. Chapman	2	Barry E. Saunders	6
Raymond A. Vickers ..	3	Graham C. Paul	7
Christopher C. Stokes ..	4	Alan A. Paul	Tenor

Composed by John R. Mayne. Conducted by Graham C. Paul.

First peal in the method.

Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Denise Joan Hoy, daughter of the tower secretary, and Brian Lewis.

FALCUTT SURPRISE MAJOR

—38—,14,—12—,38,—14—,58,14—14,58. l.h. 12. 8674523.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

WAREHAM, Dorset.—At the Church of Our Lady St. Mary. On Thurs., June 12, 1969, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 WAREHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

Frances J. N. Brown ..	Treble	David Wilson	5
Graham W. Elmes	2	William T. Perrins	6
Mary E. Elmes	3	Timothy F. Collins	7
Ross G. W. Robertson ..	4	Frederick E. Collins	Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by William T. Perrins.

First peal in the method.

Rung as a welcome to Clare Judith, a daughter born to Ross and Judith Robertson on June 11th.

WAREHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

—38—14—1258—16—14—38.14—14.78. l.h. B. f.c.h. b. d. o.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

GREASLEY, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary. On Sat., May 3, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

27-course block reduced Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.

*David Lazzerini	Treble	*Donald J. Beech	5
Brian M. Buswell	2	R. Brian Mills	6
*Peter A. Slight	3	Denis A. Frith	7
Christine L. J. Mills ..	4	*William L. Exton	Tenor

Conducted by R. Brian Mills.

* First peal in the method. First in the method for the Guild.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, Notts.—At the Church of All Saints. On Sat., June 14, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's 12-part. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in G.

*Grace Burchnall	Treble	A. Harry Hawcroft	5
William L. Exton	2	†Harold Denman	6
*Katharine Burchnall ..	3	F. William Midwinter ..	7
Margaret E. Snyder	4	W. Allan Wilson	Tenor

Conducted by William L. Exton.

* 400th peal and together. † 200th peal with the ringers of 1 and 3.

Rung as a compliment to Eleanor M. Rose and Leslie Hall, who were married earlier this day in this church.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

EARDISLAND, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary. On Sat., June 14, 1969 in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

Howard Howell	Treble	Lawrence T. Mainwaring	5
Christine J. Turner	2	James S. Eastwood	6
Frederick R. Harris	3	Peter J. Barker	7
William Brotherton	4	*Maurice G. Turner	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Maurice G. Turner.

* 300th peal

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Nigel Patrick Jenney and Miss Prisca Faith Nourse, daughter of the Vicar, the Rev. Peter Nourse.

BROUGHTON, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter. On Tues., June 17, 1969, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, being 1,344 Rutland, 1,248 each of Cambridge, Yorkshire and Lincolnshire, with 90 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in F.

Philip G. K. Davies ..	Treble	Ian Friend	5
Richard J. Warrilow ..	2	Edward R. Fairbrother ..	6
*Richard C. Stevens	3	Clive M. Smith	7
David J. G. Bates	4	Robert A. Partridge	Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. Davies. Conducted by Robert A. Partridge.

* First peal of spliced.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

ALDEBURGH, Suffolk.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul. On Sat., June 7, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

Ruth Woodman	Treble	Rev. Lawrence Pizzey ..	5
Vernon Bedford	2	Adrian Knights	6
Stephen Bedford	3	Peter Bedford	7
Rev. Brian Redgers	4	Howard Egglestone	Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Howard Egglestone.

Rung for the opening of the 22nd Aldeburgh Festival of Music and the Arts at The Maltings the same day.

ROUGHAM, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary. On Mon., March 24, 1969, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being extents of Cambridge, Ipswich, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

Charles R. Stannard	Treble	Brian R. Coley	4
Dorothy M. Durrant ..	2	Alan G. Feaver	5
Richard Rose	3	Maurice J. Rose	Tenor

Conducted by Maurice J. Rose.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of 3 and 4.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

ADDINGTON, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary the Blessed Virgin. On Sat., June 14, 1969, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being an extent each of Durham, York, Ipswich, Bourne, Norwich, Annable's London and Cambridge.

Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in B.

Eric G. H. Godfrey	Treble	*Carol E. Rodgers	4
*Wendy J. Wallace	2	†Ian Wiltshire	5
†Amanda S. Powell	3	Christopher F. Mew	Tenor

Conducted by Eric G. H. Godfrey.

* First peal of Surprise. † First peal. First as conductor.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

THAKEHAM, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary. On Mon., June 16, 1969, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of seven 720's in 17 methods, viz.: (1) College Bob and Wavertree, (2) Newdigate, Old Oxford, College Bob IV and Willesden Delight, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Oxford T.B., (5) Double Oxford, Thelwall, Pinehurst, St. Clement's, Childwall and Buxton Bob, (6) Kent T.B. and (7) Single Oxford and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in A.

Charles B. Skinner	Treble	E. Winifred Keys	4
Patrick M. Wills	2	Philip Stevens	5
Edgar R. Rapley	3	Frank H. Hicks	Tenor

Conducted by Frank H. Hicks.

First peal in 17 methods by all, on the bells and for the Association.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

GULVAL, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Gulval. On Sat., June 14, 1969, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr 22 lb. in F sharp.

Timothy J. Bell	Treble	Anthony Locke	5
Geoffrey W. Taysom	2	*†T. Roy Hart	6
*Robert Peel Pearce	3	F. Malcolm Bowers	7
Canon A. S. Roberts	4	Anthony J. Davidson	Tenor

Composed by H. Hubbard. Conducted by F. Malcolm Bowers.

* First peal of Major. † First on eight "inside." First on eight as conductor.

Rung as a compliment to the Rev. D. J. M. Jasper, son of the Vicar, on the occasion of his ordination to the priesthood.

ST. ERME, Truro, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Hermes. On Wed., June 11, 1969, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Kent T.B., Oxford and Kent T.B and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

Alan Carveth	Treble	Michael W. Fairey	4
Anthea C. Fairey	2	*Michael J. Thomas	5
Timothy J. Bell	3	Anthony J. Davidson	Tenor

Conducted by Alan Carveth.

* 200th peal.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

CURDRIDGE, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Peter. On Sat., June 14, 1969, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in D.

David J. Forder	Treble	*Richard Green	5
*Mary E. Elmes	2	*Timothy F. Collins	6
Robert E. J. Dennis	3	George E. Evenden	7
Graham W. Elmes	4	Thomas H. Francis	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Robert E. J. Dennis.

* First peal of Bristol

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

KINGSWINFORD, Staffs.—At the Church of St. Mary. On Sat., May 10, 1969, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's One-part. Tenor 10½ cwt.

Clifford Skidmore	Treble	Stephen Mallen	5
C. Frederick Jukes	2	Bernard Lawton	6
Charles Peakman	3	Arthur Peakman	7
*John Dudley	4	†Norman Whitehouse	Tenor

Conducted by C. Frederick Jukes.

* First peal "inside." † First peal.

Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. N. F. Lewis, Mrs. Lewis and their family.

BRETFORTON, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Leonard. On Sat., May 31, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in F sharp.

Martin D. Fellows	Treble	*Margaret A. Swain	5
J. Alan Ainsworth	2	*Reginald H. Newton	6
Morley P. Tobin	3	Michael J. Fellows	7
Arthur C. Berry	4	Gerald C. Hemming	Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by Gerald C. Hemming.

* First peal in the method.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ECCLESFIELD, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin. On Sat., May 31, 1969, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in F.

Frank D. Mack	Treble	Leslie E. Smith	5
John L. Anderson	2	Malcolm S. Turner	6
Tom W. Senior	3	John N. Longridge	7
Geoffrey Pilkington	4	D. Roy Bould	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by John N. Longridge.

SHEFFIELD, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Marie. On Sun., June 1, 1969 in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Malcolm S. Turner	Treble	John N. Longridge	5
D. Roy Bould	2	Frank D. Mack	6
John L. Anderson	3	Stuart Armeson	7
Elizabeth Timmins	4	*Richard E. Price	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Stuart Armeson.

* 600th peal. Tenor 25 cwt. 4 lb. in D.

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter. On Mon., June 2, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5022 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 4 lb. in F.

Ronald Crabtree	Treble	C. Barrie Dove	5
Ronald H. Dove	2	Robert H. Jordan	6
Christopher J. Easton	3	Peter H. Gardner	7
Graham Jones	4	David Featherstone	Tenor

Composed by Simon Humphrey. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

HEPTONSTALL, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas Ap. On Sat., June 7, 1969, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in E.

Patricia Lockwood	Treble	David S. Lockwood	5
*Gail Cater	2	Alan Clifton	6
*Robert Cater	3	Ian North	7
Wilfrid F. Moreton	4	Trevor Tarbatt	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Ian North.

* First peal in the method.

HANDSWORTH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary. On Sat., June 14, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 lb. in F sharp.

John J. L. Gilbert	Treble	Neil Donovan	5
Patricia Lockwood	2	Alan Clifton	6
Ian North	3	David Nichols	7
*Iris Lemare	4	Richard E. Price	Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. (No. 9.) Conducted by Richard E. Price.

* 200th peal.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At 6, Ashwood Crescent. On Thurs., May 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL

Containing 3,360 of Rutland and 1,680 of Yorkshire, with 84 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

J. David Atkinson	1-2	Bernard F. L. Groves	5-6
Robert B. Smith	3-4	*Gerald Moorhouse	7-8
†John W. Gander	9-10		

Composed by Alan F. Scholfield. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

* First peal of Surprise "inside" "in hand." † First of Surprise "in hand." First of Spliced Surprise Royal "in hand" as conductor.

PRESTBURY, Cheshire.—At West Pines, Dale Brow. On Tues., April 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

Alan A. Potts	1-2	Ian M. Holland	5-6
C. Kenneth Lewis	3-4	Gerald Moorhouse	7-8

Composed and Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DERBY, Derbyshire.—At 6, Vernon Street. On Wed., June 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

*Geoffrey Bridges	1-2	†David J. Marshall	5-6
*A. Colin Banton	3-4	‡Michael J. Fellows	7-8

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

* 25th peal together. † 50th peal "in hand." ‡ First on eight handbells. Tenor size 16 in B flat.

DERBY, Derbyshire.—At 6, Vernon Street. On Wed., May 21, 1969, in 1 Hour and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in five methods: (1) London, (2) Beverley, (3 and 4) York, (5 and 6) Surfleet, and (7) Cambridge, with 5-6 right way throughout. Tenor size 14 in D.

Geoffrey Bridges	1-2	Michael J. Fellows	3-4
A. Colin Banton (cond.)	5-6		

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JAMES.—On June 9th, 1969, to David and Margaret, of 39, Overdale, Ashtead, Surrey, a daughter, Julia Scott, sister for Richard and Robert. 7507

SMITH.—On June 16th, 1969, at 17, Hurst Farm Road, East Grinstead, Sussex, to Louise (nee Gallini) and Lawrence Smith, a daughter (Margaret Eva Frances), sister for Joanna and Sarah. 7533

DEATH

BRIGGS.—On June 11th, 1969, Clarence Frank, of 11, Century Street, Newark, passed away suddenly and peacefully in the belfry of Newark Parish Church. Called to higher service. 7506

PERSONAL

"Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it."—St. Matthew vii 14.

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Names for tea to J. S. Barnes, 56, Leamington Avenue, Orpington, Kent, BR6 9QB.

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9.15 a.m. and 5.45 p.m., Sunday.
Light refreshments available.
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ST. MARY'S, SWANAGE, DORSET
RINGERS' SERVICE
Evensong, 6.30 p.m., Sunday, July 13th. Ringing from 5.30. Ringing and refreshments after service. Preacher, Rev. H. D. Anderson M.V.O., M.A., B.D. Visitors welcome 7437

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Final of striking competition, Saturday, July 5th, Stanford-le-Hope. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5 o'clock, followed by tea. Names, please, to G. Eve, 8, Crossfield Road, Southend-on-Sea. Further ringing after tea. 7508

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual Dinner, The New Hackwood Hotel, Widmore Road, Bromley Kent, September 27th, 6.30 for 7 p.m. Tickets 27/- from District secretaries up to Sept. 13th.—A. P. S. Berry, Hon. Gen. Sec., 7, Queen Street, Folkestone, Kent. 7075

WYMONDHAM ABBEY.—Ringing Day, July 12th. Bells (10) from 2.30 p.m. Teas will be provided by the Abbey ringers, their wives and friends. Names, please, to T E. Spight, 34, Damgate Street, Wymondham, Norfolk.

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UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Date for your diaries.
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ANNUAL DINNER
New date: Saturday, November 22nd.
General meeting to be held same day. 7509

UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION. — All members should have received a circular giving details of future activities including the Ringing Week in August based on York. Further copies from M Melville, Rushmoor School, Shakespeare Road, Bedford. 7491

PRACTICE NIGHTS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Practice meeting, Minehead (10), Saturday, July 12th, at 7 p.m. and at Luccombe (6) on Saturday, July 19th, at 6 p.m.—E. R. T. B. 7520

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Evening practice, Brasted (6), Friday, July 4th, 7–9 p.m. 7455

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Practice meeting at Cleckheaton, Wednesday, July 9th, 7 p.m. Rounds to Plain Bob and Grandsire. Mr. Wilfrid F. Moreton as Ringing Master.—R. Cater, Hon. Sec. 7513

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Surprise practice at St. John-the-Divine's, Leicester, Tuesday, July 8th, commencing at 7.30 p.m. Everyone welcome.—Ron Hughes. 7480

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. Practice meeting, St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station), Monday, July 7th at 7 p.m 7516

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Practice meeting on Thursday, July 10th; Aston (6), 7.30 p.m.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Joint Northern and Southern Divisions—Surprise practice meeting, Monday, July 7th, at Holy Trinity (8), Cuckfield, evening, 7.30–9 p.m. Visitors are most welcome.—Ann Evans, Hon. Sec., Southern Division 7467

MEETINGS

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Archdeaconry.—Monthly meeting, Snitterfield, Saturday, July 5th. Bells (6) 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., following by more ringing. Also Sherbourne bells (6) 2.30–3.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Woodward Court, Snitterfield Vicarage, Stratford-upon-Avon, please.—H. A. M 7472

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Monthly meeting at Doddington on Saturday, July 5th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting and further ringing until 8.30 p.m. 7490

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—N.E. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Kentisbeare, Saturday, July 5th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business after. Names for tea to G Hollis, 26, The Avenue, Tiverton, please. 7356

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Benington (8), Saturday, July 5th Bells from 5.30 p.m. Business meeting in the tower 6.30 p.m.—Mrs C. A. Agg, Dis. Sec. 7477

LADIES' GUILD.—Annual General Meeting, Saturday, July 5th, Manchester. Committee meeting 10.30 a.m. in Cathedral Refectory. Service in Cathedral 11.30 a.m. Annual General Meeting 1.30 p.m in Cathedral Refectory. Tea (5/-) 5.45 p.m. Names for tea, with cash and s.a.e., please, to Miss C. Andrew, 162, Hamilton Place, Ashton-under-Lyne. Bells available: Birch-in-Rusholme, 9.45–10.30; Salford Sacred Trinity, 10–10.45; Miles Platting, 10.30–11.15; Hyde St. George, 2–3; Mottram St. Michael, 2.30–3.30; Ashton St. Peter, 3–4; Ashton St. Michael, 3.30–4.30; Manchester Cathedral, 4.30–5.30. Town Hall after tea.

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LINCOLN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Willoughby, July 5th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. R. Reynolds, 9, Abbey Crescent, Swineshead, Boston, Lincs. 7426

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—South and West District.—Meeting, Cranford, Saturday, July 5th. Ringing at Norwood Green, 3–5; Cranford, 7–8.30. Tea at Cranford 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting. —M. J. Palmer. 7499

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Packwood (8), Saturday, July 5th. Bells 15.00. Service 16.30. Business meeting 17.45. Please bring your own picnic tea. Bells till 21.00.—R. J. Tibbetts, Hon. Sec 7442

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Meeting, West Grinstead, Saturday, July 5th. Stoolball match 3 p.m. Picnic tea 5 p.m. Drink provided but please bring own cups and food. Service 6 p.m., followed by ringing. Everyone welcome.—Jean Osbon, Div. Sec 7483

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Tadcaster, July 5th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 7502

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

Annual General Meeting, 1969

The A.G.M. of the Guild will be held at Christchurch on Saturday, July 5th. The arrangements are as follows:—

Annual General Meeting in the Priory Hall, 2.30 p.m.

Service in the Priory, 4.30 p.m.

Tea in the Priory Hall, 5.30 p.m.

Names for tea should be sent to Mrs. M. Young, Gina, Sopley, Christchurch, Hants.

Ringing:—

10.00–11.00, Lyndhurst (8) and Brockenhurst (6)
10.30–11.30, Lymington (8).
11.00–12.00, Hordle (6).
12.00– 2.00, Christchurch (12).
7.00– 8.45, Fordingbridge (8).

It is hoped to announce further evening ringing at the meeting.—D. J. Forder, Hon. Gen. Sec. 7496

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Meeting, Wroughton (6), Wednesday, July 9th, 7 p.m. 7528

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—An evening meeting will be held at Hoar Cross on Friday, July 11th. Bells 6 p.m. All welcome.

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, striking competition, at Holme-on-Spalding Moor (6), July 12th. Draw 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Carey, High Street, Holme-on-Spalding Moor, York, by previous Wednesday. Ringing after tea till 9 p.m. Don't forget open practice at Holy Trinity, Hull, July 14th, 7.30–9 p.m. 7514

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The July quarterly meeting will be held at Monk's Kirby on Saturday, July 12th. Service 4.30 and tea in the School at 5 p.m. Ringing arrangements: Burton Hastings, 10–10.45 a.m.; Wolvey, 10.45–11.45 a.m.; Bulkington, 11.30–12.30 p.m.; Shilton, 2–3 p.m.; Brinklow, 2.30–3.30 p.m.; Monk's Kirby, 3–4.30 p.m. and after tea. Names for tea by July 9th, please. —H. M. Windsor, 5, Park Lane, Harbury, Leamington Spa. Tel.: Harbury 504. 7531

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (Chesterfield District) and SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Joint meeting, Staveley, July 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5. Eckington (8) 7–8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. Paddison, 16, Wateringbury Grove, Staveley, Chesterfield.—M. Phipps, R. Fletcher, Hon. Secs 7525

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting, July 12th. Whittlesford (6), 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting only if necessary, then Duxford (6) until 8 p.m.—J. S. 7512

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Meeting, Wanstead, July 12th. Ringing 3.45 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business. Evening ringing until 8 p.m. Names for tea to J. P. Eyre, 4, Greenheys Drive, South Woodford, E.18. 7503

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting, Chertsey, Saturday, July 12th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea following for those who notify Rev. G. S. Archibald, The Vicarage, Chertsey, by previous Wednesday. 7526

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Aldenham (6), July 12th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to J. R. Southey, Ashmere, Harper Lane, Radlett. Tel.: Radlett 6188.—G. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 7484

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting, Flamstead (6) on Saturday, July 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to R. E. Sheppard, 19, Great Heart, Hemel Hempstead, Herts, by Thursday, July 10th. 7532

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting, Lenham, July 12th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names to C. A. Tester, 18, Maxwell Drive, Maidstone. 7529

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, July 12th, Langdale. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. Birkett, Braegarth, Elterwater, near Ambleside.—T. F. Metcalfe. 7523

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Out-of-the-Branch meeting, Saturday, July 12th, at Sowerby (8) in the afternoon, from 3 p.m., and Heptonstall (8) in the evening, from 6.30 p.m. Please make own tea arrangements.—G. Cheetham. 7517

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting July 12th: Higham-on-the-Hill, 9.30–10.30; Stoke Golding, 10.30–11.30; Hinckley, 11.30–12.30; Stoney Stanton, 2–3; Barwell, 3.15–4.15; Earl Shilton, 3 to service 4.30. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Names for tea to Mr. G. Newton, 26, Avenue South, Earl Shilton, not later than July 9th. Room available in the evening. Annual dinner, September 20th. Striking competition October 5th.—A. J. Poynor. 7471

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Meeting on July 12th at Bassaleg. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. J. King, The Cedar Tiles, High Beech Lane, Chepstow, Mon, by July 7th. 7456

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LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, July 12th: St. Stephen's, Weir Road, Clapham Park, 2.30–3.30; Our Lady of Victories (R.C.), Clapham Common, 3.30–4.30, tea and service to follow. All Saints', Tooting Graveney, 6.30–7.30; St. Leonard's, Streatham High Road, 7.30–8.30. Names for tea to Mr. G. W. Shanks, 86, Macauley Road, S.W.4, by previous Wednesday. No name no tea.—M. R. W., Sec. 7406

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Whilton (6), on Saturday, July 12th. Names for tea to Mr. J. Townley, Whilton, Daventry, by Monday previous.—I. Webb. 7511

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Meeting, Frampton, on July 12th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. D. Cox, 26, Dorchester Road, Frampton, Dorchester, by Wednesday previous. 7497

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY and DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (Chesterfield District).—Joint meeting at Staveley on July 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Eckington (8) 7–8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. Paddison, 16, Wateringbury Grove, Staveley, Chesterfield.—R. Fletcher, M. Phipps, Hon. Secs. 7524

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Ringing meeting, Horringer (8), Saturday, July 12th. Bells from 2.30–9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting follows. Please help the tea caterers by sending names for tea to Mrs F. Potter, Horringer, Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk, by Wednesday, July 9th. 7518

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Striking contest at Thakeham, Saturday, July 12th, starting 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea in the Church Hall. Bells (6) available for other ringing after competition. Please notify for tea R. Wake, 28, Keynor Estate, Sidlesham, Chichester. 7534

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.—Diocesan summer festival, St. Erme (6), July 12th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5. Other towers available: Ladock, Probus, Newlyn East, all 2.30–4 and 6–8 p.m.—A. J. Davidson, Gen. Sec 7504

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—Quarterly meeting, Warnford, Saturday, July 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in Old School. Bells in the evening. Numbers for tea, please, by July 6th.—C. E. Bassett, 85, Brook Lane, Warsash. Tel. Locks Heath 2404. 7521

HANDBELL PEALS

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
ACKLAM, Middlesbrough, Teesside.—At 29, Farley Drive.
On Sun., May 18, 1969, in 1 Hour and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In two methods, being three extents of St. Clement's and four of Plain Bob Tenor size 17 in A flat.
Margaret Lawson .. .. .. 1-2 | Enid Lawson 3-4
Kenneth Lawson (cond.) .. 5-6

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
CHELTENHAM, Gloucestershire.—At 48, Willersey Road.
On Tues., June 3, 1969, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5008 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR
In 11 methods, comprising 2,048 Plain Bob, 1,088 Double Bob, 384 Reverse Bob, 288 each of Fulbeck and Cleatham, 240 Little Bob, 192 Crayford L.C. 144 each of Wellington and Gainsborough Little, and 96 each of St. Clement's and Crayford College, with 277 changes of method. Tenor size 12 in F.
Frances Fairbank .. .. 1-2 | Hugh N. Evans 5-6
Valerie Willard .. .. .. 3-4 | Cyril A. Wratten 7-8
Arranged and Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
ST ALBANS, Hertfordshire.—At 114, Park Street Lane.
On Mon., May 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORK SURPRISE ROYAL
S. Kathleen M. Baldwin .. 1-2 | Roger Baldwin 5-6
Julia A. Fellows .. .. .. 3-4 | John R. Mayne 7-8
Christopher W. Woolley .. 9-10
Arranged and Conducted by John R. Mayne.
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WATFORD, Hertfordshire.—At 15, Harford Drive.
On Mon., June 16, 1969, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 3 version. Tenor size 19 in F.
S. Kathleen M. Baldwin .. 1-2 | Roger Baldwin 5-6
John R. Mayne .. .. .. 3-4 | *Frank C. Price 7-8
Gerald Penney 9-10
Composed and Conducted by John R. Mayne.
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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
GILLINGHAM, Kent.—At 31, South Avenue.
On Tues., May 27, 1969, in 1 Hour and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor size 15 in C.
Peter S. Muchlinski .. .. 1-2 | *Frank J. Matthews 3-4
Trevor A. Cross (cond.) .. 5-6
* Has now rung Plain Bob from Minor to Maximus "in hand."

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Bettyfold.
On Fri., June 13, 1969, in 1 Hour and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 KILLARNEY BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor size 14 in D.
Joseph Whalley .. .. .. 1-2 | Mary W. Whalley 3-4
Kevin M. Price (cond.) .. 5-6
First peal in the method by all the band.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
CLEATHAM.—At Cleatham House Farm.
On Fri., May 9, 1969, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.
Mrs. J. Bray .. .. 1-2 | Jack Bray 5-6
George E. Feirn .. .. .. 3-4 | Jack L. Millhouse 7-8
Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by George E. Feirn.
Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Feirn.

THE LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
LIVERPOOL.—At 256A, Smithdown Road.
On Thurs., May 8, 1969, in 1 Hour and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Double Bob and six of Plain Bob.
Tenor size 12 in F.
Geoffrey C. Sparling .. .. 1-2 | Bruce Wakefield 3-4
H. Lyndon Hatfield (cond.) 5-6
First peal in two Minor methods "in hand" by all the band.
Rung as a compliment to Joseph Ridyard on his election as honorary life member of the Society.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORSTMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
BOURNEMOUTH, Hants.—At Bourneheath, Stourcliffe Avenue.
On Tues., June 17 1969, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 42 methods, being one extent each of Union, St. Faith, St. Julian, Original, Stedman, Grandsire, New Grandsire, Antelope, New Antelope, Shipway, Rugby, Slapton, Merton, Longford, Thornborough, Hascombe, Chesham, Broughton, Ockham, Itchingfield, Oakley, Chipstead, St. Simon, St. Martin, St. Osmund, St. Nicholas, Winchendon, St. Remigius, Westminster, Blackburn, St. Hilary, New, Huntspill, St. Vedast, Rev. St. Bartholomew, All Saints, Rev. St. Sebastian, Stedman Slow Course, Coxwell, St. Botolph, Rev, Canterbury and Plain Bob. Tenor size 15 in C.
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MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Evening practice at Chiswick, Wednesday, July 9th, 7.45. Surprise Royal practice at Hillingdon on July 14th.—M. J. Palmer, Dis. Sec. 7544

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South East District.—A District practice meeting will be held at Hintlesham Church (6) on Tuesday, July 8th, 7.30-9 p.m. All welcome.—W. L., Dis. Sec. 7538

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bigleswade District.—Meeting, Ampthill (6), 3-4.45, and Maulden (8), 6-8.30 p.m., Saturday, July 12th. Tea and business at Maulden Church Hall, 5 p.m. 7539

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Branch.—Meeting, Walesby, Saturday, July 12th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by picnic tea and business meeting.—G. R. P. 7538

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—Meeting, St. Martin's, Stamford, Saturday, July 12th. Bells 3 p.m. and 6-7.30. Service 4.15. Also Easton-on-the-Hill (4) 3-4: All Saints', Stamford, 7-9 p.m. Names non-essential.—R. Daw, Sec. 7537

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD — Basingstoke District. — Quarterly meeting, Wolverton, Saturday, July 12th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. in Village Hall. Numbers for tea to J. J. Hill, 67, Oakridge Road, Basingstoke, by Tuesday, July 8th, please. 7463

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD—North Notts meeting at Tuxford, July 12th. Usual arrangements: names for tea to Rev. T. W. Swift, The Vicarage, Tuxford, not later than the evening of Thursday, 10th. **Oswy Street cup** will be rung for on **Saturday, October 18th. Closed method contest** to be on **Saturday, November 29th.** Both these events are "open" to non-resident bands. Details from District Secretary. 7543

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting, July 19th, Castle Hedingham (6). Names for tea (essential) to R. Threadgold, Wethersfield Mill, Braintree, by Friday, 18th. Service 4 p.m. 7540

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD (West Lindsey Branch) and LADIES' GUILD (Lincs Branch).—Meeting at Stow, Saturday, July 19th. Bells (6) afternoon and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify Mr. A. L. Denton, Stow Road, Sturton, Lincoln, by Tuesday previous. Special methods the Ockley Group and Little Bob.—Geo. L. A. Lunn and Mrs. Richardson, Hon. Secs. 7469

The first News Letter of the Manchester Branch of the Lancashire Association has been received. The Editor is Mr. J. Brannan, 10, Quickedge Road, Mossley, Ashton-under-Lyne, who appeals for articles relating to ringing and ringers.

LOUGHBOROUGH TOWER CAPTAIN AND BRIDE

Captain of All Saints', Loughborough, since 1967 and a former secretary of the Loughborough District of the Leicester Diocesan Guild, Mr. Richard M. Wilson, of Loughborough, was married to Miss Jill Howitt at All Saints', Newtown Linford, on May 31st. Both are keen ringers, and the present band at Newtown Linford owes much of its progress to the bride's unfailing efforts and enthusiasm.

For her wedding the bride wore a full-length dress and train of guipure lace over duchess satin.

The bridegroom graduated from Oxford with a degree in physics and while at the University he gained much of his early ringing experience.

In celebration of the occasion a peal of Plain Bob Minor was rung at Newtown Linford simultaneously with a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal at the Parish Church, Loughborough. A quarter peal of Grandsire Caters was also rung at the latter on June 7th by a band essentially composed of local ringers.

Many will wish to join with us in wishing Richard and Jill every happiness in the future.

QUARTER PEALS

LUPPITT, DEVON.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Broom (cond.) 1, Miss M. Barnard 2, J. Thorne 3, A. Sage 4, Miss M. Sage 5, W. Broom 6. For evening service.

MALVERN LINK, WORCS.—On June 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. M. Wood 1, E. C. Barber 2, E. F. Rose 3, Mrs. R. M. Morris 4, P. L. Wood 5, J. Clements 6, R. G. Morris (cond.) 7, J. E. Lawrence 8. To celebrate the 25th anniversary of the ordination of the Vicar, Rev. E. A. Cooke. Also on June 15th, 1,250 Yorkshire Surprise Major: E. C. Barber 1, R. G. Morris (cond.) 2, Mrs. M. Wood 3, Mrs. R. M. Morris 4, G. W. Edwards 5, G. Bagley 6, P. L. Wood 7, D. Franklin 8. For Evensong.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT. — On June 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Thompson 1, T. V. Barnard 2, J. Jarvis (first "inside") 3, Mrs. R. Thompson 4, E. C. Stuart (cond.) 5, K. Bartle 6. For evening service.

MONKEN HADLEY, HERTS. — On June 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Platten 1, M. Soper 2, Valerie Maynard 3, P. Harris (first "inside") 4, C. Ward 5, C. King 6, T. Pink (cond.) 7, W. Bradbrook 8. For Evensong.

NAILSEA, SOM. — On June 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): H. Hardwidge 1, L. Derrick 2, D. Willis 3, C. Kortright (cond.) 4, W. Neath 5, L. Childs 6. A birthday compliment to Mrs. D. Strong.

NETTLEHAM, LINCS.—On June 8th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Miss R. Redden (first quarter) 1, G. R. Parker 2, Mrs. S. Sinden 3, W. Booth 4, M. H. Sinden (cond.) 5, L. Lawrence 6. For Evensong.

NUNBURNHOLME, E. YORKS.—On May 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: I. Peacock 1, Elsie Chaddock 2, D. Smith 3, J. N. D. Chaddock 4, A. Kneeshaw 5, N. Chaddock (cond.) 6. First quarter 1, 3 and 5.

ORSTON, NOTTS. — On April 4th, 1,440 Spliced T.B. Minor (60 methods): P. A. Slight 1, Mrs. C. Mills 2, S. Humphrey 3, W. L. Exton (100th quarter) 4, D. A. Frith 5, B. Mills (cond.) 6.

OXFORD.—At St. Aldate's Church, on Whit Sunday, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: V. Griffin (cond.) 1, Susan E. Unsworth (first quarter) 2, Jennifer A. Unsworth 3, J. J. Strange 4, R. Bennion 5, R. Allsworth 6. First "inside" for 3 and 4. For Evensong.

PETERBOROUGH.—On June 1st, 1,440 Norwich Surprise Minor: G. F. Cowlin 1, Mrs. P. A. Smith 2, Mrs. J. Parker 3, R. W. Smith 4, G. Davis 5, R. W. Spencer (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.—On June 15th, at the Cathedral, 1,259 (seven variants) Doubles: A. York-Bramble 1, Mrs. E. Jones 2, Jennifer Quaife 3, A. A. J. Buswell 4, W. Willans (75th quarter, cond.) 5, F. G. Edwards 6. With best wishes to Anne Hatton and Paul Hawkins on their engagement.

RANDWICK, GLOS.—On May 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Simpson 1, Miss P. Buckland 2, Miss S. Perry 3, J. E. Taylor 4, P. Screen (cond.) 5, E. Barnett 6. For Rogation Sunday Evensong.

ST. FLORENCE, PEMBS. — On May 28th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Sally Griffiths 1, Rev. R. U. Thomas 2, A. F. Walters 3, Pamela Turner 4, D. H. Walters (cond.) 5, A. Griffiths 6. Rung after a peal attempt.

SELWORTHY, SOM.—On June 1st, 1,260 Doubles (six m/v): H. L. Arscott 1, F. C. Arscott 2, C. H. J. Arscott 3, M. A. Arscott 4, R. F. Arscott (comp. and cond.) 5, M. R. Arscott 6. A family quarter to celebrate the silver wedding of Mrs. J. B. Marshall ("Ciss"), daughter of 1st ringer and Mr. Jack Marshall; sister, cousin and niece to the others. One time she was a ringer at All Saints' tower.

SHAFTESBURY, DORSET.—At St. James' Church, on June 10th, 1,296 Minor: W. C. Shute 1, Mrs. M. M. Godley 2, Miss H. M. Julius 3, Miss R. M Julius 4, F. Priddle (cond. 576 Cambridge Surprise) 5, C. W. Tidwell (cond. 720 Kent T.B., first 720 as cond.) 6. In honour of the birthday of H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh.

SHELFORD, NOTTS. — On March 2nd, 1,279 Dragon Doubles: A. Lazzerini 1, F. Bradley 2, Mrs. D. Bradley 3, D. Lazzerini 4, B. Mills (cond.) 5. Also on March 9th, 1,320 Chevasse Doubles: R. Mills 1, A. Lazzerini and F. Bradley 2, Mrs. D. Bradley 3, D. Lazzerini 4, B. Mills (cond.) 5. Also on March 16th, 1,260 Maltby Doubles: Same band. Also on March 23rd, 1,260 Callender Doubles: Same band. Also on March 30th, 1,260 Montgomeryshire Doubles: R. Mills 1, Mrs. C. Mills 2, F. Bradley 3, D. Lazzerini 4, B. Mills (cond.) 5. Also on April 13th, 1,280 Rev. Callender Doubles: A. Lazzerini 1, F. Bradley 2, Mrs. D. Bradley 3, D. Lazzerini 4, B. Mills (cond.) 5. Also on April 20th, 1,280 Rev. Maltby Doubles: Same band. Also on April 27th, 1,320 Rev. Dragon Doubles: Same band. Also on May 5th, 1,260 Chase Doubles: Same band. Also on May 11th, 1,280 Rev. Eynesbury Doubles: Same band. Also on May 18th, 1,280 Rev. Blaisden Doubles: Same band. Also on June 7th, 1,280 Rev. Huntley Doubles: Same band. All rung for Evensong.

SOMERLEYTON, SUFFOLK.—On June 15th, 1,440 Beverley and Double Court: Rev. P. N. Bond 1, Anne Corney 2, T. J. Brock 3, W. S. Girling 4, J. B. Pickup (cond.) 5, M. J. Parker 6.

SOUTH PERROTT, DORSET. — On June 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: I. Calvert (first Minor) 1, D. B Ellery 2, Angela R. Quick 3, R. Williamson 4, M. J Hiller (first Minor as cond.) 5, I. L. Andrews (first Minor) 6. Rung in honour of H.M. the Queen on her official birthday.

STEVENAGE, HERTS.—On June 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Laurence 1, W. Brown 2, A. Jackson 3, L. H. Cooper 4, P. T. Rumley 5, G. T. Horritt 6, J. R. Leeming (cond.) 7, R. Kirkpatrick 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Miss M. A Smith, for many years a friend and patron of the Stevenage ringers and member of the Hertford County Association, and 5-year-old Lyndon Scott, tragically killed in a road accident. The band would like to associate the names of W. Munson and Dr. D. L. Gullick with this quarter.

STOCKBURY, KENT.—On June 1st, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Mrs. P. Bushell 1, E. Kennett 2, R. Bushell (cond.) 3, G. Wood 4, M. Lacey 5. For Sunday service.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.—On June 14th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: W. K. Whittell 1, F. Joan Muxlow 2, H. D. Lister 3, D. Barber 4, L. J. Nice 5, R. Rose (cond.) 6, Rev. A. A. Muxlow 7, A. J. Munnings 8. First in method 2 and 4.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On June 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. Sangwin 1, R. G. Pearce 2, D. W. Jack 3, M. F. D. Burton 4, W. J. V. Conduct 5, H Trewin 6, H. Stacey (cond.) 7, J. W. Sangwin 8. Rung in memory of George Pearce, father of the 2nd ringer, who was interred on June 11th.

SYSTON, LEICS.—On June 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Elaine Smith 1, B. S. Payne (cond.) 2, J. Howard 3, Isabel Tomlinson 4, Anne Rickaby 5, M. Finney 6. First quarter 1, 3, 6. A birthday compliment to Isabel Tomlinson and Anne Rickaby, and to congratulate the Rev. and Mrs. Wall on the birth of a daughter.

TURRAMURRA, N.S.W.—On June 1st, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Andrew J. Goodyer 1, Philip R. Goodyer (13, first as cond.) 2, Beverley Watts 3, Margaret Goodyer 4, Tom W. Goodyer 5, John B. Watts 6.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH. — On May 25th, 1,296 Surprise Minor (Beverley and Surfleet): Janet House 1, Kay Whittiker 2, A. F. Lee 3, R. L. Coles 4, D. A. Burt 5, D. E. House (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on June 8th, 1,260 Minor (London Surprise, Plain Bob): Erica J. Pankhurst 1, Kay Whittiker 2, D. A. Burt 3, D. J. Barnett 4, J. R. Hobbs 5, A. F. Lee (cond.) 6.

WALLINGTON, HERTS. — On May 10th, 1,440 Cambridge S. Minor: Rosemary J. E. Roden 1, Margaret M. Roden 2, R. Petit 3, G. T. Horrit 4, J. S. Dear 5, M. R. Worthington (cond.) 6.

WARMLEY, GLOS.—On June 8th, 1,260 Doubles (three variations): Miss S. Moxham 1, M. R. Brain 2, K. G. Weeks 3, D. M. Smith 4, A. W. Gibbs (cond.) 5, B. W. Metcalfe 6. Congratulations to Elizabeth Webb on her 21st birthday and also on her engagement to Bernard Clarke.

COMPOSITIONS

5,088 GLEVUM SURPRISE MAJOR

By ANTHONY R. PEAKE

23456	M	I/V	B	W	H	
42356		2				A
32546	—		—		—	A
53246	—		—	—	—	A
45236				—		A
35426		X		—		A
56423	—	X				A
23645	—	2		—		A
24365		X		—	—	
32465	—		—	—	—	
43265	—		—	—	—	
64235				—		
34625		X		—		
45623	—	X				
23564	—	2		—		
23456			A			

First rung to Covingham S. Major at Stratton St. Margaret, Wiltshire, on January 31st, 1969.

5,184 YPRES SURPRISE MAJOR

By STANLEY JENNER

23456	M	B	W	H	
35426	—	X			
52364		X			
26543		X			
64352	—		2		
56423		X		2	
62534		X			
64235	2			—	
43265			2		
23564	—				
36524	—	X			A
62345		X			A
24653		X			A
53246		X	2		A
23645	—				A
23456		A			

5,040 YORKSHIRE ROYAL

By GILES B. THOMPSON

	W	H	2345678
A		—	4235687
	SS	2	23456
B		3	23465

Repeated.
A = Singles: 1 3½ 4½ 5½ 8.
B = Singles: ½ M W.

5,040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

By GILES B. THOMPSON

½	M	4½	W	H	234567890
S				3	234597860
S				—	423567890
	S		S		523647890
	S			3	423657890
	S		S		623547890
	S			—	342567890
		S		3	342568790
		S		—	234567890

First rung at Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffs, on May 24th, 1969.

PERRY BARR, BIRMINGHAM.—On May 25th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Janet Bowskill (first quarter) 1, Susan Chew 2, Janet Aston 3, D. J. Purnell 4, J. G. Perry 5, R. J. Tibbetts (cond.) 6.

WITTERSHAM, KENT.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): P. Thomas 1, H. Deacon 2, J. Hemsley 3, Jane Osenton 4, D. Manger (cond.) 5, P. Denne 6.

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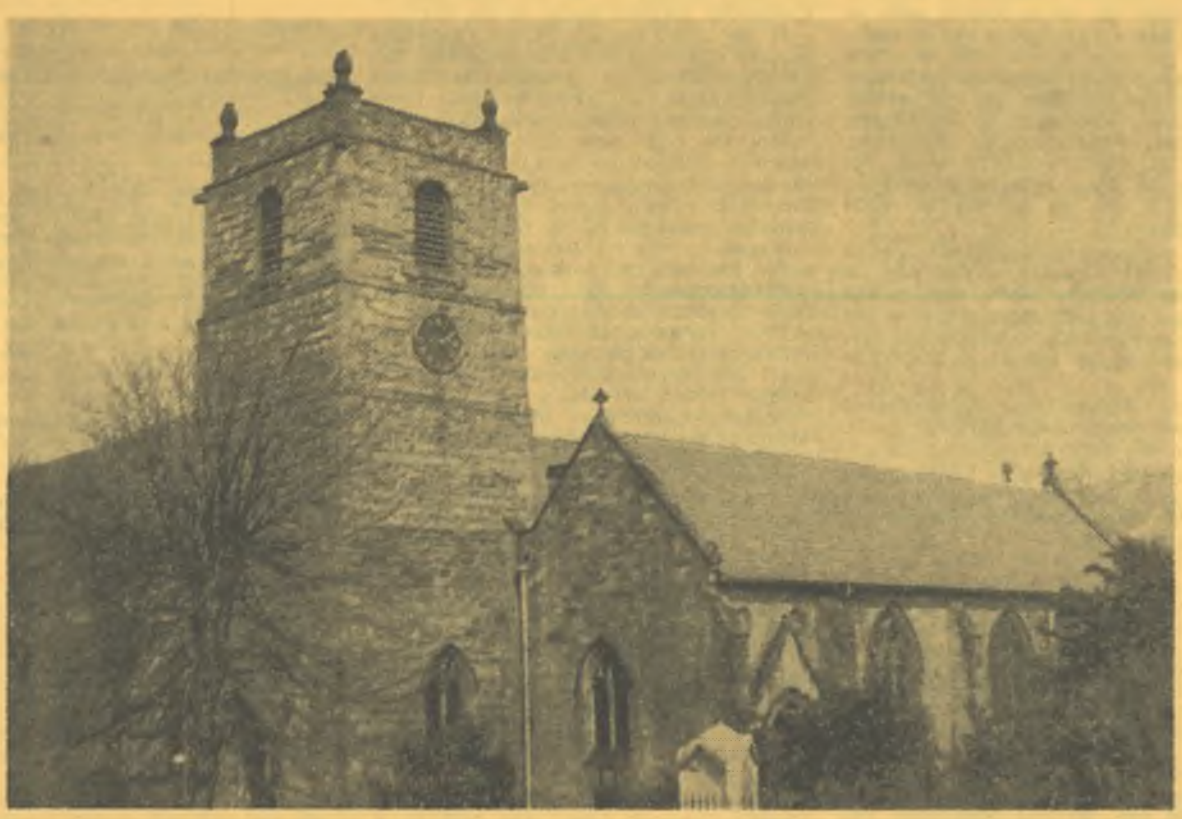

THE CHURCH OF ST. COLLEN, LLANGOLLEN

By the Rev. Ivor Rees, Vicar

For 22 years the Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod has made the name Llangollen known the world over—recognised even by people who cannot pronounce it! People from many nations, every July, find their way to this little town set in the beautiful valley of the Dee and cradled by the majestic Berwyn Mountains. Here they come to sing and dance and to share the best of their folk-culture, giving fuller meaning to the Eisteddfod motto "Blessed is a world that sings. Gentle are its songs."

The town takes its name from St. Collen, a Celtic saint who founded his cell here towards the end of the 6th century. Around this cell grew the community, and from here Collen carried the Christian Gospel to the surrounding area. The Christian tradition of the valley was further enriched in mediæval times when the Cistercians established nearby the Abbey of Valle Crucis.

The present parish church dates from the 14th century, the chancel and south aisle being added in 1865. Its main feature is a wonderful carved roof dating from the early 15th century — its intricate designs more fully revealed by the recent addition of special lighting.

The tower was built in 1749, replacing a wooden structure which contained four bells, and a clock with quarter chimes was added in 1853. The existing ring of eight jubilee bells was set up in 1887 by Taylors of Loughborough to commemorate the jubilee of Queen Victoria, and the first peal by local ringers was rung two years later. The bells, which were rehung in 1952, carry most interesting inscriptions:—

Treble.—Gloria Deo.
Second.—In Excelsis.
Third.—Et in terra Pax.
Fourth.—Hosanna Filio. St. Matt. xxi. 15. Children's Bell.
Fifth.—Hen a Newydd. In place of four old bells cast in 1697, 1722, 1759, 1762.
Sixth.—Pro Regina. God save the Queen.
Seventh.—Pro Ecclesia. St. Matt. xvi. 18.
Tenor.—We are the Eight Jubilee Bells. Dona Dei Deo. Pro Deo.

In addition to our older ringers, our Ringing Master, Mr. Arthur Bailey, has gathered around him an enthusiastic team of youngsters of both sexes. We hope that their efforts will ensure that the jubilee bells will continue to ring out over the Vale of Llangollen, to praise God and call the faithful to worship.

Cambridge from Minor to Maximus

By ROBERT B. SMITH

WHEN we arranged to attempt a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus on the handbells early this year, June 21st, the longest day, was the first Saturday that suited all those who were to take part in the attempt. The idea was to give David Moore and Bernard Groves an opportunity of joining the others in completing Cambridge from Minor to Maximus on tower bells and handbells. A few weeks before the attempt was due to take place it was suggested that we might be a bit more ambitious and attempt to ring peals of Minor, Major, Royal and Maximus in the day. In order that the five people who were interested could complete the family in the day it was obviously necessary to enlist at least two other people to ring in peals of Minor and Major. This proved to be something of a problem as those who were capable of ringing in the additional peals were not available in the afternoon and evening and we did not want to move the attempt for Maximus to the afternoon or evening. The problem was eventually solved, but nobody would have believed it possible, even at 10.30 a.m. on the day the peals were completed.

Bernard Groves and Bob Smith arrived at The Wayside, Leicester, at 9.15 p.m. on Friday, June 20th, by which time it had been decided that only three people would be able to complete the family in the day. How it came to be altered is, briefly, as follows:

"By ringing another peal of Minor four people could complete the family!"

"Yes, we can do that."

"The fifth person will then have rung all except a peal of Major; it seems to be a pity that he should come so close without completing the family."

"We cannot get extra ringers for the afternoon and evening. I suppose we could move the Maximus attempt to the afternoon and try to get extra ringers for the morning."

"Who can ring Cambridge Major on handbells who might be able to come?"

"Rupert Clarke and Richard Inglis are the likeliest. What happens if only one of them can come?"

"Get both or one of them and we'll work out all the combinations."

By 10.30 p.m. we had determined that Richard Inglis was available in the morning but had to get to Greasley for a 3 p.m. peal attempt. Rupert Clarke was out, which meant that we wouldn't know until the following morning whether or not he would be able to come.

On Saturday morning Bob went to collect Richard off the 6.55 a.m. train from Nottingham while Peter, Jill and Bernard had breakfast and prepared for the first two attempts. The first attempt, Cambridge Major, started shortly after 8 a.m., so that when David Moore and Alf Ballard arrived at 8.30 a.m. to ring what they thought would be Cambridge Maximus they had a bit of a surprise. They, with Peter, started for a peal of Cambridge Minor instead! Both peals were accomplished before 10.30 a.m.

We now knew that Rupert Clarke could not come for a handbell peal because of a previous engagement. Alex Jones had rung up to wish us "all the best" for the attempts (thank you, Alex), but it now seemed that Bob and Bernard would not ring a peal of Minor unless some other member of the band rang an extra one! At this point Alf came to the rescue with the words "I'll bet Eileen or Geoff Goodall will ring a peal of Minor with you if you drive over to Hinckley!"

Nothing ventured, nothing gained—Messrs. Groves and Smith drove to Hinckley, handbells in briefcase. We had heard of people knocking for a ring at a tower, but this was a bit different. Eileen and Geoff made us very welcome, Geoff taking part in a peal of Cambridge Minor. There was time for a quick cup of coffee before travelling back to Leicester.

At The Wayside a second peal of Cambridge Major had duly been rung, and Richard was ready to depart to Greasley for what proved to be his third peal of Cambridge Surprise Major of the day.

In the afternoon a 5,042 of Cambridge Surprise Maximus was rung, enabling Bernard and David to complete the family "tower and hand". There was time for a cup of tea and a walk round the garden before the final peal, Cambridge Royal, which was completed by 9.15 p.m. During the last few courses the band could smell the dinner being prepared by Jill, but they were not to be put off the ringing with the final goal in view. A very enjoyable dinner ended the day's proceedings, Bob and Bernard departing at 10.15 p.m. before anybody suggested another peal.

From the point of view of records the following are of particular note:—

(1) Alf Ballard has now completed the unique record of having completed the "double"—Cambridge from Minor to Maximus on tower bells in one day, and now the same performance on handbells.

(2) Peter Staniforth joins the late Harold J. Poole by calling peals of Cambridge from Minor to Maximus in one day.

(3) This is the first time that more than two peals of Surprise have been rung on handbells by one band in one day.

We would like to thank Richard Inglis, Geoff and Eileen Goodall for their help in this venture, and would like to associate the peals with Richard Inglis' and Alan Scholfield's success in graduating from Cambridge with honours degrees.

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MARKING INVESTITURE YEAR

The annual general meeting of the St. David's Diocesan Guild was held at St. Peter's, Carmarthen, on June 14th, members from Burry Port, Cardigan, Carmarthen, Llanbadarn Fawr, Llandeilo, Llandovery, Pembroke, St. Florence and Tenby being present.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. Hywel Davies), the lessons were read by Rev. R. W. Thomas (Master of the Guild) and the organist was Mr. W. G. Thomas, of Tenby.

An excellent tea was served in the Church House by Mrs. Davies and her helpers, who were later thanked on behalf of the Guild by Mr. M. E. Lewis, of St. Florence.

At the business meeting the Master thanked the Vicar for the warm welcome received and his kind hospitality.

The Master suggested that as St. David's was the senior "See" of the Principality it would be fitting to mark investiture year with a peal in every tower in the diocese, rung as a token of respect for His Royal Highness. He also urged all towers to have a recruiting campaign and encourage the young people and less able ringers and help them to become proficient.

At the election of officers the offices of treasurer and auditor were reversed, Mr. D. P. Griffiths (Cardigan) becoming treasurer and Mr. A. F. Walters (Cardigan) auditor. The other officers were re-elected for a further term, the dates and venues for meetings to be held in 1970 were arranged and several new members elected.

Members then returned to the tower for further ringing until 8.30 p.m.

LLANDAFF'S FORAY OVER THE BRIDGE

Llandaff Cathedral Guild for their annual outing on Easter Tuesday made their second foray "over the bridge" in three years. The detached tower at St. Mary's, Berkeley, provided the only 10-bell ring on the schedule; the beautiful Cotswold stone church at Painswick enchanted and the 12 bells were competently rung; the cool of the churchyard at Upton St. Leonards proved as much an attraction as the eight bells. Ringing finished at St. Mary-de-Crypt Church, Gloucester, and the evening ended in the usual convivial fashion, while the musical renderings on the journey home proved a great source of enjoyment to those who managed to stay awake.

Bath & Wells A.G.M. at Winscombe, June 14th, 1969

THE Association met in the Axbridge Branch, having completed visits to all the ten others since 1959, when the decision was made to visit each in turn alphabetically, starting with Bath. The last visit for a (quarterly) general meeting was 30 years ago and the only annual meeting previously was in 1916 at Burnham-on-Sea, due to wartime restrictions at Wells. Thus on a hot summer's day some 90 members and friends converged on the large village of Winscombe, set in a quiet Mendip valley, soon, alas, to be traversed by the M5 motorway extension. The towers of 18 churches in the Branch were open for ringing at various times and it is regretted that three more had to be withdrawn from the programme at short notice.

At 2.30 p.m. the Rev. H. F. Warren (Master) opened the meeting in the Village Hall with prayer. The annual report, complete with the meeting agenda and previous minutes, had been circulated to members so the business proceeded smoothly. Arising from the minutes it was reported that the suggestion of forming a library had received support in several Branches and the general committee had recommended that it be established. Mrs. M. Legget, of the Ilchester Branch, had offered to house any material that was obtained and a formal proposition to establish a library was therefore carried. Full operational details will follow in due course.

Discussion then took place on the officers' reports, which were taken as read and adopted. The Master's report commented upon the revised A.G.M. arrangements introduced last year, the successful dinner at Cheddar and the revised form of Association service. Mr. Warren added that additional duties as a Proctor in Convocation might further restrict his ability to attend Branch meetings. The committee had considered the creation of a post of deputy Master, but this would be covered by a proposed revision of the rules which was in progress.

DIFFICULTY OVER RECORDINGS

In the general secretary's report Mr. J. H. Gilbert noted bell restorations at Dunster, Brompton Regis and Odcombe, together with other Somerset towers in the news. The list of Association members of more than 40 years' standing had reached 120 names, but the turnover in new members was disquieting. A future rôle of the Association would be to assist with relocation of bells from redundant churches. The importance of adequate safety measures in the tower and insurance cover were again stressed. Arising from this, members commented upon the tape-recorder installation at Christ Church, Clevedon, whereas one had been removed from Misterton. Mr. D. McKay added a story illustrating the difficulties a vicar had reported in obtaining suitable recordings of bells—"He couldn't get them even in America."

Mr. E. Naylor's report as treasurer showed a healthy financial situation despite a 3% drop in membership with fewer towers affiliated. £40 had been donated to the Dunster restoration from the Bell Fund. He added that since this year's reports cost as much as the 2/- membership fee, it was apparent that increases in the latter would be necessary shortly. Arising from the accounts, Mr. J. Gay and others were assured that the Dinner Fund balance would be used to underwrite future functions.

1968 Statistics:

Ringing Members (209 towers)	**1,790**
Hon. Life and Associate Members	**38**
Affiliated Towers	**197**
Investments and General Fund Balance	**£494**
Bell Fund	**£506**

127 Peals and 370 Quarter Peals.

UNAUTHORISED VISITORS

The tower advisers, Mr. H. J. Sanger and Mr. W. H. Kingcott, had inspected 23 towers and covered seven more postal queries, giving a record total for the year (more than any other county). Two of the towers inspected had previously had visits from unauthorised enthusiasts attempting to ring. It was as well that they had not succeeded. Mr. M. J. Horseman requested that full publicity be given to the unwelcome activities of these people and this was endorsed by the meeting. Persons wishing to ring or inspect bells must always be authorised by the incumbent. The Master remarked that he had addressed the meeting of rural deans on the subject of belfry inspection and hoped for some improvement.

Summarising 126 peals recorded during 1968, Mr. G. W. Massey noted the interest in multi-method Doubles peals in the Taunton, Axbridge and Bath Branches. The Chilcompton band had raised their Surprise Minor methods total to 22 and the first "resident" peal of 8-Spliced Surprise Major had been accomplished. Angersleigh and Pawlett had had first peals and seven other towers were mentioned as appearing infrequently. Quarter peal donations to "The Ringing World" had exceeded £50. In presenting the report Mr. Massey explained that one peal was missing due to late reporting. He had, however, brought the present volume of the Association peal book to the meeting and members had the chance to inspect it after tea.

Mr. A. H. Reed then gave an impromptu account of the Central Council meeting and likened himself to the man who went on and on and on. . . . Still, he sat down to a round of applause for his efforts. The meeting then passed a grant of £12 towards "The Ringing World", this being approximately half of the year's peal fees, less moneys already paid in support of "local" editions.

All the officers were re-elected without dissent and Mr. R. F. Arscott was elected as an assistant adviser on the care of bells.

STRIKING COMPETITION

Discussion then took place on a motion by Mr. M. J. Horseman, of the Chew Branch, "That the Association institute a striking competition, to be held on a prearranged date in each year." This had arisen because tentative arrangements for an inter-Branch competition had fallen through this year and the increase in popularity of competitions in six Branches had indicated the desirability of encouraging more participation. Support for the motion was voiced from Bath, Frome and Taunton Branches, but the Dunster men raised the old bogey of prize ringing and quoted Rule 6 which says "thou shalt not".

Mr. Massey then delivered his views (well known to Frome Branch members) that whilst striking competitions might have some value as a social activity he was not convinced that they did anything towards improving striking generally and had been known (elsewhere) to create dissension and ill-feeling, contrary to the Bath and Wells Association objects. He would like to see far more devotion to producing good striking at tower and Branch level, but it was wrong to commit the Association to sponsoring the competitive spirit on church bells.

A suggestion from Mr. E. Naylor that it was best left to the Chew Branch to organise an inter-Branch competition was later queried as being an amendment to the motion and, since it found a seconder, was duly put to the meeting and passed. At this point an attempt to make this the substantive motion was nullified on the grounds that it was no longer Association business but a Branch affair!

NEXT YEAR'S MEETING

The date of next year's meeting provoked discussion. Since the Bishop can attend and we are on a three-year experiment, the 80th anniversary meeting should take place in Bath on June 6th. Meanwhile the matter is again put up for Branch discussion in view of the relatively small number present.

In St. James' Church the Master conducted the new form of Association service for the first time. The Archdeacon of Wells (a vice-president) gave an address on the text of Acts 2, v. 4, pointing out that as a bell can only sound at the behest of the ringer so can we only give of our best when acting in unison with God as at the first Pentecost. A collection was taken by Messrs. H. Taylor and H. Knight, the two most senior members present (60 and 64 years' membership respectively).

Following an excellent tea, mainly served by the Locking ringers, under the direction of Marjorie Legg, the thanks of all present were accorded to them and the Rev. W. L. Jones, of Winscombe, Archdeacon Lance and all who did a spell as Ringing Master at the various towers. J. H. GILBERT.

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SUSSEX—A YEAR OF ACTIVITIES

THE 84th A.G.M. of the Sussex County Association was held at Chichester on May 31st. The service took place in the Cathedral, conducted by the Archdeacon of Chichester (Ven. Lancelot Mason) and, as in previous years, the singing was led by a choir drawn from members of the Association, Mr. Goldsmith, of Pagham, being the organist.

Tea was taken in the Council Chamber, County Hall, followed by the business meeting. The Master (Mr. R. V. Johnson) welcomed visitors from Guildford, Croydon and Woking and our vice-presidents, Messrs. S. E. Armstrong, R. W. R. Percy, L. Stilwell and R. P. Wood. He also thanked the secretary of the Western Division for the arrangements.

Apologies for absence included one from the treasurer (Mr. W. L. Weller) who was unfortunately unwell. The members stood in silence in memory of those who had died during the year, viz.: Messrs. R. G. Blackman, W. Booth, G. Dann, G. Gasson and G. Packham and Mrs. E. L. Hairs.

In his report for 1968 the Master said that the outstanding event of the year was undoubtedly the Association's exhibit at the Expo Sussex '68 exhibition at Ardingly. He thanked Mr. George Elphick for the hard work which he had put into this event. The dinner held at Eastbourne in October had been a pleasant occasion, at which we had been honoured with the presence of our president, the Bishop of Chichester. The "new look" report had been very well received and he thanked Mr. David Smith and his committee for producing it.

DIVISIONAL REPORTS

Both the Master's and the divisional secretaries' reports were accepted as printed in the annual report. The Northern Division reported a drop in the average attendance at meetings but there had been good progress in teaching new bands at Cowfold, Lindfield and Lower Beeding. The stoolball match, car rally, ringers' service at Danehill and carol service at Slaugham had also been successful.

The Southern Division attendances had improved and the social held at Hurstpierpoint and the striking competition at Burgess Hill had both been successes. Improvement in the Eastern Division continued steadily with help being given to the band at Alfriston and a new band being taught at East Hoathly. Handbell teams from the Division had done well at the Expo exhibition.

The Western Division also continued to progress with increased attendances at meetings and a highly successful striking competition at Thakeham. Washington and Heene bells would be in need of attention in the near future.

The treasurer's report showed that the Association had held its own during the year. Membership fees had increased, as had revenue from the sale of reports. Printing costs had dropped considerably with the introduction of the new report. The auditors had not yet finished their audit for the year and the accounts were therefore accepted subject to this being completed.

The peal secretary reported a good year for peal ringing, 79 having been rung as against 55 the year before. Sixteen members had rung their first peal and two their first as conductor; the peal of 43-Spliced Surprise Minor was a record for the Association.

A NEW TREASURER

The treasurer had indicated that he did not wish to stand for re-election and Mr. R. Wake was duly elected to fill this position. All other officers were re-elected to their existing posts.

The new rules, which had been drawn up during the year by a special committee and which had been generally accepted by each Division at its annual divisional meeting, were put to the meeting and after a brief discussion were passed. One of the main changes from the old rules concerns the election of non-resident life members prior to a peal attempt. It is now a rule that there must be at least three paid-up resident ringing members present in order for such an election to take place. Further, the proposer must at once notify the peal secretary (Mr. John Norris) and accompany the notification with the membership fee (8/-).

The Association Dinner is to be held at the King Alfred, Hove, on October 18th. Tickets, priced 27/6, may be obtained from the divisional secretaries.

The new Association badges, made to the design approved at the previous annual general meeting, are now available, priced 5/-.

A report on the Expo Sussex '68 exhibition was given by Mr. G. Elphick. He thanked all who had helped, making special mention of Mr. Derek Slater, who did a tremendous amount of work behind the scenes. He felt that the Association could be justly proud of being the originators of the Expo tower and said that they owed a great deal to the bellfounders, Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, for making it possible.

PLYMOUTH EMMANUEL'S OUTING RECORD

The ringers of Emmanuel Church, Plymouth, this year chose the longest day for their annual outing, and they had a good day in every respect.

The coach, with a party of 33, set off at 8 a.m., the youngest member of the company being Miss Deborah Young, the six-week-old grand-daughter of Mr. J. P. Sims, captain of Emmanuel ringers. Her mother, who before marriage was Miss Sylvia Sims, is well known in ringing circles in Devon and also in Salisbury, where she was a very active ringer during her three years at Salisbury Diocesan Training College

Six churches were visited, all with delightful rings of eight: they were Chulmleigh, South Molton, Georgeham, Braunton, Bideford and Great Torrington. The party had lunch at South Molton and an excellent high tea at the Rose of Torridge Café, Bideford. Chulmleigh, Braunton and Georgeham were new to the ringers as a band, the other three having been visited on a previous outing.

Since ringing commenced towards the end of the last war the band has rung at 270 churches in day, half-day and evening trips, 38 having been visited on one or more occasions in earlier tours. All 8-bell rings in Cornwall have been rung at, also quite a few 6-bell towers.

At every church we were met by the local captain or someone on his behalf, and at Georgeham the Vicar (Rev. J. R. Jackson) came along to extend a welcome to our party.

The Vicar of Emmanuel (Rev. Roy Harris), who saw the party off, was at the church to greet us on return at 10.15 p.m. Mrs. Harris had had her first experience of a ringers' outing and their young daughter was one of the ringers. H. H. T.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION

A FINE and warm afternoon favoured the members of the North Wales Association for their annual meeting at Buckley, Flintshire, on June 7th, with representatives from eight towers present and visitors from Upton, West Kirby, Erdington, Birmingham, Wisbech and Bolton.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. E. C. Jones, and the lessons were read by the president, Rev. A. L. Cooke, and Mr. D. H. B. Millward.

Following the service 80 members and friends were entertained to an excellent tea in the Church Hall, prepared by the local ladies, and included in the tea was a magnificent iced cake inscribed with the words "North Wales Association Annual Meeting, 1969".

The president opened the business meeting by welcoming the members and thanking the Vicar and churchwardens for the excellent arrangements. As a tribute to two of the Association's oldest members, the late Mr. John Clutton and Mr. Arthur Tilston, of Gresford, the members stood in silence. Both were captains of their respective towers and ringers for over 60 years.

The balance sheet was presented by the treasurer, Mr. W. Cathrall, and adopted as correct. A credit balance of over £57 was considered satisfactory.

Honorary members elected were Dr. Alun Thomas, Canon Knighton Jones and Archdeacon Glyn Jones. Vice-presidents elected were the Rev. E. C. Jones (Vicar of Buckley) and the Rev. Baden Powell (Vicar of Hawarden). All other officers were re-elected.

Bangor was chosen for the next half-yearly meeting to be held on September 6th, and the annual meeting in 1970 at Machynlleth on the second Saturday after Whitsun.

Dr. E. V. Woodcock presented her report of the Central Council meeting at St. Albans and was complimented by the Ringing Master and Mrs. G. H. Randles for her very interesting account of the meeting.

Arrangements for ringing during the week of the Investiture of the Prince of Wales were discussed, and it was hoped that all towers would ring a peal or a quarter peal for the occasion.

Mr. A. Bailey proposed a vote of thanks to the ladies for providing a most enjoyable tea.

Further ringing in various methods, under the direction of the Ringing Master (Mr. F. R. Evans), concluded the meeting.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The Eastern Branch striking competition was held at Gorleston on June 7th. Seven teams representing four towers entered and the placings of the judges—Mr. J. Martin Thorley and the Rev. Peter N. Bond—were: Lowestoft I 65 faults, Pakefield I 66, Norton Subcourse II 87, Pakefield II 89, Lowestoft II 90, Norton Subcourse I 105. These were all ringing changes. A call-change band from Kessingland had 77 faults.

An encouraging note is that the Kessingland team had one 10-year-old and the Pakefield II team, which rang Plain Bob Doubles, had one 10- and another 11-year-old

Quarter Peal Ringing in 1968

By ALAN A. BUSWELL

BEFORE commencing the 1968 analysis there are two corrections to be made to the 1967 analysis. The leading tower for Devon was Withycombe Raleigh with 14, and Lancaster should read as Lanchester.

The year 1968 was a prolific one with an increase of over 300 quarter peals. A great deal of interest has been given to Doubles methods, especially in methods other than Grandsire and Plain Bob. This can be attributed to the series of articles on Doubles which have been appearing in "The Ringing World". Grandsire increased by 33, Plain Bob was equal to 1967, but 68 more quarters were rung to "Other Methods". Somerset is still leading the County List, having rung 44 more this year than last. They rang 23 more "Other Methods" but Grandsire fell by nine.

Plain Bob Minor has increased by 92 and "Other Methods" by 29, but on the other hand "2 Methods" dropped by 23.

Triples has remained fairly constant. Grandsire increased by 13 and "Other Methods" by 10. Most of these were Oxford Bob or Erin, but very few were from methods to be found in the back of the Diary. It makes one wonder whether this page could be put to better use.

Major is up by 23, Surprise Major by 34, but the decrease in Plain Bob by 15 has kept the average increase low.

Grandsire Caters is down by 11 and Stedman up by 15. Nothing outstanding here except that London rang 31 of Grandsire and 19 of Stedman. This leaves 114 quarter peals of Caters for the rest of the country.

Surprise Royal has increased by 13 but "Other Methods" have come down with a bump from 15 to 3

I have no comments on Cinques or Maximus except that comparing them with the number of 12-bell peals rung I think that 41 is a rather small number.

SPECIAL AND OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCES

To pick out all the spec' or outstanding performances would be v difficult, but throughout the year the following caught my eye:—

Lelant (Cornwall) rang ten different extents of Stedman Doubles silent and non-conducted.

Fawley (Hants) rang 66 Doubles in 1,320 changes.

For those knowing Brookland (Kent), the "three candle snuffers placed one on another", a quarter was rung where the conductor had set up a loudspeaker and used a throat microphone to combat the noise problem.

Twerton-on-Avon (Somerset) rang the only quarter of Duffield Major as so did Putney (London) with Original Major.

St. Mary's, Warwick, rang Spliced Grandsire and Stedman Caters with Plain Bob and Kent Royal, having two conductors. This is why

COUNTY LIST OF QUARTER PEALS IN 1968

	Minimus	Doubles	Minor	Triples	Major	Caters	Royal	Cinques	Maximus	TOTAL	Leading Tower	
Bedfordshire	1	19	38	13	12	1	2	—	—	86	Bedford (St. Paul)	10
											Elstow	10
Berkshire		33	16	44	12	7	1			113	Windsor (St. John)	10
Bristol		19	10	11	5		4	1		50	Stoke Bishop	11
Buckinghamshire		35	25	4	7		3		2	76	Lane End	14
Cambridgeshire		7	18	4	1	1		1	1	33	March	6
Cheshire		9	9	3	4		2			27	Wilmslow	4
Cornwall	4	50	21	34	3	3	1	—	—	116	St. Kea	15
Cumberland		4	2	1	1	—	—	—	—	8	Cockermouth	2
											Cleator Moor	2
Derbyshire		18	25	5	10			—	—	58	Sawley	11
Devon		43	21	45	6			1	1	117	Withycombe Raleigh	15
Dorset	2	39	19	17	3			—	—	80	Wareham	8
Durham		3	7	2	2			—	—	14	Lanchester	4
Essex	1	83	57	47	44	9	7	5	1	254	Langdon Hills	30
Gloucester		47	9	16	1			2		75	Painswick	6
											Ruardean	6
Hampshire	1	123	32	56	19	7	1	1		240	Petersfield	15
Herefordshire		28	7	5	3	1		—	—	44	3 Towers with	4
Hertfordshire		44	40	22	18	2	4	1	1	132	Thorley	12
Huntingdonshire	1	11	20		1			—	—	33	Woodston	6
Ireland		11	2	9	1					23	Dublin (St. George)	9
Isle of Wight		2	2			—	—	—	—	4	Godshill	3
Kent	2	141	121	74	30	4	1	1		374	Lympne	42
Lancashire		15	31	18	10	2		1		77	Manchester Cathedral	6
Leicestershire		27	39	14	14	7	6			107	Barrow-upon-Soar	11
Lincolnshire	7	21	31	9	5	3	2			78	Nettleham	7
London		48	114	121	52	52	10	12	3	412	Addington	41
Norfolk	2	8	39	8	8	2	3			70	King's Lynn (St. Margaret)	19
Northants	1	35	54	11	18	2	1			122	Weston Favell	13
Northumberland		2	9	6	1	1		1	1	21	Newcastle (St. George)	8
Nottinghamshire	4	83	41	16	13	1		—	—	158	Shelford	48
Overseas		17	22	15	7	3	2			66	Melbourne Cathedral	20
Oxford		39	25	31	10	2	2			109	Oxford (St. Thomas)	10
Rutland	1	3	15	2		—	—	—	—	21	Uppingham	5
Scotland		2		2	1	1	1			7	Glasgow Cathedral	5
Shropshire		7	6	5	6		1		1	26	Shrewsbury	6
Somerset	1	204	59	51	35	8	4			362	Twerton (Bath)	18
Staffordshire	7	34	23	15	20	5	1			105	Stafford	14
Suffolk		33	46	6	17		3			105	Horringer	16
Surrey	1	60	35	41	29	6	4	—	—	176	Ashtead	16
Sussex	1	94	21	35	20	4	4	—	—	179	Brighton (St. Nicolas)	14
Wales		48	15	23	9	9	1			105	Llandaff	19
Warwickshire	1	22	21	12	7	13½	½			77	Solihull	13
Westmorland		1	3		1			—	—	5	5 Towers with	1
Wiltshire		47	4	15	3	5	2			76	Swindon (Christ Church)	9
Worcestershire		21	9	6	7	2			1	46	Worcester Cathedral	4
											Droitwich	4
Yorkshire	1	19	60	17	34	1	2	1	1	136	Longwood	20
TOTAL	39	1,659	1,223	891	510	164½	75½	28	13	4,603		
	+1	+151	+79	+33	+23	+5	+6	+8	+3	+309		

Letters to the Editor

RECORD PEAL SEQUENCE

Dear Sir,—The recent long peal of Rutland at Barnes is probably a record in that it may well have provoked more angry correspondence in the columns of the local newspapers than any other peal.

To date letters have appeared in the Putney and Roehampton and Richmond and Mortlake Heralds complaining about the peal for five consecutive weeks, four of which have contained two or more letters.

The Ringing Masters of Putney and Mortlake have both felt it necessary to publish letters defending the art, but as yet the Ringing Master of Barnes has remained silent, perhaps because he realises the futility of such a peal on these noisy bells.

Unfortunately it must be admitted that the peal and this correspondence have done a lot of harm to ringing in the area.—Yours faithfully,

S. WILLIAMS (Mrs.).

Putney Vale, S.W.

DUMB-BELL AT KNOWLE

Dear Sir,—I was interested to read in the issue of June 20th Mr. Bedford's letter regarding the principle of the dumb-bell.

The late Canon Raven in his book "The Church Bells of Dorset" records the following interesting article by a Mr. C. Essenhigh Corke in 1903.

Some 12 years ago Mr. Corke was much puzzled by hearing the housekeeper at Knole House in Kent speak of the Dumb-bell Gallery. He went to the attic which bore this name; it "was unfurnished and empty, excepting that in the middle of it stood a curious wooden machine resembling a windlass. A rope was wound round the middle of the roller, and at each end were four iron arms, each with a poise or ball of lead at each end. The rope formerly passed through a hole in the floor into the Leicester Gallery below. A person by pulling the rope in this gallery would cause the roller with the iron arms poised with lead to revolve at the first pull, and the impetus given would rewind the rope again, and so continue to wind and unwind at each pull, thus giving the same exercise as that of ringing a bell in a church tower, except that it was noiseless."

The idea of the dumb-bell was to train and keep in practice the arms for bellringing, as well as for exercise. Hence the name dumb-bell being applied to a weight lifter's apparatus.

As to the present condition and indeed the very existence of the Knole House dumb-bell I have no knowledge. It was described in 1903 as being very old and in a decayed condition. A sketch of the Knole dumb-bell appears in the "History and Art of Change Ringing", by the late Ernest Morris, and a photograph in the "Church Bells of Dorset".

Other variations of dumb-bells have been in existence at Chewton Mendip and at New College, Oxford, although both have long since disappeared.—Yours faithfully,

NEIL O. SKELTON.

Salisbury, Wilts.

IRREGULAR MINOR METHODS

Dear Sir,—Poor Mr. Dodd. He may, or may not, be on the wrong track as to the naming of Minor methods, as Mr. Wratten suggests, but surely it is the Central Council who, when they "officially endorsed the tradition that the first band to ring an extent of a Minor method . . . has the sole right to name it", returned to a centuries-old tradition, after having twice mangled and mauled the same tradition.

Round about the turn of the century the Council produced definitions for Surprise and other methods. Prior to that, if you invented a surprising method you called it Surprise. Thus the seven Surprise method peal rung at Whitechapel in 1747 ceased, after a proud century-and-a-half, to be a peal in seven Surprise methods.

In the 1920s the Norbury band rang a number of methods to which, in accordance with the old tradition, they gave the names of flowers, such as Hyacinth, Fuchsia, Bluebell, Foxglove, etc. This caused great controversy and, notwithstanding that methods with names like Primrose, Tulip, Woodbine and Violet had been rung for decades without objection, the Norbury names were referred to contemptuously as "flower names" and there was a call for their suppression.

The Central Council appointed a committee, led by a Mr. Burton, which objected to almost every Minor method name there had ever been, including Grandsire. Sir, had your paper a humorous column, I would send you a copy of their proposed list of names; but at the time it was not funny.

Even the Central Council was alarmed, and by a remarkably clever bit of procedural skulduggery sank the report without trace and appointed a new committee.

This committee contented itself with altering the Norbury "flower names" to the names of mountain ranges, Chiltern, Pennine, Cheviot, etc.; depriving all the Abbey and Castle methods of their Abbeys and Castles (even Crowland, the first peal of bells in England, lost its Abbey!); they robbed Clarence of his Dukedom but not York, I do not know why; and, just to keep the Norbury crowd in their proper place, changed some of the place names they had given to methods. They allowed London to keep its Victory and Scholars' Pleasure and Francis to keep his Genius.

Now, apparently, the Central Council has repented its past misdemeanours and we return to the old names of the ancient tradition, scattering the peal reports with Abbeys, Castles and Dahlias. For a start, why not a peal consisting of 720s of Auld Luckie's Friend, Echoes of Airedale, Baden-Powell Treble Bob, Palm Sunday, Ringers' Delight, Immanual Surprise and Jubilee Court?

At the same time we have Mr. Lomas wanting to mess about with Minor nomenclature and rid us of the distinctions between Surprise, Delight, Exercise and Treble Bob. These, however, are not merely snob names as he claims—they differentiate between methods. To take an extreme case: if Mr. Lomas' suggestion were followed, instead of College, College Bob, College I Delight, College Bob IV Delight, College Bob V Surprise, College Delight, College Double Bob, College Ecstasy, College Exercise Treble Bob, College Little Bob, College New Treble Bob, College Pleasure Treble Bob, College Single, College Treble Bob, College Youths' Delight and College Youths' Pleasure we would have College, College, College, College, College, College. . . . Mr. Lomas would find himself calling "Go College, the one with 2nds place, London Scholars' places . . .".

Well done, the Central Council.—Yours faithfully,

A. WHITING.

Burnage, Manchester.

WILLIAM SEVIER AND HIS PRAM

Dear Sir,—The Rev. H. Law James always quoted the St. Michael's Juniors as being the perfect ringers, certainly by far the best strikers in the country. He and his brother, E. Bankes James, were taught to ring by Mr. William Sevier.

A week after we returned from our honeymoon my husband was sent for by Miss Wander, Mr. James' housekeeper. A man named William Sevier had arrived at the Vicarage, complete with an old pram on which handbells were mounted. The Vicar was away on holiday. She did not know what to do as he said he had taught Law James to ring. Rupert told her he was sure that Law James would have put him up for the night, so she did this. William Sevier had walked from Nottingham to Surfleet, pushing his pram.

Next day he came to us for lunch—my first guest. He kept saying "This is the best meal I have had for a long time" and, believe me, it looked as if it was the only one he had had for months. He then started on his walk to Skegness, where he was hoping to tap the handbells on the beach. We heard afterwards that he only did this for two or three days. Owing to the bye-laws he was warned off.—Yours sincerely,

A. RICHARDSON (Mrs.).

Surfleet.

PEALS ANALYSIS REPORT, 1968

Dear Sir,—In our report I regret that we omitted from the outstanding performances of 1968 a peal of Spliced Surprise Royal in 50 methods rung at Bristol for the Gloucester and Bristol Association, the most so far.

I apologise to the G. and B. for this omission, but those who know will understand how this came about.

I thought it better to make the apology now, rather than wait until the next meeting.—Yours, etc.,

WALTER AYRE,
for the C.C. Peals Analysis Committee.

The 158th anniversary of the augmentation of Lavenham bells was celebrated by an open evening on June 21st, attended by 25 ringers from Suffolk, Essex, Cambridgeshire and Bedfordshire. Ringing ranged from rounds to Cambridge Surprise Major and the conducting was shared by Messrs. M. T. Symonds and H. E. Egglestone, Master of the Suffolk Guild.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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Quarter Peal Analysis in 1968

DETAILS OF METHODS WITH LEADING COUNTIES

By ALAN A. BUSWELL

METHODS

Minimus	39	+1
Grandsire Doubles	538	+33
Plain Bob Doubles	376	=
Other Methods	172	+68
2 Doubles Methods	201	+10
3 to 6 Doubles	274	+24
7 to 11 Doubles	69	=
Over 11 Doubles	29	+16
Plain Bob Minor	734	+92
Surprise Minor	142	−5
Other Methods	131	+29
2 Minor Methods	154	−23
Over 2 Methods	62	−14
Grandsire Triples	552	+13
Plain Bob Triples	113	+9
Stedman Triples	174	+1
Other Methods	52	+10
Plain Bob Major	231	−15
Surprise Major	168	+34
Other Methods	111	+4
Grandsire Caters	103	−11
Stedman Caters	50	+15
Other Methods	10½	+1
Plain Bob Royal	44	+5
Surprise Royal	29	+13
Other Methods	3½	−12
Grandsire Cinques	11	+5
Stedman Cinques	14	+3
Other Methods	3	=
Plain Bob Maximus	5	+2
Surprise Maximus	5	=
Other Methods	3	+1
TOTAL	4.603	

COUNTY

Lincolnshire	7 each
Staffordshire	
Somerset	75
Kent	38
Nottinghamshire	49
Somerset	25
Kent	39
Somerset	13
Hampshire	9
London	56
London	32
Kent	25
London	17
Somerset	10
London	73
Kent	19
London	38
Essex	11
Essex	
London	21 each
London	21
Essex	12
London	31
London	19
Leicestershire	
London	2 each
Essex	5
London	6
3 Counties with	1 each
Essex	
London	3 each
London	8
3 Counties with	1 each
5 Counties with	1 each
London	2
3 Counties with	1 each

Figures compared with 1967.

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you will find the two half quarter peals in the columns of the analysis.

Of First in the Method, Evesham (Worcs) claims to have rung Evesham Surprise Maximus for the first time, and Oxonian Major, a principle, was rung at St. Ebbe's, Oxford.

The Outstanding Towers of the year are again numerous. Herne (Kent) had its first quarter for 15 years, while Everdon (Northants) had its "first and last quarter on the bells" and are now definitely unringable. Holme Pierrepont (Notts) rang their last four quarters in 30, 31, 20 and 44 Treble Bob methods respectively. Langdon Hills (Essex) rang one quarter in 1967 and 30 in 1968: these range from one of Minimus to one in 13 Doubles methods. Will they be the leading tower for 1969? This year's leading tower is Shelford (Notts)—a minor five—and must be congratulated on having rung 48 quarters in 35 different methods. This tower started in 1966 with one quarter, nine in 1967, and is now top of the list, beating Addington (London) (which was first last year) by seven. Lympne (Kent) also beat Addington by one with 42.

Handbell quarters have increased by one, with Hampshire leading with eight. Eighteen were rung overseas in 1967 and have dropped to seven for 1968 to be equal with Yorkshire.

OBSERVATIONS

As this is the third year of this analysis, it is interesting to see the ups and downs of various towers. Where, for example, a tower rang 20 quarters in 1966, 12 in 1967 and two in 1968, one wonders whether the tower has lost a member of the band. What is one tower's loss is most probably another tower's gain, as will be seen at Shelford.

The lengths of some quarter peals seem to be getting longer. A quarter peal of 2,160 in 60 Treble Bob Minor was reported—I did not count this—also one of 1,050 Grandsire Triples. The longest length I did count, however, was one where if multiplied by four would equal a peal length of 7,296 changes. I feel it is becoming a debatable point as to what is a quarter peal length. There was one quarter peal that would beat the Record Length of Major if multiplied by four, namely one of 14,440 Minor rung at Longwood!

Essex, Kent and Surrey show a blank in the County List as they have lost certain towers to Greater London. Middlesex has now disappeared from "Dove" although towers are still being published under this county, as are towers from these other counties. Finally, as in previous years, I do not claim to be accurate and figures may disagree one way or other.

QUARTER PEAL RINGERS of 1968

	Rung in 1968		Total to date
Brian Johnson (Kent)	100	(60)	310
Anthony J. Davidson (Corn.)	65	(28)	
T. J. Bell (Cornwall)	59	(10)	
H. D. Deacon (Kent)	58	(2)	178
John A. Hemsley (Kent)	55	(8)	59
R. Brian Mills (Notts)	51	(46)	171
Margaret S. Jenner (Kent)	44	(3)	45
R. P. Pearce (Cornwall)	43		
Eric G. H. Godfrey (London)	43	(22)	
Gordon Lucas (Essex)	42	(20)	61
F. M. Bowers (Cornwall)	41	(6½)	
D. C. Manger (Kent)	36	(14)	193
A. Lock (Cornwall)	35		
C. H. Macve (London)	35	(6)	
Tony Skilton (Surrey)	34	(20)	70
I. Wiltshire (London)	33	(4)	
N. Bennett (London)	33		
Peter M. Fleckney (Essex)	33	(17)	81
Kevin I. Lucas, aged 9 (Essex)	32	(2)	34
S. Dennis Scott (Essex)	32		33
Brian Walton (Hants)	32	(24)	140
John E. Murfitt (Essex)	30	(4)	33
Anthony J. Mason (Hants)	30	(14)	42
K. G. Game (Surrey)	26	(15)	188
William Willans (Hants)	26	(17)	56
Alan R. Baldock (Sussex)	25	(19)	161
Roger N Scholes (Co. Dur.)	25	(6)	41
Felicity Hamilton (Surrey)	25		49
Carol Rogers (London)	23	(3)	
Wendy Wallace (London)	23	(3)	

OBITUARY

REV. W. C. KNIGHT

The Wellingborough Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild has lost its president by the passing of Father W. C. Knight, who held office from 1952–1969. A half-muffled quarter peal to his memory was rung at Rushden on June 27th.

Old Sussex ringers will regret to hear of the passing on June 28th of Mr. Raymond Wood, sen., of Billingshurst.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

The June quarterly gathering was held at Stourton, a lovely village which the Branch is privileged to count among its number although it is in Wiltshire. The ringing in the downstairs belfry attracted the interest of many sightseers within the church, as well as adding to the joys of those outside. The service was conducted by the chairman (Rev. R. G. Chaffey Moore) and the Rector (Rev. P. F. Tambling), who extended a warm welcome to the Branch. The lesson was read by Mr. H. A. Stapleton.

Tea was organised by Zeals Youth Club in their Parish Hall and was followed by the business meeting. Nine new members, all juniors, were elected, namely Diana Davies, Diane Ricketts and Denis M. McWilliam, of Durweston; Nicola Meaden, Jill Ratcliffe and Anita Trowbridge, of Okeford Fitzpaine; and Susanne West, Margaret Mudge and Pat Lashbrook, of Yetminster. Four young Durweston members had earned proficiency certificates: Kathleen Andrews, Marylin Andrews, Miriam Davies and Gregory Tapper.

Notice was given of the intention to hold a striking competition this year, open to all Dorset towers, with preliminary "heats" in each of the four areas of Dorset.

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ALMONDSBURY, GLOS. — On June 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. F. Howard 1, R. Sweet 2, J. Shingler 3, G. Locke 4, D. Huddleston 5, R. Huddleston 6, B. Huddleston (cond.) 7, D. Prosser (first quarter) 8.

BARRINGTON, SOM. — On May 20th, 1,260 Doubles (29 m/v): A. Drayton 1, Mrs. B. Dean 2, J. Cornelius (75th as cond.: 175th quarter) 3, R. Welch 4, R. J. Dean 5, R. Burns 6. Most m/v ever rung in the Crewkerne Branch by resident members.

BERKHAMSTED, HERTS.—On May 1st, 1,280 Pl. Bob Major: Mrs. D. Sennitt 1, Mrs. M. A. Coburn 2, J. Hobbs 3, A. R. Ashby 4, A. V. Good 5, R. G. Bell 6, J. Lawson 7, R. E. Sheppard (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled after the funeral service of William Brooks, verger for the past 15 years.

BIRCH - IN - RUSHOLME, MANCHESTER. — On April 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Ward 1, Miss M. Walshaw 2, Mrs. M. A. Tonge 3, Miss M. K. Fenton 4, Miss I. E. M. Manby 5, R. F. Eccles 6, P. G. Bellamy-Knights (cond.) 7, P. Boucher 8. Rung to mark the opening of the Arts Festival this day in Manchester Cathedral. Also on June 14th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: S. Barnet 1, P. Boucher 2, D. Manby 3, P. Dyson 4, P. Watson 5, P. Bellamy-Knights (cond.) 6. Rung for Alan Ward's grandmother's birthday.

BRABOURNE, KENT.—On June 4th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: A. M. Finn (first quarter) 1, Violet Ring 2, R. A. Lucas 3, E. J. Clifton 4, W. W. Ring (cond.) 5, M. W. Marshall 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Finn on the birth of a son (Andrew Michael).

BREASTON, DERBYS. — On May 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Linda Brewin 1, A. Humphrey (cond.) 2, W. Northover 3, H. Rippin 4, C. Slack 5, A. Lord 6. First in method by all except conductor.

BUNNEY, NOTTS.—On May 25th, 1,260 Kent and Plain Bob Minor: J. Eborall 1, A. Newell 2, D. Osborne 3, N. Handley 4, R. Streton 5, D. Oliver (cond.) 6. Also on June 15th, 1,296 Cambridge S. Minor: A. Newell 1, A. Simpson (first Surprise) 2, D. Osborne 3, T. Kirkman 4, R. Stratton 5, D. Oliver 6. Conducted by ringers of 5 and 6.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.—On June 8th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: C. Stannard (cond.) 1, A. Feaver 2, W. Cousins 3, R. Newson 4, R. Stannard 5, L. Howton 6, D. Rowlands 7, C. Cousins 8, N. V. Harding 9, J. Banks 10.

COOMBE BISSETT, WILTS.—On June 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jane Skelton 1, H. Rumens 2, L. Page 3, A. Newman 4, N. Skelton 5, R. Jones (cond.) 6.

DITCHEAT, SOM.—On June 6th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: C. Wainwright 1, D. Mackay 2, M. Whitely 3, S. Lucas 4, M. Bartlett 5, C. Jenkins 6, V. Roberts 7, G. Salmon (cond.) 8. A compliment to Miss G. Barber, of Ditcheat, on the eve of her wedding.

DRAYTON, BERKS.—On June 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. Journeaux 1, W. F. Judge 2, C. P. Turner 3, B. G. Coggins 4, Rev. E. B. Wood 5, J. E. Judge 6, M. J. Turner (first in method as cond.) 7, C. Clark 8.

DYRHAM, GLOS.—On June 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. W. Scudamore (cond.) 1, C. Batten 2, Miss J. M. Scudamore 3, E. Thomas 4, W. F. Scudamore 5, W. Cook 6. For wedding services.

EALING, MIDDX. — At St. Mary's Church, on June 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Julia Sanders 1, W. G. Wilson 2, P. N. Felton 3, A. H. Fulwell 4, H. W. Rogers 5, J. S. N. Porter 6, M. Sprackling (cond.) 7, N. F. Felton 8. For morning service.

EARDISLEY, HEREFORDS.—On June 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. W. Hope 1, F. Sandford 2, E. R. Chillingford 3, F. N. Istance 4, R. A. Hatcher (cond.) 5, R. Langford 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of M. Whittal, tragically drowned. Also on June 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. J. Hatcher 1, F. Sandford 2, E. R. Chillingford 3, F. R. Harris 4, J. W. Hope (cond.) 5, R. Langford 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of E. F. Bateson, organist at St. Mary's Church until his death. Also on June 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. W. Hope 1, R. A. Hatcher (cond.) 2, E. R. Chillingford 3, F. N. Istance 4, F. Sandford 5, R. Langford 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of M. Carter, tragically drowned.

EAST MEON, HANTS. — On May 21st, 1,260 Doubles (three methods; 7, 6, 8 covering): Sandra Pearce 1, Mary White 2, J. D. Flook 3, D. Hatherly 4, K. G. Waller (cond.) 5, F. W. Sherfield 6, R. A. Stone 7, R. L. Ventham 8.

EASTNOR, HEREFORDS. — On June 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Bullock 1, Rosemary F. Collins 2, R. K. Williams (cond.) 3, P. G. Hickey 4, F. Lawrence (first "inside") 5, C. Wright 6. For morning service.

QUARTER PEALS

EPSOM, SURREY.—At St. Martin's Church, on April 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Aronson 1, J. P. Oakshott 2, W. J. Munton 3, J. Helder 4, W. Parrott 5, J. C. Davidge 6, S. N. Mortimore (first as cond.) 7, M. Morris 8. A compliment to Adrienne Gibson and Roger Haworth on their engagement and to 5th ringer on his 25th wedding anniversary.

FLIXTON, LANCS.—On June 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. H. Riddle 1, F. M. Bowers 2, A. Locke 3, A. Carveth (cond.) 4, G. F. Nix 5, M. Murphy 6, A. J. Davidson 7, I. G. Pollard (first quarter) 8. Rung to mark the ordination of the Rev. D. Burnett.

FRITTENDEN, KENT.—On Whit Sunday, 1,280 Kent T.B. Major: Margaret Jenner (first Treble Bob) 1, A. J. Leeves 2, Pamela Court 3, J. Hedgecock 4, P. C. Sinden 5, R. A. Birch 6, J. Hemsley 7, D. C. Manger (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

FULHAM, LONDON.—At All Saints' Church, on June 1st, 1,273 Grandsire Triples: A. J. Taylor 1, Gwendoline G. Meyer 2, Deborah Bishop 3, R. D. Bing (first Triples "inside") 4, A. J. Hampton 5, A. S. Bishop 6, C. M. Meyer (comp. and cond.) 7, E. J. Adams 8. For Evensong.

GOODRICH, HEREFORDS.—On June 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. W. Morgan 1, W. Reece (cond.) 2, Howard Meek 3, J. Higgins 4, K. Watkins 5, Harold Meek 6. A silver wedding compliment to the Vicar (Rev. R. G. Williams) and Mrs. Williams.

GOOLE, YORKS.—On June 14th, 1,712 Plain Bob Major: L. M. Woodhead 1, Mrs. D. Sherriff 2, J. Taylor 3, R. J. F. Watson (first Major) 4, P. Church 5, R. W. Sherriff 6, A. Bridges 7, G. A. Dawson (cond.) 8.

HISTON, CAMBS.—On May 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: Carol Diver 1, H. Muncey 2, Janet Hall 3, C. Muncey 4, Kathleen Jordan 5, E. Brown 6, C. Gooding 7, M. Hawes (cond.) 8. First quarter on the bells since augmentation from six to eight.

KILDWICK, YORKS. — On May 26th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: W. Pallister 1, I. Cox 2, P. Laycock 3, A. Stott 4, E. Lee (cond.) 5, M. Hillary 6.

KINGS CLIFFE, NORTHANTS. — On May 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. C. Scholes (first Minor) 1, Cynthia E. Barnett 2, A. Ellis 3, R. J. Chantler 4, R. N. Scholes (cond.) 5, C. J. Groome 6.

KNARESBOROUGH, W. YORKS.—On May 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Bean 1, E. McNally 2, C. H. Maxfield 3, H. Winter 4, J. Reed 5, R. Gudgeon 6, F. Addison (cond.) 7, D. Hirst 8. First quarter since the restoration of hand ringing and the first for at least 30 years.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX. — On May 29th, 1,264 Bob Major: H. Weedon 1, J. Platten 2, A. Cuthbert 3, W. Hughes 4, L. Slater 5, R. Brown 6, J. Slater 7, J. Phillips (cond.) 8. First in method "inside" 2, 3.

LONG EATON, DERBYS. — On May 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Anne Copley (first quarter) 1, A. Humphrey (cond.) 2, Veronica Belfitt 3, C. Beswick 4, A. Hartland 5, R. Dady 6.

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LONGWOOD, YORKS.—On June 1st, 1,320 Trinity Sunday and Capel T.B. Minor: A. Lunn 1, S. Williams 2, S. Lunn 3, D. Williams 4, B. Ellis 5, I. Roberts (cond.) 6. For Sung Eucharist. Also on June 8th, 1,320 Sandal and Kingston T.B. Minor: A. Lunn 1, F. Linfoot (first in these methods) 2, S. Lunn 3, D. Williams 4, B. Ellis 5, I. Roberts (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

LYONSHALL, HEREFORDS.—On June 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Bowen 1, B. Giddings 2, J. W. Hope 3, R. A. Hatcher (cond.) 4, F. R. Harris 5, J. Wilce 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Capt. L. H. Green.

MARCH, CAMBS.—On June 15th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Annette Breeze 1, Anne Readshaw 2, D. Feek 3, P. H. Langton 4, T. A. Bevis (cond.) 5, A. Palmer 6. For morning prayer; also the traditional ringers' "christening" for Mark Bevis, infant member of a ringing family.

MARK, SOM. — On June 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. W. Ham 1, Kay Hine 2, Pat Wolburn 3, I. J. Burrough 4, Doris Burrough 5, E. Forrest 6, F. B. Comer (cond.) 7, J. Creber 8.

MELBOURNE, VICTORIA.—At St. Paul's Cathedral, on June 4th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: Margaret Aslett 1, Jennifer Murphy 2, D. Roaf 3, M. Lawrence 4, R. Turner 5, Barbara Beeson 6, H. Rossell 7, M. Scowen 8, A. Bolton (cond.) 9, J. Roper 10. Also on June 11th, 1,260 Plain and Little Bob Royal: Margaret Aslett 1, Barbara Beeson 2, M. Lawrence 3, Jennifer Murphy 4, G. Heyes 5, R. Turner 6, M. Scowen 7, J. Roper 8, A. Bolton 9, H. Rossell (cond.) 10. Also on June 18th, 1,296 Little Bob Royal: Margaret Aslett 1, M. Lawrence 2, R. Turner (cond.) 3, Jennifer Murphy 4, M. Scowen 5, Barbara Beeson 6, D. Roaf 7, H. Rossell 8, A. Bolton 9, J. Roper 10.

MIDHURST, SUSSEX. — On April 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Lyn V. Hallett (first quarter) 1, Marilyn J. Burn 2, Stella M. Knight (cond.) 3, M. K. Till 4, A. J. West 6. For Evensong.

NAILSEA, SOM. — On June 17th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): D. Willis 1, C. Kortright (cond.) 2, L. Derrick 3, J. Everard 4, W. Neath 5, H. Hardwidge 6.

NORTHFLEET, KENT. — On May 11th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: R. J. Thompson 1, Glenda O. Crane 2, R. M. Thompson (first Doubles as cond.) 3, S. Sandford 4, F. Matthews 5, D. Wilkinson 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Stacey, friend of all ringers. Also on May 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jennifer Jarvis (first Triples) 1, Glenda O. Crane 2, T. V. Barnard 3, R. J. Thompson 4, R. M. Thompson 5, F. Matthews (cond.) 6, S. Sandford 7, D. Wilkinson 8.

NORTHMOOR, OXON. — On June 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Trinder 1, V. Clifton 2, N. Leslie 3, D. Leslie (cond.) 4, F. A. White 5, D. Osman 6. Rung half-muffled for Mrs. N. F. Florey, wife of a former churchwarden.

PENN, STAFFS.—On June 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Greatbatch 1, G. F. Griffiths 2, M. Gaskell 3, Gillian Griffiths 4, C. F. W. Eyre 5, M. Williamson 6, C. Griffiths (cond.) 7, J. A. Roden 8. Rung for the 300th anniversary of the distribution of the Penn-Wynn Bibles.

PUCKINGTON, SOM.—On June 3rd, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: R. Burns 1, J. Cornelius (cond.) 2, Mrs. B. Dean 3, R. Welch 4, R. J. Dean 5, G. Glyde 6. First of P.B. Doubles by all except the conductor.

ROUGHTOWN, LANCS. — On May 25th, 1,320 Woodbine Treble Bob Minor: A. Wheeler 1, W. H. Nield 2, B. D. Holt 3, G. Rigby 4, A. Farrand 5, G. Nield (cond.) 6. Rung at Evensong and to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. H. Wormnip, the pearl wedding of Mr. and Mrs. A. Farrand and the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. Burgess.

ST. STEPHEN-IN-BRANNELL, CORNWALL.—On June 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Janet Evans (first away from cover) 1, A. Carveth 2, Mary Carveth 3, V. Mary Matthews 4, S. A. Reed 5, R. W. Humphries 6, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 7, T. J. Bell 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Charles Hicks, a former churchwarden.

SANDON, ESSEX.—On June 11th, 1,284 Plain Bob Minor: Jeanette Freeman (first quarter) 1, Judy Harrison 2, C. M. J. Saltmarsh 3, Ruth Gay 4, P. W. Saltmarsh (cond.) 5, R. J. Harrison 6. Rung half-muffled ion memoriam L. L. Ogier, Deputy Lieutenant of the County of Essex.

SAWLEY, DERBYS.—On June 8th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Triples: Nita Marshall 1, Sheila Marshall 2, F. Ward 3, D. J. Marshall 4, W. Barwell 5, J. Harvey 6, A. Humphrey (cond.) 7, R. G. Newsum 8. First in the method by all the band.

DEDICATION

SS. PETER AND PAUL'S, KINGSBURY

The church was packed to capacity for the dedication of the new ring of eight at SS. Peter and Paul's, Kingsbury, on June 28th. Rounds and call-changes were rung during the service, followed afterwards by Cambridge Surprise Major, in which six Kingsbury ringers took part. Other members of the local band then rang rounds, which were followed by Bristol Surprise Major by members of the Archdeaconry of Stafford Society and general ringing.

Kingsbury has a fine ring of bells which are very even when heard outside. There have already been complaints — this time because the bells are not so loud as before! So the ringers are starting to remedy the matter.

MERSEYSIDE RINGERS' DAY

Dear Sir, — I would like to express my appreciation and thanks to the officials of the Lancashire Association for the excellent arrangements for the Merseyside Ringing Day at Liverpool Cathedral on Saturday, June 21st, and for the efficient way these were discharged; also to the Dean and Chapter for allowing the use of the bells and the Cathedral facilities for tea.

In spite of an unfortunate accident to the clapper of the 6th ringing continued after a short interval.

My appreciation is also expressed to those in charge of the ringing, who displayed great patience in dealing with the scores of young ringers and others who had difficulty in managing this marvellous but, to them, heavy ring of 12. Mr. Cyril Crossthwaite deserves our thanks for explaining the intricacies of the Woodhouse ringing machine to bewildered and perplexed onlookers.

One would wish that the Merseyside Ringing Day will now be an annual event.

One note of regret: somehow I have "slipped up" as I was not aware that other towers were available, especially St. Nicholas' and those "on that side of the water".— Yours faithfully.

DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD.
Buckley, Flintshire.

CORRECTIONS

Mr. Timothy G. Pett sends a correction to his peal of 5,000 Plain Bob Royal (page 356). The last line should be a bob at W and a single at H and not as printed.

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Dr. Derek Sibson calls our attention to a literal error in Appendix E of the Records Committee. In Table of Performances (Surprise Royal) it should read Littleport Little and not as printed.

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Regarding the peal at Eastwood (page 410), we are asked that it be credited to the Southwell Diocesan Guild as originally submitted. Correspondence has been sent to the Southwell Guild secretary to sort out.

SOUTHWELL GUILD'S CONCERN

In our report of the Central Council, "Southwell Guild's Concern", we stated "the motion was defeated". This was not correct: the Council carried a resolution to proceed with the next business. This was agreed to and in consequence the motion was not put to the Council.

ST. JAMES', SILSOE, GUILD OF RINGERS

The annual outing of the Guild and its friends took place on June 7th, and looking back on the day one cannot help thinking of the words from the Benedicite: "All ye works of the Lord, bless ye the Lord, praise Him and magnify Him for ever", for it was truly a day when the beautiful bells mingled well with the very beautiful world.

As we left Silsoe Church at 7.30 a.m., bound for the Cotswolds, the sun was shining and the sky was cloudless, and so it remained all day. The success of this outing was entirely due to the careful planning and pre-tour the timing of arrival at each tower was perfect. Each place visited was beautiful and had much to interest all. But it was a **ringers'** outing and their usual high standard was maintained. Commencing at Ewelme, Oxon, the six lovely bells set the tone for the day's ringing. St. Giles', Standlake, was another light six. It was here that we had a welcome from the Rector and his wife, who also showed us round the Rectory garden and the lovely old house which keeps its 500th birthday next year.

A nice steady drive through beautiful country to Burford, where an excellent lunch of roast beef was very welcome. Refreshed and satisfied, we proceeded to St. Mary-the-Virgin's, Great Barrington. Some of the party were anxious to know how long the Rector had been sitting outside waiting—until they saw his alms dish with its gift day envelopes! After the "penny had dropped" we were able to make our contribution to the annual gift day.

On then to Lower Slaughter and St. Mary's Church, set in one of the loveliest places. Many of us would gladly have "stayed put", but after a rest at the water's edge, with an ice cream, we drove to Stow-on-the-Wold and had tea at Deborah's Kitchen.

St. Peter's, Hook Norton, was the first tower of eight, and ringing ended on the eight lovely bells of Our Lady of Bloxham Church. The splendid tradition and standard of the Silsoe Guild had been upheld all through.

Our thanks include the clergy, the coach driver and Mary, Colin and Des for organising such a wonderful day. M. A.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

Stow-on-the-Wold proved to be a popular choice for the A.G.M. of the North Cotswold Branch on June 7th, when over 70 visitors rang on the fine eight at St. Edward's Church. The Rev. Peter Newing conducted a well-struck touch of Plain Bob Major, and a touch of Cambridge Surprise did justice to the bells.

Miss E. Mary Bliss, chairman of the Association, thanked the retiring officials, saying that the Stow Branch was a difficult one to run. She paid tribute to the Ringing Master (Mr. L. Joynes) and the secretary (Mr. L. C. Dowdeswell).

The following officials were elected: Chairman, Rev. C. H. Pickthorn; secretary and treasurer, Mr. L. C. Dowdeswell; Ringing Master, Mr. L. Joynes; deputy Ringing Master, Mr. C. Povey; delegate to Association management committee, Mr. A. Ewins. The Revs. W. E. Paddock (Broadwell), W. Hilary (Stow-on-the-Wold) and H. L. O. Davies (Bourton-on-the-Hill) were elected associate members and Mr. Paul Ewins a member.

Appealing for recruits, the chairman said it was of great importance that every member should make an effort to introduce new blood into the Branch. He was pleased to hear that the secretary was in the process of teaching a band of 16 beginners at Broadwell.

Miss Bliss pointed out that the Association was holding a week-end course for beginners in September and it was hoped that recruits would take advantage of the facilities offered.

SOUTH WORCESTERSHIRE CONTEST

The Southern Branch of the Worcestershire and Districts Association held its striking competition at Bredon's Norton on May 17th. The event attracted an attendance of 65. Eight teams competed on the light ring of six and were judged by Messrs. W. B. Cartwright, David Beacham and S. Holt.

After tea in the Village Hall the judges gave their comments and declared Eckington to be the winners. By a coincidence the party then went to Eckington to ring on the new eight. Refreshments at the Bell Inn concluded a very successful day. R. P.

BELFRY GOSSIP

On a recent Sunday morning the four-year-old daughter of a Guinness-loving ringer in a well-known East Anglian tower was seen clutching a splendidly-made leprechaun—quite unmistakable with its long-pointed cap and beard and dressed in emerald green. One of the ringers advanced and politely and seriously asked its name, to which the reply came with equal solemnity: "Fred Dukes".

By ringing their qualifying 720s Robin Escolme (10) and Richard Thurmott (12) have brought to six the number of residents of Rockwood Crescent, Pudsey, who are members of the Yorkshire Association, the others being Fred and Stephen Munday and Richard's parents, Jane and Maurice, Robin's mother, Mrs. Ann Escolme, and Richard's brother, Mark (10), are learning and should qualify before long. A point to note: all these Pudsey residents ring at Bradford Cathedral!

Of the 150 peals rung on Silk Willoughby, Lincs. bells, Mr. James H. Musson has rung in 149.

We regret to learn that Mr. David King is in St. Lawrence Hospital, Chepstow, following an operation on his back. He seems to be making progress and is very cheerful.

Miss Joan Hutchinson rang her first tower bell peal of Major before returning to the U.S.A. by ringing the second to Cambridge Surprise Major at Warwick on June 21st. "A very creditable performance," reports the conductor, Peter Border.

After the Andover District's summer quarterly meeting at Burghclere on June 28th a visit was paid to Newtown, a 4-bell tower. The band here are justly proud of 50 years' Sunday service ringing and the captain (Mr. Munday) has not missed ringing in the New Year since he formed the band soon after the First World War.

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R.A.O.B. HONOUR FOR W. A. STOTE

On June 13th the exaltation to the high degree of the Roll of Honour of Bro. William A. Stote, Provincial Grand Primo of the Coventry Province and a well-known ringer, took place in the Windmill Lodge No. 7851. The ceremony was witnessed by a large gathering, many of whom had travelled upwards of 50 miles to be present.

The Exalting Officer was Bro. Bob Arnold, R.O.H., Past Grand Chamberlain of England, better known to radio listeners as Tom Forrest of "The Archers".

BELLS—FLYING SAUCERS

Sometimes bands visit churches where the bells have not been rung for some time. In one village bells which had been silent for 30 years suddenly rang out and within minutes the whole population had gathered outside the church, anxious to know what was wrong—the commonest guess being an invasion by flying saucers!

Next Sunday, as the church bells sound, think of the ringers in the belfry. "Look to," the conductor warns them, "treble going—she's gone!" And off they go, busy with one of the most "swinging" pastimes of all.—Brenda Byron in Northampton Newsletter.

CANON THURLOW AT NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME

Canon Gilbert Thurlow, past-President of the Central Council, preached at St. Giles' Church, Newcastle-under-Lyme, on Sunday morning, June 22nd. He received a very special welcome from the St. Giles' Society of Ringers and took part in the pre-service ringing on the ten bells. At the commencement of the service a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells in the nave by four St. Giles' ringers. In his sermon the Canon talked of the message of church bells, which have called people to service over the past centuries.

A MOUNTAIN PEAL

Three Hawkshead ringers rang a peal on the summit of Helvellyn (3,118 ft.) on June 22nd. Previous to the attempt they rang and attended service and with other ringing friends set off from Wythburn, near Thirlmere. A long two-hour climb followed in the pouring rain and finally the summit was gained. The peal was started after the rain and thunder had passed away and the performance caused much amusement to the passers-by and the Lake District warden. A good peal was rung and then a descent was made to the road, three miles away, in calmer weather.

The attempt had been much publicised in the "Westmorland Gazette" and a photographer was sent to cover the event. The party then adjourned to Bettyfold, Hawkshead, for refreshments.

A GLANCE OVER HAROLD WALKER'S HALF CENTURY

At the annual meeting of the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association brief mention was made of Harold Walker's 50 years of membership, and brief and modest was his reply. Some of us would have liked to hear more of those early days.

Behind the sedate driving of an ancient Hillman it is not so easy to picture the dashing young man on a motor-cycle, going from tower to tower. Harold has told how his father came home from a meeting of the Doncaster Parochial Church Council and addressed his 19-year-old son: "They are short of ringers, you'd better get yourself up the tower."

A pioneer in what may be called the fight for the learners, Harold soon realised the lack of opportunity for practice and in 1921 he originated the Doncaster and District Society, to provide monthly practice meetings in the 12 towers in the area. He was secretary of the Society until his job took him away from Doncaster in 1928. The Society presented him with a clock the following year.

Work took him all over the area of the then London and North Eastern Railway, and he never lost an opportunity to help with a practice. One hears remarks from the older ringers such as: "I owe him a lot"; "By ——! He was keen"; and many similar. He is more interested in the work in a tower as a whole than in peal ringing, although his ability as a conductor when it comes to "saving" a peal is seldom surpassed and his peal book includes some famous ones such as the first Cambridge Maximus at Lincoln.

Energetic president of the York Minster Society, trustee of the Yorkshire Association and chairman of the Selby District Society, Harold gives what time he can to the cause of ringing, but domestic demands make it increasingly difficult for him now.

Good luck for the next 50 years!

M. E. W.

A BUSY FEN AUTHOR

Mr. Trevor A. Bevis' "Guide to the Fens and Fenland Churches" has entered its 4th edition, over 7,000 copies having been sold.

He is now preparing a very substantial hard-back to be published next year in conjunction with the Year of European Rural Research, 1970. This book will be freely illustrated with drawings and photographs (including aerial) and will be called "Fenland Villages and their Environment". It will deal with many aspects—drainage, history, churches, Fen monasteries, fen and marshland farming, village layout and Fen residents.

In addition to this work Trevor still produces "Sentinel", the magazine of the Ely Diocesan Association. A shortage of articles makes production difficult, but he has promised to continue for another year. With its coloured front page this is really an attractive publication.

PIONEER LADY RINGER NOW 90

Miss Evelyn Steel celebrated her 90th birthday on June 10th and on the following evening ringing took place at Biddenham, Beds. First the local ringers rang and then some were joined by ringers from Bromham and Bedford for a quarter peal.

Both bands were afterwards entertained at the home of the Biddenham captain, Mr. D. T. Eyre, where Miss Steel, who is in very good health apart from having a game leg, recalled some of her early activities as a pioneer lady ringer.

STOLEN BELLS

The bells stolen from the disused St. Mary's Church, West Tofts, near Thetford, Norfolk, early in June, were as follows: 1 and 2, Taylor, 1856; 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, Taylor, 1849; 5, J. Draper, Thetford, 1618.

There were also two sanctus bells hung in the central gable by Taylor's, 1949/56. It is not known whether the tenor from Tottington (Brend, Norwich, 1650) was also stolen.

Five bells from Tottington Church were stored at West Tofts but were removed in January in preparation for their installation in St. Alphege's, Seasalter, Whitstable, in September.

ST. JAMES', BOOTLE (R.C.)

The ten bells at St. James' Church, Bootle, were recently inspected by Messrs. G. A. Austin and J. Hedgcock. There are nine chiming bells hung in two rows on one level and a bourdon hung above them on elaborate pivots connected to the frame on which the chiming bells rest.

The bells were cast in 1924 by O'Byrne, of Dublin, are badly corroded and need tuning and sandblasting. It is estimated that the bourdon weighs approximately 25–30 cwt. and the largest bell of the chime 15–17 cwt. The bells were originally given in memory of a former rector.

GUESTS SHOW APPRECIATION

Seldom is applause heard in the belfry. A muttered "Went very well!" disguises, in true British fashion, the admiration of the onlooker and perhaps his regret at not having rung in the admired touch.

The unusual sound of clapping came after a demonstration course of Bob Triples at St. Mary's, Eastbourne, and the surprised and grateful recipients were a section of the local band. Thirty members of the Young Wives' Group discussed the view from the parapet and were told something of the history of the tower and bells.

The ringers also gave their guests an explanation of change-ringing and mentioned a few of their activities as a Society. Before taking their leave several Young Wives were persuaded to try their hand in the first steps towards handling a bell. H. R.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
BEDFORD.—At the Church of St. Paul.
On Mon., June 9, 1969, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in D.

Martin Major	Treble	Clive W. Longden	6
Charlotte M. Harris	2	Robert L. Piron	7
Rev. M. C. C. Melville	3	Frank W. Rivett	8
Stephen Ivin	4	Keith H. Fleming	9
Anthony H. Smith	5	C. Michael Orme	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Stephen Ivin.

TOTTERNHOE, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Wed., June 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. in F sharp.

Christopher W. Woolley	Treble	Robert L. Piron	5
John R. Mayne	2	Dennis Knox	6
S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	3	Roger Baldwin	7
John R. Southey	4	John W. Sinfield	Tenor

Composed by E. Bennett. Conducted by Roger Baldwin.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Jeffrey L. Claughton and Sandra Goodship.

TILSWORTH, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Thurs., June 12, 1969, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being extents of Norwich S., Cambridge S., Oxford, Kent T.B., Single Oxford, Double Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*Peter Aslett	Treble	Christopher R. Hardy	4
Ronald J. Sharp	2	Martin Major	5
Anthony H. Smith	3	John W. Sinfield	Tenor

Conducted by John W. Sinfield.
* First peal of Minor.

THE BRISTOL SOCIETY.
BRISTOL.—At the Cathedral of the Holy and Undivided Trinity.
On Tues., June 10, 1969, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5021 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 lb. in E flat.

Nigel A. B. Dawson	Treble	Gordon W. Land	5
James R. Taylor	2	Bernard G. North	6
Michael J. Hobbs	3	Ralph G. Edwards	7
Robert C. Kippin	4	D. John Hunt	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by D. John Hunt.
First peal of Glasgow in Bristol.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
TRUMPINGTON, Cambs.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Michael.
On Sat., June 7, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in G.

R. L. Underwood (P'house)	Treble	*J. R. N. Lebon (Selwyn)	5
R. Dyckhoff (King's)	2	R. H. Youdale (Emmanuel)	6
C. M. Tuckett (Queens')	3	C. W. Daws (Trinity)	7
J. M. H. Hunter (Trinity)	4	B. D. Threlfall (Trinity)	Tenor

Conducted by J. M. Hadley Hunter.
* First peal of Surprise.
Rung by a resident Old Wykehamist band.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
GRAPPENHALL, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Wilfred.
On Sat., June 7, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in F sharp.

Ronald F. Andrew	Treble	Bernard F. L. Groves	5
Derek F. Yates	2	Basil Jones	6
Brian S. B. Kear	3	Robert B. Smith	7
Michael Foulds	4	D. Paul Smith	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Basil Jones.
Rung to celebrate the appointment of the Right Rev. Moses Nathaniel Christopher Omobiala Scott, Bishop of Sierra Leone since 1961, as Archbishop of West Africa. Archbishop Scott, who is an African, was curate of Grappenhall from 1951 to 1956.

DARESBURY, Cheshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., June 14, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in E.

Peter Broadbent	Treble	†Brian S. B. Kear	5
Derek F. Yates	2	Bernard F. L. Groves	6
Basil Jones	3	†Michael Foulds	7
*Ronald F. Andrew	4	Robert B. Smith	Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
* First peal in the method "inside." † First in the method.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
HOPE, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., June 14, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

Arthur Hall	Treble	Alex Richardson	5
Rev. R. D. St. John Smith	2	Denis R. Carlisle	6
Gordon A. Halls	3	David W. Friend	7
Timothy Wylie	4	Rev. Fred Ross	Tenor

Composed by G. A. Halls and D. R. Carlisle.
Conducted by Gordon A. Halls.
Rung to welcome the Rev. C. Roberts, the new Vicar of Castleton.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
CAMBRIDGE.—At the Church of St. Andrew the Great.
On Mon., June 23, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 IPSWICH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in G.

Walter C. Chandler	Treble	Alan F. Scholfield	5
Allen Twyman	2	John G. Gipson	6
Hilary Muirhead	3	Brian D. Threlfall	7
Geoffrey Pearson	4	Kenneth J. Hesketh	Tenor

Composed by S. H. Wood. Conducted by Kenneth J. Hesketh.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Association.
Rung with the good wishes of the band to Walter Chandler, who is leaving Cambridge for Tring.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
DANBURY, Essex.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., June 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in A flat.

Edward W. Roast	Treble	*Joe E. G. Roast	5
*Yvonne A. Murray	2	Keith W. Brown	6
Richard J. W. Housden	3	‡George E. Thoday	7
†Tony Spurgeon	4	‡James L. Towler	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.
* 50th peal together. † First of London. ‡ 75th peal together.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

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THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
HAWLEY, Hampshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., June 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 7 lb. in E.

W. John Couperthwaite	Treble	Rowan S. Bradley	5
Beryl R. Simpson	2	Stanley G. Ponting	6
*Felicity S. Hamilton	3	Michael J. Church	7
*Donald N. Jennings	4	Peter J. Munday	Tenor

Composed by Arthur Craven. Conducted by Michael J. Church.
* First peal in the method.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Peter D. Church, brother of the conductor.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
RADLETT, Hertfordshire.—At Christ Church.
On Sat., June 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor 3 cwt. 16 lb. in G.

*Michael C. Donmall	Treble	*Rev. A. Talbot-Ponsonby	4
Alice M. Talbot-Ponsonby	2	†Terence C. Holland	5
Katherine S. Hardy	3	Robert E. Hardy	Tenor

Conducted by Robert E. Hardy.
* First peal. † First "inside."
Rung for the Patronal Festival of the Diocese of St. Albans.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
BROMLEY COMMON, Kent.—At the Church of St. Luke.
On Tues., June 17, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5120 CORNWALL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in F.

Edward F. P. Bryant	Treble	Michael H. O'Callaghan	5
Ian H. Oram	2	Walter H. Dobbie	6
Margaret E. Oram	3	Tony Lewis	7
Sheila M. Dobbie	4	Stanley Jenner	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Edward F. P. Bryant.
Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to Stanley B. Dobbie.

ERITH, Kent.—At the Church of St. John.
On Fri., June 20, 1969, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Len Goodall	Treble	*John W. Smith	5
Arthur G. Mason	2	*Alan D. Flood	6
*Kenneth J. Rider	3	*Timothy D. Wickens	7
Frederick J. Cullum	4	*John Pladdys	Tenor

Composed by H. Hubbard. Conducted by John Pladdys.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

BROMLEY, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Tues., June 24, 1969, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in F.

*John W. Smith	Treble	Nigel Thomson	5
Kenneth J. Rider	2	Jennifer A. Dunning	6
Maureen J. Carruthers	3	Alan D. Flood	7
Arthur G. Mason	4	John Pladdys	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by John Pladdys.
* Has now "circled the tower" to peals.
Rung with congratulations and best wishes to Maureen Carruthers and Lawrence Hanney on their engagement.

MAIDSTONE, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., June 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In eight methods, being an extent each of London S., Double Oxford, Kent and Oxford T.B., St. Clement's, Cambridge S., Single Oxford and Plain Bob Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in G sharp.

Ian H. Oram	Treble	Tony Lewis	4
Doris E. Colgate	2	Philip J. Simmonds	5
Margaret E. Oram	3	Thomas Cullingworth	Tenor

Conducted by Ian H. Oram.
First peal on the front six; an attempt for Yorkshire Royal prevented by a broken ninth clapper.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
BARBON, Westmorland.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.
On Sat., June 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 SINGLE COURT BOB MINIMUS
Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in A.

*Doreen Maclean	Treble	Joseph Whalley	3
†Kevin M. Price	2	*Alan Capstick	Tenor

Conducted by Kevin M. Price.
* First peal of Minimus. † First of Minimus "inside."

LAZONBY, Cumberland.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., June 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINIMUS
Being 43 extents of Reverse Court, 84 of Single Court and 83 of Plain Bob, with 44 changes of method. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb. in A sharp.

*Doreen Maclean	Treble	Joseph Whalley	3
Kevin M. Price	2	Alan Capstick	Tenor

Conducted by Kevin M. Price.
* First peal in three methods. First in three Minimus methods by all the band, on the bells and for the Association.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
CLAYBROOKE PARVA, Leics.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., June 14, 1969, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 EALING SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

Martin Green	Treble	R. Brian Mills	5
*Christine L. J. Mills	2	K. Paul Gilliver	6
W. Ernest Rawson	3	Roland H. Cook	7
Robin A. Gilliver	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
* First peal in the method

COUNTESTHORPE, Leics.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., June 7, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 17 lb. in G.

Harold Kilby	Treble	Brian L. Burrows	4
*Robert M. Kilby	2	W. Arthur Riddington	5
N. Roderick Ellway	3	John J. Morris	Tenor

Conducted by John J. Morris.
* First peal of Treble Bob.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Sat., June 21, 1969, in 1 Hour and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In eight methods, comprising: (1) Norwich, (2) Beverley and Surfleet, (3) Oxford T.B., (4) Cambridge, (5) St. Clement's, (6) Kent T.B., (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 2 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in G.

R. Kingsley Mason	Treble	R. Brian Mills	4
Christine L. J. Mills	2	G. Ronald Edwards	5
Martin Green	3	John E. Cook	Tenor

Conducted by John E. Cook.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
HORBLING, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St Andrew.
On Sat., June 7, 1969, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 9 cwt 1 qr. 17 lb. in B flat.

*Susan Aveyard	Treble	*Peter A. Slight	4
Christine Mills	2	*Brian Buttery	5
R. Brian Mills	3	Dennis A. Frith	Tenor

Composed by Rev. E. B. James. Conducted by Denis A. Frith.
* First peal of Surprise Minor.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Denys.
On Sat., June 14, 1969, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In seven methods, being extents of Wells, Surfleet, London, Beverley, Ipswich, Norwich and Cambridge. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

James H. Musson	Treble	Harvey E. Burrell	4
*Joan Payne	2	Alan G. Payne	5
Cecil Wade	3	James W. Haw	Tenor

Conducted by Alan G. Payne.
* First peal in seven Surprise methods. 150th peal on the bells, the treble ringer having rung in 149 of them.

BARROWBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Thurs., June 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED DOUBLES
Comprising 42 extents in the following 121 methods: St. Faiths, Rev. Winchendon, Stowe Place, Rev. St. Martin, St. Julian, Rev. St. Remigius, Datchet, Rev St. Osmund, Chapel-en-le-Frith Bob, Tallington, Sempringham, Rev St. Owen, Rev. St. Simon, Uffington, Rev. St. Nicholas, Union, St. Nicholas, St. Remigius, Winchendon, Huntley, Stedman S.C., St Botolph, Coxwell Place, St. Simon, St. Martin, St. Osmund, Eynesbury, Maltby, Chevasse, Callender, Montgomeryshire, Westminster II, St. Hilary, Blackburn, Dragon, Rev. Union, Rev. St. Faith, Rev. St. Julian, St. Owen Place, New, Huntspill, St Vedast, Blaisdon, Lincolnshire, Huntingdonshire, Leicestershire, Kent, Rutland, Northamptonshire, Northumberland, Casthorpe, Bedfont, Boveney, Londonthorpe, Nunthorpe, Eton, Manthorpe, Haddiscoe, Thornborough, Hascombe, Ossington, Harpley, Longford, Fundenhall, Ellingham, Oakley, Chipstead, Screveton, Bedingham, Itchingfield, Forncett, Intwood, Broughton, Ockham, Strelley, Lyng, Knapton, Chesham, Welford, Slapton, Rugby, Braywood, Longworth, Merton, Sutton-on-Trent, Bag Enderby, Hagworthingham, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Great Dalby, Long Clawson, All Saints, Claypole, Bracebridge Heath, Rev. St. Sebastian, Frithville, Yaddlethorpe, Minster, Rev. Bob, Canterbury Bob, Candlesby, Plain Bob, Boxford, Raveningham, Rev. Canterbury, Dorton, Cornwall, Wainfleet, Cheshire, Colnbrook, Shipways, Tandridge, Runemede, Berkshire, Cambridgeshire, Buckinghamshire, Colne, Bristol, Poyle, Bedfordshire, Stedman and Grandsire.
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in G.

Frederick W. Pinchbeck	Treble	Peter A. Slight	4
Vaughan P. Evans	2	Denis A. Frith	5
Brian Buttery	3	Thomas A. Relf	Tenor

Conducted by Peter A. Slight.
Most Doubles methods by the band, on the bells and for the Guild. 62F Chapel-en-le-Frith Bob. 345, 145, 5, 1, 145, 1, 5, 145, 345, 1. 64F. Sempringham Place. 345, 145, 5, 123, 145, 123, 5, 145, 345, 1.

SKILLINGTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sat., June 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 21 extents each of Grandsire and Plain Bob.
Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in A.

Denis A. Frith	Treble	Peter A. Slight	3
*P. Mary Cheesewright	2	David E. Leafe	4
Thomas A. Relf	Tenor		

Conducted by Peter A. Slight.
* First peal.
Rung to celebrate the end of exams for the ringers of 2 and 4.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
BRIDGEND, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Illtyd.
On Sat., June 14, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's No. 2. Tenor 16 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

J. Michael Lakin	Treble	Alexander E. Marsh	5
Gwyn I. Lewis	2	†M. Jack Pryor	6
*Arwyn R. Lewis	3	Peter S. Bennett	7
†Thomas T. Yeomans	4	William T. Petty	Tenor

Conducted by Peter S. Bennett.
* First peal of Stedman. † 50th peal together.

EBBW VALE, Monmouthshire.—At Christ Church.
On Sat., June 21, 1969, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in D.

Susan J. Jenkins	Treble	Peter G. Brown	5
Josephine A. Quilter	2	Philip J. Rothera	6
Anthony H. Smith	3	Kenneth J. Hesketh	7
David E. Rothera	4	Peter S. Bennett	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Peter S. Bennett.

ABERDARE, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Elvan.
On Sun., June 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 10 methods, being 576 each of Superlative, Ashtead, Yorkshire, Lincolnshire, Pudsey and Cambridge, 448 of Bristol and 384 each of Rutland, London and Uxbridge, with 130 changes of method.
Tenor 16 cwt. 25 lb. in E.

Peter S. Bennett	Treble	Peter G. Brown	5
Josephine A. Quilter	2	Kenneth J. Hesketh	6
Anthony H. Smith	3	Philip J. Rothera	7
David E. Rothera	4	Tudor P. Edwards	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.
First peal of Surprise on the bells.

THE GREATER LONDON ASSOCIATION.
BARNES, London, S.W.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., June 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5184 GLAMORGAN SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in G.

John R. Ketteringham	Treble	Philip Bosworth	5
Maureen J. Carruthers	2	Frank Reed	6
John R. Leeming	3	Geoffrey Bridges	7
G. William Shanks	4	Timothy G. Pett	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Timothy G. Pett.
First peal in the method.
Rung with the best wishes of the band to Lawrence Hanney and Maureen Carruthers on their engagement.

GLAMORGAN SURPRISE MAJOR
—38—1456—56—36—14—58—36—58. B. b, n.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
ISLEWORTH, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Mon., June 9, 1969, in 3 Hours.
A PEAL OF 5040 CHRISTCHURCH SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 16 cwt. 24 lb. in E.

Peter N. Felton	Treble	Timothy G. Pett	6
Katherine S. Hardy	2	John R. Ketteringham	7
Eric Edmondson	3	Gerald Penney	8
Robert E. Hardy	4	Andrew W. R. Wilby	9
*Alan Flood	5	†Harold W. Rogers	Tenor

Arranged by Gerald Penney. Conducted by Harold W. Rogers.
* 50th peal. † 200th peal. First in the method by all, in the county and for the Association.
Rung half-muffled in memory of Martin J. Waterston, aged 14, who died in a road accident the previous day.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
ISLEWORTH, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat. April 12, 1969, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5093 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 16½ cwt.

Malcolm Loveday	Treble	Michael J. Palmer	6
Olive L. Rogers	2	William S. Deason	7
Elsie Savory	3	Harold W. Rogers	8
Walter G. Knight	4	Frank T. Blagrove	9
Patricia A. Copas	5	Roger A. Gage	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Frank T. Blagrove.
Rung for the 95th anniversary of the formation of The West Middlesex Association and the 75th anniversary of its re-formation as The South West Middlesex Association.

WILLESDEN, London, S.W.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., June 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDONDERRY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

Alick Cutler	Treble	Frank Reed	5
Ruth M. Foreman	2	G. William Critchley	6
Claudia A. Critchley	3	John Hill	7
Dennis Knox	4	Thomas J. Lock	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Ketteringham. Conducted by G. W. Critchley.
First peal in the method by all the band.

STANWELL, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sun., April 27, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods: Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 13 cwt.

Christopher Venn	Treble	Albert C. Wenban	4
Monica Blagrove	2	David G. Pickett	5
Ronald K. Russ	3	Frank T. Blagrove	Tenor

Conducted by Frank T. Blagrove.
Rung as a farewell to the Rev. P. C. J. Hoyal, Vicar since 1949, who is now Vicar of Trelleck, Mon.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
HAPPISBURGH, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., May 24, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being two extents of Oxford T.B. and one each of Plain Bob, Kent T.B. and St. Clement's and two of Plain Bob.
Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

N. P. Cossey	Treble	T. Brock	4
David Ralls	2	F. Gunton	5
J. Gardiner	3	G. E. Larter	Tenor

Conducted by G. E. Larter.
Rung for the Festival of Whitsun and to celebrate the christening of Duncan, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Larter.

(The Colegate Society.)
NORWICH.—At the Church of St. George, Colegate.
On Fri., June 6, 1969, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being extents of Beverley Surprise, Surfleet Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.

Thomas R. Roast	Treble	Carole A. H. Patey	4
Barbara M. Payne	2	David Cubitt	5
David E. House	3	Martin Cubitt	Tenor

Conducted by Martin Cubitt.

INTWOOD, Norfolk.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sun., June 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
42 extents. Tenor 6 cwt. in B flat.

*John L. Rice	Treble	Thomas E. Spight	3
Henry Tooke	2	†John Dowe	4
†Gordon Elvin	Tenor		

Conducted by Henry Tooke.
* First peal. † First of Doubles.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to John L. Rice, also a birthday compliment to Leonard G Tooke.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WINDSOR, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist. On Sat., May 17, 1969, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 17 cwt.

Frank T. Blagrove	Treble	A. Leslie Pearson	5
Geoffrey D. Welch	2	Leonard Stilwell	6
Monica Blagrove	3	Albert A. Wenban	7
William Birmingham	4	Sidney Blyth	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Frank T. Blagrove.

EAST HAGBOURNE, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew. On Sat., May 31, 1969, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

Mary E. Pryor	Treble	Michael Bishop	5
Gerald I. Wells	2	Robert B. Blond	6
Henry L. Bishop	3	M. Jack Pryor	7
Barry M. Wheeler	4	John H. Napper	Tenor

Composed by E. Taylor. Conducted by Robert B. Blond.

Rung for the wedding of John P. Gordon and Janice M. Pryor.

ABINGDON, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas. On Sun., June 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 1,440 Cambridge S. and five extents Plain Bob.

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in B flat.

*Christopher A. Richards	Treble	Thomas R. Garrett	4
Douglas C. Henderson	2	Melvyn J. Hiller	5
J. Richard Poole	3	A. Keith P. Poole	Tenor

Conducted by A. Keith P. Poole.

* First peal.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. W. E. G. Payton, recently inducted Vicar of Abingdon.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

EASTON NESTON, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary. On Sat., June 7, 1969, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 UMBERSLADE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in G.

Kilby R. Holtom	Treble	Raymond A. Vickers	5
Charles E. Truman	2	Graham C. Paul	6
Christopher C. Stokes	3	Alan A. Paul	7
William J. Chester	4	Barry E. Saunders	Tenor

Composed by Roger D. Bailey. Conducted by Graham C. Paul.

First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild

WILBY, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin. On Tues., June 10, 1969, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Cambridge, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb in B flat.

Richard J. Cowley	Treble	Edward C. Buckby	4
J. Malcolm Tyler	2	Barry R. Care	5
*Terry G. Smith	3	Murray A. Coleman	Tenor

Conducted by Murray A Coleman.

* First peal in seven methods.

Rung for the birthday of H.R.H. Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.

BENEFIELD, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin. On Sat., June 14, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Cambridge Surprise, one each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., St. Clement's and two of Plain Bob.

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in G.

John E. David	Treble	Raymond H. Daw	4
*Barry R. Care	2	‡W. John Riley	5
†Richard Brighton	3	*J. Malcolm Tyler	Tenor

Conducted by J. Malcolm Tyler.

* 25th peal together. † First peal. ‡ First in five methods.

Rung to mark the official birthday of Her Majesty the Queen.

WEEKLEY, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin. On Tues., June 17, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED ALLIANCE & LITTLE BOB MINOR

Being two extents of Walsingham, one of Fulmer and two each of Lammas and Olney, each spliced with Little Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt. 10 lb. in A flat.

Edward C. Buckby	Treble	Barry R. Care	4
Raymond Henman	2	Murray A. Coleman	5
J. Malcolm Tyler	3	*Richard J. Cowley	Tenor

Conducted by Murray A. Coleman.

* 50th peal. First of Spliced Alliance and Little by all the band and for the Guild.

STOKE ALBANY, Northants.—At the Church of St. Botolph. On Thurs., June 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St Clement's and Plain Bob.

Mary R. Coleman	Treble	Stephen B. Bell	4
David J. Morgan	2	Barry R. Care	5
J. Malcolm Tyler	3	Murray A. Coleman	Tenor

Conducted by Barry R. Care.

Rung for the Feast of St. Botolph and to welcome the Rev. W. E. Pitt to the parish. Tenor 10 cwt. 5 lb. in A.

PRESTON, Rutland.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul. On Sat., June 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Single Oxford and two extents each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 23 lb. in G sharp.

J Martin Thorley	Treble	Lionel Atton	4
Katharine M. Thorley	2	Christopher J. Groome	5
Gerald W. Reynolds	3	Roger N. Scholes	Tenor

Conducted by J Martin Thorley.

The tenor ringer has now "circled the tower" and the treble ringer has now called a peal from each bell.

EDITH WESTON, Rutland.—At the Church of St. Mary. On Sun., June 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods, being one extent each of Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B. and three extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 7 cwt 13 lb. in A.

Katharine M. Thorley	Treble	Lionel Atton	4
J. Martin Thorley	2	J. Charles Hudson	5
Cynthia E. Barnett	3	Roger N. Scholes	Tenor

Conducted by Roger N. Scholes.

First peal as conductor

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

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral of St. Philip. On Thurs., June 19, 1969, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

John N. Lindon	Treble	Clifford A. Barron	7
Susan E. Smith	2	James W. Belshaw	8
Norman J. Goodman	3	Richard A. G. Inglis	9
Roderick W. Pipe	4	George E. Fearn	10
Maurice F. Edwards	5	J. Alan Ainsworth	11
James Insley	6	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Peter Border.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip. On Thurs., March 27, 1969, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

Baker's Variation No. 3. Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

John N. Lindon	Treble	Terry R. Hampton	6
Susan E. Smith	2	Roderick W. Pipe	7
James Insley	3	George E. Fearn	8
Maurice F. Edwards	4	James W. Belshaw	9
*Vernon Green	5	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

* First peal of London Surprise Royal.

CLAVERLEY, Shropshire.—At the Church of All Saints. On Sat., June 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 21 lb. in F.

J. Alan Ainsworth	Treble	Richard J. Tibbetts	5
*Margaret A. Thow	2	James W. Belshaw	6
Maurice F. Edwards	3	John N. Lindon	7
Janet E. Blake	4	Clifford A. Barron	Tenor

Arranged by R. W. Pipe. Conducted by Clifford A. Barron.

* First peal.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

KINGSTON, Dorset.—At the Church of St. James. On Fri., June 20, 1969, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5090 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in D.

Timothy F. Collins	Treble	Graham W. Elmes	5
Mary E. Elmes	2	Richard H Youdale	6
William T. Perrins	3	Frederick E. Collins	7
Katherine J. Maundrell	4	D. John Hunt	Tenor

Composed by Brian D. Price. Conducted by D. John Hunt.

BEAMINSTER, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Mary of the Annunciation. On Sat., June 21, 1969, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in D.

Katharine J. Maundrell	Treble	Rev. Roger Keeley	5
Mary E. Elmes	2	*Timothy F. Collins	6
William T. Perrins	3	Frederick E. Collins	7
Graham W. Elmes	4	Ronald N. Marlow	Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Ronald N. Marlow.

* 50th peal of Major.

THE SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.
GREASLEY, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., June 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5184 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in F sharp.

Michael Poppleston	Treble	†Peter J Kingscote	5
Sheila M. Anthony	2	David J. Marshall	6
Susanna Poppleston	3	Richard A. G. Inglis	7
*Peter Church	4	Simon Humphrey	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Simon Humphrey.
* First peal of Cambridge "inside." † First of Major and of Surprise.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Susanna Poppleston.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
ALREWAS, Staffordshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Thurs., June 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation. Tenor 12 cwt. 5 lb. in F sharp.

Brian A. Tomlinson	Treble	Cyril T. Collins	5
David W. Friend	2	Jack Chadwick	6
Geoffrey Bridges	3	Clive M. Smith	7
*John E. Dolman	4	Michael J. Fellows	Tenor

Conducted by David W. Friend.
* First peal of Cambridge.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Pamela Dolman, a member of the local band, and Mr. Charles Dixon, who were married at this church on June 7th, 1969.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
LOWDHAM, Notts.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., May 24, 1969, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 18 m./v.: Two extents each of Grandsire, Newborough, All Saints', Rushall, Marchington, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Fortune, Rev. Canterbury, Southrepps, Little Aston, Clifford's Pleasure, three extents St. Columb, Plain Bob, Kennington, Seighford, April Day and Old. Tenor 9 cwt. 14 lb. in G.

W. Gordon Marsh	Treble	Ruth Blackshaw	3
Pamela J. Clifton	2	Maurice W. Harrison	4
H. Geoffrey Wells	Tenor		

Conducted by Ruth Blackshaw.
Rung prior to the induction of the Rev. Maurice Richardson as Vicar of Lowdham with Gunthorpe and Caythorpe.

GOTHAM, Notts.— At the Church of St. Lawrence.
On Wed., June 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In five methods, being ten extents of St. Simon, six of St. Martin, eight each of Rev. Canterbury and Plain Bob and ten of Grandsire.
Tenor 7 cwt. 5 lb. in G.

David Oliver	Treble	Neil Handley	3
Arthur Newell	2	Reginald J. Stretton	4
Trevor H. Kirkman	Tenor		

Conducted by Trevor H. Kirkman.
First peal as conductor.
Rung to celebrate the 100th birthday this day of Mrs. Betsy Lacey, the village's oldest resident and a member of the congregation of the Parish Church.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
GRUNDISBURGH, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., June 9, 1969, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 ZURICH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

Robert Southgate	Treble	Sylvia R. E. Pipe	5
Cecil W. Pipe	2	Michael J. Howes	6
Muriel R. Page	3	Ernest G. Pearce	7
Alan R. Munnings	4	Leslie G. Brett	Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. (No. 6.) Conducted by Leslie G. Brett.
First peal of Zurich by all the band and for the Guild.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the fourth.

HELMINGHAM, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Wed., June 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19½ cwt.

John C. Walters	Treble	Neil V. Avis	5
Frank B. Lufkin	2	*J. Martin Thorley	6
Alan R. Bridges	3	Leslie G. Brett	7
W. Keith Whittell	4	Walter Arnold	Tenor

Composed by F. Dench. Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
* 750th peal.

BRAMFORD, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., May 31, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in seven methods, viz.: (1) Single Oxford, (2) Double Oxford, (3) Oxford T.B., (4) Kent T.B., (5) Cambridge S., (6) St. Clement's, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 11¼ cwt. in G.

W. Keith Whittell	Treble	Robert J. Southgate	4
Martin H. Whittell	2	Roger L. K. Whittell	5
Alan R. Walters	3	Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzey	Tenor

Conducted by Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzey.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Jennifer (née Andrews) and Neville Whittell, married a fortnight previously.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
HASTINGS, Sussex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., June 7, 1969, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's 12-part (6th obs.). Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in F.

*Graham J. Catt	Treble	Betty Percy	5
Frederick J. Lambert	2	Clive Brettell	6
J. Michael Swift	3	Alan R. Baldock	7
Janet M. Percy	4	Charles R. Percy	Tenor

Conducted by Alan R. Baldock.
* First peal.
Rung in honour of the birth of a son, Philip, to the treble ringer and Mrs. Catt, and with best wishes to John Hill and Heather Patty, who were married this day at Burgess Hill.

ROTHERFIELD, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Denys.
On Sat., June 21, 1969, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's 12-part (6th obs.). Tenor 23 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

Frederick J. Lambert	Treble	Alan R. Baldock	5
*Robert J. Fuller	2	Thomas M. Barlow	6
Peter D. Hepburn	3	David R. Reed	7
Brian E. Jeffrey	4	†Andrew G. Bassett	Tenor

Conducted by Alan R. Baldock
* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † First peal.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.
SWANSEA, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., May 31, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in E.

John H. Prytherch	Treble	Stephen Fenwick	5
J. Michael Lakin	2	Paul A. Williams	6
Susan Jackson	3	Michael R. Meadows	7
David J. Llewellyn	4	Tudor P. Edwards	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by J. Michael Lakin.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rev. G. J. B. Stickland.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
OVERTON, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., June 21, 1969, in 3 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 7168 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 32 methods, comprising 224 changes each of Ashtead, Barnwood, Belfast, Bisley, Bristol, Buckland, Cambridge, Cassiobury, Caversham, Cray, Double Dublin, Fairford, Glasgow, Harwell, Ipswich, Jersey, Kenninghall, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Maulden, Portishead, Pudsey, Rutland, Sonning, Tavistock, Thatcham, Uxbridge, Watford, Wembley, Whalley and Yorkshire, with 223 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 10½ cwt.

Peter J. England	Treble	Noel J. Diserens	5
John R. Mayne	2	James R. Taylor	6
Roger Baldwin	3	Anthony R. Peake	7
John H. Fielden	4	Brian Bladon	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.
The greatest number of methods yet rung to a peal in which all the bells do all the work of all the methods.

Barnwood: —56—14—56—1238—14—58—14—5.	f.
Bisley: —58—14—56—36.12—34.58.14—14.5.	l.
Fairford: —36—16—58—36—12—38.14—14.7.	e.
Thatcham: —38—14—58—36—34—38.12.36—1.	mx.
Sonning: 38—38.16—56—36.14—12.38.16—56.3.	b.
Buckland: —38—14—12—38—34—38—36—1.	mx.
Harwell: —56.34.16.58—58.16—34—58—12—1.	b.
Caversham: —58—16—56—16—34—1458.36.12.34.7.	d.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
AMBLECOTE, Stourbridge, Worcs.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Fri., June 13, 1969, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Irregular 5-part. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 lb. in B.

J. Alan Ainsworth	Treble	Arthur D. Cook	5
M. Irene Brown	2	R. Arthur Peakman	6
Peter J. Brown	3	Martin D. Fellows	7
Morley P. Tobin	4	Clifford Skidmore	Tenor

Composed by John Carter. (No. 35.) Conducted by Martin D. Fellows.
Quarterly peal for the Northern Branch

PERSHORE, Worcs.—At the Abbey Church of the Holy Cross.
On Sat., June 14, 1969, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In five methods, comprising 1,120 of London, 1,088 Superlative and 1,024 each of Bristol, Pudsey and Cambridge, with 107 changes of method. All the bells did all the work of each method.
Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

Morley P. Tobin	Treble	Gerald C. Hemming	5
M. Irene Ellsmore	2	Michael J. Fellows	6
Clifford Skidmore	3	Martin D. Fellows	7
*Arthur C. Berry	4	J. Alan Ainsworth	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.
* First peal of five-spliced.

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BIRTHS

COOPER.—On June 27th, to Edna (née Frith) and Chris, a son (Michael James). 7557

PRESTON.—To Pamela (née Webb) and Barry, a daughter, Caroline Lorraine, on June 13th, 1969. 7563

STREET.—On June 23rd, 1969, at West Cumberland Hospital, to Marjorie (née Pearson) and Brian, of St. Bees, Cumberland, a daughter, Jennifer Forster Street. 7576

ENGAGEMENT

DAVIES—WINNETT.—The engagement is announced between Geraldine Winnett and Trevor Davies, both of Grayshott, Hampshire. 7567

DEATH

HOWCHIN.—On June 28th, 1969, in hospital, Bertie James, aged 79, of Norwich, for some years Master of the Mancroft Guild of Ringers. 7555

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

SMITH.—The address of Susan E. Smith is now Flat B, Hareby House, 10, London Road, Boston, Lincs. Home address still 25, Uplands Crescent, Fareham, Hants. 7570

PERSONAL

"A good man is merciful and lendeth: and will guide his words with discretion . . . . He will not be afraid of any evil tidings: for his heart standeth fast, and believeth in the Lord." —Psalm cxii, 5, 7.

FOR SALE

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CARILLON RECITAL

SALTLEY, Birmingham, Rosary Church, Parkfield Road (opposite Country Girl).—Recital, Sunday, July 13th, 6.40–7.30 p.m., by Peter Stratford, hon. assistant carillonneur at Loughborough. 7282

MISCELLANEOUS

TOUR.—Owing to cancellations some vacancies exist for ringing tour of Northern England, July 26th–August 2nd. Details from: Semken, c/o 51, Mill Street, Hereford. 7572

WILLINGDON, Eastbourne.—Ringers' service, Sunday, July 13th, 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. Light refreshments in Church Hall after service.—R. W. R. Percy 7551

PRACTICE NIGHTS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Practice meeting, Minehead (10), Saturday, July 12th, at 7 p.m. and at Luccombe (6) on Saturday, July 19th, at 6 p.m.—E. R. T. B 7520

KINGSBURY, Warwickshire.—No practice on Friday, July 11th. Midland Counties meeting at Hoar Cross.—G. H Lane. 7554

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QUARTERLY MEETING SATURDAY, JULY 12th

Danbury (8), 3–4.30.

Tea 5 p.m. in the Vicarage Room, Great Baddow, followed by meeting.

Great Baddow (8), 6.30–8.

Names for tea to J. S. Barnes, 56, Leamington Avenue, Orpington, Kent, BR6 9QB

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7515

ESSEX ASSOCIATION N.E. DISTRICT RINGING FESTIVAL

Saturday, July 19th

Gt. Bentley (8) 10.30–11.30 Ardleigh (8) Thorrington (6) 11.45–12.45 Mistley (6) St. Osyth (6) 2–2.45 Tendring (6) Gt. Holland (8) 3–3.30 Thorpe (6) Kirby-le-Soken (8) 3.30

Service 4.30, followed by meeting.

Tea, names to Mr. U. W. Wildney, The Croft, Edith Road, Kirby-le-Soken.

Sunday, July 20th

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN RINGERS' SUNDAY

Ringing at 7 and 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. for services at 8 a.m. (Holy Communion), 11 a.m. (Matins) and 6.30 p.m. (Evensong) respectively.

Preachers:

11 a.m., Rev. B. Redger.

6.30 p.m., the Bishop of Colchester.

Also open: Great Bentley (8), 2–2.45; Tendring (6), 2.45–3.15; Great Holland (8) 5.15 p.m.

Tea (at F. Lufkin's house) and breakfast free to those who notify Frank B. Lufkin, 108, Salisbury Road, Holland-on-Sea.

Come and join us.

Make a week-end of it.

7564

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Annual cricket match, Tanfield, on Saturday, July 19th. **Meet at church** at 2 p.m. for match at Tanfield Lea Names for tea to Mr. K. W. Cheesman, Gibside House, Gibside, Newcastle upon Tyne. 7585

SKIPTON-IN-CRAVEN, YORKS

FLOWER FESTIVAL

Saturday, July 26th

Ringing:

Saturday: 10–11.15, 3.30–4.30, 6.15–7.30

Sunday: 8.45–9.45, 5.30–6.30

All visitors welcome.

7587

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September 12th, 13th and 14th

Applications would be welcome from complete, competent bands to attempt quarter peals (8 and 10 bells only) on Saturday, September 13th, commencing promptly at the following times:—

10.30 a.m 4.15 p.m.

2.30 p.m 6.0 p.m.

7.45 p.m.

On application please state choice of three times in order of preference, number of bells and method proposed to ring. Each band will be allowed up to 1½ hours to ring the quarter peal.

Closing date for application August 2nd. Application to Miss W. E. Marriott, 51, Corby Avenue, Swindon, Wilts. 7542

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FLOWER AND BELL FESTIVAL

July 19th and 20th, 1969

Visit this lovely old country town church Bells (6) all day Saturday and usual times for Sunday service. Refreshments available both days 7386

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual Dinner, The New Hackwood Hotel, Widmore Road, Bromley Kent, September 27th, 6.30 for 7 p.m Tickets 27/- from District secretaries up to Sept. 13th.—A. P. S. Berry, Hon. Gen. Sec., 7, Queen Street, Folkestone, Kent. 7075

WYMONDHAM ABBEY.—Ringing Day, July 12th. Bells (10) from 2.30 p.m. Teas will be provided by the Abbey ringers, their wives and friends. Names, please, to T E. Spight, 34, Damgate Street, Wymondham, Norfolk.

PUBLICATIONS

"RINGING TOWERS." — Because of devaluation and increased postal charges the annual subscription to "Ringing Towers," the Australian and New Zealand quarterly, is increased from 5s. to 6s. to subscribers in the U.K. Subscriptions should be sent to Tom Lock, 57, Holloways Lane, North Mymms, Hatfield, Herts

MEETINGS

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—An evening meeting will be held at Hoar Cross on Friday, July 11th. Bells 6 p.m. All welcome.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The July quarterly meeting will be held at Monk's Kirby on Saturday, July 12th. Service 4.30 and tea in the School at 5 p.m. Ringing arrangements: Burton Hastings, 10–10.45 a.m.; Wolvey, 10.45–11.45 a.m.; Bulkington, 11.30–12.30 p.m.; Shilton, 2–3 p.m.; Brinklow, 2.30–3.30 p.m.; Monk's Kirby, 3–4.30 p.m. and after tea. Names for tea, please.—H. M. Windsor, 5, Park Lane, Harbury, Leamington Spa. Tel.: Harbury 504. 7531

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (Chesterfield District) and SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Joint meeting, Staveley, July 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5. Eckington (8) 7–8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. Paddison, 16, Wateringbury Grove, Staveley, Chesterfield. — M. Phipps, R. Fletcher, Hon. Secs 7525

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting, July 12th, Whittlesford (6), 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting only if necessary, then Duxford (6) until 8 p.m.—J. S. 7512

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Meeting, Wanstead, July 12th. Ringing 3.45 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business. Evening ringing until 8 p.m. Names for tea to J. P. Eyre, 4, Greenheys Drive, South Woodford, E.18. 7503

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District. — Meeting, Chertsey, Saturday, July 12th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea following for those who notify Rev. G. S. Archibald, The Vicarage, Chertsey. 7526

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION — Watford District.—Aldenham (6), July 12th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to J. R Southey, Ashmere, Harper Lane, Radlett. Tel., Radlett 6188.—G. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 7484

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION — Western District.—Meeting, Flamstead (6) on Saturday, July 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to R. E Sheppard, 19, Great Heart, Hemel Hempstead, Herts. 7532

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, July 12th, at St. Peter-in-Thanet, Broadstairs (8). Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. All names for tea to Mr. W. Bridges, Cuba House, 8, Swinburne Avenue, Broadstairs.—J. B. K. 7548

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District. — Quarterly meeting, Lenham, July 12th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names to C. A. Tester, 18, Maxwell Drive, Maidstone. 7529

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch. — Meeting, Samlesbury, July 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea, followed by meeting, 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. G. Clayton, Ingledean, Preston New Road, Mellor Brook, near Blackburn, BB2 7PU.—R. Barnes, Branch Sec. 7574

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. — Meeting, St. Nicholas', Halewood, Saturday, July 12th Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea.—G. K. A. 7588

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Branch. — Meeting, Walesby, Saturday, July 12th Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by picnic tea and business meeting.—G. R. P. 7538

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, July 12th: St. Stephen's, Weir Road, Clapham Park, 2.30–3.30; Our Lady of Victories (R.C.), Clapham Common, 3.30–4.30, tea and service to follow. All Saints', Tooting Graveney, 6.30–7.30: St. Leonard's, Streatham High Road, 7.30–8.30. Names for tea to Mr. G. W. Shanks, 86, Macauley Road, S.W.4. No name no tea.—M. R. W., Sec. 7406

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Kintbury, Saturday, July 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to R. Radbourne, Church Street, Kintbury, Newbury, Berks. 7581

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—Meeting, St. Martin's, Stamford, Saturday, July 12th. Bells 3 p.m. and 6–7.30. Service 4.15. Also Easton-on-the-Hill (4) 3–4: All Saints', Stamford, 7–9 p.m. Names non-essential.—R. Daw, Sec. 7537

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY and DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (Chesterfield District).—Joint meeting at Staveley on July 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Eckington (8) 7–8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. Paddison, 16, Wateringbury Grove, Staveley, Chesterfield.—R. Fletcher, M. Phipps, Hon. Secs. 7524

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Annual meeting, Shrewsbury, Saturday, July 12th. Ringing. St. Mary's, 3 p.m Service 4.30, followed by tea. Ringing in the evening at St. Chad's, 7.15–9 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. F. Willcox, 4, Abbots Place, Monkmoor, Shrewsbury. No name no tea. 7547

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District. — Meeting, Gedling, July 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5. Service 6.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Dawson, 33, Cambridge Street, Carlton, Nottingham, by Wednesday previous. 7565

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Ringing meeting, Horringer (8), Saturday, July 12th. Bells from 2.30–9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting follows. **Please** help the tea caterers by sending names for tea to Mrs F. Potter, Horringer, Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk. 7518

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION — Western Division.—Striking contest at Thakeham, Saturday, July 12th, starting 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea in the Church Hall. Bells (6) available for other ringing after competition. Please notify for tea R. Wake, 28, Keynor Estate, Sidlesham, Chichester. 7534

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Lockerley (6), July 12th. Bells available from 6.30. All welcome.—M. J. Thomas, Dis. Sec. 7545

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Meeting, Toddington (6), Wednesday July 16th, 7.30 p.m. 7578

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Business meeting at the Lord Raglan, St. Martin's-le-Grand, E.C., on July 15th at 8.15 p.m. Practices: July 15th, St. Giles', Cripplegate; July 22nd, St. Michael's, Cornhill; July 29th, St. Lawrence Jewry; August 5th, St. Giles', Cripplegate: all at 6.30 p.m.—J. G A. Prior, 21a, Fieldhouse Road, London, S.W.12. 7546

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Practice, Mells, Somerset (8), 7.30 p.m., Thursday, July 17th. All friends welcome.—B. J. 7550

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Glaston Branch.—Quarterly meeting, July 19th, Pilton (6). Service 4.30 p.m. 7575

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Crewkerne Branch. — Quarterly meeting Chard, Saturday, July 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea essential by July 14th.—R. J. Dean, Hon. Sec. 7556

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting, July 19th, Castle Hedingham (6). Names for tea (essential) to R. Threadgold, Wethersfield Mill, Braintree, by Friday, 18th Service 4 p.m. 7540

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Meeting, Cranham (6), Saturday, July 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Quarterly business meeting and Branch striking competition to follow tea. Names for tea **with money** (2/6 per head) to P. Screen, 22, Springfield, Hardwicke, Gloucester, GL2 6PX, by Tuesday, 15th **No name and money no tea.** 7573

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, July 19th, Watermoor (8), 5.30–8.30 p.m. —J. Pearse, Branch Sec. 7580

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District. — Meeting, July 19th, St. Michael's, St. Albans, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting follow. Names for tea to Mrs. Kirk, 7, Westwick Close, Leverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead (Tel. 3090).—R. E. Hardy, Dis. Sec. 7519

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Bishop's Stortford District. — Meeting, Great Hormead (6), Saturday, July 19th, 3 p.m. Tea at the Windmill, Standon, 5.15 p.m., followed by short business meeting. Ringing at Standon (6) in the evening, 6.30–8.30 p.m. Names for tea to K. Westwood, 85, Waytemore Road, Bishop's Stortford. 7583

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District. — Quarterly meeting at Queenborough, Saturday, July 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to S. Rayfield, 48, Main Road, Queenborough, Sheppey, by previous Wednesday.—T. Barton. 7579

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting, Newchurch, Saturday, July 19th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea only for those who notify W. J. Beeching, Hills Farm, Ruckinge, Ashford ('phone: Ham Street 524), by Thursday, July 17th.—A. P. S. B. 7549

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, "Golden Jubilee of the Bells", Saturday, July 19th. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by further ringing. Names for tea to E. J. Ladd, 4, William Street, Tunbridge Wells, by July 16th. 7558

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Full meeting, Gaddesby, Saturday, July 19th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in the Village Hall. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. S. N Hall, 2, Ashby Road, Gaddesby, Leics (Tel. G. 294), by 17th.—S. N. Hall, Dis. Sec. 7577

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District. — Meeting, Medbourne, Saturday, July 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., Horse and Trumpet.—L. W. Allen, Dis Sec. 7590

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD (West Lindsey Branch) and LADIES' GUILD (Lincs Branch).—Meeting at Stow, Saturday, July 19th. Bells (6) afternoon and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify Mr. A. L. Denton, Stow Road, Sturton, Lincoln, by Tuesday previous. Special methods the Ockley Group and Little Bob.—Geo. L. A. Lunn and Mrs. Richardson, Hon. Secs. 7469

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch. — Evening meeting, Heydour, near Grantham, Saturday, July 19th. Ringing commencing at 6 p.m. Special method: Yorkshire. All welcome.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 7571

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Meeting, Pinner, Saturday, July 19th. Ringing from 4–5 p.m., followed by tea Service 6. Also evening ringing. Ruislip bells available 2.30–3.30 p.m.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 7553

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Quarterly meeting, July 19th, Kingston (8), 3–4.15. Service at Swanage 4.30. Swanage (8) 7 p.m.—Names for tea to Mrs. M. Howitt, Swanston, Russell Avenue, Swanage, by July 16th. 7421

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Southern Division) and LADIES' GUILD.—Joint meeting, Saturday, July 19th. Bells: Twineham (5) 3 p.m. Tea, Henfield, 5, followed by Ladies' Guild business meeting. Evensong 6.30. Ringing, Henfield (8), till 8.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss Ann Evans (Div. Sec.), 17, Hollingbury Place, Brighton, Sussex, BN1 7GE, by previous Wednesday. 7198

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District. — Advanced practice, Guildford Cathedral, Monday, July 21st, 7.30–9 p.m.—S. J Tate-Mitchell, Dis. Sec. 7566

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting will be held at Thaxted on Saturday, July 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting and further ringing. Surprise practice in the evening if possible.—G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow. 7584

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Forest Branch.—Meeting, Mitcheldean (8), July 26th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. B. Paton, 8, Orchard Close, Mitcheldean. 7562

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Quarterly meeting, Chiddingfold, July 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea, please, to J. H. Payton, 26, Turner's Mead, Chiddingfold, by Tuesday, 22nd. 7568

HANDBELL PEALS

ALL PEALS RUNG FOR THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
HANDBELL DAY—JUNE 21st. 1969.
CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE—MINOR TO MAXIMUS

LEICESTER.—At The Wayside, 150, Narborough Road South.
In 2 Hours and 12 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.
Jill Staniforth .. .. .. 1–2 | Bernard F. L. Groves .. 5–6
Robert B. Smith .. .. .. 3–4 | Richard A. G. Inglis 7–8
Composed by Charles Middleton. Conducted by Robert B. Smith.

LEICESTER.—At The Wayside, 150, Narborough Road South.
In 1 Hour and 44 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor size 11 in G.
Alfred Ballard .. .. .. 1–2 | David F. Moore 3–4
Peter J. Staniforth (cond.) 5–6

LEICESTER.—At The Wayside, 150, Narborough Road South.
in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.
*Richard A. G. Inglis .. 1–2 | Alfred Ballard 5–6
Peter J. Staniforth .. .. 3–4 | David F. Moore 7–8
Composed by Charles Middleton. Conducted by Peter J. Staniforth.
* 25th handbell peal and 50th peal of Cambridge.

HINCKLEY, Leicestershire.—At 12a, Westray Drive.
In 1 Hour and 55 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor size 15 in C.
Bernard F. L. Groves .. 1–2 | Robert B. Smith (cond.) .. 3–4
Geoffrey N. Goodall 5–6

LEICESTER.—At The Wayside, 150, Narborough Road South.
In 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor size 15 in C.
*David F. Moore .. .. 1–2 | Alfred Ballard 7–8
Jill Staniforth .. .. .. 3–4 | *Bernard F. L. Groves .. 9–10
Peter J. Staniforth .. .. 5–6 | Robert B. Smith 11–12
Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Peter J. Staniforth.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus on handbells, completing Cambridge from Minor to Maximus both on handbells and tower bells.

LEICESTER.—At The Wayside, 150, Narborough Road South.
In 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor size 15 in C.
David F. Moore .. .. .. 1–2 | Bernard F. L. Groves .. 5–6
Peter J. Staniforth .. .. 3–4 | Robert B. Smith 7–8
Alfred Ballard 9–10
Composed by William Pye. Conducted by Peter J. Staniforth.

This is the greatest number of peals of Surprise (four) to be rung on handbells by one band in one day.

OTHER HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
BROMBOROUGH, Cheshire.—At 35, Croft Avenue.
On Fri., June 20, 1969, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS
Tenor size 17 in A.
Keith J. Walpole .. .. 1–2 | N. David Lane 7–8
*Kenneth R. Davenport .. 3–4 | Robert Peers 9–10
Eric J. Gilbert .. .. 5–6 | †Charles F. Pocock 11–12
Composed by Robert Peers. Conducted by Keith J. Walpole.
* 100th peal. † First on handbells and first on 12 bells.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
DERBY, Derbyshire.—At 6, Vernon Street.
On Wed., June 11, 1969, in 1 Hour and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents in six methods. (1) Durham, (2) London, (3) Beverley, (4) York, (5) Surfleet, (6) York, (7) Cambridge, with 5–6 right way throughout. Tenor size 14 in D.
Geoffrey Bridges .. .. .. 1–2 | Michael J. Fellows 3–4
A. Colin Banton (cond.) .. 5–6
Most Surprise methods to a handbell peal for all the band and the Association.
Rung as birthday compliments to Simon Burnett and Susan Thompson.

DERBY, Derbyshire.—At 6, Vernon Street.
On Wed., June 18, 1969, in 1 Hour and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In seven methods, being 720 each of London, Wells, Durham, York, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge, with 5–6 the right way throughout.
Tenor size 14 in D.
Geoffrey Bridges .. .. .. 1–2 | Michael J. Fellows 3–4
*A. Colin Banton (cond.) .. 5–6
* 150th peal. The greatest number of Surprise methods to a handbell peal for all the band and for the Association.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
CHELTENHAM, Gloucestershire.—At 48, Willersey Road.
On Tues., June 10, 1969, in 2 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED PLAIN AND TREBLE BOB MAJOR
In two methods, comprising 3,360 Plain Bob and 1,696 Kent Treble Bob, with 72 changes of method Tenor size 12 in F.
Frances Fairbank .. .. 1–2 | Hugh N. Evans 5–6
Valerie Willard .. .. .. 3–4 | Cyril A. Wratten 7–8
Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.
First peal in these two methods by all the band and for the Association.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Leatherhead District.)
ASHTEAD, Surrey.—At Woodsview, 39, Overdale.
On Tues., June 3, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
*Gerald Bromley .. .. .. 1–2 | ‡N. David Robinson 5–6
†David W. James .. .. .. 3–4 | ‡Tony Skilton 7–8
Composed by E. M. Atkins. Conducted by Tony Skilton.
* First peal of Major "in hand." † First on eight bells "in hand."
‡ First "in hand." Tenor size 15 in C.

QUARTER PEALS

ADDINGTON, SURREY. — On June 22nd, 1,320 Norwich Surprise Minor: Amanda Powell (cond.) 1, Penny Cocks 2, Wendy Wallace 3, N. Bennett 4, I. Wiltshire 5, E. G. H. Godfrey 6. For Evensong.

ALGARKIRK, LINCS. — On June 21st, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: D. Fensom (first Minor) 1, M. J. Balcher (first Minor) 2, Mrs. Rhoda Reynolds 3, H. Taylor 4, W. B. Dawson 5, H. Barsley (cond.) 6.

BIDDENHAM, BEDS.—On June 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. T. Eyre 1, Pauline Hillson 2, D. Hammond 3, C. Branson 4, R. Chapman 5, R. Piron (cond.) 6. A 90th birthday compliment to Miss Evelyn Steel.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On June 18th, 1,280 Yorkshire S. Major: H. W. Dunsden 1, Mary Wells 2, Anne Carpenter 3, H. E. Wells 4, P. G. Davies 5, W. L. Gilks 6, J. P. Blond 7, R. B. Blond (cond.) 8. Also on June 19th, 1,280 Cambridge S. Major: Mary Wells 1, H. E. Wells 2, P. J. Dye 3, P. G. Davies 4, W. L. Gilks 5, M. Bishop 6, J. C. Baldwin 7, R. B. Blond (cond.) 8.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX. — At the Church of St. Nicolas-of-Myra, on June 15th, 1,282 Yorkshire Surprise Royal: A. W. Bond 1, A. P. Fester (cond.) 2, Caroline Mackie 3, Susan E. M. Davis 4, R. I. Vaughn (first Yorkshire) 5, T. G. Williams 6, B. J. Read (first Surprise Royal "inside") 7, M. S. Loveday 8, R. J. Talbot 9, R. H. Newton 10. For Evensong.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.—On June 23rd, 1,344 Stedman Triples: H. Miles 1, J. J. George 2, G. W. Taysom 3, Canon A. S. Roberts 4, F. M. Bowers 5, R. W. Curtis 6, Marion L. Lidgey (cond.) 7, M. J. Smaldon 8.

CHARLBURY, OXON.—On June 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. K. E. Hall 1, Mrs. A. Newing 2, Rev. P. Newing 3, B. W. Hall 4, A. W. Lloyd 5, Canon Elliot Wigg (cond.) 6.

EPSOM, SURREY. — At St. Martin's Church, on June 6th, 1,260 Double Norwich Court Bob Caters: J. B. Helder 1, Adrienne Gibson 2, Sally Forbes-Harper 3, Jill Oakshott 4, R. J. Cooles 5, R. A. Grant 6, P. J. Munday (comp. and cond.) 7, J. C. Davidge 8, A. D. Elsmore 9, J. Aronson 10. First in the extension by all the band. Rung as an engagement compliment to Adrienne Gibson and Roger M. Heyworth. Also on June 20th, 1,440 Cambridge S. Minor: J. R. Aronson (first T.B.) 1, Sally Forbes-Harper 2, Felicity Hamilton 3, Jill Oakshott 4, J. C. Davidge 5, T. Skilton (cond.) 6. First of Surprise Minor 3, 4, 6.

GEDLING, NOTTS.—On June 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain): F. Dawson 1, T. R. Rigby 2, P. R. Wild 3, Susan O'Neill (cond.) 4, J. R. Anthony 5, R. Adey 6. For Evensong.

HAMILTON, ONTARIO, CANADA.—At McMaster University, on June 17th, 1,280 Kent T.B. Major: D. M. Sawyer 1–2, D. R. Ingram 3–4, W. H. Jackson (cond.) 5–6, J. Owen 7–8.

HORNCASTLE, LINCS.—On June 20th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: J. Marshall (first quarter) 1, Rhoda Reynolds 2, Edna Bennett 3, H. Bennett 4, P. Reynolds 5, R. Bennett (first as cond.) 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to ringers of 3 and 5.

LILLINGTON, DORSET. — On June 14th, 1,320 Middleton Stoney Doubles: Mrs. D. Crocker 1, Mrs. L. Parker 2, J. Cornelius (cond.) 3, C. Gratton 4, R. Parker 5. First in the variation by all.

LONDON, W.C.—At St. Clement Danes' Church, on June 22nd, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: Susan Turcan 1, K. Warner 2, D. Heath 3, Jillian Turcan 4, Mary Wilkinson 5, D. Ellisdon (cond.) 6, Barbara Shaw 7, D. Wright 8, C. Wright 9, M. Hollis 10. First on ten 1, 3 and 4. For Evensong.

ST. CLEMENT, CORNWALL.—On June 8th, 1,279 Grandsire Minimus: Anne Pearce 1, R. P. Pearce 2, T. J. Bell 3, A. J. Davidson 4.

STEWKLEY, BUCKS.—On June 21st, 1,256 Little Bob Major: C. Valerie Mills 1, Hilary Aslett 2, June Sinfield 3, Elizabeth M. Emmett 4, P. Aslett 5, F. Byrne 6, R. E. Sheppard 7, J. W. Sinfield (cond.) 8. For the flower festival and village fete.

TRENT, DORSET.—On June 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. L. Parker 1, Mrs. D. Crocker 2, R. Parker 3, C. Gratton 4, J. Cornelius (cond.) 5, H. Brooks 6. For the church fete, and a 93rd birthday compliment to Mr. A. Mead, of West Coker.

WELLESBOURNE, WARKS.—On June 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Sellicks (first quarter) 1, M. Wilcox (first "inside") 2, Caroline Mackie 3, Elizabeth Mackie 4, L. Mackie 5, A. P. Fester (cond.) 6. For Evensong!

WHITTLESFORD, CAMBS.—On June 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. Sheila Hinton (first quarter) 1, Miss M. Kemp 2, F. Harper 3, Miss J. Sanderson 4, I. West 5, B. J. Couzens (cond.) 6.

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SAXILBY, LINCOLN.—On May 25th, 1,320 Minor (Single Court and Plain Bob): Mrs. G. East 1, J. M. Blaikie 2, M. L. Mann 3, D. Surman 4, H. W. Cox 5, J. B. Nicholson (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on June 15th, 1,320 Doubles (seven methods): Mrs. G. East 1, Mrs. P. A. Crosby 2, D. Surman 3, J. M. Blaikie (cond.) 4, H. W. Cox 5, R. I. Crosby 6. For Evensong.

SEND, SURREY.—On June 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: A. Bailey 1, J. Bailey 2, Anne Anthony 3, N. Summerhayes 4, A. Flood (cond.) 5, S. Strudwick 6. Rung for the 21st anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

SENNEN, CORNWALL. — On May 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Diane Carter 1, W. R. Curtis 2, Christine Worth 3, J. J. George 4, J. Taysome (cond.) 5, D. Head 6.

SILVERDALE, LANCS.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Hinchliffe 1, Frances Pellatt 2, G. J. Hawkins 3, A. Brown 4, K. J. Foster (first as cond.) 5, E. Boumphrey 6.

SKIPTON, YORKS.—On June 8th, 1,344 Pl. Bob Major: I. Cox 1, R. Crabtree 2, G. Featherstone 3, C. Lawson 4, E. Lee (cond.) 5, M. Hillary 6, M. Harker 7, D. Featherstone 8. Also on June 15th, 1,344 Pl. Bob Major: I. Cox 1, S. Rhodes 2, W. Pallister 3, A. Stott 4, E. Lee (cond.) 5, B. Schofield 6, M. Hillary 7, M. Harker 8.

SMARDEN, KENT.—On May 12th, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods): J. Hemsley 1, B. C. Johnson 2, P. Staples 3, R. A. Birch 4, D. C. Manger (cond.) 5, P. Thomas 6. Most methods to a quarter peal by all except ringers of 2 and 5.

SOPLEY, HANTS.—On June 12th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: A. V. Davis (cond.) 1, F. W. Freeman 2, G. W. J. Scragg 3, I. Saunders 4, H. K. Nichols 5, R. Childs 6. A compliment to Rev. W. T. Godfrey, who was ordained at Winchester Cathedral on Trinity Sunday.

SOUTHWARK, S.E.—At the Cathedral, on June 15th, 1,287 Stedman Cinques: Patricia Rogers 1, M. T. Sprackling 2, C. T. Richards 3, Deborah Bishop 4, P. N. Felton 5, C. W. Longden 6, A. S. Bishop 7, W. G. Wilson 8, C. M. Meyer 9, J. W. Smith (cond.) 10, K. J. Rider 11, A. J. Taylor 12. For "Sunday Evenings in Southwark".

STAFFORD.—On June 22nd, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: K. Daniels 1, F. R. Wiggin 2, Ruth Fairbrother 3, Jennifer Beech 4, F. Beech 5, R. J. Warrilow 6, E. R. Fairbrother 7, N. R. Holland (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

STOWE, BUCKS. — On June 9th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): D. N. Weston 1, W. D. Lanyon 2, R. W. Yates 3, P. J. Lankester 4, J. L. Thorogood (cond.) 5. Rung as a birthday compliment to R. Q. Drayson, headmaster of Stowe School. Average age of the band 16½.

MIDDLESEX–SUSSEX WEDDING

A COUPLE who met through their shared interest in bellringing were married at St. Margaret's Church, Warnham, Sussex, on May 31st. They were David Pickett, of Stanwell, Middlesex, and Diane Mullins, of Warnham.

A peal of Cambridge Surprise Major was rung in the morning by a combined Middlesex–Sussex band and the local handbell ringers rang "Jesu, joy of man's desiring" during the signing of the register. The Rev. J. Green, of Lodsworth, friend of the couple, officiated, assisted by the Rev. M. Newman, Vicar of Warnham.

David is the tower captain of St. Mary's, Stanwell, and Diane is a ringer at Warnham. The handbell ringers formed a guard of honour outside the church and the wedding was attended by many ringing friends.

C. V.

TEWIN, HERTS.—On June 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Peacock (first away from tenor) 1, A. G. Sears 2, N. S. Blamire-Brown (first as cond.) 3, H. Shire 4, D. S. Harris 5, S. Marshall (first quarter) 6. To welcome Anthony Martin Orme, great-grandson of ringer of 4.

TILLINGHAM, ESSEX.—On May 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Hammond 1, M. N. Tickner (aged 11) 2, Lesley Tickner (15) 3, J. F. Eaton 4, L. V. Tickner 5, A. A. Leonard (cond.) 6. First quarter 1, 5. For Evensong, and as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Tickner on their silver wedding anniversary.

TOWCESTER, NORTHANTS.—On May 10th, 720 St. Clement's and 540 Plain Bob: W. A. Yates 1, R. W. Yates 2, W. D. Lanyon 3, P. J. Lankester 4, G. W. Holland 5, J. L. Thorogood (cond.) 6. Rung to mark the achievement of a flying scholarship by the conductor.

WALDRON, SUSSEX.—On May 14th, 1,280 London Surprise Major: F. Lambert 1, Janet Percy 2, Ann Harris 3, Betty Percy 4, Christine Baldock 5, T. Barlow 6, I. Smith 7, A. Baldock (cond.) 8.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On June 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Linda West (first quarter) 1, D. E. Cobb 2, Susan F. Thomas 3, June Whitcher 4, M. C. Austin 5, R. J. Chapman (cond.) 6, H. H. N. Duncan 7, M. Cook 8. For Evensong.

WATH-ON-DEARN, YORKS. — 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: G. Miner 1, Mrs. M. Smalley 2, A. Bower (first quarter) 3, J. Smalley 4, D. Burling 5, G. W. Pilkington 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Smalley, now resident at Wath-on-Dearn.

WESTHAM, SUSSEX. — On Whit Sunday, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Jane Woodward 1, Gillian Eldridge (first "inside") 2, R. Funnell 3, Christine Baldock 4, A. Baldock (cond., 175th quarter) 5, L. Tapp 6. For Evensong. Also on May 28th, 1,320 Doubles (five methods): Jane Woodward 1, Susan Harrison 2, Christine Baldock 3, Jane Mason 4, A. Baldock (cond.) 5, I. Rees (first Doubles) 6. First in five methods by all. Rung prior to a musical recital. Also on June 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. Baldock 1, Gillian Eldridge 2, Jane Mason (cond.) 3, C. Percy (first P.B. Doubles) 4, T. Barlow 5, R. Funnell 6. Rung prior to the singing of the Office of the Guild of Servants of the Sanctuary.

WESTON FAVELL, NORTHAMPTON.—On May 27th 1,260 Doubles (two methods): C. G. Chiplin 1, C. J. Smith 2, Mrs. F. M. Edmonds 3, D. J. Edmonds 4, D. Robinson (cond.) 5. For Whitsuntide. Also on May 31st, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): C. G. Chiplin 1, C. J. Smith 2, Mrs. F. M. Edmonds 3, D. J. Edmonds 4, D. Robinson (cond.) 5. Also on June 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. F. M. Edmonds 1, C. J. Smith 2, C. G. Chiplin (first "inside") 3, I. G. Morgan 4, D. Robinson (cond.) 5. Rung to welcome into full membership of the Church 64 people confirmed here this day by the Bishop of Peterborough.

WESTON-SUPER-MARE, SOM. — On June 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Field 1, Susan Stott 2 A. House 3, J. Trimm 4, Mrs. J. Gay 5, S. Lewis 6, D. Gay (cond.) 7, F. Meredith 8. First in method 1, 2, 8. For Evensong and St. John's Patronal Festival.

WICKWAR, GLOS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Clark 1, Miss V. Parfitt 2, B. Angel 3, J. Ferris 4, H. T. Ferris (cond.) 5, N. J. Smart 6. By Westerleigh Sunday service ringers. Also on June 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (11 m/v): Miss S. Gifford 1, K. W. Scudamore 2, Miss J. M. Scudamore 3, L. Francombe 4, W. F. Scudamore (cond.) 5, C. Batten 6. By Coalpit Heath S.S.R. Also on June 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. Johnson (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Harris 2, Miss E. M. Bliss (cond.) 3, E. H. Jefferies 4, M. Rose 5, H. Telling 6. By Cirencester Parish Church S.S.R. Also on June 6th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): Miss M. Cox 1, Mrs. S. Drew 2, K. W. Scudamore 3, H. Taysom (cond.) 4, T. Jefferies 5, R. H. Driver 6. By Frampton Cotterell and Winterbourne S.S.R. Also on June 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. Robinson 1, Miss R. Rose 2, Miss J. M. Scudamore (first quarter as cond.) 3, K. W. Scudamore 4, W. F. Scudamore 5, R. Fry 6. By Wickwar and Coalpit Heath S.S.R. All rung to mark the restoration of Wickwar Parish Church and rededication of the Weavers' Guild Chapel.

WOODSTON, HUNTS. — On June 15th, 1,272 Minor (Kent, Oxford, Cambridge): Gwen M. Roffe 1, Janet I. Rogers 2, J. M. Roffe 3, R. Brighton 4, L. Brighton 5, R. H. Rogers (cond.) 6. For morning service on the Patronal Festival, attended by the Bishop of Peterborough.

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		—	34265
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WOOLAVINGTON, SOM.—On June 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Sheila Hector (first quarter) 1, Carol Kent 2, Eleanor Kent 3, A. Kent 4, E. Dibble (cond.) 5, G. Marchant 6.

WREXHAM, DENBIGHS.—On June 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Hodges 1, Mrs. G. H. Randles 2, Miss B. Carter 3, F. R. Evans (cond.) 4, G. H. Randles 5, J. M. Capper 6, W. Cathrall 7, E. Edwards 8. For the installation of the Mayor of Wrexham, Councillor H. Moore.

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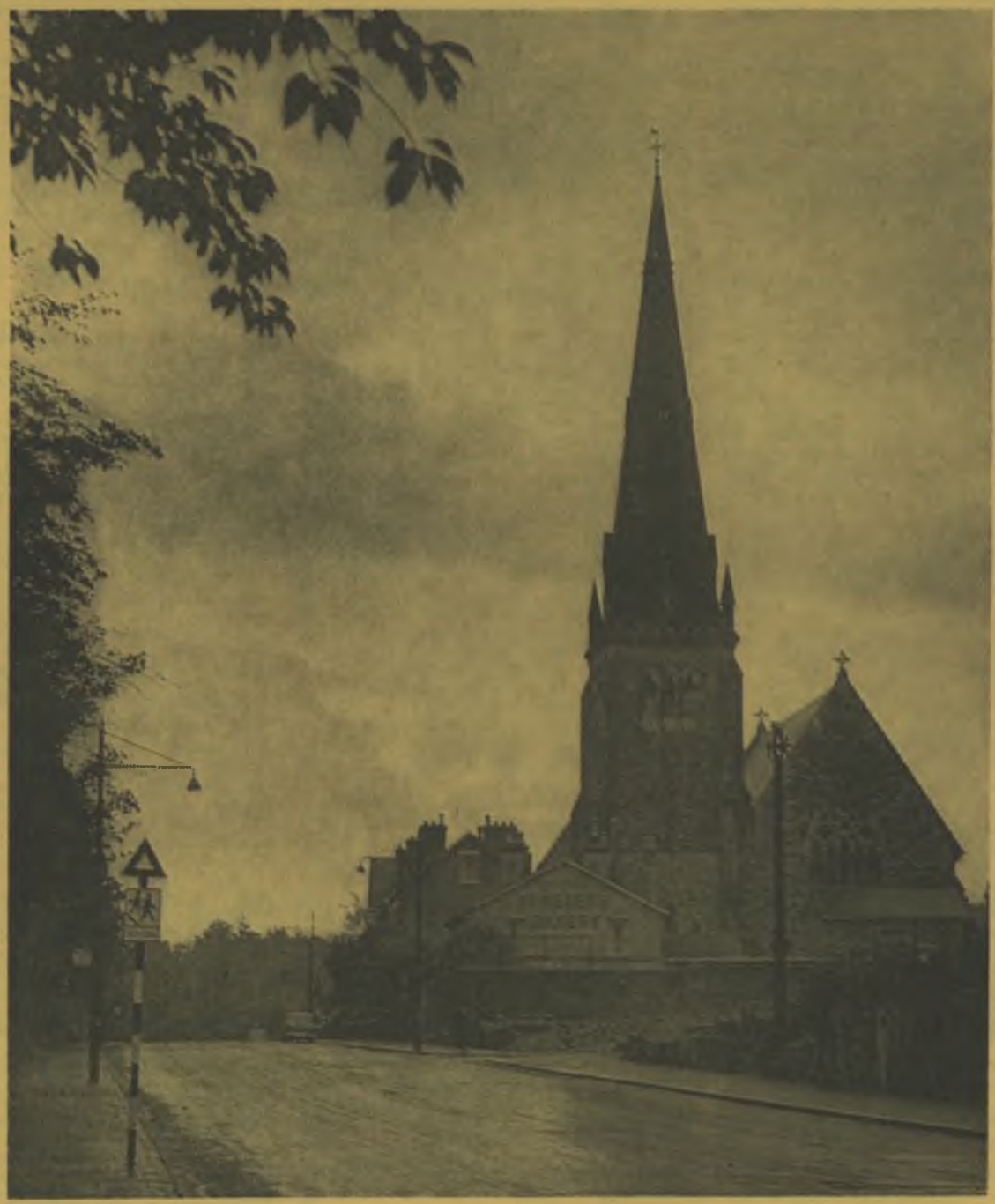

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OUR COVER PICTURE

Church of St. Peter, Royal Tunbridge Wells

By ERNEST J. LADD

ST. PETER'S CHURCH was built about 1874–75 on land which was at the time known as St. Mary's Hill and Windmill Fields. It is of local sandstone in Early English style and, in the words of a local historian writing at that period, was "built to meet the needs of the populous district known as Calverley Fields." The parish of St. Peter's was formed during the next year, 1876.

The square tower which stands at the north west corner of the church is surmounted by a spire which rises to a height of some 145 feet and is a landmark that can be seen from many parts of the town. At the time of its completion the tower contained a ring of five bells, with a tenor of 11 cwt. 2 qr., cast and hung by John Warner and Son, of London.

It is interesting to note that this was, and in fact still is, the only church in the town with bells hung for change-ringing.

In 1879 a sixth bell was added. At the same time a clock, which was made by Gillett and Bland, steam clock makers, of Croydon, was installed in the tower, which after a period of 90 years is still giving good service to the nearby residents.

In 1886 two treble bells to complete the octave were given by the ladies of the parish. Peal boards in the belfry record the first peal on the bells and the first by the local band, the former being Grandsire Triples rung on August 2nd, 1886, conducted by A. Moorcraft.

March 14th, 1894, saw the first peal by the local band, again of Grandsire Triples, conducted by William Latter, who was a well-known figure in the Tonbridge District of the Kent County Association. For 40 years he carried out the duties of hon. secretary for the District in addition to those of captain of the ringers and verger at St. Peter's Church.

From 1886 to 1918 43 peals had been recorded, all except one rung for the Kent County Association, the odd one being a joint peal for Kent and Sussex. One peal only in a Surprise method appears in the list—Superlative rung in 1911, conducted by T. Groombridge, sen.

The bells were taken down at the end of the Great War in 1918, recast and rehung with new fittings by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, as a "War Memorial ring" and rung for the first time on Peace Celebration Day, July 19th, 1919. The first peal on the new bells was rung in the following November — Stedman Triples, conducted by T. Groombridge, sen.

Mr. Harry Harrington, who now lives in Hildenborough, Kent, and rang the third on that occasion, is the only surviving member of the band.

Ninety-one peals have been rung on the bells since the restoration, including one by a band of railwaymen and also a "Thomas" peal.

Members of the St. Peter's band of ringers have given loyal support to their county Association over the years. Worthy of mention is the late Frederick White, chairman and trustee; also the late Stafford H. Green, hon. peal secretary for some years, and the late Herbert Markwell, who served as District representative. Mr. Bernard Collison, a member of a well-known ringing family, joined the band in 1921, was also a District representative and is still an active member of the band. The writer also has recently retired from the committee after a period of over 20 years.

On July 19th, 1969, which will be the golden jubilee of the War Memorial ring, the tower will be open during the afternoon and evening, when visitors will be cordially welcomed by the local ringers. Royal Tunbridge Wells is this year celebrating the diamond jubilee of the granting of the Royal Charter to the borough in 1909.

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2nd.—3 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.
3rd.—3 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.
4th.—4 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.
5th.—5 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.
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EDITOR: T. W. WHITE

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Canterbury District Striking Competition

The annual striking competition of the Canterbury District was held at the lovely village Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Boughton-under-Blean, on June 14th. The competition was organised by Mr. D. L. Cawley and the judge was Mr. Nicholas Davies, of Ashford. He had a hard job in spite of the fact that only three out of about 30 possible towers entered, the results being: third, St. Stephen's, Canterbury; second, All Saints', Whitstable, who were the first team ever to win the trophy; and first, St. Dunstan's, Canterbury, who have held it ever since—three times running in all. Accordingly they received the Frank Knight trophy and well-earned praise from others present.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. E. Schofield) and the trophy presented by Mrs. Schofield. Fourteen new members were elected from St. Alphege's, Seasalter, Whitstable, where it was noted with pleasure that the new bells would be dedicated by the Bishop of Dover on September 21st at 11.15, and four from Chislet, bringing this grand old six back into union. Funds are being collected to recast the cracked fourth. Mr. B. J. Luck was in the chair.

Next meeting, July 12th, St. Peter's-in-Thanet (8). D. L. C.

Miss Cross Quitting Oxford Guild Secretaryship

Miss M. R. Cross, the general secretary of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, announced at the annual meeting held at Oxford on June 28th that this was the last year she would continue in office. "I have served the Guild as an officer since 1937 and I feel it is plenty long enough to hold office. If we do not let some of our younger members hold office we shall lose them."

The festival followed traditional lines. The Master, Canon C. E. Wigg, conducted the service in the Cathedral and the Rev. P. Wilkins, chairman of the Witney and Woodstock Branch, preached. The lesson was read by the deputy Master (Mr. Frederick Sharpe).

The annual meeting followed in the Chapter House with the Master in the chair. Arising from the minutes, Mr. A. D. Barker (general treasurer) announced that Mr. E. J. Peett, who is now a ringer at St. Margaret's, Westminster, had presented a cup for the Guild's striking competition. Amid the applause of the gathering Mr. Peett presented the cup to Mr. N. J. Diserens, captain of the winning team, St. Mary's, Reading. Accepting it Mr. Diserens said it was the result of teamwork and he hoped the cup would go round the Guild for many years to come.

THE REPORTS

On the proposition of Mr. W. Butler, seconded by Mr. Rance, it was agreed to take the reports as read.

The Master in his report referred to last August when he was a locum tenens on the edge of Dartmoor and the clockwork precision of the prizewinning competitors. He thought rising and falling was often neglected by change-ringers and he wondered how many bands in the Guild regularly practised the rise and fall as a distinct study in its own right. Extra refinements would be provided at striking competitions by falling the bells in queens or tittums positions and then catching in rounds or vice versa.

Canon Wigg concluded with a tribute to "the boundless energy and unselfish service" of all the officers and Branch secretaries.

The deputy Master stated that he had inspected and reported on the condition of the bells in 24 towers in the diocese. Problems varied from simple maintenance of bell gear and sound control to complete schemes for rehanging, augmentations and major structural work to towers and spires.

Miss M. E. Cross based her report on how far the objects of the Guild had been carried out. The first rule considered was **"The promotion of interest in the care of all the bells within the diocese"**. The serious heart attack of Mr. F. Sharpe meant that he had to rest throughout the autumn. The Guild should find people willing to assist Mr. Sharpe and after coaching be able to undertake a preliminary survey.

The bells of St. Peter's-in-the-East, Oxford, had gone to Stanford-in-the-Vale. Warfield now had a ring of ten and Brightwell-cum-Sotwell and Checkendon rings of eight. Theale bells had been rehung due to the work of local ringers: Lambourn bells were in the process of being rehung. Bodicote, Thatcham and Old Marston hope to have augmentations in the near future. At the autumn meeting the question of whether there should be money set aside for augmentations was referred to the general committee.

Rule 1 (d): **The promotion of the Art of Change Ringing.** Adderbury and Goring had rung peals without outside help, and Hughenden were congratulated on their Christmas Day broadcast. The Guild striking competition was held at Wootton and won by St. Mary's, Reading, 2 Thatcham, 3 East Hagbourne.

Rule 1 (c): **The recruitment and training of new ringers.** The Guild and the Branches would give every assistance if asked to rebuild a band, but it was necessary for the congregation concerned to find the leader for the band. The number of Guild certificates issued averaged between 200–300 a year, and if this number was spread throughout the diocese they would have trained in ten years eight ringers per tower. Owing to the movement of population many did not remain in their home town or village. One incumbent with silent bells told her that he had nine ringers living on one new estate but none of them rang anywhere.

The report also referred to the deaths of Capt. A. R. Poyntz, R.I.N. (retd.), who was a deputy Master of the Guild 1947–51: A. J. Lynes, Leafield; J. W. Brooks, Fenny Stratford; W. G. Clarke, Stony Stratford; W. Daniels, Bletchley; Rev. W. E. Sawyer, Bicester Deanery; E. T. Sneller, East Ilsley; N. Townsend, Steeple Claydon; E. Whittingham, Wokingham.

STATISTICS, 1968

Ringing members	1,735	(1,762)
Life members	35	(32)
Honorary members	64	(59)
Towers with bells	365	
Towers with members	223	
Towers regular Sunday ringing	194	
General Funds	£2,131	
Restoration Fund (included above)	£1,877	

HON. TREASURER'S REPORT

The general funds of the Guild amounted to £2,131, of which £1,877 was in the Restoration Fund. Parochial Church Councils had contributed £42 10s. A deposit of £500 was paid to the Diocesan Trustees (Oxford) for the St. Peter's-in-the-East bells but this had been refunded by Stanford-in-the-Vale. The St. Peter's-in-the-East, Oxford, Fund now stood at £240, but this was not included in the General Guild Fund.

The officers were re-elected, viz.: Canon Wigg, Master; Mr. F. Sharpe, vice-chairman; Mr. A. D. Barker, hon. treasurer for the 34th year; Miss Cross, hon. secretary; Rev. Eric B. Wood, librarian; elected members of the committee—Mrs. A. D. Barker, A. Diserens, Miss D. Fletcher, P. Walker, F. A. White and Miss Daphne Pollard (to fill a vacancy).

Although Mr. J. C. Baldwin leaves for America in September the meeting decided to re-elect him as a steward with Mr. H. Oglesby. Endeavours to find another steward were unsuccessful but the vacancies will be considered at the autumn meeting at Witney.

Mr. P. Walker was re-elected editor of the report, with the best thanks of the meeting, and Messrs. E. Francis and Son were re-elected auditors.

The general secretary asked for the confirmation of the election of 186 new members, a slight drop on last year. Miss Cross said there were probably more names to come.

Mr. A. D. Barker then moved the election as life members of six boys from Groton School, two of whom were present, viz.: Christopher Biddle, Evan R. Cowles, John Walker Poor, Jeremiah L. Sullivan II, David F. Walton and Richard G. Woolworth, jun.

GRANTS

The following grants from the Restoration Fund were approved upon the recommendation of the general committee: Tilehurst £50 and Chalfont St. Giles £25. A discussion took place on a grant to St. Mary's, Thatcham, where an augmentation to ten was proposed, one of the new bells being a memorial to Mrs. Butler. Towards this bell the ringers had contributed £350. There was still £200 to be raised out of a total cost of £1,194. An amendment to defer decision to the autumn meeting was carried by 34 votes to nine.

The Master presided at the luncheon held at Christ Church, when the principal guests were the Archdeacon of Oxford and the Rev. P. Wilkins.

The toast of "The Visitors" was proposed by Miss M. R. Cross, who gave a special welcome to those from Massachusetts (Groton School and Smith College). They were delighted less than a month ago to have Alice and David Dickenson to stay with them at Radley and, all being well, she hoped to have the joy of revisiting Massachusetts next year.

She coupled with the toast the name of Mr. T. W. White and expressed regret that this would be his last Oxford festival as he had attended regularly since his appointment in 1946. She believed he was doing a job that was well worth doing for the Exercise and for the love of it, as his salary was a mere pittance. She wished him a happy retirement.

Mr. White in his reply said they were living in an age of change in almost all departments. The Church had had many changes — smaller dioceses, different times and forms of services and the dropping of Evensong in many churches. This was bound to have repercussions on Sunday service ringing. It was quite possible that their festival and the Guild would be limited. There was a real danger of ringing drifting back into the realm of secularisation.

Next Saturday he was going to Manchester to attend the annual meeting of the Ladies' Guild. It was felt by some members that women today did not need the fire of suffragette democracy to enjoy bell-ringing on equality with men. Today women occupied key positions in the Exercise: Guild president, Guild chairmen and, in their own Guild, a general secretary with distinction.

As to the editorship, although he had not yet reached the age when Abraham begat Isaac it was felt he should retire. Next month "The Ringing World" Committee would interview a candidate for the position who had been a Guild Master, a member of the Central Council and had a long association with printing and newspapers.

Mr. White then proposed "The Oxford Diocesan Guild", to which the Master replied.

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COLLEGE YOUTHS MEET AT BIRMINGHAM

THE idea of holding a "country meeting" in Birmingham may seem a little strange, but as a centre for good bells and warm hospitality Birmingham could hardly be bettered. So it was with a sense of keen anticipation that members of the Ancient Society of College Youths set out in the bright sunshine of Saturday, June 7th.

Having experienced the doubtful delights of the M1 motorway, the London members duly arrived in Birmingham, and those who were able to find their way round the city's new road system started the ringing for the day at St. Chad's. Members then made their way to the Bull Ring, where the old and the startlingly new have been blended in a most interesting way to form the new city centre.

An excellent lunch was provided at St. Martin's Parish Hall. There were nearly 60 members and friends present, with the Master, Mr. Andrew Stubbs, on the top table, supported by the Master of the St. Martin's Guild, Miss Muriel Reay, Mr. and Mrs. George Fearn and the officers of the Society. (By the way, it was a pleasure to see the senior and junior stewards doing some work for a change!)

A. the end of lunch the Master briefly addressed the gathering. He spoke of the pleasure and privilege it was to be back in Birmingham and to have brought the Society there. He said that he had done a lot of his early ringing in Birmingham and he had happy memories of ringing and ringers there. "I learnt to ring in a local tower," he said, "and after several years I plucked up the courage to set foot in St. Martin's tower where, with George telling me to hold off my backstrokes and Henry telling me to keep them in, I eventually found out what striking was about."

The Master thanked the ladies who had worked so hard to prepare such an enjoyable lunch, and expressed the gratitude of the company to George Fearn, who had made the arrangements. He spoke of the pleasure it had been to sit next to the Master of the St. Martin's Guild and mentioned the close ties that had always existed between the Guild and the College Youths.

In reply, the Master of the St. Martin's Guild thanked the College Youths for inviting her to be with them on this occasion, which she looked upon as a great privilege. "When the idea of the Society coming to Birmingham for their meeting was first suggested," she said, "there was a ripple of anticipation among the Birmingham ringers. It was like a second Henry Johnson dinner." She mentioned what a pleasure it was to meet old acquaintances once again and to make new ones. On behalf of the Guild, she extended a hearty welcome to the College Youths.

After a short interval the Society held a business meeting, attended by about 40 members. Perhaps this meeting was unique in the Society's long history in that it was conducted to a background of bells as the St. Martin's band rang for a wedding in the adjacent church. At this meeting three Birmingham ringers were nominated for membership.

Following the meeting the grand bells of St. Martin's were set going to a number of touches. From St. Martin's the members fought their way through the crowds of Saturday afternoon shoppers to reach the comparative calm of the churchyard of St. Philip's Cathedral. Here more ringing took place, while those who found it too hot to stay in the tower relaxed on the grass outside.

How pleasant it was, on that perfect June evening, to leave the noise and bustle of the centre of Birmingham and exchange it for the dignified calm of Solihull, which has preserved so well its essential village heritage. The members enjoyed their ring on the newly-augmented 12, and it was a pleasant thing to see in the ringing room a large notice saying: "Welcome to Solihull". An even more personal touch was the visit to the ringing room of the Vicar, Canon Hartley, who said a few words of welcome to the company.

When the ringing had finished there was the traditional "social hour" in the well-appointed bar of the Malt Shovel, where members from all over the country enjoyed one another's company until, all too soon, it was time to go home after a "country meeting" which had been as good as any the writer can remember. W. T. C.

JOHN WILLIE MOXON OF SANDAL NOW 90

NONAGENARIANS are not exactly plentiful, and campanological nonagenarians seldom a glut on the market, but **really active** campanological nonagenarians are almost as rare as bad strikers at a Barnsley and District Society's contest.

Since John Willie Moxon, of Sandal, celebrated his 90th birthday on May 18th this year his activities appear to have increased. Of course we all know that he is a member of this Society or that Guild and expect him to flip off to Filey, scurry off to Scarborough or buzz off to Blackpool on an outing with the Oddfellows or a caper with the Carpenters at periodic intervals, and are never surprised to meet him pedalling his bicycle down Duke of York Avenue or round "Busy Corner" to do an odd bout of shopping.

But we were pleased when he attended the Joint Council of Yorkshire Ringing Societies at the Selby Festival and delighted when the Archbishop of York made a special point of offering his personal congratulations—(". . . which fair knocked the stuffing out of me so that all I could say was 'Thank you'.").

And when he turned up at the Barnsley and District's shield contest at Cawthorne on June 14th and one of the bands was a ringer short, nobody was the slightest bit surprised when John Willie Moxon filled the vacant place, and we should have been astounded if his striking had been anything less than first-class.

No mere bystander this!

So that it was only fitting that the Barnsley and District Society, of which he was a founder member in 1909, should meet to do him honour. This they did at a dinner held at the Raven Hotel at Wakefield on June 23rd.

In a speech of welcome, Mr. Christopher Moxon, his namesake but no relation, said how delighted we were to have this opportunity of showing our appreciation of a man who had contributed so much to ringing. He calculated that with a ringing career stretching back into the 1880s and his contacts with older ringers when he was young (both his father and uncle were ringers), a fund of knowledge and information extending to a period before the middle of the last century was stored away in Mr. Moxon's memories.

In his reply Mr. Moxon said that he was always happy to be amongst ringers, and spoke of the "old stalwarts" of the past. He mentioned Albert Nash, Arthur Panther and Arthur Gill, of Wath-on-Dearne, Bob Thicket and Herbert Rowley, of Horbury, C. D. Potter, of Barnsley, who did so much for so many ringers and often dipped deep into his own pocket to help them, Andrew Hoyle, of Shelley, Walter Idle, of Earlsheaton, Harry Robinson and William Reynor ("that grand chap"), of his own tower, John Brearley, of Bolsterstone, and many others.

Afterwards, at the informal gathering, he spoke of the early days of the Barnsley and District Society and his long connection with the Yorkshire Association, its meetings and its members. We listened, discussed and swopped stories and exchanged memories. He told us how in a contest at Hoylandswaine one of the Sandal ringers was perched upon a pile of boards and boxes, which collapsed with dire results to the ringer and the band: "We were up the belfry and down again in five minutes."

This brought forth from Charlie Byram the story of how Meltham had followed a team into the belfry in a contest only to find that all the boxes had disappeared and that because one of the bells had a short rope it could not be reached properly at the backstroke. (Yorkshire ends can only be lengthened at the wheel.) "How's that for belfrymanship?"

We learnt that it was not uncommon in the good old days ("when contests **were** contests") for a team to shuffle all the boxes around and remove the knots from the ropes so that the team following, knowing the ringers of the previous team, could not glean information with regard to the lengths of the ropes (". . . and make no mistake, the old ringers wanted the length of the rope to their own liking within an eighth-of-an-inch.").

Mr. Moxon recalled a contest at Crofton when three teams — Sandal, Shelley and Wath-on-Dearne—tied for first place. The "ring-off" was arranged for the following Saturday and Walter Idle, who was the judge, bought six penknives for prizes for the third team, a set of prizes for the winners having already been provided.

"He thought we were sure to get the penknives," said John Willie, "but we surprised him and came in second. Shelley won the contest so we didn't get a prize at all!"

And so it went on, the time running out ere the conversation!

Trevor Tarbatt, always looking ahead, proposed we have a similar gathering for a similar purpose in ten years' time.

"I'll do my best to be here!" said John Willie.

. . . . .

Among those present: that talented family from Meltham; C. W. Byram, Mr. and Mrs. J. Greenwood, Denis and Susan (surely one of the youngest contest winners ever), Philip and Mary Charlsworth, of Silkstone, Trevor Tarbatt, Geoffrey Townend, Bob and Gail Cater and George Hancock, of Wakefield Cathedral, Glyn and Mrs. Scourfield, of Silkstone, Mr. and Mrs. H. Chant, of Felkirk, David and Mrs. Wilkinson, of Kirkburton, and Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Moxon, of Penistone. H. C.

RINGING AND CONDUCTING STANDARD METHODS

By ROBERT B. SMITH

(Continued from page 434)

APPENDIX TO PARTS I AND II

When we considered ringing Treble Bob Royal on handbells (Kent or Oxford) I said that it might, for several reasons, be desirable to use compositions with 3-4 and 5-6 coursing. It is particularly useful to have these pairs coursing between the middle and wrong positions, when first attempting to ring Oxford Treble Bob Royal, when the coursing of the fixed bells becomes disturbed. Alan Scholfield has produced two very useful compositions in which 3-4 course between the middle and wrong; one is a regular two-part peal, the other a one-part peal but has the 6th bell 12 course-ends at home.

5,040 TREBLE BOB ROYAL
for Handbells
By ALAN F. SCHOLFIELD

23456	M	W	H
42356			1
43526		1	2
24536		1	
36452	1	2	2
23564	2	1	2
24365	2		1

Repeated.

5,040 TREBLE BOB ROYAL
for Handbells
By ALAN F. SCHOLFIELD

23456	M	W	H
42356			1
53246		2	2
63425	1	2	1
35426	1		2
24536		2	2
32465	2	2	2
35264	2		1
46253	1	1	1
63254	1		2
64352	2		1
23456	1		1

If a band can become proficient at ringing peals of Oxford Treble Bob on handbells it should not be too great a step to ringing "right place" Surprise methods, as will be seen presently.

[To be continued]

PETERBOROUGH BRANCH STRIKING CONTEST

For their first striking contest on June 7th at St. Mary's, Warmington, the Peterborough Branch provided an interesting challenge. The ring of six (tenor 11¼ cwt.) has a "flighty" No. 2, a fine-set No. 3 and an odd-struck No. 5 which is distinctly slow at hand. The judges were Harold Peacock (Ely general secretary) and Dick Webster (Ringing Master, Oundle Branch) and variety was provided by the four teams taking part with call-changes, Bob Doubles, Bob Minor and Single Oxford.

A short service and tea in the Vicarage garden followed and then came the comments and results. St. John's, Peterborough, were first and one point behind Castor. St. Mary's were third and Wansford fourth. So enjoyable was the meeting that it is hoped to repeat it in future years.

EXETER COLLEGES GUILD ON TOUR

Eleven of the 12 students who participated in the first tour of the Exeter Colleges Guild. It lasted five days and crossed Somerset, nights being spent under canvas. A peal of Plain Bob Major was rung at Huish Episcopi.

In the picture (left to right): John A. Longridge, John L. Anderson (Master), Alan Guille, Linda V. Cull, Christopher Longridge, David Thorne, John Colliss, David J. Adams, Malcolm Turner, Marlene Buttons and Christine Abbott.

The picture was taken at North Curry.

"Very Heartening"—Position of Peterborough Guild

The 45th annual report of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild is very encouraging. The general secretary, Mr. E. Billings, has this to cay:—

> "News from the majority of the Branches is very heartening and I am extremely pleased to note continued progress in the previously less active areas. It is pleasing to report that total membership of the Guild has increased over the past three years to approximately 980 members. This is particularly good as some Branches have carried out drastic reviews of their membership."

Peal ringing has again been to the forefront of the Guild's activities. Some 123 peals were rung and 23 members rang their first peal.

Several changes in Guild rules were now operating: ringing members' subscription now 5/- per annum; new office of peal secretary; maximum grant from Bell Restoration Fund not restricted; all members free life members on reaching national retirement age—males 65, females 60.

A Master's badge of office had been provided and the cost largely met by private and Branch donations.

Correspondence had been exchanged with the Dean of Peterborough in an attempt to persuade the Cathedral authorities to consider alternative schemes to enable the bells to be rung once again. "However, the position remains as hopeless as ever unless we can find an extremely generous donor or finance a scheme ourselves."

A Guild newsletter will be published three times in 1969, with Mr. Barry Care as editor. The names of 11 members appear on the obituary list, including Mr. G. Hancock, chairman of the Daventry Branch for over 20 years, and Mr. T. Tebbutt, who held various Northampton Branch offices for 25 years, including ten years as secretary.

The Master (Mr. J. H. Bluff) strongly commends ringing schools. "It was evident from the half-day ringing school held at Thrapston and Islip that a lot of hard work is necessary if we hope to achieve the standard of ringing required for Sunday services.

The bellfounders had not much to do in the diocese this year, the only work completed being augmenting Braunston, Rutland, bells from four into a very useful six and the rehanging of the eight bells at Irthlingborough.

The balance sheet showed £133 10s. 8d. in the general fund and £955 19s. in the bell restoration fund.

OXFORD GUILD—continued

The concluding speech was a vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. F. Sharpe, to the Dean and Chapter and the governing body of Christ Church. Also mentioned were the preacher, Rev. Peter Wilkins, the organist, the voluntary choir, the Master, Miss Cross, and her able assistant, Daphne Pollard.

Afterwards there was general ringing in the city and surrounding towers, and "Big Tom" was again the objective of a conducted tour by Mr. Frederick Sharpe.

Letters to the Editor

EARLY HISTORY OF HYTHE TOWER

Dear Sir. — I read with interest W. T. Cook's article "Counsel and the College Youths". It has certainly solved some of the mystery of the missing trebles at Hythe.

Perhaps I can furnish a few more facts. Hythe tower was rebuilt after collapse in 1750 and the six bells were recast into eight by Thomas Mears, the elder, in 1802. The two new trebles were added in 1861, their inscriptions being—

Treble. — M. A. ROTHSCHILD M P FOR THE BORO
H. B. MACKESON ESQ. } CH WARDENS
E. H. RONALDS }
J. FRIEND CONDUCTOR.
2nd.—THESE TWO TREBLES WERE ADDED AD 1861.

Rather strangely, the founders' names were omitted from the bells, so this is one mystery that Mr. Cook has solved as they too evidently came from Whitechapel. It appears that the ten were certainly not a success; no peals were believed to have been rung on the full ring, although several were rung on the eight at this period. From investigations I made some years ago among one or two veteran ringers who remembered the ten in c. 1889, the trebles were then disused since they were, apparently, out of tune and almost inaudible in the ringing chamber.

In 1891 the whole ring was taken to Whitechapel for rehanging and their weights at that time were recorded as—

Treble: 3-3-24	6th: 7-2-12
2nd: 4-3-7	7th: 9-0-0
3rd: 6-3-18	8th: 12-0-24
4th: 6-0-26	9th: 13-3-4
5th: 6-2-16	Tenor: 18-2-0 in E flat.

It will be noted that the 3rd was heavier than both 4th and 5th and the two trebles were suspiciously light for the other bells. At this time the unsatisfactory trebles were scrapped: John Friend's "recusant" tenor, being found cracked, was recast with the 7th.

Since that date all the other bells have been recast at Whitechapel — the 6th in 1914, the front five in 1928 (when a new frame was installed) and the 7th again in 1934. They are generally today regarded as a very pleasant ring tonally but require careful ringing as they are a shade odd-struck.

John Friend was one of the great pioneers of change-ringing in East Kent in the last century. He conducted several peals at Ashford in the 1830s including a 10,304 of Bob Major, and I believe he migrated to Hythe in 1840, where his adept band reached their zenith with the peal of 13,440 Bob Major as quoted by Mr. Cook. The inaugural certificate, presented to his band when they won first prize at the opening of St. Stephen's, Canterbury, bells in 1844, is still preserved in Hythe belfry. — Yours faithfully,

N. J. DAVIES.

Ashford, Kent.

RINGING AT FRANT

Dear Sir.—Reading my "Ringing World" on page 525 I was very interested to note that the Newington ringers had visited Frant and would very much like to know how they obtained permission to ring there. This ring of six used to go like tops, but the music is simply horrible, and until the coming of the present rector were rung regularly by a local band and visitors, with one or two peals each year. Around 1956 the Rev. W. Burns-Wilson became rector and the tower was closed to all visitors. One of our ringers got married and went to live in the village and, quite naturally, tried to join the local band, but he was given such a cold reception that he finally gave up trying to help.

There are dozens of ringers in East Sussex and West Kent who have never had a ring there. At the last meeting ever held at Frant a crowd of ringers arrived at teatime for the rare opportunity of "grabbing" this tower, but before the meal was over the rector sent word to say that he did not want the bells rung any more. — Yours faithfully,

CHAS. A. BASSETT.

Wadhurst, Sussex.

COUNSEL AND THE COLLEGE YOUTHS

Dear Sir.—I am indebted to Mr. W. T. Cook for his interesting article on the lawsuit Stockham v. Friend in 1862 concerning the two trebles at Hythe, something which has puzzled me for as long as I can remember.

I first became aware that Hythe was once a ring of ten when I read in the Kent county report for 1892 or 1893 the footnote to peal there, which stated: "This is the first peal on the bells since they were reduced to eight"; and in spite of many enquiries over the years of old ringers in and around Hythe, Folkestone and Canterbury, I was never able to glean any information when and why they were reduced.

In the 1920s, soon after the late Lord Wakefield of Hythe received his peerage, he gave two trebles to complete the octave at St. Olave's, Hart Street, and I remember suggesting to the then secretary of the Canterbury District of the K.C.A. that, if approached, he might also replace the two trebles which had disappeared at Hythe. Evidently nothing happened. — Yours sincerely,

E. BARNETT.

10, Kings Close,
Crayford, Kent.

MR. GEORGE PRESTON

Dear Sir.—I was extremely interested to see the picture of Christchurch Priory in a recent "Ringing World" for I have many happy memories of my association with Mr. George Preston, who conducted my first peal of Grandsire Triples at Lymington in 1906. I often went over to the Priory on practice nights, when there were only ten bells.

It was George Preston and some of his fellow ringers who used to cycle over to Lymington and help us in our early days of change-ringing, and cycling in those days was not an easy matter. Mr. George Preston did some sterling work for the Christchurch District.

I wonder if there are any ringers of that day living? If so, I shall be glad to hear from them.—Yours sincerely,

C. A. HUGHES.

92, Stanley Road,
S. Woodford, E.18.

FIRST PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE ROYAL

Dear Sir. — Regarding the postscript to Mr. Barnett's letter about the St. Michael's Juniors, it was not Benjamin Thackrah but William Woodhead who conducted the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal.

A list of peals in which it is known that William Woodhead rang follows:—

1. Nov. 3rd, 1805: 5.040 Bob Major Tripples*, at St. John's, Wakefield.
2. Nov. 11th, 1806: 5.040 Grandsire Tripples, at All Saints', Wakefield.
3. Jan. 25th, 1807: 5.280 Union T.B. Major*, at St. John's, Wakefield.
4. Mar. 30th, 1807: 5.280 Oxford T.B. Major*, at Keighley.
5. Sept. 27th, 1807: 5.088 New T.B. Major*, at St. John's, Wakefield.
6. Feb. 22nd, 1808, 5,040 Grandsire Tripples*, at All Saints', Wakefield.
7. Aug. 28th, 1808: 5.088 T.B. Major, at All Saints', Wakefield.
8. Jan. 2nd, 1809: 5.152 New T.B. Major, at Sowerby.
9. Jan. 4th, 1809: 5.120 Oxford T.B. Major, at St. John's, Wakefield.
10. Jan. 5th, 1809: 5.040 Grandsire Tripples, at All Saints', Wakefield.
11. Aug. 13th, 1809: 5,760 Maidstone Bob Major*, at St. John's, Wakefield.
12. Feb. 1st, 1810: 5.040 Bob Royal, at Leeds, Yorks.
13. April 25th, 1810: 5.280 New T.B. Major*, at Barnsley.
14. June 24th, 1811: 5.184 New T.B. Major at Staveley.
15. Dec. 26th, 1813: 5.040 Grandsire Tripples*, at St. John's, Wakefield.
16. Aug. 29th, 1814: 12,320 New T.B. Major, at Otley.
17. April 6th, 1817: 5.000 Oxford New T.B. Royal, at All Saints', Wakefield.
18. July 14th, 1819: 5.076 Grandsire Caters, at Ashton-under-Lyne.
19. Oct. 16th, 1820: 6.030 Grandsire Caters†, at All Saints', Wakefield.
20. Oct. 10th, 1821: 5.079 Stedman Caters†, at All Saints', Wakefield.
21. Oct. 26th, 1822: 5.400 Cambridge S. Royal†, at All Saints', Wakefield.
22. March 27th, 1826: 5.400 Superlative S. Royal, at All Saints', Wakefield.

* Conducted. † Composed and Conducted.

Unfortunately there is little more that I know about him, other than that he died before 1865; but William Woodhead was clearly one of the most talented and advanced ringers of his generation. — Yours faithfully,

DAVID CUBITT.

Norwich.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
SEE BACK PAGE

TWO "CHITTERS" COST TWO PLACES

Devon Shield Contest

West Alvington ringers may well be echoing the Duke of Wellington's comment on Waterloo—"It was the damnedest close-run thing you ever saw in your life"—after the Devon 6-bell final at Burrington. North Devon came very much on their mettle: after the shield went south to Plymstock last year it was up to West Down, Down St. Mary or Swymbridge to get it back again. In the North Devon 6-bell Swymbridge had taken second place from Mary-Down by one fault with West Down clear ahead with a very fine 17; and in the south, at Charleton, West Alvington had caused a little surprise by beating the champions. But most South Devon ringers did not expect West Alvington to do quite so well in the final, for after all Charleton was almost on their doorstep and they knew the bells as well as any band in the competition, while Burrington was really neutral ground and would allow nobody an advantage. Not that West Alvington can ever be left out of the reckoning: they have for 20 years to my certain knowledge kept up a superbly high standard of ringing in their own tower, with two complete bands taking turns for their service ringing and a wealth of experience and keenness.

But West Alvington proved that their Charleton success was not due to any extra familiarity with the bells. At Burrington they rang a very fine peal indeed on 20¼ to beat Plymstock by three-quarters of a fault, and Down St. Mary were nowhere near with 32. It was left to West Down to bring the shield north. They so nearly did it, too. Their ringing was as good as any in the day and their lower really superb: many call-change bands reckon that as one is more likely to incur faults in the rise and lower, the quicker those operations can be got over the less risk there is of getting marked; but West Down never drag their bells down: at Burrington they let them come down gently, gently, the strike-notes rippling round delightfully, the pull-in to chiming perfectly timed and beautifully executed — and then after the last round they had two "chitters" (a bell speaking after the last round, which costs a full fault), the only "chitters" of the whole day's ringing. They cost West Down two places, for when the results came out the first three places had one-and-a-quarter faults between them: West Alvington 20¼, Plymstock 21¼, West Down 22.

"Chitters" are unpredictable things: some bells are more inclined to them than others and various ringers have various theories about avoiding them. No doubt by next year the West Down ringers will have done some more research on them and maybe they'll have found the answer. Certainly those two "chitters" at Burrington are going to be talked about for a long, long time: but what deserves more to be remembered is some very fine ringing indeed from Devon's three best 6-bell bands.

J. G. M. S.

VETERANS COMPLETE RING OF TEN FOR STOURBRIDGE

Messrs. F. V. Nicholls and C. W. Cooper.

In addition to the restoration now being carried out to the ring of eight bells two new treble bells, to augment the ring to ten, have been given by two of the ringers.

The two bells are the generous gifts of Mr. F. V. Nicholls and Mr. C. W. Cooper. Mr. Nicholls, who is now 78 years of age, has regularly attended St. Thomas' Church for the past 50 years. Before that he attended Hagley Parish Church for several years. Mr. Nicholls has been a ringer at St. Thomas' Church for 38 years and has been Master of the tower since 1938. Mr. Cooper, who will be 83 in July, first attended St. Thomas' Church in 1894. He has been a ringer since 1900 and was tower secretary for 15 years.

Mr. Cooper has given his bell in memory of his late wife and late sister, and Mr. Nicholls his in memory of his late wife.

The addition of these two bells to the existing ring of eight will make St. Thomas' Church, Stourbridge, the fifth church in Worcestershire to have a ring of ten bells.

The new bells will be cast by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, who are also rehanging the ring of eight.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD

The Andover District's summer quarterly meeting was held at Burghclere on June 28th. Ringing during the afternoon varied from rounds to a touch of London Minor. The service, conducted by the curate of Newtown (Rev. F. C. George), was preceded by a touch of Single Oxford. After tea and the business meeting District ringers and visitors were made welcome at the neighbouring 4-bell tower of Newtown, where the local band are justly proud of 50 years of Sunday service ringing. Their captain, Mr. Munday, has not missed ringing in the New Year since he formed the band soon after the First World War.

M. G.

BELLS PROMINENT IN HILLINGDON FESTIVAL

"Colour in Worship" was the theme of this year's flower festival at St. John-the-Baptist's Church, Hillingdon, on June 20th, 21st and 22nd. Hundreds of people visited the church, which was decorated with 32 special artistic flower arrangements. Also in the church was an exhibition of stained glass craftsmanship by Messrs. Goddard and Gibbs and another of restoration of stonework by traditional and plastic methods by the New Stone and Restoration Co. Ltd. Various churches loaned vestments for another exhibition. Visual illustrations of bellfounding were supplied by the Whitechapel Bell Foundry and this display was augmented by the handbells from the local belfry.

Official events included a peal of Cambridge Royal on the Saturday morning which, fortunately, was rung as the programme had stated it would be! During Saturday evening the local captain, Fred Goodfellow, gave a talk in church on bell-ringing, illustrated by Grandsire Triples on handbells and Bob Minimus rung single-handed by four ringers to demonstrate the basic principles of change-ringing. Robert Fardon, Bert Twinn, Patricia Copas, Ruby Myllys and Mark Stacey took part.

On the Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples was rung for Evensong by R. M. Myllys 1, Ruby Fardon 2, Prudence Pattinson 3, J. Sexton 4, R. A. Fardon 5, M. W. Seymour 6, J. Hill (cond.) 7, C. J. Venn 8. On the Feast of St. John-the-Baptist on June 24th, before the Sung Eucharist, a quarter peal of Stedman Caters was rung, conducted by Michael J. Palmer.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

It was a great pleasure for the St. Albans District to be able to welcome the Association president, Mr. Walter Ayre, to their meeting at North Mymms on June 21st. During the afternoon a course of the special method, Glasgow, was brought round and in the evening a touch of 8-spliced was rung. The service was taken by the Rector (Rev. B. A. Tunstall), followed by tea in the Rectory.

The meeting recorded with regret the death of Mr. W. T. Holmes, and Mr. H. V. Frost spoke to his memory. Unfortunately no one had known of Mr. Holmes' death until after the funeral. The secretary was asked to write to Mr. Rex Agg, thanking him and the committee for all the work they had done to make the Central Council visit such a success. Questionnaires about a proposed ringing course were handed out and District members are asked to return them to Bob Hardy at the July meeting.

Handbell ringing followed the business meeting before moving to Monken Hadley for evening ringing.

Next meeting, St. Michael's, St. Albans, July 19th.

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A RAILWAY FAVOURED TOUR

AS the bus threaded along and over the cement works between Dartford and Gravesend, the 13 of us wondered whether this was an ill omen, for it was not mentioned in Michael Horseman's most comprehensive nine-page programme and timetable. However, with engineering works avoided, we rejoined the train and were soon able to show our seven-day Southern Region rail rover tickets to one of many ticket collectors surprised during the coming week. The walk from Birchington Station to the Waterloo tower in Quex Park was most pleasant and the first ringing of the tour augured well. We returned to Birchington in time for a cup of tea before ringing on the pleasant eight for evening service. The hotel at Tonbridge turned out to be a mere three minutes from the station with a useful Chinese restaurant and an essential zebra crossing between them.

At St. Leonards West on Monday morning we had the first of many opportunities to savour SR stations while awaiting a connection. The new "Warboys" lettered station signs had just arrived at this pleasant little station and were proving difficult to erect. At Bexhill we raised the tenor and the font cover; then, able to see one another, ringing proceeded until the treble jammed at handstroke. Access to the bell chamber was not possible so a detailed note was left. Passing the Royal Greenwich Observatory, we arrived at Westham, where we enjoyed the Gillett and Johnston six.

BILINGUAL STATION NOTICES

Lunch, Grandsire Caters and Cambridge Royal at Lewes were followed by a ride down the branch line to Seaford, past the bilingual station notices at Newhaven that had us talking about paquebots for the rest of the week. Grandsire, Double Norwich and much-bobbed Stedman Triples were rung before our return northwards. A course of Bob Royal and then trouble with the first day of the new summer timetable distinguished our visit to Reigate. So five of the party had a swift march from Croydon East instead of a gentle stroll from Croydon South, to get to St. Peter's practice night. A memorable course of Bristol on the back eight highlighted the characteristic Gillett and Johnston growl of the tenor.

On Tuesday morning, much to our relief, we heard that the threatened rail strike had been called off. After witnessing the southern practice of splitting a train in two before our very eyes we were careful to ensure that we sat in the "slow" back six coaches to set out for a day in the East. Halts for ringing were made at the wooden-topped tower at Marden and at Headcorn, where the new greased ropes did not prevent Spliced Triples coming round. We arrived a couple of weeks too soon to take part in the ancient Whitsun custom of dancing on top of the tower at Charing, but made do with the taking-of-ale part of the custom and some good ringing. The eastern limit of the tour was marked by Grandsire and Stedman Caters at St. Lawrence-in-Thanet. The evening was to be spent at Canterbury Cathedral, but not before Reverse Canterbury had been rung at Minster and production of the outstanding parish magazine had been interrupted in Chartham belfry. Several local ringers helped us at the Cathedral and we were pleased that one young lady was able to ring rounds on 12 for the first time.

GUILDFORD AND ISLE OF WIGHT

The diesel train on Wednesday morning arrived at Guildford after 13 stops. The fine-sounding bells at St. Nicolas' were kept going to Little Bob, Cambridge Royal and Plain Bob Caters. The final touch of Grandsire concluded with a completely successful set at backstroke. St. Mary's has a pleasant-sounding anti-clockwise six, but after ringing some were feeling somewhat anti-clockcase.

Both the rail trip to and the ringing at Godalming were not what they should have been. The train was 20 minutes late and the ringing suffered from the rush. Haslemere's light ten were thoroughly enjoyed and even coveted! A fast "griddle" took us swiftly to Portsmouth Harbour, where in pouring rain we boarded S.S. "Shanklin" for Ryde. Those not intent on making full use of the ship's below-deck facilities were able to review four N.A.T.O. frigates as they entered harbour. One of the 38-year-old ex-Underground trains that now make their way gingerly out on to Ryde Pier helped us on our way to the very good eight for Stedman, Ealing, Yorkshire and call-changes for the young local ringers. The weather improved greatly for the return trip.

Unfortunately the tenor clapper at All Saints', Maidstone, was still separated from the bell by many miles on Thursday morning. The ringing on the front nine did not really settle until Mr. Louis Head called us some Stedman Caters. As it happened this unusual music was a preparation for St. Michael's bells, tuned as 2 to 7 of an eight. Like the tower visited by the Clerical Guild, the unusual black and yellow sallies reflect the local football club colours. Then we found that East Malling bells went like tops, which was just as well in view of Stuart Brown's singularly long touch of Bob Minor.

WALKING, TOO

By this time of the week the "half mile" to the church given in the programme seemed to be lengthening, and after several triples at West Malling the keen-eyed were pleased to catch a bus back to the station. However, two of the party added a good mile by walking from East Malling, having misread the timetable and stayed for half-a-shute too many. It was an equally long walk from Borough Green Station to Ightham and our spirits were somewhat dashed when the "door to the left of the organ" was found locked. Then someone pushed the front of the organ and through we trooped to ring Hull, Winchendon and Stedman quickly. A visit to Eynsford Church, where 5-Spliced Surprise Major succeeded, a cup of tea opposite and a ring at St. Mary Cray completed the day's programme.

At Appledore next morning we were shepherded on to a rail-replacement bus to Brookland by a pre-warned East Kent inspector. Any query as to why Michael had forsaken the railway to ring at a five was soon answered when the three-tiered 15th century wooden campanile came into sight. As the only passengers on another East Kent bus we crossed the sheep-covered marshes and wound our way into Rye. Some ambiguity about visitors walking up to the top of the tower and about the clock chimes delayed ringing, which included noon being tolled in New Year's Eve fashion.

ALL BELLS UP AT HASTINGS

Our visit to Hastings was accompanied by heavy rain, but the three Taylor eights made up for this, especially as all 24 bells were up. Not all of the party found Christ Church, but those who did were very impressed by the well-engineered and truly-struck model bell. A buffet car and red brick pavements distinguished the journey to St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, where Wembley and Superlative Major were successfully rung. The day ended with Tonbridge practice night. The excellent bells and good management led to much good ringing, including 8-Spliced Surprise Major.

On Saturday morning we were encumbered with luggage until Strood Station left luggage office. "Horseman" proved too difficult for the clerk, but he settled for "Rice" and Roy was issued with 13 receipts. A very wet uphill walk to the eight by Bowell, of Ipswich, at Frindsbury was followed by a bus ride to Rochester Cathedral. There we picked our way through TV staff and equipment and had to ring later with TV staff picking their way through the belfry. Before leaving a presentation was made by John Brain on behalf of the party to Michael, in recognition of the tremendous amount of detailed work that he put into the organisation of the week. Double Norwich at Chatham completed the ringing.

"Chatham dep. 15.30, Waterloo arr. 16.39" said the programme, but a derailment and skilful fathoming from the "bible" turned this into "Chatham dep. 15.40, Victoria arr. 16.37". This completely disrupted our carefully laid plans for regaining the luggage. However, the previously-despatched porters arrived with all the luggage in two taxis from Strood just in time. With this unexpected hurdle successfully cleared I was able to set off for home by Eastern Region, leaving the rest to go via Southern and Western to North Somerset and the Bridgwater district.

G. H. P.

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CORRECTIONS & AMENDMENTS

155 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Despite every effort to check the above peal before publication, two items escaped.

(1) Place notation for the method Alverton, as published in the "R.W.", was incorrect and should read

– 56—1456—12—36.12—12.36.

(2) It has been kindly pointed out by Mr. D. Sibson that the name Clifton is already in use for a Surprise Royal method and this could lead to confusion in future years. In view of this we wish to change the name to Flawborough.

With regard to Mr. Dodd's letter ("R.W." 3032, page 423), I am at a loss to see where we enter into the King Edward controversy; we have always called it that. As regards Steeple/Blidworth we decided at the start to use all Nottinghamshire names for any new methods used, providing there was no evidence of them having been rung before to 720s. If anyone has knowledge of this method being rung to the name Steeple in a 720 we would be quite willing to accept the name; until such time we shall use Blidworth. In any case the band find the name quite inspiring.

I think also Geoff is wrong with his Queen Victoria: it should be Sprotborough; and I notice his place notation for King Charles is wrong, but this could be a misprint. R. B. MILLS.

Quarter peal at Bridgerule, Devon, page 524: The ringer of the third should read E. J. Ladd and not R. G. Pearce.

A HIGHCLERE MEMORIAL

In the presence of a large number of visitors and a full complement of the local band a memorial plaque to the late Kenneth Rutherford was dedicated in Highclere belfry by the Rector (Rev. T. H. Lewis) shortly before flying to America on a two months' exchange visit. A course of Plain Bob Triples, the method rung for the memorial peal to Mr. Rutherford, was followed by courses of Bob Major and Cambridge Surprise The company then adjourned to the Rectory for a social evening and to wish the Rector and his family bon voyage to Bernardsville, New Jersey, where he takes charge of the parish.

On the day of the arrival of the Rev. J. Johnson from New Jersey a peal of welcome—of 8-spliced—was rung, and on the Sunday when the customary service ringing took place he expressed appreciation of the ringers' welcome. A full demonstration of the bells and ringing was provided for him and his family the next week, which he assured the local band was a memory he would take back with him when he returned to Bernardsville at the end of August.

MIDLAND BANK BELLRINGERS

Coinciding with their first day closure, the Midland Bank bellringers met at Daventry for a day's ringing on July 5th. They also visited Staverton and Southam in the morning. Following lunch at Warwick, ringing took place at St. Nicholas', Warwick, Stratford, Wellesbourne Hastings, Butler's Marston and Harbury. The day ended with an enjoyable meal being taken at Harbury.

Mr. A. (Bert) Wiffen, who is now the oldest active member of St. Michael's, Braintree, conducted a quarter peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major for his 72nd birthday on July 6th.

OBITUARY

MR. H. S. HUMPHERY

New Romney Parish Church and the Kent County Association suffered the loss of one of their most faithful ringers by the death of Mr. H. S. Humphery on July 1st. He was 88 and probably the second oldest ringer in the Association.

Mr. Humphery was born in New Romney in 1881 and—with the exception of war years—spent his entire life in that town. He became a choirboy and at the same time learnt to ring. In 1899, during the Boer War, he worked on munitions at Woolwich Arsenal and was a member of the local tower. One peal he rang there was of Kent Treble Bob, which he called; this was of no mean achievement in those days. After this war he rejoined the New Romney band and due to his change-ringing skill became secretary in 1907 and later captain. He held the captaincy until his death. His ringing was always of a high order and he allowed no slackness. Pupils taught by him were good bell handlers with none of the all-too-usual basic faults. Even when over 80 he invariably rang three times weekly and attended Sunday Evensong.

Whenever the need was there he would cheerfully deputise for the church verger. Since 1909 New Romney bells have had no major repairs and this speaks volumes for the maintenance given to them. He was not a prolific peal ringer, having some 60 to his credit. It would have been hard to find any Kent tower in which he was not well known and always welcome. Church life in general and the Exercise in particular owe a great deal to such men as Mr. Humphery and Christian life would be all the better for more such people.

On April 15th, 1965, Mr. Humphery received the Royal Maundy from Her Majesty the Queen in Canterbury Cathedral. This was one of his most cherished moments. His wife predeceased him by many years and he leaves descendants of three generations.

The funeral was at New Romney on July 4th and was immediately followed by half-muffled ringing by ringers drawn from his own band and those in the Ashford District who had known him for many years. A. S. P.

MR. W. J. HOLMES

On April 22nd, in Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Welwyn Garden City, one of Hertfordshire's oldest ringers, in the person of Mr. W. J. Holmes, president of the Herts Association in 1956, died.

A native of Cumberland and a ringer and chorister from his boyhood days, he came to Welwyn Garden City in the '30s and joined the choir and tower of St. Etheldreda's, Bishop's Hatfield.

In his term of office as president he visited the towers, mostly on his bicycle, also towers not affiliated to the Association. Most of his many peals were rung in the North of England. He lived in later years in the Hyde Valley Home at Welwyn Garden City.

The funeral service was at St. Mary's, Hatfield Hyde. The Vicar paid a tribute to him and spoke of his ability as a singer and ringer. Interment was in the churchyard. The young Tewin band rang a quarter to his memory. Also on May 21st a Herts County band rang a quarter of Stedman Triples at St. Etheldreda's to his memory, viz.: M. D. Frost 1, G. H. Austin 2, E. Edmondson 3, R. A. Cochrane (first Stedman) 4, A. R. Carter 5, B. J. W. Foley 6, G. Penney (cond.) 7, S. Huckle 8.

MR. B. J. HOWCHIN

The funeral took place at Norwich Cemetery on July 3rd of Mr. B. J. Howchin, who was for a number of years Master of St. Peter Mancroft Guild of Ringers. He was held in high esteem by his fellow ringers, but unfortunately his ringing activities had to cease about eight years ago through heart trouble.

Handbells were rung at the graveside at the funeral by Messrs. H. W. Barrett, A. G. Bason, B. Gogle and F. C. Goodman. On the following Sunday a memorial quarter peal of 1,260 Grandsire Triples was rung at Mancroft on the minor eight by E. G. Shorting 1, H. Tooke 2, S. A. Brothers 3, H. W. Barrett 4, T. E. Spight 5, C. Bird 6, G. Sayer (cond.) 7, C. Curson 8.

MISS SARAH PIGOTT

Miss Sarah Pigott, one of a famous family of ringers, died in March this year. She was a founder member of the Ladies' Guild and their second president. She was about 90 years of age.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mrs. Ann Jones' triumph at Wimbledon was commemorated by a peal in her honour the same day at St. Ethelbert's Church, Tannington, Suffolk.

Preston, Dorset, is losing a useful member in Mr. P. Adams, who leaves shortly for New Zealand. He took part in a farewell quarter on July 3rd.

Comment from a non-ringing mother: Margaret has gone to a surprise practice again but I don't know why they call it surprise—she always seems to know where she's going.

The North Wales Association held a quarter peal week in honour of the Investiture. Of five attempts four were successful. There was a first quarter peal scored in each attempt.

It is hoped to increase the bells of Easton, Hants, from three to six by the end of the year. A band for the bells is being trained by Mr. J. Huggins at Old Alresford.

The Biggleswade District at its meeting at Willingdon (6) and Cople (6) on June 14th asked two members of the District's committee to attend the Association's general committee to discuss the problem of redundant bells and fittings.

A peal of "Mr. Rusty" Surprise Major was rung at Norton, Worcs, on June 24th. The conductor was Mr. Geoffrey R. Drew, of Tewkesbury.

A peal of 11,520 Eardisland Delight Major was rung at Aspenden, Herts, on July 5th, conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe. It is claimed to be the longest peal of Delight Major and the extent in the method with the tenors together.

Ten recruits are being taught at Ludham, Norfolk, by members of the Great Yarmouth Grammar School Society. Would visitors to the Broads who would like to ring on this heavy five on a Monday evening please notify Mr. K. Brown at Great Yarmouth Grammar School (Gt. Yar. 2061).

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BELFRY GOSSIP

INVESTITURE PEALS AND QUARTER PEALS

We hope to include in our next issue ringing for the Investiture of Prince Charles as Prince of Wales. The number of peals was not so large as anticipated but Wales made a gallant show with peals at Llandaff, Chepstow, Cardiff, Swansea Radyr, Llanfrechfa and Bridgend.

The bells of London honoured the occasion with peals at St. Paul's, St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, St. Martin-in-the-Fields and All Saints', Fulham.

The quarter peals are spread over 24 English counties and four in Wales, but this is not the complete record as they arrive with every post.

PEAL FOR BIRTH AND COMING-OF-AGE

Twenty-one years ago, on June 10th, 1948, a peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung at Bishop's Cleeve, Glos, as a compliment to the Rev. K. C. Edmunds, Rector of Bishop's Cleeve, and Mrs. Edmunds on the birth of a daughter. Talking to the Rector afterwards, someone lightly said: "We'll have to ring another peal for your daughter when she has her 21st birthday!"

This promise was remembered and on June 28th a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Bishop's Cleeve—the bells having been augmented to eight in the intervening years—as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Ruth Edmunds. The band would like to express their gratitude to the Rector for his hospitality after the successful conclusion of the ringing.

A QUARTER BOLSOVER WILL REMEMBER

The appearance of Mr. Walter Moult, a former ringer from Canada, in the Bolsover belfry on July 6th was rightly regarded as an occasion for a quarter peal, especially as the tower desired to do honour to Linda Shaw who arrived bashfully wearing a beautiful ring signifying her engagement to the tower captain, Robert Chambers. The quarter was successful, but not without a certain amount of trepidation as the tenor ringer lost his trousers when half a course from home! Although this was somewhat embarrassing it was definitely much cooler. Taking part was Mrs. Bessie Holmes, who was ringing her first quarter since illness almost stopped her ringing nearly seven years ago.

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY LADIES

What is believed to be the first ladies' quarter in the Stafford Archdeaconry was rung at Codsall on June 24th. It was Bob Major and two of the band had never rung Major before. The first two courses tended to be choppy and then ringing settled into a good rhythm which was maintained until the end. It was the fastest quarter of Major on the bells.

NEW GENERAL SECRETARY

Mr. Philip Mehew

The new general secretary of the Bedfordshire Association is Mr. Philip Mehew, of 37 Vaughan Road, Stotfold, Hitchin, Herts.

As part of the village war memorial the three bells at St. Mary-the-Virgin's, Stotfold, were augmented to six in May, 1948, after years of hard work by the parishioners and the Vicar, Rev. A. E. Grain. It was he that took three young choirboys to a neighbouring practice in the autumn of 1947, where they were placed in the capable hands of Mr. Lewis H. Bywaters, of Henlow. For the next six months or so the three lads cycled to Henlow every Tuesday in all weathers, and the help and guidance they received there enabled them to ring for the dedication of the new ring at their home tower and to form a nucleus of the new band.

A change of vicar just preceded Philip's National Service in the R.A.F., during which time he was unable to do much ringing, and this situation worsened further after his return when the Vicar ordered the cessation of all ringing at Stotfold. However, this ban enabled Philip to gain experience and offer assistance in nearby towers, to travel widely at week-ends and to ring some 400 peals, and he is grateful to all ringing friends for their help in so many ways during this period.

Stotfold bells rang again for Christmas, 1961, after another change of incumbent, and with the invaluable help of Michael (and Margaret) Staniforth a new band was trained. During the last decade an ever-growing number of ringers have left home to continue their studies at universities and colleges—providing a challenging opportunity to spread and develop our art—and this pattern has obtained at Stotfold, for three bands have almost completely spanned the last seven years.

Philip works for the Ministry of Technology at the Warren Spring Laboratory in Stevenage—a mile from the "sister" laboratory where works his "brother" secretary, Rex Agg! He is a member of most Guilds and Associations, including the Cumberlands, which he joined in 1957, and has now rung nearly 750 peals, of which he has conducted about a tenth.

His other interests are many and varied, ranging from archery and choral singing, mountain climbing and photography, motoring and rallying, to the study of comparative religion, hypnosis and both ancient and modern occultism. Philip is chairman of the Stotfold Christian Service Committee, secretary of the Youth Club Management Committee, a member of numerous other societies and has only one real complaint in life—there is never enough time to do all that he wants to!

He considers that campanology is the most comprehensively embracing hobby of all that he has pursued, and has much enjoyed the tours arranged by Pat Cannon, Tom Lock and Wilf Williams, to mention but a few.

A HANDBELL CENTENARY

Although peals to commemorate the centenary of the dedication of a ring of tower bells are not uncommon, those to mark the centenary of a set of handbells are far rarer. On June 29th, 1869, the bellringers of St. Mary's Church, Elland, were presented with a set of 15 handbells, cast by Shaw's, which have remained in the belfry. The tenor (size 19 in F) bears the following inscription in a beautiful copperplate hand: "This peal of 15 Bells was purchased by public subscription and are for ever to remain the property of the society of change ringers of St. Mary's Church, Elland, June 29, 1869."

On Sunday, June 29th, a band assembled at the house of two of the local company and rang a peal of 5,077 Stedman Caters, conducted by Bob Smith, of Marple. For the local tower captain, Arthur Rogers, this represented a personal achievement, for he rang his first peal on ten handbells and also his first of Stedman "in hand". The other members of the band were Bernard Groves, Gerald Moorhouse and Vivian Nutton; a former member of the Elland company.

A SILENT HANTS TOWER BACK IN THE FOLD

There is encouraging news from Dummer, Hants, where after many years of silence the bells are now being rung regularly for service and practice. The keen band of 17, mainly young people, is under the leadership of Mrs. A. Ellis. Mr. J. Huggins, from Old Alresford, is the instructor, with assistance from Mr. A. Hoar, of Preston Candover.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

SALISBURY, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Martin.
On Sat., June 28, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation of Middleton's.
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in F sharp.

Kenneth S. B. Croft	Treble	David Wilson	5
*William S. Croft	2	Ronald N. Marlow	6
William T. Perrins	3	Timothy F. Collins	7
Graham W. Elmes	4	Frederick E. Collins	Tenor

Conducted by Frederick E. Collins.
* First peal in the method. The conductor's 500th peal.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SAMPFORD ARUNDEL, Som.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Sun., June 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

*Jill Rixon	Treble	Phillip Popplestone	4
Arthur H. Reed	2	*Rev. Michael Odlum	5
†Christopher Rixon	3	Raymond F. Arscott	Tenor

Conducted by Raymond F. Arscott.
* First peal. † First of Minor.
Rung to commemorate the 13th anniversary of the ordination of the Rector, the Rev. Michael Odlum, who is now chairman of the Taunton Deanery Branch.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHURCH LAWTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Fri., June 13, 1969, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

*Geoffrey A. Edwards	Treble	*Roland W. Morant	5
†Roy Worrall	2	Raymond J. Ballard	6
Norman Sherratt	3	*John Hall	7
*Christopher Morey	4	*Frank R. Morton	Tenor

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by Norman Sherratt.
* First peal in the method. † Has "circled the tower" to peals.

BOWDON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., June 14, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 8 lb. in E.

Paul J. Atkins	Treble	Raymond J. Ballard	5
Norman Sherratt	2	Harold Dowler	6
*Christopher Morey	3	David J. Midgley	7
Gerald Parsons	4	Roy Worrall	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Norman Sherratt.
* First peal in the method.

RUNCORN, Cheshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Tues., June 17, 1969, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.

*William F. Allman	Treble	Walter Allman	5
Oswald Claybrook	2	William E. Allman	6
Mrs. Betty Lowe	3	Douglas Lowe	7
John R. Bibby	4	Keith Walpole	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Walter Allman.
* First peal on a changing bell.

HODNET, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Luke.
On Sat., June 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN AND LITTLE BOB
Being 3,072 of Plain Bob and 2,112 of Little Bob with 95 changes of method. Tenor 12 cwt. 24 lb. in F.

*Frank R. Morton	Treble	George H. Randles	5
Norah M. Randles	2	*†John R. Scott	6
Edward V. Rodenhurst	3	‡Christopher J. Jones	7
†Geoffrey A. Edwards	4	Harry W. Howard	Tenor

Composed by C. K. Lewis. Conducted by Harry W. Howard.
* 200th peal together. † First of Plain and Little spliced. ‡ 100th for the Chester Guild.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON, Warwickshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., June 28, 1969 in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

Peter C. Randall	Treble	Maurice A. New	6
Anthony P. Foster	2	Ian C. Maycock	7
Geoffrey W. Randall	3	Peter S. Bennett	8
Stephen F. Royal	4	Brian Bladon	9
Peter H. Mackie	5	David P. Hilling	Tenor

Conducted by David P. Hilling.
Rung with best wishes to Stephen Royal, of Kenilworth, on the occasion of his 21st birthday.

WARWICK.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., June 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in F.

Peter Border	Treble	L. Michael Callow	5
Joan P. Hutchinson	2	Ian D. Thompson	6
Clare F. Dolphin	3	Ernest J. Gower	7
Frank W. Perrens	4	Geoffrey W. Randall	Tenor

Composed by Joseph W. Parker. Conducted by Peter Border.
Rung to welcome the Rev. J. B. Hampton, whose induction as priest-in-charge took place the previous evening.

PATTISHALL, Northants.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Sat., June 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being extents of Beverley Surprise, Oxford T.B., Surfleet Surprise, Kent T.B., St. Clement's Bob, Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in G.

David R. Randall	Treble	Edward C. Garrett	4
David P. Crawley	2	John K. Foot	5
Brian R. Danby	3	Peter C. Randall	Tenor

Conducted by Peter C. Randall.
Rung as an 18th birthday compliment to David P. Crawley.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MELDRETH, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Thurs., June 12, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 13 methods, comprising 448 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Cassiobury, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Pudsey, Rutland, Uxbridge and Yorkshire and 224 each of Ashtead, Cornwall and Superlative, with 139 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.
Tenor 11 cwt. in F sharp.

Alan F. Scholfield	Treble	Brian D. Threlfall	5
*Donald F. Murfet	2	Derek E. Sibson	6
Hilary Muirhead	3	*John G. Gipson	7
*Geoffrey Pearson	4	*Kenneth J. Hesketh	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
* First peal of 13 Spliced Surprise Major. Most Surprise methods to a peal for the Association.

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THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

SAFFON WALDEN, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., June 28, 1969, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in D.

Frank B. Lufkin	Treble	Keith W. Brown	7
Josephine A. Quilter	2	Robert J. Chapman	8
Robert E. J. Dennis	3	Dennis A. S. Symonds	9
Joe E. G. Roast	4	Peter G. Brown	10
John Armstrong	5	James L. Towler	11
Patrick W. Saltmarsh	6	John E. Murfitt	Tenor

Composed by R. A. G. Inglis. Conducted by Robert E. J. Dennis.
Rung as part of the Saffron Walden "Great Ringing Day" Festivities.

RAYNE, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Tues., June 24, 1969, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In two methods, being one extent of St. Clement's and six of Plain Bob. Tenor 6¼ cwt.

*Alan H. Jiggins	Treble	Josephine A. Quilter	4
†Charlotte A. Sterck	2	Philip J. Rothera	5
Keith W. Brown	3	Peter G. Brown	Tenor

Conducted by Peter G. Brown.
* First peal (aged 12). † First "inside."

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BISHOP'S CLEEVE, Glos.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., June 28, 1969, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's 12-part (7th obs.). Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

Martyn Hawkes	Treble	Leonard C. Edwards	5
Frances Fairbank	2	Cyril A. Wratten	6
*Roman E. Sadowski	3	William A. Farmer	7
†Arthur R. Lawrence	4	Peter Baker	Tenor

Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Ruth Edmunds, daughter of the Rector of Bishop's Cleeve.

MEYSEY-HAMPTON, Glos.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Fri., June 20, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being one Pitman's 240 and 40 extents (10 callings).
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb. in G.

Peter W. Bartlett	Treble	Hugh Falkner	4
Eileen M. Godwin	2	William A. Godwin	5
Patrick A. Bartlett	3	Raymond G. Pearson	Tenor

Conducted by William A. Godwin.
Rung to mark the 700th anniversary of the dedication of the church, which took place on June 9th, 1269, by the Bishop of Worcester.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

GUILDFORD, Surrey.—At the Cathedral Church of the Holy Spirit.
On Sat., June 28, 1969, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 30 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in D.

A. Patrick Cannon	Treble	Stanley G. Ponting	6
Beryl R. Simpson	2	David W. James	7
Rowan S. Bradley	3	Michael J. Church	8
William S. Deason	4	Tom Page	9
W. John Couperthwaite	5	Barrie Hendry	Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by Barrie Hendry.
Rung to welcome Julia Scott James (born on June 9th, 1969), and as a first birthday compliment to Charlotte Jayne Hendry.

GUILDFORD, Surrey.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Tues., June 3, 1969, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In eight methods, comprising 640 each of Bristol, Yorkshire, Pudsey, Rutland and Superlative, and 608 each of London, Cambridge and Lincolnshire, with 120 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

W. John Couperthwaite	Treble	Stanley G. Ponting	5
Beryl R. Simpson	2	Douglas A. R. May	6
David J. Tubbs	3	Derek E. Sibson	7
Michael J. Church	4	Tom Page	Tenor

Composed by Noel J. Diserens. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
Arranged to mark the 200th anniversary of the bells.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ST. ALBANS, Herts.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., June 28, 1969, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 23 cwt in D.

Kenneth J Darvill	Treble	*Terence C. Holland	6
Roger King	2	Harold V. Frost	7
Frederick W. Ellis	3	Christopher W. Woolley	8
A. Rowland Tysoe	4	Thomas W. Southam	9
John E. Ewer	5	George W. Debenham	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by George W. Debenham.
* First peal on 10 bells.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

GREAT BERKHAMSTED, Herts.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., June 28, 1969, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in E.

Alan D. Flood	Treble	Ruth M. Foreman	5
*Christine M. Leslie	2	William Birmingham	6
Maureen J. Carruthers	3	Anthony R. Carter	7
John R. Ketteringham	4	Geoffrey Bridges	Tenor

Composed by John R. Ketteringham. Conducted by Geoffrey Bridges.
* First peal "inside."
Rung as a compliment to Jacki M. Quickfall and John Harrison on their recent engagement.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

FRINDSBURY, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., June 7, 1969, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in F.

Malcolm J. Hitchcock	Treble	†Timothy D. Wickens	5
*Trevor A. Cross	2	John A. Howard	6
*Martin L. Howe	3	Simon A. B. Wigg	7
Peter M. Wilkinson	4	Peter S. Muchlinski	Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Peter S. Muchlinski.
* 200th peal together. † First of Lincolnshire.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Dorothy M. Groves, of Maidstone.

CHERITON, Kent.—At the Church of St. Martin.
On Sat., June 28, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in A.

*Richard A. Birch	Treble	*‡Philip R. Staples	5
*Brian C. Johnson	2	Crawford T. Hillis	6
*Pamela Court	3	Mark S. Lancefield	7
†Peter Richardson	4	§Colin J. E. Wyld	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Mark S. Lancefield.
* First peal of Surprise. † First of Surprise Major. ‡ First of Major. § First of Major in the method
Rung as a compliment to Mr. Alan Berry, hon. general secretary of this Association, and Miss Anne Barber, on the occasion of their engagement.

TUNSTALL, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., June 28, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In nine methods, being 576 each of Ashtead, Bristol, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, London, Pudsey, Superlative, Rutland and Yorkshire, with 138 changes of method. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in A flat.

Robert W. Hinde	Treble	*Colin A. Tester	5
Thomas Cullingworth	2	*Colin J. E. Wyld	6
*Alexander Waddington	3	*Simon A. B. Wigg	7
Martin L. Howe	4	*Peter S. Muchlinski	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith Conducted by Simon A. B. Wigg.
* First peal of 9-spliced.

WEST WICKHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Thurs., July 3, 1969, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

*Christopher S. Sims	Treble	Peter R. Butler	4
Margaret E. Oram	2	Ian H. Oram	5
†Christopher J. Mundy	3	Tony Lewis	Tenor

Conducted by Tony Lewis.
* First peal. † First "inside."
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Harriett Richards, mother of Arthur S. Richards, local tower captain.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BOLTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. George.
On Fri., June 20, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in E flat.

Frank Reynolds	Treble	Geoffrey Fothergill	5
Joseph Thornley	2	David C. Makin-Taylor	6
Arnold Critchley	3	Dennis H. McCormick	7
Albert Greenhalgh	4	James E. Andrews	Tenor

Composed by G. Lewis. Conducted by James E. Andrews.

FARNWORTH-WITH-KEARSLEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. John.
On Sun., June 22, 1969, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

Roy Jolley	Treble	R. Keith Lister	5
James E. Andrews	2	David C. Makin-Taylor	6
Roger Barnes	3	Neil T. E. Burnett	7
David J. Bennett	4	A. John Illingworth	Tenor

Composed by F. A. Holden. Conducted by Neil T. E. Burnett.
First peal as conductor. The ringer of the tenor has now "circled the tower."
Rung as an expression of goodwill to Canon Ridley and his wife in their new post, and as a 21st birthday compliment to David J. Bennett.

(Bolton Branch.)

ECCLESTON, near Chorley, Lancs—At the Church of St. Mary. On Wed., June 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents (five callings). Tenor 11 cwt. 7 lb. in A.

Albert Greenhalgh	Treble	Geoffrey Fothergill	4
James E. Andrews	2	†A. John Illingworth	5
*Kathleen Higginson	3	David C. Makin-Taylor	Tenor

Conducted by James E. Andrews.

* First peal. † First of Plain Bob Minor. First of Plain Bob Minor as conductor.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

DUFFIELD, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Alkmund. On Sat., June 28, 1969, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 RUTLAND SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.

Ann M. Smith	Treble	Martin Green	6
Christine L. J. Mills	2	R. Brian Mills	7
Monica M. Jelley	3	Rupert A. Clarke	8
W. Ernest Rawson	4	Richard A. G. Inglis	9
John M. Jelley	5	*R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by John M. Jelley. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.

* 450th peal. First of Rutland Surprise Royal by all the band. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Ann M. Smith.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile. On Thurs., June 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

Monica M. Jelley	Treble	Martin Green	5
John M. Jelley	2	R. Brian Mills	6
Christine L. J. Mills	3	G. Ronald Edwards	7
W. Ernest Rawson	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile. On Sat., June 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In 15 methods, comprising: (1) London and Wells, (2) York and Durham, (3) Hull and Cranford, (4) Bourne and Caithness, (5) Primrose, Berwick and Hexham, (6) Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet, (7) Norwich. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

G. Ronald Edwards	Treble	John E. Cook	4
Christine L. J. Mills	2	R. Brian Mills	5
*Martin Green	3	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Conducted by R. Brian Mills

* Most methods to a peal

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

BURGH-LE-MARSH, Lincs.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul. On Sat., June 21, 1969, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt 2 qr. 4 lb. in E flat.

Jack Bray	Treble	Christopher J. Sharp	5
Peter A. Sharp	2	Jack L. Millhouse	6
Ronald Chafer	3	Geoffrey R. Parker	7
Philip H. Reynolds	4	David Phillipson	Tenor

Composed by C. I. Rowson. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LLANFEIGAN, Brecon.—At the Church of St. Meugan. On Sat., June 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 19 lb. in G.

Donald G. Clift	Treble	James Clatworthy	5
Christopher J. Hughes	2	Paul A. Williams	6
J. Michael Lakin	3	Michael R. Meadows	7
Stephen Fenwick	4	David J. Llewellyn	Tenor

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed. Conducted by David J. Llewellyn.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

HILLINGDON, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist. On Sat., June 21, 1969, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in E flat.

Christopher J. Venn	Treble	John Hill	6
*Patricia A. Copas	2	Albert R. G. Twinn	7
G. William Critchley	3	Ronald K. Russ	8
*Ruby M. Myllys	4	Frederick W. Goodfellow	9
Claudia A. Critchley	5	Michael J. Palmer	Tenor

Composed by Harry Poyner. Conducted by John Hill.

* First peal of Cambridge Royal. First on the bells after rehanging as a memorial to Sir Gilfrid and Lady Craig. Rung during the Flower Festival.

EALING, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary. On Sat., May 17, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

C. Middleton's. Tenor 19¾ cwt.

Michael J. Palmer	Treble	Norman Summerhayes	5
Michael Sprackling	2	Christopher H. Rogers	6
Peter N. Felton	3	Wilfrid G. Wilson	7
Patricia A. Copas	4	Frank T. Blagrove	Tenor

Conducted by Frank T. Blagrove.

Rung for the 95th anniversary of the formation of The West Middlesex Association and the 75th anniversary of its re-formation as The South West Middlesex Association.

HARROW WEALD, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Saints. On Sat., June 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.

*Christopher J. Venn	Treble	H. George Hart	5
Elsie K. Hart	2	*Ronald K. Russ	6
Alan R. Pink	3	Wilfrid G. Wilson	7
Peter J. Heritage	4	Frank Reed	Tenor

Composed by A. G. Driver. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.

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

LONDON, N.W.—At the Church of St. Mary, Willesden. On Sat., June 28, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in G.

C. Edward Lankester	Treble	Frank Reed	5
Maureen J. Carruthers	2	Geoffrey Bridges	6
William Birmingham	3	Timothy G. Pett	7
John R. Ketteringham	4	Christopher P. Starbuck	Tenor

Composed by Christopher P. Starbuck. Conducted by Timothy G. Pett.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile. On Tues., June 17, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5248 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

Mary Bridges	Treble	Frank Chambers	5
Richard J. Clifton	2	Arthur E. Rowley	6
B. Stedman Payne	3	G. Ronald Edwards	7
Joseph W. Cotton	4	Roland Beniston	Tenor

Composed by D. Knox. Conducted by Roland Beniston.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

DRAYCOTT, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Margaret. On Sat., May 31, 1969, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 25 lb. in F sharp.

Charles S. Ryles	Treble	J. Michael Jack	5
*Rosemary A. Bennett	2	C. William Bunn	6
†Jean H. Millins	3	William Perkins	7
William H. Pickett	4	Alban J. Jack	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Charles S. Ryles.

* First peal. † First of Major.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss Perkins, daughter of the ringer of the 7th.

SWYNNERTON, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary. On Fri., June 27, 1969, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in A.

William H. Watkin	Treble	Roland W. Morant	4
Frank Beech	2	Edward R. Fairbrother	5
A. Doreen Edwards	3	Frank R. Morton	Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.

Rung to welcome the new curate, the Rev. Brian Swinnerton.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WARFIELD, Berks.—At the Church of St. Michael the Archangel On Sat., May 31, 1969, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in F.

*Alan H. Long	Treble	David P. Hilling	6
*Susanne Sargeant	2	William H. Coles	7
Frank C. Price	3	William S. Deason	8
William A. Theobald	4	*A. John N. Rance	9
Canon K. W. H. Felstead	5	*Stanley G. Scott	Tenor

Composed by Cornelius Charge. Conducted by Frank C. Price.

* First peal on 10 bells. First on the recently augmented ring.

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THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
DAVENTRY, Northants.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Sun., June 22, 1969, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
Beddington version. Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

Stanley M. Ruddlesden	Treble	Malcolm J. V. Chown	6
Graham C. Paul	2	G. William Critchley	7
Barry E. Saunders	3	Alan A. Paul	8
Claudia A. Critchley	4	Barrie Hendry	9
Patrick I. Chapman	5	Richard F. B. Speed	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Richard F. B. Speed.

MOULTON, Northants.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Tues., June 24, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in F.

*Mollie E. Care	Treble	†Alan J. Marks	5
Murray A. Coleman	2	Brian R. Danby	6
J. Malcolm Tyler	3	Richard J. Cowley	7
David J. Morgan	4	Barry R. Care	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Barry R. Care.
* First peal of Major. † First of Major "inside." First of Major as conductor.
Rung for the coming Gift Day and Patronal Festival.

BRAFIELD-ON-THE-GREEN, Northants.—At the Church of St. Laurence.
On Thurs., June 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 720 each of Cambridge, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

*William Care	Treble	†David Robinson	4
Raymond Henman	2	Barry R. Care	5
David J. Morgan	3	Murray A. Coleman	Tenor

Conducted by Barry R. Care.
* First peal on a working bell. † First in seven methods "inside."
Rung as a wedding compliment to Valerie Williams and Paul Clewitt, married on June 21st, 1969, at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Northampton.

BOZEAT, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., June 28, 1969, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 2,520 Grandsire and 2,520 Plain Bob. Tenor 16½ cwt. in D.

*Paul Haggar	Treble	Norman Line	3
Rex Line	2	George F. Roome	4
†Edward C. Buckby	Tenor		

Conducted by George F. Roome.
* First peal. † First of Doubles.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. W. C. Knight, Vicar 1949–1969, president of the Wellingborough Branch 1952–1969.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
SOUTHAMPTON, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., June 21, 1969, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL
In four methods, comprising 1,360 Yorkshire, 1,280 Rochester and 1,240 each of Cambridge and London No. 3, with 54 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in E flat.

Susan E. M. Davis	Treble	*Peter M. Wilkinson	6
*Jane Foster	2	‡John S. Barnes	7
†Adrienne Gibson	3	‡Derek E. Sibson	8
*Beryl R. Simpson	4	*Thomas H. Francis	9
*David J. Forder	5	‡Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Royal. † First of Spliced Surprise. ‡ First of 4-Spliced Surprise Royal.

SHOREDITCH, London, E.—At the Church of St. Leonard.
On Thurs., June 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in G.

Audrey R. Alexander	Treble	Christopher P. Starbuck	5
*Jennifer Brown	2	James M. Hills	6
*Adrienne Gibson	3	Derek E. Sibson	7
Gillian M. Brearley	4	John R. Pratchett	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
BRADFORD-ON-AVON, Wiltshire.—At Christ Church.
On Sat., June 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Thurstans' four-part. Tenor 12 cwt.

Gordon W. Land	Treble	Michael J. Hobbs	5
Elisabeth A. G. Bowden	2	*Philip S. Gaisford	6
Robert J. Purnell	3	Robert C. Kippin	7
Brynley A. Shackleton	4	Bernard G. North	Tenor

Conducted by Gordon W. Land.
* First in the principle away from tenor. First of Stedman as conductor.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD
ELSTON, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Fri., May 23, 1969, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED TREBLE BOB MINOR
Comprising 179 methods in the following seven extents: (1) Bilsthorpe, Halloughton, Bleasby, Calverton, Epperstone, Habblesthorpe, Smithfield, Gonalston, Hoveringham, Cromwell, Kneeton, Flintham, Lambley, Darlton, Weston, Littleborough, Edingley, Halam, Wakefield, Monsal and Stanwell Surprise, Staythorpe, Upton, Oxton, Skipton, Chepstow, Fotheringay, Balmoral, Danbury and Hatherop Delight (30 methods), (2) Holloway, Pentonville, Wandsworth, Soho, Thurgaton, Brixton, Waterloo, Hatfield, Redcar, Appleby, Beighton, Pattiswick and Terling Surprise, Gunthorpe, Kirton, Egmanton, Boughton, Ollerton, Ompton, Kneesall, Kersall, Knutsford, Rostherne, Bogedone, Wilmslow, Stisted, Pebmarsh, Whatton-in-the-Vale, Staines and Orston Delight (30 methods), (3) Owthorpe, Normanton-on-the-Wolds, Plumtree, Keyworth, Stanton-on-the-Wolds, Bevercotes, Carburton, West Drayton, West Markham, Edwinstowe, Cuckney, Cotgrave, Collingham, Everton, Laxton, Mansfield-Woodhouse, Ravenshead, Misson, Sturton-le-Steeple, Stapleford, Shireoaks, Selston, Kilvington, North Wheatley, Nuthall, Alverton and Ossington Surprise, Cropwell Butler, Tithby and Tollerton Delight (30 methods), (4) Thorne, Ripley, Rhyl, Luton, Broomfield, Fyfield, Westminster, Allendale, Fryerning, Bunney, Barton-in-Fabis, Babworth, Averham, Clayworth, Flawborough, Bathley, Brough, Bothamsall, Screveton, Car Colston and Burton Joyce Surprise, Holbeck, Clipston, Newstead, Blidworth, Linby, Brinsley, London Delight, Hadfield and Holme Pierrepont Delight (30 methods), (5) Staveley, Selby, March, Boston, East Bridgford, North Muskham, Wath, Carisbrooke, Hitcham, Papplewick, Thoroton, Scrooby, Bole, Wellow, Thorpe, Walesby, Askham and East Leake Delight, Willoughby-on-the Wolds, Gedling and Granby Surprise (21 methods), (6) Spalding, Retford, Minehead, Dronfield, Purleigh, Quendon, Lincoln, Coldstream and Redbourne Surprise, Beeston, Melandra, Leasowe, Peveril, Tollesbury, Middlesex, Barnby-in-the-Willows, Vale Royal, Crowland, St. Werburgh and Combermere Delight (20 methods), (7) College Exercise, London Scholars, Kingston, Norbury, Capel, Ockley, Duke of Norfolk, Sandal, South Kirkby, Barnsley and Snowdrop Treble Bob, Pilsey, Blythe, Staverton, Nostel, Neath, Finchampstead and Warsop Delight (18 methods), with 210 changes of method.
Tenor 9 cwt. 20 lb. in G sharp.

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

Conducted by R. Brian Mills.
Greatest number of methods yet rung to a peal. All extents by Simon Humphrey.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
BUNGAY, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sun., June 8, 1969, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

George P. Adams	Treble	*Martin Cubitt	5
*Janet House	2	Kevin S. Hohl	6
*Carole A. H. Patey	3	*Geoffrey H. Pullin	7
David G. Adams	4	David E. House	Tenor

Composed by Richard J. Parker. Conducted by David E. House.
* First peal of Pudsey. First on the bells since rehanging.

(The Mancroft Guild.)
HALESWORTH, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., June 21, 1969, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 26½lb. in E.

Peter Adcock	Treble	Geoffrey H. Pullin	5
Carole A. H. Patey	2	Martin Cubitt	6
Hilary Adcock	3	Martin L. Howe	7
Janet House	4	David E. House	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by David E. House.

HARTEST, Suffolk.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., June 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 1,440 Kent T.B. and 3,600 Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

*Amanda M. Richmond	Treble	Harry D. Clarke	4
†Brian E. Whiting	2	Arthur F. Ballam	5
Dorothy M. Durrant	3	Alan G. Feaver	Tenor

Conducted by Alan G. Feaver.
* First peal. † First of Minor.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. R. G. Bumstead, of Horringer.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
CROYDON, Surrey.—At the Church of St. John.
On Sat., June 28, 1969, in 3 Hours and 43 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 36 cwt. 3 qr 18 lb. in C sharp.

Michael V. Chilcott	Treble	Alan E. Bagworth	7
David E. Parsons	2	Raymond J. Talbot	8
*Alan D. Flood	3	Norman Summerhayes	9
Jeremy R. Pratt	4	Kenneth J. Rider	10
Nigel Thomson	5	Alan R. Patterson	11
Roy D. Mills	6	Michael J. Uphill	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by David E. Parsons. (No. 6.)
* First peal on 12 bells.

GODSTONE, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., June 28, 1969, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 12 cwt. 4 lb. in G.

*Barbara Minnion	Treble	Christopher F. Mew	5
†Felicity S. Hamilton	2	*Christopher D. Collin	6
*Bernard Hawkins	3	Rev. Michael Hart	7
Tony Skilton	4	Colin H. Cook	Tenor

Composed by A. J. Corrigan. Conducted by Christopher F. Mew.
* First peal. † First of Grandsire Triples.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WADHURST, Sussex.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., June 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's 12-part (6th obs.). Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F sharp.

Robert W. R. Percy	Treble	David R. Reed	5
Frederick J. Lambert	2	Thomas M. Barlow	6
J. Michael Swift	3	*Alan R. Baldock	7
Clive Brettell	4	Andrew G. Bassett	Tenor

Conducted by Alan R. Baldock.
* 50th tower for a peal.

WARNHAM, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Tues., June 24, 1969, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 BELFAST SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in F.

John R. Norris	Treble	Stanley G. Ponting	5
Edgar R. Rapley	2	Derek E. Sibson	6
David D. Smith	3	W. Leslie Weller	7
Tom Page	4	George Francis	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
First peal in the method by all the band and for the Association.

BATTLE, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Wed., June 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's 12-part (6th obs.). Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in E flat.

Alan R. Baldock	Treble	*Thomas M. Barlow	5
Christine M. Baldock	2	David R. Reed	6
Ann Harris	3	Ian V. J. Smith	7
Frederick J. Lambert	4	Ivor S. Holland	Tenor

Conducted by Alan R. Baldock.
* 50th peal. 50th peal as conductor.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Frederick J. Lambert.

WEST GRINSTEAD, Sussex.—At the Church of St. George.
On Mon., June 23, 1969, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Consisting of seven 720's in 13 methods, viz.: (1) College Bob and Wavertree, (2) Oxford T.B., (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Double Oxford, Thelwall, Pinehurst, St. Clement's, Childwall and Buxton, (5) Kent T.B., (6) Single Oxford and Plain Bob, (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. 7 lb. in G sharp.

Geoffrey C. Rix	Treble	Edgar R. Rapley	4
Patrick M. Wills	2	Philip Stevens	5
E. Winifred Keys	3	Frank H. Hicks	Tenor

Conducted by Frank H. Hicks.
Rung for the dedication of a stained glass window in memory of the Hornung family by the Bishop of Horsham.

WESTHAM, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sun., June 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Being 42 extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in G.

*David J. Woodward	Treble	Betty Percy	4
†Gillian R. Eldridge	2	Alan R. Baldock	5
Christine M. Baldock	3	Robin A. Funnell	Tenor

Conducted by Alan R. Baldock.
* First peal away from cover. † First peal
Rung for the Parish Flower Festival Evensong.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

HIGHCLERE, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Thurs., June 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising 736 Superlative, 704 each of London and Rutland, 608 each of Cambridge, Lincolnshire and Pudsey, 576 Bristol and 544 Yorkshire, with 120 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 11 cwt. 27 lb. in G.

Anita D. O'Brien	Treble	†Geoffrey K. Dodd	5
Albert Diserens	2	Noel J. Diserens	6
David P. Hilling	3	Anthony R. Peake	7
*Angela M. Ayres	4	Brian Bladon	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Noel J. Diserens.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise † First of 8-spliced.
Rung as a welcome to the Rev. James Johnson, who is on a two-month exchange visit to this parish from St. John's, Bernardsville, New Jersey, U.S.A.

UPHAM, Hampshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Fri., May 23, 1969, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

*John C. Hallett	Treble	*Roy Le Marechal	4
†Phillipa E. Manniss	2	*John P. Colliss	5
Linda V. Cull	3	Edward W. Colley	Tenor

Conducted by Edward W. Colley.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal.

ODIHAM, Hampshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., June 21, 1969, in 3 Hours and half a Minute,
A PEAL OF 5520 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Four callings. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb.

J. Jeffery Hill	Treble	Michael S. Holbrook	4
Lynette M. Holbrook	2	Howard E. J. Smith	5
R. Christine Hassell	3	Jack Weaver	Tenor

Conducted by Howard E. J. Smith.
Longest length on the bells and by all the band. Longest length of Doubles for the Guild
Rung for the Odiham Music Festival.

BENTWORTH, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., June 28, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In four methods, being two extents of St. Simon's Bob, 12 each of Rev. Canterbury Pleasure Bob and Grandsire and 16 of Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt.

*David M. Hadley	Treble	Charles E. Bassett	3
Ramon A. Stone	2	David G. Hatherly	4

Basil E. Pink .... Tenor
Conducted by Charles E. Bassett.
* First peal.
Rung for the Flower and Music Festival at this church.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

NORTON, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Egwin.
On Tues., June 24, 1969, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 MR. RUSTY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.

*Arthur C. Berry	Treble	John Clements	5
Frances Fairbank	2	Peter Robertson	6
Valerie Willard	3	Hugh Evans	7
Shirley M. Drew	4	Geoffrey R. Drew	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Geoffrey R. Drew.
* Has now "circled the tower" to peals First peal in the method.

MR. RUSTY SURPRISE MAJOR
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HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, Worcs—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., June 28, 1969 in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In five methods, comprising 1,120 London, 1,088 Superlative and 1,024 each of Bristol, Pudsey and Cambridge, with 107 changes of method. All the bells did all the work of each method.
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in G.

Reginald Newton	Treble	David Beacham	5
Morley P. Tobin	2	Gerald C. Hemming	6
Michael J. Fellows	3	Martin D. Fellows	7
Clifford Skidmore	4	J. Alan Ainsworth	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.

LEIGH, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Edburga.
On Sat., March 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (10 callings). Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

Thomas W. Lewis	Treble	*Reginald W. Rowe	4
*Christina M. Bouldin	2	*John Clements	5
Reginald Woodyatt	3	*Cecil Deakin	Tenor

Conducted by John Clements.
* First peal in the method
Rung as a compliment to Mr. Christopher Paget Norbury on his appointment as High Sheriff of Worcestershire for 1969–70.

SHALSEY BEAUCHAMP, Worcs.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., May 24, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

James Ranford	Treble	*Stanley W. Abley	4
Thomas W. Lewis	2	John Clements	5
Leslie F. Smith	3	Reginald W. Rowe	Tenor

Conducted by John Clements.
* First peal of Minor. Western Branch quarterly peal.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HALIFAX, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., June 28, 1969, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 28 cwt. 14 lb. in D.

Philip N. Tubbs	Treble	John Hartless	7
Heather Kippin	2	Brian D. Threlfall	8
Jean F. Woolford	3	Richard H. Youdale	9
Vivian Nutton	4	Edward J. Chivers	10
Michael J. Best	5	Robert C. Kippin	11
Frank L. Harris	6	James A. D. Woolford	Tenor

Composed by F. E. Darby. Conducted by Philip N. Tubbs.

SHEFFIELD, Yorks.—At the Church of St. John Evang., Ranmoor.
On Sat., June 28, 1969, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PRITTLEWELL SURPRISE ROYAL.
Tenor 16 cwt.

David Nichols	Treble	Ian North	6
Iris M. E. Lemare	2	Neil Donovan	7
Patricia Lockwood	3	Ian G. Campbell	8
Kathleen M. Higgins	4	Stuart Armeson	9
Elizabeth Timmins	5	Richard E. Price	Tenor

Composed by Christopher I. Rowson. Conducted by Stuart Armeson.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

COLLINGHAM, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Oswald.
On Sat., June 7, 1969, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. in B flat.

Ronald Crabtree	Treble	Christopher J. Easton	5
*Arnold Cole	2	John J. Durham	6
W. Eric Critchley	3	David Featherstone	7
Robert H. Jordan	4	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed by N. Smith. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal of Rutland Surprise Major

LEEDS, Yorks.—At the Church of St. Francis of Assisi, Holbeck. (R.C.)
On Sat., June 7, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 RUGBY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in G sharp.

Ronald Crabtree	Treble	Graham Jones	5
Iris M. E. Lemare	2	Robert H. Jordan	6
C. Barrie Dove	3	David Featherstone	7
Christopher J. Easton	4	John J. Durham	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
275th peal as conductor for the Association. First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Association.

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Thurs., June 12, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 12 methods, comprising 576 Ashtead, Bristol and Lincolnshire, 384 Cambridge, Clay, Lindum, London, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Uxbridge and Yorkshire, with 132 changes of method.
Tenor 17 cwt 4 lb. in F.

Christopher J. Easton	Treble	Robert A. Beresford	5
Robert H. Jordan	2	John J. Durham	6
Michael G. Dodson	3	Ronald R. Warford	7
David Featherstone	4	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed by N. Smith Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
First peal of 12-spliced by all the band and on the bells.

HORBURY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Leonard.
On Sat., June 14, 1969, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, comprising 1,440 Yorkshire, 1,280 each of Cambridge and Lincolnshire and 1,120 Rutland, with 69 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb. in F sharp.

Michael G. Dodson	Treble	Robert A. Beresford	5
*Linda D. Shaw	2	John J. Durham	6
*David Whitehead	3	C. Barrie Dove	7
Robert H. Jordan	4	David Featherstone	Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. Davies. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major "inside."

BIRSTWITH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. James the Apostle.
On Thurs., June 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In nine methods, comprising 576 Bristol, Ashtead, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, London, Pudsey, Superlative, Rutland and Yorkshire, with 138 changes of method. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G.

Graham Jones	Treble	Robert A. Beresford	5
Chrstopher M. Movley	2	John J. Durham	6
Michael G. Dodson	3	Ronald R. Warford	7
David Featherstone	4	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed by N. Smith. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
First peal of nine-spliced by all the band.

COLLINGHAM, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Oswald.
On Mon., June 23, 1969, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. in B flat.

Ronald Crabtree	Treble	John J. Durham	5
A. Pattie Clapham	2	David Featherstone	6
*Michael G. Dodson	3	Robert A. Beresford	7
*Robert M. Chambers	4	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed by N. Smith. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal of Rutland Surprise Major.

LEEDS, Yorks.—At the Church of St. Francis of Assisi, Holbeck. (R.C.)
On Wed., June 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 17 methods, comprising 384 each of Ashtead, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Uxbridge, and 256 of Bristol and 192 each of Cassiobury, Cray, Cornwall, Glasgow, Jersey, Ospringe and Yorkshire, with 131 changes of method.
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in G sharp.

A. Pattie Clapham	Treble	Robert A. Beresford	5
Philip J. Crossthwaite	2	John J. Durham	6
Michael G. Dodson	3	Ronald R. Warford	7
David Featherstone	4	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed by N. Smith. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
First of 17-spliced by all the band except the ringer of the 2nd.

CAMPSALL, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Sat., June 28, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in A flat.

C. Barrie Dove	Treble	John J. Durham	5
A. Pattie Clapham	2	David Featherstone	6
Graham G. Jones	3	Robert A. Beresford	7
*Michael J. Dodson	4	Christopher M. Movley	Tenor

Composed by S. A. B. Wigg. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal of Pudsey Surprise Major.

WAKEFIELD, Yorkshire.—At the Cathedral Church of All Saints.
On Sun., June 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
42 extents, four callings. Tenor 7 cwt. in C.

*Anne E. C. Whitaker	Treble	†Janet E. Hunt	4
†Helen Williams	2	R. Anne Johnson	5
Gail Cater	3	*Daisy Whitaker	Tenor

Conducted by R. Anne Johnson.
* First peal. † First "inside." First on the six.

LEEDS, Yorks.—At the Church of St. Matthew, Chapel Allerton.
On Tues., June 10, 1969, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being one extent each of York, Durham, London, Wells, Norwich, Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in B flat.

Christopher J. Easton	Treble	David Featherstone	4
Robert H. Jordan	2	John J. Durham	5
C. Barrie Dove	3	Robert A. Beresford	Tenor

Conducted by Christopher J. Easton.
First peal as conductor.

NON-ASSOCIATION.

MORECAMBE, Lancashire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., June 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G.

Paul J. Bagshaw	Treble	*Roger M. Day	5
Rosamund M. Rawlings	2	Paul Coddington	6
*J. Martin Rice	3	Peter N. Mackley	7
†Hugh J. Baker	4	Brian L. Burrows	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Brian L. Burrows.
* First peal of Surprise. † First of Surprise Major.
Rung by seven members of Nottingham University and one of Lancaster University during a joint ringing week-end.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CHELTENHAM, Gloucestershire.—At 48, Willersey Road.
On Mon., June 23, 1969, in 2 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR
In three methods, comprising 2,016 changes each of Plain Bob and Little Bob and 1,008 St. Clement's, with 377 changes of method.
Tenor size 12 in F.

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

Arranged by G. E. Feirn. Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.
* 150th peal. † 100th peal.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WHEATHAMPSTEAD, Hertfordshire.—At 55, Wick Avenue.
On Sun., May 25, 1969, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5144 SPLICED MAXIMUS
In three methods: 320 Burford Little, 216 Gainsborough Little and 4,608 Plain Bob, with 76 changes of method. Tenor size 20 in F.

*Kenneth J. Darvill	1-2	Brian J. Woodruffe	7-8
Julia A. Fellows	3-4	*Roger D. R. Brown	9-10
J. Arthur Hoare	5-6	*Peter T. Dale	11-12

Composed and Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.
* First peal on 12 handbells. First in three Maximus methods by all.

WHEATHAMPSTEAD, Hertfordshire.—At 55, Wick Avenue.
On Fri., May 23, 1969, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5,264 ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Kenneth J. Darvill	1-2	*J. Arthur Hoare	5-6
Brian J. Woodruffe	3-4	*Andrew W. R. Wilby	7-8

Composed and Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.
* First peal of St. Clement's College Bob Major on handbells.

WHEATHAMPSTEAD, Hertfordshire.—At 55, Wick Avenue.
On Mon., May 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 17 in A.

Kenneth J. Darvill	1-2	Brian J. Woodruffe	5-6
Stephen P. Darvill	3-4	J. Arthur Hoare	7-8
Peter T. Dale	9-10		

Composed and Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.
First peal of Little Bob Royal on handbells by all.

NOTICES

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BIRTH

TREBLE.—To Paul and Wendy (nee Bird), of Bristol, on July 1st, 1969, a daughter, Fiona, a sister for Elizabeth. 7597

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

STICKLAND—HAVARD.—The wedding of Rev. Geoffrey Stickland and Miss Ruth Havard will take place at Llandaff Cathedral on Tuesday, July 22nd, 1969, at 11 a.m. Ringing will take place before and after the service. 7617

DEATHS

DOBBIE.—On June 30th, 1969, in the Medway Hospital, Maud Alice Dobbie, aged 61, the dear wife of L. Dobbie, of 30, New Bridge Avenue, Milton Regis, Kent. 7618

HEAZEL. — Robert Charles passed away very suddenly on July 5th, 1969, called to higher service. 7602

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

ASHMORE.—The Ashmores' latest move is 100 yards to 140, Crawley Drive, Grove Hill, Hemel Hempstead, Herts. Visitors always welcome. We hope, this time, to have settled for a while! 7594

CRADDOCK. — The home address of Andrew G. Craddock is now 254, Donvale Road, Donwell Village, Washington, Co. Durham. 7592

SMART.—The address of Peter and Angele is now Rathlin, Hutton Road, Ash Vale, Aldershot (150 yards further from the Swan). Telephone number unchanged: Aldershot 25710. 7593

UNDERWOOD, John A., has now moved from Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk, to 88, Hardwick Road, Wellingborough, Northants. No telephone at present. 7607

PERSONAL

"And unto man he said, Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom: and to depart from evil is understanding."—Job xxviii, 28.

Will Miss Jenny Lees, of St. Andrew's College, Kohimarama, Guadalcanal Island, British Solomon Islands Protectorate, kindly communicate with this office.

Will Miss Linda D. Shaw, of 48, Harehills Lane, Leeds, please contact this office, as her copy of "The Ringing World" has been returned marked "Not at this address".

HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

DORSET.—Near Milton Abbey. B. and B., 20/-. Evening meal, 7/6. Mrs. Dunford, Hambledon Cottage, Hilton, Blandford, Dorset. Homely accommodation in heart of lovely countryside. 7610

FOLKESTONE. — Mrs. H. Savage, Kelvin Guest House, 15, Connaught Road, Folkestone, Kent. B. and B., 22/6. Full board, 9 gns. Separate tables: comfortable lounge; personal service. 'Phone: 52967. 7435

MISCELLANEOUS

FOR SALE.—Bound volumes of "The Ringing World", 1926, 1927, 1928 and 1929, 25/- each. Two 40 ft. bell ropes, good condition, 30/- each.—Apply Box 7600, "The Ringing World" Office, Onslow Street, Guildford. 7600

WILL those members of the Central Council who did not obtain a copy of the Ilkley Guide and details of the headquarters hotel for the 1970 Council meeting please write to Mr. W. F. Moreton, 6, Bar Lane, Wakefield. 7604

ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS', DROXFORD

Rededication of new treble by the Bishop of Portsmouth at Evensong, 6.30 p.m., on Sunday, July 20th. Ringing and refreshments after service. 7591

THAKEHAM, SUSSEX
ST. MARY'S CHURCH
FLOWER FESTIVAL
All ringers welcome.
July 18th, 19th and 21st, 7–9 p.m.
Sunday, July 20th, 10 a.m. and 5.30 p.m.
No Saturday practice on July 26th.
7596

ESSEX ASSOCIATION
N.E. DISTRICT RINGING FESTIVAL
Saturday, July 19th
Gt. Bentley (8) 10.30–11.30 Ardleigh (8)
Thorrington (6) 11.45–12.45 Mistley (6)
St. Osyth (6) 2–2.45 Tendring (6)
Gt. Holland (8) 3–3.30 Thorpe (6)
Kirby-le-Soken (8) 3.30
Service 4.30, followed by meeting.
Tea, names to Mr. U. W. Wildney, The Croft, Edith Road, Kirby-le-Soken.
Sunday, July 20th
KIRBY-LE-SOKEN RINGERS' SUNDAY
Ringing at 7 and 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. for services at 8 a.m. (Holy Communion), 11 a.m. (Matins) and 6.30 p.m. (Evensong) respectively.
Preachers:
11 a.m., Rev. B. Redger.
6.30 p.m., the Bishop of Colchester.
Also open: Great Bentley (8), 2–2.45; Tendring (6), 2.45–3.15; Great Holland (8) 5.15 p.m.
Tea (at F. Lufkin's house) and breakfast free to those who notify Frank B. Lufkin, 108, Salisbury Road, Holland-on-Sea.
Come and join us.
Make a week-end of it.
7564

SKIPTON-IN-CRAVEN, YORKS
FLOWER FESTIVAL
Saturday, July 26th
Ringing:
Saturday: 10–11.15, 3.30–4.30, 6.15–7.30
Sunday: 8.45–9.45, 5.30–6.30
All visitors welcome.
7587

CHRIST CHURCH, SWINDON, WILTS
(Ten bells, tenor 22 cwt 9 lb. in E flat)
FLOWER FESTIVAL
September 12th, 13th and 14th
Applications would be welcome from complete, competent bands to attempt quarter peals (8 and 10 bells only) on Saturday, September 13th, commencing promptly at the following times:—
10.30 a.m 4.15 p.m.
2.30 p.m 6.0 p.m
7.45 p.m.
On application please state choice of three times in order of preference, number of bells and method proposed to ring. Each band will be allowed up to 1½ hours to ring the quarter peal.
Closing date for application August 2nd. Application to Miss W. E. Marriott, 51, Corby Avenue, Swindon, Wilts. 7542

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual Dinner, The New Hackwood Hotel, Widmore Road, Bromley, Kent, September 27th, 6.30 for 7 p.m. Tickets 27/- from District secretaries up to Sept. 13th.—A. P. S. Berry, Hon. Gen. Sec., 7, Queen Street, Folkestone, Kent. 7075

PRACTICE MEETINGS

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South Eastern District.—Practice at Terling, Thursday, July 24th, 7.30 p.m. All welcome.—R. J. Harrison, Dis. Sec. 7560

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Surprise Major practice, Shalford, Thursday, July 24th, 7.45 p.m.: Ealing, Rutland, Lincolnshire. —F. W. Housden 7612

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Surprise practice, Barkway, Tuesday, July 22nd, 7.30–9 p.m.—Mrs. C. A. Agg, Dis. Sec. 7582

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Practice meeting at Happisburgh, Saturday, July 19th. Bells (6) from 6.30 p.m.—N. C., Sec. 7163

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY. — Evening practice meeting, Rushall, near Walsall, Saturday, July 19th. Bells (6) available 7–9 p.m. All welcome. — C. M. S., Gen. Sec. 7611

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Surprise practice meeting, Monday, July 21st, at Holy Trinity (8), Cuckfield, evening, 7.30–9 p.m. Visitors are most welcome. — Ann Evans, Hon. Sec., Southern Division. 7400

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Mayfield, July 26th. Bells 3–4.30 p.m. and 6–8 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea.—Christine Baldock, Div. Sec. 7598

MEETINGS

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Huntingdon District.—Meeting, Houghton, Saturday, July 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. All very welcome. Special methods: Annable's London and Grandsire Doubles.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 7606

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District. — Meeting, July 19th, St. Michael's, St. Albans, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting follow. Names for tea to Mrs. Kirk, 7, Westwick Close, Leverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead (Tel 3090).—R. E. Hardy, Dis. Sec. 7519

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Bishop's Stortford District. — Meeting, Great Hormead (6), Saturday, July 19th, 3 p.m. Tea at the Windmill, Standon, 5.15 p.m., followed by short business meeting. Ringing at Standon (6) in the evening, 6.30–8.30 p.m. Names for tea to K. Westwood, 85, Waytemore Road, Bishop's Stortford. 7583

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District — Quarterly meeting at Queenborough, Saturday, July 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to S. Rayfield, 48, Main Road, Queenborough, Sheppey.—T. Barton. 7579

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Ashford District.—Meeting, Newchurch, Saturday, July 19th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea only for those who notify W. J. Beeching, Hills Farm, Ruckinge, Ashford ('phone: Ham Street 524).—A. P. S. B. 7549

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, "Golden Jubilee of the Bells", Saturday, July 19th. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by further ringing. 7559

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch. — Half-yearly meeting at St. Matthew's (8), Stretford, Saturday, July 19th. Ringing 3–5 p.m. and after meeting. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea to Mr. H. Birchall, 243, Barton Road, Stretford, Manchester, M32 9RB (Tel. 061-865 1027). **No names no tea.**—A. Ward, Branch Sec. 7595

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COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD DINNER
BOOK THIS DATE NOW
Saturday, October 25th, 1969
at Lord Leycester Hotel, Warwick.
Price: Adults 25/-, Juniors 18/-.
Further details and tickets from Miss J. Riley, Wayside, Langley, Stratford-on-Avon, Warwicks. 7629

MISCELLANEOUS

SHENSTONE, STAFFORDSHIRE.—There will be no practice on Thursday, July 24th. 7628

MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew and Frome Branches.—Joint meeting at Winford (6). Saturday, July 19th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Chew Magna (8) available during evening. —E. J. Chivers and D. G Yeo, Branch Secs. 7634

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Combined Mid- and South West Branches meeting at Berry Pomeroy on Saturday July 19th. Bells (8) 2-4 p.m. Service 4.15, followed by tea. Evening ringing, Totnes (8), 6.30-8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Brian Tuckett, Orley Road, Ipplepen, Newton Abbot. Phone: Ipplepen 688. 7627

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting, Holy Trinity, Horwich, on July 19th. Bells (8) 2.45-8.30 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m. All welcome. — R K. Lister, Branch Sec. 7637

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch. — Evening meeting, Heydour, near Grantham, Saturday, July 19th Ringing commencing at 6 p.m. Special method: Yorkshire. All welcome.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 7571

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. —N. and E. District.—Meeting, Pinner, Saturday, July 19th. Ringing from 4-5 p.m., followed by tea. Service 6. Also evening ringing. Ruislip bells available 2.30-3.30 p.m. — E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 7553

NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS.—South Western District.—Annual meeting July 19th. Arrangements: West Coker (8), 2-2.45 p.m.: East Coker (8), 3-4 p.m.: Hardington Mandeville, 4.15-5 p.m. Tea and meeting in Village Hall. Yeovil (10), 6.15-7.30 p.m.; Sherbourne (8), 7.45 p.m. Names for tea to G. Davis, Police Station, Cannington, Bridgwater. Tel.: Combwich 402. 7614

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chiltern Branch.—Monthly practice, July 19th, Stoke Mandeville, 6.30-8 p.m. All welcome.—A. J. White. 7633

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Calne Branch.—Joint meeting of Calne/Marlborough Branches, Broad Hinton, July 19th. Ringing 3.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. Gray, 162, Broad Hinton, Swindon, Wilts. 7599

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District. — Meeting, Ossington, Saturday, July 19th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. J. T. 7616

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Southern Division) and LADIES' GUILD. — Joint meeting, Saturday, July 19th. Bells: Twineham (5) 3 p.m. Tea, Henfield, 5, followed by Ladies' Guild business meeting. Evensong 6.30. Ringing, Henfield (8), till 8.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss Ann Evans (Div. Sec.), 17, Hollingbury Place, Brighton, Sussex, BN1 7GE. 7198

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District. — Advanced practice, Guildford Cathedral, Monday, July 21st, 7.30-9 p.m.—S. J. Tate-Mitchell, Dis. Sec. 7566

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Charlton Mackrell, July 26th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—L. McCreadie, Level Lane, Charlton Horethorne, Sherborne, Dorset. 7609

EXPO BELFRY

SALTBURN, 21-27 JULY

RINGING DAILY, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.: Sunday, noon to 7.30 p.m.

Other Towers, Monday to Friday.
Guisborough (6), 1.30-2.30.
Marske (6), 2.45-3.45.
Saltburn (8), 4.0 - 5.0.
Skelton (8), 6.30-7.30

Saturday, 26th:
Skelton, 10.30-11.30.
Marske, 10.30-11.30.
3.15-4.15.
Saltburn, 2.0 - 3.0.
Guisborough, 3.0 - 4.0.

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BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Quarterly meeting on July 26th, Locking (6), 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business.—M. Legg. 7632

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Quarterly meeting at Totternhoe, on Saturday, July 26th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea and business 4.30. Service 6 p.m. Names to Mr. J. Scott, Old Farm Inn, Totternhoe, Beds. 7608

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Acton. July 26th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea **essential** by July 23rd. — W. Kerr, 107, Moreton Road, Crewe. 7620

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—N. and N.W. Branch. — Summer meeting at Bridgerule, July 26th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow. Visitors welcome. Names for tea to R. Pearce, Buttsbeer Cross, Bridgerule, Holsworthy, by Monday, July 21st. 7621

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. —Meeting, Thrybergh (6), Saturday, July 26th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. Brunt, The Channing, Doncaster Road, Thrybergh, by 23rd. 7619

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Wisbech Branch.—Meeting at March, July 26th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Everyone welcome.—D. A. Feek, Dis. Sec. 7569

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — N.W. District.—Meeting will be held at Thaxted on Saturday, July 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting and further ringing. Surprise practice in the evening if possible. — G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow. 7584

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District. — Quarterly meeting, Chiddingfold, July 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea, please, to J. H. Payton, 26, Turner's Mead, Chiddingfold, by Tuesday, 22nd. 7568

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—Quarterly meeting, Clodock (6), July 26th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea at Crown, Longtown, 5.15. Ringing at Ewyas Harold (6) 6.30 p.m. Names for tea by 22nd, please.—Mrs. Pannell, 12, The Cloisters, Hereford. 7622

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District. — Quarterly meeting, Saturday, July 26th, Eynsford. Ringing 3 p.m Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss M. R. Andrews, 43, Wansunt Road, Bexley, by Wednesday, 23rd. 7631

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting on Saturday, July 26th. Bells at Leathley (4) available 2.45-3.45 p.m. and Otley (8) 3.30 p.m. onwards. Cups of tea provided at Otley at 5 p.m.—please bring your own food. —R. Cater, Hon. Sec. 7601

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Meeting, Brooke, Saturday, July 26th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., only for those who send names to C. F. W Phillippo, 1, Council Houses, Bunwell, Norwich, NOR 01X, by Wednesday, July 23rd. 7625

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Meeting at Wooburn, July 26th. Bells 3.30 Tea 5. Names for tea, please, by 23rd.—J. Muller, 14, Southwood Road, Cookham, Berks. 7624

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Mansfield District.—Meeting, Hucknall, July 26th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. Bramley, No. 1, Church Drive, Hucknall, by Friday, July 25th. 7623

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Central District. — Quarterly meeting, Wilby (8), Saturday, July 26th. Bells 3-9 p.m. Choral Evensong 4.30 p.m. Picnic tea. 7615

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting, St. Peter's, Titchfield, July 26th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. in the Parish Hall, followed by the business meeting. Evening ringing till 9. Names for tea to Mr. W. Cope, 78, Kiln Road, Fareham, by **previous Wednesday, please.** 7586

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Evening meeting, Queniborough, on Monday, July 28th. Ringing from 6.30 to 9 p.m. with a business meeting at 8 p.m. All ringers welcome. 7561

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—District practice, All Saints', Catherington, on Friday, August 1st, 7.30-9 p.m. Methods: Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor. 7635

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—A.G.M., August 2nd, Ringing, Banbury (10), 2.30 p.m. Service 3.45. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to C. F. Herbert, 2, Beesley Road, Banbury, by July 30th. 7603

OBITUARY

CHARLES EDWIN STINTON, J.P.

The death occurred on June 26th, at age 70, of Mr. Charles Edwin Stinton, J.P., of Wollaston, Stourbridge. He had been a ringer at St. James' Church, Wollaston, for many years and was also tower secretary.

The funeral was at Wollaston on June 30th and the bells were rung half-muffled before and after the service. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the grave by C. Brown 1-2, F. Handley 3-4, J. C. Skidmore 5-6 and B. C. Ashford 7-8.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. F. B. Honey, assisted by the Rev. R. Veale, and tribute was paid regarding the great amount of public work in which Mr. Stinton had been engaged.

The Stourbridge Bench, the Justices' Clerk, the Police and many other bodies were represented in the church.

DATE TOUCH

MEYSEY-HAMPTON, GLOS.—On June 22nd, 1,969 Grandsire Doubles: Alice Pearson 1, Eileen Godwin 2, R. G. Pearson 3, P. A. Bartlett 4, W. A. Godwin (cond.) 5, H. Falkner 6. For the service commemorating the 700th anniversary of the dedication of the church.

ALDERMASTON, BERKS.—On June 25th, 1,260 Spliced Plain Bob and Little Bob Minor: D. Livingston 1, P. Corderoy 2, M. S. Holbrook 3, J. J. Hill 4, D. Wilcox 5, W. Butler (cond.) 6. First of spliced for 1, 2, 3 and 4.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX. — On June 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Rowena Morris (first quarter) 1, Jean Pike 2, Wendy Henderson 3, P. Morris 4, Diana M. Gough (cond.) 5, D. Hood (first behind) 6. For the coming-of-age of the ringer of the third.

ALTON, HANTS.—On May 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jane Sims 1, Catherine M. Law (first Triples as cond.) 2, R. Reed (first Triples "inside") 3, Mrs. M. Chennell-White 4, Ann Biddlecombe 5, R. J. Corke 6, C. Chennell-White 7, A. Bone 8. Rung for Rogation Sunday Evensong

ANDOVER, HANTS.—On June 14th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: Philippa Tubbs 1, Lynette M. Holbrook 2, R. Wimlett 3, J. A. Dodd 4, H. E. J. Smith (cond.) 5.

BARKING, ESSEX.—On June 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. J. Holgate 1, A. W. Beard 2, Joan M. Peacock 3, J. W. Stephenson 4, C. C. M. Pain 5, C. E. Wright 6, F. V. Gant (cond.) 7, C. Tarry 8. A compliment to Norma Anne Holgate and Robert Clarke, both members of the St. Margaret's Society of Barking, on the occasion of their wedding (June 14th).

BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.—At All Saints' Church, on June 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. J. Marlow 1, W. Hibbert 2, J. J. Hill 3, Lynette M. Holbrook 4, J. Weaver 5, R. Crocker 6, H. E. J. Smith (first Stedman as cond.) 7, D. Hidden 8. First Stedman 1, 4 and 6.

BRAMFORD, SUFFOLK. — On June 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): K. Dakin 1, M. H. Whittell 2, A. R. Walters 3, R. L. K. Whittell 4, R. J. Southgate 5, B. R. C. Crouch 6. Conducted by 2, 3, 4 and 5. For Evensong.

BRANSCOMBE, DEVON.—On June 23rd, 1,296 Pl. Bob Minor: J. L. Anderson 1, G. H. Baldam 2, D. J. Atkins 3, K. A. Hughes 4, M. S. Turner 5, J. N. Longridge (comp. and cond.) 6. Also on same day, 1,308 Grandsire Minor: J. N. Longridge 1, Linda V. Cull 2, M. S. Turner 3, D. J. Atkins 4, K. A. Hughes 5, G. H. Baldwin 6. By Exeter Colleges Guild.

BREDBURY, CHESHIRE. — On June 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. I. Bamforth 1, S. Hammond 2, Sylvia Smith 3, B. S. B. Kear 4, R. F. Andrew 5, M. Foulds (first as cond.) 6.

BROMSBERROW, GLOS. — On June 19th, 1,272 Kent T.B. Minor. Barbara Luckes 1, Geraldine Mitchell 2, B. Spiers 3, E. D. Wilson 4, D. Price (cond.) 5, K. Tyler 6. First Kent for 1, 2, 4, 6. A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. B. Spiers.

CHAWTON, HANTS. — On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. M. Chennell-White 1, A. Kersey 2, Catherine M. Law (cond.) 3, R. Reed 4, C. Chennell-White 5, M. Larkham (first quarter) 6.

CHIDDINGLY, SUSSEX. — On June 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. M. Thorpe 1, Mrs. G. S. M. L. Macadam 2, J. Baker 3, A. Turner (cond.) 4, W. Ledward 5, D. Thorpe 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Richard Kennard.

CHIPPENHAM, WILTS. — On June 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Frost (first on eight) 1, Miss F. Benford (first "inside") 2, I. Carey 3, A. J. Cox 4, D. Carey 5, R. A. Wright 6, M. E. Stracey (first of Triples as cond.) 7, Rev. P. Wooster 8. Rung in connection with the Chippenham "At Home" Week.

CLEATOR MOOR, CUMBERLAND. — On June 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Eilbeck 1, Miss V. Bell 2, F. Richardson 3, W. Seward 4, G. Temby (cond.) 5. A midsummer quarter peal.

CLENCHWARTON, NORFOLK.—On June 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Skerritt (first quarter) 1, Janice Spiller 2, W. H. Spiller 3, E. H. Mastin (cond.) 4, R. Harrop (first Doubles) 5. For the christening of the son of the 3rd, brother of the 2nd and godson of the 1st. Also on June 23rd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. W. H. Spiller 1, Janice Spiller 2, Michael Paul (first Doubles) 3, R. Harrop 4, W. H. Spiller (cond.) 5. For the Marshland Deanery Service.

QUARTER PEALS

CRESWELL, DERBYS.—On June 25th, 1,440 Pl. Bob Minor: M. Buckman (first attempt 1, L. Barlow 2 Marjorie Phipps 3, M. Phipps (cond.) 4, P. Rose 5, D. Hird 6. A birthday compliment to 3rd ringer.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—At the Church of St. Mary, on June 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Fisher 1, D. Hacker 2, Pamela Osborne (cond.) 3, B. Osborne 4, G. Beaven 5, P. Barrett 6. Rung after the wedding of Mr. Derrick Bailey and Miss Janet Pink, both ringers at this church.

DINTING VALE, DERBYS.—On June 26th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Sylvia Smith 1, J. Broadbent (first quarter) 2, Susan Brocklehurst (first Minor) 3, M. Foulds 4, R. F. Andrew 5, S. I. Bamforth (first as cond.) 6.

EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX. — On June 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: J. D. Weaver (first quarter) 1, Mrs. E. M. Hicks 2, Mrs. V. Howard 3, F. H. Hicks 4, M. P. Howard 5, L. Smith 6, R. Osbon (cond.) 7, J. A. Howard 8. For Evensong.

ELFORD, STAFFS.—On June 15th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: A. A. Parsons 1, Sheila Parsons 2, R. G. Howell 3, K. G. Parker 4, A. Howell 5, N. W. Attaway (cond.) 6. For flower festival, and a birthday compliment to A. E. Cooper.

FONTMELL MAGNA, DORSET.—On June 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. L. Mears 1, Miss E. Gill 2, E. C. Chant 3, R. H. J. Mears 4, A. E. Woods (cond.) 5, R. J. Mears 6. A wedding compliment to June Rose Woolridge and Terrence John Twine.

GORTON, LANCS.—On June 24th, 1,280 Pl. Bob Major: R. M. Edwards 1, Sylvia Smith 2, Susan Brocklehurst (first "inside") 3, P. Broadbent 4, S. I. Bamforth 5, R. F. Andrew 6, B. S. B. Kear (first Major as cond.) 7, M. Foulds 8.

GREAT GIDDING, HUNTS.—On June 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Anne Smith 1, J. Cooper 2, G. Davis 3, R. W. Yeomans 4, F. E. Sismey (cond.) 5. For Evensong.

HARESFIELD, GLOS. — On June 21st, 1,260 Doubles: Miss J. Page 1, Miss S. Perry 2, Miss J. Pillinger (first as cond.) 3, R. J. Page 4, M. N. Amphlett 5, P. Screen 6. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

HARROLD, BEDS.—On May 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): Mary J. Smith (first attempt) 1, Martyn J. Marriott 2, Charlotte M. Harris 3, R. L. Piron 4, A. J. Collings (cond.) 5, G. G. Smith 6.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX. — On June 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss J. Peacock 1, S. Penfold 2, J. Stephenson (cond.) 3, G. Richardson 4, J. Fowler 5, Dr. C. Wright 6, P. Sippitt (first Stedman) 7, F. Gant 8. For Matins, and with best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Newman on the occasion of their 48th wedding anniversary. Also on June 11th, 1,260 Bob Triples: S. Penfold 1, Miss J. Peacock 2, G. Richardson 3, R. Newman 4, J. Fowler 5, C. Pain 6, F. Gant (cond.) 7, J. Stephenson 8. For Confirmation.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX. — On June 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Kirkcaldy 1, Maureen E. Kirkcaldy 2, H. W. Brown 3, S. W. Brown 4, J. Kirkcaldy 5, P. D. Hepburn (first cond. Triples) 6, J. R. Norris 7, R. Kirkcaldy 8. First Triples 1, 2, 8. For Evensong.

LANGPORT, SOM.—On June 24th, 1,320 Bluebell Doubles: Mrs. C. Gratton 1, Mrs. L. Parker 2, J. Cornelius (cond.) 3, C. Gratton 4, R. Parker 5, Mrs. D. Crocker 6. A birthday compliment to R. F. Arscott.

LLANDAFF, GLAM. — On June 22nd, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Judith Ashcroft 1, Anne Cooke 2, Felicity Cooke 3, F. Corney 4, S. Fenwick (cond.) 5, J. Janes 6. For Evensong. Also on June 29th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Anne Cooke 1, Felicity Cooke 2, Judith Ashcroft 3, F. Corney 4, D. G. Clift 5, S. Fenwick (cond.) 6. For the National Festival.

LYDD, KENT.—On June 27th, 1,440 Oxford Bob Minor: Miss M. Vantom 1, Mrs. V. Ring 2, R. C. Offen 3, E. J. Clifton 4, W. W. Ring (cond.) 5, M. W. Marshall 6.

MARKSBURY, SOM. — On June 24th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): H. J. Coombs 1, P. Blacker 2, R. Perry 3, S. Bateman (50th quarter) 4, A. J. Coombs (cond.) 5, N. J. Osmond 6. Rung for St. John-the-Baptist's Day. Also on June 29th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Susan Willis 1, P. Blacker 2, A. J. Coombs (cond.) 3, S. Bateman 4, R. Perry 5, N. J. Osmond 6. For Patronal Festival, also a birthday compliment to Mrs. R. M. Coombs.

MARSTON, OXFORD. — On June 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. H. Jones 1, L. R. Porter 2, H. Page 3, M. Bolton (cond.) 4, A. Gammon 5. Rung as a welcome to the Manchester Unity Friendly Society, and as a wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. M. Pengelly.

ORDSALL, NOTTS. — On June 15th, 1,272 T.B. Minor (Oxford, Kent): Janet Bloomfield 1, W. K. Brett 2, R. W. Bloomfield 3, S. W. Knights 4, P. Rogers (cond.) 5, J. W. Hurst 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Sir Stuart C. Goodwin, vice-president of the Southwell Diocesan Guild.

ORTON, WESTMORLAND.—On June 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. Tembey 1, A. Capstick 2, R. Wetenhall 3, R. Grisdale 4, H. Byrom 5, K. Price 6, T. Lock (cond.) 7, B. Street 8. A compliment to H. Byrom on the birth of his grand-daughter, and to B. Street on the birth of his daughter.

PETERSFIELD, HANTS. — On June 20th, 1,260 Doubles (eight meth./var.): Sally Stacey 1, Carol Stacey 2, R. Tipper 3, A. Reeves 4, B. Walton (cond.) 5, A. Betsworth 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Bishop Robin, Assistant Bishop of Portsmouth. Also on June 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Carol Stacey 1, R. Tipper 2, A. Reeves 3, D. Hughes 4, D. Hatherly 5, K. Tipper 6, B. Walton (cond.) 7, A. Betsworth 8. For Confirmation service.

PULHAM ST. MARY, NORFOLK.—On May 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. G. Harrison 1, T. G. Boast 2, C. Catchpole 4, D. G. Boast 5, A. H. Roberts 6, H. B. Fuller (cond.) 7, A. C. W. Roope 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Ursula Joan Huggins, wife of the Rector, whose funeral took place this day.

RANDWICK, GLOS.—On June 22nd, 1,260 Minor: M. Simpson 1, Miss J. Pillinger 2, P. Screen 3, J. Taylor (first Minor) 4, D. Tomlins 5, M. N. Amphlett (cond.) 6. For Patronal Festival and christening of Stedman Charles Nicholas.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS. — On June 29th, 1,312 Double Norwich C.B. Major: Marie Hatswell 1, Patricia Lockwood 2, I. North (cond.) 3, R. Harper 4, A. Clifton 5, S. Armeson 6, D. Nichols 7, N. Donovan 8.

RUSHDEN, NORTHANTS.—On June 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Hodgekin 1, S. Hodgekins 2, B. Dixon 3, G. Muncey 4, R. Whitworth 5, R. Coley (cond.) 6, L. Hall and David Mason drumming. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to Father W. C. Knight, Rector of Bozeat and president of the Wellingborough Branch of Bellringers for 17 years, 1952–1969.

SIDCUP, KENT.—On June 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Sims (first Minor) 1, Carol Rogers 2, Jane Reynolds 3, M. Hansford 4, P. Butler 5, T. Lewis (cond.) 6. With best wishes of the band to Barry Maloney and Margaret Esler (Sidcup ringers) on their engagement.

SOMERLEYTON, SUFFOLK.—On June 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. F. Taylor 1, N. P. J. Cossey 2, T. J. Brock 3, J. B. Pickup 4, M. J. Parker 5, W. S. Girling (cond.) 6.

STANBRIDGE, BEDS. — On June 27th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): W. Sear 1, June Sinfield 2, Marion Addy 3, P. Aslett 4, J. W. Sinfield (cond.) 5. For the flower festival.

TAUNTON, SOM.—At St. George's, Wilton, on June 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Marian J. Beale 1, D. F. Sheldon 2, Brenda M. Bindon 3, A. F. Arscott 4, R. F. Arscott 5, A. H. Reed 6, W. Perrins (cond.) 7, M. R. Arscott 8. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the fifth.

TENDRING, ESSEX.—On June 25th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. Dowden 1, Heather Alford 2, Ann Dowden (first Surprise) 3, Catherine Bew 4, R. Isgrove 5, M. J. Bew (cond.) 6. Rung by Essex University Society.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX. — On June 22nd, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Linda West (first on ten) 1, Susan F. Thomas 2, June Whitcher 3, D. E. Cobb 4, G. H. Walker 5, D. J. Hawkins 6, R. J. Chapman (cond.) 7, M. C. Austin 8, J. E. Murfitt 9, M. Cook 10. For Matins.

WEST HAM, E.—On June 22nd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: E. J. Adams 1, A. S. Bishop 2, Deborah Bishop 3, Gwendoline G. Meyer 4, C. J. N. Dalton 5, R. L. Jones 6, K. J. Rider 7, L. C. Way 8, C. M. Meyer (cond.) 9, A. J. Taylor 10. For evening Eucharist.

WINGERWORTH, DERBYS.—On May 31st, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): D. Hird 1, Marjorie Phipps 2, A. Queen 3, P. Rose 4, M. Phipps (cond.) 5. Rung for annual open day, and a birthday compliment to ringer of 1.

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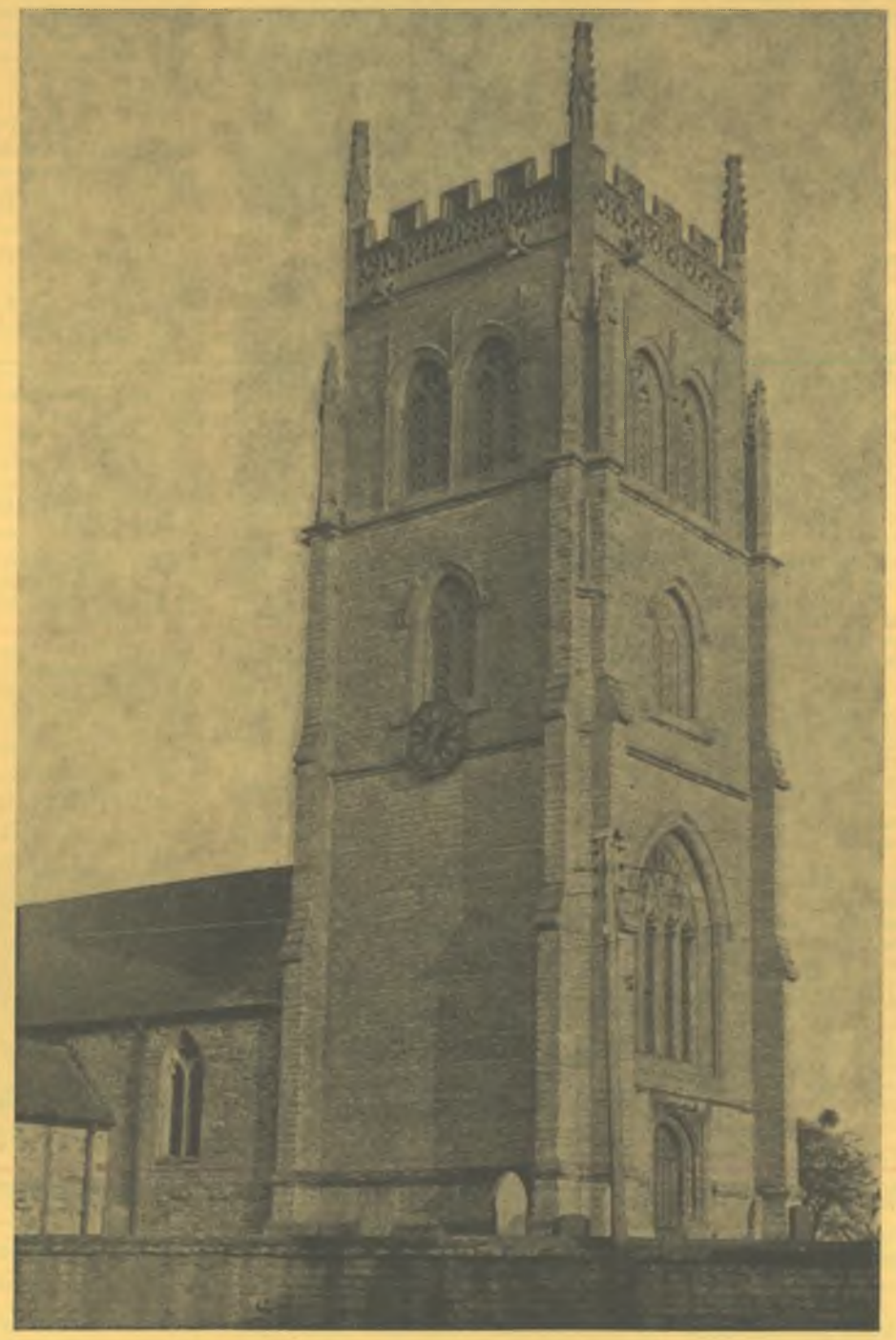

St. Bartholomew's Church, Lyng, Somerset

OUR COVER PICTURE

St. Bartholomew's Church, Lyng, Somerset

By GORDON H. BALDAM

THIS church constitutes the finest and most fitting memorial in Somerset to King Alfred the Great. It is situated eight miles east of Taunton on the edge of the Somerset Moors. When the parish was formed in 937 it was given the name Relengen, but at the time of William the Conqueror the name was shortened to Lenge. Two hundred years ago the village was known as Ling, and now it is spelt Lyng.

King Alfred was defeated by the Danes in 877 and took refuge during the winter on the Isle of Athelney, which is in the parish of Lyng. During this period of hiding he sent messages to the people of Somerset to prepare for the spring, when he emerged from his retreat and defeated the Danes. By the Treaty of Wedmore (878) Guthrum, the Danish king, and his leading chieftains accepted Christian baptism and Alfred's kingdom of Wessex was secured. In gratitude for his deliverance Alfred founded Athelney Abbey, and it was the monks of this abbey who later built Lyng Church. Alfred died on October 26th, 899. The Abbey was dissolved by King Henry VIII on February 8th, 1539, and the site is marked by a stone pillar known as Alfred's Memorial.

Architecturally the church is between the Decorated and Perpendicular periods (1360-1400), but it has been suggested that the windows are simply 14th century insertions in old walls. The chancel and nave are the oldest parts of the building. The tower is tall (60 feet) and light and the gargoyles on it are singularly fine. It has double windows on three sides but only a single window on the south side where the staircase is situated. The ancient clock has stone weights.

The north window of the chancel is a fitting memorial to the Rev. A. H. A. Smith, who raised the money for the restoration of the church but died in 1903 before the work was done. It depicts King Alfred wearing his famous jewel in his crown, St. Bartholomew, and above St. George slaying the dragon. Alfred's jewel was found at Newton Park in 1693 and is now in the Ashmolean Museum at Oxford. It is about 2½ inches long and ½ inch thick and weighs 1⅝ ounces. The setting of a sloping edge and flat back is of pure gold; the former carries in bold letters the words: "Aelfred Mec Heht Gewyrcan" (i.e., Alfred ordered me to be made). A replica of the jewel was given to this church by the late Mr. L. H. Hayter in June, 1947.

The 16th century bench-ends are remarkably fine and depict several curious designs. They were probably carved by the monks of Athelney. The front two are said to be the narrowest in the country. The Norman tub font is probably 12th century. Pictures of Moses and Aaron are hung on the walls of the tower: the latter is robed as described in Exodus 28.

THE BELLS

According to "The History of Somerset", by Collinson (1791), Lyng Church not only had a ring of five bells but also had taken possession of the three bells from the disused church, now in ruins, on nearby Burrow Mump. One of these was loaned to Middlezoy to be the treble of that ring of six and, to quote Collinson, "the churchwardens of that parish having given a bond to the officers of Ling to return or produce it when required". The whereabouts of the other two, dated 1607 and 1625, is not known, but they were stored in the clock chamber and not hung for ringing.

In 1905 the present bell frame was installed by T. Doble, of Taunton. It consists of oak timbers top and bottom, joined by cast iron verticals and was designed for six bells. The five bells were rehung on ball-bearings in 1954, but at that time the parish could not consider having the tenor (which was cracked across the crown) recast because of lack of funds. However, fund-raising was started at the end of 1966 and as a result the five bells were taken to the Whitechapel Bell Foundry during Easter Week this year. It is expected that the following six bells will be hung in the tower at the beginning of August.

Treble.—Whitechapel, 1969: "God be praised".

Second.—Whitechapel, 1969: "Lyng Bell-ringers' Joint Effort".

Third.—T. Roskelly, 1678: "Anno Domini T.B. M.R. C.W. T.R. Recast by Llewellin & James, Bristol 1881. H. Codrington Vicar. B. Cousins Churchwarden".

Fourth.—Thos. Wroth, 1721: "Mr. Richard Dibble, Mr. John Brewer Churchwardens".

Fifth.—Thos. Wroth, 1725: "Mr. Lawrence Brome Vicar. Mr. James Standard, Mr. John Meade, the Churchwardens".

Tenor.—George Purdue, 1612: "Drawe neare to God. Recast by Whitechapel 1969".

The original treble bell, which was too flat to be included in the new ring, was cast by George Purdue, of Taunton, in 1609. It is to be kept in the church and will probably be used as a sanctus bell. The weights are not yet known, but the old tenor weighed 15 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. The new ring of six will be mounted on cast iron headstocks as a result of the generosity of the Barron Bell Trust. They will be dedicated on Saturday, August 23rd, the day before the patronal festival.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Seven towers were represented at the quarterly meeting of the West Dorset Branch held at Powerstock on June 21st. Ringing, which included Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Kent T.B., was supervised by Mr. D. Bishop, the Ringing Msater. The Vicar (Rev. M. J. Shiner) conducted the service and in the course of his address welcomed the Branch. An excellent tea was provided by the ladies of local ringers.

Mr. C. W. Powell presided at the business meeting, during which the Dorset Ringers' Festival striking competition was discussed. Teams wishing to enter must let the secretary know by July 31st.

Forthcoming events are: next quarterly, Whitchurch Canonicorum, September 20th; monthly practices, Corscombe, August 13th; Hawkchurch, October 8th. It is hoped to arrange a joint practice with the Dorchester Branch at Litton Cheney in September.

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CHIPPING NORTON RINGING FESTIVAL

The Chipping Norton Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild are to be honoured by having the Bishop of Dorchester to preach at their autumn meeting. At the A.G.M. held on May 31st it was decided to make this the occasion of an area ringing festival, an advance notice of which has appeared in our columns. There are 14 towers in the Branch and the provisional schedule of ringing times should make it easy for a tower collector to ring at all of them, while those who prefer quality to quantity should be able to provide themselves with a feast of good ringing. Non-ringing friends and relations are very welcome and all who attend are certain of some very pleasant English countryside.

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MR. ALFRED BALLARD'S 1000 PEALS

AS we see a gathering momentum in the number of ringers who are completing their 1,000th peal in a comparatively short time, one cannot be insensible to those who have reached the goal over a longer period of time and are to be considered truly servants of the Exercise. Such a person is Alfred Ballard, of Hinckley, Leicestershire, who has completed his 1,000th peal over a period of 40 years, and during this time there has been a sustained effort to keep alive the Exercise and service to his church.

He was born in Stoney Stanton, Leics, on December 14th, 1908, and was taught to handle a bell in 1925 by the Rector, the late Rev. R. P. Farrow. His first peal followed two years later on March 19th, 1927 —a peal of Doubles in three methods, conducted by Ernest Morris The opportunity for peal ringing was still very small, but Alf, keen to improve his standards and to satisfy his enthusiastm for the art, went out and about to find the ringing. One of his pleasures was to meet Redvers F. Elkington, of Anstey, the teacher of so many young ringers, who arranged a number of peals for him and also introduced him to Frederick H. Dexter and Harold J. Poole, both of Leicester Cathedral. The peal total now began to grow, Harold J. Poole started an interest in handbell ringing and soon followed his first handbell peal, Stedman Caters.

A halt was called to his activities due to the war, but at the cessation of hostilities Alf returned to "Civvy Street" and to his ringing. He was once more pedalling the 15 miles to The Wayside to continue where he had left off and was soon to achieve the distinction of ringing in the first peal of Cambridge Maximus on handbells. It is in this "tower" that he has completed 156 of his 1,000 peals. As can be seen from the list of his peals they have been most varied and although he only conducted a small number of them he is most competent in this field.

During all of his ringing career, however, he has concerned himself with the teaching of many ringers and has travelled miles in their interest. At his own tower he continues to struggle to maintain a local band and in the Diocesan Guild he was District Ringing Master for a number of years and was one of the Guild's representatives on the Central Council (1945–1953).

Alfred Ballard is yet another ringer to pass his 1,000th peal, which was Stedman Cinques rung at The Wayside and conducted by Peter Staniforth. We congratulate him and thank him for his services given, besides the honour that he has obtained, and we hope that he will be able to spend many more years in enjoying the pleasure of being in the company of ringers and ringing. His list is as follows:

TOWER BELLS

Doubles. — Grandsire 6 (conducted 2), Stedman 1, 2-4 methods 8. Total 15 (2).

Minor.—Plain Bob 15 (4), Treble Bob 6, 2-14 methods 8, Cambridge 3, London 2. Total 34 (4).

Mr. Alfred Ballard

Triples.—Plain Bob 1, Grandsire 43 (16), Stedman 102 (11). Total 146 (27).

Royal. — Plain Bob 2, Treble Bob 2, Cambridge 15, Yorkshire 17 (1), Albanian 3, Aldenham 2, New Cambridge 2, Bedford 2, Dorchester 2, Tamworth 3, one each of Melton, Lindsey, Rochester, Prittlewell, Southover, London, Leicester. Total 57 (1).

Caters.—Grandsire 1, Stedman 12. Total 13.

Major. — Plain Bob 28, Little Bob 2, Double Norwich 18, Canterbury Pleasure 1, Little C.B. 2, Shilton 1, Kent T.B. 8 (2), Oxford T.B. 3, Kent and Oxford 4, Cambridge 54 (3), Bristol 45, Superlative 12 (1), London 46 (1), Yorkshire 30, Rutland 4, Lincolnshire 5, New Cambridge 2 (1), Dublin 4, Pudsey 5, Rochester 2, Belgrave 3, Aldenham 2, one each of Stanton, Bedford, Leicestershire, Premier, Bushey, Helmingham, York, Bedfordshire, Warwickshire, Chilton, Lutterworth, Spliced (3-5) 5. Total 297 (9).

Cinques.—Stedman 11.

Maximus.—Plain Bob 1, Oxford T.B. 1, Cambridge 8, Yorkshire 12, New Cambridge 2, Superlative 1, Pudsey 1, Albanian 1, Spliced (2 methods) 1. Total 28.

HANDBELLS

Doubles. — Grandsire 1 (1), Stedman 5 (4), 2-9 methods 10 (7). Total 16.

Minor.—Plain Bob 14 (4), Kent T.B. 7 (3), Oxford 3 (1), 2-4 methods 4 (2), Cambridge 5 (1), York 1, Durham 1. Total 35.

Triples.—Grandsire 42 (20), Stedman 24 (5). Total 66.

Caters.—Grandsire 2, Stedman 50. Total 52.

Royal.—Plain Bob 11, Spliced Plain 1, Kent T.B. 13, Cambridge (including 10,440) 22, Yorkshire 3, Albanian 1, York 1, New Cambridge 1, New Durham 1, Lindsey 1, Spliced (2) 1. Total 56.

Cinques. — Grandsire 1, Stedman 37. Total 38.

Major.—Plain Bob 35 (11), Spliced Plain (3 methods) 1, Double Norwich 3, Kent T.B. 20, Oxford T.B. 3, Cambridge 28 (1), Yorkshire 9, Superlative 3, New Cambridge 2, London 2, York 2, one each of Bristol, New Durham, Lincolnshire, Aldenham, Rutland, Ullesthorpe, Fordham, Quornden. Spliced: 3 methods 1, 4 methods 2, 9 methods 1, 12 methods 1. Total 121.

Maximus. — Plain Bob 2, Kent T.B. 4, Spliced Plain (3 methods) 1, Cambridge 2, Yorkshire 1, New Cambridge 1, New Durham 1, York 1. Total 13.

Stedman Sextuples 1.
Kent T.B. Fourteen 1.

Grand total:	Tower	601	(43)
	Handbell	399	(60)
		1,000	103

BATH & WELLS ASSOCIATION

The quarterly meeting of the Chew Deanery Branch was held at Portishead on June 21st, when ringing preceded the Association form of service.

At the meeting, which followed an excellent tea, ably arranged by Mrs. "Hon. Gen. Sec." and Mrs. "Branch Sec.", it was agreed that, subject to permission being forthcoming, the next quarterly should be at Chew Magna in September, with a practice meeting at Ubley, possibly with Compton Martin, in August. The July meeting will be a joint one with the Frome Branch at Winford.

One new non-resident member and three others from Clapton-in-Gordano were elected and the secretary read Mr. Brain's report, which stated that since the last meeting three peals and six quarters had been rung.

As the Association had rejected the suggestion of a striking competition at Association level, it was agreed to try to arrange another "play-off" between Bath, Frome and Chew Branches and, if the others agreed, that other Branches should be invited to participate.

A sincere "Thank you" was accorded to John Gilbert for the excellent Association report he had produced. This led to a discussion on the relative merits of continuing to hold the annual meeting of the Association on a summer Saturday in future or of reverting to Easter Monday. The meeting was strongly in favour of Easter Monday for 1971 and this view will be passed to the general committee.

In closing, the meeting deplored the arranging of a peal in the Branch in which Branch members were participating on meeting day; and finally, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to all who had contributed to a very pleasant gathering.

M. J. H.

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Ladies' Guild Have a Year to Consider Future

MANCHESTER — visions of grey skies and damp atmosphere, if not actual rain: but with the prospect of nine towers available who was going to be put off by a weather forecast? Anyway we all know that we always get good weather for our annual general meeting. Much more disquieting were the apologies for absence which began to arrive the week before: Mrs. Staniforth and Rosemary, who never miss an A.G.M.: Mrs. King, whose husband was in hospital (good wishes from us all, David, for a speedy recovery); Mrs. de Jong, enjoying herself in New Zealand; and so the list grew.

British Rail did their best to make the list even longer, for the Sussex representative was delayed by having to change trains because the first one was showered with pellets, and the president was one-and-a-half hours late because the train from Bristol broke down. Fortunately both these members were travelling on Friday, but the Editor of "The Ringing World" was not so fortunate in that his train from London was one-and-a-half hours late arriving in Manchester due to a derailment, and he missed the business meeting altogether.

Miss C. Andrew had made admirable arrangements for this meeting and the committee met in the morning in the Cathedral Refectory. The service in the Cathedral was conducted by the Archdeacon (Ven. S. H. Price), who gave the members a warm welcome. The business meeting, also held in the Refectory, was delayed for ten minutes while the search party went out for the Editor; then, with "supporters" posted round the Cathedral to look out for him, we settled down to discuss the resolution submitted last year by the Midland District.

Under the very able chairmanship of the president, Mrs. E. Parfrey, suggestions and counter-suggestions flowed back and forth. And the ultimate result? Next year we hope to meet in Leicester (and would all members please note now that it will probably be on June 27th, **not** the first Saturday in July). The Midland District will be arranging a week-end, with something to suit everybody; and as this is a centre easily accessible for most people it is hoped that a truly representative gathering will meet to decide the best way of running the Guild.

The president expressed the thanks of the members to all those who had contributed to the success of the meeting, with a special word to Mr. Alan Ward, the secretary of the Manchester Branch of the Lancashire Association, to Mrs. Andrew and Mrs. Reynolds for the tea arrangements, and of course to Miss Andrew for all her work.

Then came the rush for a tower grab, to meet again at 4.30 p.m. for ringing at the Cathedral, where the ladies "played safe" and only rang rounds and call-changes on their own, to make sure of good striking. Later, emboldened with their success and fortified with an excellent tea, 12 ladies rang Plain Bob Maximus at the Town Hall, with very creditable results.

If the secretary has omitted to thank anyone, she here and now tenders her apologies, but her own week-end (and that of her passengers) was not without incident (details of breakdown service on the M6 supplied on request); and she would particularly like to thank Mr. F. Reynolds, the general secretary of the Lancashire Association, who not only made sure that the Editor caught his return train with at least 50 seconds to spare but also took the trouble to call at the hotel just before midnight on Saturday evening to make sure the secretary and treasurer had got back safely from Stafford in their, by now, repaired car.

MEADOW'S MARVELS IN WILTSHIRE

INITIATED by Wendy and Les Meadows, an enjoyable week in Wiltshire started on May 19th for Jack Webb and Ann Butcher, Ray Brewer and Beryl (the official recorder), Jack Long and Lena, Derek Price, Richard and Brian Danby, David and Richard Huddleston and Geraldine Mitchell.

Monday's towers consisted of Cricklade, Castle Eaton, Hannington, Broad Blunsdon, Highworth, Stratton St. Margaret, Broad Hinton and St. John's, Devizes. After the initial shock of such a long draught at Cricklade we were all pleasantly surprised at how well the bells handled. We found the wooden spiral staircase at Hannington a little unusual. By the time we had reached Devizes we felt we had not disgraced ourselves, especially when an elderly gentleman in the churchyard felt impelled to tell us how much he had enjoyed the bells.

Tuesday's visits were to Wroughton, Wanborough, Bishopstone, Aldbourne, Ogbourne St. George, Ogbourne St. Andrew, Great Bedwyn and Marlborough. By now we were convinced that everyone in Wiltshire was a dwarf. We were still ringing above the sallies even though everyone who entered the White Bear the previous evening gave the appearance of being members of the All Blacks rugby team. Marlborough bells, we found, are an extremely good eight now and far better than their previous ring of six. That evening we rang at Heddington and we were grateful to the local ringer who forsook the B.B.C. comedy film so that we could ring.

Wednesday we visited Calne, Lyneham, Wootton Bassett, Lydiard Millicent, Purton, Minety, Malmesbury and Chippenham St. Andrew's. The day began well with the beautiful-toned bells of Calne and, of course, pork pies were purchased for our lunches. At Lydiard Millicent we were met by Mr. Hamilton Strange, to whom we are grateful for making it possible for us to visit Lydiard Tregoze and also ring there. We all enjoyed our visit to this lovely museum type church. At Chippenham we met the Rev. Mr. Wooster, who joined us in some Stedman Triples. That night we stayed in Devizes and joined the St. Mary's ringers. The day's ringing was criticised and admired at the Elm Tree, the number of methods rung so far being 26.

Thursday dawned bright and stayed so all day. That day's agenda was as follows: All Cannings, Upavon, Salisbury (St. Martin's, St. Paul's, St. Thomas'), Wilton and Urchfont. All Cannings, having a lovely little five, started the day well. It was here that the Rev. John Greene joined us and stayed with us for the day. From Wilton we travelled across Salisbury Plain to Urchfont. That evening we discovered at Potterne that they did not practise in the summer; we were grateful to the local ringer who allowed us to ring. Beryl was once again well bitten by gnats taking the latest recording of Stedman Doubles which was especially rung for the Potterne ringer. After the lower we all stood around the table top tombstone and played it back for him.

Friday's weather was not so good; it started by being dull and windy and did not improve. We visited Steeple Ashton, North Bradley and Warminster, where we were met by Edgar Shepherd, who joined us in a touch of Plain Bob Major. Next came Longbridge Deverill and lunchtime. At Maiden Bradley the sarcophagus proved more interesting than the bells. Next came Mere, Heytesbury and West Lavington. At the last tower we felt we had done some good, as a ringer who had not touched a rope for a number of years, with a little assistance, rang rounds. The practice that evening was at Rowde. Later at the White Bear the day's recordings were played. "Why, that striking was good enough for the Christmas Day broadcast," commented an elder member of the party. How right he was!

Saturday we were all feeling a little sad as it was the last day of the tour, and even the rain seemed to have dampened our enthusiasm. It was the worst day, cold and very damp. The programme was: Seend, Melksham, Holt, Bradford-on-Avon (Holy Trinity and Christ Church), Swainswick, Bitton and Winterbourne. Seend made a fine start; the bells were lovely to listen to and went well and seemed to brighten us up a bit. Next came Melksham and on to Holt. It was at Holt we discovered that a stay was missing, and luckily an experienced ringer raised the bell and no accident resulted. Perhaps it would be a good idea if bells without stays had a little tie-on label attached to the sally stating this fact. At Bradford-on-Avon we rang for a wedding, and the choir of ringers in the gallery was better than that in the church—or was that just our imagination? Once again a very well timed lunch and on to the other church in Bradford, followed by Swainswick. The day was now nearing its end. Only Bitton and Winterbourne were left to visit now. At Winterbourne we had our photos taken, as it was the last time we would all be together.

Everywhere we went we could not help but notice how tidy the churchyards were and also such lovely floral arrangements in the churches. Thank you, Wendy and Les, for arranging this very successful tour, and the ringers and incumbents of the towers visited for allowing us to come. We were all very pleased that so many of you could meet us and make us so welcome. G. M.

CENTENARY OF ST. MARY'S SOCIETY

IN 1868, Canon A. H. Bridges, the then Rector of the 14th century Parish Church of St. Mary, Beddington, Surrey, started a scheme of comprehensive restoration of the church. It was recommended that the old five bells should be "recast into a ring of eight with added metal", and this was duly done. Two trebles were added in 1877. The St. Mary's, Beddington, Society of Ringers was formed in 1869, and it was to celebrate their centenary that 41 people—members of the Society and their friends—met for dinner on June 20th at the Windmill, Wallington

This happy occasion was presided over by the Master of the Society, Mr. R. J. Cook, who was supported on the top table by the Rector, Rev. J. H. Read, and the two churchwardens. Mr. S. F. Kimber acted as toastmaster.

After a most enjoyable meal, Mr. Robert Hinde, a former member of the Beddington band now living at Meopham, Kent, proposed the toast of "The Parish of St. Mary's, Beddington". He said that he had come to Beddington ten years ago and "been evicted after three years". Beddington was to be remembered by the friendly welcome it extended to all young ringers, which was one reason for the strength of the band. Mr Hinde expressed the Society's thanks to the clergy and churchwardens for allowing a very valuable part of the church equipment to be used at virtually no fee. He spoke of the encouragement the Society drew therefrom and the Society's gratitude for such generosity.

Replying to the toast, the rector's warden, Mr. Thomas Robson, said that when arrangements were being made for any church events it was always necessary to remember that Thursday evenings—the Society's practice nights—were sacrosanct; they dared not compete! He affirmed that the Rector and churchwardens would do all that they could to perpetuate the happy atmosphere of St. Mary's, Beddington.

A touch on the handbells of Grandsire Triples (which was brought round with a call that would not be recognised by the Central Council!) was then rung by N. Thomson 1-2, S. F. Kimber 3-4, R. J. Talbot 5-6 and R. J. Cook (cond.) 7-8.

380 PEALS

The toast of "The Visitors" was proposed by Mr. Frank Jennings, a past Master of the Society. He spoke of the pleasure it was to meet once again those who had been friends of a lifetime.

He asked the company at their centenary celebration to recollect all the long line of visitors to the tower in the past century. Where would the Society have been but for them? In the past 100 years 380 peals had been rung on the bells and included in the records of these peals were the names of many illustrious ringers who had helped to bring the Society to such a peak; indeed, among the total there were only a few entirely "local" peals.

Mr. Thomas Cook, the Master's father, replied, and referring to the happy occasion of the centenary, said: "We congratulate you and think you are a remarkable Society." It was not often one had the opportunity of attending a centenary celebration; in this connection he reminded the company that the bells were there before them and would be there when they had gone.

He also congratulated the Society on all they were doing for the art of change-ringing. "I myself have never struck a bell in anger," he said, "and indeed I cannot tell a Stedman's Powder from a Doubie Bob Martin, but I can at least claim that I was responsible for both my sons becoming ringers."

ALL FINES TO THE RECTOR

The last toast, "The St. Mary's, Beddington, Society of Ringers", was proposed by the Rector, who said he had looked at the original rules of the Society: there were 16 of them; one referred to swearing and three to liquid refreshments! He was pleased to see the rule which stated that "all monies, gratuities and forfiets should be collected by the leader and handed to the Rector"!

It was nice to think that his ringers were so well known; he would, for his part, work hard to preserve the bells of Beddington. Plans for development near the church included an extension of the M23 motorway, with a flyover carrying traffic past the church some 30 feet in the air. He hoped that the sound of the bells would remind motorists as they passed of "the things of eternity". At the end of his speech part of a tape-recording of the 1964 "Christmas bells" broadcast was played. The company heard the announcer describe the Beddington ringers as enjoying a high reputation in South East England, followed by some well-struck Stedman Caters.

In reply the Master said he felt it was a great honour to be Master of the Society in its centenary year.

Recounting the history of the bells, he told the company that there must have been at least one bell in the church as far back as 1454, as a certificate of the Rector's expenses for that year included an item "Bell ropes, Is. 8d." In the Inventory of Edward VI was shown "v belles in the steeple and saunce belle." The five were recast into eight in 1868 and two trebles were added in 1877. The ten bells were rehung in 1928. The first peal on the bells was Grandsire Triples in 1872 and the first on the ten, Stedman Caters, was rung in 1877 by a College Youths' band. In 1914 was rung a peal of 7,777 Stedman Caters. In the period between the wars the Beddington Society reached a very high peak; the band included such men as Frank Darby, Charles Kippin and Frank Jennings, and they rang the first peal of Spliced Surprise Royal at Beddington in 1936

The Master also quoted from some of the old rules. He thought that the one which laid down "a fine of 2d. for non-attendance without due cause" might profitably be reintroduced, but he was less in favour of another rule which said that "no part of the monies so received shall be spent in feasting and drinking". Finally, one old rule which he felt would still apply today was "Every ringer engages to live a sober, virtuous and Christian life and to set an example of good conduct to the rest of the parish."

The writer feels sure that the many readers of "The Ringing World" who have visited Beddington and enjoyed the Society's hospitality, or who know of the high reputation of the band, will join in congratulating the Society on achieving their centenary and on the high standards they have always maintained. W. T. C.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD STRIKING CONTEST

THE Oxford Diocesan Guild striking contest was held this year in the South Oxon area. The first semi-final was held at St. Helen's, Berrick Salome, where the bells are hung in a small wooden tower and the weather-cock is reputed to nod down and touch the ground when ringing is in progress. Here Thatcham, St. Mary's, Reading, and East Hagbourne competed, with Mr. A. R. Peake (Gloucester and Bristol Association) acting as judge. The other semi-final was held on the back six of the light eight at Warborough, where Miss Mary Bliss (chairman, Gloucester and Bristol Association) judged the ringing of Lane End, Headington and Sonning.

Before the final all the ringers met at Benson Village Hall and enjoyed a good tea, after which the judges gave their reports on the contest so far. Miss Bliss, discussing the ringing at Warborough, said that the standard had not been as good as she had expected from the Oxford Diocesan Guild, much of the ringing being uneven. Lane End and Headington had rung Grandsire Doubles and incurred most of their faults through uneven ringing. Sonning had rung call-changes and had lost points through not changing frequently enough or ringing sufficient changes. Lane End and Headington, with 86 and 93 faults respectively, were selected to go through to the final.

Mr. Peake then reported on the other semi-final. He said that, unlike Miss Bliss, he had to report that all the ringing had been very even, without any mistakes at all. He gave Reading 17 faults and East Hagbourne 27 faults. Thatcham, with 36 faults, had lost points through the tenor pushing too much.

The final was held immediately afterwards on the back six of the anti-clockwise eight at St. Helen's, Benson. At the conclusion of the contest all the company assembled in the church to hear the judges' verdict. Miss Bliss said that the first team (Lane End) had rung Bob Minor, and she commended them for being the only team to attempt anything other than Grandsire Doubles. The striking had been a little uneven and she and Mr. Peake had given them 140 faults. The second team (St. Mary's, Reading) had 63 faults. The leading of the third team (Headington) had been uneven and the tenor had been driven too hard, with the result that they had collected 115 faults. The final team (East Hagbourne) had taken a little while to settle down but had only incurred 66 faults. She felt that another year the teams ought to attempt to ring more advanced methods. It had been a great pleasure and honour for her to visit the Oxford Diocesan Guild: she had received much help from Miss Cross in the past.

Rev. C. Elliot Wigg then announced that St. Mary's, Reading, were the winners of the 1969 contest, and thanked Miss Bliss and Mr. Peake for acting as judges. A short service followed, ringing subsequently taking place till 9 p.m.

This is the second year in succession that St. Mary's, Reading, have won the Guild striking contest. Another noteworthy point is that East Hagbourne have rung in every final since the contests began in 1964.

W. B.

Letters to the Editor

RECORD PEAL SEQUENCE

Dear Sir.—As the person responsible for encouraging the recent Rutland peal at Barnes, I must correct the impression given by the letter in your current issue from Mrs. Williams, of Putney Vale, which is, incidentally, several miles from Barnes and completely out of earshot.

First, the correspondence mentioned was in one paper only, which publishes various slightly different editions.

Secondly, the correspondence came from one lady in Barnes who lives about 100 yards from the tower; one man who merely says he lives in Barnes, but as far as one can discover nowhere near the church; Mr. Uphill, from Putney, presumably the "Putney Ringing Master", whom I had for very good reason in 1964 to ask not to visit the tower and whose statements are very questionable; Mr. Freeman, of Sheen, presumably the "Mortlake Ringing Master", who attacks my defence of the peal rather than the peal itself and whose points are again easy to answer.

There was also a somewhat muddled editorial which eventually came out against long peals, though only one such peal is allowed each year.

That was the total correspondence against, but there was also a long letter in favour.

In addition I have received adverse comment personally from three people, including the first correspondent above. I have also received very many — 30 at the last count—comments in favour of such peals, particularly during the peal itself. Many are particularly pleased that young men and women should be prepared to go to such effort to maintain and promote an ancient and beautiful (to most people) art. After all, it is in parallel with the developments in other branches of music and physical prowess.

Much is made in the local correspondence of the fact that the ringers concerned were outsiders. Most of them come regularly to assist in training the band of ringers which we do have here in Barnes, and surely deserve some reward for the time, effort and cost in fares which they give so willingly. They also willingly and reliably helped with weddings when our own band could not cope or were not sufficiently trained.

Lastly, Mrs. Williams' remark about "these noisy bells" is just untrue, for they are light bells and are shuttered. I stood by the home of the lady who lives 100 yards away during a recent peal and all one heard was a soft cadence, completely drowned when one of the many buses or aeroplanes passed by.—Yours faithfully,

BASIL WHITWORTH,
Rector of Barnes.

London, S.W.

SUPERLATIVE S.M.

Dear Sir.—I would be interested to know if the following composition of Superlative is original. It fell together so easily but I do not recall having seen it published in the "R.W." before. It contains 18 each of 56s and 65s, the most possible without parting 7-8.

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Yours faithfully,

ROBERT E. HARDY.

St. Albans.

AN IMAGINARY DANGER

Dear Sir,—Your contributor, Michael V. White, writes helpfully (page 520) about the teaching of bell handling, but is less happy in the supposed peculiarity of the "stomach" muscles of his girl pupils. All muscles benefit from exercise, of which ringing is a good example. A girl using her abdominal muscles is no more exposed to harm than a boy making a comparable effort; benefit to her figure may encourage her to persevere.

The success of women in the belfry should long ago have disposed of the ancient myth that by upward stretching a woman risks fearful damage. It would be a pity if a new imaginary danger were to alarm both teachers and taught. — Yours faithfully,

B. M. WILLMOTT DOBBIE, F.R.C.S.,
Consultant Gynæcologist.

Batheaston, Bath.

COVERED A SPACE OF 131 YEARS

Dear Sir,—The researches of Mr. W. T. Cook in your issue of July 4th, through the MSS. and newspaper cutting of the late James Robert Haworth, are most interesting, especially to me as I knew him when employed in London during the 1890s; also all the St. Paul's band at that time. Known as Bob Haworth, he was a sparse and honourable gentleman.

George Stockham cast 12 handbells for the Passmore brothers and eight for myself in 1896. I called at his home and saw him tuning my bells with the aid of his piano. As mentioned, he joined the College Youths in 1838, so the space of time between him and myself is 131 years' membership.

Looking forward to more about "Bob". —Yours truly,

GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

Ipswich, Suffolk.

INVESTITURE-INSPIRED

Incumbent, where peals can seldom be rung, to tower secretary: "Can you ring a peal for the Investiture?"

Tower Secretary: "You really mean a peal? Don't you mean a quarter peal?"

Incumbent: "What's the difference?"

ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS, GLOUCESTER

Dear Sir,—I rang ten peals with W. J. Sevier between May 13th, 1904, and July 5th, 1910, and since then I have not heard anything more about him. I agree with Mr. Barnett that he was an eccentric, was practically always hard-up and a great walker. I think the Gloucester ringers used to pull his leg about "star gazing" and they had some cards printed stating he was the seventh son of the seventh son of the "Emperor Septimus Sevier".

On one Bank Holiday we had rung a peal at Gloucester and were having a drink when we decided to go over to Leckhampton, where two new bells had been added. We went by rail, and I remember W. J. Sevier saying we had better stay at Gloucester and spend the money on good bitter. We left without him and had been at Leckhampton some time when he walked up the church path and stood listening. He said he was not going to ring on "such buckets", turned round and walked back to Gloucester.—Yours, etc.,

F. J. LEWIS.

Cirencester.

5,152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir,—It was perhaps unfortunate that it was decided not to publish in full the composition of Yorkshire appearing on page 456, as the part omitted was by far the more significant.

It is well known that there is a set of 36 courses with the tenors together, true to Yorkshire, consisting of 6 in 6ths+, 6 in 5ths— and half each of 6 in 2nds+ and 2nds—. The point of submitting this composition was to show how these courses can be reduced to a 23-course true round block containing the maximum "combination roll-ups" with no —82s or —83s, which some conductors apparently consider musical: the important part was the set of courses to be included, not one of the various ways in which they can be joined, which can be deduced by anyone having the slightest knowledge of composition.

The courses are:—

23456	23465	32546	32564	52436
42356	42365	53246	53264	24536
34256	34265	25346	25364	43526
				35426

and either 45236 or 54326, and any one of the following sets:—

1	2	3	4
62345	62345	63254	63254
63245	63245	62354	62354
65234	65234	64235	64235
65324	65324	64325	64325
62534	63524	63425	62435
63425	62435	62534	63524

Any transposition of 4-5-6 will also be true and retain the 98 "combination roll-ups", but apart from the reversal of 4 and 5 will detract from the principal musical quality, which is the 21 —5678s and 19 —6578s at backstroke. — Yours faithfully,

CHRISTOPHER I. ROWSON.

Edgbaston, Birmingham.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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RINGING WIDESPREAD FOR INVESTITURE

The Investiture of Prince Charles as Prince of Wales was an occasion for general ringing, and in Wales there were few silent towers on a day of much happiness to the people. Many of the footnotes we received were written in Welsh.

It will be some time before an accurate summary of the ringing will be available, but so far we have received 34 peals, one half peal and 53 quarter peals.

INVESTITURE ITEMS

One of the youngest ringers for the Investiture was Jeremy Piron, aged 10, who rang his first quarter of Plain Bob Major at Maulden, Beds.

Our first Welsh quarter to be received came from Porthkerry, where the conducting was shared by three of the band.

At Rotherham, Yorks, three of the band rang their first quarter of Royal.

Barkingside honoured the occasion with a quarter of Cambridge Surprise Major in which five ladies took part.

There were three first peals and a first of Minor in the peal Mr. Fred Hodgson conducted on July 1st at Guisborough, Yorks.

The peal of Stedman Caters at Llandaff for the Investiture was the 100th peal as conductor for Nicholas W. H. Simon. His father, as Archbishop of Wales, took part in the Investiture service.

Taking part in the Royal Investiture Peal of Stedman Caters at St. Giles', Wrexham, North Wales, were three local ringers who have each completed 50 years' continuous service to that tower. They are Mr. Frederick R. Evans, Mr. William Cathrall and John Capper. Sincere congratulations to them for such loyal service.

Bride Greets the Ringers

BRIDE GREETS THE RINGERS

Few brides are as thoughtful as Miss Jean Mary Taylor, who was married at SS. John and Giles Church, Great Easton, Dunmow, Essex, on June 14th. She brought her bridegroom, Mr. John Oakden, of Prestbury, Cheshire, to the ringing chamber to thank the ringers personally while ringing their felicitations.

She comes of a ringing family. Her father, Mr. F. C. Taylor, was for 33 years a member of St. Mary's, Walthamstow, and then retired to his native home at Great Easton. Among friends participating in the ringing were Mrs. D. Goodhew (Dunmow), Mr. and Mrs. Moore (Bocking), Messrs. W. Chapman and A. Little (Stebbing) and S. Saunders (Coggeshall). Mr. Taylor is a life member of the Essex and Middlesex Associations.

[Photo: David L. Upson, Dunmow.

HANDBELL COMPOSITIONS

Dear Sir,—In his letter on July 4th Mr. Robert B. Smith accuses me of failing to read other people's letters carefully before I reply to them. But anyone who reads the correspondence—his letter of May 23rd and mine of June 13th—will see that it is not I who have failed to read his letter but Mr. Smith who has failed to read his own. I am blamed for leaving out words which, in fact, he did not include.

The idea of keeping certain pairs coursing for long spells during a peal is not new. Bankes James used it to enable the Cambridge University Guild to score the first peal of Double Norwich ever to be rung "in hand" as long ago as 1891. I have rung in, and called, a number of peals of this type, not only on handbells but in the tower, because I like the sound of 5-6 coursing in Major. I explained this idea in "Change Ringing on Handbells", which was first published 20 years ago.

Now, at the risk of bringing down fire from heaven, I would like to give my own opinion.

The experienced handbell ringer will ring his pair just as easily when parted as when coursing. The learner, on the other hand, may find the parted positions very hard indeed and will not manage them without great concentration. This involves strain and after a course or two he may start making trips or in other ways eroding the beat, so he should be given a spell of coursing in which he may recover

Composers are always striving to include the maximum amount of any quality they consider desirable in their compositions. We see peals with "the extent of the 6th in sixth's", etc., etc. This is admirable. But in teaching anyone to ring a pair of handbells the "desirable quality" is not coursing in itself but rather an even mixture of coursing and non-coursing. For he will never learn the parted positions by ringing his bells only in course. I think this, and no more, is what John Mayne intended to express when he wrote his somewhat unfortunately-worded letter.

Of course, if you just want to be certain of getting peals, good enough. But Mr. Smith—all honour to him—is training bands. But if coursing alone is wanted I suggest the following idea to end all special peals for handbells: put your learners on the back bells, but give them 7-9, 8-10 and 11-12. Ring Kent T.B., using the Granta variation, alias Kent Little Court, to keep them out of the slow. They will then course throughout and never be separated by more than two other bells!

Finally I want to express my very sincere hope that this little discussion will not impair good relations between handbell ringers in Cheshire, Hertfordshire or elsewhere.—Yours sincerely,

C. W. WOOLLEY.

Bushey Heath.

EIGHT TOWERS IN AN AFTERNOON

The band of St. Mary's, Peterborough, and friends had an enjoyable afternoon in Norfolk, ringing at Upwell St. Peter, Watlington, Wiggenhall St. Mary Magdalene, Tilney All Saints, Terrington St. Clement, Terrington St. John, Walpole St. Peter and Walpole St. Andrew. Wiggenhall St. Mary Magdalene was by special permission of Ely Diocesan Association.

Geoff Davis once again excelled himself with the timetable and Gilbert Cowlin's organisation of the ringing was superb.

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Investiture Quarter Peals for Charles, Prince of Wales

CAERNARVON, JULY 1st, 1969

A QUARTER PEAL WEEK IN NORTH WALES

To commemorate the Investiture the North Wales Association held a quarter peal week from June 30th to July 4th Five attempts were made, four being successful.

HOPE, FLINTSHIRE.—On June 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mary Williams (first quarter) 1, Dr. A. Valma Woodcock 2, F. R. Evans 3, T. C. Bowley 4, E M. Jones (cond.) 5, H. A. Price 6

MOLD, FLINTSHIRE.—On July 1st, 1,260 Doubles (Pl. Bob, Grandsire): Carol Woods (first quarter) 1, J. M. Jones 2, W. Price 3, T C. Bowley 4, E. M. Jones (cond.) 5. E. D. Griffiths (first quarter) 6.

GRESFORD, DENBIGHS. — On July 3rd, 1,344 Grandsire Triples: D. Williams 1, Norah M. Randles 2, H. Cartwright (first quarter) 3, E. M. R. Williams 4, G. H. Randles (cond.) 5. S. Randles 6, E. Evans 7, R. Jarvis 8

HAWARDEN, FLINTSHIRE.—On July 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. R. Rowlands (first quarter) 1, Joan Parkington 2, T. C Bowley 3, D. M. B. Millward 4, E. M. Jones (cond.) 5, E D. Griffiths 6.

HALF PEAL

MIDHURST, SUSSEX.—On July 7th, 2,520 Grandsire Doubles: Lyn V. Hallett 1, Marilyn J. Burn 2, Stella M. Knight 3, M. K. Till 4, K. C. Knight (longest length as cond.) 5, J. J. Charlton 6. Longest length rung 1, 2, 4 and 6.

ALTON, HANTS. — On July 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Reed 1, Catherine M. Law 2, Mrs. M. Chennell-White 3, E Hedger 4, A. Kersey 5, R. J. Corke 6, R. E. Finch (cond.) 7, C. Chennell-White 8.

ARUNDEL, SUSSEX.—On July 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss S Staines 1, Miss B. C. Haselgrove 2, G. Lee, sen. 3, Miss J. Daughtry (first Grandsire "inside") 4, Mrs. A. Daughtry (cond) 5, Miss S Martin 6. First in method for 1 and 6.

ASH, SURREY. — On July 1st 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Angela J. Smart 1, Jennifer M. Sharpe 2, Marilyn A. Reay 3, Judith M. Vince 4, M. E. Denyer 5, P G. Smart 6.

BARKINGSIDE, ESSEX.—On July 1st, 1,280 Cambridge S. Major: Christine Morton 1, Mary Wilkinson 2, Barbara Shaw 3, Jane Fransella 4, D. Gower 5, Valerie Jones 6, D. Ellisdon (cond.) 7, J. Porter 8. First of Surprise for 3 and 5.

BARTHOMLEY, CHESHIRE.—On July 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (with 4, 6, 8 covering): K. Rowley 1, R. C. L. Brown (cond.) 2, A. J. Yorke 3, P. N. Davies 4, D. B. Ongley 5, D. Smith 6, G. Astbury 7, M. D. Critchlow 8 First quarter for 4, 6 and 8.

BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.—At St. Michael's Church on July 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples. A. Taylor 1, J. Chesterman 2, Margaret G Taylor 3, H. E. Balaam 4, Esme J. Weaver 5, J. J. Hill 6, J. Weaver (cond.) 7, B G. Freeman 8.

BURGH, SUFFOLK.—On July 1st, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: J Scopes (aged 12, first quarter) 1, S. Pettman (aged 13, first "inside") 2, L P. Brain 3, P Archer 4, L J Parry 5, H. W Egglestone (cond.) 6.

CARDIFF, GLAM.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, on July 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Muller 1, P. Thomas 2, A. E. Marsh 3, F. Cornley 4, W. Dare 5, W. H. Harford 6, M. J. Pryor (cond.) 7 J. James 8. Also as a compliment to Marion Elizabeth Yeomans, daughter of the Ringing Master, on her marriage to Robert Clarke at St. John's Church, Canton, Cardiff, on this day.

CLAYBROOKE PARVA, LEICS. — On July 2nd 1,260 Stedman Triples: Elizabeth Wood 1, Mrs. D. E. Beamish 2, W. Day 3, J. Evans 4, P. Mackie 5, H. A. Beamish 6, L. Trevor (cond.) 7, G. Edmands 8. Also a birthday compliment to Elizabeth Wood and H. A. Beamish.

COCKERMOUTH, CUMBERLAND.—On July 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Byrom 1, R. Wetenhall 2, R. Grisdale 3, S. Grisdale 4, M. Lock 5, B. Street (first Stedman "inside") 6, T. Lock (cond.) 7, D. Kealey (first Triples) 8.

COSSINGTON, SOM.—On July 7th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Miss C. Evans (15) 1 G Nabb (cond.) 2, F. J Pope (first in method) 3, Mrs J. Broom 4, E. Dibble 5, A. Jones 6. First quarter 1 and 6.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.—On July 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Sutton 1, R. J. Everest 2, E. C. Leigh 3, R. P. Sherlock 4, Pauline Sutton 5, M. W. Thompson 6, B E. Jeffrey (cond.) 7, P. R. Everest 8.

EYNSHAM, OXON.—On July 1st, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Mrs. S. Norgrove 1, A. Cantwell 2, A. E. Hicks 3, N. Bridges 4, C. Bennett (cond.) 5, A. Harris 6

GLASTONBURY, SOM.—On July 1st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: T. Prince 1, S. Mayell 2, M. Mayell 3, D. Mayell 4, L. England (cond.) 5, F. J. White 6.

GREAT GIDDING, HUNTS.—On July 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. R. Davey 1, A. J. Davey 2, R. Chapman 3, R. J. Yeomans 4, M. J. Dyer (cond.) 5

HAMPTON, Evesham, WORCS. — On July 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Pughe 1, G. Hunt 2, R. Hunt 3, Miss J. Catchpole 4, L. Mills (cond.) 5, B. Hunt 6.

HARBURY, WARKS.—On July 1st, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Elizabeth J. Clarke (first attempt, aged 13) 1 V Jane Hill 2, R. A. Sheasby (cond.) 3, Alison M. Hill 4, C. E. Lawton 5, Jeanne M. Clarke (née Betts) 6. Also belated birthday compliments to Ann E. Windsor (5), June 26th; Carole M. Couchman (15), May 25th; Rosemary A. Clarke (11), June 7th.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On July 1st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: M. J. Cranfield (first quarter) 1, Jacqueline Saker 2, Maureen P. Colley 3, Cecille Forgan 4, Margaret M. Roden 5, M. R. Worthington 6, P. J. Cranfield 7, A. R. Agg (cond.) 8.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On July 1st, 1,280 Lincolnshire Surprise Major: Louise Evans 1, R. Biggs 2, A. K. Fortin 3, A. R. Blaby 4, S. M. Bailey 5, A Newton 6, D. A. Cornwall 7, R. H. Newton (cond.) 8.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.—At St. Margaret's Church, on July 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: J. Fox 1, W. W. Cousins 2, Miss S. R. Collins (cond.) 3, P. Gagen 4, D. Gagen 5, R. I. West 6, R. Newson 7, O. Claxton 8, C. Cousins 9, N. V. Harding 10.

KINGSTON UPON THAMES, SURREY.—On July 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: K. G. Game 1, Katharine Salvage 2, Lesley A. Hawes 3, C. D. Collin 4, Anthea S Bruce 5, C. Harris 6, R. A. Grant 7, M. J. Green 8, B J. Stone (cond.) 9, A. J. Brown 10.

LONG SUTTON, LINCS. — On July 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): R. Ragsdell 1, Mrs. Butler 2, G. H. Campling 3, P. G. Butler 4, G R. G. Butler (cond.) 5, A. Townsend 6, M Crowther 7 S. Harrison 8. First quarter for 7 and 8.

LONGWOOD, Huddersfield, YORKS.—On July 1st 1,320 Barham and Oswald Delight Minor: A. Lunn 1, S. Williams 2, S. Lunn 3, D. Williams 4, B. Ellis 5, I Roberts (cond.) 6.

LOWDHAM, NOTTS.—On July 1st, 1,340 Doubles (four methods): D. W. Flower 1, Patricia M. Hayward 2, M Lush 3, P. L. R. Hayward 4 H. G Wells 5.

LUTTON, LINCS. — On July 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. G. Butler 1, G. R. Butler 2, P. G. Butler 3, P. W. Campling 4, G. H Campling (cond.) 5, R. Ragsdell 6.

LYMPNE, KENT. — On July 1st, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): R. Stainer 1, Rachel Sinden 2, R. P. Brotherston 3, H. P. Yates 4, Elizabeth A. Todd (cond.) 5, M. J. Taylor 6.

MARSTON, OXFORD.—On July 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. H. Jones 1, L. R. Porter (cond.) 2, H. Page 3, F. E. Godden 4, A. Gammon 5.

MAULDEN, BEDS.—On July 1st, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Jeremy Piron (aged 10) 1, Kathleen Marriott 2 Charlotte Harris 3, C. E. Jeffries 4, R. P. Wood 5, R. L. Piron 6, A. D. Norman 7, M. J. Marriott (cond.) 8 First Major for 1, 5 and 7

MILDENHALL, WILTS. — On July 1st, 1,260 Doubles (eight methods): G. A. Newman 1, Margaret Bowman 2, Ann Toomer 3, T. R. Jones 4, A. G. Keen (cond.) 5, C. Barnes 6. First quarter in eight methods by all the band.

NETTLEHAM, LINCS.—On July 1st, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Mrs. S. Sinden 1, A. Sinden (first "inside" Minor) 2, W. Booth (first "inside" Minor) 3, Mrs. M. Parker 4, C. Sharp 5, D. Phillipson (first as cond.) 6.

NEWTON NOTTAGE, GLAM.—On July 1st, 1,260 Doubles: June Smith 1, Susan Hopkin (first in method "inside") 2, P. C. Fenton (first as cond.) 3, D. R. Everett 4 M. J Thomas 5. An yr arwygrad y Tywysog Cymru.

PETERBOROUGH. — On July 1st, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Single Court Minor: M. Spencer 1, Ann Smith 2, G. Davis 3, W. Smith 4, M. Parker 5, R. Spencer (cond.) 6.

PORTHKERRY, GLAM. — On June 30th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Pat West (first quarter) 1, W. E. Pearce 2, Mrs. G Horne 3, L. J. Malings 4, C F. Cook 5, H. A. Smart 6. Conductnig shared by 2 4 and 5.

PRESTON, DORSET.—On July 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Doubles (ten callings): D. L. Cull 1, A. J. Slade 2, Miss A J Sale 3, Miss B. Marsh 4 P. Adams 5, R. Voss 6 First in method 1, 5, 6. Also a farewell to P. Adams, who leaves shortly for New Zealand

RAINHAM, KENT.—On July 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss H. M. Carter 1, Mrs. F. J. Cheal 2, N. A. Crane 3, F. J. Cheal (cond.) 4, Rev. R. Allington Smith (first quarter as Vicar of Rainham) 5, K. B. Williamson 6.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On July 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Marianne Baker 1, S Bradbury 2, C. Newton 3, Marie Hatswell 4, J. Hopwood 5, R. Harper 6, J. Coad 7, A. Beaumont 8, N. Donovan 9, S. Armeson (cond.) 10. First of Royal 1, 2 and 3.

ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK.—On July 1st, 1,260 Cambridge Surprise Minor: C. Hancock 1, L. Wright 2, R. Rose 3, B. Coley 4, L. Nice 5, M. J. Rose (cond.) 6

SILEBY, LEICS. — On July 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. L. Lovett (cond.) 1, F. Faulkner 2, C. Moyers 3, M. White 4, J. Preston 5, K. Whitehouse 6.

SKETTY, Swansea, GLAM. — On July 1st 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. Leech (first quarter) 1, Miss S. Jackson 2, J. A. Hoare (cond.) 3, C. H. Pearson 4, E. J. Morris 5, J Hodgetts 6.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBS.—On July 5th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Julie Barnes (first quarter) 1, E. Chapman 2, W. H. Pedley 3, Marion Kemp 4, M. R. Kitson 5, R. I. West (cond.) 6.

SWANAGE, DORSET.—On July 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. D. Lawrence (first on treble) 1, Marion E. Howitt 2, Kathleen S. Fuller 3, H. Faulkner 4 W. R. Damer (cond.) 5, D. R Fuller 6.

TENTERDEN, KENT.—On July 1st, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: M. P. French 1, Miss M. Vantom 2, Mrs. V. Ring 3, R. C. Offen 4, W. W. Ring (cond.) 5 E. J Clifton 6, R. A. Lucas 7, D. C. Manger 8. First of Major by 1 and 4.

WALSALL, STAFFS.—On July 1st, 1,440 Pl. Bob Minor: Miss E. Allen (first Minor) 1, Mrs. J. Sturrock 2, D. J. Wilkes 3, S. K. Kirby 4, J. S Eastwood 5, G. W. Hughes (cond.) 6.

WIGSTON MAGNA, LEICS.—On July 1st, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: R. F. Roe 1, A. Chamberlain 2, Miss J. M. Whait 3, J. Hough 4, R. T. Liggins 5, Mrs. R. J. Pluckrose 6, G. Pratt 7, G. Pluckrose (cond.) 8

WOODBOROUGH, NOTTS.—On July 1st, 1,272 Minimus (Pl. Bob and Court): D. W. Flower 1, H. G Wells 2, Patricia M. Hayward 3, P. L. R. Hayward 4.

WOODSTON, HUNTS.—On July 1st, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: R. Talbot (first Minor) 1, Janet I. Rogers 2, R. H. Rogers (cond.) 3, J. M. Roffe 4, R. Brighton 5 L. Brighton 6.

OTHER QUARTER PEALS

ADDINGTON, SURREY. — On July 6th, 1,296 Bourne and Cambridge Surprise Minor: E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 1, Louise Powell 2, Wendy J. Wallace 3, Penny H. Cocks 4, Carol E. Rodgers 5, I. Wiltshire 6. For the baptism of Judith Ann Godfrey, daughter of the conductor.

ALDERMASTON BERKS. — On July 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. Corderoy 1, Janet Livingston 2, W. Butler 3-4, Mary Wells 5, J. J. Hill 6, D. Wilcox (cond.) 7, D. Livingston 8 For the Cockcroft Society.

ALGARKIRK, LINCS.—On July 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Fensom 1, M. Belcher 2, H. Barsley 3, P. Butler 4, G. Campling (cond.) 5, P. Campling 6.

ARDINGTON, BERKS.—On July 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. E. Fullbrook 1, A. R. Wood 2, R. Davis 3, K. Leach 4 H. White (cond.) 5, J. R White 6. For the flower festival service.

BARNSLEY, YORKS. — On July 6th, 1,344 P.B Major: Frances Garfield 1, E. Stainrod 2, L. W. Carbutt 3, G. Scourfield 4, P. Carbutt (cond.) 5, A. Dunn-Birch 6, R. G. Corby 7, H. Mann 8. For the Barnsley Borough centenary service.

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LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

Two Tours by Southern Branch

Two very pleasant tours have been undertaken this year by different sections of the Southern Branch. The first took place on Easter Monday and was another of what has affectionately become known as "Edgar's Tour".

Mr. Edgar Cole, of Heckington, was the organiser, very ably assisted by his mother, and the sincere thanks of all who took part go out to both. Ringing is the over-riding interest of Edgar Cole, and at each new towers at which he rings he photographs the church and is thereby permanently recording his activities.

Eight churches were visited, six in Suffolk and two in Cambridgeshire, as follows: Lakenheath, Eriswell, Frekenham, Horringer, Exning, Newmarket (All Saints'), Fordham and Chippenham.

The second tour was arranged by Mr. Alec Crawford, secretary of the St. Wulfram's, Grantham, band, and went into Northamptonshire and Bedfordshire on Whit Monday. We were sorry that Mr. Crawford could not accompany us after all his efforts. Mr. Brian Buttery took charge during the event, and a feature of the day was the selection of different tower captains at each of the six towers visited. These were: Finedon, Rushden, Goldington, Elston, Cardington and Eaton Socon.

At each of these towers a copy of the day's programme was left and on the back cover of this programme the thanks of the St. Wulfram's band of change-ringers to all incumbents and ringers were recorded.

The pleasure gained from these two tours would not have been possible without the complete co-operation of our coach driver, Mr. Peter Nicholson. T. A. R.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The Eastern District, at its A.G.M. at Howden on June 21st, elected Mr. A. B. Cooper, of Kirk Ella, as its vice-president, the unsuccessful candidate in the ballot being Mr. Harold Walker, of York. Elected to the committee were Miss M. E. Wilkinson and Mr. J. N. D. Chaddock.

Six new members were elected: John Hope (Hessle), Margaret Whitehurst, Graham Beamson and Hugh Ferriman (Goole), Raymond East (Market Weighton) and Clive Temperton (Sutton).

Mr. H. Walker, of York, was congratulated on having completed 50 years' membership of the Yorkshire Association, to which he responded by referring briefly to his earlier ringing at Doncaster.

The service was held in Howden Minster, the organ being played by the Vicar and the address given by the Rev. Giles Galley.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Northern District

Deputising for his wife, Mr. A. R. Agg extended a welcome to the county president, Mr. Walter Ayre, who was invited to take the chair at the quarterly meeting held at Benington on July 5th. Two new probationary members from Aston were elected, William Warren and Graham Sapsford.

The secretary had received a letter from the Vicar of Royston asking for help to teach a new band. The meeting thought this would be possible later.

The business concluded, further ringing took place, under the direction of the assistant Ringing Master, Michael Worthington. M. M. R.

OBITUARY

MR. J. H. TOPP

The death occurred suddenly at Frome on Sunday, June 22nd, of Mr. James Henry Topp, at the age of 60. Jim Topp was born at Aldershot but lived in Portsmouth from about 1920 until the end of the last war. It was here that he learned to ring, and in addition to becoming an excellent ringer he was widely known as a composer. In 1946 he came to Frome and joined the local band, of which he became a very respected member.

Although he gave up practical ringing some years ago, his interest in composition was maintained and he has provided numerous special peal compositions for his ringing friends. For many years now he has provided the Bath and Wells Association with a date touch of Stedman Triples, which has proved a popular feature of each annual report. A quiet, unassuming man of great personal charm, he will be sadly missed by a wide circle of ringing friends.

The funeral service took place at St. John's Parish Church, Frome, on June 27th. Among those present were Mr. R. G. Beck, Ringing Master of the Frome Branch of the Bath and Wells Association, ten members of the local band and other ringing friends from the area. Half-muffled ringing took place before and after the service. On the previous evening a peal was rung at Norton St. Philip to his memory.

OUNDLE BRANCH OUTING TO SUFFOLK

The Oundle Branch recently visited Suffolk. The morning ringing took place at Elvedon, Garboldisham and North Lopham, ranging from rounds to Bob Major. In the afternoon Eye and Debenham bells were put to good use and tea was had at the Cherry Tree Inn, Debenham. In the evening Stonham Aspall and Stowmarket were the towers visited.

The Ringing Masters for the day were Messrs. W. L. Ferrar, A. H. Hinton, R. L. E. Newby, R. A. Webster and Miss S. M. Fitton. Our thanks go to Messrs. A. H. Hinton and R. A. Webster for organising the outing, the incumbents for the use of the bells, and the coach driver. S. M. F.

DARLINGTON IN THE WEST RIDING

For their annual outing on June 21st St. Cuthbert's (Darlington) ringers decided to extend their acquaintance with the more remote parts of the West Riding. With a native guide (Fred Hodgson) seated beside the driver, we stopped first at Chapel Allerton, Leeds, but a breakdown in the arrangements (for which an apology was received later) meant that we could not get into the tower.

However, after sandwiches, the party pushed on through the rhubarb country, by Halifax and Hebden Bridge to the church at Heptonstall, where over an hour was spent on this splendid octave.

The hair-raising descent into the valley safely accomplished, high tea was enjoyed at Mytholmroyd, where the café computer was unequal to the strain, and the 20 minutes it took to produce the bill for 27 high teas made us much later than we should have been at Northowram, Halifax.

Birstall provided another of the West Riding's notable eights, with Yorkshire tail-ends on some of the ropes, and there was some competition for these woolly handsful which are not always favoured by strangers.

On the return journey a stop at Wetherby enabled some notable thirsts to be slaked, and we ended the day with a quick run up the A1 after a day in the sun and ringing on as good bells as can be found anywhere in the country.

We had not realised that the Yorkshire Association's president had been accorded that kind of immortality which is normally reserved for some royalties and distinguished members of the peerage like the Duke of Wellington and the Marquis of Granby, but as we pased through Shelf there it was on the roadside—Bottomley's Arms! We were tempted to stop but were too far behind with our timetable.

CORRECTION

Records Committee.—(b) Surprise Royal Methods. After the proof of this table on page 523 had been checked a line became misplaced. The corrected table is reprinted on page 594. The error is regretted by those responsible.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Miss Pam Warren is back in Merrow safe and sound after her long overland journey from Australia.

Congratulations to Mrs. E. F. Foreman, who rang her first peal at Redgrave, Suffolk, on her 68th birthday.

Mr. W. H. Barrett wishes to thank all ringers who helped him in reaching his total of 1,000 peals, especially Mr. Nolan Golden.

A band of Johns rang a quarter of Plain Bob Minor at Corby, Northants, on the eve of St. John-the-Baptist's Day. The conductor was John Tyler.

A welcome return to the peal columns has been made by Mr. Arthur Bigley, of Irthlingborough, after an absence of 31 years. He rang the seventh at his home tower to London on July 5th and has now completed the "circle".

Dunkerton, Somerset, ringers had an outing to Weymouth on June 6th, ringing en route at Lonkbridge, Stourpaine and Puddletown. Whilst the non-ringers enjoyed the afternoon sunbathing and swimming the ringers relished the lovely six at St. Andrew's, Preston.

Miss Marjorie Batchelor, from Washington, is in Coventry on a month's visit. She rang in a peal of Cambridge at Allesley and according to Mr. Peter Border acquitted herself very well.

Such has been the local interest in the Expo Project at Saltburn that several local businesses wanted to be associated with it and a miniature trade fair has been arranged on the site. There are still vacancies for visiting bands.

Madeley, a tower familiar to ringers over a wide area, is now part of Telford new town. It was here the Bridgnorth District held its summer meeting on July 5th. Ringing was supervised by Mr. Alan Jones, Branch Ringing Master, and the Vicar Rev. A. Lord, conducted the service.

Mr. Tom Pryce's loyal service of 53 years to St. Modwen's, Burton-on-Trent, was acknowledged by a farewell quarter peal on his retirement to live at Worthing. He graduated from the choir into the tower in 1916, when the band was depleted due to the calls of military service. Since the foundation of the Midland Counties Guild in 1946 he has served as hon. auditor.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION GARDEN PARTY

The Lancashire Association's garden party at Goosnargh Vicarage, at the invitation of the president (Canon A. Hodgson) on June 28th, was a great success. Over 100 members were present. The six-a-side cricket was rather rowdy, with Blackburn Branch being the winners (attributed to a rather biased umpire). The Manchester Branch had three ladies in their side and performed very creditably. The garden party now appears to be an established event.

UNIVERSITY OF KEELE

The University of Keele Society held its A.G.M. on June 26th, and the following officers were elected for the session 1969–70: Master, Mr. M. J. Robinson; secretary, Miss J. Lawson; steeple-keeper, Mr. D. J. Roberts.

The Master in his report stated that regular Sunday ringing was maintained throughout the year and a total of 11 quarters provided a reasonable indication of enthusiasm among members. Nearly all the quarters included a first of some sort for at least one member of the band. Peal attempts unfortunately had met with less success.

The Society had obtained more degrees in a year than ever before, and one wedding and one engagement is again well in line with the past record.

CHINESE GIRL RINGS HER FIRST QUARTER

Ringing her first quarter at Mathon, Herefordshire, on June 25th, was a Chinese girl, Fung Yao-Chen (or Cynthia Fung in this country). A native of Hong Kong, she has been studying at Malvern Girls' College for the past two years. During this time Cynthia has learnt to ring with the Malvern Link band and rang her first quarter three days before flying home for the summer holidays. She returns to this country in October to study medicine at Bart's and hopes to continue ringing if she can find a handy tower.

We believe that Cynthia is the first Chinese to learn to ring English style.

FIRST READER NOW 90

To our list of ringers who have taken "The Ringing World" since its first issue must be added the name of Mr. Joe Pigott, of Smethwick, who is now 90 years of age. In reasonable health, his comment to a friend was: "You're not too bright at 90!".

Joe also took the "Bell News" and previously "Church Bells". He was contemporary with men like John Carter and Gabriel Lindoff and is probably the last alive who heard the 11,111 Stedman Cinques at St. Martin's, Birmingham, in the first years of this century.

A TALE OF WOE FROM HITCHIN

Hitchin's outing on June 28th was memorable for the mishaps:

At St. Paul's, Spalding, the rope of the fourth came snaking down at the first tug. After a new rope had been provided the second went "over the top" through a faulty slider block.

The party haltingly entered the ringing chamber at Surffeet. The bells were raised but the sixth appeared to be stayless and was jammed solid: it could not be dislodged. Thus ringing here was disappointing, with reports of the sloping floor causing giddiness!

At St. Andrew's, Whittlesey, it was proved to the superstitious and non-superstitious alike that everything happens in threes when a loud thud was heard from above during ringing. The bells were quickly "stood", except the fourth which went over the top, accompanied by a cry of "Help!". Several strong men pulled on the rope to bring the bell back over and rounds were attempted. This time a great crash from above brought ringing to a halt and the fourth was without a clapper.

An inspection after ringing on seven bells showed the clapper perched precariously on the top of the ladder under the bells. Luckily not too much damage was sustained and so the party left, thinking it was perhaps just as well that this was the last tower.

However, there were towers visited where conditions were normal, although there was more evidence of peat shrinkage at Pinchbeck, where the tower foundations had sunk noticeably and at Holbeach the long draught proved difficult for some.

M. M. R.

MAIDSTONE SWEEPS THE BOARD

St. Mary's, Hunton, provided an ideal spot for the Maidstone District's striking competition on June 14th. Seven bands entered, being drawn in the order Headcorn, Maidstone St. Michael, West Malling, Egerton, Maidstone All Saints' "B", Maidstone All Saints "A" and Aylesford, each having previously selected their test piece of 240 changes in any Doubles or Minor method.

Taking into account the age and experience of each band, the judges announced that the shield had been won, for the second year in succession, by Maidstone All Saints' "A", with All Saints "B" second and, in third place, St. Michael's, Maidstone.

ESSEX SCHOOL QUARTER

To celebrate the 50th anniversary of Woodford County High School, Essex, six of the girls rang a quarter peal of Plain Bob Doubles on July 13th. They were Margaret Chappell 1, Mary Wilkinson (cond.) 2, Marian Cass 3, Christine Morton 4, Valerie Jones 5, Jane Fransella 6. This is the first band to have been formed in the school.

700th ANNIVERSARY OF A COTSWOLD CHURCH

700 years ago, on June 9th, 1269, the Bishop of Worcester dedicated the Church of St. Mary, Meysey-Hampton, Glos. It is of a simple design, in the form of a cross, with the tower in the centre. The tower is typically Early English, low, with battlements. It has sound holes of pairs of Early English lancets and at its corners are fine "grotesques" to throw the rainwater clear of the stonework. There are six bells, five of which were cast in 1708 and one in 1825. They were re-hung in a new frame in 1929 when the fifth was re-cast.

The peal and quarter peal columns will show that the anniversary was duly recognised by the ringers, for a peal was rung on June 20th, and a date touch prior to the service celebrating the occasion on Sunday, 22nd, when the Bishop of Gloucester attended and preached. A memorable week-end, indeed.

If ever an event was celebrated in an ecumenical way, this was it. The villagers (with outsiders too) united to make it a success; and success did indeed crown their efforts. There was a festival of flowers, gardens were open, various displays, and continuous catering in the Village Hall. Visitors attended from near and far—literally by the coach-load. Even the weather beamed its pleasure. This picturesque Cotswold village, with its old lamp-posts bedecked with flower baskets, was charming in the extreme.

MIDNIGHT BOG SEARCH

Andrew Wilby's week-end in the West Country recently had a number of unusual features not usually associated with ringing week-ends. Amongst the attractions was an optional midnight hunt for a pair of Doctor Scholes sandals, lost in a knee-deep bog. It was all done in the name of rescuing a "fair maiden in distress". Unfortunately the fair maiden rescued herself and the hunt couldn't find any dragons, or more than one sandal for that matter! There followed a "sock borrowing" session which still hasn't been resolved.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

Once again the Society was made extremely welcome when St. Oswald's, Guiseley, was visited for the monthly meeting on June 28th. Guiseley is noted for always providing a tea for which no fixed charge is made, and from the collection taken towards its cost Mr. Walsh, of the local company, donated over £1 to the Society's funds.

The very pleasant eight were rung to a variety of methods by a large gathering, which gratifyingly included a considerable number of learners.

Next meeting, July 26th: Leathley (4) and Otley (8). G.C.

32 Peals Honour Investiture of Prince Charles

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
LONDON.—At the Cathedral of St. Paul.
On Tues., July 1, 1969, in 3 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 62 cwt. in B flat.

Wilfred Williams	Treble	George W. Pipe	7
Tudor P. Edwards	2	Alan R. Patterson	8
Albert M. Tyler	3	George E. Fearn	9
Basil Jones	4	Wilfrid F. Moreton	10
Andrew N. Stubbs	5	John A. Anderson	11
Kenneth J. Hesketh	6	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Wilfred Williams.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
ALLESLEY, Coventry.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., July 5, 1969, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

Peter Border	Treble	Ian D. Thompson	5
Marjorie Batchelor	2	John C. Baldwin	6
Clare F. Dolphin	3	Ian C. Maycock	7
Frank W. Perrens	4	Ernest J. Gower	Tenor

Composed by J. S. Wilde. Conducted by Peter Border.

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.
EGREMONT, Cumberland.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Tues., July 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. in F sharp.

Mary W. Whalley	Treble	Joseph Whalley	4
Colin F. Gates	2	Harold Wilson	5
Geoffrey Tembey	3	Kevin M. Price	Tenor

Conducted by Kevin M. Price.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
EGHAM, Surrey.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Tues., July 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt 3 qr. 26 lb. in F.

Joyce A. Parsons	Treble	Roger L. Coley	5
*Stephen R. Elliott	2	*Christopher M. White	6
*Catherine A. Elliott	3	Alan D. Flood	7
Raymond J. Talbot	4	David E. Parsons	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by David E. Parsons.
* First peal in the method.

GUILDFORD, Surrey.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., July 5, 1969, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

Donald N. Jennings	Treble	Anthony K. Fortin	5
*Beryl R. Simpson	2	Brian J. Luff	6
Rowan S. Bradley	3	*Michael J. Church	7
W. John Couperthwaite	4	Tom Page	Tenor

Composed by James W. Washbrook. Conducted by Michael J. Church.
* 50th peal together. First of London as conductor and the conductor's 50th of Surprise Major.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
NEW RADNOR, Radnorshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Wed., July 2, 1969, in 2 Hous and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In three methods, being one extent Oxford T.B., two extents Kent T.B. and four extents Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in B flat.

John W. Hope	Treble	Frederick R. Harris	4
*Valerie M. Edge	2	John F. I. Turney	5
Peter J. Wycherley	3	Robert A. Hatcher	Tenor

Conducted by Robert A. Hatcher.
* First peal of Minor in three methods.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
BUSHEY, Herts.—At the Church of St. James the Apostle.
On Thurs., July 3, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F.

Christopher W. Woolley	Treble	*John R. Southey	5
Katherine S. Hardy	2	*Barry R. M. Johnson	6
Kenneth R. Dunstan	3	Robert E. Hardy	7
*Robert J. Moore	4	*David A. Carpenter	Tenor

Arranged by Simon Humphrey. Conducted by Robert E. Hardy.
* First peal in the method.

Canwyd y clychau mewn coffâd am Arwisgiad y Tywysog Charles yn Dywysog Cymru, ar y cyntaf o Orffennaf 1969. · Fe'u canwyd hefyd i nodi cychwyn gwyl blodau Bushey.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
NEWHEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Thomas
On Sun., June 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being extents of Single Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Oxford T.B., St. Clement's, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.
Tenor 4 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in C sharp.

David W. Howarth	Treble	Christine Broadley	4
*James E. Andrews	2	Michael D. Fishwick	5
John P. Partington	3	Christopher J. Groome	Tenor

Conducted by Christopher J. Groome.
* 75th peal.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
LINCOLN.—In St Hugh's Tower, at the Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
On Thurs., July 3, 1969, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5021 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in D.

Gillian Radley	Treble	William L. Exton	7
John Freeman	2	Phillip C. Pitchford	8
Beryl N. Reed	3	David Phillipson	9
Harold F. Gibson	4	John Walden	10
Peter A. Sharp	5	Geoffrey R. Parker	11
Christopher J. Sharp	6	Jack L. Millhouse	Tenor

Composed by John Chilcott Conducted by John Freeman.
Rung following the installation of the Rev. V. de Waal as Chancellor of this Cathedral.

ULCEBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Mon., June 30, 1969, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in the following: (1 and 2) Kent T.B., (3) St. Clement's, (4–7) Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 8 lb. in G sharp.

*Helen Gill	Treble	Robert A. Gillies	4
Geoffrey Bromfield	2	John H. Parker	5
John Plant	3	Arthur Pashley	Tenor

Conducted by Arthur Pashley.
* First peal attempt.

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INVESTITURE PEALS

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
CHEPSTOW, Monmouthshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., June 28, 1969, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5080 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

Jacqueline S. King	Treble	David E. Rothera	6
G. William Critchley	2	Tudor P. Edwards	7
Claudia A. Critchley	3	Christopher H. Rogers	8
Wiillam A. Theobald	4	Ralph G. Edwards	9
Roderick W. Pipe	5	Wilfred Williams	Tenor

Composed by Peter Border. Conducted by Wilfred Williams
First peal in the method on the bells

LLANDAFF, Glamorgan.—At the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Tues., July 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. in E.

Donald G. Clift	Treble	†David J. Llewellyn	6
Stephen Fenwick	2	Charles P. Quartley	7
Nicholas W. H. Simon	3	J. Michael Lakin	8
*Judith Ashcroft	4	Peter S. Bennett	9
Paul A. Williams	5	Christopher Hughes	Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by Nicholas W. H. Simon.
* First peal of Stedman. † 50th for the Association 100th as conductor.

CARDIFF, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Thurs., July 3, 1969, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5079 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 26 cwt. 4 lb. in D.

William H. Harford	Treble	Alexander E. Marsh	6
Charles P. Quartley	2	Gwyn I. Lewis	7
Thomas Yeomans	3	Peter S. Bennett	8
*Alwyn R. Lewis	4	M. Jack Pryor	9
Michael Meadows	5	William T. Petty	Tenor

Composed by Albert M. Tyler. Conducted by M. Jack Pryor.
* First peal on ten bells "inside"

LLANFRECHFA, Mon.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Mon., June 30, 1969, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7¼ cwt.

Donald G. Clift	Treble	Stephen Fenwick	5
Peter S. Bennett	2	Paul A. Williams	6
David J. Llewellyn	3	Michael R. Meadows	7
J. Michael Lakin	4	Tudor P. Edwards	Tenor

Composed by M. S. Bruce. Conducted by Peter S. Bennett.
First peal of Surprise Major and believed to be the first true peal of Major on the bells.
Also rung for the 30th anniversary of the ordination of the Vicar.

RADYR, Glamorgan.—At Christ Church
On Tues., July 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 15 lb. in G.

David J. Llewellyn	Treble	Paul A. Williams	5
Rev. G. J. B. Stickland	2	Stephen Fenwick	6
Peter S. Bennett	3	J. Michael Lakin	7
Christopher Hughes	4	Nicholas W. H. Simon	Tenor

Composed by Arthur Craven. Conducted by Nicholas W. H. Simon.
Also rung to mark the retirement of the Rector, Rev. W. S. Pontin.

PETERSTONE-WENTLOOG, Mon.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., July 5, 1969, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7¼ cwt.

Anne Cooke	Treble	Michael R. Meadows	5
J. Michael Lakin	2	Paul A. Williams	6
James R. Taylor	3	David J. Llewellyn	7
*Stephen Fenwick	4	D. John Hunt	Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by D. John Hunt.
* 50th peal for the Association. First of Surprise Major on the bells.

WHITCHURCH, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Wed., July 2, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In four methods, being four extents Stedman, eight Rev. Canterbury Pleasure Bob, 10 Plain Bob and 20 Grandsire. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

Edward C. Bailey	Treble	Rev. Ronald C. Lucas	4
Frederick J. Bailey	2	William H. Harford	5
Mrs. Christine M. Lucas	3	William H. Dare	Tenor

Conducted by William H. Harford.
Also rung as a first birthday compliment to Jonathan Charles Lucas, son of the Rev. and Mrs. Lucas.

BRIDGEND, Glam.—At the Church of St. Illtyd.
On Mon., July 7, 1969, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being six 240's and 30 extents. Tenor 16 cwt.

Cyril Phillips	Treble	Raymond J. Mayle	4
Nigel V. Hill	2	D. R. Lynn Jones	5
William T. Petty	3	Graham A. Evans	Tenor

Conducted by William T. Petty.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Tues., July 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 VANCOUVER SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

Richard J. Clifton	Treble	*Frank Chambers	5
*B. Stedman Payne	2	†Arthur E. Rowley	6
*†Rev. M. C. C. Melville	3	G. Ronald Edwards	7
Joseph W. Cotton	4	*Roland Beniston	Tenor

Composed by W. Barton. Conducted by Roland Beniston.
* First peal in the method. † 50th peal together. First in the method as conductor.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
HARROW WEALD, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Thurs., July 3, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 DERBY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

John H. W. Smith	Treble	Frank Reed	5
*Elsie K. Hart	2	Dennis Knox	6
*G. William Critchley	3	*John Hill	7
*Claudia A. Critchley	4	*Jack S. Dear	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Ketteringham. Conducted by G. William Critchley.
* First peal in the method

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Wed., July 2, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 COLEGATE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 48 lb. in G.

Martin L. Howe	Treble	*David G. Adams	5
Martin Cubitt	2	Geoffrey H. Pullin	6
Janet House	3	David E. House	7
*George P. Adams	4	*David Heighton	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin Conducted by David E. House.
* First peal in the method

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
WREXHAM, Denbighshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Wed., July 2, 1969, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in D.

Frederick R. Evans	Treble	Dennis H. B. Millward	6
Norah M. Randles	2	George H. Randles	7
Jack L. Millhouse	3	John Capper	8
John W. Griffiths	4	Eric J. Gilbert	9
William Cathrall	5	George Ledsham	Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
CASTOR, Northants.—At the Church of St. Kyneburgha.
On Tues., July 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. C.C.C. Nos. 7, 10, 5, 1, 8, 6.

Frank Sismey	Treble	John H. Bluff	4
*Clive Banks	2	Raymond H. Daw	5
*Keith Oliver	3	Graham Oliver	Tenor

Conducted by John H. Bluff. Tenor 10 cwt. 19 lb.
* First peal

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
SHOREDITCH, London, E.—At the Church of St. Leonard.
On Tues., July 1, 1969 in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5042 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 28 cwt 1 qr. 14 lb. in C

Audrey R. Alexander	Treble	Christopher P. Starbuck	7
M. Louise Slater	2	Norman Summerhayes	8
Joan Beresford	3	John R. Pratchett	9
*Angela M. Wright	4	Derek E. Sibson	10
Michael H. D. O'Callaghan	5	†Kenneth Newman	11
Edward F. P. Bryant	6	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
* First peal of Maximus "inside" † First of Yorkshire Maximus.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
EAST RETFORD, Notts.—At the Church of St. Swithun.
On Tues., July 1, 1969, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

Bryan Birkett	Treble	Philip Rogers	5
Christine M. Wright	2	Paul N. Mounsey	6
Stephen Knights	3	Raymond Fanthorpe	7
*Harry Poyner	4	John A. Coates	Teno

Composed and Conducted by Harry Poyner.
* 100th peal for the Guild.
Canu clychau'r eglwys i ddathlu coroni Tywysog Cymru.

INVESTITURE PEALS

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
FULHAM, London, S.W.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Tues., July 1, 1969, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in E.

John Pladdys	Treble	Keith G. Game	6
Michael J. Uphill	2	Christopher F. Mew	7
Julie S. Armstrong	3	Alan E. Bagworth	8
Richard L. Jones	4	Tony Lewis	9
Rev. Michael Hart	5	*Geoffrey D. Armitage	Tenor

Composed by E. Bennett. Conducted by Christopher F. Mew.
* 25th peal and first on ten. 225th peal on the bells.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
LOWER BEEDING, Sussex.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Tues., July 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

George Francis	Treble	Geoffrey C. Rix	5
Edgar R. Rapley	2	Frank H. Hicks	6
Valerie J. Howard	3	David D. Smith	7
John R. Norris	4	John A. Howard	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by David D. Smith.
Also rung as a compliment to Bill Harrison and his wife on their golden wedding anniversary. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in G.

WILLINGDON, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., July 5, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being seven extents of Stedman and 35 of Grandsire.
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in A flat.

*Graham J. Catt	Treble	Clive Brettell	4
Christine M. Baldock	2	‡Alan R. Baldock	5
†Susan J. Percy	3	‡Janet M. Percy	Tenor

Conducted by Alan R. Baldock.
* First peal on six bells. † First "inside." ‡ 25th together.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.
SWANSEA, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Tues., July 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being two 240's and 38 extents. Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in E.

*Elizabeth A. Way	Treble	*Ann McFenton	4
Marilyn E. Evans	2	John T. Williams	5
Gillian B. Armstrong	3	J. Peter Thomas	Tenor

Conducted by John T. Williams.
* First peal. Rung on front six. Cymry am Byth.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
GUISBOROUGH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Tues., July 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different 720's. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

*Lynnette Banwell	Treble	Thomas M. Cox	4
*Leslie Franks	2	Fred Hodgson	5
*Robert D. Crighton	3	†Jack Roach	Tenor

Conducted by Fred Hodgson.
* First peal. † First of Minor.

OTHER TOWER BELL PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
BUTCOMBE, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., May 31, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In nine methods, being four extents each of Stedman Slow Course, Union and Grandsire, and five extents each of Rev. Canterbury, St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place, Plain Bob, St. Simon and St. Martin.
Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb. in B.

*Christopher Field	Treble	†John Coombs	4
*Susan Stott	2	John S. Walton	5
Stanley Lewis	3	William Warren	Tenor

Conducted by John S. Walton.
* First peal in nine methods. † 25th peal for the Association.

BERROW, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Sat., June 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 14 methods, being three extents each of Stedman, Stedman Slow Course, Coxwell Place, St. Botolph, New, Huntspill, Union, Grandsire, Rev. Canterbury, St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place, Plain Bob, St. Simon and St. Martin. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*Christopher Field	Treble	‡Stanley Lewis	4
†Bernard Dodds	2	§John S. Walton	5
John Coombs	3	Jesse R. Lee	Tenor

Conducted by John S. Walton.
* First peal in 14 methods. † First in 14 methods "inside."
‡ 25th peal for the Association. § 50th peal for the Association.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
WISTASTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., June 23, 1969, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 240 each of St. Simon, St. Martin, St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Grandsire, Rev. Canterbury and Plain Bob and 240 each of 13 variations Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb. in B.

Gordon K. Green	Treble	Frank R. Morton	4
Frederick S. Sutton	2	Roland W. Morant	5
A. Doreen Edwards	3	Michael J. Crawley	Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.
Rung as a golden wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Burgess, great-uncle and great-aunt of the conductor, Mr. Burgess having been a member of this church for 80 years.

PREES, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Chad.
On Sat., June 28, 1969 in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In five methods: (1) Single Oxford. (2) St. Clement's. (3) Oxford T.B., (4) Plain Bob, (5) Kent T.B., (6-7) Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

John Moore	Treble	Geoffrey A. Edwards	4
Harry W. Howard	2	Frank R. Morton	5
Edward V. Rodenhurst	3	John R. Scott	Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
SHIRLEY, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Mon., June 30, 1969, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in B flat.

Graham D. Rushton	Treble	Derek H. Walters	5
Pamela M. Turner	2	S. Clarke Walters	6
R. David Baker	3	Maurice C Hughes	7
Geoffrey W. Randall	4	Frederick Shallcross	Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Geoffrey W. Randall.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
FARNBOROUGH, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., July 5, 1969, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. in B flat.

*Beryl R. Simpson	Treble	†Jeffrey P. Ladd	5
Raymond E. Finch	2	Simon A. Reed	6
W. John Couperthwaite	3	Michael J. Church	7
Eunice A. Lewis	4	Rowan S. Bradley	Tenor

Composed by Arthur Craven. Conducted by Michael J. Church.
* 50th peal for the Guild. † First of Surprise Major "inside."
Beryl R. Simpson has now "circled the tower" to peals, and is the first to do this.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
EDINGTON, Wilts.—At the Priory Church of St. Katharine and All Saints.
On Sat., June 28, 1969, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. in D.

*Joyce M. Clark	Treble	Keith J. Walpole	5
Katherine S. Hardy	2	George E. Bonham	6
A. Stephen Taylor	3	Robert E. Hardy	7
Robert D. Bellamy	4	Andrew W. R. Wilby	Tenor

Composed by C. P. Starbuck. Conducted by Andrew W. R. Wilby.
* First peal of Major and of Surprise. First of Major on the bells.
Rung fully muffled at the request of the Vicar

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THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
ASPENDEN, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., July 5, 1969, in 6 Hours and 18 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 11520 FARDISLAND DELIGHT MAJOR

Peter T. Dale	Treble	Andrew W. R. Wilby	5
Brian J. Woodruffe	2	Andrew J. Corby	6
Kenneth J. Darvill	3	George E. Thoday	7
Roy D. Mills	4	Alan F. Scholfield	Tenor

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.
Umpire: Keith J. Walpole.
The longest peal of Delight Major and the extent in the method with the tenors together. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Stephen.
On Mon., June 30, 1969, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In four methods, being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B. and one of Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in A flat.

*Valerie Urban	Treble	Brian J. Woodruffe	4
†Roderick K. Bickerton	2	Andrew W. R. Wilby	5
Alison Macfarlane	3	Peter T. Dale	Tenor

Conducted by Peter T. Dale.
* First peal. † First in four methods.
Rung for the wedding earlier this day at St. Albans Abbey of Miss Angela Brunskill, once a local ringer, and Dr. John S. Smith. They will be returning to Vancouver in the immediate future.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
WORSLEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mark.
On Wed., July 9, 1969, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 24 cwt. 7 lb. in D.

James E. Andrews	Treble	*John Illingworth	6
*Roy Jolley	2	*†‡David Makin-Taylor	7
*†Thomas Hobson	3	§R. Keith Lister	8
*†§Neil T. E. Burnett	4	John Ashcroft	9
Dennis McCormick	5	*David R. Forsythe	Tenor

Composed by H. Johnson. Conducted by John Ashcroft.
* First peal of Stedman. † First of Caters. ‡ 25th peal. § 25th peal together.
Rung as a ruby wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Smith, of Westhoughton.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Thurs., July 3, 1969, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5002 RUTLAND SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

G. Ronald Edwards	Treble	*K. Paul Gilliver	6
W. Ernest Rawson	2	Martin Green	7
Christine L. J. Mills	3	*David F. Moore	8
John M. Jelley	4	R. Brian Mills	9
Monica M. Jelley	5	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by John M. Jelley.
* First peal of Royal in the method.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Wed., July 9, 1969, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

G. Ronald Edwards	Treble	Burley P. Morris	5
B. Stedman Payne	2	Frank Chambers	6
Arthur E. Rowley	3	*Alec R. Jones	7
Joseph W. Cotton	4	Derek P. Jones	Tenor

Composed by W. Barton. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.
* First peal in the method.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
SPALDING, Lincs.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Nicholas.
On Thurs., July 3, 1969, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Bernard B. Tyrrell	Treble	Frank Taylor	5
*Simon Hare	2	Maurice E. Hare	6
†Mrs. A. J. Payne	3	Edwin T. Chapman	7
Janet E. Hubbard	4	Ronald C. Noon	Tenor

Composed by G. H. Cross Conducted by Ronald C. Noon.
* First peal. † 50th peal.
Rung in honour of the installation of the Vicar, the Rev. D. G. Jakeman, as Canon of Lincoln Cathedral. Tenor 15 cwt. 14 lb. in F.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
LLANDAFF, Glam.—At the Cathedral Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Wed., June 18, 1969, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

J. Michael Lakin	Treble	John W. Bull	6
Christopher Hughes	2	Alexander E. Marsh	7
Charles P. Quartley	3	David J. Llewellyn	8
Peter S. Bennett	4	Nicholas W. H. Simon	9
*Paul S. Reading	5	Tudor P. Edwards	Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe. Conducted by Peter S. Bennett.
* First peal of Surprise Royal.
Rung as a farewell to the ringers of 3 and 5 on the completion of their degree courses. Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. in E.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
MEASHAM, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Laurence.
On Mon., June 2, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in F sharp.

Frank Chambers	Treble	Edward R. Fairbrother	5
Arthur E. Rowley	2	Frank Beech	6
Joseph W. Cotton	3	Derek P. Jones	7
Sheila Parsons	4	Norman W. Attaway	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.
Rung for the 14th anniversary of the induction of the Vicar, the Rev. A. J. Day, to the benefice of Measham, also as a birthday compliment to him.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
REDGRAVE, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., March 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

*Mrs. E. F. Foreman	Treble	Alfred W. Foreman	4
Frank C. J. Arnold	2	†Owen P. Claxton	5
Albert G. Harrison	3	H. William Barrett	Tenor

Conducted by H. William Barrett.
* First peal of Minor (aged 68). † 25th peal.
Rung as a 68th birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

MUNDFORD, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Leonard.
On Sat., March 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one 720 of St. Clement's and two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. in B.

Harry B. Fuller	Treble	*Owen P. Claxton	4
Anthony H. Roberts	2	Frank C. J. Arnold	5
Albert G. Harrison	3	H. William Barrett	Tenor

Conducted by H. William Barrett.
* 25th peal for the Association.
Rung to the memory of Fr. Denys Rokeby, Rector of Mundford from 1946 to 1965, died on February 8th.

FORNCETT ST. PETER, Norfolk.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Tues., March 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Ten callings. Tenor 13 cwt. 12 lb. in F sharp.

Charles H. Blake	Treble	Henry Tooke	3
Thomas E. Spight	2	Frank C. J. Arnold	4

H. William Barrett .. .. Tenor
Conducted by H. William Barrett.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the grandson of the treble ringer.

NORTON SUBCOURSE, Norfolk.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Margaret.
On Sun., May 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 720 each of Norwich Surprise, Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 43 lb. in G.

John Clark	Treble	Norman P. J. Cossey	4
Frederick C. Gunton	2	A. Ernest Long	5
Rev. Peter N. Bond	3	H. William Barrett	Tenor

Conducted by H. William Barrett.
Rung for the christening of Catherine Jane Stokes, daughter of Michael Stokes, a former member of the local company, and also for the dedication service for the Godfrey Walpole memorial.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(The Cockcroft Society of Change Ringers.)
ALDERMASTON, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Tues., June 17, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's 12-part. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in G.

Peter E. Corderoy	Treble	David G. Papworth	5
*J. Jeffery Hill	2	†William Butler	6
Roger B. Pike	3	Michael S. Holbrook	7
Claude Corderoy	4	*David Livingston	Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker. Conducted by William Butler.
* First peal in the method. † 25th in the method.

(The Cockcroft Society of Change Ringers.)
HARWELL, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew.
On Tues., June 17, 1969, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

Kenneth Cotterell	Treble	†William Gilks	5
*Mary Wells	2	Harry E. Wells	6
Helen M. Diserens	3	Anthony R. Peake	7
Noel J. Diserens	4	John C. Baldwin	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Noel J. Diserens.
* First peal of Surprise Major. † First in the method.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
LOWER BENEFIELD, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., July 3, 1969, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In 13 methods in seven extents: (1) Norwich, (2) Cambridge, Beverley, Surfleet, (3) Kent and Oxford, (4) Double Court, (5) Double Oxford, St. Clement's, (6) Thelwall, Childwall, (7) Single Oxford, Plain Bob.
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in G.

*David J. Thorne	Treble	J. Malcolm Tyler	4
Raymond Henman	2	†Barry R. Care	5
†Stephen B. Bell	3	Murray A. Coleman	Tenor

Conducted by Murray A. Coleman.
* First peal. † 25th together. Most methods by all the band.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. S. C. Watts-Russell, churchwarden and patron of the living; died June 27th, 1969.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
DEVIZES, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., June 28, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In two methods, being one extent of St. Clement's and six extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 17½ cwt

Richard S. Fisher	Treble	K. Barry Osborne	4
Pamela A. Osborne	2	*James Twiney	5
*James P. Burry	3	Derrick P. Bailey	Tenor

Conducted by Derrick P. Bailey.
* First peal, first attempt.
Rung as a compliment to Miss Janet Pink and the tenor ringer, who were married the previous Saturday.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
EAST MARKHAM, Notts.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Fri., July 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
J. W. Washbrook's var. of Thurstans' four-part.
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb. in F sharp.

Mary C. Poyner	Treble	*Phillip Rogers	5
*Christine M. N. Wright	2	Christopher J. Sharp	6
Harold F. Gibson	3	Jack L. Millhouse	7
Colin W. Reed	4	Harold Denman	Tenor

Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* First peal of Stedman Triples.

GAMSTON, Notts.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Mon., July 7, 1969, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being four extents of Oxford Bob and three of Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in A flat.

Sidney Carnall	Treble	Christine M. Wright	4
Katherine Burchnall	2	Philip Rogers	5
Grace Burchnall	3	Harold Denman	Tenor

Conducted by Harold Denman.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
TANNINGTON, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Ethelbert.
On Fri., July 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Double Court, Double Oxford, Cambridge, Oxford T.B St. Clement's, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 4 lb. in A flat.

Muriel R. Page	Treble	Vernon B. Bedford	4
Katharine M. Thorley	2	J. Martin Thorley	5
Leslie G. Brett	3	J. Barry Pickup	Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.
Rung as a compliment to Mrs. Ann Jones.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
WARNHAM, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Sat., May 31, 1969, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in F sharp.

Monica Blagrove	Treble	Jeffrey M. Britchford	5
*Irene Marshall	2	George Francis	6
†Jennifer Smith	3	David D. Smith	7
Christopher B. Fynes	4	Frank T. Blagrove	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by George Francis.
* First peal of Major in the method. † First of Surprise "inside."
Rung prior to the marriage at Warnham of David G. Pickett and Diane M. Mullins, ringers at Stanwell and Warnham respectively.

CUCKFIELD, Sussex.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Tues., June 17, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation. Tenor 15½ cwt.

*Peter Hepburn	Treble	Edgar R. Rapley	5
†John Norris	2	David D. Smith	6
Valerie Howard	3	John A. Howard	7
Reginald V. Johnson	4	George Francis	Tenor

Conducted by George Francis.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First of Major in the method.
Rung in memoriam Elsie L. Hairs.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
CARBIS BAY, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Anta and All Saints.
On Sat., July 5, 1969, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's transposition. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. in G sharp.

Harry Miles	Treble	*Anthony J. Davidson	5
*Anthony Locke	2	Canon A. S. Roberts	6
Geoffrey W. Taysom	3	Marion L. Lidgey	7
*Timothy J. Bell	4	*Robert Peel Pearce	Tenor

Conducted by Marion L. Lidgey.
* First peal of Stedman Triples. First as conductor.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORSTMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
RINGWOOD, Hampshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., June 28, 1969, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In eight methods, containing 640 each of Bristol, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative and Yorkshire and 608 each of Cambridge, Lincolnshire and London, with 120 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in E.

*Mary E. Elmes	Treble	Graham W. Elmes	5
†Katharine J. Maundrell	2	William E. Cheater	6
David Wilson	3	Timothy F. Collins	7
William T. Perrins	4	Ronald N. Marlow	Tenor

Composed by Noel J. Diserens. Conducted by William T. Perrins.
* 100th peal. † First of spliced "inside."

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
WAKEFIELD, Yorks.—At the Cathedral Church of All Saints.
On Tues., June 24, 1969, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

*Anne E. C. Whitaker	Treble	*Robert Cater	6
Wilfrid F. Moreton	2	Rev. Nicholas Webb	7
*Gail Cater	3	Geoffrey Townend	8
R. Anne Johnson	4	Trevor Tarbatt	9
George E. Hancock	5	Douglas Barker	Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.
* First peal of Stedman.
Rung by the Sunday service band.

BIRSTALL, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sun., June 22, 1969, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 ERIN TRIPLES
Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

Patricia Lockwood	Treble	Austin T. Wingate	5
Gail Cater	2	Alan Clifton	6
Robert Cater	3	Wilfrid F. Morton	7
Ian North	4	Trevor Tarbatt	Tenor

Composed by E. S. Powell. Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.
First peal in the method by all except the conductor.

PENISTONE, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Fri., June 20, 1969, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in F sharp.

Peter Carbutt	Treble	Austin T. Wingate	5
Gail Cater	2	Rev. Nicholas Webb	6
Robert Cater	3	Trevor Tarbatt	7
J. Philip Charlesworth	4	Wilfrid F. Moreton	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
BROMBOROUGH, Cheshire.—At 35, Croft Avenue.
On Fri., July 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 15 in B flat.

Keith J. Walpole	1–2	Robert Peers	5–6
Eric J. Gilbert	3–4	F. Leslie Coventry	7–8
		*Charles F. Pocock	9–10

Composed by Robert Peers Conducted by Keith J. Walpole.
* First peal of Royal.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
CHELTENHAM, Glos.—At 19, Ravensgate Road.
On Tues., July 8, 1969, in 1 Hour and 53 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor size 11 in G.

*Frances Fairbank (cond.)	1–2	Hugh N. Evans	3–4
		Cyril A. Wratten	5–6

First peal as conductor.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
HARPENDEN, Herts.—At 8, Spenser Road.
On Sat., June 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Andrew W. R. Wilby	1–2	Kenneth J. Darvill	5–6
Roger D. R. Brown	3–4	A. Stephen Taylor	7–8

Composed by J. E. Burton. Conducted by Kenneth J. Darvill.

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BIRTH

BOYD.—On June 21st, 1969, at North Herts Hospital, to Dorothy (née Bailes) and Alan, a son (Adrian Jesse). 7649

ENGAGEMENT

SCHOFIELD—RHODES.—The engagement is announced between Barry, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Schofield, of Tewkesbury, Glos, and Susan, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. M. A. Rhodes, of Skipton, Yorkshire. 7654

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGES

FLEMING—ELLISON.—Keith and Linda will be only too pleased to see any friends at Maulden on Saturday, August 2nd, at 12 noon. 7655

MELVILLE—COLLINS.—The marriage between Malcolm and Shelagh will take place at St. Paul's Church, Bedford, on Saturday, Aug. 9th, at 2.30 p.m. All friends welcome at the church. 7645

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

HARMAN.—The address of Mr. and Mrs. A. Harman and family is now Greenway, Culver Road, Yaverland, Sandown, Isle of Wight. 7642

HOUGH.—The address of Richard and Jane Hough is 10, Pennington Road, Hartford, Huntingdon. Telephone No Huntingdon 2819. 7639

PERSONAL

Whatsoever thy hand findest to do, do it with all thy might, for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom in the grave, whither thou goest.—Ecclesiastes IX: 10.

Would Miss Ann Gardner, of German House, Oberlin, Ohio, U.S.A., please contact this office, as her copy of the "Ringing World" is being returned.

Would Miss Linda D. Shaw, of 48, Harehills Lane, Leeds, please contact this office, as her copy of the "Ringing World" is being returned marked "Home address not known"

HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

BOW, Mid-Devon Village.—Bed, breakfast and evening meal, 28/-.—Mrs. A. Fidler, "Highcroft", Bow, near Crediton Devon. 7643

DORSET.—Near Milton Abbey. B. and B., 20/-. Evening meal, 7/6. Mrs. Dunford, Hambledon Cottage, Hilton, Blandford, Dorset. Homely accommodation in heart of lovely countryside. 7610

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PRACTICE NIGHT CHANGES

EASTCHURCH, Sheppey, Kent.—As from Tuesday, August 5th, practice night at All Saints' Church will be on Tuesdays instead of Fridays, at 7.30 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—N. J. Chesson, Hon. Sec. 7647

WAREHAM, Dorset.—As from August 7th, practice night will be THURSDAY. Visitors very welcome. 7653

MISCELLANEOUS

SKIPTON-IN-CRAVEN, YORKS
FLOWER FESTIVAL
Saturday, July 26th
Ringing:
Saturday: 10–11.15, 3.30–4.30, 6.15–7.30
Sunday: 8.45–9.45, 5.30–6.30
All visitors welcome.
7587

HANDBELL RINGERS OF GREAT BRITAIN
Preliminary notice:
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LEICESTER
on
May 2nd, 1970
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PENISTONE PARISH CHURCH.—Ringers requiring these bells for peals would be welcomed.—Write to Mr. John Whitehead (tower captain), 2, Church View Crescent, Penistone, near Sheffield. 7651

MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Charlton Mackrell, July 26th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—L. McCreadie, Level Lane, Charlton Horethorne, Sherborne, Dorset. 7609

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Quarterly meeting on July 26th, Locking (6), 2.30 p.m Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business.—M. Legg 7632

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Quarterly meeting at Totternhoe, on Saturday, July 26th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea and business 4.30. Service 6 p.m. Names to Mr J. Scott, Old Farm Inn, Totternhoe, Beds. 7608

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—N. and N.W. Branch.—Summer meeting at Bridgerule, July 26th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow. Visitors welcome. Names for tea to R. Pearce, Buttsbeer Cross, Bridgerule, Holsworthy. 7621

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting at March, July 26th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 Tea 5 p.m. Everyone welcome.—D. A. Feek, Dis. Sec. 7569

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting will be held at Thaxted on Saturday, July 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting and further ringing. Surprise practice in the evening if possible.—G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow. 7584

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Meeting at Wooburn, July 26th. Bells 3.30 Tea 5. Names for tea, please.—J. Muller, 14, Southwood Road, Cookham, Berks 7624

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Mansfield District.—Meeting, Hucknall, July 26th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. Bramley, No. 1, Church Drive, Hucknall. 7623

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Central District.—Quarterly meeting, Wilby (8), Saturday, July 26th. Bells 3–9 p.m. Choral Evensong 4.30 p.m Picnic tea. 7615

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting, St. Peter's, Titchfield, July 26th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m in the Parish Hall, followed by the business meeting. Evening ringing till 9. 7586

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Monthly meeting, St. Bees, Saturday, Aug. 2nd. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—Own arrangements for tea.—Miss D. Gibson, Sec. 7650

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Evening meeting, Chippenham, on Saturday, Aug. 2nd. Bells (6) from 6.30–8.30 p.m. 7660

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—Meeting, Ashton-under-Hill (6), Saturday, July 26th, 3 p.m. Service 4 Tea 5 p.m. Meeting and ringing after tea. Names for tea to D. E. Deakins, 47, Paddocks Lane, Cheltenham, by July 23rd.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Meeting, Great Budworth (8), Saturday, Aug. 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Scott, 54, High Street. Special method: Yorkshire. 7630

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Evening meeting, Saturday, Aug. 2nd. Ashwell (6), 5.30–7 p.m.; Rushden (5), 7–8.30 p.m.—Mrs. C. A. Agg, Dis. Sec. 7659

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Meeting, Burton-in-Kendal on Saturday, Aug. 2nd. Bells available 2.30–7.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. S. Barnes, Hutton House, Burton-via-Carnforth. 7626

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Monthly meeting, Hindley (8), Saturday, Aug. 2nd, 2.30 p.m. Own tea arrangements. Evening ringing, All Saints', Wigan, 6.30–8.30 p.m. All welcome. Special method: Double Norwich Major and Caters.—C. D'Aeth, Hon. Sec. 7662

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Eccleshall on Saturday, August 2nd Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. Whittall, 'Ivy Mount', 78, High Street, Eccleshall, Stafford, by previous Wednesday. 7661

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—A.G.M. August 2nd. Ringing, Banbury (10), 2.30 p.m Service 3.45. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to C. F. Herbert, 2, Beesley Road, Banbury, by July 30th. 7603

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—On Saturday, Aug. 2nd, meeting at Hope (8), 3–4.30 p.m. Tea 6. Hathersage (6) 7–8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Rev. Southwood, Hope, Vicarage, Hope, by previous Wednesday.—R. Fletcher, Hon. Sec. 7663

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Branch practice on Monday, Aug. 4th, Woodstock (8), 7.30 p.m. 7658

LATE NOTICES

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild's 70th Anniversary Dinner will be held at the Moor Lodge Hotel, Branston, Lincoln, on Saturday, September 27th, 1969, at 7 p.m. Tickets 21/- each.

Peals and tower tours arranged.—Jack L. Millhouse, Hon. Sec. 7664

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

The Extraordinary General Committee Meeting will be held at Radley on Friday, Sept. 19th, at 7 p.m. Tea and sandwiches will be provided for those coming straight from work.

The Autumn General Meeting will be held at Witney on Saturday, Oct. 4th.

The Secretaries' Meeting will be held at Radley on Saturday, Nov. 29th.

Annual Festival, June 27th, Oxford. 7668

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—Practice meeting, Sutton Benger (5), Tuesday, July 29th, 7.30 p.m. 7669

BEDFORD ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Quarterly meeting, Sharnbrook, Saturday, Aug. 2nd. Bells 3.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to J. Wilkinson, De la Mare, Adell Road, Sharnbrook. 7670

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting at Marston Trussell, Saturday, Aug. 2nd. Names for tea to P. A. Turner, 26, Greenhill Road, Long Buckby, Rugby, by Tuesday previous. 7665

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Crawford Cup Contest at Aspley, Saturday, Aug. 2nd. 5.30 p.m. Open ringing afterwards.—S. Adams 7667

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—On Saturday, Aug. 9th, at Cowfold. 3–5 p.m., Lower Beeding, service, 5.30. Bells 6–7 p.m. and Twineham 7.15–8.30. Please bring own picnic tea. Names for outing on Oct. 11th to C. A. Bassett 7666

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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

The Farnham District held its striking competition at Frensham on June 28th. This was well supported, 12 teams having entered, representing six towers. The competition was won by Yorktown "A" team, Ash tower taking second place and the "scratch" team coming third. The competition was followed by tea in the Mandarin Hall. Ringing during the evening ranged from rounds to Surprise Minor.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

The quarterly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at St. James' Church, Trowbridge, on July 5th, attended by about 25 members. The Guild service was conducted by the Rector, Rev G. T. Brett. Tea was served in the Rectory gardens by Mrs. J. Lucas and her helpers. Mr. A. T. Weeks, vice-chairman, conducted the meeting which followed; handbells were also rung, and ringing in the tower brought the meeting to a close at 8.30.

ILCHESTER BRANCH BUSY

The Ilchester Branch has recently held two very successful practice meetings. On July 5th the monthly practice was held at South Petherton and there was the usual good attendance; indeed, it was a pleasure to see so many members of the newly reformed South Petherton band. Ringing on this somewhat difficult heavy eight (tenor 23 cwt.) was under the direction of the Branch Ringing Master, Mr. Gordon Rendell, and included rounds, Bob Doubles, Bob Major, Grandsire Doubles and Triples, Stedman and London Surprise.

On July 11th the Branch met at West Coker, a specially called meeting for the floral festival. Over 50 ringers attended from towers as far apart as Leicester, Essex, Bath, Frome, Charlton Mackrell, Queen Camel and Bournemouth, in addition to many local towers. Ringing on this pleasant, light eight (tenor 12 cwt.) was under the direction of the Branch assistant Ringing Master, Mr. E. T. Paul Field.

The Branch is grateful to the Rev. J. H. Jelly and the Rev. L. H. Bailey and Messrs. Gordon Glyde, Reg. Beale and A. L. Guppy (Tower Masters) for their kindness in making South Petherton and West Coker bells available.

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WYMONDHAM ABBEY RINGERS VISIT EXPO

The Wymondham Abbey Company of Ringers' annual outing on June 28th was a sparkling success. The weather was kind and the very energetic organisation and arrangements of the secretary, Tom Spight, were amply rewarded

Wives, children and friends from other ringing bands joined the Wymondham ringers and the coach left Wymondham promptly at 8.30 a.m.

The first call was Elvedon, Suffolk, where Jim Paul introduced the company to the splendid ring of eight. The bells were enjoyed to a variety of methods. Next stop was Horringer, where the light ring of eight proved difficult and striking was indifferent despite encouragement from F. Cooper who met the ringers. After refreshment at Stanstead the company arrived at Long Melford for a picnic lunch.

Here tickets were obtained for a visit to the grand Olde Tyme Rallye in the grounds of the magnificent Long Melford Hall, but unfortunately ringing was not possible on the Expo Belfry. However, the Suffolk Guild had arranged a full programme on the Expo bells and it was good to see and hear them being rung. There was not time enough to linger over the many exhibits, steam engines in profusion and vintage cars. Later, while the ringers took advantage of the open day upon the eight bells in Long Melford Church, the womenfolk attended the Flower Festival in the church.

After an excellent meal at Thetford, Norfolk, there followed a short period of ringing at St. Peter's Church at Thetford. Harry Fuller had to be dragged away from the Test Match on television to open up the tower earlier than he had anticipated. Needless to say, the ringing here was most enjoyable.

The coach then returned the party at 7.30 p.m. to Wymondham so that the children could go home to bed, but not content with the day's ringing, all the ringers adjourned first to the Abbey tower. Here full use was made of the great ring of ten, where more ringers joined in until 9 p.m. Finally, good use was made of the hospitality of the landlord of the Green Dragon by a thirsty, tired but very happy hardcore of ringers, who all looked back on a wonderful day with much satisfaction. I. L.

Truro Guild Summer Festival

The Diocesan Summer Festival of the Truro Diocesan Guild was held on July 12th at St. Erme. All the Branches of the Guild were represented and over 100 attended the service and tea. The Rector, Rev. J. R. Crothers, conducted the Guild Office and gave the address, and the Guild president, Mr. Alan Carveth, read the lesson.

The president welcomed the assembly to St. Erme and the assistant Ringing Master, Mr. Anthony Locke, proposed a vote of thanks to all who had made the occasion a success. The general secretary auuealed for support for "The Ringing World" binder scheme and spoke about the Festival of Flowers and Church Needlework to be held at Constantine from July 18th to 20th.

The Wendron handbell ringers gave a short performance of tune-ringing and a mixed band concluded the entertainment with a course of Grandsire Triples. The bells of Probus, Ladock, St. Enoder and Newlyn East were also open and ringing ranged from rounds and call-changes to Cambridge Major. A. J. D.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
GILLINGHAM, Kent.—At 31, South Avenue.
On Wed., July 2, 1969, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 10 in A.

Trevor A. Cross .. .. .. 1–2 | Frank J. Matthews 5–6
Christopher T. Osenton 3–4 | Edward J. Beer 7–8
Stuart Sandford 9–10

Arranged and Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
HELVELLYN, Westmorland/Cumberland.
At Summit Wall-Shelter, 3,118 feet high.
On Sun., June 22, 1969, in 1 Hour and 35 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Single Court and Single Oxford and three of Plain Bob. Tenor size 11 in G.

Joseph Whalley .. .. .. 1–2 | Mary W. Whalley 3–4
Kevin M. Price (cond.) .. 5–6

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
NETTLEHAM, Lincolnshire.—At Iona, Sudbrooke Lane.
On Tues., May 13, 1969, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Geoffrey R. Parker .. .. 1–2 | Christopher J. Sharp 5–6
*David Phillipson .. . 3–4 | Jack L. Millhouse 7–8

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* First peal of Major "in hand."

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
CROWTHORNE, Berkshire.—At Zermatt, Butler Road.
On Fri., May 16, 1969, in 1 Hour and 46 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Comprising two extents of Kent T.B. and five different extents of Plain Bob. Tenor size 27 in A sharp.

Susanne Sargeant .. .. 1–2 | Frank C. Price (cond.) .. 3–4
Jeffrey L. Claughton 5–6

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(b) Surprise Royal Methods

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45E. Putney (b)—30—14—50—1236—1470—58—16—70—18.56.9.
46E. Wrington (f)—30—14—50—16—1270—18—16—30.14.38—3.
47E. Chepstow (f)—30—14—50—16—1470—38—16—70.18.56.18.7.
48E. Evercreech (f)—30—14—50—16—70—18—36—70—18—7.
49E. Fishponds (f)—30—14—50—36—1470—38—16—30.14.38—3.
50E. Merrywood (f)—30—14—50—36—70—18—16—30.14.38—3.
51E. Appleton (f)—30—16—50—18—14—50—16—50 78.16.78.5.
52E. Poole (c)—30—16—50—38—1270—18—16—50—18—3.
53E Stapleton (f)—50—14.50—12.30—14—50—14—50—12—5.
54E. Horfield (f)—50—14.50—12.30—14—50—14—50—34—5.
55E. Faxton (b)—50—16—12—30—14—30—14—70—18—9.
56E. Bishopsworth (f)—50—16—50—36—1470—58—36—1450—38—3.
57E. Cork (f) 30—30.14—12—30.14—14.50.14—36.70.18—78.9.
58E. Everdon (mx) 56—50.14—50—36.14—70.58—16—70.16—56.1

THE ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.
PEMBROKE, Pembrokeshire.—In St. Mary's Belfry.
On Thurs., July 10, 1969, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Being 42 extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

Geoffrey A. Edwards .. .. 1–2 | Frank R. Morton (cond.) .. 3–4
*Philip C. Rogers 5–6

* First peal on handbells.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
ELLAND, Yorkshire.—At 11, Norman Avenue.
On Sun., June 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5077 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor size 18 in G.

Bernard F. L. Groves ... 1–2 | Vivian Nutton 5–6
Gerald Moorhouse .. .. 3–4 | Robert B. Smith 7–8
*Arthur Rogers 9–10

Composed by F. H. Dexter. Conducted by Robert B. Smith.
* First peal on ten handbells.
Rung on the centenary of the presentation of the handbells to the Elland company, June 29th, 1869.

NEW MINOR METHODS

Rung in a peal at Elston, Notts, on May 23rd

Cropwell Butler	–56–16–12–36–12–36	lh 12	42563
Tithby	–56–16–12–36.12–12.36	lh 12	42563
Tollerton	–56–16–12–1236–12–36	lh 12	42563
Owthorpe	–56–1456–56–36.12–34.56	lh 12	42563
Normanton-on-the-Wolds	–56–1456–56–36.12–12.56	lh 12	42563
Plumtree	–56–1456–56–36–34–56	lh 12	42563
Keyworth	–56–1456–56–36–12–56	lh 12	42563
Stanton-on-the-Wolds	–56–1456–56–1236–12–56	lh 12	42563
Bevercotes	–56–1456–56–1236–34–56	lh 12	42563
Carburton	–56–14–56–36–12–36	lh 12	42563
West Drayton	–56–14–56–36.12–12.36	lh 12	42563
West Markham	–56–14–56–1236–12–36	lh 12	42563
Littleborough	–36–14.56–12.36.12–12.56	lh 16	46532
Edingley	–36–14.56–12.36–34–56	lh 16	46532
Halam	–36–14.56–12.36–12–56	lh 16	46532
Staythorpe	–36–16–56–36–12–36	lh 16	56342
Upton	–36–16–56–36.12–12.36	lh 16	56342
Oxton	–36–16–56–1236–12–36	lh 16	56342
Bilsthorpe	–36–14–56–36.12–34.56	lh 16	46532
Halloughton	–36–14–56–36.12–12.56	lh 16	46532
Smithfield	–36–14–56–36–34–56	lh 16	46532
Bleasby	–36–14–56–36–12–56	lh 16	46532
Calverton	–36–14–56–1236–12–56	lh 16	46532
Epperston	–36–14–56–1236–34–56	lh 16	46532
Habblesthorpe	–36–1456–56–36–12–36	lh 16	46532
Gonalston	–36–1456–56–36.12–12.36	lh 16	46532
Hoveringham	–36–1456–56–1236–12–36	lh 16	46532
Cromwell	–36–1456–12–36.12–34.56	lh 16	46532
Kneeton	–36–1456–12–36.12–12.56	lh 16	46532
Flintham	–36–1456–12–36–34–56	lh 16	46532
Lambley	–36–1456–12–36–12–56	lh 16	46532
Darlton	–36–1456–12–1236–12–56	lh 16	46532
Weston	–36–1456–12–1236–34–56	lh 16	46532
Ompton	–36–16–56–36–12–36	lh 12	64523
Kneesall	–36–16–56–36.12–12.36	lh 12	64523
Kersall	–36–16–56–1236–12–36	lh 12	64523
Gunthorpe	–36–16–56–36.12–34.56	lh 12	65324
Thurgaton	–36–16–56–36.12–12.56	lh 12	65324
Kirton	–36–16–56–36–34–56	lh 12	65324
Egmanton	–36–16–56–36–12–56	lh 12	65324
Boughton	–36–16–56–1236–12–56	lh 12	65324
Ollerton	–36–16–56–1236–34–56	lh 12	65324

HALF PEAL

LISS, HANTS.—On July 6th, 2,520 Grandsire Triples: Jennifer Lintott 1, D. M. Hughes 2, Carol Stacey 3, Mary Sutcliffe 4, K. A. Tipper 5, D. Fox 6, R. B. Walton (cond.) 7, S. R. Cross 8. A peal attempt called round. Longest length 1, 8. Rung for the Patronal Festival of St. Mary's Church and also as a compliment to Rosemarie Walton and John Windsor on their recent marriage.

BATHAMPTON, BATH.—On June 30th, 1,260 Doubles (five meth./var.): K. G. Weeks (first away from cover) 1, Jean Lee 2, A. F. Lee (cond.) 3, J. E. Newman 4, R. L. Coles 5.

BISHAMPTON, WORCS.—On July 9th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: A. Jopp 1, Mrs. A. Jopp 2, P. Jopp 3, A. Harris (cond.) 4, A. A. Jopp 5, M. Lampitt 6. First quarter 4 and 6. First by local band.

QUARTER PEALS

BISHOPSTOKE, HANTS.—On July 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ruth J. Alderson (first Triples) 1, R. Le Marechal 2, Linda V. Cull 3, J. P. Colliss (first Triples as cond.) 4, P. F. Menniss 5, T. J. Frodsham (first Triples) 6, J. C. Hallett 7, A. L. Guille 8. For Evensong.

BOLSOVER, DERBYS.—On July 6th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Linda Shaw 1, Bessie Holmes 2, A. Keller 3, W. Moult 4, R. Chambers (cond.) 5, D. Cooper 6. Rung to mark the visit of Walter Moult from Canada; also the engagement of the conductor and Linda Shaw.

BRADING, I.o.W.—On July 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Duff 1, K. Squibb 2, A. Russell 3, T. F. East (cond.) 4, Janice Squibb 5, E. Duff 6. For Confirmation by the Bishop of Portsmouth.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.—On July 6th, 1,264 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: C. J. Barker 1, Miss J. Millbank 2, Miss J. Quilter 3, Mrs. J. Syder 4, R. J. Lindsell 5, H. G. Felton 6, A. R. Syder 7, A. Wiffen (cond.) 8. For Matins, and a compliment to the conductor on his 72nd birthday.

BURFORD, OXON.—On July 7th, 1,264 Pl. Bob Major: Mrs. Hall 1, J. Keyte 2, J. Collett 3, C. W. Collett 4, T. J. Hester 5, H. Heath 6, W. Dixon 7, K. Adkins (cond.) 8. A 79th birthday compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Keyte and to celebrate 70 years of ringing by J. Keyte.

CHEDZOY, SOM.—On June 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. J. Stone 1, J. Hill 2, E. T. Dibble 3, G. R. Marchant 4, C. T. Clarke (cond.) 5, A. G. Kent 6. A belated welcome to the Rev. Ian Seward, the new Rector.

CHETWYND, SHROPSHIRE.—On July 3rd, 1,272 Oxford T.B. Minor: P. R. Johnson 1, J. L. Humphreys 2, R. Riley 3, E. Fairbrother 4, J. P. Burton 5, S. G. Pick (cond.) 6. First of Oxford Minor 3 and 5.

HALF PEAL

GRAVESEND, KENT. — On June 22nd, 2,520 Grandsire Triples: Jennifer Jarvis 1, T. V. Barnard 2, Glenda O. Crane 3, R. J. Thompson 4, R. M. Thompson 5, F. J. Matthews (cond.) 6, S. Sandford 7, P. Eves 8. Longest length for 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 8.

ALDRIDGE, STAFFS.—On June 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Gwynneth Dorrall (first quarter) 1, N. R. White 2, R. Riley 3, Daphne Appleby 4, J. L. Humphreys (cond.) 5, J. P. Burton 6. Also on July 6th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Cynthia Humphreys 1, Catherine Law 2, J. L. Humphreys (cond.) 3, R. Riley 4, J. P. Burton 5. To mark the retirement of Rev. R. W. Cartmel after 23 years' service.

ARKSEY, YORKS.—On June 28th, 1,280 Kent T.B. Major: Marie Hatswell (first T.B.) 1, A. W. Jackson (first T.B.) 2, Sheila Bruce (first T.B. Major) 3, J. Thorley 4, P. Bruce 5, R. A. Smith (first Kent Major) 6, J. Whitham (first Kent Major) 7, F. J. Jackson (cond.) 8. Rung after the wedding of Miss Christine J. Leigh and James Smith at this church.

BRADPOLE, DORSET. — On June 29th, 1,344 Grandsire Triples: J. R. Hartung 1, D. B. Ellery 2, I. L. Andrews 3, Helen Haines 4, M. J. Hiller 5, R. Haines (cond.) 6, I. Calvert 7, A. D. Case 8. Rung on the Sunday following the admittance of Mr. I. L. Andrews as a reader by the Bishop of Salisbury at a service in the Cathedral.

BROCKENHURST, HANTS.—On June 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Cook (first quarter) 1, B. J. Fry 2, W. Willans (cond.) 3, S. Baybut 4, A. A. J. Buswell 5, B. G. Curtis (first quarter) 6. To celebrate the 26th wedding anniversary of Canon C. R. and Mrs. Macbeth on June 20th. Also on June 28th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: P. G. East 1, R. E. Purkess 2, B. J. Fry (cond.) 3, Ivy A. Lewis (first quarter) 4, B. F. Peachey (first quarter) 5, B. G. Curtis 6. First of Minimus by all the band.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFS.—At St. Modwen's Church, on June 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Webster 1, W. Leach 2, C. Haynes 3, G. Roobottom 4, A. Marson 5, P. Marriott 6, D. P. Jones (cond.) 7, R. A. Welton 8. For Matins, and as a birthday compliment and farewell to Mr. Tom Pryce on his retirement to Worthing after 53 years as a ringer in this tower.

BUTLER'S MARSTON, WARKS.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Fairbrother 1, F. Cook 2, Miss J. Brown 3, Mrs. L. Kibblewhite 4, J. J. Green (cond.) 5, D. Cook 6. First quarter 1, 2, 3, 4, 6. For St. George's Day and for the birthday of the sixth ringer.

CARHAMPTON, SOM.—On July 2nd, 1,280 Exmoor and Brendon Treble Place Doubles: F. Arscott 1, E. Tyndale-Biscoe (comp. and cond.) 2, D. Clayton 3, B. Chubb 4, R. Watts 5, G. Fisher 6. First quarter by all of any treble place methods. A compliment to the conductor on the eve of his 60th birthday.

CHIGWELL, ESSEX.—On April 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. Austin (first quarter) 1, D. A. Tovell 2, Susan Thomas 3, P. W. Dickinson 4, G. Walker (cond.) 5, G. M. Bubb 6. Also on May 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Susan Thomas 1, P. W. Dickinson 2, Marion Cass (first "inside") 3, G. Walker 4, D. A. Tovell (cond.) 5, P. Austin 6. Also on May 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret Chappell (first quarter) 1, L. Tibbitts 2, Marion Cass 3, G. Walker 4, P. W. Dickinson (first as cond.) 5, D. A. Tovell 6. First Grandsire "inside" 2 and 3.

CODSALL, STAFFS.—On June 28th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Gwen Newman 1, Patricia Stocken 2, Ruth A. E. Fairbrother 3, Cecelia M. Evans 4, Rosemary E. White 5, Margaret A. Swain 6, Jennifer M. Beech 7, Gillian Bosworth-Smith (cond.) 8. First of Major 1, 2. Rung with the best wishes of all the band to the first ringer on her retirement.

CORBY, NORTHANTS.—On June 23rd, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: John Thorne (first quarter) 1, John Charkon 2, John Roffe 3, John Morgan 4, John David 5, John Tyler (cond.) 6. Rung for the Eve of St. John-the-Baptist's Day.

DURSLEY, GLOS.—On June 29th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: L. Barry 1, R. Hazel 2, R. Dale 3, J. Whiting 4, C. Burridge 5, B. Pobjoy 6, W. Farmer (cond.) 7, L. Edwards 8. For Evensong.

EASTHAMPSTEAD, BERKS.—On June 26th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Joan E. Scott (first quarter) 1, G. N. Scott (first as cond.) 2, Susan E. Rance 3, C. W. Bailey 4, A. H. Long 5, S. G. Scott 6.

QUARTER PEALS

EASTNOR, HEREFORDS.—On June 28th, 1,320 Rev. Canterbury Pl. Bob Doubles: R. Collins 1, Rosemary Collins 2, P. G. Hickey 3, R. K. Williams 4, S. B. Bell (cond.) 5, R. Bullock 6. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to David Jarrett, ringer and choir member at this church, and to Mr. A. V. C. Cook, both buried this day.

FAWLEY, HANTS.—On June 15th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): Elizabeth A. Banks 1, Catherine A. Roberts 2, Susan V. Banks 3, L. D. Smith (cond., 100th quarter) 4, R. Allinson 5, L. V. Smith 6. For the last service of the Rev. Noel T. Brewster at Fawley and in appreciation of his 8½ years as rector.

GORLESTON-ON-SEA, SUFFOLK.—On May 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. E. Fulcher 1, J. Clark 2, N. P. J. Cossey 3, A. Cooper 4, A. W. Bird 5, H. W. Barrett (cond.) 6. For Confirmation service.

HAVANT, HANTS.—On June 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Renee Sturgess 1, Rosemary Ball 2, J. Ball 3, H. Milford 4, H. Allberry 5, D. Jones 6, A. Sturgess (cond.) 7, M. Marshall 8. Rung for the church fete.

HAWKSHEAD, LANCS. — On June 30th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): Rev. R. Lindsay leading, W. Kenyon 2, J. Whalley 3, Sheila H. Heaton 4, Mary W. Whalley 5, K. M. Price (cond.) 6, E. Brittain cover, Kay Shepherd cover. Rung to mark the centenary of St. Peter's Church, Sawrey, and as a ruby wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. Brittain.

HONITON, DEVON. — At St. Paul's Church, on June 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Stamp 1, W. Webb 2, Mrs. C. D. J. Webb 3, D. Salter 4, N. Salter (aged 14) 5, T. Travers 6, C. D. J. Webb (cond.) 7, L. Stevens 8. First of Triples 5, 8. Also on June 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss G. Stamp (first Triples, aged 13) 1, W. Webb 2, Mrs. C. D. J. Webb 3, F. Stamp 4, D. Salter 5, T. Travers 6, C. D. J. Webb (cond.) 7, L. Stevens 8.

LANGDON HILLS, ESSEX.—On June 29th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: A. Gibbs 1, G. Mason 2, D. Stott 3, K. Lucas 4, G. Lucas (first Stedman Doubles, cond.) 5, W. White 6. First principle 1, 2, 4. Also on June 22nd, 1,272 P.B. Minimus: W. White 1, K. Lucas 2, G. Lucas (cond.) 3, D. Stott 4. For morning service.

LECKHAMPTON, GLOS. — On June 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Newman 1, Hilda Taylor 2, Helen Taylor 3, Clare Taylor 4, T. Stephens 5, H. Read 6, E. Taylor (first as cond.) 7, A. Newman 8. First in method 2, 4. For Patronal Festival.

LOCKING, SOM. — On June 21st, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): J. Lambard 1, G. Prescott 2, June Legg 3, P. Kelby 4, Marjorie Legg (cond.) 5, W. Kingsbury 6.

LONG EATON, DERBYS.—On June 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Susan Phillips (first quartre) 1, Veronica Belfitt 2, A. Humphrey (cond.) 3, C. Beswick 4, C. Stringer 5, R. Dady 6.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On June 29th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): R. Stainer 1, B. Butcher 2, Elizabeth A. Todd (cond.) 3, H. P. Yates 4, M. J. Taylor 5, G. Neilson 6. For Evensong. Also on July 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. P. Brotherston 1, M. J. Taylor 2, Rachel Sinden 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, B. Butcher 6. For Confirmation service.

MALINS LEE, SALOP.—On June 12th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Daphne Appleby 1, Martin Allery 2, R. Riley 3, N. R. White 4, J. L. Humphreys 5, J. P. Burton (cond.) 6. Sunday service band from Aldridge, Staffs.

MALVERN LINK, WORCS.—On June 22nd, 1,250 Cambridge Surprise Major: E. C. Barber 1, R. G. Morris (cond.) 2, Mrs. M. Yood 3, Mrs. R. M. Morris 4, G. W. Edwards 5, G. Bagley 6, R. W. Cole 7, P. L. Wood 8. For Evensong.

MANSFIELD, NOTTS.—On June 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Hardy (first Stedman) 1, W. F. Adcock 2, Mrs. F. Adcock 3, J. Adcock 4, Mrs. M. Robinson 5, F. Adcock 6, S. W. Fossey (cond.) 7, J. Robinson 8. For start of Flower and Music Festival and a welcome to Rev. A. M. P. Wilson. Also on June 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Valerie Walton (first Grandsire Triples) 1, S. W. Fossey (cond.) 2, Mrs. F. Adcock 3, Mrs. M. Foskett 4, Mrs. M. Robinson 5, F. Adcock 6, S. Foskett 7, J. Robinson 8. To conclude the festival and to welcome the Bishop of Penrith.

MATHON, HEREFORDS. — On June 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Fung Yao-Chen (first quarter) 1, D. Price 2, Mrs. R. M. Morris 3, G. Bagley 4, J. Clements (cond.) 5, R. G. Morris 6. A farewell to Fung Yao-Chen (Cynthia Fung).

NEWCHURCH, KENT. — On June 22nd, 1,260 Doubles: W. J. Beeching 1, Elizabeth Todd (cond.) 2, M. Taylor 3, H. P. Yates 4, B. Butcher 5, L. Beeching 6. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. Mannering.

OADBY, LEICS.—On June 25th, a quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor: Ann H. Whaley 1, Gill E. Thomas 2, A. J. Harrison 3, D. L. R. Jones 4, G. Smith 5, D. G. Massey (cond.) 6. Rung with the best wishes of the band for Roland Wakefield and the ringers of 2, 4 and 6 who are all leaving the University.

PERRY BARR, BIRMINGHAM.—On June 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jane Coussens 1, Susan Chew 2, Janet Aston 3, J. G. Perry 4, R. J. Tibbetts (cond.) 5, D. J. Purnell 6.

PRESTON CANDOVER, HANTS.—On June 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Lewis 1, A. J. Mason (cond.) 2, A. Hoar 3, J. Huggins 4, Dorothy M. Huggins 5, Ann Palmer 6. To mark the golden jubilee celebrations of the local W.I.

SALISBURY, WILTS.—At St. Martin's Church, on June 16th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: A. Rosemary Hutson (first Minor) 1, I. Ann Abrahams (first Minor as cond.) 2, H. H. Rumens 3, E. H. J. Mussell 4, R. T. Jones 5, R. N. Marlow 6.

SHARESHILL, STAFFS.—On June 21st, 1,440 Kent T.B. Minor: Daphne Appleby (first T.B.) 1, Rosemary White 2, R. Riley (first "inside") 3, N. R. White 4, J. P. Burton 5, J. L. Humphreys (first T.B. as cond.) 6.

SHARNBROOK, BEDS.—On June 24th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Miss J. Wilkinson 1, Miss M. Lovell 2, Mrs. J. Tusting 3, A. J. Collings 4, F. Tysoe 5, C. M. Payne (cond.) 6. A farewell to the Vicar (Canon H. Clothier) on his retirement.

SILVERDALE STAFFS. — On June 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. W. Gay (cond.) 1, J. A. Tandy 2, P. Gosling (first Triples "inside") 3, Felicity Ashford 4, C. J. Morey 5, M. J. Robinson 6, P. Atkins 7, D. J. Roberts (first on eight) 8.

STAVERTON, NORTHANTS. — On June 14th, 1,296 Cambridge S. Minor: Jill Riley 1, R. Danby 2, J. Foot 3, B. Danby 4, S. Ruddlesdon 5, M. Chown (cond.) 6. Rung for the wedding of Ian Nightingale and Margaret Gould.

WELLS, SOM. — On July 3rd, at the Cathedral, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss R. Tomlin (first on ten) 1, M. Bartlett 2, Rev. C. Marshall 3, J. Badman 4, R. G. Beck 5, L. England 6, R. E. Beck 7, C. Jenkins 8, G. Salmon (cond.) 9, C. Wainwright 10. Rung during the visit of H.M. Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother to the Cathedral.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On June 30th, 1,320 Pl. Bob Minor: J. Fry 1, W. A. Hollamby 2, L. W. G. Skinner 3, S. H. Gay 4, W. Hughes 5, M. A. Gay (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. S. Richards, mother of the tower captain (A. S. Richards), who died on June 26th.

WIVENHOE, ESSEX. — On June 14th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): I. McLaren 1, Catherine Bew 2, Ann Dowden 3, J. Dowden (first "inside") 4, M. J. Bew (cond.) 5, J. McLaren 6. First quarter 1, 6. First quarter by local band for

WYMESWOLD, LEICS. — On June 15th, 1,260 Minor (Cambridge, Plain Bob): R. M. Wilson (cond.) 1, Hilary F. Watson-Walker 2, J. Saddington 3, Mary E. Edwards 4, A. E. Clayton 5, R. N. Scholes 6. For Evensong.

WOODBOROUGH, NOTTS.—On May 15th, 1,344 Minimus (four methods): Lynne Hoskins 1, Patricia M. Hayward 2, D. W. Flower 3, P. L. R. Hayward 4. For Ascension Day. Also on May 21st, 1,344 Pl. Bob Minimus: Jennifer R. Lush 1, Patricia M. Hayward 2, D. W. Flower 3, P. L. R. Hayward 4. Rung for the Confirmation service and dedication of the new organ by the Bishop of Sherwood. Also on June 15th, 1,320 Minimus (Pl. Bob, Court): Lynne Hoskins 1, Patricia M. Hayward 2, D. W. Flower 3, P. L. R. Hayward 4. A birthday compliment to Richard C. Bartram. Also on June 26th, 1,356 Minimus (three methods): Patricia M. Hayward 1, P. L. R. Hayward 2, D. W. Flower 3, H. G. Wells 4. For the opening of Woodborough Woods Foundation School. Also on July 6th, 1,280 Minimus (three methods): Lynne Hoskins 1, Patricia M. Hayward 2, D. W. Flower 3, P. L. R. Hayward 4. For the Patronal Festival.

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ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, FINCHINGFIELD, ESSEX

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OUR COVER PICTURE

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, FINCHINGFIELD, ESSEX

By F. W. J. ROPER

THE Parish Church of St. John the Baptist, Finchingfield, stands on the hill overlooking the village centre, "the prettiest village in Essex" it has been called. The tower is Norman and the west doorway to this is a fine example of the stonework of the period.

After Hastings, William of Normandy gave Finchingfield to one of his poor knights as a reward, one Roger Bigod, and it was a descendant of his, a Duke of Norfolk, who in 1170 built the church, of which the tower still stands; the nave and chancel date from the 13th to the 15th centuries. At one time the tower was surmounted by a "lofty spire" which was blown down in a "great gale" in 1658.

The unusual turret at present on the tower houses the ancient Angelus bell. This bell is a product of the Bury St. Edmunds' foundry, probably by Thomas Church, who was casting bells there from 1498 to 1517, or by his successor Roger Reve. The bell carries the inscription "AVE MARIA GRACIA PLENA"; at a later period it served as a clock bell and then, after the installation of the new clock in 1902 to mark the coronation of King Edward VII, the bell was silent for 20 years.

AMERICAN DESCENDANTS

One Daniel Shead served the church here as "Sydesan" (Sidesman) in 1631 and again in 1635 and was one of the founders of New England, and it was through the generosity of his descendants, still living in America, that the fittings of this bell were restored in 1923.

Records do not show at what period Finchingfield first possessed a ring of bells, but a "History of Essex" by the Rev. Morant of Colchester in 1748 says "five Bells"; that there were bells in 1608 is shown by the following entries in the "Finchingfield Town Book". In 1608, Itm. for a bellrope IIIs 0d; Item for a bell clapper XIIs. 0d; in 1609 Itm for a bellrope IIIs 6d, and in 1610, to old Waklen for a baldracke for the bell, IIs 0d. In 1650, a bellrope 3s 4d and in 1655 for Sir Martin Lumley VIs VIIId towards the bellropes. Another interesting entry occurs in 1686 when one John Bentall was buried at the expense of the Parish, when the sexton received for "ye grave making and bell ringinge" 0-02-6, and to Mr. LePla for. buryinge him 0-01-4.

In 1697, on the occasion of a Visitation of the Archdeacon of Middlesex, Mr. Martin Le Pla, Vicar, and the churchwardens appeared and were instructed, among other things, to provide for the frames of the bells to be mended; orders were given for the work to be started on October 4th, 1697.

There is then a gap in the history of the bells until 1751 when we find in an account given on April 8th of that year:

"Wherof there was paid to Thomas Gardiner of Sudbury, Bellfounder, of the sum of £40 11 7 for the new casting and hanging the Great Bell." In March, 1766, there was paid to James Cook for Bellropes, To Mr. Lyster & Pack for new casting the 3rd bell £21 18 0, Carriage of it up and down, £2 12 0, Mr. Coleman as bill £2 0 0, and to Jn. Glascock, beer, taking down and putt: up ye bell, 7-6, and a further entry in the "towne booke" April 16th, 1766, to by Bowells of Ipswich, and in 1952 the 7th, which was now cracked, was recast by Liq. for Ant: Olives ringing day 10s 0d. (No doubt this was after the bell was successfully rehung.) This bell was later to become the seventh of the present ring of eight; its weight is nearly 13 cwt. and it would seem that the tenor of the old ring of five, Gardiner's Great Bell, would have been about 25 cwt.

THE PRESENT RING

Now we come to the present ring of eight bells. These, with the exception of the re-cast third, now the seventh, were made by T. Osborn of Downham in Norfolk in 1781, and bear the following inscriptions.

No. 1.—JOHN BEDDALL JOHN ABBOTT ECCLESIAE DEI PROMOTORIS, T. OSBORN, FECIT 1781.

No. 2.—MUSICK IS MEDICINE FOR THE MIND, T. OSBORN, FECIT 1781.

No. 3.—JOHN HINSON HUMPHRY SMITH C. WARDENS, T. OSBORN, FECIT 1781.

No. 4.—CUM VOCO VENITE. T. OSBORN, DOWNHAM, FECIT 1781.

No. 5.—HUMPHRY SMITH JOHN HINSON C. WARDENS T. OSBORN FECIT 1781.

No. 6.—PERCUTE DULCE CANO T. OSBORN, DOWNHAM, FECIT 1781.

No. 7.—ED. COLMAN & JNO. BEDDALL CH. WARDENS LESTER & PACK OF LONDON, FECIT 1766. RECAST 1952 BY GILLETT & JOHNSTON CROYDON.

No. 8.—JOHANNES MARRSOTUS VICA DE FINCHINGFIELD FIDEI VERE CHRIST, STRENUUS DEFENSOR. T. OSBORN, DOWNHAM, FECIT 1781.

The tenor now weighs 18 cwt. Records do not state what happened to the old four bells, but it seems likely that these were melted down and the metal used in the casting of the new bells. This is confirmed by the low cost of the work, even for those days. The accounts record two payments for this—one on April 1st, 1782, "To part payment towards casting the bells £35 0 0" and on July 5th, 1784, "Remainders of the Bells £26 17 5".

It seems that even now all was not well with the tower for in 1802 we find the following record of a vestry meeting held on June 15th.

> "At a Vestry Meeting to due notice given the day and date as above respecting the repairs of the internal and external part of the Church Steeple it was agreed Mr. Robertson of Walden should put two substantial Iron bars round the Steeple and be allowed according to survey, if not otherwise agreed when finished.
>
> "Also that a new bellframe be erected and put in the second chamber and of the best sort of heart of Oak and the bells completely hung there for immediate use, also to be allowed according to survey for same if not otherwise agreed."

This was signed by Rev. James Waterman, minister, Samuel Whitehead, Thos. Whitehead, churchwardens. Robertson's iron bars are still in position, and since there are no records of another frame we must assume that it is his frame that carries the bells.

In 1921 the bells were fitted with iron headstocks, new bearings and other fittings Gillett & Johnston and the whole fitted with ball-bearings.

PEALS

Peals rung on the bells are comparatively few; the first, Bob Major, was rung on October 7th, 1781, by a band from Belchamp Walter, and a memorial tablet on the floor of the chancel states that Rev. John Marriot, whose name is on the tenor, died on October 23rd, 1781, aged 83 years. Belchamp Walter is about eight miles to the north of Finchingfield and Osborn cast the tenor there in the same year, these bells now unfortunately unringable.

The next peal was 5,120 of Oxford Treble Bob Major and was rung by the Walden Company of Ringers on May 30th, 1825. Particulars of this peal are recorded with others by the Walden Company in the Osborn MSS. at the British Museum. An elaborate peal board recording this peal was hung in the "Green Man" near the church but was lost in a fire that occurred there in 1906.

Other peals, all by members of the Essex Association, are: Grandsire Triples in 1921, nearly 100 years since the previous one; Cambridge Major in 1922; Double Norwich in 1925; London and Superlative, both in 1926; Cambridge, 1933; Oxford, 1934; Cambridge, 1939; Plain Bob Major on June 14th, 1951—this was rung at the conclusion of the Festival of Britain Week; two peals of Bob Major in 1954 and Kent T.B. Major in 1959.

The church has an almost unbroken record of ringing for Sunday and special services for the past 50 years, except for the war years, and this is still maintained.

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Annable's Magot & Blidworth

By CYRIL A. WRATTEN

ANNABLE'S Magot and Blidworth. Two names of Minor methods that span 250 years of ringing history. But have you ever stopped to wonder how the methods we ring today acquired their names? We all know where Stedman got its name, and we none of us know how Grandsire came to be chosen as a name by Robert Roan. But what of the hundreds of other methods that appear in Central Council collections and battered 18th century notebooks? And what in particular of the names of Minor methods, names such as Francis Genius, Woodcock's Victory, Trinity Sunday and Tewkesbury?

Until Benjamin Annable arrived on the ringing scene in the opening years of the 18th century there had been little need for any conscious thought as to how methods should be named. Methods themselves were still relatively few and with the notable exception of the often very fanciful names (such as The Quirister and Topsie Turvie) given to 5-bell compositions, most had gained their names from where they had been rung or from the Society that had rung them. Thus we have Cambridge, Norwich and the many and various Oxfords, while from London came such as City Delight and New London Pleasure.

The College Youths produced their College Bobs (of which the fourth has managed to retain its name to this day) and Court Bobs, the latter named perhaps after the Inns of Court of which so many of the early College Youths were members. John Patrick had named several of his methods after churches in the City, probably those at which he rang — St. Lawrence (Jewry), St. Clement's (Danes), St. Sepulcher's and Bridge's Pleasure, the latter having nothing to do with some bridge across the Thames or even with a ringer of the day as might at first be supposed, but referring to St. Bride's or Bridget's, Fleet Street. But the names came as it were naturally, and little effort had to be devoted to selecting them.

ANNABLE'S LEGACY

Benjamin Annable was amongst the first to produce methods systematically, and he was consequently one of the earliest to face the problem of what to call them. His solution was one that was followed by the Central Council in the early years of the present century, and by town councils all over the country when it comes to naming the roads on new housing estates: he took "families" of names.

For his Plain methods he chose the names of towns and villages around London, names that are perpetuated today in such methods as Brentford and Stepney Bob. Another example is Windsor Single Bob, which recently features in the correspondence columns of this paper. For methods with a treble bob hunt, he first followed the example of the authors of the 1702 Campanalogia, who had produced London Scholars' Pleasure in honour of the Society to whom the book was dedicated, and named a number of methods after the London ringing societies of the day: College Youths' Pleasure, British Scholars' Pleasure, and two or three more. A 19th century revival of this idea is found in St. James' Youths Exercise—a method which shares with Double Norwich Court Bob the doubtful honour of having the longest name.

After ringing societies, Annable turned to cathedral cities. With the exception of Norwich, which pre-dates Annable, and Durham, which didn't appear as the name of a method until 1788, all treble bob Minor methods named after cities with ancient cathedrals are due to him.

Strangely enough, the one method that today bears Annable's name — Annable's London — was not his work. The method appeared in Annable's notebook as London Treble Bob, but he did not compose it, nor did he know who did. London Surprise, on the other hand, was one of Annable's methods.

Two other names that are familiar in varying degrees today also date from the 18th century. These are Francis Genius and Kent T.B. The former, together with the lesser-known Francis Goodwill, was named after Samuel Francis, a ringer at Brandeston in Suffolk in the 1740s, where there was at that time a flourishing 6-bell band.

HOW KENT T.B. GOT ITS NAME

The origin of the name of "Kent" does not seem to be as well-known as it might be. One of the earliest treble bob methods was Oxford, which was extensively practised from the last decades of the 17th century. In 1774/5, however, the band at Leeds, Kent, altered the 3-4 places while the treble was at the lead, and proceeded to ring a 5,000 of what they called "New Oxford Treble Bob". This become popular, and was for many years known as New Treble Bob. But gradually the descriptive title, "the Kent version of Treble Bob", i.e. the version of (Oxford) Treble Bob that was rung in Kent, became the accepted name, ultimately to be abbreviated to the modern Kent Treble Bob.

The method we now ring as Old Oxford is related, albeit distantly, to Oxford Treble Bob, since it is based on the **original** treble bob method which also came from Oxford. By Annable's time this was already known as Old Oxford. Unfortunately it did not produce plain bob leads, and in 1907 Law James "modernised" it by amending the half-lead place. This version was for a time rung as "Old Oxford (Modernised)", but the affix was soon discarded as being too unwieldy. The true Old Oxford had in the meantime been re-"composed" and given the name of Woodbine, and is still sometimes rung as such today.

THE 19TH CENTURY

At the end of the 18th century there was a complete change in fashion as far as method naming was concerned. Just as inns began at this time to have their names changed from their heraldic Red Lions and White Harts to titles incorporating the names of their owners and, later, popular heroes, so did the names of methods begin to refer to the famous in the land. It was a change in taste that was in keeping with the spirit of the age.

From this period date Nelson's Victory and Rodney's Victory. Although the methods are not recorded as having been rung before the early years of the 19th century, their names serve to date them with fair accuracy to the early 1790s. From the same date come Duke of York, named after the popular son of George III, and Navigation, the latter referring (like so many inns in certain parts of the country) to the many canals, or "navigations", that were beginning to spread across the land following the opening of the Bridgewater Canal in 1761.

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COMMENT

REFORMATION AND RENAISSANCE

Much has been written and even more spoken recently which is critical of the manner in which the Central Council works.

Can it be that the critics, by concentrating upon features like the size of the Council and the detail of the meeting arrangements are missing the point? Does it really matter whether some people have dual representation provided there is a large Council which must have plenty of talent in its membership? Is the well-being of the Exercise being jeopardised by the size of the Standing Committee?

It would be idle to suggest that the procedure is incapable of improvement, but before looking more carefully at the way it works ought not the Council to consider whether it is doing the right kind of work?

A stranger to the Exercise, picking up the Council's annual report or any copy of "The Ringing World", could be forgiven for concluding that peal ringing is its raison d'être. Perhaps it is opportune for the Council to shift this emphasis and to lead the Exercise in tackling problems which are more pressing than conditions for record performances.

Silent towers are rarely mentioned in the Council. A league table under this heading might be a more reliable indication of the state of ringing than the statistics so painstakingly prepared by the Analysis Committee. How can the resources of the Education Committee be increased in order to deal more effectively with this problem? Is the Exercise capable of supporting a full-time education officer and a permanent residential school complete with ring of bells?

Is the Exercise doing all it ought to do by way of preservation and renewal? Many more bells are now at risk beause of redundancies. The Council decided, not very long ago, that a central restoration fund would probably generate problems which would outweigh possible benefits. With redundant bells in mind, would it now be propitious to launch such a fund, with charity status and its attendant taxation advantages? Resources hitherto untapped would be available.

Public relations, publicity, recruitment . . . the list is not exhaustive.

It is important that the Council should examine its procedure critically, but it should avoid the risk that in so doing it fails to apprehend and deal with more fundamental issues.

COUNSELLOR.

Annable's Magot and Blidworth—cont.

The custom of naming methods after people persisted for more than a hundred years. Normally it is the famous who are thus commemorated, but occasionally a ringer's name will appear. Arnold's Victory is a corruption of "Arnley's 'Victory'," Arnley having been a ringer in the Glossop area in the 1840s. (Even the Glossop band had trouble with the poor man's name: in 1863 they included the method on a peal-board as Harmless Victory, surely one of the most delightful errors they could have made.) Woodcock's Victory is similarly named after a Yorkshire ringer at the end of the century.

Our patriotic Victorian and Edwardian ancestors, always proud of the Royal Family, produced such methods as Queen Victoria (since renamed Balmoral), Royal Albert, British Queen, King Edward (VII) and Duke of Clarence, the latter after Albert, Duke of Clarence, the elder son of Edward VII. Recently we have had King Charles, although which particular Charles is intended is not clear. Prince Charles might perhaps have been more appropriate.

At Anston, Yorks, the local band durnig the Boer War named their methods after the British commanders in South Africa—Baden-Powell, Kitchener, Roberts, and so on; after church festivals—Trinity Sunday T.B. is still generally rung to a peal somewhere or other most years, although Palm Sunday and Easter Morning have almost been forgotten; and they even obtained permission from King George V to name a method Coronation Surprise in honour of his coronation in 1911. Few bands before or since can match Anston for originality.

Most of these names are virtually self-explanatory. There are, however, two which are less obvious: Bastow Little Court and Morland Alliance. They were named after a Miss G. L. Bastow, of Kensington, and a Mr. J. C. Morland, of Court Lodge, Lamberhurst, in honour of whose marriage a peal in the two methods was rung at Lamberhurst in the autumn of 1934. I wonder whether Mrs. Morland realises that her maiden name is thus perpetuated by the Exercise?

THE 1907 COLLECTION . . .

In 1907 the Central Council published its first collection of "Legitimate Methods". Few of the Minor methods it contained were named, although just why this was so is not altogether clear. However, there was as a result an immediate rush by Minor bands in various parts of the country to ring 720s of the un-named methods and thus earn the right to name them. Then, as now, the magic word "Surprise" served as a magnet, and by 1911 all the Surprise methods had been rung and named, chiefly by the expert band at Whitley Bay in Northumberland. There is now as a result a very strong Northumberland flavour in the names of these methods—Allendale, Alnwick, Berwick, Hexham, Morpeth, and several more.

The Whitley band's rivals were a band from Lincolnshire and they left their mark with Bourne (their home tower) and one or two other Lincolnshire names

With the Surprise methods thus dealt with, bands began to turn their attention to the less glamorous Treble Bob and Delight methods. Again the names reflect the centres of activity, of which the chief was Norbury in Cheshire. From there, during the years preceding and following the Great War, came the now familiar Cheshire names such as Poynton and Wilmslow, Rostherne and Knutsford. St. Peter-de-Merton, Bedford, provided Merton and Bedford, while the bands at Bucknall, Norton-le-Moors, Wath, Willesden and Wragby all ensured their place in any Index of Minor Methods by ringing and naming methods.

But, as might be expected, confusion as to just what the correct name was for any given method grew steadily worse. Finally, in 1921, the Council instructed its Analysis Committee to clear up the situation by deciding what methods had been named and how, and by providing names for any that remained. As was mentioned earlier, the committee followed Annable's example and took "families" of names for the various groups of methods: lakes for Plain methods, castles for 3rd's Place Delight, abbeys for 4th's Place Delight and flowers for Treble Bob. This last caused a storm of protest, and although the Norbury band duly rang a peal of Foxglove, Marigold, Daffodil, Shamrock, Bluebell, Geranium and Dahlia Treble Bob in 1924, the Exercise was adamant: flower names were "neither euphonious nor apt". In 1928 a solution was at last found, and the names of hills and mountains were substituted for the unwanted flowers

. . . AND AFTER

The wheel of fashion had now turned full circle. The exuberance and originality of the last century had been replaced by the modern uniformity, and topographical or mock-topographical names were henceforth prevalent. As at the outset of ringing history, the names chosen reflected the area, if not the actual tower, at which the methods were first rung.

The Stoke-on-Trent names of the Double Surprise methods, the south Lincolnshire names of many Alliance methods, and now the Northamptonshire names being chosen by the record-breaking Southwell Guild band, all have this feature in common. The fine company at Wath-on-Dearne in the 1920s who rang dozens of "irregular" Minor methods for the first time, managed to vary their choice of local names by occasionally using the name of a ringer's or other church official's house; and recently a method rung at Little Aston in honour of a wedding in Somerset was christened Somerton. But in general Minor ringers have not matched the originality of Surprise Major bands anxious to "complete the alphabet"—a post-war phenomenon that has produced all sorts of extraordinary, and sometimes almost unpronounceable, names.

When the last Central Council Minor Collection was being compiled the committee, mindful of the arguments that raged in the 1920s, gave names to any new methods they wished to include, taking active 6-bell towers in each county as their source of titles. This has nicely confused the "normal" relationship between methods' origins and their names, and makes any attempt to work through the index at the back of the collection, deciding by their names where the methods originated, an occupation comparable to choosing 15 draws at the beginning of the football season.

Annable's Magot? Oh, that was one of "Shh . . . you know who's" methods, a "magot" being a type of dance popular in the early 1700s. Anybody care to ring Smith's Cha-Cha Delight?

COVER PROGRAMME

Aug.	8	No cover
„	15	No cover
„	22	No cover
„	29	No cover
Sept.	5	Harwell
„	12	Seasalter, Whitstable
„	19	Leicester Cathedral
„	26	St. Giles', Newcastle
Oct.	3	Adelaide Cathedral
„	10	St. Peter's, Northampton
„	17	St. Mary's, Penwortham, Lancs.
„	24	Windsor Parish Church
„	31	Norton-in-Hales, Salop
Nov.	7	St. Giles', Cripplegate
„	14	Hartlebury, Worcs.
„	21	Ripon Cathedral
„	28	Stratton, Cornwall
Dec.	5	Vacant
„	12	Vacant
„	19	Penn, Staffs.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD

The July quarterly meeting of the St. Martin's Guild was held at the delightful country church of Packwood. The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. W. J. C. Farmer, who mentioned the history of Packwood's bells in his address dealing with the continuing tradition of church bell-ringing.

At the business meeting steps were taken to form a committee to revise the Guild's rules. New rules for the striking competition were passed, and these will be used at King's Norton on October 11th.

Mr. George E. Fearn, reporting on the Central Council meeting at St. Albans, paid tribute to Mr. Edgar Shepherd on his being made a life member of the Council. The secretary was asked to send a letter of congratulation to this most distinguished member of the Guild.

VISITORS TO TORBAY

Dear Sir,—I feel a bit concerned about ringers coming to Torbay and returning home after their holiday without getting all the ringing they might, if they "knew the ropes".

There are practices most evenings during the week, but some towers are not "regular".

If ringers likely to visit this district would like to get in touch with me, I will do my best to help them and let them have the ringing arrangements in this area during their stay.—Yours, etc.,

"PLAIN BOB" EDDEN
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Brixham (Phone 2272),
S. Devon.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD
Dorchester Branch

The summer quarterly meeting was held at Frampton on July 12th, when 30 ringers were present. Frampton Church choir, with Miss Viner at the organ, attended the Guild service which was conducted by the Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth, Rector of Cattistock. Mrs. D. Cox and helpers provided an excellent tea in the Village Hall.

Ringing took place at Frampton under the Branch Ringing Master (Mr. E. H. Amey) and his deputy (Mr. D. L. Cull). Bradford Peverell tower being also open during the evening.

POTOMAC HANDBELL RINGERS VISIT KESWICK

THE annual combined practice meeting of the Western and Eastern Branches of the Cumberland and North Westmorland Association, usually held in August at Keswick, was this year brought forward to coincide with the visit of the Potomac Handbell Ringers and proved a most enjoyable and successful occasion. Even the weather co-operated, remaining dry with bursts of sunshine till a light shower, late in the evening, reminded us that we were in the heart of Lakeland and surrounded by high mountains.

Ringing at Crosthwaite, St. Kentigern's, began in the morning with a quarter peal of Bob Minor, enabling three young ringers to score their first quarters, the youngest ringer being only 12 years old. In the afternoon we were glad to welcome ringers from Accrington, Leyland, Morecambe, Birkenhead and one stalwart from Somerset who had travelled overnight, as well as our good friends from the Furness Branch of the Lancashire Association.

Admiration was freely expressed for the new furnishings for the ringing room: wall panelling and seats in light oak matching existing woodwork, an oak case for the long "wag-by-the-wall" pendulum of the ancient clock and a beautiful royal blue fitted carpet. And all this through the efforts and gifts of the Keswick ringers.

Something for everyone was the keynote for the ringing, methods varying from Minor to Stedman, Double Norwich, Cambridge Major and even a plain course of Yorkshire with a struggle.

After a quarter-mile car ride (or walk!) into the town, excitement began to rise when we arrived just in time to see the Potomac ringers in their blue blazers dismounting from their coach after their journey from Chester. We were delighted that they were able to join us for tea in the Church Hall, where Ruth and her helpers had their biggest effort ever in catering for over 60 keen appetites, and thirsts!

The Vicar, Rev. Canon F. H. Marshall, in welcoming all the visitors, extended a special welcome to our American friends, and suggested we vary the usual greeting of "hands across the sea" to "handbells across the pond". The tea enabled us to meet and talk with the visitors and to hear something of their impressions gained on the tour. After Joe had threatened to run the younger ones half way up Skiddaw to sharpen their appetites for the evening meal our American friends were shown to their hotel, and the English ringers returned to the tower for further ringing until the start of the concert at 8.15 in the Rawnsley Hall of Keswick School. G.T.

FEATURES OF THE CONCERT

The concert was, indeed, a memorable and most interesting event, especially so to those who had so often listened to and enjoyed hearing the Handbell Ringers of Crosthwaite, Keswick.

Although it was the Potomac Ringers' concert, the Crosthwaite Ringers also had their part to play, and their share was just as enjoyable as that of the visiting team. There can be no comparison between the two teams of ringers simply because the bell music played by each was so different as also were their two techniques. To begin with, the Potomac team consisted of 13 ringers and their conductor, whereas the Crosthwaite team was six—but the Crosthwaite team have the technique of one ringer being able to handle four bells at once!

It was not only the differing techniques of the two teams which makes comparison difficult but also the type of music played. Much of the Potomac Ringers' programme was of classical music, and such items as the andante from Haydn's Clock Symphony were astoundingly beautiful and yet so completely different from, for instance, the rendering of two of MacDowell's "Woodland Sketches". The range of the bells from the high notes to the bass was wonderful and made one realise what a unique set of bells these ringers possessed. Their final items of Fanfare, Pastorale and Rondo, and a Carillon Fantasy, written in 1961 and 1962, especially for handbells, were extremely interesting and proved that handbell ringing is an art in itself.

The Crosthwaite Ringers are always a joy to hear, and it was clear that their ringing was enjoyed just as much by the Potomac Ringers as by those who had for long known and enjoyed the ringing of this well-known team, and their rendering of "Jesu, joy of man's desiring" was certainly one of the highlights of the evening.

At the end, after the Potomac Ringers had played our National Anthem, it was a most delightful and topical gesture in that they played "Hen Wald Fy Nhadau" as a tribute to the people of Wales who had so recently received their Prince.

Mr. J. W. Brownrigg, leader of the Crosthwaite Ringers, presented each of the Americans with a Keswick-made pencil bearing their names, and was presented in turn with a stained-glass representation of a bell by Mrs. Nancy Poore Tufts.

B. B. H.

ATOMIC RINGERS FORM SOCIETY

Taking part in the peal at Hanwell on June 17th (reading from left to right): A. G. Peake, K. Cutterell, Helen Diserens, N. J. Diserens, Mary Wells, W. Gilks, H. E. Wells and J. C. Baldwin.

During the summer of 1968 a number of ringers employed within the U.K.A.E.A. establishments at Harwell and Aldermaston, together with their out-stations, and other ringers working at the Rutherford Lab, Culham and Wantage, met with the idea of forming a new ringing Association. At a meeting held at Harwell Social Club on September 6th an Association was formed and a committee appointed to determine a constitution.

Several committee meetings later—for, as is well known, business meetings are always protracted when held in pubs—a set of rules was drawn up. Later, after obtaining Lady Cockcroft's permission, the name given to the Society was "The Cockcroft Society of Change Ringers".

Practices at various local towers followed and a handbell ringing session was instituted at Aldermaston in the lunch-hour. Since then a weekly quarter peal on the bells of Aldermaston parish church has also been attempted.

Before attempting the inaugural peal, all the members were asked if they would like to ring it it. Eventually two bands were formed and one peal was fixed for St Matthew's, Harwell, and the other for St. Mary's, Aldermaston, both to take place starting at 1.30 p.m. on June 17th. Both were successful. The only remaining committee member not in the peals also took leave to take the photographs.

As to future plans, a week's trip to Scotland has been arranged for the end of August, combining ringing with visits to the Edinburgh Festival. Practices will continue throughout the year and social functions, including day ringing trips, are also planned.

WARMINSTER GUILD WENT WEST

Warminster Bellringers' Guild went west for their annual outing on June 21st, ringing at Street, where the pleasant eight were going rather harder than of yore; Wembdon, where traffic jams limited ringing; and finally before lunch, on the lovely ten at Minehead.

The newly-reconditioned ring of eight at Dunster provided the best ringing of the day — and for a wedding, too! Through picturesque Doone country to Dulverton, where an accident to the seventh curtailed ringing; but the fine eight at Wiveliscombe provided good ringing. There was a welcome stop at "Apple Tree Inn", West Pennard, and Warminster was reached at 10.45 p.m. Special thanks are accorded to Mr E. E. Norris who made all the arrangements.

Letters to the Editor

PEALS—BY OR FOR THE GUILD

Dear Sir.—It is very sad to have to admit that the peal of 32-spliced all-the-work published on page 551 flatters the records of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild. For, until June 21st, two separate resident bands were gamely battling through towards the heights of a new Guild record—9-spliced: and thus, a peal of 32-spliced was scarcely representative of the Guild's aspirations.

Nor, sir, was the band.

Perhaps this might be an opportune moment to examine the validity of "non-resident" peals. The only cogent justification for accrediting a performance by a band composed wholly or largely of non-residents to the Association in whose territory the tower stands is surely courtesy. But if only this gesture of courtesy could be waived how very much simpler life would be, and how much more would we know and respect the particular quality of each individual Association's efforts! If I take a band from Hampshire to ring a peal at, say, Que-Que, then surely this is representative of no Guild but the Winchester and Portsmouth, and we should have no right to foist it upon the Rhodesian Guild.

Conversely, I can call to mind several Associations, the efforts of whose resident members have been frustrated by outsiders coming in to snatch up some record or first performance: handbell peals in Wales are a case in point. Indeed, I have more than once been sworn to secrecy when told in a whisper: "Our Guild hasn't actually rung a peal of Maximus yet", by some poor unfortunate, desperately worried in case a band of unscrupulous intruders should come in and dash this cup from his lips.

Finally, it is worth remembering that non-territorial Associations would soon lose their attraction if they allowed their peals to be rung by people who, however delightful, were totally unqualified for membership. Just so, territorial Associations should be truly represented by the performance of their own resident members.

In the case of Mr. Peake's peal, of course, there was no Association common to the band for which the peal could genuinely have been rung: and the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild seemed, no doubt, a polite solution. There were, after all, six non-resident life members in the band: it was thus a peal for the Guild, but it was certainly not by the Guild.—Yours sincerely,

RICHARD H. YOUDALE.

Abbots Worthy,
Hampshire.

ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS, GLOUCESTER

Dear Sir.—The letters of John C. Eisel, E. Barnett and Mrs. A. Richardson make interesting reading, and at Mr. Eisel's request I send the following information. The St. Michael's Juniors (Gloucester) was founded on September 6th, 1887. Their first peal was rung at St. Michael's on September 15th, 1888—Grandsire Triples, conducted by S. E. Romans.

November 18th, 1889, was the 21st birthday of H. Law James, and a peal of Bob Major was rung at Prestbury in which the average age of the band was 21 years.

The first peal of Stedman Triples was rung in the City on September 25th, 1890, and on the 27th a peal of Grandsire Caters was rung at Painswick, conducted by W. I. Sevier.

Mr. John Austin, one of the famous Burton-on-Trent band, moved to Gloucester in November, 1890, and attached himself to St. Michael's Juniors. On Christmas Day that year came their first peal of Double Norwich in the city, and on Boxing Day another was rung at Stroud.

The first peal of Superlative in the county was rung at Quedgeley on April 28th, 1893, conducted by John Austin: and on May 9th, 1894, he called the first peal of Cambridge in the county, also at Quedgeley.

On September 22nd, 1894, at St. Stephen's, Bristol, John Austin called the first peal of Double Norwich C.B. Caters ever rung. On November 8th that year came the first of London in the county, at St. Michael's, conducted by H. Law James. They scored their first peal of Bob Maximus at Cirencester on June 7th, 1897, and on the 17th the first peal of Gloucester Surprise was rung at St. Michael's. It was the production of E. Bankes James, and John Austin conducted.

The year 1897 also saw Double Norwich at Swansea, Treble Bob Maximus at Cirencester and Grandsire Cinques at Painswick and Cirencester. What was thought to be the first peal of Cambridge Royal, until the Wakefield peal was discovered (Oct. 26th, 1822), was rung at Cheltenham on January 21st, 1898. This followed a failure at Stroud the previous day.

These are just a few of the many splendid performances, by what must have been for many years one of the finest peal bands in the country.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN G. NASH.

Muswell Hill, N.10.

MORE NEWS OF NONAGENARIANS

It was very pleasing to see Mr. F. B. Stedman (aged 95) and his wife at the practice night at Charminster last week. He had been in hospital all last winter following a serious operation.

Although he finds climbing steps very difficult, he likes the ground floor rings in the area and means to take every opportunity he can of continuing to ring. Happy hunting, Fred!!!

ST. JAMES', BOOTLE

Dear Sir.—In regard to the mention of the bells of St. James' (R.C.) Church, Bootle, which appeared in the issue of July 11th, 1969. The following, according to the records of the "Bogs", are the weights of the bells:—

Bourdon bell: 30 cwt., supplied in 1898 to the order of the Very Rev. Dean Kelly, V.F.

The chime of nine bells, supplied in 1924 to the order of the Very Rev. James O'Brien, D.D., weigh—

Treble: 6-3-14	5: 11-0-8
2: 7-1-16	6: 13-2-6
Flat 2: 7-1-26	7: 17-1-21
3: 8-0-25	Tenor: 23-1-0
4: 9-2-5	

Yours faithfully,

"THE LEPRECHAUN."

LANCASTER BELLS SOLD

Dear Sir.—Owners of Dove may like to note that the bells of St. Thomas', Lancaster, have been sold for scrap. I believe that one of the bells has been retained, though I do not think that it is used. According to the local newspapers, the Vicar's excuse for selling the bells was that the church had not got any ringers.

A ringer who rang a peal on the bells before the war said that the bells were very pleasant. They have not been rung since before the war, and one of the Lancaster ringers who went to look at the bells after the war was deluged by the handiwork of generations of pigeons.

As far as I know, no attempt was made to rehouse the bells elsewhere, the sole aim being to get the money. None of the local ringers knew anything about the sale until after the bells had been removed.

Ringers must be on the alert where there are unused rings of bells. The Church is facing great financial problems, and it may be that the sale of bells for scrap is going to become more frequent. In churches where there are no ringers it is very easy for the bells to disappear before anything can be done about it. In churches where the bells are derelict this may not matter very much, but we must be on our guard lest it spreads to ringable but infrequently-rung bells.—Yours sincerely,

KEITH LEWIN.

Luton.

RINGING AT FRANT

Dear Sir.—In answer to Mr. Chas. A. Bassett's letter on page 562 regarding ringing at Frant, I asked permission to ring in the usual way by writing to the Vicar about three months previously. About three or four weeks later I received a card from the Vicar saying this would be quite in order, and on the day of the visit we were welcomed by two members of the local band.

There is nothing mysterious or underhand about it and we were quite innocent of their being any trouble about this tower until Mr. Bassett's letter.—Yours faithfully,

HAZEL V. MITCHELL (Mrs.),
Secretary and Treasurer,
St. Mary's Ringers.

Sittingbourne, Kent.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
SEE BACK PAGE

OVERSEAS NEWS

A WEEK'S TOUR IN VICTORIA AND TASMANIA

ONE of the best ringing trips conceived, using train, ship and plane, was embarked upon by eight young ringers, accompanied by a parent and the tower captain of St. Paul's, Burwood. All ringing towers in Victoria and Tasmania were visited, the party consisting of the Misses Cathy McLachlan and Delwyn Logan, Messrs. John Brown, Ross Bampton, Craig Herbert, Phillip Brown, David Brown, Neil Shaw, Russell Symonds and Keith Hendry.

The party left Sydney on Friday, May 9th, by train on the "Spirit of Progress". After a night of little or no sleep, Spencer Street Station, Melbourne, was reached on Saturday at 10.30 a.m., to be met by Jack Roper and Margaret Aslett, who conducted them respectively to the Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A. hostels. Lunch was taken at the Classic Restaurant, a favourite ringers' rendezvous, and the afternoon spent ringing at St. Paul's Cathedral, with a brief visit to St. Patrick's Cathedral. Back to St. Paul's with a lovely tea awaiting us, which had been prepared by the Cathedral's lady ringers. The evening passed happily, first at Luna Park and later at Jack and Gwen Roper's, enjoying a most delicious supper.

A FULL SUNDAY

Next morning, after a much-needed sleep, we rang and attended Holy Communion at St Paul's Cathedral. The waiting cars of Margaret Aslett, Barbara Beeson and Gordon Stewart then drove us to Ballarat, stopping only at Bacchus Marsh for lunch. By 3 p.m. we were ringing at the City Hall, under the capable hands of Alex Henmann. An hour was spent in the gardens which encircle Ballarat Lake and at 5 p.m. we met for two hours' service ringing at St. Peter's Church. Dinner at a Ballarat restaurant followed, and then the drive back to Melbourne, where we fell into our beds.

Monday was free in Melbourne until the evening, when at the Cathedral Stedman Caters, Grandsire Cinques and Bob Maximus were attempted. On Tuesday we took the afternoon train to Bendigo. That evening there was two hours' ringing at St. Peter's Church, a lovely supper at Monica and John Martin's home and night at the City Family Hotel. Before catching the train next morning for Melbourne, we had a ride on Bendigo trams and visited Bill Robertson at work, being regaled with pies and pasties.

At 7.30 p.m. that night at Port Melbourne we boarded the "Princess of Tasmania" and after a 15-hour journey disembarked at Devonport and caught the train "Tasman Limited" which took us to Hobart an all-day journey. We were met at Hobart by Neville Gower, Madeline and John Smith and were driven to Hollydene Guest House. That night ringing at St. David's Cathedral consisted of Bob Major, Stedman Triples and Kent Minor. We then adjourned to Mr. and Mrs. Sid Smith's home for supper, which was appreciated by one and all.

Friday was our tour day at Hobart and included a visit to Cadbury's Chocolate Factory at Claremont. That night we rang at Holy Trinity Church, with its four walls a mass of photographs. St. David's Youth Club then entertained our younger members to dancing and refreshments.

QUARTER PEAL SPREE

We dragged ourselves out of bed on Saturday morning, and after depositing our luggage at the air terminal at Hobart we assembled at St. David's Cathedral for the morning's ring. After a touch of Bob Major we set out on our quarter peal spree, so arranged that every member of the party rang at least one quarter, three different members conducted and for three it was three quarters in a day—

No. 1: 1.260 Bob Doubles, 45 minutes.
No. 2: 1.260 Bob Triples, 59 minutes.
No. 3: 1.260 Bob Minor, 46 minutes.

We had just time to catch the coach at the Trans Australia Airles city terminal to the airport which is 11 miles away. Nearing the end of our trip, we left Hobart at 4 p.m. by a DC9T jet and an hour later touched down at Melbourne. Tea was taken at the Melbourne airport and at 6.30 p.m. our T jet was winging its way to Sydney. Before touching down we circled the airport and saw the lights of Sydney and were united with parents and relatives at 7.45 p.m. For this enjoyable holiday all of us desire to thank the organiser, our captain, Ross Bampton. It was indeed the best ringing holiday that most of us had ever embarked upon. KEITH HENDRY.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD IN LONDON

This year's outing of the East Grinstead and District Guild was to London, and by 10 a.m. the whole party had assembled at the Whitechapel Foundry, after some questionable coffee. Mr. W. Hughes acted as our guide and among items of interest were a 3 cwt. ring of eight, Liberty bells in various stages of production and some ancient bells for Lyng which were being retuned. From one of these bells a large chunk had been removed to tune it!

Lunch was taken near St. Paul's and then followed the six at St. Vedast for an hour, the magnificent eight at St. Lawrence Jewry and the ten at St. Clement Danes, where Grandsire and Stedman Caters were rung. After tea ringing took place at St. Andrew's, Holborn. Our thanks for such a successful day are due to Mr. W. Hughes and the incumbents of churches visited. R. J. E.

SWANSEA AND BRECON ACCEPT NEW CONSTITUTION

In fine and sunny weather, a happy gathering of members met at St. Mary's Church, Swansea, for this year's annual festival on July 5th. The date was later than usual to enable the younger members to attend, and this was noticeable by the satisfactory numbers present; but there seemed to be no excuse for the lack of support from the older members.

The service was held in the Trinity Chapel and Dr. J. J. A. Thomas, Bishop of the Diocese, gave the blessing. Tea was served in the Church Hall.

The business meeting was opened by the Bishop, who welcomed the visitors, notably Mr. J. Prytherch, hon. secretary of the St. David's Diocesan Guild, Mr. W. Williams and Mr. R. Skudamore. The shield and certificates on this year's ringing competition were presented by the Bishop, with the usual congratulations to each band.

The hon. secretary's and the Master's report was presented in the booklet of the Guild's annual report, printed for the first time for many years. The report announced the resignation of the Northern District hon. secretary, Mr. R. Thomas. An expression of thanks was passed to him for his valuable services during his term of office.

THE NEW CONSTITUTION

This was put to the meeting as a whole, the proposer (Mr. J. Hodgetts) explaining that he was quite willing to go through each item, clause by clause, but this would take up a considerable amount of our time, especially as the committee had accepted the constitution as printed. The meeting then accepted the new constitution unanimously.

Mr. Alwyn Lewis was elected Master for the ensuing year, and the retiring Master, Mr. Don Leech, was thanked by the chairman for his services during his term of office. Mr. J. A. Hoare was again re-elected hon. general secretary, Mr. E. J. Morris hon. treasurer and Mr. G. I. Lewis peal recording officer.

NEXT FESTIVAL BRECON

The 1970 Annual Festival is to be held at the Cathedral, Brecon, on July 4th, or nearest to this date. Mr. M. R. Thomas gave assurance that the bells at St. Mary's, Brecon, would be available on that day.

The annual ringing competition will be held at Neath, Glam, on a date to be arranged by the hon. secretary.

The proposal by Mr. M. R. Thomas that a report be printed of the activities of the Guild, each year, was carried. The Bishop added that we should be very grateful to Mr. Thomas for arranging the printing for this year's annual report.

The business concluded with a vote of thanks by the Bishop to all those responsible for the arrangements made, especially those who had prepared tea. J. A. H.

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INVESTITURE QUARTER PEALS FOR CHARLES, PRINCE OF WALES

BITTERNE PARK, SOUTHAMPTON. — On July 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7-6-8 covering): Heather J. Hinton 1, G. Harper (first "inside") 2, R. V. Smith 3, D. B. Brown (cond.) 4, Margaret S. Judge 5, Doreen Whatmore (first quarter) 6, B. J. Brophy 7, Janice M. Faithfull (first quarter) 8.

CLEATOR MOOR, CUMBERLAND.—On July 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (7 and 8 cover): F. Richardson 1, J. E. Brown 2, Vera C. Bell 3, W. Seward 4, Mary Dodd 5, G. Tembey (first Minor as cond.) 6, C. Gates 7, G. Eilbeck 8. First Minor 1 and 4.

COMPTON DANDO, SOM.—On July 11th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): W. G. Cocks 1, F. C. Mogford (cond.) 2, R. M. Virgin 3, R. Hillman 4, D. Bath 5, R. W. Treasure 6. To remember the Investiture of Prince Charles of Wales, one year after the great flood of the West Country.

HODNET, SALOP.—On July 1st, 1,260 Doubles (April Day, Plain Bob, Grandsire): E. Morris (cond.) 1, Ann Sisley 2, Rachel Gee 3, M. Mothershaw 4, P. Morris 5, G. Mothershaw 6. First in 3 m/v. Also birthday greetings to Mair Mothershaw, and a compliment to Peter on his Graduation.

KIRKBY-IN-FURNESS, LANCS. — On July 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: N. M. Newby (cond.) 1, Sarah E. Newby 2, V. Martin 3, Canon E. C. Whitaker 4, O. Geere 5, H. Petifer (first quarter) 6.

MERTON, LONDON.—On July 1st, 1,500 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: Miss M. Seabright 1, Miss M. Newton 2, G. Hawkes 3, M. Stanley 4, F. Seabright (cond.) 5.

PEMBROKE.—On July 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Nesta M. Rosen 1, Betty M. Rogers 2, Prudence Pattison 3, S. P. Rogers 4, P. C. Rogers 5, J. Prytherch 6, R. L. Underwood (cond.) 7, A. Lingard 8.

PENARTH, GLAM.—On July 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Garrett 1, Elizabeth Jacklin (first "inside") 2, Y. Apsitis 3, P. Heath 4, W. J. Palmer (cond.) 5, H. Herbert 6.

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP, SOM. — On July 1st, 1,320 Doubles (30 m/vs): Mrs. C. Gratton 1, Mrs. L. Parker 2, J. Cornelius (cond.) 3, C. Gratton 4, R. Parker 5, D. Pollard 6. Most m/vs by all except conductor.

STAMFORD, LINCS.—On July 1st, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: J. R. Nichols 1, H. Goakes 2, F. Boyall 3, F. Mitchel 4, E. Tyers 5, J. H. Bluff (cond.) 6.

THETFORD, NORFOLK.—On July 2nd, 1,440 Pl. Bob Minor: Mrs. E. Foreman 1, A. Forman 2, N. Watson 3, T. G. Boast 4, D. Boast 5, H. Fuller (cond.) 6, S. Flatman cover.

ADDINGTON, SURREY. — On July 6th, 1,296 Bourne and Cambridge Surprise Minor: E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 1, Louise Powell 2, Wendy Wallace 3, Penny Cocks 4, Carol Rodgers 5, I. Wiltshire 6. For the baptism of Judith Ann Godfrey, daughter of the conductor.

ALDBOURNE, WILTS. — On July 12th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Margaret Bowman 1, Ann Toomer 2, G. A. Newman 3, T. R. Jones 4, A. G. Keen (cond.) 5, C. Barnes 6. Rung in honour of the marriage this day of Miss Heather Jones (ringer and chorister at this church and secretary of the Marlborough Branch of the Salisbury Guild) and Mr. Marcus Rouse of Chilvers-Coton.

ASHWELL, RUTLAND.—On July 13th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Patsy M. Barnes (25th quarter) 1, L. Atton 2, G. W. Reynolds 3, Cynthia E. Barnett 4, J. Woolley 5, C. J. Groome (cond., 100th quarter) 6. For Flower Festival.

BASILDON, ESSEX.—On July 14th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor (in hand): G. Mason (first Minor) 1–2, A. Gibbs (first Minor and on a working pair) 3–4, G. Lucas (first Minor in hand and as cond.) 5–6. First Minor by the Barnstable School Society.

BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.—At All Saints' Church, on July 15th, 1,320 Doubles (four methods): R. J. Wilson 1, R. C. Wilson 2, Miss L. M. Holbrook 3, R. J. Crocker 4, H. F. J. Smith (cond.) 5. Most methods to a quarter 1 and 2.

BATHFORD, SOM. — On June 17th, 1,440 Westminster, Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise Minor: G. W. Massey 1, R. L. Coles 2, D. J. Orledge 4, P. J. W. Hardwick 4, D. A. Burt 5, D. G. Massey (cond.) 6. A compliment to the conductor on his 20th birthday.

QUARTER PEALS

BATTERSEA, LONDON. — On July 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Susan D. A. Trousdale 1, Margaret A. Robinson 2, E. E. Dodds 3, Rosemary J. Cotton 4, R. Jean Henderson (cond.) 5, F. A. Benn 6. Rung half-muffled at the funeral service of the Rev. Canon N. D. Gill, Vicar of Battersea (1959–69). Also on July 13th, 1,273 Grandsire Triples: Caorle A. Fosbury 1, Margaret A. Bobinson 2, R. J. Cooles 3, F. A. Benn 4, E. E. Dodds 5, D. R. Tipler 6, C. M. Meyer (comp. and cond.) 7, J. W. Rea 8. Rung open as a thanksgiving for the life and work of Canon Neville Gill.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On June 29th, 1,526 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original): J. Schofield 1, R. J. Talbot 2, N. Thomson 3, Juliet S. Stoy (cond.) 4, S. F. Kimber 5, D. G. Spittle 6, F. D. Jennings 7, L. A. Reece 8. For Evensong.

BILSTON, STAFFS.—On July 6th, 1,288 Little Bob Major: S. Russell (first on eight) 1, D. Walton (first on eight) 2, R. M. Hodister 3, P. Davies (cond.) 4, A. J. Fletcher 5, D. Bates 6, R. B. Dorrington 7, S. T. Yates 8. Also on July 15th, 1,280 Spliced Surprise (four methods): I. A. Sheffield 1, R. B. Dorrington 2, A. J. Fletcher 3, D. Bates 4, R. M. Hodister 5, S. T. Yates 6, C. J. Bennett 7, P. Davies (cond.) 8. First Spliced Surprise for 3, 5, 7, and by Sunday service band.

BIRSTALL, LEICS.—On July 6th, 1,260 Doubles (four meth./var.): R. A. Clarke (cond.) 1, H. A. Thomas 2, Bridget Critchlow (first quarter) 3, R. S. Moore 4, C. J. Mobbs (first in more than one method) 5, J. H. Sunderland (first quarter) 6. For Evensong. Also on July 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Gillian Smith (first quarter) 1, R. A. Clarke 2, R. S. Moore 3, Bridget Critchlow 4, C. J. Mobbs (first of Doubles as cond.) 5, J. H. Sunderland 6. For Evensong.

BISHOP'S SUTTON, HANTS.—On June 8th, 1,260 Doubles (21 meth., 4 var.): J. W. Maundrell 1, R. J. M. Bavin 2, A. M. Donaldson 3, R. W. T. Slack 4, A. J. Mason (cond.) 5. Most methods to a quarter for all the band. Rung by the Winchester College Society for Evensong.

BITTERNE PARK, SOUTHAMPTON. — On July 13th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): S. R. Smith 1, Vande J. Crabb 2, Margaret S. Judge 3, R. V. Smith 4, D. B. Brown (cond.) 5, D. R. Hickman 6.

BOCKING, ESSEX.—On July 11th, 1,280 Pl. Bob Major: Mrs. M. Moore 1, A. R. Syder 2, R. Threadgold 3, C. J. Barker 4, F. W. J. Roper 5, H. Moore 6, R. Suckling 7, R. J. Lindsell (cond.) 8. Half-muffled in memory of Robert C. Heazel, formerly Master of the Essex Association, whose funeral took place this day.

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BUCKINGHAM, BUCKS.—On July 11th, 1,344 Pl. Bob Major: W. Townsend 1, R. W. Yates (first Major as cond.) 2, P. J. Lankester 3, R. A. Vickers 4, W. A. Yates 5, B. Eglesfield 6, G. W. Holland 7, J. Thorogood 8. Rung as a farewell to the tenor ringer who is leaving Stowe School.

CHERITON, KENT.—On June 24th, 1,260 Pl. Bob and Grandsire Doubles (1 and 2 covering): Madge Tempest 1, A. Binstead 2, Mary Munt 3, Dilys Eastmead 4, Pamela Court 5, A. Binstead 6, A. C. Eastmead (cond.) 7, J. B. Thorn 8. Rung after the birth of a daughter to Rev. and Mrs. Cooper. Also on July 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Dilys Eastmead 1, G. Webb 2, Anne Barber 3, P. C. Sinden 4, Pamela Court 5, A. C. Eastmead 6, R. A. Birch (first Bob Triples as cond.) 7, J. B. Thorn 8. Rung as a compliment to Anne Barber and Alan Berry on their engagement.

CHEW MAGNA, SOM.—On July 3rd, 1,280 London Surprise Major: R. G. Beck (cond.) 1, S. Brown 2, E. T. Lee 3, P. J. England 4, R. E. Beck 5, P. H. Jones 6, J. Brain 7, D. Mackay 8. In memoriam James Topp.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—At St. Peter's Church, on June 28th, 1,280 Alderney Surprise Major: Heather McArthur 1, Vivian Cross 2, N. Avis 3, B. W. Fairhead 4, B. Vaughan 5, W. Arnold 6, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 7, A. G. Semken 8. First in the method by all. Also on June 29th, 1,280 Painswick Surprise Major: Vivian Cross 1, Catherine Bew 2, J. Norris 3, N. Avis 4, B. Vaughan 5, M. J. Bew 6, B. W. Fairhead 7, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 8. First in method 3, 4 and 5. Both rung for the Patronal Festival.

COLCHESTER (Shrub End), ESSEX.—On July 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Baker 1, C. Andrews 2, D. Whent 3, A. Wright 4, D. Cobb 5, H. Millatt (cond.) 6. First Minor 1, 2, 4. For Evensong.

CROYDON, SURREY. — At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, on June 24th, 1,320 Grandsire Cinques: C. M. Foster 1, Miss C. Martin 2, Miss J. Stoy 3, E. Razzell 4, M. Steere (cond.) 5, D. Brown 6, N. Brown 7, F. Mitchell 8, K. Taber 9, K. Game 10, A. Brown 11, P. Humphries 12.

DAMERHAM, HANTS. — On July 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. M. Baverstock (first quarter) 1, Mrs. R. Hockey (first "inside") 2, Rev. G. Moule 3, P. Waterman 4, J. Baverstock (cond.) 5, C. Baverstock 6.

DINTING, DERBYS.—On June 29th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: J. D. Broadbent 1, Sylvia Smith 2, Susan Brocklehurst 3, Ann C. Hardman 4, R. Chatterton 5, N. Bennett (cond.) 6. For Sunday School anniversary service.

DORCHESTER, DORSET. — At St. Peter's, Fordington, on July 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. M. Day 1, Hilary Derham 2, R. C. A. Philpott 3, J. M. Rice 4, R. N. Bagshaw 5, P. J. Bagshaw (cond.) 6. First quarter of Minor for ringer of 2. Rung on N.U.S.C.R. annual tour and on the occasion of the visit of H.M. the Queen to Dorchester.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On July 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. Reed 1, H. L. Bishop 2, Miss M. Thomas 3, G. W. Bishop 4, C. Corderoy 5, L. F. Cox 6, M. Bishop (cond.) 7, E. G. Sawyer 8. For Confirmation service.

EDWINSTOWE, NOTTS. — On July 3rd, 1,260 Single Oxford Bob Minor: Miss S. Ettles 1, G. Challans 2, F. Cooke 3, B. A. Richards (cond.) 4, F. Flint 5, H. T. Rooke 6. For the Patronal Festival.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On April 20th, at the Abbey Church of St. Thomas, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. McEvilley 1, Sheila Insley 2, R. J. Tibbetts 3, J. R. Insley 4, P. L. McEvilley 5, J. Insley (cond.) 6.

GAINSBOROUGH, LINCS.—On July 18th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: R. Thorne (first quarter) 1, Mrs. E. Gray 2, Mrs. A. R. Hepenstall 3, Miss P. Bull 4, Mrs. D. Johns 5, C. H. Baker 6, T. A. Gilbert 7, G. L. A. Lunn (cond.) 8. A compliment to Roger Gray (son of 2nd ringer) and Miss P. Cuckson, married at Beckingham on July 5th.

GOSFIELD, ESSEX.—On July 13th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Susan Burdon (first Surprise) 1, Susan Chapman 2, Carol Patey 3, C. J. Barker 4, C. H. Gillingham 5, R. J. Lindsell (cond.) 6. For the Flower Festival.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—At Holy Trinity Church, on July 6th, 1,408 Spliced Surprise Major in eight methods (L, B, R, C, Y, S, P, Li.): D. N. Jennings 1, Beryl R. Simpson 2, R. K. Russ 3, R. S. Bradley 4, A. D. Elsmore 5, S. G. Ponting 6, M. J. Church (cond.) 7, P. J. Munday 8. Rung for Evensong at the sister church.

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GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL OUTING

A party of 33 was mustered for the second annual outing of Guildford Cathedral Society on July 5th, when towers in Hampshire were visited.

At St. Michael's, Basingstoke, we were met by a local ringer and we remembered his detailed instructions to gain access to All Saints' belfry. This unique ring of nine was rung to Caters, Major and Triples. Canon Sanders greeted us at Overton and lunch was preceded by Grandsire, Stedman and Cambridge.

Later we climbed the many steps at Andover and then followed the pleasant six at Stockbridge. Tea was in Winchester and we left the town without any difficulty to ring the heavy eight at East Meon. It was a melodious journey back to Guildford, but even so we managed to ring some touches on handbells.

Our grateful thanks to incumbents and those who met us. M. J. K.

SPALDING VISIT OXFORD

About 40 members and their friends from Spalding and district were fortunate in choosing a lovely warm day for their annual outing to Oxford on July 12th. The coach started from Donington at 6.45 a.m. and the first ringing took place at Towcester at 9.30 a.m. The church has been tastefully decorated for a flower festival and we were pleased to be amongst the first visitors. Various methods were rung, including Cambridge, under the leadership of Mr. Cecil Wade.

At 11.30 we arrived at St. Giles', Oxford, and after climbing the steep ladders we reached the spotlessly clean ringing chamber, where Mr. Barnard Tyrrel conducted Stedman and other touches.

After lunch we visited the Church of All Saints; here Mr. Frank Taylor conducted touches of Double Norwich and Cambridge. Our next ring should have been on the ten at New College but we were unable to ring here owing to a Bach music recital being in progress. Members took the opportunity to relax under nearby trees until 4 p.m. when we met at Magdalen, with Ron Noon as conductor for Oxford Royal and Grandsire Caters. Beginners also had an opportunity to try their hands on the ten and rang a plain course of Bob Royal.

After tea we left Oxford, calling at Kingsthorpe where, after having photographs taken of the whole party, Alan Payne conducted Single Oxford and Cambridge. Later in the evening we called at Moulton, where Cyril Burrell officiated until it was time to leave at 9 p.m.

DEATH OF MRS. E. A. BIRCHALL

A dear friend of the Liverpool Branch ringers, Mrs. Emily Ann Birchall, died on June 29th, aged 64 years, after a long illness.

She will be remembered for her hospitality to ringers who visited Huyton, and as the wife of Mr. William R. Birchall, who has been a ringer at Huyton for more than 50 years and Ringing Master for the last 25 years.

Before the funeral service members of the Branch rang the "Whole pull and stand" 64 times, and afterwards a half-muffled quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles.

G. K. A.

OBITUARY

MR. R. C. HEAZEL

An Appreciation

On the brightly sunlit evening of Tuesday, July 15th, over 150 people crowded into the small, isolated church of Wimbish for the memorial service to Robert Charles Heazel, a former Master of the Essex Association.

No bells could be heard across the delectable, rolling countryside; alas, the only bell of the church lay silent on the floor at the west end, as if poignantly symbolising one whose duty was done but whose former efforts were still very tangibly aware to us.

Robert Heazel had been churchwarden for 18 years, as well as Parish and Rural District Councillor of this remote Essex parish. But perhaps his greatest love was the sound of church bells, and for a total of 20 years he served the Essex Association of Change Ringers, first as secretary (1946–1952) and then as Master (1952–1966). During his latter office he served unremittingly to further the interests of the Essex Association. He, together with his wife Dorothy, weekly travelled the length and breadth of the Chelmsford Diocese, carrying the ringers' gospel, not only to ringers whose cause he had at heart, but to laity and clergy as well. He made the clergy very much aware of ringing and ringers in Essex by his presence at and as a member of the Chelmsford Diocesan Conference.

It is a great tragedy that Robert Heazel did not live to see the outcome of his 20 years' devoted service to the Essex Association. Only history will be able to calculate his greatness as a Master.

PETER CAME.

MR. W. C. WEST

With deep regret, we report the death of Mr. W. C. West, president of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, on July 21st. The funeral was at Melksham on July 28th

Mr. West, who was born in 1894, was a previous general secretary of the Guild and was elected to the Central Council in 1945.

RAYMOND WOOD, Sen.

An Appreciation

Just three lines to record the passing of an esteemed Sussex ringer is typical of the quiet character of Raymond Wood, sen. One had not to travel far in West Sussex in the years before World War II before one encountered the Wood family. Centred at Billingshurst, it was a thriving ringing community. The Thursday night practice was a magnet and visitors returned regularly. It was the place to go if one wished to improve one's ringing.

It is pleasing to recall the influence of the head of the family, Raymond Wood, and his merry little chuckle when his sons or perhaps Uncle Peter were a little heated when something had gone wrong with the ringing. The ringing fraternity has been blessed with many such kindly characters. They are the rocks of the Exercise. Some pass on without even as much as "three lines", but I am happy, on behalf of still quite a few Sussex ringers, to express thanks for the life of Raymond Wood, sen., and his influence among ringers.

E. TREAGUS.

MR. C. W. BEECROFT

The death took place at his home, Bell Lane, Kesgrave, near Ipswich, on July 8th, of Mr. Charles W. Beecroft, aged 80. He survived his wife by one month.

Although he learned to ring at his native Earl Soham, where he carried on a business as a master farrier, it was not until the war ban was lifted that he joined the Framsden band. He soon graded to Surprise and rang peals in several methods, including three-spliced. His total was about 60. His retirement left a big gap in the Framsden band, as distance to him was no object to collect any ringer.

The funeral at Ipswich Crematorium was attended by Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Pipe, Miss P. M. Clarke, Messrs. G. E. Symonds, A. Bridges, W. J. Button, W. W. Miller and L. G. Brett. L. G. B.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The quarter peal at Lowick, Northants, on June 29th, was the first by an entirely local band for about 40 years.

Another peal of Kent Treble Bob 16 has been rung by the intrepid Hertford County Association handbell ringers, conducted by John R. Mayne.

An electric clock and an inscribed plaque have been placed in the ringing chamber of St. Mary's, Banbury, to commemorate the work of Mr. Frederick Selwyn, who served this church faithfully as a ringer for over 60 years.

This week's contribution to the art of handbell ringing by the Chester Diocesan Guild is a peal of Spliced Surprise Maximus in three methods (Ealing, Wembley and Yorkshire). This is the greatest number in Maximus on handbells yet recorded.

The 600th anniversary of the death of Bishop Grandisson was commemorated at Exeter Cathedral by a peal of Londinium Surprise Maximus for the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham. "Grandisson" was rung by Clifford A. Barron and Wilfred Williams. The conductor was Roderick W. Pipe.

A novel peal was called by R. Brian Mills at Barrowby. It consisted of seven different London methods.

Mr. C. A. Levett sends a correction to a "Railway Favoured Tour". In Hastings there are two Taylor eights not three as stated.

Mr. Bryan Birkett, of Sutton-cum-Lound (a 3-bell tower), has now rung 15 peals, but his last, the one at Sturton-le-Steeple, Notts, was the first in which he did not get any blisters. No honourable scars!

Mr. W. B. Pitcher has been reappointed captain of Adelaide Cathedral for the ninth successive year. Mr. Alec Facy, of 9, Sherbourne Road, Medindie Gardens, is the secretary/treasurer

At St. Leonard's, Bilston, Staffs, the Sunday service band has rung a quarter peal of 4-Spliced Surprise Major, including Bristol and London. They would be interested to hear of other local bands in the country who could do this.

The bells of St. Peter's, Dorchester, were rung by members of St. Peter's Society on the occasion of the visit of H.M. the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh as they passed through the parish and town on July 11th.

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EDMONTON REVISITED

Exactly 50 years ago, on July 5th, 1919, the Ladies' Guild met at Edmonton for their annual general meeting. This year, on July 5th, the Vicar was holding a Flower Festival in order to draw the interest of many new parishioners and make them aware of their ancient parish church.

Through the interest of Tom Hawkins in looking over the belfry visitors book, my name and that of my husband's were discovered side by side. We were very kindly invited to take part in a quarter peal of Stedman Triples on this 50th anniversary of our first meeting. Unfortunately, like so many "special" quarters, this came to grief a few changes from the end, but was a fitting prelude to the musical evensong which followed.

Looking back to 1919 it was somewhat of an adventure for me to travel to London for a meeting. The 1914–18 war had restricted ringing to our country villages, and I can feel now the excitement of the morning, setting off and visiting St. Clement Danes and St. Paul's Cathedral, and then on to Edmonton.

Now the ancient church with its associations with John Gilpin and Charles Lamb is an oasis in the midst of development which is bringing new roads and roundabouts to this once quiet place. The church itself was flower-filled with gorgeous arrangements to children's posies. The people came in crowds and the queue to visit the belfry far exceeded the ringers' expectations. They are hoping some will return to learn the art of change-ringing.

I do not remember a great deal of this long-ago meeting, but one thing remains clear—the feeling of achievement at ringing my first course of Cambridge Surprise Major in which a young man, not long discharged from the Army, rang the tenor. Both met again a few weeks afterwards at Isleworth and a great friendship soon developed.

As a fitting end to these recollections of past days, I should like to pay tribute to Mrs Elsie L. Hairs, whose help and encouragement to me at this time I shall never forget. During the war time she had come to live in the little village of Fulmer, and many were the happy times we had together, including a never-to-be-forgotten cycle ride to Brighton—but that is another story "19-69".

HISTORIC ANNIVERSARY

The summer meeting of the Bridgwater Branch was held on July 5th at Moorlynch, which overlooks the scene of the Battle of Sedgemoor, fought on July 5th, 1685. Ringing commenced on the mellow six soon after 3.30 p.m. and continued until 4.15, when some 20 ringers attended the service, taken by the Rev. Mr. Vere-Hodge. Tea in the village school followed.

At the meeting four new members from Middlezoy were elected and there was considerable discussion about the Bath and Wells A.G.M. held at Winscombe. It was generally felt that the meeting had been very disappointing, with not nearly enough time for discussion as the proceedings had to be cut short for service. It was also felt that more people would attend if it were held on an Easter Monday. The Branch striking competition was fixed for October 18th.

Afterwards ringing continued in a variety of methods until 9 p.m.

Practice meetings for the next quarter: Ascott, August 20th; Durleigh, September 17th. J. P. H.

WEDDING OF MR. J. R. HOUGH AND MISS JANE COOK

From left to right: Mr. A. R. Crawfurd, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Hough, Miss J. M. Hough.

Two well-known ringers, Mr. J. Richard Hough, son of Canon J. R. Hough, Vicar of Tenterden, Kent, and a former Master of Cambridge University Guild, and Miss Jane K. A. Cook, daughter of Mr. F. T. Cook, were married at All Saints' Church, Huntingdon, on July 12th, in the presence of many ringers. The bridegroom's father performed the ceremony.

The bride's father, Mr. F. T. Cook, who gave his daughter away, the bridesmaid, Miss Jane M. Hough, and the best man, Mr. A. Raymond Crawfurd, are also ringers.

Following the wedding breakfast a quarter peal of 1,280 Plain Bob Major was rung in honour of the occasion at St. Mary's, Huntingdon, by Beryl W. Baldwin 1, Jane M. Hough 2, Eleanor M. Oliver 3, Elizabeth M. Gill 4, Owen C. R Webster 5, Robert H. Redwood 6, A. Raymond Crawfurd 7, John C. Baldwin (cond.) 8.

RE-DEDICATION, DROXFORD, HANTS

On the day that man landed on the moon (July 20th), a new treble bell was dedicated at St. Mary and All Saints, Droxford, Hants. The ceremony took place at Evensong, which was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. T. G. Strangeways, and was attended by a large congregation.

The ringing chamber is at the base of the tower and it was here that Mr. Tony Clayton, the representative of John Taylor and Co., the bellfounders, handed the bell-rope to the Bishop of Portsmouth (Dr. John Phillips), who in turn handed it to the Rector

Miss Allcard, the donor of the bell, then asked the Bishop to dedicate the bell. This was done in the presence of the churchwarden and local ringers with their captain, Miss Wade.

In his address the Bishop spoke of gifts to the Church for the praise and glory of God, and this theme was illustrated in the psalm and by music sung by the choir and congregation.

Ringing followed the service until the ringers adjourned to the local hostelry for refreshment.

A HALF-DAY IN BOURNEMOUTH

The Montacute ringers who journeyed to Bournemouth on July 12th were outnumbered by family and friends by the ratio of 2:1. In blazing sunshine they left Montacute at 1 p.m., and quite a number were possibly relieved to take advantage of an unscheduled stop, caused by a punctured front tyre, to dismount and cool off by flapping their arms about directing traffic past their stricken transport, while the driver, in boiler suit (aptly named), and several others, struggled to get a jack under an axle that was too near the ground.

On arrival at Bournemouth two ringers secretly joined the non-ringing contingent and disappeared in the direction of the beach. No doubt they decided that the weather was too warm for any energetic exercise. Due to the delay en route, a wedding was in progress at St. Peter's when the party arrived, but this was overcome by a change of programme and an invasion of a taxi rank enabled them to get to St. John's, Surrey Road, where they were met by the tower captain, Bert Hutchings, and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Boyce. An enjoyable half-hour was spent with this 16 cwt. eight, and then there was a rush back to St. Peter's, where by this time the wedding had finished, and another half-hour was well spent. The main party was met for tea at Fortes in Westover Road, and from there to the most welcome temperature of the ice rink for the "Ice Follies", which was enjoyed by all.

The inevitable stop was made on the way home and Montacute was reached by 10.45 p.m., the weary travellers having apparently enjoyed themselves.

TOWER BELL PEALS

In Honour of the Investiture of Charles, Prince of Wales, July 1, 1969

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
GREAT LONGSTONE, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Mon., July 7, 1969, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being two 2,160 blocks and one 720, with 5-6 right way throughout.

*‡Susan E. Davis	Treble	‡Timothy Wylie	4
Ann M. Smith	2	†Graham A. Newman	5
†Andrew R. Queen	3	A. Colin Banton	Tenor

Composed by Rev. E. Bankes James. Conducted by A. Colin Banton.
* First peal of Surprise Minor. † First of Surprise. ‡ 25th peal together. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 lb. in A.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
WANSTEAD, Essex.—At Christ Church.
On Sat., July 5, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In three methods, being one extent of Cambridge Surprise, two of Kent T.B. and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 12 lb. in B flat.

*John P. Eyre	Treble	†Geoffrey H. Walker	4
†Kevin A. Hughes	2	Andrew R. F. Crowson	5
†Michael Waring	3	Dennis Ellisdon	Tenor

Conducted by Dennis Ellisdon.
* First peal. † First in three methods.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
LONDON, W.—At the Church of St. Mary Abbot, Kensington.
On Sat., July 5, 1969, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

John Phillips	Treble	*Frederick Howson	6
Veronica E. Dupre	2	A. Frank Udall	7
*Julie E. Udall	3	C Montague Meyer	8
†Rosemary J. Cotton	4	Michael R. Wycherley	9
Stephen J. Darvill	5	Johi H. Lott	Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by John Phillips.
* First peal in the method. † First on ten bells. Tenor 32 cwt.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
SEMPRINGHAM, Lincs.—At the Abbey Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., July 5, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Norwich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., St. Clement's, Single Oxford and Plain.

Mrs. P. Ann Smith	Treble	R. Bill Smth	4
Geoff Davis	2	Alf Waller	5
*Rchard Brighton	3	Roy W. Spencer	Tenor

Conducted by Roy W. Spencer.
* First peal in seven methods. Tenor 7 cwt. 23 lb. in G sharp.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
LONDON, W.C.—At the Church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields.
On Sat., July 5, 1969, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5016 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 30 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in D flat.

Clive M. Smith	Treble	Michael H. O'Callaghan	7
Angela M. Wright	2	Chrstopher P. Starbuck	8
Jane Foster	3	Derek E. Sibson	9
Adrienne Gibson	4	James A. D. Woolford	10
John R. Pratchett	5	Dennis Beresford	11
Peter M. Wilkinson	6	Peter Beresford	Tenor

Composed by Andrew S. Hudson. Conducted by Dennis Beresford.

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.
ST. FLORENCE, Temby, Pembs.—At the Church of St. Florencius.
On Wed., July 2, 1969, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In seven methods/variations, being six extents of Grandsire, Rev. Canterbury, Southrepps, St. Colemba, Plain Bob, Kennington and Old.

*Nicholas C. Rogers	Treble	Philp C. Rogers	4
John Prytherch	2	Rev. Russen W. Thomas	5
Smon P. Rogers	3	Richard L. Underwood	Tenor

Conducted by Simon P. Rogers.
* First peal. First as conductor. Tenor 9 cwt. in F.

OTHER TOWER BELL PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
CREWKERNE, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.
On Sat., July 5, 1969, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 7 lb. in D.

R. Kingsley Mason	Treble	David J. Orledge	5
Roland H. Cook	2	*Roger I. Kendrick	6
George W. Massey	3	Peter J. England	7
*Peter J. W. Hardwick	4	David G. Massey	Tenor

Composed by James Topp. Conducted by George W. Massey.
* First peal of Lincolnshire. First in the method on the bells.
Rung as a tribute to the composer, who died at Frome on Sunday, June 22nd, 1969.

NORTON ST. PHILIP, Som.—At the Church of SS. Philip & James.
On Thurs., June 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In seven methods, being an extent each of Westminster, London, Wells, Ipswich, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge; seven different callings.

Geoffrey Hebden	Treble	Walter S. Rice	4
George W. Massey	2	Peter J. W. Hardwick	5
Roy W. Rice	3	David G. Massey	Tenor

Conducted by David G. Massey.
First peal of Surprise on the bells.
Rung in thanksgiving for the life of James Henry Topp, who died at Frome on Sunday, June 22nd, 1969. Tenor 10 cwt.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
SALFORD, Lancashire.—At the Church of the Sacred Trinity.
On Sat., May 31, 1969, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

F. John Nelson	Treble	Christopher Movley	5
David Bates	2	Timothy Wylie	6
Marcus C. W. Sherwood	3	Philip G. K. Davies	7
Eric Roughley	4	Denis Mottershead	Tenor

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by Denis Mottershead.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., June 14, 1969, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

F. John Nelson	Treble	Michael Thomson	5
G. Richard King	2	Geoffrey R. Gardner	6
Sidney Hough	3	Frank Osbaldiston	7
*Eric Roughley	4	Denis Mottershead	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Geoffrey R. Gardner.
* First peal in the method.
Rung with the best wishes of the band for the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Snape, of Poynton. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

PRESTBURY, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., June 28, 1969, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Peter Broadbent	Treble	Ronald F. Andrew	5
Michael Foulds	2	Bernard F. L. Groves	6
*Stuart Bamforth	3	Robert B. Smith —	7
Herbert M. Heaton	4	Gerald Moorhouse	Tenor

* First peal in the method. First of Major on the new bells.
Rung for the Patronal Festival and on the first anniversary of the rededication of the bells. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

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THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancs.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., July 5, 1969, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

Ronald F. Andrew	Treble	Michael Foulds	5
Robert B. Smith	2	Derek E. Yates	6
Robert B. Smith	3	Basil Jones	7
*Edward Martin	4	Bernard F. L. Groves	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
* First peal.

MIDDLEWICH, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sun., July 6, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Bruerton's 12-part Tenor 20 cwt. 20 lb. in E.

George H. Bailey	Treble	Frank R. Morton	5
Christopher J. Jones	2	Geoffrey A. Edwards	6
Harry W. Howard	3	*Michael Thomson	7
Reginald W. Worrall	4	John Moore	Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.
* First peal of Triples
Rung as a farewell to the Rector, the Rev. L. R. Ridley, who is moving to Higher Bebington.

WISTASTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., July 12, 1969, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In five methods: (1) St. Clement's, (2) Single Oxford, (3) Oxford T.B., (4) Plain Bob, (5) Kent T.B., (6–7) Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb. in B.

*Harry W. Howard	Treble	Geoffrey A. Edwards	4
Frank R. Morton	2	John Moore	5
John E. Brough	3	Roland W. Morant	Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.
* 30th peal on the bells, and has now "circled the tower" three times.
Rung as a welcome home to the Rector, the Rev. E. H. Williams, after a serious operation.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
ETWALL, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Helen.
On Sat., May 31, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
42 extents, four callings Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in A flat.

*Stuart L. Smith	Treble	David K. Walklate	4
*I. David Frost	2	Kevin A. Betesta	5
†Colin Roadley	3	*Robert Kinsey	Tenor

Conducted by David K. Walklate.
* First peal. † First "inside."

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
TANFIELD, Co. Durham.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Wed., June 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

Adrian Dempster	Treble	Eric N. Harrison	5
Christine H. Telfer	2	John H. Taylor	6
Malcolm E. Johnson	3	James Crowther	7
Allan Tubb	4	Michael Maughan	Tenor

Composed by Geoffrey Bridges. Conducted by Michael Maughan.

BRANCEPETH, Co. Durham.—At the Church of St. Brandon.
On Sat., July 5, 1969, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr 16 lb. in F sharp.

Christine H. Telfer	Treble	John H. Taylor	5
Enid Lawson	2	Adrian Dempster	6
*Rodney A. Yeates	3	James Crowther	7
Stephen Wells	4	Michael Maughan	Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Michael Maughan.
* 100th peal.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
MELDRETH, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Fri., July 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 LINDUM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G.

Allen Twyman	Treble	Donald F. Murfet	5
Kenneth J. Hesketh	2	Philip J. Rothera	6
John G. Gipson	3	Alan F. Scholfield	7
Peter G. Brown	4	Brian D. Threlfall	Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Brian D. Threlfall.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Association.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION
RAYLEIGH, Essex.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Tues., July 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's 12-part. Tenor 16 cwt.

Stephen G. Halliwell	Treble	David Sloman	5
*Valerie M. Jones	2	*C. John Warboys	6
Gerald D. J. Sandwell	3	Alfred J. House	7
Frank C. May	4	David E. Belcham	Tenor

Conducted by Alfred J. House.
* Frist peal of Triples.
Rung in memoriam Robert C. Heazel for his services to this Association as secretary 1946–52 and Master 1953–66.

RAYNE, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., May 24, 1969, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent of London, York, Bourne, Beverley, Ipswich, Surfleet and Cambridge. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. in A.

Peter Pitt	Treble	Walter Arnold	4
Yvonne A. Murray	2	*James L. Towler	5
Neil Avis	3	†George E. Thoday	Tenor

Conducted by George E. Thoday.
* 250th peal for the Association. † 50th peal of Surprise Minor as conductor.

MALDON, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Fri., June 20, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Bourne, London, York, Beverley, Surfleet, Ipswich and Cambridge.
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in F sharp.

Richard J. Harrison	Treble	Keith W. Brown	4
Yvonne A. Murray	2	James L. Towler	5
Neil Avis	3	George E. Thdoay	Treble

Conducted by George E. Thoday.

RAYNE, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., June 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In four methods, viz.: (1 and 2) Cambridge (3) Kent T.B., (4 and 6) St. Clement's, 5 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. in A.

Ruth Gay	Treble	Yvonne A. Murray	4
*Gary Bainbridge	2	James L. Towler	5
Keith W. Brown	3	George E. Thoday	Tenor

Conducted by George E. Thoday.
* Most methods to a peal "inside." 100th peal of Minor as conductor.

MORETON, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., July 5, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In 12 methods, as follows: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) St. Clement's, Childwall, Buxton, Double Oxford, Thelwall and Pinehurst Bob, (3) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (4) Oxford, Double and Plain Bob, (5) Plain Bob, (6) St. Clement's, Double and Plain Bob, (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 9¾ cwt.

John R. Ketteringham	Treble	*Stephen G. Halliwell	4
Bernard C. Sadler	2	Frank B. Lufkin	5
*David Sloman	3	†David Belcham	Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
* Most methods to a peal. † 50th peal.

TERLING, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Tues., July 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In 16 methods, as follows: (1) London Surprise, (2) Norwich Surprise, (3) Double Court Bob, (4) Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise, (5) St. Clement's, Childwall, Buxton, Double Oxford, Thelwall and Pinehurst Bob, (6) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (7) Oxford, Double and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

Maurice C. Hughs	Treble	Peter G. Brown	4
Keith W. Brown	2	Frank B. Lufkin	5
Peter S. Bennett	3	Philip J. Rothera	Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
Rung in memory of Robert C. Heazel (late Master of the Essex Association), who died on Saturday, July 5th, 1969.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
YORKTOWN, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., July 12, 1969, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in F.

Jeffrey P. Ladd	Treble	Rowan S. Bradley	5
*Beryl R. Simpson	2	Alan D. Elsmore	6
†Louise A. M. Evans	3	Anthony K. Fortin	7
Alan D. Flood	4	Michael J. Church	Tenor

Composed by Arthur Craven. Conducted by Beryl R. Simpson.
* 100th peal. † First of Major "inside." First as conductor.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
PORTSMOUTH, Hants.—At the Cathedral of St. Thomas of Canterbury.
On Sat., July 5, 1969, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CLIFTON SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 25½ cwt. in E flat.

Katherine S. Hardy	Treble	Anthony R. Carter	6
Ruth M. Foreman	2	Robert E. Hardy	7
S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	3	Roger Baldwin	8
Eric Edmondson	4	Gerald Penney	9
David E. Rothera	5	Philip Mehew	Tenor

Arranged by John R. Mayne. Conducted by Gerald Penney.
First peal in the method by all the band and for the Association.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of 3 and 6.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
CITY OF LONDON, E.C.—At the Church of St, Olave, Hart Street.
On Tues., July 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in G.

Tony Lepis	Treble	Robin A. Grant	5
Kenneth J. Rider	2	Richard Hayes	6
Judith M. Corby	3	*Andrew W. R. Wilby	7
David A. Town	4	John Pladdys	Tenor

Composed by William Barton. Conducted by John Pladdys.
* 100th peal.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
HELMSHORE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.
On Sun., July 13, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 HUNGER HILL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

Thomas Hobson	Treble	R. Keith Lister	5
Geoffrey Fothergill	2	John Illingworth	6
Dennis H. McCormick	3	†John Ashcroft	7
*James E. Andrews	4	Roy Jolley	Tenor

Composed by C. K. Lewis. Conducted by Roy Jolley.
* 50th peal of Surprise. † 250th for the Association. First in the method. First as conductor.

HUNGER HILL SURPRISE MAJOR
—38—14—1256—1238—14—38—1256—38. 2nds. I.e. 14263857.

(Preston Branch.)
PENWORTHAM, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sun., June 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three extents of Kent T.B. and four of Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

P. Wilson	Treble	E. Houghton	4
Miss P. Turner	2	J. Ashcroft	5
D. H. McCormick	3	R. Barnes	Tenor

Conducted by D. H. McCormick.
Rung half-muffled to the memory of Mr. J .Bailey, for many years a ringer at this tower.,

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
STONEY STANTON, Leics.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., July 5, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.

Eileen J. Goodall	Treble	J. Edward Cawser	5
Alfred Ballard	2	Geoffrey N. Goodall	6
Beryl E. Cawser	3	E. Alan Jacques	7
*Clive J. Mobbs	4	Rupert A. Clarke	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.
* First peal of Surprise "inside"

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
NOTTINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., July 5, 1969, in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 35 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in C sharp.

Melvyn A. Rose	Treble	Derek Stainsby	6
Christopher F. Mew	2	George E. Feirn	7
*Harold Judd	3	*Richard H. Hall	8
A. Richard C. Harris	4	John Hall	9
Brian J. Bull	5	*John F. Underwood	Tenor

Composed by E. Bennett. Conducted by Christopher F. Mew.
* First peal on ten bells.

EPWORTH, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Fri., June 27, 1969, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5000 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 16 lb. in F.

John G. Hall	Treble	Roger Hippisley	5
William Bains	2	Melvyn A. Rose	6
*John Selby	3	Richard Hall	7
†Stephen Selby	4	Harold Judd	Tenor

Composed by E. H. Lewis. Conducted by John G. Hall.
* First peal in the method. † First of Major.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to David Arrand.

WINTERTON, Lincs.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Wed., May 28, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In four methods, being two extents each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain and one of Double Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb. in G sharp.

Robert Bridge	Treble	Ronald Chafer	4
*Peter Saunders	2	Roger Hippisley	5
John G. Hall	3	Richard Hall	Tenor

Conducted by John G. Hall.
* First peal.

BARROWBY, Lincs.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., July 5, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON MINOR
Comprising seven methods in seven extents, viz.: (1) London Bob, (2) New London Pleasure Treble Bob, (3) London Victory Surprise, (4) Annable's London Surprise, (5) London Surprise, (6) London Delight (7) London Scholars' Treble Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in G.

Peter A. Hill	Treble	Denis A. Frith	4
*Peter A. Slight	2	Simon Humphrey	5
Christine L. J. Mills	3	R. Brian Mills	Tenor

Conducted by R. Brian Mills.
* 75th peal.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
ISLEWORTH, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Thurs., July 10, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 ISLEWORTH SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 16 cwt. 24 lb. in E.

*Graham A. Duke	Treble	Anthony R. Carter	6
Maureen J. Carruthers	2	John R. Ketteringham	7
Eric Edmondson	3	Gerald Penney	8
Alan Flood	4	Christopher H. Rogers	9
Andrew W. R. Wilby	5	Harold W. Rogers	Tenor

Arranged by John R. Ketteringham Conducted by Gerald Penney.
* First peal in ten bells. First peal in the method.
Rung with the best wishes of the band for the future happiness of Timothy G. Pett and Gillian S. Richards, married as Claines, Worcs.

ISLEWORTH SURPRISE ROYAL
—30—14—50—16—70—18—14—50—1236—90. B. c.p.s.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Tues., July 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

B. Stedman Payne	Treble	*Frank Chambers	5
*Richard J. Clifton	2	*Arthuh E. Rowley	6
*Gordon H. Lane	3	G. Ronald Edwards	7
Joseph W. Cotton	4	Roland Beniston	Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. Davis Conducted by Roland Beniston.
* First peal in the method.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
STAINES, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., July 5, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
27-course block reduced. Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

Malcolm S. Pike	Treble	Terry G. Williams	5
Alan D. Flood	2	Norman Summerhayes	6
Malcolm S. Loveday	3	Christopher H. Rogers	7
Robert H. Newton	4	Raymond J. Talbot	Tenor

Conducted by Christopher H. Rogers.
First peal in the method by all the band except the ringer of the tenor.
Rung for the 75th anniversary of the dedication of the church; also a 21st birthday compliment to Susan Davis, of Ealing.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

THATCHAM, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., June 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's 12-part. Tenor 13 cwt. 23 lb. in F.

*Richard C. Barrow	Treble	Mary E. Stone	5
William Butler	2	Henry Lawrenson	6
Reginald W. Rex	3	Alan D. Edens	7
*Jennifer Barker	4	Ronald C. Christopher	Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker. Conducted by William Butler.
* First peal attempt.

Rung as a farewell to the Vicar, the Rev. B. J. M. Thackeray, on his departure to the living of Great Coxwell with Coleshill.

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Ebbe.
On Thurs., July 3, 1969, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

Alan R. Pink	Treble	A. Keith P. Poole	5
Terence J. Hester	2	John C. Baldwin	6
Peter Pearce	3	Bertram J. Coggins	7
Charles Coles	4	Philip H. Tocock	Tenor

Composed by Roland Beniston. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.

Rung in memoriam Basil Charles Gough, priest, Rector of this parish 1952–64: died June 23rd, 1969.

NORTH LEIGH, Oxon.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sun., June 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of London, Surfleet, Beverley, Cambridge, Kent T.B. and two extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in G.

Stewart J. M. Abbott	Treble	Jennifer A. Dunning	4
Peter G. Holden	2	David A. Town	5
*Janet E. Blake	3	A. Keith P. Poole	Tenor

Conducted by A. Keith P. Poole.
* 25th peal.

NETTLEBED, Oxon.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.
On Sat., July 5, 1969, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb.

Harold W. Dunsden	Treble	Robert P. Blond	4
Ronald C. Christopher	2	William L. Gilks	5
Harry E. Wells	3	William Butler	Tenor

Arranged by Rev. E. Bankes James. Conducted by William Butler.
First peal of Surprise Minor by all except the conductor.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

CORBY, Northants.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Thurs., July 10, 1969, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 12 methods: (1) Ipswich Surprise, (2) Norwich Surprise, (3) Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet Surprise, (4) Kent T.B., (5) Hereward Bob and Double Oxford, (6) Buxton and Pinehurst, (7) St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in B flat.

Pamela B. Dacre	Treble	Peter M. Fleckney	4
Barry R. Care	2	Murray A. Coleman	5
Stephen B. Bell	3	J. Malcolm Tyler	Tenor

Conducted by J. Malcolm Tyler.
Rung to welcome the Rev. John Lashbrooke as Rector of Corby.

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.

ST FLORENCE, Pembs.—At the Church of St. Florencius.
On Tues., July 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being three extents each of St. Simon, St. Martin, St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place, Grandsire, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Rev. Canterbury and Plain Bob, and three each of six variations.
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

Gordon K. Green	Treble	*Frank R. Morton	4
*Anthony R. Trickett	2	Geoffrey A. Edwards	5
†Rev. Russen W. Thomas	3	William H. Watkin	Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.
* 25th peal together. † 25th peal.

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

EXETER, Devon.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., July 12, 1969, in 3 Hours and 50 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDINIUM SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 72 cwt. 58 lb. in B flat.

Maurice F. Edwards	Treble	Terry R. Hampton	7
Roderick W. Pipe	2	Alan R. Patterson	8
James W. Belshaw	3	David J. Purnell	9
Richard A. G. Inglis	4	Peter Border	10
Kenneth J. Hesketh	5	J. Alan Ainsworth	11
Andrew J. Corby	6	Clifford A. Barron / Wilfred Williams	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.
First peal in the method on the bells. This peal marks the 600th anniversary of the death of Bishop Grandisson, builder of this Cathedral.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew, Edgbaston.
On Wed., July 9, 1969, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 14 lb. in G.

John N. Lindon	Treble	*David B. Flint	5
Maurice F. Edwards	2	Eric Spence	6
B. Gillian Pipe	3	Stephen W. Barton	7
Bryan D. A. Woolley	4	J. Alan Ainsworth	Tenor

Produced by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.
* First peal.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

SEEND, Wiltshire.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Thurs., July 10, 1969, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in nine methods: (1) London and Wells (2 and 5) Westminster, Allendale and Fryerning, (3 and 6) Beverley and Surfleet, (4 and 7)) Cambridge and Ipswich, with 36 changes of method.
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. in F.

Roger I. Kendrick	Treble	†Peter J. W. Hardwick	4
*†Andrew Swatton	2	David J. Orledge	5
David G. Massey	3	George W. Massey	Tenor

Conducted by George W. Massey.
* First peal of Surprise. † Most Minor methods to a peal.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

STURTON-LE-STEEPLE, Notts.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sun., June 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods, being two extents of Cambridge Surprise, one each of Kent T.B., Oxford T.B. and Oxford Bob and two of Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt. (approx.) in G.

Bryan Birkett	Treble	Paul N. Mounsey	4
Christine M. N. Wright	2	Philip Rogers	5
Harry Poyner	3	John A. Coates	Tenor

Conducted by Paul N. Mounsey.
Rung on St. Peter's Day.

ORDSALL, Notts.—At the Church of All Hallows.
On Thurs., July 10, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents—three of Oxford Bob and four of Plain Bob.
Tenor 7 cwt. in A.

Harold Archer	Treble	Philip Rogers	4
Christine M. N. Wright	2	Paul N. Mounsey	5
Harold Denman	3	David W. Jack	Tenor

Composed by Paul N. Mounsey.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

WALSALL, Staffs.—At the Church of St. Matthew.
On Sat., June 7, 1969, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5280 LAMBETH SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 26½ cwt.

Kenneth R. Davenport	Treble	Charles A. S. Webb	7
Bernard F. L. Groves	2	Basil Jones	8
Susan Smith	3	Brian Harris	9
J. Henry Fielden	4	Alan J. Frost	10
Philip G. K. Davies	5	John H. Fielden	11
Robert B. Smith	6	Denis Mottershead	Tenor

Composed by F. Dench. Conducted by Denis Mottershead.
First peal in the method by the Society, on the bells and by all the band except the ringers of 6, 8, 11 and 12.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

HENLEY, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sun., July 6, 1969, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb. in A.

*Elizabeth A. Bowyer	Treble	Norman P. Cossey	5
†Katharine M. Thorley	2	J. Barry Pickup	6
J. Martin Thorley	3	†Roy C. Groom	7
†Laurence J. Parry	4	†Howard W. Egglestone	Tenor

Composed by M. C. Sherwood. Conducted by Howard W. Egglestone.
* First peal of Major. † First in the method.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(St. Mary's Society, Beddington.)
BEDDINGTON, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sun., July 13, 1969, in 3 Hours.
A PEAL OF 5104 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 14 lb. in E flat.

A. Graham Clark	Treble	Derek G. Spittle	5
John Schofield	2	R. James Cook	6
Nigel Thomson	3	Frank D. Jennings	7
Juliet S. Stoy	4	Raymond J. Talbot	Tenor

Composed by Simon Humphrey. Conducted by Nigel Thomson.
Rung to celebrate the centenary of St. Mary's Society, and as a compliment to Albert and Olive Potter on their golden wedding anniversary.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
BRIGHTON, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., June 28, 1969, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. in D.

R. Jean Osbon	Treble	E. Winifred Keys	6
Albert W. Bond	2	*Geoffrey C. Rix	7
Angela M. Wright	3	James H. Lilley	8
R. Ian Vaughan	4	David D. Smith	9
Reginald V. Johnson ..	5	James M. Hills	Tenor

Composed by M. A. Colenan Conducted by David D. Smith.
* First peal of Stedman. First in method as conductor.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

CHARLWOOD, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Tues, May 6, 1069, in 2 Hours and 31 Mnutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In three methods, viz.: Grandsire, Plain Bob and Rev. Canterbury.
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. in G.

*Jennifer A. Smith	Treble	*M. Iain Davey	4
*Carol Gosling	2	David D. Smith	5
*Ian Wickens	3	†George Wickens	Tenor

Conducted by David D. Smith.
* First peal of Doubles. † Frst peal

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
GORRAN, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Goranus.
On Wed., July 9, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being two methods—Plain Bob and Grandsire—three variaions and four spliced compositions. Tenor 11 cwt. 15 lb. in F.

*Janet S. Evans	Treble	Alan Carveth	4
†Valerie J. Williams	2	Anthony J. Davidson ..	5
Timothy J. Bell	3	†Peter Williams	Tenor

Conducted by Timothy J. Bell.
* First peal. † First of Doubles.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
BASINGSTOKE, Hampshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., July 12, 1969, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 ERIN CATERS
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in F.

Katharine J. Maundrell ..	Treble	*Neil O. Skelton	5
Howard E. J. Smith	2	*Anthony A. Nunn	6
Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay ..	3	William T. Perrins	7
Richard Green	4	John Hartless	8

Ronald N. Marlow .. .. Tenor
Composed by Hadley Hunter. Conducted by William T. Perrins.
* First peal of Caters First of Erin Caters by all the band and for the Guild.

EAST TYTHERLEY, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Peter
On Fri., July 11, 1969, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In nine methods, comprising 576 changes each of Rutland, Superlative, London, Ashtead, Yorkshire, Lincolnshire, Pudsey and Cambridge and 443 Bristol, with 136 changes of method.
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in F.

Robert E. J. Dennis ..	Treble	Richard H. Youdale	5
*Beryl R. Simpson	2	Rowan S. Bradley	6
Roger M. Heyworth ..	3	Michael J. Church	7
†Richard Green	4	Richard A. G. Inglis	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Richard A. G. Inglis.
* 50th peal of Surprise Major. † First of Spliced.

BITTERNE PARK, Southampton.—At the Church of The Ascension.
On Sat., May 17, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 2,520 Plain Bob and 2,520 Grandsire.
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb.

*Ann P. Calton	Treble	Deborah N. Maggs	4
*Vande J. Crabb	2	Dennis B. Brown	5
Heather J. Hinton	3	Stephen R. Smith	Tenor

Conducted by Dennis B. Brown.
* First peal.
Rung for Ascensiontide.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION
BROMYARD, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., July 5, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 BROMYARD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in F.

Leslie Evans	Treble	Shirley M. Drew	5
Alan Kirk	2	Ian Lloyd	6
John Clements	3	Adrian G. Semken	7
Arthur C. Berry	4	Geoffrey R. Drew	Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Geoffrey R. Drew.
First peal in the method.
BROMYARD SURPRISE MAJOR
—38—14—1258—16—14—38.56.1256.7. l.h. 12. 1573.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
DORE, Yorkshire.—At Christ Church.
On Sat., July 12, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 24 lb. in G.

Christopher Newton	Treble	David Nichols	5
Marie Hatswell	2	M. Alec Beaumont	6
Neil Donovan	3	Stuart Armeson	7
Roger Harper	4	J Henry Fielden	Tenor

Composed by N. Golden. Conducted by Stuart Armeson.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
MARPLE, Cheshire.—At 6, Ashwood Crescent.
On Thurs., July 10, 1969, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MAXIMUS
In three metnods, being 1,680 each of Ealing, Wembley and Yorkshire, with 104 changes of method Tenor size 15 in C.

Alan McFall	1–2	Robert B. Smith	7–8
Neil Bennett	3–4	J. David Atkinson	9–10
Bernard F. L. Groves ..	5–6	Gerald Moorhouse	11–12

Composed and Conducted by Robert B. Smith.
This is the greatest number of methods yet rung to a peal of Surprise Maximus on handbells

MARPLE, Cneshire.—At 6, Ashwood Crescent.
On Thurs., June 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor size 15 in C.

*J. David Atkinson	1–2	Bernard F. L. Groves	5–6
*Neil Bennett	3–4	Robert B. Smith	7–8

†Gerald Moorhouse .. 9–10
Composed by Giles B. Thompson. Conducted by Robert B. Smith.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal on handbells. † First of Cambridge Surprise Royal. First of Cambridge Surprise Royal on handbells for the Guild

PRESTBURY, Cheshire.—At West Pines.
On Tues., July 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5000 OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 15 in C.

Bernard F. L. Groves ..	1–2	Gerald Moorhouse	5–6
C. Kenneth Lewis	3–4	Robert B. Smith	7–8

John W. Gander .. 9–10
Composed by A. P. Cannon. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
DERBY, Derbyshire.—At 6, Vernon Street.
On Wed., June 26, 1969, in 1 Hour and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In seven methods, comprising 720 each of London, Wells, Durham, York, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge, with 5–6 right way throughout.
Tenor size 14 in D.

Geoffrey Bridges	1–2	Michael J. Fellows	3–4

A. Colin Banton (cond.) .. 5–6
Rung as a compliment to Jackie Quickfall and John Harrison on their recent engagement

DERBY, Derbyshire.—At 6, Vernon Street.
On Wed., July 2, 1969, in 1 Hour and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In seven methods, being 720 each of Beverley, Cambridge, Surfleet, Wells, Durham, London and York, with no 65's at backstroke.
Tenor size 14 in D.

Geoffrey Bridges	1–2	Michael J. Fellows	3–4

A Colin Banton (cond.) . 5–6

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
DERBY, Derbyshire.—At 6, Vernon Street.
On Wed., July 9, 1969, in 1 Hour and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents with 5–6 right way throughout.
Tenor size 14 in D.

*Geoffrey Bridges	1–2	Michael J. Fesllows	3–4

*A. Colin Banton (cond.) .. 5–6
* First peal of London Surprise Minor . First of London as conductor. First of London on handbells for all the band, in the county and for the Association.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
WATFORD, Hertfordshire.—At 15, Harford Drive.
On Mon., July 14, 1969, in 3 Hours and 49 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 KENT TREBLE BOB SIXTEEN
Tenor size 22 in C.

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin ..	1–2	Martyn L. J. Jordan ..	9–10
Julia A. Fellows	3–4	Roger Baldwin	11–12
John R. Mayne	5–6	Gerald Penney	13–14
Frank C. Price	7–8	Christopher W. Woolley ..	15–16

Arranged and Conducted by John R. Mayne.

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FORTHCOMING MARRIAGES

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CHANGES OF ADDRESS

PANTON.—Ian and Maureen now live at 10, Icknield Close, Ickleford, Hitchin, Herts. No telephone, but can be contacted at work: Welwyn Garden 23400. Ext. 2554.

PRIME.—Pat, Dick and the children have at last settled and can now be found at 28, High View, Birchanger, Bishop's Stortford, Herts. Phone: Stansted 3469. Friends old and new always welcome. 7697

PERSONAL

"For the Lord God will help me: therefore shall I not be confounded." (Isaiah 1: 7.)

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MISCELLANEOUS

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LICHFIELD DIOCESAN RINGING FESTIVAL will be centred on Leek on Saturday, Sept. 16th. Details of towers available will be published later.—R. J. Ballard. 7691

LYMPNE, Kent.—No ringing until further notice. Restoration of bells. 7700

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Members' subscriptions for 1968/69 are now long overdue. Prompt payment would be appreciated by the treasurer, Mr. A. D. Steel, 108, Oxford Street, Penkhull, Stoke-on-Trent.—R. J. Ballard. 7692

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild's 70th Anniversary Dinner will be held at the Moor Lodge Hotel, Branston, Lincoln, on Saturday, September 27th, 1969, at 7 p.m. Tickets 21/- each.

Peals and tower tours arranged.—Jack L. Millhouse, Hon. Sec. 7664

KIMPTON CUP COMPETITION, Saturday, Sept. 6th 1969; 3 p.m start. Entries, please, by Saturday, August 30th, to J. G. Cull, 5, The Green, Kimpton, Hitchin, Herts. (Tel.: Kimpton 350). 7652

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

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MEETINGS

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—No District meeting in August, September and October meetings not yet fixed. Details to be announced later.—Ron Hughes. 7679

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Evening meeting, Chippenham, on Saturday, Aug. 2nd. Bells (6) from 6.30–8.30 p.m. 7660

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Evening meeting, Saturday, Aug. 2nd, Ashwell (6), 5.30–7 p.m.; Rushden (5), 7–8.30 p.m.—Mrs. C. A. Agg, Dis. Sec. 7659

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Monthly meeting at Colne, on Saturday, Aug. 2nd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting and further ringing.—Maurice Hill, Branch Sec. 7681

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Hemingbrough, Aug. 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. G. F. Terry, Water Lane Farm, Hemingbrough, Selby.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 7674

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—On Saturday, Aug. 2nd, meeting at Hope (8), 3–4.30 p.m. Tea 6. Hathersage (6) 7–8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Rev. Southwood, Hope Vicarage, Hope.—R. Fletcher, Hon. Sec. 7663

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Crawford Cup Contest at Aspley, Saturday, Aug. 2nd, 5.30 p.m. Open ringing afterwards.—S. Adams 7667

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Evening practice at St. Giles', Camberwell, Saturday, Aug. 2nd, 7 p.m.—E. Godfrey, Hon. Sec. 7640

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Balcombe, Aug. 2nd. Bells 3.30–5 p.m. and after meeting to 8.30 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea.—Jean Osbon, Div. Sec., E.G. 23815. 7684

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting, St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station), Monday, Aug. 4th, 7 p.m. 7685

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Branch practice on Monday, Aug. 4th, Woodstock (8), 7.30 p.m. 7658

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—August meeting, Henlow (6), Saturday, 9th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea at 92, High Street, 5 o'clock. Business meeting in belfry at 6 p.m., followed by further ringing. 7656

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Joint meeting with Eastern District, Yorkshire Association, Pocklington, Saturday, Aug. 9th. Bells available 2–4.15 p.m. Service and tea. Names for tea to Mr. C. Bairstow, 19, Victoria Road, Pocklington, York, YO4 2BZ, by previous Wednesday. No name, no tea. Business meeting after tea. Bells to 8 p.m. 7678

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Archdeaconry.—Monthly meeting. A joint meeting is being held with the Daventry Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild at Burton Dassett on Saturday, Aug. 9th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing also in evening. Names for tea are important: please send them to Mr. J. Spraggett, Mill Hill Farm, Fenny Compton, Leamington Spa (Tel. Fenny Compton 387), by Aug. 7th.—H. A. M. 7688

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Killamarsh, Saturday, Aug. 9th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. Parr, 2, Quarry Road, Killamarsh, Sheffield.—Malcolm Phipps, Hon. Sec. 7687

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—On Saturday, Aug. 9th, at Cowfold, 3–5 p.m., Lower Beeding, service, 5.30. Bells 6–7 p.m. and Twineham 7.15–8.30. Please bring own picnic tea. Names for outing on Oct. 11th to C. A. Bassett 7666

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Practice meeting, Aug 9th, Guilden Morden (6), 6.30–8 p.m.; Bassingbourn (5), 8–9 p.m.—J. S. 7657

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting, Puttenham (6), Saturday, Aug. 9th. Bells available 3 p.m. Notifications for tea to Mrs. V. Gibbons, 14, Munday's Borough, Puttenham, by previous Wednesday, please.—S. J. Tate-Mitchell, Dis. Sec. 7686

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, Aug 9th, Hawkshead. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Whalley, Bettyfold, Hawkshead, near Ambleside.—T. F. Metcalfe. 7689

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Evening meeting, St. Mary's, Hale, Saturday, Aug. 9th. Bells (6) available 5 p.m. onwards. Everyone welcome.—G K. A. 7683

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting, Newhey, Saturday, August 9th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5. Business 6 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Lawson, 24, Bentgate Street, Newhey, Rochdale, by Wednesday, 6th.—G. Cheetham.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—The August meeting will be held at Mountsorrel (8) on Saturday, Aug. 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. Harrald, 15, Leicester Road, Mountsorrel, by Wednesday previous 7694

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD (Daventry Branch) and COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Joint meeting, Burton Dassett, Saturday, Aug. 9th. Ringing at Burton Dassett 2 30 p.m. Service 4. Tea. Northend 5 p.m. Names for tea to J. J. Spraggett, Mill Farm, Fenny Compton (Fenny Compton 387), by Thursday, 7th. **No names, no tea.**—I. Webb. 7673

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North East District.—Quarterly meeting, Aldeburgh, Saturday Aug. 9th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. P S. Bedford, 49, Franklin Road, Aldeburgh, Suffolk, by Wednesday, Aug. 6th.—T. N. J. B 7696

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Meeting, Stand (Whitefield) All Saints on Saturday, Aug 16th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea at 5 in schoolroom (nominal charge) followed by business meeting Evening ringing at Radcliffe St. Mary (8), 6 p.m. Names for tea to Rev. M. Holt, 1, Bollin Way, Whitefield, Manchester, not later than Saturday, Aug. 9th.—H. Parkinson. 7682

LATE NOTICES

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Special mid-week learners' practice, Monday, Aug. 4th, Bolton (St. Peter's) Parish Church. Bells (8) 7–9 p.m. Ringing from rounds and Plain Hunt up to Plain Bob Major and Grandsire. All welcome.—R. K. Lister, Branch Sec. 7703

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South East District.—District practice meeting, Hollesley (8), Friday, Aug. 8th, 7.30–9 p.m. All ringers welcome. —W. L 7706

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Aysgarth (6), 3–4 p.m., and at Askrigg (6), 6–7.30 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 9th Please bring picnic tea.—P Wishart, Hon. Sec. 7705

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting, Lyminster, Saturday, Aug. 9th. Bells (6), 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Business meeting after service. Bells available for ringing until 8.30 p.m.—R. Wake, Hon. Sec. 7707

LUTON RINGERS' OUTING

For this year's outing, on July 5th, the Luton ringers chose the Nottingham area, On paper, the programme was a very attractive one, and included a fine sketch of Luton's beautiful parish church, whilst the ease and smoothness with which the programme was subsequently carried out was a tribute to the careful planning of David Redfearn and Mary Garrard.

In glorious weather, the trip up the M1 to within a few miles of Nottingham was completed in an incredibly short time, and at the fine church of St. Mary, Nottingham, which was reached exactly on schedule, the party was joined by John and Margaret Booth and their eldest daughter, Jane (now ringing rounds quite competently), who now live in the Manchester area. Ringing on the noble ten ranged from rounds to Cambridge Surprise Royal.

Next should have been St. Mary's, Newark, but these bells were, unfortunately, unavailable. This proved almost a blessing in disguise, for the delightful six bells at All Saints, Coddington, were a real joy, as was the equally delightful village. Many of the party had looked up the method called "Coddington Delight", and it was a thrill to see the eyes of the representative of the keen local band light up when this method was called for!

This was no meaningless compliment, for the well-kept church and grounds tell of the love and care of the local residents. As in hundreds of other English villages, the church forms not only the spiritual centre of the place but also takes its rightful place as the social centre of the village, a living and pulsating focal point from which all that is best in English country life radiates. And so we rang Coddington Delight on these excellent bells, and departed with thanks in our hearts for the wonderful example of community living we had seen here!

We returned to Nottingham to ring on the rather heavy-going eight at All Saints, where we developed a healthy appetite and an urgent thirst, which enabled us to appreciate fully the refreshing qualities of the splendid tea provided at the "B.R." Staff Club.

This was followed by a pleasant trip through interesting and beautiful country to Oakham where, after an hour's ringing on the very fine eight bells, we said goodbye to the Booth family and also to Sid Foskett, who had acted as an unofficial guide for much of the day.

The perfect weather continued, and the return trip to Luton completed a memorable day. Our heartfelt thanks are extended to incumbents and local ringers, who were such gracious hosts, to our guests for the privilege of their company, to all members of the party for keeping to the timetable (so gratifying to the organisers!) and, finally, a special "Thank you" to our coach driver, whose splendid co-operation enabled us to carry out the day's programme with comfort. A. E. R.

LATE NEWS

We regret to announce the death on July 25th of Mr. George Lewis Grover, of Lucerne, East Clandon, aged 72. He was secretary of the Guildford Diocesan Guild for about 20 years, retiring 11 years ago.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Practice, Ditcheat (8), 7.30 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 14th. All ringers welcome.—B J. 7704

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APPLETON OUTING

This year on July 5th. And on Friday, July 4th, several people wended their way to Appleton and the "Plough" in preparation for a 7.15 a.m. start on the Saturday.

Lichfield Cathedral was the first tower, and some very creditable Grandsire and Stedman Caters and good rounds for the youngsters were rung on this grand ten. Journeying into Shropshire, we reached Bridgnorth rather late, but a forbearing local ringer accepted our apologies and made us welcome on a good eight.

Appleton lunch on their outing is always most enjoyable, an hour in a local "pub" with everyone eating away at sandwiches which either mother, wife or in Frank White's case, sister, packs up on the Friday night.

Then to Kidderminster, and here the writer was delighted (with two other visitors) to ring a good course of Stedman Cinques. Also Grandsire Cinques and good rounds with the youngsters were accomplished. Frank White must indeed be proud of his local band and the several youngsters who are rapidly aspiring to "Be one on 'em". A sumptuous tea at Malvern and the last ring on the good eight at Malvern Link.

As last year, we stopped at the "Plough" at Ford in Gloucestershire, and soon the handbells were out to lapping and tune ringing, giving much pleasure to regulars and visitors to the "Plough". As always, the day finished with country songs and hymns that everyone knew, and the large yard was hardly beg enough for the number of people standing round, singing their hearts out.

The writer has now reached the allotted span, and is a little sad to think he won't have as many outings with the Appleton ringers as he has had, but is overjoyed to know that Frank White and his locals, given good health, will go on for many, many years having happy days out, good ringing, good singing and good companionship. W. H.

Ringing & Conducting Standard Methods

By ROBERT B. SMITH

(Continued from page 561)

PART III CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE

SOME people might think it a little unusual that I should deal with the ringing of a Surprise method before tackling Grandsire and Stedman. However, Cambridge Surprise is so dependent on Treble Bob, and in particular Kent Treble Bob, that I feel it would be a mistake to sidetrack the aspiring learner on to two methods which are an end in themselves. Cambridge Surprise is the foundation for many Surprise methods, in particular Yorkshire, Lincolnshire and Rutland, which are considered among the "standard methods" I shall be writing about later.

Cambridge Surprise Minor	Place Notation
123456	
214365	X
124635	36
216453	X
261435	14
624153	X
621435	12
264153	X
624513	36
265431	X
256413	14
524631	X
256431	56
524613	X
542631	14
456213	X
546123	36
451632	X
456123	12
541632	X
514623	14
156432	X
516342	36
153624	X
156342	12

(a) Ringing the Method

The construction of Cambridge Surprise is on the principle that while the treble is dodging with one bell all the others are plain hunting, and while the treble is plain hunting past one bell the other bells are dodging. This idea is not immediately apparent on Minor or Major but can be seen quite readily on Royal or Maximus. Let us first consider Cambridge Surprise Minor and how to extend the ringing of the method on 6 bells to 8, 10 and 12 bells.

The Work of the Treble.

Considering first the work of the treble, it will be observed that on the way out to the back the bells are passed in the order 26453, the dodges being done with 243. On returning to lead the bells are passed in the order 32645, the dodges being with 365. Comparing the order of passing bells with Plain Bob we see that the order when working out to the back is the same with the exception that 4 and 6 are reversed. Returning to lead, the bells are passed in the same order as for the second lead of Plain Bob with the same pair of bells reversed, i.e., 4 and 6. One will gather that Cambridge Minor is relatively easy to conduct from the treble; in fact, theoretically one could conduct a peal of Cambridge Minor from the treble without actually knowing the method.

When ringing the treble to Cambridge Major, Royal and Maximus, the bells are passed in the following respective orders:

Major	
2647853	Working Out
3264785	Working In
Royal	
264087953	Working Out
326408795	Working In
Maximus	
26408ET7953	Working Out
326408ET795	Working In

From the above, it will be clearly seen that when working out, each pair of bells in the coursing order is reversed, with the exception of the last pair which are met in the correct order, e.g., Maximus 2(64)(08)(ET)(79)(53).

Returning to lead, the first two bells are in the correct order, then the others are again reversed, e.g., Maximus (32)(64)(08)(ET)(79)5.

Unless the treble ringer has rung methods other than Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise will be the first method to be encountered where the two blows at the back are struck over the same bell. This is a considerable help both for ringing and conducting, in that

(a) One knows where to look when striking the second blow at the back.
(b) One knows where to pick up the sequence of meeting the bells shown above.

Note. — The above description of the work of the treble in Cambridge Surprise applies in every respect to the methods Yorkshire Surprise and Lincolnshire Surprise on 8, 10 and 12 bells. (Yorkshire and Lincolnshire do not condense to Minor.)

The Work of an "Inside" Bell.

The work of "inside" bells is more clearly defined in Cambridge Surprise than either Kent or Oxford Treble Bob. By considering the work of each of the five working bells in Cambridge Surprise Minor rules can be developed for ringing the method on all numbers of bells.

2nd bell. — The "slow work" in Cambridge Surprise, which replaces the "slow work" in Kent and Oxford Treble Bob is: dodge with the treble, lead full, make seconds to the 6ths place bell, dodge 1-2 down with the 6ths place bell, lead full, dodge 1-2 up. This slow work is exactly the same whether ringing Minor, Major, Royal or Maximus. The final dodge in 1-2 up is with a different bell for ringing on different numbers of bells.

Following this "slow work" one observes that in Cambrdige Minor the 2nds place bell hunts straight out to double dodge 5-6 up, makes 6ths, dodges 5-6 down, becoming a 6ths place bell at the lead-end. It is necessary to modify this work when ringing the method on 8, 10 and 12 bells, but the modification necessary on each number of bells is very simple. Here I will give the modifications which take place: later I will give more detailed explanations for conducting. For each additional pair of bells one dodge is added when working away from the slow work and one when working down from the back to become a 6ths place bell at the lead-end. For example, when ringing Major, the 2nds place bell dodges 3-4 up before plain hunting up to double dodge 7-8 up, and then dodges 7-8 down before proceeding to dodge 5-6 and become a 6ths place bell at the lead-end.

3rd bell. — When ringing Cambridge Minor, the 3rd moves straight out to double dodge 5-6 up with the 5ths place bell. It then makes 6ths, dodges 5-6 down with the treble, makes 5ths, dodges 5-6 up with the treble, double dodges 5-6 down with the 2nds place bell. Finally, it moves to dodge 3-4 down and becomes a 4ths place bell at the lead-end.

One can make a number of interesting observations about the work of this bell.

(a) The second half of the lead is a mirror image of the first half lead; i.e., this bell is the "pivot" bell. This means that if the "blue line" of the method is being learned **as an aid** to ringing Cambridge, the "blue line", starting from 2nds place, pivots about the half lead of the 3rds place bell, i.e., only half the blue line need be learned, the other half being a perfect mirror image of the first.

(b) To extend this particular lead on to all numbers it is only necessary to add an extra dodge for each additional pair of bells in each half-lead either side of the work given above for Cambridge Minor, in places immediately adjacent to where the "back-work" (as the above is called) takes place, i.e., when ringing Maximus, the 3rds place bell would start by dodging 5-6 up, 7-8 up, 9-10 up before commencing the "back-work" with a double dodge in 11-12 up.

c) Each of the bells passed on the way out to the back and on returning to 4ths place from the back is in its correct position in the coursing order, i.e., this is a particularly easy lead to check that all the bells are in the right position.

4th bell.—This bell starts by making 3rds, 4ths and then dodging 3-4 down with the treble. This is followed by making 3rds, 4ths and then dodging 3-4 down again with the 6th. The whole of this work is usually called "Cambridge places" and is encountered in a number of other methods. The 4th bell follows the above place making by proceeding to dodge 1-2 down, leads full, passes treble 2-3 and hunts to the back and finally dodges 5-6 up to become a 5ths place bell at the lead-end. The majority of this work is applicable on all numbers of bells, but of course some additions are necessary to account for the increased number of bells. Briefly, the modification is the addition of two dodges for each additional pair of bells, which in fact is the same modification as for each of the bells so far discussed. These dodges are added in the nearest convenient place either side of the "Cambridge places", i.e., for Major instead of dodge and lead, the work becomes dodge lead dodge; for Royal the work becomes dodge lead dodge, then dodge 3-4 up. More will be said about the practical ringing of Cambridge Surprise on all numbers at a later stage.

5th bell.—The 5th bell rings the **exact** reverse of the 2nd; this rule applies on **ALL** numbers.

6th bell.—The 6th bell rings the **exact** reverse of the 4th bell, but this rule applies on six bells only.

[To be continued]

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION
Biggleswade District

Maulden has, for some years now, become a traditional summer meeting venue, and on July 12th the weather certainly lived up to the season. Ampthill's six bells were rung in the afternoon as a prelude to the serious business of eating "a Maulden tea", which also traditionally contains the good things that are grown in abundance in this area.

The month's business meeting was executed in fine style: with so many on holiday there was little to provoke discussion. Evening ringing included London and York.

HEMINGTON, SOM.—On June 29th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Shirley A. Cox 1, I. P. Cox 2, J. E. Newman 3, I. Goulter 4, A. F. Lee (cond.) 5, P. Gould 6. Rung following the wedding of Robert J. Hawkins and Jennifer M. Durston.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—On July 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Kirkcaldy 1, Maureen E. Kirkcaldy 2, D. J. Parsons 3, J. Kirkcaldy 4, S. W. Brown (cond.) 5, H. W. Brown 6, E. F. Packham 7, R. Kirkcaldy 8. Rung as a farewell to the Vicar, Rev. Paul Peters, on appointment as Director of the Divine Healing Mission and Warden of the Crowhurst Home of Healing.

HIGH EASTER, ESSEX.—On July 10th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Marion A. Cass (first Minor) 1, L. C. Tibbitts 2, Valerie M. Jones 3, G. H. Walker 4, J. E. Murfitt 5, D. A. Tovell (first Minor as cond.) 6.

HIGHAM-ON-THE-HILL, LEICS.—On June 29th, 1,260 Minor (Single Oxford and Plain Bob): P. Rowley 1, Annette Taylor 2, R. Clayfield 3, I. S. Merry 4, R. A. Gilliver 5, K. P. Gilliver (cond.) 6. Rung for Confirmation service.

ILKLEY, YORKS.—On June 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: V. M. Bean 1, R. Crabtree 2, M. Hillary 3, D. M. Crawshaw 4, R. M. Harker 5, D. Featherstone 6, G. Featherstone (cond.) 7, G. Wilkinson 8. For the Confirmation service at which the daughter of the ringer of tenor was Confirmed.

IRNHAM, LINCS.—On July 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. G. Butler 1, G. Campling 2, G. R. G. Butler 3, P. Campling 4, P. Butler (cond.) 5.

KESWICK, CUMB.—At Crosthwaite Church, on July 5th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Catherine Creighton 1, H. Wilson 2, D. Bell 3, P. Bell 4, D. Kealey 5, B. Street (cond.) 6. First quarter 1, 3, 4. A 12th birthday compliment to the ringer of treble.

KINGSTON-UPON-THAMES, SURREY.—On July 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. E. Bulleid 1, Katharine Salvage 2, Ann V. Salvage 3, Lesley A. Hawes 4, C. D. Collin (cond.) 5, B. J. Stone 6. For Holy Communion.

KINGSTON UPON THAMES, SURREY.—On July 6th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Katharine Salvage 1 B. J. Stone 2, Lesley A. Hawes 3, C. D. Collin 4, M. J. Green 5, J. P. Hull 6. Conducted by all the band. For Evensong.

LEDBURY, HEREFORDS.—On July 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Hughes 1, Miss M. Carruthers 2, L. C. Hanney 3, Rosemary F. Collins 4, L. J. Walters 5, N. Mattingley (cond.) 6, W. P. Nash 7, E C. Biggs 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. L. Davies, mother of Mr. H. Davies ,steeplekeeper and treasurer of this tower.

LEICESTER.—At the Church of St. John-the-Divine, on July 8th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Nancy D. Bramley 1, R. D. Hughes 2, Judy Haines 3, L. Greenhow 4, I. J. Fraser 5, S. J. Haines (cond.) 6.

LINDLEY, HUDDERSFIELD.—On July 14th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: H. Quarmby 1, Mrs. D. Kaye 2, A. W. Bond (cond.) 3, Miss M. Pollard 4, F. Linfoot 5, J. Foster 6, H. Jones 7, J. Hartley 8. First quarter on eight for 1, 2 and 6. Rung for the forthcoming wedding of J. Foster.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFS. — On July 6th, 1,440 Minor (St. Clement's, Plain Bob): Valerie Perrott (first quarter) 1, R. Duckett 2, Anita E. Foden 3, M. W. Fairey (cond.) 4, J. Paxton 5, R. G. Paxton 6. A welcome to the parish for Rev. and Mrs. W. V. G. Griffiths.

LLANDAFF, CARDIFF. — At the Cathedral, on July 13th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Lynne Parker 1, Ann Pilgrim 2, D. Clift 3, C. P. Quartley 4, F. W. Corney 5, M. Pilgrim 6, D. S. Bishop (cond.) 7, S. Fenwick 8. Rung for the centenary of the restoration of this cathedral church in 1869.

LOWDHAM, NOTTS. — On June 29th, 1,300 Pl. Bob Doubles: D. W. Flower 1, Patricia M. Hayward 2, M. Lush 3, P. L. R. Hayward 4, H. G. Wells 5. A 19th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Hall. Also on the same day, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Same band.

LOWICK, NORTHANTS. — On June 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss B. Baker 1, L. J. Hallifax 2, Miss D. Baker (first "inside") 3, P. W. Curtis 4, A. J. Marks (first as cond.) 5. First Doubles 2, 3. For Evensong. Also after Evensong, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Miss B. Baker (first Minor) 1, D. J. Attley 2, P. W. Curtis 3, L. J. Hallifax 4, A. J. Marks 5, F. E. Crosier (cond.) 6. Both for Patronal Festival.

LONG SUTTON, SOM.—On July 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles. M. Eastment 1, G. W. Rendell, jun. 2, H. E. G. Jeanes 3, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 4, Rev. C. J. B. Marshall 5, R. J. Hunt 6. For the baptism of Simeon, son of the Vicar and Mrs. Marshall. The ceremony was performed by his grandfather, Rev. D. Marshall.

QUARTER PEALS

MICHELDEVER, HANTS. — On July 5th, 1,440 Doubles (four methods): R. J. Wilson 1, Miss L. Holbrook 2, M. G. Palmer 3, R. J. Crocker 4, H. E. J. Smith (cond.) 5.

MIDDLETON STONEY, OXON. — On July 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: H. E. Clifton 1, F. D. Goodwin (first quarter) 2, A. V. D. Mead 3, C. W. J. East 4, C. H. Kinch (cond.) 5, G. R. James (first quarter) 6.

NAILSEA, SOM.—On July 8th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): H. Hardwidge 1, E. Davey 2, D. Willis 3, L. Derrick (cond.) 4, J. Lott 5, L. Childs 6.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARKS. — On June 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Anne Rigby 1, Carol A. Eveleigh 2, J. G. Edgson 3, P. M. Edgson 4, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 5, K. Rigby 6. For Family Service. Also on June 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Anne Rigby 1, Joan M. Cheney 2, J. G. Edgson (cond.) 3, W C. Budd 4, P. M. Edgson 5, G. A. M. Clarke 6. Rung for Newbold Wakes Service (Patronal Festival of St. Botolph).

NEWINGTON-NEXT-HYTHE, KENT. — On June 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: Mary Munt 1, Dilys Eastmead 2, Pamela Court (first as cond.) 3, R. A. Birch 4, A. C. Eastmead 5, J. B. Thorn 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam W. Coveney and C. W. Martin, past churchwardens of St. Nicholas', Newington.

NORTHAW, HERTS. — On July 6th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: N. Clarke 1, Anne Lever 2, A. Ellis 3, Jill Carter 4, R. Ellis (first quarter) 5, G. Austin (cond.) 6. First in method 2, 3 and 4. For Evensong.

OGBOURNE ST. GEORGE, WILTS. — On July 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Margaret Bowman 1, Ann Toomer 2, T. R. Jones 3, F. G. Cook 4, A. G. Keen (cond.) 5. Rung prior to a Confirmation by the Bishop of Salisbury.

OXFORD. — On July 9th, at the Church of St. Ebbe, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. R. Pink 1, F. A. H. Wilkins 2, A. Vere-Hodge 3, H. W. Badger 4, R. Abbott 5, W. F. Judge 6, P. J. Heritage (cond.) 7, P H. Tocock 8. Rung half-muffled prior to the memorial service for the Rev. B. C. Gough, former Vicar.

PEMBROKE. — On June 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: N. C. Rogers 1, Prudence Pattison 2, Betty M. Rogers 3, S. P. Rogers 4, P. C. Rogers (cond.) 5, I. Russant 6. For Evensong. Also on July 6th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): C. Pattison (first quarter) 1, Betty M. Rogers 2, Nesta M. Rosen 3, S P. Rogers (cond.) 4, P. C. Rogers 5, A. Lingard 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Ald. W. J. Gwilliam, M.B.E., J.P. member of P.C.C.

PERRY BARR, BIRMINGHAM. — On May 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jane Coussens (first quarter) 1, Susan Chew 2, Janet Aston 3, J. G. Perry 4, R. J Tibbetts (cond.) 5, D. J. Purnell 6. Also on June 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. R. Insley 1, J. Insley 2, P. L. McEvilley 3, J. G. Perry 4, D. J. Purnell 5, M. Androlia 6, R. J. Tibbetts (cond.) 7, C. Kennaugh 8.

PORTSEA, HANTS.—On July 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: L. D. Duguid 1, Mrs. B. M. Hunt 2, W. F. J. Cope 3, A. F. W. Burbidge 4, E. Treagus 5, J. F. A. Rolph 6, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 7, C. Harris 8.

PENN, STAFFS. — On July 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Griffiths 1, J. A. Roden 2, D. K. Knowles 3, Christine Slater 4, Elizabeth Timmins 5, C. F. W. Eyre 6, B. G. Key (cond.) 7, P. J. Key 8. A wedding compliment to Miss G. M. Griffiths, of the Penn band, and Mr. M. G. Williamson, of the Wolverhampton St. Peter's Ringing Society.

ROCHESTER, KENT.—At the Cathedral, on July 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Lindridge 1, G. H. Terris 2, G. K. Terris 3, G. Philpott 4, C. T. Osenton (cond.) 5, G. A. Round (first quarter) 6. Rung by past and present members of Sir Joseph Williamson's Mathematical School, Rochester, on the occasion of Founder's Day.

SAMFORD BRETT, SOM.—On June 11th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: G. G. Davis 1, Carol Kent (first of Minor) 2, C. T. Clarke 3, B. J. Wydle 4, A. G. Kent 5, M. J. Stone (cond.) 6. First quarter since bells were augmented to six.

SAWBRIDGEWORTH, HERTS. — On July 6th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Major: E. Rochester 1, T. Willett 2, C. Moore 3, S. Brooks 4, P. Warboys 5, A. Richardson 6, W. Aley 7, W. Hunt (cond.) 8. For Patronal Festival.

SAWLEY, DERBYS.—On July 6th, 1,256 Little Bob Major: Nita Marshall 1, Sheila Marshall 2, Cynthia Charter 3, F. Ward 4, W. Barwell 5, J. Harvey 6, D. J. Marshall 7, A. Humphrey (comp. and cond.) 8. First in the method by all.

SOLIHULL, WARKS.—On July 6th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: G. E. Fearn 1, Verona C. Naylor 2, Muriel Reay 3, Pamela M. Turner 4, C. W. Bragg 5, D. H. Walters 6, T. J. Warner (cond.) 7, E. T. Lloyd 8, R. J. Cann 9, V. Green 10.

SOUTH LOPHAM, NORFOLK. — On June 26th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Mrs. E. Foreman 1, S. Flatman 2, T. G. Boast 3, A. Foreman 4, D. Boast 5, H. Fuller (cond.) 6. Rung for the fourth anniversary of rehanging the bells. Also on July 11th, 1,440 Pl. Bob Doubles: S. Flatman 1, R. Rose 2, T. G. Boast 3, A W. Foreman 4, D. Boast (cond.) 5. For the birth of a grand-daughter for the Rev. C. E. Beavers.

STITHIANS, CORNWALL.—On July 13th, 1,320 Stithians Doubles: Janet S. Evans 1, R. P. Pearce 2, Kathryne R. Pearce (first "inside") 3, T. J. Bell 4, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 5, R. S. K. Salisbury 6. Rung for Stithians Show.

STRATTON, CORNWALL. — On July 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Rogers (cond.) 1, C. Sangwin 2, Miss C. Worth (first "inside") 3, J. J. George 4, W. J. V. Conduct 5, W. H. Trewin 6, H. Stacey 7, W. R. Curtis 8. Rung for the birth of a son to Edgar and Joyce Nunn.

SUTTERTON, LINCS.—On July 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. P. H. Reynolds 1, W. B. Dawson 2, W. E. Clarke 3, P. H. Reynolds (cond.) 4, H. Barsley 5, A. E. Flatters 6, R. Stephenson 7, J. H. Taylor 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. A. Rhoades, former tower captain and church worker for many years.

SUTTON, CAMBS.—On July 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Gimbert 1, G. Harkwell 2, W. Murrel 3, D. Murfet 4, G. Walker 5, A. Yarrow (cond.) 6. For the Arts and Flowers Festival.

SYSTON, LEICS.—On July 13th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): C. Rickaby (first quarter) 1, Isabel Tomlinson 2, Anne Rickaby 3, J. Rickaby 4, B. S. Payne (cond.) 5, H. M. Payne 6. First in more than one method 2, 3, 4. Rung to congratulate Barbara Newton on attaining her B.Sc.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church, on Ascension Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. 1, Miss V. Ballard 2, Miss W. Marriott 3, Mrs. P. Wilton 4, R. Everell 5, M. Sutton 6, E. Sutton (cond.) 7, P. Minchin 8. First of Grandsire Triples 1 and 2. Also on St. George's Day, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss V. Ballard (first in method, and of Triples) 1, Mrs. J. Minchin 2, Mrs. E. Jaques 3, W. E. Kynaston 4, M. Sutton (first Triples in method) 5, L. Cobb 6, E. Sutton (cond.) 7, P. Minchin 8.

TITCHFIELD, HANTS.—On July 6th, 1,440 London Surpise Minor: N. George 1, Mrs. B. M. Hunt 2, C. E. Bassett 3, W. F. J. Cope 4, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 5, E. W. Colley 6.

UPHAM, HANTS.—On July 7th, 1,260 Doubles (45 methods): J. W. Maundrell 1, R. J. M. Bavin 2, Katharine Maundrell 3, A. J. Mason (cond.) 4, D. C. Jackson 5. Most methods to a quarter by all.

WALTON-ON-THE-HILL, LIVERPOOL.—On July 2nd, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: H. L. Hatfield 1, Patricia A. Jenkins 2, Susan D. Cowan 3, M. J. Corry 4, B. Wakefield 5, A. J. Macefield 6, G. C. Sparling 7, J. J. Fox (cond.) 8. By Liverpool University Society of Change Ringers.

WANTAGE, BERKS.—On July 13th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Mnor: Shirley Goble (first quarter) 1, K. Leach 2, H. White 3, J. C. Baldwin 4, A. R. Wood 5, J. R. White (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

WARSOP, NOTTS.—On July 6th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Miss J. Booth 1, Miss S. Ettles 2, F. Cooke 3, G. Challans 4, H. T. Rooke 5, B. A. Richards (cond.) 6. For Stewardship Sunday.

WESTHAM, SUSSEX.—On July 2nd, 1,260 Reverse St. Sebastian Bob Doubles: Gillian Eldridge 1, Susan Harrison 2, I. Rees (first "inside") 3, Jane Mason 4, A. Baldock (cond.) 5, D. Ramsay (first quarter) 6. First in method by all. Rung prior to a musical recital.

WHITTLESFORD, CAMBS.—On July 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Smerdon (first quarter) 1, Miss M. Kemp 2, F. Harper 3, R. Collins 4, Miss J. Sanderson 5, B. J. Couzens (cond.) 6.

WILLERSEY, GLOS.—On July 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Terry 1, H. Sadler 2, W. Farmer (cond.) 3, C. Burridge 4, F. Ingles 5, L. Attwood 6. First quarter for 1, 5 and 6.

WISBECH, CAMBS.—On July 4th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: P. Gagen 1, W. Cousins 2, F. Wigmore (cond.) 3, S. Haw 4, R. I. Wes: 5, R. Newson 6, J. Fox 7, D. Gagen 8, C. Cousins 9, A. Davis 10. Rung for the Flower Festival.

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5,184 REAL DOUBLE GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR

By ROGER BALDWIN

23456	H	In	5ths	Out
52364		X		
65243		X		
63542		X	—	
43562		—		
52436				—
35426	—	X		
23564		X		

Twice repeated.

Lead-end bob in 4ths, half-leads bob in 5ths. Calls marked X are lead-end bobs, calls marked — are half-lead bobs and for these the headings indicate the position of the tenor at the beginning of the lead in which they occur

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5,088 LONDINIUM S. MAXIMUS

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23456	M		W	H
45236			—	—
32654	—		—	
25346		X		
54263		X		
24365	—			
34625	—	X		—
26543	—		—	
35642	—			—
43652			—	
23456		X	—	

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5,152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Produced by RODERICK W. PIPE

2345678	W		M	H	
352647		Out	3		2345867
372546		5ths	2S		2347856
362745		5ths			2346875
427365		5ths/4ths			2345786
342657	3	S2nds	In	2	3426578
527364		4ths			3428567
235467		In			3427586
234657	3	Out		—	2346578
362547		Out			2346857
427356		4ths			2346785
324567	3	S2nds	In	3	3245678
				(— — S)	

Repeat. 2, 3 and 4 course each other throughout and are the only bells affected by the calls at W, M and H. 6, 8, 7 and 5 course each other throughout and are the only bells affected by the remaining calls.

5,040 YORKSHIRE S. ROYAL

By GILES B. THOMPSON

	W	H	2345678
A		—	4235687
	ss	2	2345687
B		3	2346587

Repeated.

A = Singles at 1, 3½, 4½, 5½, 8.
B = Singles at ½, M, W.

5,042 CAMBRIDGE S. MAXIMUS

By GILES B. THOMPSON

M	5½	W	H	2345678
			—	4235678
S		S		5236478
S			3	4236578
S	S	S		6235487
S			2	2345687
		—		5243687
	S	S		(3245678)

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THE PROFESSOR AGAIN

By H. CHANT

I HAVE no doubt that many of you have been wondering what has happened to the Professor, and in fact I have had several enquiries about him during the last few weeks. His many admirers will rejoice to learn that he is quite well and that his recent absence from the pages of the "Ringing World" (apart from one or two of what he calls "his mathematical arrangements") is merely due to the fact that I have been unable, for various reasons, to visit him. I may add that he has been far from inactive in other spheres as campanology reflects only one facet of his genius.

After the usual opening gambits I mentioned that I had recently had the pleasure of adjudicating a striking competition for the Beverley and District Society, which has a large number of young and enthusiastic members. This event, I told him, had set me thinking.

"In which case", said the Professor drily, "you should visit the Beverley and District Society more often!"

"Very amusing,' I replied, with my own biting brand of sarcasm, which should have made him wince but didn't.

"The whole attitude towards striking competitions has changed," went on the Professor. "Gone have the bitter feuds that in the past gave contest ringing a bad name. Nowadays a good, healthy competitive spirit has been substituted and these meetings are very happy occasions. Usually a good attendance can be guaranteed and the congregating of ringers can do nothing but good. Quite often, too, now that the Test Piece and preliminaries have been curtailed, the actual contest is over by teatime and the ringing afterwards follows the usual meeting pattern so that visitors or non-competitors no longer tend to get squeezed out."

"Do you think that competition ringing really improves the standard of striking?"

"In general, yes. I feel sure it accelerates its development. Often, a competition of this kind makes a young or inexperienced band realise that its striking is not so good as it thought it was!"

"What is your opinion with regard to the bonus system that has been introduced by many Societies (including the Beverley and District), which allows call-change bands to participate in contests with change-ringing bands?"

"Basically the idea that call-change bands, plain, treble-bob and surprise bands should join in the same competition is a very good one. I am not altogether happy, however, about the bonus system. I think the bonus differentials are in some cases too great. It means, for instance, that with a matter of 15 to 20 bonus points between a team ringing call-changes and one ringing Surprise, the call-change band is virtually eliminated before the contest starts. What decent band, anyway, wouldn't strike (say) Cambridge Surprise as good, if not better, than call-changes? And nobody, surely, would ring call-changes in a contest if they could ring ordinary ones!"

"I was asked after the Beverley and District competition if I could give any advice to young ringers to improve their striking. I am afraid in my reply I made rather a hash of it."

"Of course. Naturally!"

It is an annoying trait of the Professor that he always agrees with me at the wrong time. Rather nettled, I asked: "What advice would you have given?"

"I believe I have already spoken to you on this subject."

"Never mind, I don't mind hearing it all again."

"It is usual to start by telling a ringer to listen to his bell. Unless instructions on how to listen are also given this is a pretty futile piece of advice. Some people find it very difficult to pick out their own bell from the welter of sounds coming from up above them, for I am convinced that some ringers, even if they are aware that the striking is bad, are unaware that it is **their** bell that is causing the faults. I think it is Snowdon who advises such ringers to start by listening to their own bell when leading and lying where it can be more easily recognised, and gradually to progress by picking it out in the middle of the rows. This advice is, of course, no help to close lead ringers."

"So what do you suggest?"

"The whole secret lies, I think, in the sense of rhythm or timing. Without this even the most conscientious learner will never make a good striker. He must learn to judge **exactly** when his bell will strike after he has pulled it and then how to fit it **exactly** into the beat or rhythm of the bells. You may have noticed that poor strikers are quite content visually to follow the right bell and are not concerned whether this bell, or their own, is a big one or a little one. He must at all times **feel** the beat **inside** him and remember if he pulls too wide or too near over a particular bell to make the necessary adjustments the next time he meets it. In this respect treble bob methods are probably easier to strike than plain ones as quite often the adjustment can be made on the following stroke, whereas with plain methods he may not meet the same bell again for a whole lead, by which time he has forgotten it."

"Some treble bob teams tend to ring in pairs," I observed.

"Yes, especially in Oxford and Kent. This, of course, should be guarded against, as also must the tendency for some ringers constantly to allow their bells to fall down from the backstroke."

"Then, of course, he must avoid making mistakes, or if he makes one learn to put himself right **immediately.** This again is easier said than done but is the hallmark of a first-class ringer. If one studies the ringing of such fine ringers as John Gilbert or Wilf Moreton one is struck not so much by the fact that they appear to make a mistake only about once a decade, but that if one is privileged to be present at that time an odd clip is followed by the word 'Sorry!' and the ringing continues unbroken. You will never see a good ringer 'floundering'."

Our talk, albeit rather one-sided, continued for a long time, but I hope that what I have already recorded of it will be of use to somebody.

There Were Ninety and Nine That Safely Lay . . . !

NO doubt by the time this is published Rev. Michael Hart will have rung his 100th peal, though the celebration for this event took place, under false pretences, following his 99th peal at Cattistock at the end of a most enjoyable week in Devon and Dorset on July 12th. We trust he will not make the same error of calculation in about 900 peals' time!

On Saturday evening, July 5th, the first ten members of the party arrived at H.Q., Wiscombe Park, near Southleigh, Devon, and the following morning, the whole day's programme having been completely re-arranged at the last minute by telephone or churchwarden-visiting, we arrived at Southleigh for some very quick Minimus for 9.45 Holy Communion and thence to Colyton (the heaviest six in Devon) to ring for 10.30 Holy Communion, which was attended by all, and we were very much impressed by the huge congregation at this obviously popular service. Ringing for Evensong was at Honiton Parish Church and later in the evening on the pre-Reformation four at Northleigh.

Peal ringing started on Monday at Bridport—Bob Major. ("They all ring Bob Major at Bridport," said a well-known West Country ringer later in the week.) Several of the Surrey members had heard with great sorrow that Canon Neville Gill, R.D., Vicar of St. Mary's, Battersea, had died tragically at Bridport only the previous Tuesday, aged 46. Canon Gill always had a very warm welcome for the Surrey Association when it visited Battersea, and it was considered most appropriate to make this a Surrey Association peal and dedicate it to his memory. Our sympathy goes to the Battersea band, who will miss him a great deal.

MISFORTUNE

Yorkshire on the excellent Taylor octave at Lyme Regis that afternoon came to a halt when the treble rope broke after an hour—the writer's fault as he declared it "pealable"; but this was the only misfortune of the week. The evening was spent on an equally lovely octave, but with a little more weight, at Ottery St. Mary, where we were grateful to join the local practice.

Tuesday morning saw us at Clyst Honiton, where the bells, a much earlier product of the Loughborough foundry, are a good-toned, easy-going old style ring. A trip at a lead-end about half-way was corrected, but alas, a call omitted by the conductor, so stand had to be called after some very good striking. Minor at Clyst St. George in the afternoon never really settled down and we were soon on the beach at Exmouth, but a jet-propelled peal was brought round at Withycombe Raleigh in the evening.

Wednesday was disastrous! The peal planned for Honiton old church at 10 o'clock had to be postponed due to a funeral, and once again frantic rearrangements took place. We got to all the towers planned—no peals had been arranged for the afternoon—but only two at the times intended, Offwell and Awliscombe. We are most grateful to the incumbents of the other towers, and tower captains, for allowing us to alter the times at the eleventh hour, these being Broadhembury, Payhembury and Buckerell, in a day sparkling with Gillett and Johnston. We did start for a peal at Honiton old church in the evening, but stopped after 720, the heat in the low-ceilinged ringing room being a little trying.

THREE IN A DAY

Arthur Berry and Mr Rusty (?) joined us that evening to strengthen us for our assault on three peals the following day, all of which turned out to be successful. A well-struck peal of London started the day at East Budleigh, followed by Yorkshire at Woodbury, where the local publican did not appear to have been very well trained, and we breathed a sigh of relief to leave his house and "go and annoy some other poor ——!" In fact we quite delighted the residents of Littleham, if the gathering outside the church was in any way representative of local opinion, and were very happy to be informed by an elderly non-ringer that we had rung the bells "properly—not loik arl them thar students what was yurr s'art'noon". Actually we had just followed Frank Mack's expert local advice to "ring a good peal of Triples; that will please the locals"

Bradninch bells did not prove the best choice for a peal of Stedman Triples, being very lumpy and quite odd-struck; however, a reasonable effort was made and earned the congratulations of the tower captain's sister and several of her patrons at the local. We rather unfortunately had to cancel our attempt at Broadclyst, there being no clapper in the tenor, and we are most grateful to the Rector and Mr. Retter at Clyst Honiton for kindly allowing us another attempt there at short notice, and we polished off the Cambridge which had been lost earlier in the week. Poltimore, Stoke Canon and Brampford Speke were visited that evening.

A brisk peal of Rutland finished the week off nicely in what must be an ideal peal-ringing belfry, especially on a hot summer day. A very melodious Whitechapel octave, replacing the carillon destroyed by fire, hangs in the fine tower and can be heard ideally in the airy ringing room.

And so we took our leave of Devon and Dorset, having enjoyed a week of first-class weather and some very good bells. We are most grateful to all the incumbents and local ringers both for kind permission to ring and also for the very warm welcomes received at most of the towers, but not very grateful for Chris Harris's £2 parking fine in Exeter! M. J. U.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

The annual ringing week-end of "The Week-enders" of the Truro Diocesan Guild was held from May 31st to June 3rd, when once again the neighbouring county of Devon was visited, with Teignmouth as headquarters. The party consisted of P. Jeans and G. W. Riddy (Constantine), Margaret A. B. Weston (Crantock), C. W. Linington and W. S. Pryor (Helston), A. Beattie and Barbara J. Duck (Kea), D. B. Carder (Perran-ar-Worthal) and L. Allen (London). Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Linington, Mrs. Riddy (wives) and Mrs. Beattie (mother) accompanied the party.

The party left Truro mid-afternoon on the Friday, the only stop on the way to Teignmouth being Brent Tor (5), a little church high up on Dartmoor.

Saturday dawned bright and we all left early to commence ringing. The first tower was Dawlish (8), then on to Powderham (6) where unfortunately there was only one rope. Kenton (6) was the next stop, and then to Exminster (6) before lunch. Having got caught up in the Saturday traffic on the Exeter By-Pass, and finding nowhere suitable for lunch, we finally arrived rather late at St. Margaret's Topsham, where we had our second disappointment. The verger having recently died, nobody knew where the tower key was kept, and as the Vicarage appeared to be some distance from the church we decided to go on to Alphington (8), then to Kenn (6) and finally to Bishopsteignton (6).

Sunday was another fine day, and we rang for morning service at St. Michael's, Teignmouth (8), on the sea front, where there is no regular band at the moment. In the afternoon the party split up, some going on the Dart Railway and some to the Torquay area. We all met again for evening ringing when we joined the local ringers at Brixham (10).

Monday was another fine day and we set off early for Stoke-in-Teignhead (6), then to Combe-in-Teignhead (6), High Week (8) and to Bovey Tracey (8) before lunch. We had difficulty in finding Christow (6) but eventually arrived rather late. Then on to Bridford (6) and to Chudleigh (8), our last tower of the day.

Tuesday saw the cars packed once again ready for the homeward journey. We left the hotel by 10 and on to Bovey North (6) where once again the tower key was found missing, but luckily for us the local shopkeeper was able to help us. Then to Exbourne (6) before lunch at the local. The holiday finished with the 5-bell tower at Jacobstowe.

The party are most grateful to the incumbents and ringers who met us, to Charles for arranging the ringing and to Barbara for booking the hotel, etc.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
Western District

The annual meeting of the Western District was held on June 21st at St. John's Church, Cleckheaton. Attendance was slightly lower than of late, possibly due to the start of the holiday season. In the afternoon Liversedge bells were available, in addition to Cleckheaton, and most members took the opportunity of ringing there, leaving Cleckheaton short in numbers.

Three new members were elected—Mr. R. A. Escolne and Mr. A. Sheard (both of Bradford Cathedral) and Miss L. J. Williams (Holy Trinity, Idle). Mr. W. Barton was re-elected vice-president and Messrs. P. Birkett, R. Brown and F. A. Munday committee members.

Next meeting jointly with the Leeds and District Society, Rothwell, September 27th.
A. B. S.

Up Those Ladders!

OUR telephone rang one evening, just after Eastertime I think. A lady's voice said: "The Archdeacon told me to get in touch with you—er—do you think your husband could do something about getting one of our bells to—er—chime for the new Vicar's induction in two weeks' time? By the way," she added, "I'm the churchwarden's wife at Trelleck."

Well! I assured the good lady that we would do our best, and arranged a time to "inspect" the bells.

"Trelleck" — well, well — what rumours abounded about that lovely old church with its huge tower and tall spire. Some said it was quite empty, others had said there were four bells, others a ring of six hung dead. Well, now we would see for ourselves!

So off we went—gardening clothes, boiler suit, tool wrap, torches and all!

Up we went to the first chamber, climbing a wide, majestic stone staircase. Thereafter it was a case of ladders, up to a balcony, and more ladders dragged after us up into the spire.

And just what did we find up there? Well, plenty of dirt, but three quite large bells all hung in frames with wheels for ringing full circle! The wheel on one bell was broken but all else seemed in order apart from quite rotten ropes!

The smallest bell was cast by Evan Evans in 1704 and the next bell also by Evan Evans in 1704. The first was 30½ inches, the second 33 inches.

The third bell was by John Palmer II, of Gloucester, perhaps about 1750. When chimed the Evans bells were of excellent tone and most pleasing to hear; the Palmer bell seemed a little odd alone, but when chimed in together the effect was quite pleasing.

So, those two Evans bells were there in Trelleck, after 265 years, and they sounded just fine!

Those Evanses must have known what they were about when they cast their bells —time has certainly shown that!

But just who were those Evanses? you may ask. Well, they started casting bells in 1686 and finished in 1767. And their craft of bellfounding was carried out in the ancient town of Chepstow in Monmouthshire.

First mention of their activities was in the will of one Richard Cleyton (1630), who left money "to build a school house at the end of the bell-house in Chepstow." So one may suppose that some earlier bells in the county, unassigned, may have come from Chepstow, perhaps as early as 1598. However, records show that the bell house was sold to Evan Evans for £25 7s. in 1710. It is now known as "Boscobel House" and is the residence of a doctor. Plans show that the workshop or foundry appears to have extended into the "Castle Vale" or dell at the back of Welsh Street.

Anyway, it would appear that Evan Evans I started work in an existing bell house in 1686, which was to be the scene of many a casting for nearly a century.

It would seem that he rented the property at first and had previously been an apprentice at Rudhalls', Gloucester His first bell appears to be one at Ystradowen, Glamorgan, in 1686, and his earliest bell in Monmouthshire is at Llansoy, dated 1688.

In all, Evan Evans cast 150 bells, and these were soon leaving Chepstow in a steady stream—some presumably down the River Wye, into the Severn Estuary to Gloucestershire, Somerset and Devon—despite the competition of Rudhalls at Gloucester! His bells also penetrated to Cartmel in Lancashire, and of course Monmouthshire and Glamorgan are full of his bells. Many, no doubt, were "itinerant" castings, but later all the work seems to have been carried out at Chepstow. His bells were all well cast and tuneful, usually bearing a simple English inscription. But occasionally he strikes a patriotic note, as at Llanfihangel Crucorny in 1700: "God Bles King Wiliam" and at St. Maughan's in 1714: "God Preserve Queen Anne".

In 1710, the year he purchased the bell foundry house and works site, he was joined in the business by his two sons, Evan II and William.

William Evans, it seems, was always keen on towers and bells and is reputed to have climbed the old central tower of the Norman church at Chepstow at the age of 11, just some few days before it fell down in 1701. It is interesting to note that he placed the ring of six in the new tower in 1735 and augmented them to eight in 1749. Taylors carried on the job and made them into ten in 1959.

Evan I lived until 1724, but his two sons carried on and cast between them some 58 bells.

However, Evan Evans II became interested in the "malting business" of his stepgrandfather, and the last bell cast by the brothers together was in 1727, which is now at All Saints', Llandaff North.

From 1727 William Evans worked on alone, casting some very fine rings of bells.

In all he cast some 300 bells, including the recasting of five bells at Exeter Cathedral, in which piece of work was the tenor Grandison! This work was successfully carried out at a total cost of £391 14s., and Grandison remained as William Evans recast it until 1902.

Like his father's before him, William's bells were rather plain and devoid of ornaments, with only an occasional "Peace to this Neighbourhood" or "Prosperity to all those that loves Good Bells" breaking into his austere good taste. His last bell was cast in 1767 and is to be found at Bathampton, Somerset.

William Evans lived some three years after the casting of that bell and died in his 80th year in 1770. He appears to have taken a great interest in local affairs and was churchwarden at Chepstow from 1731, as was his father, Evan, in 1717.

William married Elizabeth, daughter of John Gosling, "Master of ye Chepstow Boat", and they had two daughters, Sarah and Elizabeth.

They all lie, quietly now, in a splendid "table top" family vault in Chepstow churchyard — just under the stout tower where those Evans bells (assisted by the Taylor trebles!) ring out each Sunday. The inscriptions on the tombs were easily readable until the bad winter of 1962, when considerable crumbling occurred; the inscriptions now need to be recut.

They read:—

William Evans "Belfounder'd. 9th June 1770 in his 80th year.
Elizabeth his wife, d. 7th January 1760.
Sarah his daughter, wife of Geo. Kemeys of Panteayne d. 19th January 1759, aged 25.

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50 YEARS' SERVICE AT WREXHAM

Left to right: Mr. Cathrall, Mr. Evans and Mr. Capper.

The peal of Stedman Caters which was rung at St. Giles' Church, Wrexham, as a part of the celebrations in honour of the Investiture of the Prince of Wales was also rung to commemorate the 50 years of service to the Church as ringers by Messrs. Fred Evans, William Cathrall and John Capper. They all learned to ring at St. Giles', Wrexham, and are still very active and regular members of the band, of which Mr. Fred Evans is the Master.

Mr. Fred Evans has been Ringing Master of the North Wales Association for 22 years, Mr. William Cathrall has been secretary of the Association for 41 years and Mr. John Capper has been tower secretary at St. Giles' for 16 years.

We congratulate them on this outstanding record of service to the Association, the tower and the Church. Much of the interest and enthusiasm of the North Wales Association, particularly among young ringers, is due to their efforts during the past years. May they long continue in their good work.

Up those Ladders—continued

Elizabeth his daughter d. 18th November 1770 aged 39.
Jacob Rudhall Esq., late of the Monmouthshire Militia d. 12th November 1795 aged 51.

Thus Elizabeth, daughter and heiress to William Evans, died only five months after her father and as her executrix appointed Elizabeth Rudhall, of Bristol, probably a relative of the Gloucester founders.

Thus in all probability the foundry tools, stamps and lettering dies passed to Rudhalls, of Gloucester, and eventually to Mears and Stainbank in 1829.

So with the death of William Evans and his mortal remains placed in that splendid tomb came the end of the Chepstow foundry. In all, some 508 traceable bells left it, bells which were of good workmanship, and few have needed recasting—proof indeed!

Although the foundry was small it had successfully competed with the best products of the English foundries for nearly a century and had contributed much to the skills and art of campanology in the West Country and Wales.

Soon that "Bellfoundry House" or, as it is called today, "Boscobel House" will again be for sale. I wonder what will happen to it? Flats or an hotel, perhaps? But whatever it is, those products of the old bell foundry will go on, sounding out from many a tower and steeple. And those Evanses? Well, perhaps William lies there in his "table top tomb", smiling when "his" bells ring out—a job well done indeed!

So whenever you are in a dirty, neglected tower with ladders lying about, take a scramble up and, who knows, you too may find an "Evans" bell!

JACQUELINE S. KING
(née Evans).

BELLRINGING SUNDAY AT KIRBY CHURCH

Bellringing Sunday on July 20th was a big occasion at Kirby Church, Essex, with ringers attending from a wide area. Arrangements for the day were in the hands of Mr. Frank Lufkin.

Ringers from various parts of Essex rang from 7.15 a.m. until Communion at 8 a.m. Breakfast was then served in the Church Hall. Bells were again rung from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m.

The Rev. L. Pizzey and Rev. B. Rodgers assisted Rev. J. W. Thomas at Matins. Mr. Rodgers gave the address and lessons were read by Mr. Pizzey and Peter Pitt.

Handbells were rung by a team from Southend instead of an anthem by the choir.

In the afternoon ringers visited various towers in the area, some where bells are not normally rung. Fifty ringers took tea at 108, Salisbury Road, Holland-on-Sea.

During Evensong lessons were read by Mr. F. Lufkin and Mr. G. Isgar. A team of handbell ringers from Colchester also played. An address was given by the Bishop of Colchester, Dr. Roderic Coote.

LETTERS

CENTRAL COUNCIL DEBATE

Dear Sir,—I suspect that your report of the Central Council debate on the motion proposed by Mr. May may not be quite accurate. You are readily forgiven for this since hereabouts things did get a little confused.

The amendment I proposed was "This Council instructs a committee (sic) to examine the constitution of the Council and methods of procedure". My purpose was to eliminate the wording of the latter part of Mr. May's motion which I thought it would not be proper for the Council to vote on and indeed was unnecessary after Mr. May's very able introduction. I deliberately excluded any specific mention of what committee should do this. My recollection is that we voted on my amendment and also on another one (proposed, I think, by Mr. Mew) which committed the Standing Committee to undertake the task.

If I said something other than what I thought I said and intended to say it would not be for the first time. However, in a matter which may well be so important to the future of the Council it is desirable to try to get the record straight.—Yours faithfully.

P. M. J. GRAY.

Note.—The final decision was for the Standing Committee to consider the position.—Ed.

SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE

Dear Sir,—I should like to point out that Robert Hardy's statement (page 582) that no more than 18 5678s and 18 6578s can be obtained from Superlative S. Major without parting the tenors is incorrect. All 24 roll-ups of each type can be obtained from compositions starting (and finishing) at the snap treble lead after the course end, although half lead calls have to be used to give a standard peal length.

5,120 SUPERLATIVE S. MAJOR
½ 1/1½ B M W 6½ (25364)

S		X		S	32645
			V		42635
	X		S		46352
		V			26354

Repeat once rounds two changes later.
64 c.r.u. including 24 5678s and 6578s also 22 8765s. V=BBSBB.

6,080 (5,184) SUPERLATIVE S. MAJOR
B M W H (25364)

	—			35462
X			S	53624
	S	6		43625
	—		—	56324
		S		26354
	4			36254

Repeat once rounds two changes later.
4=BSBB.
For 5,184 call SB for 4M. 60 c.r.u., including 20 5678s and 20 6578s, also 20 8765s.

Yours faithfully,
ANTHONY J. COX.
Kenilworth.

GUILDFORD DISTRICT'S OPEN-AIR MEETING

The main item of news at the District meeting at Chiddingfold was the death of Mr. George Grover two days previously at E. Clandon. He was a founder member of the Guild and Guildford District secretary from 1929 till 1938, when he took over the office of general secretary of the Guild. He had been in indifferent health lately, but his death was unexpected. He was specially remembered in the prayers during the service and a tribute of flowers was sent from the District for his funeral. With a lifelong experience of legal work, his service in the establishing and running of the Guild was outstanding, and real sorrow was expressed at his passing.

After early ringing the 24 members present walked up to the Rectory for tea, which the Rector's wife had kindly prepared in the garden. The service followed, at which the Rector (the Rev. E. C. W. Knight) gave an encouraging address, and then it seemed such a pity to hold the business meeting indoors on such a glorious day that it was held on the grass in the churchyard, a very pleasant spot! David Tubbs (District Ringing Master) took the chair. Five new members from Albury were elected — Messrs. Michael Mackman and J. Beeson and the Misses J. Armstrong, S. A. Beeson and K. Griffiths. A proposed increase in the subscription was reported from the Guild executive. Ringing was then resumed and a variety of methods rung. During the afternoon a priest of the Old Catholic Church, doing an exchange with the neighbouring Rector of Dunsfold, came in with his wife and daughter and asked if they might watch the ringing; they stayed, fascinated, for half-an-hour. Two other visitors were Alison Struckett (aged three months) and the Master's small son, Timothy May, who already knows enough about ringing to swing his arms up and down when he hears bells!

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Joint Meeting at Broad Hinton

On July 19th, a joint meeting of the Calne and Marlborough Branches was held at Broad Hinton—a return joint meeting to the one held in April at Marlborough. Upwards of 35 ringers and friends attended.

The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar of Broad Hinton (Rev. Mr. Wiggins); the lesson was read by Canon H. V. White, a former officer of the Calne Branch and vicar of Broad Hinton for many years. Tea was served in the Village Hall, and afterwards the vice-chairman of the Calne Branch welcomed the visitors to Broad Hinton. He also thanked the Vicar for the use of the bells, the ladies for the excellent tea and the local tower captain for making the arrangements.

Methods rung included rounds, Grandsire, Plain Bob Doubles, Bob Minor, Stedman, Kent, Oxford and Cambridge.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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TECHNICAL

5,073 STEDMAN CATERS

By J. E. ARNOLD

A very interesting article by Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd (see page 787 of "The Ringing World" of October 27th, 1967) analysed and explained the construction of the late Mr. Stephen Wood's excellent peal of 5,009 Stedman Caters. In this article Mr. Shepherd stated that if a way could be found to run the four tittum blocks (20 courses) with the four handstroke home blocks, keeping the 6th in fifths throughout, we should then have another composition worthy to be put alongside Mr. Wood's masterpiece.

In Mr. Wood's composition the round blocks of five courses called 4, 5, 8, 9, 14, 15, 18, 19 are true in themselves and the problem is to construct a turning course to keep the 6th in fifths without repeating changes in the main peal courses.

This is not a simple matter and it seems impossible to produce any turning course of the same length (20 sixes) as that of the peal courses. It is, however, possible to obtain a turning course of 24 sixes which seems to fit the requirements of a fresh peal and the illustration now given shows the method of turning the back bells from the handstroke home to the tittum position, and vice versa.

For the sake of convenience, the example given shows the turning course which would ensue from the last course end of the peal, viz.: 134265879.

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134265879
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321547698
325719486
273958164
— 279831564
782196345
781624953
867415239
864573192
— 658341792
— 653187492
516739824
517962348
— 195273648
192354786
931428567
— 934815267
389546172
385697421
863752914
— 867239514 . . (x)
628971345
629184753
216495837
214563978
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The effect of this turning course is to produce four 5-course blocks without repetition and it is only necessary to call single for bob at the last call of one such course—see . . (x)—and to repeat this at the corresponding position in the second half of the peal so that eight sections (40 peal courses), half 978s and the other half 879s, are obtainable

These eight sections joined by the turning courses illustrated give a length of 4,995 changes without repetition.

It is then necessary to find a short starting course which will splice into the illustration given to increase the number of changes to over 5,000 and to be true with the remainder of the peal.

This can be conveniently done by starting from rounds as the last change of a slow six to produce the row 138245796 in 78 changes by calls at 1, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, thus:—

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123456789
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— 124637589
261748395
267819453
682975134
689523741
856394217
— 853462917
548231679
542187396
— 415723896
— 417358296
— 134872596
— 138245796
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after which bobs at 1 and 3 take the bells into the third six of the first turning course shown earlier:—

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138245796
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— 321587496
325719864
— 273958164
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from which the calling continues 4, 9, 10, 13, 16, 20.

It will be seen that each block of five peal courses concludes with a 65 which can be of assistance to the conductor.

For convenience, the singles have been placed at the last call of third and seventh turning courses to produce 124365879 (with 132456789 three blows later) as the end of the first half of the peal.

The peal is appended in full:—

5,073 STEDMAN CATERS

	123456789	4.5	8.9	14.15	18.19	
	138245796					1, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13.
	214563978					1, 3, 4, 9, 10, 13, 16, 20
	152364	x	x	x	x	
	531462	x	x	x	x	
	345261	x	x	x	x	
	423165	x	x	x	x	
(B)	143562879					4, 9, 10, 13, 16, 20
	451263	x	x	x	x	
	524361	x	x	x	x	
	235164	x	x	x	x	
	312465	x	x	x	x	
	423561978					4, 9, 10, 13, 16, 20s
	254163	x	x	x	x	
	512364	x	x	x	x	
	135462	x	x	x	x	
	341265	x	x	x	x	
	231564879					4, 9, 10, 13, 16, 20
	352461	x	x	x	x	
	543162	x	x	x	x	
	415263	x	x	x	x	
	124365	x	x	x	x	

Repeat last 20 courses, calling first as (B), for:—
134265879
Rounds in three rows.

Whether this composition can rank beside that of Mr. Wood's is for others to decide. It is not so neat in construction but, at least, the problem set by Mr. Shepherd nearly 18 months ago has been tackled with, I hope, some success.

MUGS IN THE ROCHDALE BRANCH

A post-examination outing was held on June 14th in the Rochdale Branch. Members of the Manchester University Guild and sundry recently-acquired "friends" gathered on the heights at Heptonstall. We didn't do these fine bells justice but performed better at Todmorden, where 5-Spliced Surprise Major was attained, with the assistance of two rather reluctant locals. Keeping well to schedule, we visited Whitworth and Healey.

The afternoon saw us at Heywood, where we were met by John Partington, who made three leads of Bristol possible. After watching the closing stages in the fate of another doomed male, i.e. a wedding, we attempted to ring the bells of New Hey. However, we found this very light ring (tenor 4 cwt.) rather difficult to handle, but it was amusing to see the girls grabbing hold of the tenors instead of the trebles. After ringing at Shore, where Ian Goldthorpe—not for the first time that day—managed to arrive last after leaving the previous tower first, we had tea by Hollingworth Lake. Alas, a thunderstorm broke, making us run for the pub door. Derek Butterworth awaited us at Milnrow and joined us again at St. Chad's, Rochdale. With Derek's assistance, some well-struck 6-Spliced Surprise came round to give a fine end to an enjoyable day. D. J. B.

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HALF PEAL

NAILSEA, SOM.—On July 12th, 2,520 Bob Doubles and Grandsire: H Hardwidge 1 L. Derrick (cond.) 2, L. Childs 3, J. Lott 4, W. Neath 5, J. K. Baker 6. Rung for the Festival of Flowers.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On July 13th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Kathryn Bone 1, Penny Cocks 2, Wendy Wallace 3, Louise Powell 4, Amanda Powell (cond.) 5, Carol Rodgers 6. For Evensong. First ladies' quarter by the local band.

ALDERMASTON, BERKS.—On July 16th, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: H. W. Dunsden 1, R W. Rex 2, J. C. Baldwin 3, H. E. Wells 4, J. P. Blond 5, D. L. Wilcox 6, M. Bishop 7, G. K. Dodd (cond.) 8.

BELTON, LINCS.—On July 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Arrand 1, Miss E. Pearson 2, J. H. Selby 3, D. Arrand 4, S. A. Selby 5, M. A. Rose (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

BIRMINGHAM.—At St. Bartholomew's, Edgbaston, on July 16th, 1,792 Plain Bob Major: Margaret Thow 1, J. N. Lindon 2, A. B. Ellesmore 3, M. F. Edwards 4, D. B. Flint 5, P. Evans 6, S. W. Barton 7, J. A. Ainsworth (cond.) 8

BLACKMOOR, HANTS. — On July 20th 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. A. Cane 1, M. E. Cass 2, Mary Sutcliffe (cond.) 3, A M. R. Gill 4, D. J. Cooper 5, V Shadbolt 6.

BLAISDON, GLOS.—On July 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Page 1, Miss J. Pullinger 2, D. Hinde (first quarter) 3, P. Screen 4, M. N. Amphlett (cond.) 5, D. E. L. Pobjoy 6. Rung to open the church fete, and to celebrate the wedding of Walter Dickie and Shael Vanstone. Also on July 21st, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: G. Bird (first quarter) 1, G. Beech 2, J. Long 3, R. Philpott 4, M. Rice 5, R. Day (first as cond.) 6.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On July 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Corderoy 1, P. E. Corderoy 2, H. W. Dunsden 3, F. Hale (first Triples) 4, E. J. Grace 5 Claude Corderoy 6, M. Bishop (cond.) 7, Cecil Corderoy 8. Also on July 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. E. Corderoy 1 E. J. Grace 2, H. W Dunsden 3, H. L. Bishop 4, Claude Corderoy 5, R. B. Blond (cond.) 6, J. P. Blond 7, Cecil Corderoy 8. A compliment to Morris E. Caudwell, life member of the Oxford Guild, on his 90th birthday.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.—On July 21st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: K. Read 1, R. J. Lindsell 2, Miss J. Millbank 3, Anne Simkins 4, C. H. Gillingham 5, H. G. Felton 6, C. Barker 7, A. Syder (cond.) 8. A compliment to the moon travellers

BRATTON, WILTS.—On July 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods): Miss K. Jones 1, Mrs. R. Jones 2, R. Purnell (cond.) 3, M. Peet 4, R. Jones 5, P. Gaisford 6. Most methods to a quarter for all except 3 and 6

BRISTOL.—At St. Michael's Church, on May 18th, 1,320 Cambridge Minor: A. J. Cox (cond.) 1, Mandi McCallion 2, P. J. Kingscote 3, Susanna Poppleston 4, C. C Monson 5, I. Newell 6. By U.B.S.C.R.

BRISTOL.—At Holy Nativity Church, Knowle, on July 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Sutherland 1, Heather A. Kippin 2, J Boulter 3, R. C. Kippin (cond.) 4, M. J. K. Griffiths 5, W. Cox 6, G. W. Land 7, W. Willans 8. First Triples 1, 3. For service to mark the anniversary of the dedication of the church.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.—On May 4th, 1,264 Bob Major: Mrs. E. Norris 1, C. Hill 2, Miss J. Smith (first "inside" in method) 3, C W. Simpson 4, Miss J. Laud (first "inside" in method) 5, J. Smith 6 A. Luxford 7, L. J. North (cond.) 8. For the birth of a daughter (Charlotte Jayne) to the ringer of 7.

BUTCOMBE, SOM.—On July 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Bailey 1, S. Bateman 2, M. Griffiths 3, R. Tutton (first "inside") 4, W. Willans (25th quarter this year, cond.) 5, P. Tutton (first quarter) 6.

CADDINGTON, BEDS.—On July 18th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: L. G. Coburn (first T.B.) 1, Mrs. B. Redfearn 2, Mrs. M. A. Coburn (first Surprise) 3, K. Lewin 4 N. Garrard 5, D. Redfearn (cond.) 6.

CHELSFIELD, KENT. — On July 13th, 1,320 Doubles (St. Simon's and Plain): D. A. Bourner (first quarter) 1, Jane C. Seaman 2, Mary R. W. Salmon 3, Felicity M. R. Mussell (cond.) 4, A. C. Chandler 5, C. Rowe 6 For the christening of Simon John Blatcher.

CHIGWELL, ESSEX.—On July 6th, 1,440 Oxford T.B. Minor: Leslie Tibbits (first T.B.) 1, M. Wareing 2, G. Walker 3, D. Towell 4, P. Dickinson 5, J. Murfitt (first T.B. as cond.) 6. First of Oxford by all except conductor.

QUARTER PEALS

CHIPPING BARNET, HERTS.—On June 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Penny Coomber 1, Amette Bradbury 2, S. Taylor 3, M. Bullett 4, P. Kimber 5, J. Paternoster 6, P. Cuckson (cond.) 7, E. Paternoster 8. First Triples 1 and 6. First Bob Triples by all except 3. A compliment to Canon and Mrs. C. W. Earle on the occasion of their retirement from Barnet.

CHOBHAM, SURREY. — On July 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. J. Collins 1, Mrs. K. Collins 2, Miss R. A. Collins 3, Miss J. M. Collins 4, P. R. Collins (cond.) 5, R. G. Collins 6. For Evensong.

CHURCH STRETTON, SALOP. — On July 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Patricia Stocken 1, E. White 2, Valerie Edge 3, R. H. Newton 4, E. F. Willcox (cond.) 5, L. Roberts 6, M. Orman 7, A E. G. Owen 8. Rung for the opening service of the Church Stretton and South Shropshire Arts Festival; also on the anniversary of Mr. Owen's 21 years as tower captain at St. Mary's, Shrewsbury.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYS.—On July 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (ten callings): R. Dakin (first quarter) 1, G. H. Paulson 2, Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith (cond.) 3, Ann M. Smith 4, P. D. Taylor 5, E. Paulson 6. For the marriage of Michael Walter Ferguson and Gillian Ann Billingham.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—On July 22nd, at the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, 1,320 Pl. Bob Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Joan Hebden (first quarter) 1, Kathleen Reynolds (first quarter) 2, Ruth Reynolds 3, H. Reynolds (cond.) 4, I. Rees (first Pl. Bob "inside") 5, D. Ramsay 6, N. Fox (first quarter) 7, I. Clark 8. Rung for the Feast of St. Mary Magdalene.

EASTVILLE, BRISTOL. — On July 17th, 1,260 Doubles (33 var.): L. Bailey 1, S. Bateman 2, N. Dawson 3, D. Town 4, W. Willans (cond.) 5, R. Whitfield 6. Most variants by all, on the bells, and in the city and county of Bristol.

ECCLESFIELD, YORKS.—On July 10th, 1,320 Pl. Bob Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 cover): T. Cairns 1, R. R. Nalliah 2, D. Hunton 3, A. King 4, M. King (50th as cond.) 5, R. M. Nalliah 6 L. Hallows 7, R. Grundy 8. Longest length for 6 and 8. An inaugural quarter for the church's flower festival by the Wentworth ringers.

EPSOM, SURREY. — At Christ Church, on July 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Rosanna Lynch (first quarter) 1, N. Herschell (first "inside") 2, Sylvia Marsh 3, D. Oakshott 4, W. Parrott 5, J. Munton (cond.) 6. A farewell to Mr. William Parrott, who is shortly to live in Bath.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On July 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss R. A. Collins 1, A. D. Elsmore 2, Mrs. M. Turner 3, Miss J. M. Collins 4, P. J. Rowe 5, E. J. Futcher 6, R. Collins (cond.) 7, E. Oliver 8. First Stedman for 1, 4, 5, 6 and 8. For Confirmation.

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HATFIELD BROAD OAK, ESSEX.—On July 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: K. Westwood 1, R. Hayden 2, T. Camp 3 L Luck 4, W. Hunt 5, A. Richardson 6, P Warboys (cond.) 7, D. Hutley 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the late Mr. Bob Heazel

HORRINGER, SUFFOLK.—On May 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Amanda M. Richmond 1 Theresa R Orriss 2, Sally E. V. Potter 3, T. H. Jones 4, C. R. Nunn 5, B. E. Whiting (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on July 14th, 1,264 Pl. Bob Major: Amanda M. Richmond 1, B. E. Whiting 2, A. F. Ballam 3, Sally E. V. Potter 4, C. R. Nunn 5, Dorothy M. Durrant 6, D. O. Rowland 7, A. G. Feaver (cond.) 8. First of Major 1 and 4

HENLOW, BEDS.—On July 20th, 1,260 Single Oxford Bob Minor: Alison Mager 1, M. J. Down 2, L. H. Bywaters 3, P. Jewell 4, R. J. Fuller 5, M. Major (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On July 12th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Meryl Newton 1, A. Newton 2, R. Biggs 3, A. R. Blaby 4, D. A. Cornwall 5, P. Newton 6, R. H. Newton (cond.) 7, A. W. Payne 8. Rung following the wedding of Michael Charles Barton to Susan Margaret Dickins, daughter of the Vicar of this parish.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On July 13th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): C. Hill 1, J. J. Wallett 2, P. Tyler-Maggs 3, W. Hill (cond.) 4, R. Jones 5. For Matins, half-muffled in memory of Mr. R. C. Heazel, former Master, Essex Association and in memory of Mr. John Shedel who died the same morning.

HUYTON, LANCS.—On July 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. M. Latham 1, J. Dunbavin 2, N. P. A. Goulding 3, J. N. Brown 4, G. K Austin (cond.) 5, E C. Birkett 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. Emily Ann Birchall whose funeral took place this day.

KINGSNORTH, KENT. — On May 21st 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): A. Bourner 1, H. Deacon 2, J. Hemsley 3, D. Manger 4, B. Johnson (cond.) 5. Rung before the dedication of the organ. First quarter on the bells.

KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.—On July 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Jackson (first Doubles) 1, L. G. Smith 2, Helen Dzuiba (first "inside") 3, B. A. Jones 4, E. J. Sollis 5. A belated 21st birthday compliment to Pamela March and a wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Sollis.

KNOWLE, BRISTOL.—On July 15th, 1,320 Cadbury Bob Doubles: L. Sutherland 1, J. Boulter 2, W. Cocks 3, W. Willans 4, M. Griffiths (first as cond.) 5, R. Tutton 6. First quarter in the varian: on the bells and by all the band Congratulations to Paul and Wendy Treble on the birth of a daughter.

LINCOLN.—On June 10th, at St Mary-le-Wigford, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: A. Hopkins (first Minimus) 1, Vivian West (first "inside") 2, Susan Faull 3, J. Parkin (cond.) 4 Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. William Froggatt, for many years a communicant and parishioner, father of the present tower captain.

LONDON, W.C.—At St. Clement Danes', on July 13th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss R J. Cheesman (first Caters) 1, R. J Talbot 2, Mrs. W. Oatway 3, T. G. Williams 4, J. D. Cheesman 5, Miss S. Davis 6, B. J. Read 7, A. Fulwell 8, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 9, W. Oatway 10. For Matins

MIDSOMER NORTON, SOM. — On July 13th, 1,260 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Miss J. Purnell 1, A. P. Beck 2 R. E. Beck 3, P. Jones 4, F. Savage 5, V Savage 6, R. G. Beck 7, D Mackay 8. For Evensong and as a compliment to Enid Bowler (née Savage) on the occasion of the birth of twin daughters in Port Augusta, South Australia.

MILDENHALL, WILTS. — On July 11th, 1,440 Spliced Surprise Minor (three methods): A. D. Edens 1 Miss A. D. O'Brien 2, A. R. Peake (cond.) 3, T. R. Jones 4, R. W. Rex 5, L. F. Cobb 6. First of spliced 2, 4. A compliment to Heather Jones (Marlborough Branch secretary) and Marcus Rouse on the eve of their marriage.

MILVERTON, SOM.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: J Bellamy 1, V. James 2, Miss J. Blanch 3, C. Barnes (cond.) 4, R. Coleman 5, W. Grove 6. For Evensong.

NAILSEA, SOM.—On July 15th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): H. Hardwidge 1, Marilyn Floyd 2, L. Childs 3, D. Floyd 4, C. Kortright (cond.) 5, J. K. Baker 6.

NEATH, GLAM.—On July 7th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: H. Boyce 1, Rev. G J. B. Stickland 2, E. Morris 3, B. Williams 4, A R. Lewis 5, G. I. Lewis (cond.) 6. Rung for the Investiture of Charles, Prince of Wales Also on July 21st, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: H. Boyce 1, Ann McFenton 2, E. Morris 3, G. I. Lewis (cond.) 4, W. J. Thomas 5, A. R. Lewis 6. A compliment to Rev. Geoffrey J. B. Stickland and Miss Ruth Havard on their wedding on July 22nd.

OBITUARY

ROBERT C. HEAZEL

To his many friends it came as a great shock to learn of the death of Robert C. Heazel on July 5th at the age of 63.

Born at Brentwood, where he served as choirboy and server, he commenced his ringing career in 1924 and showed considerable keenness and ability. He became a member of the Royal Society of Cumberland Youths and also the London County Association. With both Societies he rang quite a few peals.

During World War II he served with the Royal Engineers and at the end of the war joined the staff as a surveyor with the Essex County Council, first in the Maldon area and latterly in the northern part of the county.

No ardent peal ringer (his records are incomplete), Robert Heazel was one of those people in the Exercise whose delight was in service ringing followed by attendance at divine service. He was an ardent churchman and served his church in many ways, as warden and on numerous committees.

From the years 1946–1952 he was secretary of the Essex Association and guided the fortunes of the Association through the difficult post-war years. In 1953 he became Master of the Association and filled this office with dignity and efficiency till 1966.

As a Freemason Robert Heazel had held high office in the Craft and had represented his profession at national level.

His was a life of service.

The funeral service was at Parndon Woods Crematorium, Harlow, on July 11th, and was attended by many people representing his many and varied interests. It was conducted by the Rev. Jack Putterill, Vicar of Thaxted.

A course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by members of the Essex Association as the procession entered the chapel and at the conclusion of the service a tape-recording of the bells of Thaxted Parish Church—a touch in which he took part—was played back.

A memorial service was held at Wimbish Parish Church on July 15th.

To his widow, who has borne her own particular cross with great fortitude and cheerfulness, the sympathies of the whole Exercise will be extended, and our prayers will be that she will find comfort and solace in Robert's memory and strength to face the years ahead.

An Appreciation

As secretary of the Essex Association during the years in which Bob was Master, I found great joy and no little experience in working with him. We were a team, never ceasing to remind one another of things done and not done. He was a stickler for detail, and to him an omitted initial in the annual report was a matter of some significance.

In many ways he was ahead of his time for it was due to his prompting that we organised the first ever ringing course—held at Thaxted. Now such events are commonplace.

As I sat in the chapel at Parndon Woods Crematorium I reflected on the words of Rev. Jack Putterill: "He was a good man". What apt words I thought, for Bob indeed was a good man — a good ringer, a good administrator, a good companion; and now the earthly remains of the "good man" are scattered under the trees of Parndon Woods Crematorium, just beyond the reach and tentacles of the sprawling Harlow New Town.

In Bob's goodness may we all find the will and strength to emulate him.

F. V. G.

MR. WILLIAM C. WEST

The death occurred suddenly at his home in Melksham on Monday, July 20th, of William Charles West, at the age of 74. Bill West was born in Melksham and had lived there practically all his life. He started ringing just prior to the 1914–18 war and was elected a member of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild in 1914.

On returning from service with the Wiltshire Regiment, mostly in India, he soon became an active member of the Guild. He served as hon. secretary of the Devizes Branch from 1932 to 1947 and was chairman from 1947 to 1950. This office he relinquished in 1950 to become hon. general secretary and treasurer of the Guild, having served as assistant from 1945. The general secretary's office he held until 1966, retiring owing to advancing years, and was elected Guild president, which office he held until his death. He represented the Guild on the Central Council from 1944 to 1965.

He had been captain of the Melksham band for many years, only retiring a few days before his death. He had rung about 200 peals, mostly for the Salisbury Guild.

The funeral service took place at St. Michael and All Angels' Church, Melksham, on July 25th. Among the large congregation were representatives from all parts of the Guild area, including the Master, Rev. R. N. Longridge, who read the lesson. In the evening a quarter peal of Stedman Triples (his favourite method), with the bells half-muffled, was rung in the tower which he had served for so many years.

May he rest in peace.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The band at Saltburn, Yorks, express their pleasure at seeing Ken Lawson back in the belfry after his recent illness.

"Counsellor", the writer of the editorial in our last issue, is Mr. Vernon Bottomley, the general secretary to the Central Council.

The Surprise Royal practice at Wymondham Abbey on August 7th is in lieu of the Surprise Major practice at Dereham on August 8th.

The peal of Cambridge Surprise Major rung at Westhoughton, Lancs, on July 26th, was a sponsored peal rung in aid of the Centenary Appeal Fund of St. Bartholomew's Church. The composition used was J. W. Washbrook's somewhat unusual one of 123 bobs (No. 13 in the "Collection of Compositions in the Popular Major Methods"). The band consisted of eight of the regular Sunday service ringers but the rest of the ringers should be associated for their hard work in gaining sponsors for the peal. St. Bartholomew's is fortunate in having an almost complete reserve band of enthusiastic young ringers. The peal was recorded and special thanks are due to Elizabeth Burnett, who sat in the clock chamber for three hours making the recording. All that remains is to collect the money from the sponsors, and it is anticipated that over £50 will be raised.

The ladies in the Addington, Surrey, band have scored their first quarter—conductor, Amanda Powell.

Peals were rung at Fornham St. Martin, Suffolk; Skipton, Yorks; and Loughborough Bell Foundry, also a quarter peal at Braintree, Essex, to commemorate man's first landing on the moon.

Mr. C. Barrie Dove took a party to Loughborough Bell Foundry on July 5th and rang three peals for the Yorkshire Association. Methods rung were Superlative, Cassiobury and Aldenham Surprise.

An acquisition to ringing in Bath will be Mr. W. Parrott, former general secretary of the Surrey Association and a member of the Central Council. He is to make his home in the city shortly.

Mrs. Enid Bowler, daughter of Mr. Fred Savage, of Radstock, Somerset, has given birth to twin daughters at Port Augusta, S. Australia. A quarter peal of Double Norwich C.B. Major was rung at Midsomer Norton on July 13th in honour of the occasion.

Three members of St. George's, Jesmond, Newcastle upon Tyne—Andrew Craddock, Rodney Yates and Geoff White — have taken handbells with them to Scandinavia and have already scored a quarter. They hope to ring a peal at the North Cape, the most northerly point of Europe.

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LLANDAFF BRANCH ELECTS 15 NEW MEMBERS

Attendance at Llandaff Branch meetings remains regrettably slender, falling far short of the standard which the Monmouth Branch sets us. In the past 12 months we have never reached the 40 mark. But the 30-odd who turned up for the quarterly meeting at Llantrisant (8, tenor 10 cwt.) on June 14th had a very enjoyable time.

Llantrisant's town motto "A city set on a hill cannot be hid" suits its unique fortress-like position, and on this fine day the view from the churchyard over the Vale of Glamorgan was magnificent. The ringing area is unusual, being an open balcony at the west end of the nave. Ringing ranged from rounds to Surprise Major, with the customary service touch of Stedman Triples, and was under the direction of the Master, Mr. William T. Petty, of Bridgend.

The service was taken by the Vicar (Rev. Edwin Davies) who, in an interesting address, described features of the church. An excellent tea followed.

Before ringing was resumed 15 new members were elected No less than 13 of these were juniors, ten of them from Pontypridd, where Mr. R. Partridge and veteran Mr. Fred Thyer are doing great work in recruiting young ringers, both girls and boys.
I. D.

KIRK DEIGHTON HONOUR RECTOR

The peal at Kirk Deighton, Yorkshire, on July 19th, was specially arranged to celebrate the Rev. George Wilfred Younge's completion of 20 years as rector and also his 70th birthday. Before he came to Kirk Deighton Mr. Younge was a Regular Army padre, at one time divisional senior chaplain with Lord Montgomery. He served in several countries during the war and was taken prisoner at the fall of Singapore. Later he was a senior chaplain at Aldershot. He will have completed 43 years in the ministry in September.

The peal was also associated with the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Maxfield, and for Leo Bean, of Knaresborough, it was the first peal for 40 years!

50th ANNIVERSARY OF FIRST PEAL

A stalwart of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, Mr. Ernest Warner, of Woking, was unsuccessful in a cherished ambition of ringing a peal at Cranleigh Parish Church on the 50th anniversary of his first peal, which was on these bells. There was over two hours' good ringing before "Stand" was called. A quarter peal was planned for another evening.

Mr. Warner is now in St. Peter's Hospital, Chertsey, for an operation. His many friends wish him a speedy recovery.

WELSH GRAMMAR SCHOOL RINGING

The Cowbridge Grammar School Society, which is affiliated to the Llandaff Branch of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association, held its A.G.M. on July 7th. There was a good attendance and amongst old members present were Gareth H. Jones, now a College Youth, and Ellis N. Thomas, formerly hon. secretary of the Cambridge University Guild. The latter was accompanied by his fiancée, Miss Susan Harber, whom he first met on a C.G.S. Society ringing tour.

Last year the Society's fortunes were at a low ebb, due in part to lack of official encouragement at the School; membership had fallen and no A.G.M. was held. This year the hon. secretary was pleased to report a more favourable atmosphere, in which the number of resident members has increased and, under the active guidance of Ringing Master John Alexander, of the Lower Sixth, a competent call-change band has been built up. This band rings weekly during term for Sunday service at Llanbleddian (6, 12 cwt.) and also for weddings.

After the tragic road accident in March, when five boys of the School lost their lives, the band rang half-muffled for funeral services at St. Athan (in spite of two missing stays) and at Cowbridge. Since then, it was pleasing to report, some members had also joined in service ringing at the latter tower. It was hoped to make the breakthrough back into change-ringing soon. The Society once had a Surprise Minor band for service ringing, and with perseverance this might be achieved once more!

Ringing at Llanbleddian afterwards ranged from rounds to Cambridge.—I. D.

PEAL BAN ON HOLY TRINITY, GUILDFORD

Because of the widespread complaints that followed a recent peal at Holy Trinity Church, Guildford, the Rector (Canon Michael Hocking) has decided to ban all peals, except for "really exceptional occasions". In a letter to Mr. Stan Ponting, who has undertaken the responsibility of training a new band, he adds: "I just cannot afford to upset the people living around the church, and quite clearly they certainly are upset."

In thanking Mr. Ponting the Rector writes: "It really is good to hear the bells on Sunday mornings once again. I don't think we will ask for any more than this. Let's be content with 45 minutes of really good ringing before Family Communion. As you know, all those who ring come on to the service afterwards, and this is exactly what I had hoped to see."

NAVY TO THE RESCUE

On July 19th at Kirby-le-Soken at the ringers' service, the last hymn was being lustily sung. The Vicar had moved to the sanctuary and the third of five verses had passed without a sidesman appearing.

Heads began to turn, sidelong glances cast about and whispers became audible, even the tempo of the singing slowed perceptively.

Finally a ringer rushed out from a side pew and with handkerchief cupped in his hand began to take the collection.

Among the ringers was a young lad in naval uniform who when offering his collection also proffered his cap, and in this the remainder of the offertory was taken.

The Vicar, a humorist himself, could not resist a smile as the volunteer sidesman, approaching with the "alms-cap" said: "Sorry, sir!—Navy to the rescue."

A young lad with such resource as our sailor friend should go far in the Navy, especially as he has the unique distinction of having had his cap blessed.

BARBECUE FOLLOWS LAST TOWER

Because of the visit of the Prince of Wales to Cardiff, the ringers of St. Augustine's Church, Penarth, had a late start for their summer outing on July 5th. Ringing had to be curtailed at Bromham, near Chippenham (6), to adjust the timetable, but by 1 p.m. we were at Devizes and rang on the heavy eight. After the easy-going six at Holt, where we were met by the Vicar, we made for Bradford-on-Avon. An added attraction to the ringing was a curry and chicken barbecue by the river in the evening. Penarth was reached at 11 p.m. A September outing to the Wye Valley is already being planned.—D. A. H.

WYMONDHAM RINGING DAY

Owing to various reasons, the attendance at the Wymondham Abbey ringing day was rather low; 20 ringers and their families sat down to an excellent tea provided by the local band.

Various methods were rung up to Cambridge Royal, in the evening Beccles ringers, who were on their outing, joined in. The service was conducted by the curate, Rev. K. V. Pagon.

The Branch chairman (Mr. G. Sayer) thanked Rev. K. V. Pagon for conducting the service and for his interesting address, Mr. M. H. B. Betts for playing the organ, Mr. K. C. Knighton, the verger, Mr. T. E. Spight for arrangements, the local ringers and their wives for providing and serving the tea.

He mentioned one ringer present had a birthday that day — Mr. B. Gogle — to whom best wishes were extended.

AROUND BRISTOL PEAL WEEK

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
CURRY RIVEL, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Tues., July 15, 1969, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 EASTCOTE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt 21 lb. in E

Cecil W. Pipe	Treble	James R. Taylor	5
David P. Hilling	2	Howard W. Egglestone	6
Cyril A Wratten	3	D. John Hunt	7
Michael J. Hobbs	4	James L. Towler	Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. Speed. Conducted by D. John Hunt.

BACKWELL, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Wed., July 16, 1969, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in D

Bruce Martin	Treble	Cyril A. Wratten	5
Howard W. Egglestone	2	James R. Taylor	6
David P. Hilling	3	James L. Towler	7
*Trevor Newlands	4	D. John Hunt	Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by D. John Hunt.
* First peal of Bristol.

DRAYTON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Catherine.
On Tues., July 15, 1969, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in E.

Yvonne A. Murray	Treble	*Trevor Newlands	5
James R Taylor	2	Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzey	6
Michael J. Hobbs	3	Cecil W. Pipe	7
Bruce Martin	4	Cyril A. Wratten	Tenor

Composed by N. Smith Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.
* First peal of Rutland.

PORTISHEAD, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Wed., July 16, 1969, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 CASSIOBURY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt in F.

Cecil W. Pipe	Treble	D. John Hunt	5
James L. Towler	2	Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzey	6
Yvonne A. Murray	3	David P. Hilling	7
Cyril A. Wratten	4	Howard W. Egglestone	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Mayne. Conducted by Howard W. Egglestone.

BATH, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Michael with St. Paul
On Sat., July 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt.

D. John Hunt	Treble	Michael J. Hobbs	5
Bruce Martin	2	James L. Towler	6
Cyril A. Wratten	3	James R. Taylor	7
George J. Hawkins	4	Ralph G. Edwards	Tenor

Composed by R. Parker. Conducted by D. John Hunt.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
SWINDON, Wiltshire.—At Christ Church.
On Thurs., July 17, 1969, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 22 cwt. 9 lb. in E flat.

David P. Hilling	Treble	Cecil W. Pipe	6
Michael J. Hobbs	2	Cyril A. Wratten	7
*Bruce Martin	3	James L. Towler	8
Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzey	4	Howard W. Egglestone	9
*Trevor Newlands	5	D John Hunt	Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe. Conducted by D. John Hunt.
* First peal on ten bells

BRISTOL.—At the Church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity
On Sun., July 13, 1969, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 lb. in E flat.

Cyril A. Wratten	Treble	Trevor Newlands	5
Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzey	2	James R. Taylor	6
Bruce Martin	3	James L. Towler	7
Yvonne A. Murray	4	Howard W. Egglestone	Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Howard W. Egglestone.

LONGNEY, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Laurence
On Fri., July 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 WATFORD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt.

Cecil W. Pipe	Treble	Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzey	5
Yvonne A. Murray	2	James L. Towler	6
Trevor Newlands	3	David P. Hilling	7
*D. John Hunt	4	Howard W. Egglestone	Tenor

Composed by M. Hodgson. Conducted by David P. Hilling.
* 650th peal.

BITTON, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., July 19, 1969, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.

*Yvonne A. Murray	Treble	Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzey	5
D. John Hunt	2	*James L. Towler	6
Michael J. Hobbs	3	Cecil W. Pipe	7
James R. Taylor	4	Howard W. Egglestone	Tenor

Composed by F. Dench. Conducted by Howard W. Egglestone.
* 100th peal together.

THE PERIPATETIC PEALERS

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
BRIDPORT, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., July 7, 1969, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

Julie S. Armstrong	Treble	Rev. Michael Hart	5
Michael J. Uphill	2	Richard L. Underwood	6
Margaret L. Ellwood	3	Alan E. Bagworth	7
Peter L. Hughes	4	Marcus C. W. Sherwood	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Marcus C. W. Sherwood.
Dedicated to the memory of Canon Neville D. Gill, Rural Dean and Vicar of Battersea, who died at Bridport the previous Tuesday, aged 46.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, Exmouth, Devon.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist.
On Tues., July 9, 1969, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in F.

Margaret Ellwood	Treble	*Julie S. Armstrong	5
*Christopher R. Harris	2	Richard L. Underwood	6
Rev. Michael Hart	3	Christopher F. Mew	7
Peter L. Hughes	4	Marcus C. W. Sherwood	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Marcus C. W. Sherwood.
* First peal of Little Bob Major.

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THE PERIPATETIC PEALERS—continued

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
EAST BUDLEIGH, Devon.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Thurs., July 10, 1969, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

Christopher F. Mew	Treble	*Marcus C .W. Sherwood	5
*Julie S. Armstrong	2	Richard L. Underwood	6
*Rev. Michael Hart	3	Geoffrey R. Drew	7
Arthur C. Berry	4	Michael J. Uphill	Tenor

Composed by F Dench. Conducted by Christopher F. Mew.
* First peal of London. First of London as conductor.

WOODBURY, Devon.—At the Church of St. Swithin.
On Thurs., July 10, 1969, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in D.

Peter L. Hughes	Treble	Rev. Michael Hart	5
Margaret L. Ellwood	2	Marcus C. W. Sherwood	6
Richard L. Underwood	3	Michael J. Uphill	7
Arthur C. Berry	4	Geoffrey R. Drew	Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Geoffrey R. Drew

LITTLEHAM, Exmouth., Devon.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Thurs., July 10, 1969, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in G.

Richard L. Underwood	Treble	Michael J. Uphill	5
Peter L. Hughes	2	Marcus C. W. Sherwood	6
Rev. Michael Hart	3	*Christopher R. Harris	7
Christopher F. Mew	4	Geoffrey R. Drew	Tenor

Composed by A. J. Corrigan. Conducted by Christopher F. Mew.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples.

BRADNINCH, Devon.—At the Church of St. Dionysus.
On Fri., July 11, 1969, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's transposition. Tenor 20 cwt. in E flat.

*Peter L. Hughes	Treble	Geoffrey R. Drew	5
*Julie S. Armstrong	2	Christopher F. Mew	6
*Rev. Michael Hart	3	Michael J. Uphill	7
Richard L. Underwood	4	Christopher R. Harris	Tenor

Conducted by Michael J. Uphill.
* First peal of Stedman Triples First of Stedman as conductor

CLYST HONITON, Devon.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Fri., July 11, 1969, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb in E.

Christopher R. Harris	Treble	Christopher F. Mew	5
Margaret L. Ellwood	2	Rev. Michael Hart	6
Michael J. Uphill	3	Arthur C. Berry	7
Geoffrey R. Drew	4	Marcus C. W. Sherwood	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Parker. Conducted by Michael J. Uphill.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
CATTISTOCK, Dorset.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul
On Sat., July 12, 1969, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb.

Margaret L. Ellwood	Treble	Richard L. Underwood	5
*Michael J. Uphill	2	Geoffrey R. Drew	6
Christopher F. Mew	3	Arthur C. Berry	7
Rev. Michael Hart	4	Marcus C. W. Sherwood	Tenor

Composed by N. Smith. Conducted by Christopher F Mew.
* 100th tower for a peal First of Rutland as conductor.

OTHER PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS
NORWICH.—At the Church of St. Peter Mancroft.
On Sat., July 19, 1969, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 37 cwt 3 qr. 15 lb. in C.

George W. Pipe	Treble	David E. Rothera	7
Peter G. Brown	2	Kenneth J. Hesketh	8
Robert E. J. Dennis	3	Brian D. Threlfall	9
John S. Mason	4	George E. Thoday	10
Norman V. Harding	5	David E. House	11
John G. Gipson	6	Philip J. Rothera	Tenor

Composed by R. A. G. Inglis. Conducted by Robert E. J. Dennis.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
CHEWTON MENDIP, Som.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., July 12, 1969, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Heather A. Kippin	Treble	Philip H. D. Jones	5
Robert C. Kippin	2	*Ronald G. Beck	6
Edward J. Chivers	3	Robert E. Beck	7
David Mackay	4	Adrian P. Beck	Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley (C.C.C. 111.) Conducted by R. C. Kippin.
* 450th peal and has now "circled the tower."
Rung in memoriam James Topp. Tenor 24 cwt. 29 lb. in E flat.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD
PACKWOOD, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Mon., July 7, 1969, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr 14 lb. in B flat.

Derek H. Walters	Treble	Peter C. Randall	5
*Geoffrey W. Randall	2	Peter S. Bennett	6
Hazel A. Mackenzie	3	Maurice C. Hughes	7
Ian C. Maycock	4	Frederick Shallcross	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Frederick Shallcross.
* Has now "circled the tower" to peals.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
BOWDON, Cheshire.—At the Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
On Sat., July 19, 1969, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 6 lb. in E.

Graham J. Jones	Treble	David Makin-Taylor	5
*Alison Child	2	Michael Thomson	6
Elizabeth J. Campbell	3	Christopher Forster	7
Nicholas Thomson	4	Roger G. Green	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roger G. Green.
* First peal of Major and on an "inside" bell.

WILMSLOW, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.
On Wed., July 9, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Consisting of one extent of Kent T.B and two each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

J. Derek Smith	Treble	Peter Oliver	4
Stephen L. Green	2	Denis Mottershead	5
Rev. Chris. J. Rees	3	Neil D. Lomas	Tenor

Conducted by Neil D. Lomas.
Rung as a welcome to the new Rector, the Rev. B. L. Barnby.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., July 19, 1969, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5025 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 37 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in D flat.

Ian G. Campbell	Treble	George S. Deas	7
Wilfrid F. Moreton	2	J. Henry Fielden	8
Neil Donovan	3	John N. D. Chaddock	9
Eric N. Harrison	4	Michael Maughan	10
F. Charles Hobson	5	Richard E. Price	11
C. L. Digby Munday	6	Ronald Ducker	Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
MELDRETH, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Fri., July 11, 1969, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. in F sharp.

Philip J. Rothera	Treble	Geoffrey Pearson	5
Donald F. Murfet	2	Maurice C. Hughes	6
Kenneth J. Hesketh	3	*Dennis E. Pepper	7
David E. Rothera	4	Peter S. Bennett	Tenor

Composed by Philip G K. Davies. Conducted by Kenneth J. Hesketh.
* First peal in the method.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, Essex.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., July 12, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation of Middleton's. Tenor 9¾ cwt.

William J. Button	Treble	Leslie G. Brett	5
Muriel R. Page	2	Frank B. Lufkin	6
*John R. Loveless	3	Walter Arnold	7
Katharine M. Thorley	4	J. Martin Thorley	Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
* First peal of Surprise.
Rung in memory of Robert Charles Heazel, who died on Saturday, July 5th, 1969.

DANBURY, Essex.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Mon., July 14, 1969, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's var. of Middleton's. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in A flat.

Josephine A. Quilter	Treble	Joe E. G. Roast	5
Keith W. Brown	2	Dennis A. S. Symonds	6
Edgar C. Shepherd	3	Philip J. Rothera	7
Richard J. Harrison	4	Peter G. Brown	Tenor

Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.
Rung to the memory of Robert C. Heazel, Master of the Essex Association 1953–1966, secretary and treasurer 1946–62, who passed away on July 5th, 1969

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

GUILDFORD, Surrey.—At the Cathedral Church of the Holy Spirit. On Sat., July 12, 1969, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 30 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in D.

Alan D. Flood	Treble	Christopher C. Clarke	6
Alan R. Pink	2	Richard H. Youdale	7
Beryl R. Simpson	3	Michael J. Church	8
Katharine J. Maundrell	4	Tom Page	9
Rowan S. Bradley	5	Robert E. J. Dennis	Tenor

Composed by W. Barton. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.

First peal of Royal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild.

ALDERSHOT, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Michael. On Sat., July 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr 16 lb. in A.

*R. Anne Collins	Treble	Dudley P. Elsmore	6
†Edward J. Futcher	2	‡Martin J. Kirk	5
John A. Collier	3	Roy Collins	7
*Judith M. Collins	4	E. John Wells	Tenor

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by E. John Wells.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First of Kent. ‡ First of Kent Major.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Arthur Kirk, of Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Notts.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

MADELEY, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Michael. On Sat., July 12, 1969, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's 12-part (7th obs.) Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. in F sharp.

Richard Stevens	Treble	Gerald Bowen	5
Alan Jones	2	Elizabeth Timmins	6
David J. Bates	3	Alfred W. Glazzard	7
Barnabas G. Key	4	Ronald Winwood	Tenor

Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.

CLIFFORD, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin. On Sun., July 13, 1969, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 10 methods and 14 variations, viz.: Two extents each of St. Simon, St. Albans, Cassington, St. Martin, St. Paul, St. Peter, St. Osmund, St. Ambrose, St. Patrick, St. Nicholas, St. Giles, St. Thomas, Winchendon Place, St Miles, St. Luke, St, Remigius, Plain Bob and Kennington, and one each of Church Gresley, St. Chrysostum, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps, Grandsire and Spliced Rev. St. Bartholomew and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in F sharp.

Austin T. Wingate	Treble	Colin A. Lewis	4
Malcolm M. Turner	2	Robert A. Hatcher	5
John W. Hope	3	Danzey Watkins	Tenor

Conducted by Colin A. Lewis.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BUSHEY HEATH, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter. On Sat., July 5, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.

Ellen F. Norris	Treble	John R. Southey	5
John H. W. Smith	2	†Alan J. Luxford	6
*Clive W. Simpson	3	Thomas H. Norris	7
Christopher K. Hill	4	*Leonard J. North	Tenor

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by John R. Southey.

* 25th peal together † First of Major. First as conductor.

Rung to open the Area Festival for the Friends of New Guinea. Also to welcome Charlotte, a daughter born to Stephanie and Alan Luxford, and Robert, a son born to Janet and David Murphey.

HATFIELD BROAD OAK, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin. On Sat., June 28, 1969, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. in E.

*Amette Bradbury	Treble	Margaret Twigg	5
Jill P. Gordon	2	Dennis Wilcox	6
*Stephanie Green	3	Philip Kimber	7
Simon Taylor	4	Philip M. Cuckson	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Philip M. Cuckson.

* First peal of Major. First on eight bells as conductor

KNEBWORTH, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary. On Sat., July 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12¼ cwt

Kenneth J. Darvill	Treble	*Gillian M. Brearley	5
*Katherine S. Hardy	2	*Roger D. R. Brown	6
*†Elizabeth Forster	3	Peter T. Dale	7
*Joyce M. Clarke	4	*Robert E. Hardy	Tenor

Composed by Maurice Hodgson. Conducted by Kenneth J. Darvill.

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

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CITY OF LONDON, E.C.—At the Church of St. Vedast, Foster Lane. On Thurs., July 17, 1969, in 3 Hours,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being an extent each of Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., St. Clement's, Cambridge and Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in F.

Jennifer A. Dunning	Treble	Keith G. Game	4
Kenneth J. Rider	2	Tony Lewis	5
*Richard Hayes	3	John Pladdys	Tenor

Conducted by John Pladdys.

* 250th peal.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

NEWHEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Thomas. On Sun., July 6, 1969, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 4 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in D flat.

B. Michael Boardman	Treble	David Howarth	4
Janet Lawson	2	Richard S. Starkie	5
Michael Fishwick	3	Derek Butterworth	Tenor

Conducted by Derek Butterworth.

ULVERSTON, Lancs.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin. On Sat, July 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

Alan Capstick	Treble	Kenneth J. Foster	4
*Hugh J. Pettifer	2	John Bagnall	5
†Nicholas A. Newby	3	Kevin M. Price	Tenor

Conducted by Kevin M. Price.

* First peal, first attempt † Has "circled the tower" to peals. Fastest peal on the bells.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

PRESTWOLD, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Andrew. On Tues., July 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 HUNTINGDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in G.

Rupert A. Clarke	Treble	K. Paul Gilliver	5
Christine L. J. Mills	2	R'. Brian Mills	6
Monica M. Jelley	3	John M. Jelley	7
Roland H. Cook	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.

First peal in the method by all the band and on the bells

DARLEY DALE, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Helen. On Sat., July 12, 1969, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. in F.

Christine L. J. Mills	Treble	Martin Green	5
W. Ernest Rawson	2	Alec R. Jones	6
*Ann M. Smith	3	R. Brian Mills	7
*Rev. R. D. St. John Smith	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by William Barton. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.

* First peal of Lincolnshire Surprise Major.

LEICESTER.—At the Church of All Saints. On Sun., July 13, 1969, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 LESSNESS SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in A.

*Roger N. Scholes	Treble	*W. Eric Critchley	5
*Beryl E. Cawser	2	Rupert A. Clarke	6
*J. Edward Cawser	3	*Clive J. Mobbs	7
*Paul K. Gilliver	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by William Barton. Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.

* First peal in the method.

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THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Thurs., July 17, 1969, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

*David F. Moore	Treble	*Martin Green	5
*Christine L. J. Mills	2	*R. Brian Mills	6
W. Ernest Rawson	3	G. Ronald Edwards	7
*K. Paul Gilliver	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by Henry W. Wilde. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
* First peal of Belgrave.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

KIRKBY MALLORY, Leicestershire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Fri., July 11, 1969, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being one extent each of Wells, London, York, Durham, Beverley, Cambridge and Surfleet. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. in A.

Andrew S. Hayden	Treble	*Tony R. Natt	4
Martin Green	2	Brian L. Burrows	5
K. Paul Gilliver	3	Barry Brown	Tenor

Conducted by Brian L. Burrows.
* First peal in seven Surprise Minor and most methods to a peal.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Tues., July 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Surfleet Surprise, Beverley Surprise Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Single Oxford and Plain Bob.
Tenor 2 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.

G. Ronald Edwards	Treble	†Roger I. Kendrick	4
B. Stedman Payne	2	Frank Chambers	5
*Richard J. Clifton	3	Arthur E. Rowley	Tenor

Conducted by Arthur E. Rowley.
* 300th peal on the bells. † First in seven Minor methods.

COPT OAK, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Thurs., July 17, 1969, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents in nine methods, comprising: (1) Lightfoot, (2) London and Wells, (3) Beverley and Surfleet, (4) York, (5) Norwich, (6) Durham, (7) Cambridge. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in G.

Arthur E. Rowley	Treble	R. Brian Mills	4
Christine L. J. Mills	2	R. Kingsley Mason	5
Alec R. Jones	3	Roland H. Cook	Tenor

Conducted by Roland H. Cook.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SWYNNERTON, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Fri., July 18, 1969 in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 240 each of Stedman, St. Simon, St. Martin, St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place, Grandsire, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Rev. Canterbury and Plain Bob and 240 each of 12 variations.
Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in A.

Edward R. Fairbrother	Treble	Frank Beech	4
Roland W. Morant	2	A. Doreen Edwards	5
*Frank R. Morton	3	*William H. Watkin	Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.
* 25th peal together

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WIVETON, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., July 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Oxford T.B., one of Kent T.B. and five of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

*Roy E. Smith	Treble	William R. West	4
John R. Smith	2	†Eric Durrant	5
Walter J. Ford	3	Sidney Marshall	Tenor

Conducted by John R. Smith.
* First peal, first attempt. † First for 20 years.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BURFORD, Oxon.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., June 21, 1969, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 3 lb.

William J. Dixon	Treble	Peter Pearce	5
Terence J. Hester	2	William Birmingham	6
Rosamund M. Brown	3	Brian W. Hall	7
*G. John Collett	4	D. Kay Adkins	Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.
* First peal "in hand."
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

GAYTON, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., July 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being one extent each of Morning Star, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Capel, Oxford and Kent.
Tenor 13 cwt 1 qr 25 lb. in F sharp.

David J. Morgan	Treble	Barry R. Care	4
Raymond Henman	2	Murray A. Coleman	5
J. Malcolm Tyler	3	Stephen B. Bell	Tenor

Conducted by Murray A. Coleman.

DUSTON, Northants.—At the Church of St. Luke.
On Sat., July 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Wath, Oswald, Edinburgh and Kentish Delight, and one each of Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge Surprise.
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 lb. in B flat.

David J. Morgan	Treble	J. Malcolm Tyler	4
Barry R. Care	2	Stephen B. Bell	5
Raymond Henman	3	Murray A. Coleman	Tenor

Conducted by Murray A. Coleman.

COGENHOE, Northants.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., July 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Pinehurst, Thelwall, Childwall, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. 20 lb. in A sharp.

*David J. Morgan	Treble	Stephen B. Bell	4
†J. Malcolm Tyler	2	Barry R. Care	5
†Murray A. Coleman	3	Raymond Henman	Tenor

Conducted by Barry R. Care.
* 25th peal. † 25th peal together.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

COLLINGBOURNE KINGSTON, Wilts.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., July 12, 1969, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one 720 of Cambridge Surprise, one 720 of Oxford T.B., one 720 of Kent T.B. and four 720's of Plain Bob.
Tenor 19 cwt. 11 lb. in E.

Reginald W. Rex	Treble	Raymond E. Finch	4
Roy H. Jones	2	†Geoffrey K. Dodd	5
*Robert J. Crocker	3	†A. Patrick Cannon	Tenor

Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
* First peal in four methods. † 125th peal together.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

SOUTHWELL MINSTER, Notts.—At the Cathedral and Collegiate Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
On Sat., July 19, 1969, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in D.

Peter G. Brown	Treble	John G. Gipson	7
Josephine A. Quilter	2	Rev. Giles C. Galley	8
Keith W. Brown	3	Michael D. Fishwick	9
Kenneth J. Hesketh	4	Philip J. Rothera	10
John H. Fielden	5	Derek Butterworth	11
David E. Rothera	6	David E. House	Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe. Conducted by Kenneth J. Hesketh.

LOWDHAM, Notts.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., July 17, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 21 240's, eight Morris's, ten B. D. Price's and three Pitman's 240's. Tenor 9 cwt. 14 lb. in G.

Hazel M. Carter	Treble	Ruth Blackshaw	3
Pamela J. Clifton	2	Maurice W. Harrison	4
George A. Dawson	Tenor		

Conducted by George A. Dawson.
Rung as a compliment on their engagement to Phyllis A. Matthew and Martin Horne.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

FRAMSDEN, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., July 14, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 16 cwt.

Muriel R. Page	Treble	Walter W. Miller	5
Patricia M. Clarke	2	Leslie G. Brett	6
Diana M. Pipe	3	William J. Button	7
George W. Pipe	4	Michael J. Howes	Tenor

Conducted by Muriel R. Page.
Rung half-muffled as a last tribute to Charles W. Beecroft, a respected member of the Framsden company. Ringers of 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 and 7 were members of this company.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

CLENT, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Leonard
On Sat., July 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 CLENT SURPRISE MAJOR
27-course block reduced Tenor 11 cwt.

R. George Morris	Treble	John Clements	5
Brian Bladon	2	Peter Robertson	6
Arthur C. Berry	3	Anthony R. Peake	7
Ian Lloyd	4	Geoffrey R. Drew	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey R. Drew.
First peal in the method.

CLENT SURPRISE MAJOR
—58—16—12—1236—12—1258—14—1. c.

DODDERHILL (Droitwich), Worcs.—At the Church of St. Augustine of Canterbury.
On Sat., July 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 12 methods, comprising 960 London, 800 Rutland 480 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Cassiobury and Wembley, 320 each of Lindum, Superlative and Watford and 160 each of Lincolnshire, Pudsey and Yorkshire, with 149 changes of method. Tenor 18½ cwt.

Stanley M. Ruddlesden ..	Treble	*Arthur C. Berry	5
*Shirley E. Ruddlesden ..	2	Anthony R. Peake	6
*Shirley M. Drew	3	*Geoffrey R. Drew	7
Stephen F. Royal	4	Brian Bladon	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.
* First peal of Surprise Major in 12 methods.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
HEDON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Augustine.
On Thurs., July 17, 1969, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

A. Benjamin Cooper ..	Treble	Robert Sheriff	5
Linda Sherwood	2	John R. Leary	6
Maris C. Stephenson ..	3	*John N. D. Chaddock ..	7
Peter C. Church	4	Ronald Ducker	Tenor

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by John N. D. Chaddock.
* 200th peal.
Rung as a 21st birthday and engagement compliment to Michael Maughan. Tenor 16 cwt.

KIRK DEIGHTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., July 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents: (1) Cambridge S., (2) Oxford T.B., (3 and 4) Kent T.B., (5, 6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 9¾ cwt.

Leo Bean	Treble	Charles H. Maxfield	4
Patricia Lockwood	2	Ian North	5
Cyril F. Sutcliffe	3	Robin Brown	Tenor

Conducted by Robin Brown.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Sat., July 5, 1969, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

Ronald Crabtree	Treble	David Featherstone	5
*Peter H. Gardner	2	John J. Durham	6
*Richard J. Chantler ..	3	Robert A. Beresford ..	7
Ronald J. Snack	4	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed by R. J. Parker. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal of Superlative Surprise Major.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
CITY OF LONDON.—In the Belfry of St. Olave's, Hart Street.
On Mon., July 7, 1969, in 1 Hour and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

*Judith M. Corby	1–2	†David A. Town	3–4
John Pladdys (cond.)	5–6		

* First peal "in hand." † First "in hand" on an inside pair.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Bettyfold.
On Fri., July 4, 1969, in 1 Hour and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of London, Ennerdale, Plain Bob, St. Clement's College, Original, College and Single Oxford. Tenor size 14 in D.

Joseph Whalley	1–2	Mary W. Whalley	3–4
Kevin M. Price (cond.) ..	5–6		

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
LONDON, W.—At 35D, Holland Park.
On Thurs., July 17, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5240 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 19 in F.

Michael R. Wycherley ..	1–2	Alan R. Patterson	5–6
Stephen P. Darvill	3–4	Len Goodall	7–8
Jeremy R. Pratt	9–10		

Arranged and Conducted by Len Goodall.

BATTERSEA, London, S.W.—At 87, Sugden Road.
On Sat., July 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 7168 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 16 in B.

Michael R. Wycherley ..	1–2	Stephen P. Darvill	5–6
Alan R. Patterson	3–4	Len Goodall	7–8

Composed by Amburn Wilson. Conducted by Len Goodall.
Umpire: Jeremy R. Pratt.
This composition contains the 60 c.e.'s with the tenors together.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
MIDDLESBROUGH, Teesside.—At 29, Farley Drive, Acklam.
On Tues., July 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 16 in B flat.

Enid Lawson	1–2	Kenneth Lawson	5–6
Margaret Lawson	3–4	Fred Hodgson	7–8
Ann Lawson	9–10		

Arranged and Conducted by Kenneth Lawson.

QUARTER PEALS

PORTSEA, HANTS.—On July 20th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. F. A. Rolph 1, Mrs. B. M. Hunt 2, W. F. J. Cope 3, S. A. Scott (first Surprise) 4, E. Treagus 5, A. F. W. Burbidge 6, L. D. Duguid 7, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 8.

RADCLIFFE-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—On July 6th, 1,260 Minor (Oxford T.B. and Plain): Mrs. J. Bull 1, D. Stainsby 2, A. King 3, A. Haines 4, B. J. Bull 5, M. A. Rose (cond.) 6. For Evensong, and as a birthday compliment to A. Lygo.

REEPHAM, NORFOLK.—On July 4th, at the home of W. Ford, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. Durrant (cond.) 1–2, W. Ford 3–4, R. E. Smith (first quarter "in hand") 5–6.

SCOLE, NORFOLK.—On July 11th, 1,260 Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob Minor: N. M. Watson 1, A. F. Ballam 2, M. J. Rose (cond.) 3, Dorothy M. Durrant 4, B. E. Whiting 5, A. G. Feaver 6. A birthday compliment to ringer of 4.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—On July 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Hutley 1, W. Hunt 2, H. Watts 3, K. Westwood 4, P. Glazebrook 5, A. Richardson 6, P. Warboys (cond.) 7, D. Cheeseman 8. A 72nd birthday compliment to the ringer of 3, who has been a ringer at this church for 55 years.

STAUNTON, GLOS.—On July 19th, 1,260 Doubles (six methods): R. Day 1, R. Philpott 2, G. Band 3, M. Rice (cond.) 4, J. Long 5, G. Davies (first quarter) 6.

STEPNEY, LONDON, E.—On Wed., July 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (ten callings): R. A. Poole (first away from tenor) 1, Lyndis Weedon (first in method "inside") 2, D. A. Tovell 3, R. Brown 4, L. J. Fox (cond.) 5, A. Cuthbert 6.

STOKE BISHOP, BRISTOL.—On July 20th, 1,272 Kent T.B. Minor: Joan Gray 1, Alison Brown 2, Rosemary Snawdon 3, Susan Carter 4, J. Riley 5, P. Gray (cond.) 6. Rung for the Patronal Festival (St. Mary Magdalene) and also as a farewell to Sue and John Riley who are moving to Clevedon.

SYMONDSBURY, DORSET.—On July 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Rix (first on treble) 1, R. Haines 2; Helen Haines 3, I. Calvert 4, M. J. Hiller (cond.) 5, C. Varndell (first quarter) 6.

TEMPSFORD, BEDS.—On June 29th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Florence Houghton 1, Charlotte A. Harris 2, S. H. Ashton 3, Sheila I. Smith 4, R. Houghton 5, A. S. Smith (cond.) 6. For Patronal Festival.

USK, MON.—On July 18th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss J. E. Bell 1, K. W. Scudamore 2, Mrs. D. A. Chapman 3, H. Taysom 4, S. Poole 5, E. G. Mould 6, H. Heath 7, D. A. Chapman (cond.) 8.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On July 13th, 1,296 Little Bob Royal: R. J. Chapman 1, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 2, Laura Grindrod 3, June Whitcher 4, K. Hughes 5, G. Walker 6, M. Jefferyes 7, H. H. N. Duncan 8, I. Dear 9, J. E. Murfitt 10. For Matins and in memory of R. C. Heazel, Past Master of the Essex Association.

WENTWORTH, YORKS.—On July 13th, 1,320 Pl. Bob Doubles: T. Cairns 1, R. R. Nalliah 2, M. King 3, L. Hallows (first "inside") 4, D. Hunton (cond.) 5, R. Grundy 6. Rung for Evensong and to mark the birth of a second son to Mr. and Mrs. L. Hallows.

WESTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—On July 13th, 1,280 Pl. Bob Major: Denise Ramshaw (first quarter) 1, Mrs. B. M. Hunt 2, Eileen Jayne 3, A. P. Smith 4, W. F. J. Cope 5, E. Treagus 6, N. George (first Major) 7, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 8. Rung to welcome the Bishop of Horsham to Deanery Evensong. Also on July 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Eileen Jayne 1, Mrs. A. M. Stevens 2, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 3, W. F. J. Cope 4, L. D. Duguid 5, E. Treagus 6, P. Stevens 7, J. F. A. Rolph 8. Rung half-muffled on the funeral day of the Rev. Maitland T. Dodds, Rector of Westbourne 1945–1953.

WEST CLANDON, SURREY.—On July 5th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Jill M. May 1, Lesley J. Smith 2, Heather Burbidge 3, Jill P. J. Edwardes (first in method) 4, D. A. R. May (cond.) 5, J. M. C. Edwardes 6.

WILMSLOW, CHESHIRE.—On July 1st, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Neil D. Lomas (cond.) 1, S. Sage 2, S. Coutts 3, J. D. Smith 4, P. Oliver 5, D. Mottershead 6. To mark the Investiture of the Prince of Wales.

WIMBLEDON, S.W.—On July 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret Wybrow (first quarter) 1, Caroline Bagworth 2, M. J. Bangham 3, A. E. Bagworth 4, Deborah Bishop 5, Elizabeth Bangham 6, A. S. Bishop (cond.) 7, G. Topping (first quarter) 8.

MALVERN LINK RINGERS' COTSWOLDS VISIT

A smaller group of ringers than anticipated because of illness and other engagements toured part of the Cotswolds on July 5th, ringing at four towers. The first tower was Stroud (10) where, with local help, Grandsire and Stedman Caters were rung, as well as rounds and Cambridge Major. The other morning tower was the fine 16½ cwt. eight at Tetbury, where the best ringing of the day was had with Cambridge, Bristol, Double Norwich and rounds.

The afternoon ringing was at the two Cirencester churches, the first being the fine 12 at the Parish Church, but because of the heat and new ropes, etc., the ringing was abysmal. Fortunately the ringing on the good, easy-going eight at Watermoor was better and ended with a touch of Yorkshire. Sincere thanks are expressed to all incumbents and tower captains.

M. V. W.

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INGRAM—SADOWSKA.—The wedding of Maurice and Anna will take place at Bishop's Cleeve, Saturday, Aug. 9th, at 12 noon. All friends welcome at the church. Address will be 1, Bayswater Mill, Headington, Oxford. 7726

RANDALL — SMITH. — The marriage of Geoffrey and Susan will take place at St. Mary's Church, Warwick, on Saturday, Aug. 16th, at 11 a.m All friends welcome at the church. 7732

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

MELVILLE.—As from August 9th the address of Malcolm and Shelagh will be 45, Beverley Crescent, Bedford. Tel. 66060. 7646

STEVENS.—The address of Mr. Richard C. Stevens is now No. 3, Red House Flats, Priorslee Village, near Oakengates, Salop. (Work Tel. No.: Wolverhampton 22321; Ext. 466.) 7708

PERSONAL

"Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things."—Phil. iv., 8.

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UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCEMENT

DURHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—Any ringers coming to Durham in the autumn are welcome. Please write to H. Campbell, 30, St. Leonard's Oval, Harrogate, Yorks. 7716

PRACTICE MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Branch.—Practice meeting, Ubley (6), 6 to 7.30 p.m., and Compton Martin (6), 7.30 to 9 p.m., Aug. 16th.—D. G. Yeo, Branch Sec. 7713

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Practice meeting, Minehead (10), Saturday, Aug. 9th, 7 p.m., and at Exton (6). Saturday Aug. 23rd, 6 p.m. —E. R T. B. 7712

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Witney and Woodstock Branch. — Branch practice on Monday. Aug 4th. Woodstock (8). 7.30 p.m. 7658

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District. —Practice meeting, St. Mary's, Newmarket (6), Friday evening, Aug. 8th. Bells from 7 to 9 p.m.—A. F. Ballam, Dis. Sec. 7734

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. — Evening practice, including Surprise Major, at Barnes on Friday, Aug. 15th, 7.30 p.m.—E. Godfrey. Hon Sec 7641

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION — Southern Division.—Surprise practice, Monday, Aug. 11th, 7.30 p.m., St. Nicolas' (10), Brighton. Special method: Pudsey Surprise Major. 7720

WAREHAM, Dorset.—As from Aug: 7th practice night will be THURSDAY. Visitors very welcome. 7653

MISCELLANEOUS

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual Dinner, The New Hackwood Hotel, Widmore Road, Bromley, Kent, September 27th, 6.30 for 7 p.m. Tickets 27/- from District secretaries up to Sept. 13th.—A. P. S Berry, Hon. Gen. Sec., 7, Queen Street. Folkestone. Kent 7075

FINCHINGFIELD PARISH CHURCH, ESSEX
FLOWER FESTIVAL
August 30th, 31st and September 1st
Stour Valley Singers, Sat., 7.30 p.m. Bells available Saturday, from 2–5.30, Mon., September 1st, by arrangement. "The prettiest village in Essex." 7715

ST. NICHOLAS', STURRY, KENT
FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS
August 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th.
10 a.m.–6 p.m. Sunday, 2–6 p.m.
Proceeds in aid of Tower Fund.
Refreshments available in Barn.
All are welcome. 7717

ALL SAINTS', ALBURGH, NORFOLK (near Harleston)
Eight bells, tenor 9-3-12 in G.
FLOWER FESTIVAL
September 5th, 6th and 7th
Bells available:
Saturday, 6th. 11 a.m.–2 p.m.; 2.30–7 p.m. Ringing after 2 p.m. wedding requested.
Sunday, 7th. Approx. 4.30–6.30 p.m.
All ringers welcome. Light refreshments available. 7725

FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS
Music and bells at St. Peter's, Belton, Uppingham, Rutland, on Saturday and Sunday, September 6th and 7th.
Full programme and details of ringing later. 7719

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD
The Lincoln Diocesan Guild's 70th Anniversary Dinner will be held at the Moor Lodge Hotel, Branston, Lincoln, on Saturday. September 27th, 1969, at 7 p.m. Tickets 21/- each.
Peals and tower tours arranged.—Jack L. Millhouse, Hon. Sec. 7664

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
DINNER–DANCE
Victoria Hotel, Preston
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The Autumn General Meeting will be held at Witney on Saturday, Oct. 4th.
The Secretaries' Meeting will be held at Radley on Saturday, Nov. 29th.
Annual Festival. June 27th. Oxford. 7668

OUR HISTORY
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MEETINGS

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. —Joint meeting with Eastern District, Yorkshire Association, Pocklington, Saturday Aug. 9th Bells available 2–4.15 p.m. Service and tea. Names for tea to Mr. C. Bairstow, 19, Victoria Road, Pocklington, York, YO4 2B2. No name, no tea. Business meeting after tea. Bells to 8 p.m. 7678

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Archdeaconry. — Monthly meeting. A joint meeting is being held with the Daventry Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild at Burton Dassett on Saturday, Aug. 9th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing also in evening. Names for tea are important: please send them to Mr. J. Spraggett, Mill Hill Farm, Fenny Compton, Leamington Spa (Tel. Fenny Compton 387).—H. A. M. 7688

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Killamarsh, Saturday, Aug. 9th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. Parr, 2, Quarry Road, Killamarsh, Sheffield.—Malcolm Phipps, Hon. Sec. 7687

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Practice meeting, Aug 9th, Guilden Morden (6), 6.30–8 p.m.; Bassingbourn (5), 8–9 p.m.—J. S. 7657

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting. Puttenham (6), Saturday, Aug. 9th. Bells available 3 p.m Notifications for tea to Mrs. V. Gibbons. 14. Munday's Borough, Puttenham, please.—S. J. Tate-Mitchell, Dis. Sec 7686

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Tring (8), Aug. 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to R Ouston, 21, Longbridge Close. Tring. 7711

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting at Brindle, Saturday, Aug. 9th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m. (please bring own food), followed by meeting. —R. Barnes, Branch Sec. 7709

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. —Bingham District.—Meeting, Holme Pierrepont, Aug. 9th. Bells 3 p.m Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to W. L. Exton, St. Ouen's, Whatton, by Wednesday previous. 7718

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North East District.—Quarterly meeting, Aldeburgh, Saturday Aug. 9th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. P. S. Bedford, 49. Franklin Road. Aldeburgh, Suffolk.—T.N.J.B. 7696

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting, Lyminster, Saturday, Aug. 9th. Bells (6), 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Business meeting after service. Bells available for ringing until 8.30 p.m.—R. Wake. Hon. Sec. 7707

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Meeting at Wanborough (6), Aug. 11th, 7.30 p.m. 7693

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Business meeting at the Lord Raglan, St. Martin's-le-Grand, E.C., on Aug. 12th, 8.15 p.m. Practices: Aug. 12th, St. Paul's Cathedral; Aug. 19th, St. Mary-le-Bow; Aug. 26th, St. Andrew's, Holborn; Sept. 2nd, Southwark Cathedral—all at 6.30 p.m.—J. G. A. Prior, 21a. Fieldhouse Road, London, S.W.12 7723

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Upper Cam, Saturday, Aug. 16th. Bells available from 3 p.m Service 4.15 Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to G. Minors, 1, Hesterville Villas, Purton, Berkeley, Glos. 7728

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Saturday, Aug. 16th, Ampney Crucis (5), 6–7.30 p.m. — J. Pearse, Branch Sec. 7731

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Meeting, Hardwicke (6), Saturday, Aug. 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Standish available after tea. Names for tea to P. Screen, 22 Springfield, Hardwicke Gloucester, GL2 6PX, by Tuesday, 12th. 7721

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting. Aug. 16th. at Essendon, 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to Miss S. Farnes, 22, Glebe Cottages, Essendon, Hatfield.—R. E Hardy. Dis. Sec. 7727

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Lubenham, on Saturday, Aug. 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting after tea. Outing, September 13th —L. W. Allen. 7736

LEICESTER GUILD.—Melton District.—Full meeting at Long Clawson with Hose on Saturday, Aug. 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service (L. C.) 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Rev. Willcock, The Vicarage, Long Clawson, by the 14th, please.—S. N. Hall, Dis. Sec. 7729

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. —N and E. District.—Meeting, Hendon, on Saturday, Aug. 16th Ringing from 3–4.30 p.m., followed by service and tea. Evening ringing.—E. H. Kilby, Dis Sec. 7730

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch. — Meeting, Saturday, Aug. 16th, Milton Lilbourne. 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m Bring picnic tea. Burbage bells available after tea. 7733

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Meeting, Roade (5), on Saturday, Aug. 23rd. Evening ringing, Courteenhall (5) Names for tea to Mr. R. Moore, 6, High Street, Roade, Northampton, by Tuesday previous. 7722

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—Half-yearly meeting. St. David's, Bangor, Sept. 6th. Bells (8) 2 p.m Service 3.45 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to W. Cathrall, 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham 7737

LATE NOTICES

PRACTICE MEETINGS

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Evening practice at Isleworth, Friday, Aug. 8th, 7.45 p.m. Surprise Major practice at Sunbury, Wednesday, Aug 13th, 7.45 p.m. Evening practice, St. Mary's, Twickenham, Wednesday, Aug 20th, 7.45 p.m. —M. J. Palmer. 7742

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South East District.—The District practice meeting at Hollesley on Friday evening, Aug. 8th, has been **cancelled**. Notice of a practice elsewhere will be published later.—W. L., Dis. Sec. 7741

MEETINGS

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Evening meeting, Aug. 9th, Rushton (6), 7–9 p.m. All welcome. 7740

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Southern District and Barnsley District.—Joint meeting, Saturday, Aug. 9th, Ranmoor, Sheffield. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Parish Room, followed by business meeting. Names for tea to A. C. Banton, 194, Gleadless Common, Sheffield, S12 2US. Walkley available 2.45–4.—A. C Banton and T. Tarbatt, joint Secs. 7744

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Out-of-District meeting on the second Saturday in August joint with the Yorkshire Association at Walkley and Ranmoor, Sheffield. Names for tea—see Yorkshire Association advertisement. 7739

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Coventry Archdeaconry meeting. Aug. 16th, Kenilworth (6 bells). Ringing 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by evening ringing. Names for tea, please, to I. F Garvie, 636, Allesley Old Road, Coventry 76413.—Ian F. Garvie. Dis. Sec. 7738

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—Quarterly meeting, Preston Candover, Saturday, Aug. 16th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting follows. Alresford Old and New bells available after meeting. Names for tea to Mrs. A. L. Bryan, The Vicarage, Preston Candover, by Aug. 13th.—N. J. Thomas, Dis Sec. 7743

MORE BELFRY GOSSIP

A married couples peal was rung at Chapel Allerton Leeds, on July 5th, conducted by Ronald R. Warford.

July 13th marked a big gathering of the Collins at Chobham when a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung at the Parish Church.

Probably the oldest member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild is life member Mr. Morris E. Caudwell. His 95th birthday was celebrated by a quarter peal at Blewbury on July 14th.

"New York Sunday News", of June 29th, devotes a page to casting handbells modelled on the Liberty Bell at the Whitechapel Foundry. These bells are sold for $756 each.

FIFTY YEARS' BELLRINGING

On Friday evening, July 25th, the bells of St. Peter's Church, Old Woking, were rung to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Mr. E. Warner's first peal, which was rung on July 19th, 1919.

After the First World War it was decided to celebrate peace on July 19th, 1919, so the local ringers of St. Nicholas' Church, Cranleigh, decided to commence the day's celebrations with a peal on the bells.

Mr. Warner had just learnt to ring the bells at Cranleigh so was given the chance to be in the band which rang the peal; this was commenced at 5.30 a.m. and was completed at 9.36 a.m., thus taking 3 hours and 6 minutes to ring the 5,040 changes which make up the peal.

An attempt was made to ring the complete peal again at Cranleigh last Saturday, which was the actual date of the anniversary, but unfortunately, after two hours' good ringing, a mistake was made by one of the ringers so bringing the peal to an untimely end.

As Mr. Warner is a regular ringer at St. Peter's, Old Woking, the Vicar (Rev. A. G. Pouncy) very kindly gave his permission for the bells to be rung, to save the team having to go to Cranleigh again, to complete the ringing.

There was not time to ring a full peal so a quarter peal was rung which consisted of 1,260 changes of Grandsire Tripies, the following ringers taking part: Jill May treble, Lesley Smith 2nd, Pamela Warren 3rd, Martin Kirk 4th, Ernest Warner 5th, Peter Henry 6th, Douglas May 7th, Jeffery Bailey tenor.

This is the first quarter peal in which Lesley Smith has rung an "inside" bell; great credit was due to her for the excellent way she rang her bell throughout, as she is a comparative newcomer to the art of campanology.

The ringing was conducted by Douglas May, who is the Master of the Guildford District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild of Change Ringers and captain of the West Clandon ringers. It was under his tuition that Lesley Smith learnt to ring; in fact he has taught a large number of young people of both sexes to ring.

OBITUARY

MR. FREDERICK GOSLING

With deep regret the Andover District heard of the death of Mr. Frederick Gosling on July 19th. Fred was for over 35 years a member of Burghclere tower and was elected a District member in 1934. He revived ringing at Burghclere during 1944 and in the ensuing years taught many people to ring, including a complete ladies band.

Although Fred did not ring many peals or methods he always insisted that Sunday service ringing and good striking were the most important aspects of ringing. A champion of the less able ringer, Fred donated a cup to the Andover District to be competed for by bands not experienced enough to ring methods.

As a final act of respect, Burghclere bells were rung half-muffled before the funeral service by the local band and a quarter peal of Fred's favourite method, Grandsire Doubles, was rung half-muffled during the evening of July 23rd by a District band: P. Watts 1, D. Goss 2, G. Dodd (cond.) 3, T. Tarrant 4, M. Goss 5, P. Murduck 6.

COMPOSITIONS

5,040 ISLEWORTH SURPRISE ROYAL

Arranged by JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM

23456	M	W	H
54632	—	—	
43265	—	2	3
42635		—	2
45236	2		—
25346		2	—
35426		2	—
23456		—	

First rung at Isleworth, Middx, on July 10th, 1969.

6,048 HUNGER HILL SURPRISE MAJOR

By C. K LEWIS

23456	M	W
52436		—
34625	—	—
26543	—	—
45362	—	—
63254	—	—
56234		—
32465	—	—
63425		—
24536	—	—

Twice repeated.

To reduce to 5,120, call one part

23456	M	B	W
63254		X	—
56234			—
32465	—		—
63425			—
24536	—		—

5,312 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

By D. G. LAWSON

23456	1	2	3	4	5	6
34256						—
375246	—	S				
32564			—			3
52634	—					2
32654	S					3
45236	—			—		
53246	—					3
36245	—			—	—	
23645						2
63425	—					2
32465	—					3
25463	—			—	—	
43256				S	—	
32456						—

Repeat the whole; contains the 144 combination roll-ups and "Whittington". May be rung as a 5,088, containing 136 combination roll-ups by omitting any three bobs at 6 in one part.

5,472 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

By JOHN R KETTERINGHAM

234567	W	V	H
352746	1s		
623547		—	(2)
36254	(3)		(—)
26534	2		—
32564	—		

Repeat ×5.

Reduce to 5,024 by omitting any two blocks of 3W, or by omitting bracketed bobs in one part.

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EXPO BELFRY IN SUFFOLK

GLORIOUS SUNSHINE AT LONG MELFORD.—OVER 62,000 PEOPLE—ONE BROKEN STAY AND A LOT OF FUN

By GEORGE W. PIPE

FOR nearly two years the Sudbury and District Olde Tyme Rallye Committee had been planning a mammoth exhibition in the beautiful grounds of Long Melford Hall, the home of Sir Richard Hyde-Parker, for the week-end of June 28th-29th. Its prime object was to raise a substantial sum of money towards the £50,000 restoration of one of England's greater parish churches, Holy Trinity, Long Melford, Perpendicular gem of the East Anglian wool country. In addition it would be an opportunity for Suffolk and surrounding counties to view and enjoy on one acreage some of the finest (and numerically largest) exhibits of Veteran cars (including "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang"), steam engines, Vintage commercial vehicles, aeroplanes, tractors and farm implements. There would be exhibits by preservation societies, trade stands, Morris dancing, rural arts and crafts (but not, unfortunately, as the distressed son of one of our District secretaries observed, any mammoths at all!).

Leslie Mills, that energetic personality in the S.W. District and living near Sudbury, started to get keen about all this and said: "Why not a ringing exhibition as an ancient craft?" He said it again a little louder, then louder still, and the committee started to bite. And so it was that last summer the seeds were sown and plans made to show the Whitechapel Expo Belfry at the Sudbury Olde Tyme Rallye. And to quote our good friend from Norwich Cathedral, sometime President of the Central Council: "What a **splendid** idea and so convenient to Norfolk!"

PLANNING

The amount of preparation in an exhibition of this dimension is enormous, and it's fair to say that not until the actual day did we in the Suffolk Guild fully realise just what a task Leslie and his wife, Emily, had undertaken. But it was carried out in a most efficient manner and there is no doubt that the belfry provided a really impressive shop window for the Art.

After the engineering side had been settled the small working committee were then faced with the task of deciding how the ringing should be undertaken and by whom. Not an easy one! But uppermost in our minds was the fact that this was primarily a demonstration of the Art—completely open—to a very large and interested and perhaps (?) critical public. Thus a compromise was reached to provide the fairest and most comprehensive programme possible.

Twenty-four ringers were asked from our own Guild (three eights), representing the five Districts and including ladies, youth and clergy. In addition each of our surrounding Guilds, the Peterborough, Bedford, Kent, Ely, Norwich, Essex and University Associations were invited to send one band each for a programmed ring during the week-end.

Doubtless of the many ringers who came to Long Melford one or two may have been disappointed and we naturally regret this, but we are convinced that the best possible exhibition was given by this arrangement. However, to minimise disappointment "open" ringing was organised from 8–9 p.m. on each of the two evenings.

TREVOR BAILEY ON SITE

A mixed band from Henley and Bures spent the whole of the previous Saturday on the show ground erecting the campanile. T. N. J. B., after fortifying himself with suitable refreshment, was soon supervising the hanging of the bells. There is a saying in Suffolk that "Yew carn't work on water." How true and how well proven! This provides an opportunity to thank Trevor and his "guv'nors" for their first-rate co-operation during this exhibition.

On Friday evening, June 27th, the job was completed and those that could manage it motored over to Melford and spent a 1½-hour practice at the belfry. One solitary stay was broken and this proved to be the only one during 15 Expo-hours of the week-end. "And that," as one Norfolk worthy from you-know-where observed, "must ha' bin a bit o' forren ash!"

GILBERT THURLOW "RINGS IN" THE ACTIVITIES

We must be an honest-to-God people in East Anglia—a 95% outdoor exhibition and glorious sunshine the whole time. Bright and early on the Saturday for the 10 a.m. start stood a well-known (not too vintage) Canon, and what a delight for us to have A. G. G. T. ringing in the opening touch of Stedman Triples.

The programme then took the form of ringing a touch approximately every half-hour or more frequently if the occasion demanded, interspersed with tune ringing by the Henley Handbell Ringers. A microphone was provided for short explanations to the crowd—often eight or ten deep—and some of our attractive young lady ringers with red and gold Guild sashes mingled with the onlookers whilst the ringers themselves answered questions whenever possible.

Four visiting bands rang "on the hour" during the afternoon, those from Essex University, Bedford, Peterborough and Kent, the Bedfordshire people ringing a commendable half course of Cambridge. The Suffolk ringers finished the day with a quite fair course of London at 8 p.m. and then approximately 50–60 ringers took advantage of the open hour to ring a variety of methods and call-changes.

A pretty exhausting day and, of course, plenty to see on the show ground as well. Visitors were also able to ring at various towers en route to Long Melford and at the Parish Church itself.

Another side attraction was George Elphick's excellent model bell foundry, looking very well alongside models of every description—trains, silk-weaving looms, boats, etc.—and manned by the expert, Ranald Clouston.

SUNDAY CROWDS

The 20,000 gate of Saturday was more than doubled on the Sunday, June 29th, and an even fuller day's ringing undertaken. It was hot and the organisers are to be congratulated in planning the refreshment tent next to the belfry.

The Parish Church bells were again open for Matins and for the Expo we had the pleasure of bands from Ely, Norwich and Essex. It was almost continuous hand- and tower bells for most of the day, with tremendous interest from the public. The Norfolk and Essex bands each rang good half courses of Yorkshire, and there's no doubt about it the whole octave handled and sounded very well indeed, and with a little practice some really top class ringing could be achieved.

Again there was an hour's open ringing in the evening, the key to its success being control, coupled with trying to provide something for everyone.

A SUCCESSFUL VENTURE

Thus Expo had done its stuff once again and we were rather sorry to think that it would be dismantled so soon and sent north to foreign parts. Would've been nice to have rung Heywood's Double Norwich on them!

The Suffolk Guild owes its thanks to the Mills family, to Howard Egglestone, the Ringing Master, and to Rev. Lawrence Pizzey for secretarial work; certainly to the tireless and well-nigh faultless Henley handbell ringers, the Whitechapel Foundry and the pretty Guild mascots, and to everyone who co-operated in any way.

The financial result is not yet known but it is believed to be in excess of a clear £5,000 for Long Melford Church.

A red-letter day for Suffolk indeed!

TECHNICAL

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART

A LOOK AT THE MASTERPIECE FOR THE BENEFIT OF YOUNG CONDUCTORS AND OTHERS

By EDGAR C. SHEPHERD

WHEN J. J. Parker's 12-part peal of Grandsire Triples appeared in "The Bell News" in 1892 it was rung twice in that year, but it was some time before this masterpiece of construction received the recognition due to it. As first published it had the 6th as observation bell and part-ends alternately 765 and 567. As first composed (we are told) it had the 7th as observation bell and part-ends alternately 657 and 567. It is in this form that it is perhaps better known to conductors today.

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  234567
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— 752634
  765423
  746352
— 237546
S 562437
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  546723
— 375246
  327654
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The object of the present essay is to look at the peal and to draw attention to one or two points that may have been overlooked but which may be useful to the young bob-caller. For this purpose we shall examine one of the parts; and seeing that all the parts are called exactly alike, any observations we may make on one part will probably, with intelligence, be able to be applied to all the other sections.

We will ask the Editor to be good enough to print one part in full, for although the conductor will doubtless have the part somewhere, the setting out alongside the text may make reference easier.

The figures show the 30 leads of the first part. If this part is five times repeated it will come round at the half peal. If a single is called for the last bob of the sixth part, 324567 will be produced. The calling of six more parts with a single at the end will give the whole peal. It should be noted that in the first half the front bells run 423, 342, 234, 423, 342, 324, and in the second part 432, 243, 324, 432, 243, 234. The bells in 56 at the part-ends are alternately 65 and 56.

First of all the single at the fifth lead should be carefully observed. It is this that turns 5 and 6 in each part. If a bob were called instead of a single the first part-end would be 423567 and we should automatically be transferred from Part 1 to Part 4 and (an important point) to precisely the same lead in Part 4. This observation is not of merely theoretical interest, it has a practical application when we look at possible variations of this peal and its use for making quarter peals.

The conductor should note, too, that the half-way single could be called at the end of any one of the first six parts, provided that it was also called at the corresponding part-end in the second half.

Now let us look at one or two helps to the safe conducting of this splendid peal.

1. **The Opening.**—We have to call 7 in and out at 3. Do not be tempted to rely on memory for these three leads. Note that you call 7 out of the hunt when 23, which were hunt bell and 3rds place bell at the part-head, come down before the treble again. Where you start from 423 it will be 42, and where you start from 342 it will be 34, and so on.

2. **The middle of the part.**—If you look at lead 18 you will see that it is 234576. This means that the 18th lead of each part will give a lead-end the same as the part-head **except that the two back bells are reversed**. This gives an easy and important check on the ringing.

And it means more than this. An examination of leads 10 to 21 of Part 1 will show that for these 11 leads 3 and 4 are coursing in their plain course coursing order. Thus, in any part, the bells in 34 at the part-head will be coursing thus from leads 10 to 21. In Part 2 it will be 23, in Part 3 it will be 42, and so on. It is found in some bands that the long courses are more likely to be afflicted with a change-course than the ones broken by bobs; the checking of this coursing order, while not very difficult, is therefore valuable.

3. **The bob block.**—This is merely the insertion of three leads by the well-known device SBBS. Note that if instead of calling a single at the 23rd lead the conductor called a bob the 26th lead would be produced immediately and the part would be three leads shorter. The important thing in the peal is to make sure that you call the right number of bobs between the singles; and here again it is unwise to rely on memory. Note, instead, the two bells down in front of the treble at the first single, and call bobs until these two bells again come down (albeit in a different order) before the treble once more. One of these two bells will always be 6 or 5.

One last reminder. For the half-way single 32 will have to be on the front and 567 coursing 6-7-5. This should not give much trouble. But in the second half take care to ensure that the final single comes when 23 are again on the front and 567 once more coursing 6-7-5. I hope we are not labouring this point too much. It has, however, been not unknown for a young conductor to anticipate the last single, to his own discomfiture and the non-amusement of all those present!

We may perhaps conclude this thesis by remarking one or two features of this masterpiece, and we do so, we hope, without being thought to tamper with a great classic or to mutilate a fine work of art.

Part 1 of this peal makes a very attractive touch of 409 if the last call is omitted. By omitting the bob block (see above) the touch may be shortened by three leads.

The 11th lead of Part 1 will be seen to be 753246. If a single is called at the next lead the bells are immediately in the plain course and will run round two leads later, giving a touch of 196.

If a bob is called at the 17th lead (the lead after 276453) the row 342576 will appear. This comes round in four leads by bob at 1 and single at 3.

It is well known that if Parts 1 and 2 are rung and Part 3 is rung with a bob for single at lead 5 an attractive quarter peal is obtained.

It may also be noted that by calling the three parts with bob for single at 5 **in each part** another 1,260 may be rung—not perhaps so good as the first one given.

Part 1 of the peal may well be said to share with Part 7 the best music of the 5,040, but all the parts have their attractions. For those who would like their quarter peal to have the best music at the end we venture to suggest a trial of the following 1,259. It is quite easy.

1. Call Part 1 with a bob at 5 and a single at the end of the part. This will give 243567.

2. Call the next part with a single at 5 and a single at the end of the part. This will give 234657.

3. Call the third part with a bob at 5. There will be no call at the end of this part because the bells will run round at handstroke the lead after 357264. The choicest music will be enjoyed in the third part, which is, in the main, Part 1 of the peal.

The importance of the single at lead 5 has been emphasised above. By a judicious substitution of bobs for these singles in certain parts the peal may be rung in a number of variations. One of these has part-ends 423657, 342657, 234657, 423567, 342567, 324567 (repeated), and other modifications could be improvised. Some of them might possibly get so far from the original plan as to make it unrecognisable, and for this there could be little justification. We may probably say with confidence that there are no better manifestations of this peal than the form in which the great master of composition published it and the popular variation with the 7th as observation.

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EXPO BELFRY AT SALTBURN

FIVE PEALS AND TWO QUARTERS

Five peals and two quarters were scored on the Expo bells at Saltburn, such was the ringing success of the week. The first peal of the week, one of Yorkshire, was almost lost when a flock of geese made a determined effort to break into the rope circle. This peal was followed on successive days by another of Yorkshire and peals of Kent, Plain Bob and Double Norwich. One of the two peals which were lost was due to midge seeking refuge in a ringer's ear. The first of the quarter peals was rung by the local band, including several first pealers, and was timed to coincide with the Apollo 11 splashdown, it having been dedicated to the intrepid lunarnauts.

The overall standard of ringing was quite high, with steady and confident striking by nearly all bands. With a mixture of pride and relief the full stock of stays was returned to Whitechapel without breakage.

About 150 ringers visited Saltburn and almost without exception they were able to ring as long as they wished. In addition to the visiting bands we were pleased to welcome lone ringers from all over England and Wales.

Due to a break in the line of communication the organiser, Peter Sotheran, with a press-ganged non-ringer as cq-driver, had to make a 570-mile overnight trip to Sudbury to collect the bells. On their return early on Friday afternoon work was commenced on erecting the tower and completed in about eight hours. Saturday morning saw Trevor Bailey on the site early, and within eight working hours the bells were hung and ringing — dead on schedule.

POOR PUBLIC SUPPORT

Despite tremendous support from the local press and both regional TV channels, public support — essential to finance the venture—was disastrously poor. After five days only 75 people had paid to enter the site although many more came out of curiosity and used a nearby hill to gain a free grandstand view. By the end of the week it was estimated that 1,200 people saw the display and about half of these supported the venture financially. A gross loss in the region of £70 was almost halved, thanks to the generosity of local traders, but Saltburn and Marske ringers are naturally very disappointed as several repairs and renewals must now go by the board.

We would like to express our thanks to all those people who did support our Expo venture, particularly to those ringers and non ringers whose practical and financial help made the week a ringing success.

P. S. S.

5,248 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

By ALAN M. BARBER

1	4	5	6	23456
	—		3	63254
	—	X		64235
—			3	43265
—			3	36245
—			2	26435
S		A		42365
			2	34265
	—	X		35246
—			3	54236
—			3	43256
—			2	23546

Repeat.
A = bobs at 2, 3, 4, 5, 7.
Reduce to 5,024 by omitting any three bobs at 6.

OSSETT RINGERS' ENTERPRISE

Ossett, Yorks, ringers by a sponsored walk of 22 miles and ringing at nine towers raised £80 towards the cost of noise control in their tower. Walkers and helpers in the photograph outside Thornhill Church: back row (left to right) — D. S. Lockwood, D. Tidball, D. Shires, H. Wood, E. Robinson; front row — M. Johnson, M. White, P. A. Lockwood, J. Ward, D. Scargill.

APPROXIMATELY £80 towards the cost of providing shutters for the belfry of Ossett Parish Church is expected to accrue from a sponsored walk on July 19th in which five ringers covered 22 miles and rang for roughly 15 minutes at each of nine towers, totting up over 1,000 changes. Four of the five—David S. Lockwood, Michael Johnson, Eric Robinson and Margaret White — completed the course in a total walking time of six hours. Thirteen-year-old Pamela A. Lockwood stuck it until the last two miles when she had to retire through fatigue after ringing at Earlsheaton.

The walk was started off from Ossett Parish Church at 9.10 a.m. by Ald. Arnold B. Glover (Vicar's warden), who donated £5 towards the cost of refreshments for the walkers en route. Walking started off at a good pace and soon St. Peter's, Horbury (8), were hearing the bells peal out.

By 10 a.m. the walkers pushed on along Healey marshalling yards to St. Michael and All Angels', Thornhill (6), where they were just in time to ring a 240 Oxford Treble Bob Minor before a wedding which was taking place at 11 a.m. Here a photographer who was busy taking the wedding groups snapped the ringers as well.

The walkers could now take things easier as time did not matter. The subsequent churches visited were St. Mary's, Mirfield (10); Christ Church, Liversedge (8); St. Peter's, Birstall (8); All Saints', Batley (8); All Saints', Dewsbury (8); St. Peter's, Earlsheaton (8); and finally the home tower, Holy Trinity, Ossett (10), which was reached by 7.45 p.m.

A total of 313 steps were climbed to the nine ringing chambers. Gratitude is expressed to the band of helpers who raised and lowered the bells at each tower visited. A well-known ringer in the Barnsley area, Chris Moxon, spliced two ropes at St. Mary's, Mirfield, in record time so that ringing could be had on all the ten bells. Two members of the local St. John Ambulance Brigade were available throughout the day but were not required even to give the magic sponge.

D. S. L.

5,184 SPILSBY SURPRISE MAJOR

By DENNIS KNOX

23456	M	W	B
(35426)	—		X
(45236)	—	—	X
34256		—	
(34562)		—	X
(46325)			X
(62345)	—		X
(24653)			X
(24536)		—	X
(43265)			X
23564	—		

Twice repeated.

Letters to the Editor

CENTRAL BELL RESTORATION FUND

Dear Sir,—Three cheers for "Counsellor" (page 599) and especially for his remarks about a central bell restoration fund. A number of Associations are waking up to the fact that their funds could be earning far better interest, with tax advantages as well, and are changing their investments; but there must still be a lot of mouldering money around.

To my mind, though, a much more important consideration is the amount of money that does not find its way into **any** bell restoration fund. How many towers do not bother with a permanent restoration fund because the value of money is going down so quickly, and they don't know how (or can't be bothered) to invest it properly, with the tax relief to which a charity is entitled? How many individuals do **not** make regular donations (or give legacies) to a bell restoration fund because it is not publicised enough or because their own church does not have one?

A central fund could overcome all these disadvantages. It could easily register as a charity. It could arrange its investments either through the Central Board of Finance of the Church of England or through certain unit trusts which have been created especially for charities, and would automatically get all the appropriate tax concessions. It could easily get regular publicity (e.g., a weekly small ad. in the "R.W."). It could arrange for money (and the income from it) to be earmarked for a particular tower or Association, if requested by the donor. (One of the special funds could be for the "ringers' own" campaniles sited in remote places, for peals and practice, which have sometimes been mooted.)

In short, there seem to be some big potential benefits from a central fund; "Counsellor" mentions problems—what are they? The biggest one I can think of is who will give up their time to run the scheme? True, a problem, but the manager(s) would be entitled to reasonable administration expenses, and I should think arrangements could be made for the Central Board of Finance of the C. of E. (or the unit trust managers) to do much of the routine of deposits and withdrawals.

At the very least perhaps we could have an article written by a financial or legal expert, explaining in simple terms exactly how to register a bell restoration fund as a charity and assessing the investment possibilities for charitable funds.—Yours sincerely,

B. J. COUZENS.

Saffron Walden.

GRAHAMSTOWN BELL FRAME

Dear Sir,—I paid a visit to Grahamstown recently with the intention of doing some work on the bell frame, preliminary work with the ultimate object of making those bells ringable. The project was first mooted by Geoffrey Armitage when he was in S. Africa 18 months ago, and the Dean is most interested in getting the bells put in order.

I went equipped with a ¾" drill and tungsten bit, and hoped to secure the frame to the walls by means of ¾" rawlbolts and lengths of ½" reinforcing iron with suitable fitments welded on each end. I had inspected the tower in 1962 and should have remembered, but didn't, that it is built of stone, and this proved too hard for my bits to penetrate. I intend to go to Grahamstown again in January next year with equipment which will deal with the situation and meantime I have taken some useful measurements.

I found an entry in the visitors' book which will be of interest. It records the visit in April this year by some members of the Warner family who had come to have a look at the bells "installed by our ancestors."—Yours sincerely,

CYRIL CHAMBERS.

Durban, S.A.

SELLING FOR SCRAP

Dear Sir,—Whilst one can sympathise with Mr. Lewin's views regarding the sale for scrap of Lancaster bells, it is not surprising that churches in financial difficulty take this course if no representations or protestations are made by local Ringing Societies.

The scrap value of bell metal at the moment is such that the church in question probably realised more by the sale than the cost of the original installation, and one can only hope that they received a fair price and the church funds benefited accordingly. The only way to ensure this is to sell the material into the trade "proper" and obtain a genuine market valuation.

It would seem that the local ringers were a little remiss if the bells were sold without their knowledge and would make it seem essential that all bands are represented on the P.C.C. to avoid any further repetition of such action.—Yours faithfully,

H. DAVID HOLLAND.

Wetherby, Yorks.

CENTRAL COUNCIL

Dear Sir,—Not since 1956 has there been available a full list of members of the Central Council.

During the ensuing years many of those then members have been replaced or, more sadly, died, and the Council now includes several additional Associations.

A new Council commenced at St. Albans and it seems it could now be opportune to let the Exercise know who are now members by the publication of a supplement to the Handbook.—Yours truly,

R. S. ANDERSON.

Porthill, Newcastle,
Staffs.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Congratulations to Mrs. P. Tomlinson

A glorious summer day tempted nearly 40 ringers to the meeting of the N. and E. District of the Middlesex Association at Ruislip and Pinner on July 19th, among whom were visitors from the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild and Surrey Association. A welcome was also extended to Mr. J. P. Partington, from Lancashire.

Ringing took place in the early afternoon at Ruislip, under the guidance of Mr. T. G. Hawkins, the final touch being for a local wedding.

Owing to the unavoidable absence of the Vicar of Pinner, himself a ringer, the service was conducted by Rev. A. Lee.

At the business meeting three new ringing members were elected, all from St. John-at-Hackney, viz.: D. Stokes, A. Beckett and D. Solly, whilst the provisional elections of Edgar C. Shepherd (Warminster), John R. Pratchett (St. Martin's-in-the-Fields), Michael H. D. O'Callaghan (Hayes), Robin Grant (Croydon) and P. J. Heritage (Wolverton) as non-resident members were ratified.

Congratulations were extended to Mrs. Phoebe Tomlinson, who completed 50 years' membership of the Association this day, having joined on July 19th, 1919.

Another long service member was present in the person of Mr. Charles Gray, late of Upper Clapton and now residing in Edgware, who was elected a member prior to a peal attempt at Upper Clapton on Boxing Day, 1912

It was reported that the bells of St. Giles-in-the-Fields continued to ring regularly for the Thursday mid-day service. Anyone in the vicinity of St. Giles', or able to make the journey, would be welcomed by Mr. T. G. Hawkins, who supervises ringing arrangements. The service is at 1.30 p.m. and ringing precedes it for half-an-hour.

Before a return was made to the tower the chairman, Miss G. E. Newcombe, proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicars of both Ruislip and Pinner, to D. E. R. Knights, K. Sanders and Mrs. Savory for the local arrangements and to Mrs. Bardsley and her helpers for a perfect tea.

E. H. K.

MISCONSTRUED

Dear Sir,—Isn't it strange how the most innocent remark can be misconstrued. In writing about ringing at Frant the thought of anything underhand just did not occur to me, only curiosity, and out of curiosity two of our ringers deserted us last Sunday morning and went to Frant, where they were allowed to ring.

I now hear that Alan Baldock has arranged a quarter peal there, so it would seem that I am out of touch or there has been a sudden change of heart.—Yours sincerely,

CHAS. A. BASSETT.

Wadhurst, Sussex.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
SEE BACK PAGE

REFLECTIONS ON A TUNE RINGERS' RALLY

The sun was shining strongly. Bells were being placed on the tables. Organisers rushed hither and thither. "Hello, which team? Oh yes, we've put you in the first half. Hope you had a pleasant journey." The occasion was the fourth annual rally of Handbell Ringers of Great Britain, being held on May 3rd at Nunnery Wood School in Worcester. Half-an-hour or so beforehand the committee in session was trying to evaluate the success of this new group of handbell ringers—33 teams present and only 14 at the first rally. They talked about dividing the country into regions but this was turned down; but it will come, won't it, Mr. Sharpe?

At last the rally started. The Mayor of Worcester said a few words, his wife smiled on us all and the Vicar of Randwick was soon announcing the first team, Ashton and District, who began with "The Dambusters' March". So the afternoon carried on with each of the first 17 teams ringing in turn. Some, I felt, cheated a bit by ringing more than one tune: but then the teams were all eager to show that they could ring. Ashton-under-Lyne Grammar School had two teams present. Ealing played as beautifully as usual. Ecclesfield's bass players showed their skills in "Melody in F" by Rubenstein. Norbury's team rang a piece by Mozart with much skill. Hunshelf dug out some laughs in their version of "In the hall of the mountain king", by Grieg. It was pleasing to see Silverdale (Lancashire) in action again. Thurlstone (Yorkshire) were missing and so also were Hebden Bridge, another big, "round-the-table, pick-them-up" team. The larger Northern teams dominated the first half with their larger sets, on the whole. Finally, Wentworth and District concluded the afternoon with "Jesu, joy of man's desiring" and a buffet tea (did anyone count the sandwiches eaten by the 500 or so people present?) was enjoyed.

Another batch of teams took over in the second half. Higher Walton, so vastly improved since their first appearance at Ashton-under-Lyne (second rally), started us off with Schubert's "Marche Militaire". Fred Sharpe (playing large bass bells, three- and later four-in-hand) and his Launton team rang in a style utterly foreign to the Northern ringers, as did also the Leigh Sinton ringers of Worcester. Not just content with four-in-hand ringing, they also had to swing their arms and bodies as well. It left us from the North somewhat wondering as to whether they were quite right-minded, but the noise created was, in its way, most effective. The Beltonians, of Leicester, created a stir by using a harmonium, but this allowed them to come up to date with "Monsieur Dupont", "Lily the Pink" and "Boom, bang-a-bang", at that time tunes in the "Top 20". Young ringers from North Worcestershire tried really hard and contrasted well with the noisy, brassy four-in-hand team from Sileby, Leicestershire. Many teams had to leave early to get home at a respectable time. Furthest to travel were the teams from Silverdale and Morecambe. Finally, a team from Winterbourne (St. Michael's), Gloucestershire, ended the proceedings with a rendering of "Farmer's Boy".

Was the rally really a success? Certainly the Offenham ringers had worked very hard to make it so, but the numbers appeared to be too great. Young ringers got a bit restless with the long intervals between tunes. The departure of so many teams couldn't be helped but it was probably upsetting for the latter teams.

Certainly the ringing was varied, both in the styles and tunes (77 all told), which were rung by 33 teams. I hope that regionalisation will come, although opposed at the moment. Chairman Bill Hartley, of Norbury, sowed the seeds at the first rally: now the fruit is ripe and bursting. Yes, tune ringing on handbells is certainly not a dying art. May we long continue to expand.

M. KING, Hunshelf leader.

PENN BRIDE FOR WOLVERHAMPTON RINGER

A truly ringing family wedding took place at St. Bartholomew's Church, Penn, Staffs, on July 5th, the bride, Miss Gillian Griffiths, being the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Griffiths, Cyril being the tower captain and his brother, Gordon, tower treasurer. The bridegroom, Mr. M. (Mike) Williamson, is a popular member of St. Peter's, Wolverhampton.

Gillian learnt to ring at Penn, and the tower keeper at that time had a regular job replacing the stay on the fourth: but nevertheless Gillian has become a very able peal and ever-present service ringer, also a very regular member of St. Bartholomew's choir.

Mike learned to ring on the 12 at St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, and it was in this tower that the couple first met and became more than just friends.

Not many bridegrooms can boast of actually ringing at his own wedding. This Mike did and, needless to say, all the Penn band plus ringers from St. Peter's and ringing friends from other churches in the area welcomed Mike to the ringing chamber.

During the afternoon a peal attempt of Stedman Triples was unsuccessful, but a quarter of Stedman was successfully brought round.

We are sure that all ringers who have been acquainted with Gill and Mike will join the St. Bartholomew's ringers in wishing them a long and happy life together.

C. F. W. E.

CORRECTIONS

The peal rung on handbells at Harpenden, Herts, on June 21st, and printed on page 591 was rung for the Hertford County Association and not for the Hereford Diocesan Guild as published.

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In the peal at Charlwood for the Sussex County Association the ringer of the tenor was Gilbert Wickens and not George Wickens as submitted and published in the issue of August 1st.

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In the peal rung at St. Mary Abbots', Kensington, for the Investiture of Charles, Prince of Wales, there are misprints of two names: ringer of 8 should be C. Montagu Meyer and tenor John H. Lott.

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QUARTER PEALS

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ABERGAVENNY, MON. — On July 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. J. Ward 1, G. Ward (cond.) 2, R. Stephens 3, G. Lewis 4, R Horsington 5, M. Roberts 6.

BUCKLEBURY, BERKS. — On July 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Carden 1, Miss A. Talbot 2, Miss J. Marshall 3, Miss A. Luckings 4, Mrs. P Lewington 5, A. Davis 6, C. E. Lewington (cond.) 7, Miss H. Lillywhite 8.

HARTLEBURY, WORCS. — On July 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. G. Key 1, E. Marion Key 2, S. G. Pick 3, Gillian Bosworth-Smith 4, J. P. Burton 5, P. R. Johnson (cond.) 6, A. W. Glazzard 7, S. W. Illidge 8.

NAZEING, ESSEX.—On July 6th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss B. Peacock (first in method) 1, B. Burton 2, C. Sams (cond.) 3, Miss H. Frost 4, R. G. Seymour 5, A. Peacock 6.

SOUTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St. Mary, on July 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Diane I Butler 1, Joy F. Butler 2, B. Brophy 3, B Butler 4, K. Croft 5, M. Butler (cond.) 6, C. Butler 7, A. Jackson 8.

UFFCULME, DEVON.—On July 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Webb 1, Mrs. A. Medley 2, D. Salter 3, T. Travers 4, M. Medley 5, R A. Welch 6, R. J. Dean (cond.) 7, R. Welch 8

WESTMINSTER ABBEY, LONDON.—On July 1st, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. Phillips 1, A. N. Stubbs 2, H. N. Pitstow (cond.) 3, A. R. Patterson 4, A. J. Frost 5, G. W. Critchley 6, M. P. Moreton 7, J. H. Crampion 8.

TO COMMEMORATE MOON LANDING

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.—On July 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Miles 1, R. P. Pearce (first of Stedman Triples "inside") 2, Canon A. S. Roberts 3, Marion L. Lidgey 4, T. J Bell 5, F. M. Bowers 6, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 7, D. Stephens 8.

CLERKENWELL, LONDON, E.C.—On July 20th, 1,273 Grandsire Triples: Elaine Wycherley (first on eight) 1, M. R. Wycherley 2, D. K. Woodward (first "inside") 3, L. Goodall 4, Rosemary J. Cotton 5, J. R. Pratt (cond.) 6, S. P. Darvill 7, A. D Polding 8. For morning service.

EAST DRAYTON, NOTTS.—On July 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles. Diana M. Mounsey (first quarter) 1 P. N. Mounsey (cond.) 2, S. W. Knights 3, D. W. Jack 4, R. G. Fanthorpe 5.

EPSOM, SURREY.—On July 25th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Yvonne J. Hough (first attempt) 1, S. R. Munday 2, P. J. Munday 3, Jill Oakshott 4, S. N. Mortimore 5, J. C. Davidge 6, T. Skilton (cond.) 7, Carol Martin 8, R. J. Talbot 9, Beverley Carr (first on ten) 10.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On July 25th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): R. Stainer 1, R P. Brotherston 2, Elizabeth Todd (cond.) 3, H. P. Yates 4, B. G. Butcher 5, M. J. Taylor 6

MARCH, CAMBS.—On July 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Goakes 1, P. H. Langton 2, D. Feek 3, W. Moore 4, A. Palmer 5, T. A. Bevis (cond.) 6.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On July 23rd, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: D. J. White 1, S. Mitchener 2, K. G. Price (cond.) 3, L. Townsend 4, D. Herring 5, A. Rogerson 6.

WEST CLANDON, SURREY.—On July 21st, 1,440 Minor (720 Cambridge, 720 Plain Bob): Mrs. J. May 1, Mrs G. Webb 2, J Bailey 3, P. Henry 4, J Maybrey 5, C. Webb (cond.) 6.

WORCESTER. — On July 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss R. Tailby 1, D. R. Morris 2, R Repton 3, D. R. Sayers 4, P. Cattermole 5, D. G. Franklin 6, D. Beacham (cond.) 7, F. C. Pugh 8.

IN MEMORIAM ROBERT C. HEAZEL

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX. — On July 12th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: F. Whitby 1, V. Tipton 2, Janice Flight 3, C. Sams 4, B. Burton 5, J. Aley 6, W. Aley (cond.) 7, L. Luck 8.

SAWBRIDGEWORTH, HERTS. — On July 17th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: W. Aley (cond.) 1, Janice Flight 2, A. Willett 3, C. Moore 4, J. Aley 5, R. Walker 6, A. Richardson 7, E. Rochester 8.

NAZEING, ESSEX.—On July 19th, 1,260 Doubles: Dorothy Wood 1, B. Burton (cond.) 2, K. Wood 3, C. Sams 4, W. Aley 5, A. Peacock 6.

FYFIELD, ESSEX.—On July 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor. J. Godfrey (first away from tenor) 1, F. Whitby 2, B. Burton 3, D. Riley 4, W. Aley 5, S. Clark (cond.) 6.

All rung half-muffled.

ADDINGHAM, YORKS. — On July 16th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: M. Wilkinson (first quarter) 1, G. Featherstone 2, R. Crabtree 3, M. Hillary 4, D. Featherstone (cond.) 5, G. Wilkinson 6. Rung for the golden wedding anniversary of the grandparents of the treble ringer and the parents of the 6th ringer.

ALDBOURNE, WILTS.—On July 27th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: C. Barnes (first on a working bell) 1, Heather L. Rouse 2, T. A. Palmer 3, T. R. Jones 4, A. G. Keen (cond.) 5, M H. Rouse (first quarter) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of William C. West, president of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, who died on July 21st.

ALTON, HANTS.—On July 20th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. Reed (first in method) 1, Catherine M. Law 2, Mrs. M. Chennell-White 3, R. J. Corke 4, G. Noakes 5, A. Kersey (first "inside" in method) 6, R. E. Finch 7, C. Chennell-White (first in method as cond.) 8.

ASH PRIORS, SOM.—On July 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Cornelius (cond. 125th quarter of Doubles) 1, F. J. Morris 2, T. Hancock 3, M. A. Arscott 4, R. A. C. Cross 5, F. Pike 6. For the church fete. Also on July 20th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: F. Pike (first Minor) 1, M. A. Arscott 2, F. J. Morris 3, J. Cornelius 4, A. W. Knight (first Minor "inside") 5, R. A. C. Cross (first Minor as cond.) 6. J. Cornelius has now "circled the tower".

BARKING, SUFFOLK.—On June 15th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: R. E. Lester (cond.) 1, L. G. Foster 2, P. S. Atkins 3, St. J. Perry 4, J. J. Prentice 5, T. W. Lockwood 6. For Diocesan Bishop's visit to preach at Bosmere Deanery Evensong.

BARROWBY, LINCS.—On July 13th, 1,200 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. M. Pinchbeck 1, F. Pinchbeck 2, G. Colborne (cond.) 3, T. Relf 4, D. Frith 5, A. Crawford 6. For flower festival Evensong.

BICKER, LINCS.—On July 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss W. Holiday (first quarter) 1, Miss V. Shaw (first quarter) 2, Mrs. R. Reynolds 3, W. B. Dawson 4, E. Pickering 5, P. H. Reynolds (cond.) 6.

BISHOPSTOKE, HANTS. — On July 13th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Ruth Alderson 1, Philippa E. Menniss 2, Linda V. Cull 3, J. P. Colliss (cond.) 4 T. John Frodsham 5, A. L. Guille 6. Also on July 27th, 1,260 Doubles (five m/v): Anna Tobias (10, first quarter) 1, Linda V. Cull 2, J P. Colliss (cond.) 3, T. John Frodsham 4, J. C. Hallett 5, A. L. Guille 6. Both for Evensong.

BRAUNSTON, RUTLAND.—On July 8th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minor: W. Taylor (first Minor) 1, A. Naylor (first Minor "inside") 2, Cynthia E. Barnett 3, A. Ellis 4, L. Atton 5, R. N. Scholes (cond.) 6. Rung for the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. Dow, visitors from Detroit, U.S.A., who were married at this church.

BRIDGERULE, DEVON.—On Sunday, July 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. J. Parker 1, H. W. Egglestone 2, Margaret Egglestone 3, A. E. Chilton 4, Margaret C. Snyder 5, M. H. Sindon 6, F. E. Collins (cond.) 7, Pamela J. Clifton (first on eight bells) 8.

BRIDPORT, DORSET. — On July 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. R. Hartung 1, D. B. Ellery 2, R. Haines 3, Helen Haines 4, M. J. Hiller (cond.) 5, A. D. Case 6. Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Jacky Newing and Mr. Ian Vialle, married at Bridport this day.

BUSHEY, HERTS.—On July 20th, 1,264 Pl. Bob Major: Jill V. Eastman 1, Anne E. Thompson (first on "inside" bell) 2, T. J. Clarke 3, V. W. Woolley 4, J. R. Southey 5, S. Kathleen M. Baldwin 6, D. A. Carpenter 7, R. Baldwin (cond.) 8

BUTCOMBE, SOM. — On July 25th, 1,260 St. Frideswide's Doubles: L. Bailey 1, R. Tutton 2, W. Willans (cond.) 3, W. Cocks 4, S. Bateman 5, P. Tutton 6. First quarter in the variant by all, and on the bells.

CHESTER-LE-STREET, CO. DURHAM.—On July 28th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Celia A. McArthur (first Major) 1, Heather M. McArthur 2, P. G. Pitt 3, D. I. Cobb (first Major) 4, J. A. Avis 5, N. V. Avis 6, B. W. Fairhead 7, A. G. Semken (cond.) 8.

CHISELDON, WILTS. — On July 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): G. A. Newman 1, F. G. Cook 2, Margaret Bowman 3, Ann Toomer 4, A. G. Keen (cond.) 5, C. Barnes 6. A birthday compliment to the conductor, and for the Feast of St. Mary Magdalene.

CLIFFORD, HEREFORDS.—On July 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. G. E. Lewis 1, Miss G. M. James (first "inside") 2, Miss E. Smith 3, E. J. Smith 4, C. A. Lewis (cond.) 5, D. H. Watkins 6.

COMBE FLOREY, SOM. — On July 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Cornelius (cond.) 1, F. J. Morris 2, T. Hancock 3, R. A. C. Cross 4, A. W. Knight 5, M. A. Arscott 6.

COTTINGHAM, YORKS. — On July 20th, 1,280 Lincolnshire Surprise Major: Maxine Johnson (first of Major) 1, Mrs. J. Pybus 2, A. Spivey 3, J. I. Booth 4, G. Pybus 5, C. L. D Munday 6, C. C. Brown 7, N. Pailing (cond.) 8. First in method 2, 3, 4, 5. For Evensong, and as a farewell to Rev. M. Anker.

CROYDON, SURREY.—At St. John-the-Baptist's Church, on July 20th, 1,250 Cambridge Surprise Major: E. Razzell 1, Christine Foster 2, Elizabeth Timmins 3, K. Fame 4, R. Stevens (cond.) 5, K. Taber 6, F. E. Mitchell 7, C. M. Foster 8. For Evensong.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—On July 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. R Inch 1, Janet A. Pullen 2, Mrs. R. L. Armstrong 3, Mrs. V. Copleston 4, G. C. King 5, J. Armstrong (cond.) 6, R. E. Copleston 7, T. J. Copleston 8. Rung to mark the marriage of Maureen Hart with Paul J. Bloomfield.

DAYBROOK, NOTTS. — On July 26th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): J. D. Scott 1, Susan O'Neill 2, R. Anthony 3, P. Hayward 4, A. King 5, A. Boulton 6. Rung as a wedding compliment to Bob Mardling and Elizabeth Gosling and to George Dawson and Elizabeth Fostre.

DURWESTON, DORSET. — On May 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Susan M. Corry 1, A. Hodgson 2, A. J. Paulley 3, A. B. Corry 4, C J. Corry 5, C. F. Longridge (cond.) 6.

EAST HUNTSPILL, SOM.—On July 17th, 1,320 London Surprise Minor: E. Dibble 1, C. T. Clarke 2, S. Brown 3, P. J. England 4, M. J. Stone (first in method) 5, J. Brain (first London as cond.) 6.

EYNESBURY, HUNTS. — On July 26th, 1,260 Eynesbury Doubles: A. K. Peck 1, P. S. George 2, W. A. R. Chamberlain 3, G. E. Bonham 4, R. D. Bellamy (cond.) 5, M. F. Stallard 6. Believed to be the first complete quarter in the method. Rung with best wishes after the wedding of David and Minyon Prescott, both Eynesbury ringers.

FELPHAM, SUSSEX.—On July 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Wake 1, Mrs. R. Wake 2, Patricia Clark 3, Janice Stiller (first "inside") 4, M. J. Wake (cond.) 5, W. Bristow 6. For Evensong. Also on July 20th, 1,440 Minor (Single Oxford, Plain Bob): Patricia Clark (first Minor) 1, Mrs. R. Wake 2, Anne M. Stevens 3, M. J. Wake 4, P. Stevens 5, R. Wake (cond.) 6. To mark the baptism of Alison Mary, daughter of Elizabeth and David Struckett.

FRISKNEY, LINCS.—On July 20th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor Miss C. Priestley (first quarter) 1, Miss V. Shaw 2, Mrs. R Reynolds 3, E. Pickering 4, A. E. Flatters 5, P. H. Reynolds (cond.) 6. A farewell to the Rev. G. O. Asson.

FULHAM, LONDON.—At All Saints' Church, on July 6th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Gwendoline G. Meyer 1, Deborah Bishop 3, R. D. Bing 4, E. J. Adams 5, A. S. Bishop 6, C. M. Meyer (cond.) 7, D. K. Woodward (cover) 8. For Evensong.

GRANTHAM, LINCS.—On July 6th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Royal: A. Crawford 1, Miss P. M. Cheesewright 2, Miss J. Hardy 3, Mrs. B. Hill 4, F. W. Pinchbeck 5, P. A. Slight (cond.) 6, J. Watson 7, D. A. Frith 8, B. Buttery 9, H. R. Woods 10. For Evensong.

HALESOWEN, WORCS. — On July 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Sluter (first quarter) 1, I Shilvock 2, L. Clissett 3, H. Shilvock 4, Miss W. Pretty 5, B. Ellsmore 6, M. Lashford (cond.) 7, E. Woodall 8. For Evensong, also a compliment to Rev. and Mrs. E. D. Coombes (née Bradley) and Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Darby on the occasion of their weddings; also to Rev. and Mrs. S. Lowe on the birth of a daughter.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX. — On July 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Whitby 1, V. Tipton 2, Janice Flight (first in method) 3, B. Burton 4, W. Aley 5, J. Aley 6, S Clark (cond.) 7, E. Rochester 8. For the wedding of Miss Dawn Cramphorn, granddaughter of Mr. W. Wheeler, tower captain.

HEREFORD. — At the Cathedral, on July 27th, 1,269 Grandsire Caters: Miss C. A. Sherwood 1 J. F. I. Turney 2, P. L. Hughes 3, Mrs. E. Pannell 4, A. E. Rushton 5, A. T. Winzate 6, T. E. Wood 7, N. A. Mattingley 8, M. C. W. Sherwood (cond.) 9, M. V. Powell 10. For Evensong.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On July 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. Henry 1, Mrs. P Bird 2, Miss D. Colcombe 3, Mrs. G. Webb 4, H. Colcombe 5, J. Bailey 6, C. Webb (cond.) 7, J. King 8. For evening service.

HEVER, KENT.—On July 20th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Miss J. Leppard 1, P. R. Everest 2, R. J. Everest 3, M. W. Thompson 4, R. P. Sherlock 5, R. W. H. Hayes (cond.) 6.

OBITUARY

MR. GEORGE LEWIS GROVER

During the discussions on the prospective constitution of the Guildford Diocesan Guild shortly before its formation at the end of 1927, John S. Goldsmith turned to Charles Hazelden to enquire the identity of the young man raising many well-considered issues. He was asked to stand on the executive committee, and thus commenced 30 years of service to the new Guild by George L. Grover, who died on July 24th after a short illness. He was Guildford District secretary from 1929 to 1938, general secretary from 1939 to 1958, treasurer from 1951 to 1958 and a Central Council representative from 1930 to 1953.

George, who was born on September 14th, 1897, learned to handle a bell at West Clandon shortly before the First World War, under the instruction of Frederick Bennett, but it was not until some years later that he became very active. Details of his first peal, believed to have been in 1922, are not to hand, but a beautifully-illuminated peal book gives details of the next 99. His second peal, one of Seven Surprise Minor in his own tower, was not until 1928, and his last was in 1957, bringing his total to about 150. The majority were Stedman Triples and Surprise Major.

George, who served the same firm of Guildford solicitors for 53 years, was involved in almost every parish activity and in particular he was Clerk to the Parish Councils of both East and West Clandon for 30 years; a member of East Clandon P.C.C., a school governor and secretary of a housing society.

A large figure, both metaphorically and physically, he was greatly missed in recent years at Guild meetings and will now be sadly missed in his own tower, of which he was captain for the 20 years to 1966. His presence twice a week since then, even though he had not been able to ring through ill-health, was a constant encouragement. George's definition of an ideal ringer was a quotation from the Book of Psalms: "He that sweareth unto his neighbour and disappointeth him not". Reliability, sound judgment and wise counsel, combined with resolution, wit and kindness, were the marks of this thoroughly Christian gentleman. The power of his voice when conducting or teaching was well known, but so equally were his generosity, understanding and perception.

Our deepest sympathies are extended to his wife and grandchildren, so soon after the death of his only son.

The funeral service was at East Clandon on July 29th, attended by a full church of relatives, friends and representatives of many organisations. The Guildford Diocesan Guild was represented by D. A. R. May (Master, a pupil of George), C. W. Denyer (vice-president and past Master), A. H. Smith (vice-president), T. Page (Ringing Master, Farnham District) and Miss Y. Eloie (secretary, Guildford District). Others present included Major E. J. Bragg (Aldershot), W. Savill (Stoke-next-Guildford, a former Guildford District Ringing Master), R. I. Vaughan (Brighton, formerly of Merrow), R. Walker (West Clandon) and Miss A. P. Warren (Merrow). During the service a course of Grandsire Triples was rung by D. A. R. May 1-2, T. Page 3-4, C. W. Denyer 5-6, E. J. Bragg 7-8.

MR. WILLIAM GREEN

By the passing of "Willie" Green, of Wath-on-Dearne, the last link with the old Minor method band has been severed. Willie was a quiet man with a placid temperament, a slow, drawling speech and a merry, twinkling eye. He was also an excellent ringer. He learnt to ring at Crofton, did a little in the Leeds area, and after moving to Wath became a member of that band. He proved to be a first-class method ringer and was a member of the band Albert Nash gathered around him in the 20s and 30s to try and advance ringing standards in Minor and, later, Major ringing.

This band rang peals of Surprise Minor, culminating in a peal at Rotherham Parish Church in 1931, at which Willie rang the 2nd, of 10,800 in 15 different 720s of Surprise Minor. He was also in Dan Smith's team which rang Spliced Minor in 35 methods in 1934. He also rang a great deal of Major, including Surprise, and was also very fond of Double Norwich. He seldom went wrong and was a very good striker.

The last years of his life were devoted to keeping the bells at Wath supplied with ringers, and quite a few owe their start to him. His exact peal total is not known but he rang 113 for the Yorkshire Association, of which he was a life member. The funeral service, at which the bells were rung, was held at Wath-on-Dearne Church on July 29th and was followed by cremation at Ardsley. A quarter peal of Wath Delight in his memory was rung on the Wath bells on July 31st. Willie was 82 and leaves a daughter and two grandchildren. H. C.

Merseyside ringers have suffered a severe loss by the sudden death of Mr. Terence Michael FitzGerald on July 20th after an operation at Liverpool Royal Infirmary. An obituary will appear next week.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

We regret to learn that Mr. Michael Fellows is very ill. His many friends wish him a speedy recovery.

A congratulatory peal was rung at St. Thomas', Moorside, Oldham, on July 19th, to Mr. George Mitchell, of Middleton, on completing 50 years of ringing.

Through the reader being in hospital and the Editor's failing eyesight a number of literals occurred in the peals in the issue of August 1st. These are regretted.

The peal of Stedman Triples rung at Carbis Bay, Cornwall, on July 5th, 1969. ("R.W.", page 591), was the first peal to be conducted by a lady resident in Cornwall and the first peal of Stedman Triples to be conducted in the county by a Cornish ringer.

The Chester Guild's handbell team who recently created a new record in 3-Spliced Surprise Maximus on handbells have been surpassed by John Mayne's Hertfordshire team with four methods of Spliced Surprise Maximus on July 28th. This was accomplished at the second attempt, the first, the previous week, going two-thirds of the peal. The ball is in your court, Bob!

The attempt to ring 12,000 Little Bob Major on handbells at Wheathampstead, Herts, on June 29th was not successful.

The ringer of the treble in the peal at St. Olave's, Hart Street (page 609), was Mr. Tony Lewis.

Mr. David Llewellyn has rung 150 peals for the Llandaff and Monmouth Association, not 50 as was stated in the Investiture peal at Llandaff.

In this holiday period a special request has been made that towers display prominently times of ringing, either by use of the Central Council Recruiting Leaflet or by other means.

Miss Frances Fairbank will be sadly missed by the handbell band at Cheltenham. During her four years there she rang nearly 50 peals. Her friends wish her every happiness in her marriage this month. She is to live in Epsom.

From Truro Guild we have received a peal in 69 Doubles methods. The band are wondering if this could be regarded as a compliment to Vat 69 years. Actually the peal was a compliment to Graham D. Carter, of Truro Cathedral, who was married at Chichester that afternoon.

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A 'MOONDAY' TOUCH OF STEDMAN

It must have been the result of too much moon TV that the conductor, after weeks of imploring a learner to "keep that bell off the big-'uns", suddenly shouted "Put your module in a higher orbit". The resultant improvement was impressive.

Thus it was that on the Friday practice at the "other tower" during rounds preceding Stedman the conductor asked if it was all systems go. Affirmative nods, and the count-down began: 3, 2, 1, zero, blast-off: Stedman Triples. Bob, 4th module make 5th space, 6-7 remain in orbit!

With true British grit the lunar touch continued for two orbits, when the order to Splash-down was given.

Somewhat shaken by these events, the crew staggered down to ground level, followed by the captain, the former to the decontamination bar at the Stables to imbibe a special brew of Aleonaut fluid designed to dispose of any possible bug which may have entered the solar plexus system, while the latter, apparently immune to such things, entered his Mini Motor Module and presumably headed back to his launching pad on the heights of Hove.

Maybe the American lady peal ringer, whom we expect shortly, will feel more at home in Brighton belfries?

BRIGHTON BELLE II.

THORNHILL CHURCH

On another page we give a picture of Thornhill Church and the Ossett walkers who rang there during their sponsored walk. This church dates back to A.D. 1100 and the tower is 16th century. The six bells were provided circa 1750, but so far only one peal has been recorded on them.

The east window is regarded as a second best to York Minster, writes D.S.L., and during the last war it was taken out and placed down Thornhill Colliery pit for safety.

A CROP OF RECRUITS FOR MONMOUTH

After an interval of five years, the Monmouth Branch of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association once again visited the Church of St. Basil, Bassaleg.

Here the ring of six are steel bells and were cast in Sheffield in 1866 by Naylor Vickers and Co. The bells sound surprisingly good and now "go" well, and everyone enjoyed a pleasant afternoon and evening at a tower so easily accessible to most parts of the diocese.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, Canon L. C. Bartle-Jenkins, and 16-year-old John Davies expertly played the organ before dashing off to do his paper round!

Tea was served in the Church Hall, and the ladies who had given and prepared this were thanked by Mr. Roger Shea. New members again abounded, being one from Grosmont, one from Chepstow and nine from Bassaleg.

Mr. Reuben Clench, Branch Master, thanked Canon Jenkins for his warm welcome.

Next meeting, Blaenavon, October 11th.

RINGERS WED AT GODALMING

Mr. Charles H. Kippin gave away his niece, Miss Rosemary Weal, younger daughter of Mrs. Weal and the late Mr. Alan Weal, of Merrow, at her wedding on July 26th at Godalming Parish Church. The bridegroom was Mr. John W. Hagley, younger son of Chief Supt. and Mrs. J. C. Hagley, of Godalming. The Vicar, Rev. Michael C. Brown, officiated and the organist was Mr. David Stannard.

The bride wore a full-length dress of white satin trimmed with guipure lace and a shoulder-length veil held in place by a headdress of sequins and pearls. Her flowers were pink roses and stephanotis.

Mr. Roy C. Hagley was best man to his brother and the groomsmen were Mr. Robert Phillips (bride's brother-in-law) and Mr. Graham Jeffs.

A reception was held at the King's Arms Hotel, Godalming. It was through a mutual interest in bellringing that the couple first met.

A RIDDLE FROM "IRISH BELL NEWS"

Tho' of great age.
I'm kept in a cage.
Having a long tail and an ear,
My mouth it is round.
And when joys do abound.
Oh! then I sing wonderfully clear.

Answer.—A bell in a steeple, the rope being the tail and the wheel an ear!

MINSTER-IN-SHEPPEY WEEK

Minster-in-Sheppey company have just held an open week, when the tower and bells were open for inspection. Nightly ringing demonstrations were given. Over 70 people visited the tower and some recruits have been gained.

The week included a peal—the first by an "all-Minster band" since 1886.

MANCHESTER CATHEDRAL AND ST. JAMES', BIRCH-IN-RUSHOLME, ANNUAL OUTING

This year's annual day out got off to a flying start at 8.15 a.m. from Manchester Cathedral on another muggy morning. All told there were 50 people and one dog, many Manchester towers being represented.

The weather soon cheered up on the way out of Manchester and the first scheduled stop was St. Giles', Packwood, a very pretty little church in a beautiful setting, with an equally pretty ring of eight (tenor 6 cwt.). Here a ladies' effort of Grandsire Triples was rung. After a touch of Stedman Triples rounds and call-changes were called for, and within half a minute so was a new stay for the second, but ringing continued without it. A whip-round for the stay and a sandwich lunch followed, and then to Warwick, where two towers were visited. At St. Nicholas' (8, 15 cwt.) we were told of a fine of 3d. per whole pull after "Stand" was called for, but this was kindly reduced to 1d. for visitors—what an incentive! Ringing here was not what it could have been, but this was certainly no fault of the bells.

Five minutes' walk from St. Nicholas brought us to St. Mary's, Warwick, with a majestic ten (24 cwt.) and a very spacious ringing chamber, full of old prints and photographs of famous ringers and bands.

Back to the coach for Stratford-on-Avon, where we had a very tasty tea at the Royal Hotel. Then on to the highlight of the day—Holy Trinity, Stratford (10, 19 cwt.), where the bells really sounded superb and went very well indeed. Here a half course of Cambridge on the back eight came to grief when the conductor apparently forgot where a half course ended! Thus some carried on going whilst others went into rounds (apologies to Stratford listeners). However, ringing continued at a pretty good standard; indeed I think it was the best of the day.

After a look around the church, and especially at William Shakespeare's grave, we continued to the coach and set off for home. Soon after leaving Stratford the heavens burst open; so when, as is the custom, we made our stop for liquid refreshments, we were accompanied into the pub by thunder and lightning. Good old wet Manchester was reached at 10.30 p.m.

Our thanks include Alan Ward and Betty Ormerod, who both did a grand job of organising, without a single hitch. "Roll on next May." M. M. and J. D.

A TEACHER HONOURED

The quarter peal at Pyworthy, North Devon, on July 19th, was rung by old friends of Mrs. Sargeant to mark her retirement after 43 years of devoted work at the little village school. The ringing was recorded by Mr. Jack Sargeant and photographs were taken by visiting Canadian relatives of Mrs. Sargeant, the occasion being of great interest in the village. The ringers thank Mr. and Mrs. Sargeant for their hospitality after ringing.

JENNIE AND DAVE'S PEAL WEEK

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

THIRSK, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St Mary.
On Mon., July 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

Ann Lawson	Treble	Paul A. Williams	5
A. Keith P. Poole	2	David A. Town	6
Jennifer A. Dunning	3	James W. Belshaw	7
Enid Lawson	4	John Pladdys	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by John Pladdys.
Rung as birthday compliments to Catherine A. Salter and John Pladdys.

HARTLEPOOL, Co. Durham.—At the Church of St. Aidan.
On Wed., July 23, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

Christopher I. Rowson	Treble	‡A. Keith P. Poole	5
*Jennifer A. Dunning	2	David A. Town	6
†Peter F. Town	3	Paul A. Williams	7
†David R. Cox	4	John Pladdys	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by John Pladdys.
* 25th peal. † First in the method. ‡ First of Surprise Major.

SALTBURN, Yorkshire.—At the "Expo" Belfry.
On Wed., July 23, 1969, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 4¼ cwt. in E

Christopher I. Rowson	Treble	Enid Lawson	5
Paul A. Williams	2	Peter F. Town	6
A. Keith P. Poole	3	John Pladdys	7
Kenneth Lawson	4	James W. Belshaw	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by James W. Belshaw.

WHITBY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., July 24, 1969, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 19 cwt. 11 lb. in E.

Enid Lawson	Treble	Paul A. Williams	6
*Jennifer A. Dunning	2	Stephen C. Wells	7
Ann Lawson	3	John Pladdys	8
†David A. Town	4	Michael Maughan	9
Christopher I. Rowson	5	James W. Belshaw	Tenor

Composed by W. E. Critchley. Conducted by Michael Maughan.
* First peal on ten bells. † First of Surprise Royal.

HARTLEPOOL, Co. Durham.—At the Church of All Saints, Stranton.
On Fri., July 25, 1969, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5184 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In six methods, being 992 Yorkshire, 960 Cambridge, 928 Lincolnshire and 768 each of Rutland, Superlative and Pudsey, with 143 changes of method Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in F.

Malcolm E. Johnson	Treble	John Pladdys	5
James W. Belshaw	2	*David A. Town	6
*Jennifer A. Dunning	3	Paul A. Williams	7
Enid Lawson	4	Christopher I. Rowson	Tenor

Conducted by Christopher I. Rowson.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise.

OTHER TOWER BELL PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

MANCHESTER, Lancashire.—At The Town Hall.
On Sat., July 12, 1969, in 3 Hours and 41 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5042 PRITTLEWELL SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 42 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in B.

David E. House	Treble	Ian M. Holland	7
Brian Bladon	2	David P. Hilling	8
Alan J. Frost	3	Richard E. Price	9
John N. Diserens	4	D. John Hunt	10
W. Eric Critchley	5	Noel J Diserens	11
Andrew N. Stubbs	6	Michael P. Moreton	Tenor

Conducted by David P. Hilling.

OLDHAM, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sun., July 13, 1969, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 35 cwt. 4 lb. in D flat.

Michael P. Moreton	Treble	David P. Hilling	7
Brian Bladon	2	F. John Nelson	8
Richard S. Starkie	3	D. John Hunt	9
Derek Butterworth	4	Richard E. Price	10
Andrew N. Stubbs	5	David E. House	11
John N. Diserens	6	Noel J. Diserens	Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe. (8709's.) Conducted by David P. Hilling.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LOXTON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Fri., July 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
42 extents, four callings. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in B flat.

Christopher R. Jenkins	Treble	Sheila Y. Jenkins	4
Steve Lucas	2	Martin J. Whiteley	5
Michael G. Bartlett	3	*Charles P. Wainwright	Tenor

Conducted by Martin J. Whiteley (14).
* First peal. First as conductor. First of Plain Bob Doubles by all the band
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Christine Whiteley.

LANGPORT, Somerset.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., July 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
42 extents in nine methods—Stedman, St. Simon, St. Martin, St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place, Rev. Canterbury, Plain Bob, Grandsire and Rev. St. Bartholomew—with ten variations and two spliced compositions. Tenor 15 cwt.

*Cecil T. Clarke	Treble	Mervyn A. Arscott	4
*Edwin T. Dibble	2	*Michael J. Stone	5
John Cornelius	3	Albert W. Knight	Tenor

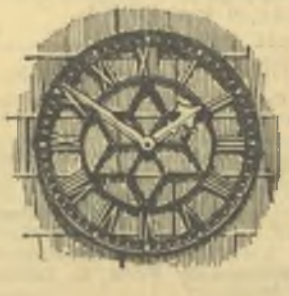
Conducted by John Cornelius.
* Most methods variations to a peal.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ELSTOW, Beds.—At the Abbey Church of SS. Mary and Helena.
On Mon., July 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in six methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Oxford Treble Bob, (3) Kent Treble Bob, (4) St. Clement's College Bob, (5) Single Oxford Bob, (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

Michael J. Down	Treble	Alan S. Smith	4
Martin Major	2	Alan D. Norman	5
Roy V. Webb	3	Lewis H. Bywaters	Tenor

Conducted by Lewis H. Bywaters.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Alan S. Smith.



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THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHILL, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., July 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents as follows: (1) Double Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Kent T.B., (4) Oxford T.B., (5) St. Clement's College Bob and Plain Bob, (6) Single Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in F sharp.

Michael J. Down	Treble	Jack S. Dear	4
Kathleen A. Marriott	2	*Alan D. Norman	5
Martin Major	3	Martyn J. Marriott	Tenor

Conducted by Martyn J. Marriott.
* First peal in seven methods.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., May 24, 1969, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

Peter Broadbent	Treble	Ronald F. Andrew	5
C. Kenneth Lewis	2	Brian S. B. Kear	6
Herbert M. Heaton	3	Gerald Moorhouse	7
Wyn Pugh	4	Michael Foulds	Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.
Rung in honour of the weddings of Mr. and Mrs. Alan Rothwell and Mr. and Mrs. Neil Bennett, which took place the same day.

BUNBURY, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Boniface.
On Sat., July 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

Gordon K Green	Treble	John Moore	5
A. Doreen Edwards	2	Frank R. Morton	6
David A. Godfrey	3	Geoffrey A. Edwards	7
Roland W. Morant	4	Harry W. Howard	Tenor

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Harry W. Howard.

BURBAGE, Buxton, Derbyshire.—At Christ Church.
On Sat., June 28, 1969, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being one extent each of Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Norbury, Sandal, London Scholars Pleasure, Kingston and Oxford Treble Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt.

*Susan Brocklehurst	Treble	Arthur E. Whiting	4
F. Martin Stanway	2	C. Kenneth Lewis	5
†Stuart Coutts	3	Frank Osbaldiston	Tenor

Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.
* First peal. † First in seven methods.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

LITTLEBURY, Essex.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., July 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and St Clement's Bob and three extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 8¼ cwt.

Alfred J. House	Treble	David Belcham	4
Stephan G. Halliwell	2	Frank B. Lufkin	5
Bernard C. Sadler	3	David Sloman	Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
First peal on the bells.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

STOKE D'ABERNON, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., July 28, 1969, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being an extent each of London, Wells, Bourne, Beverley, Surfleet, Norwich and Cambridge. Tenor 3 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

Jeffrey J. Bailey	Treble	Tom Page	4
*Jill M. May	2	*Peter Henry	5
*Christopher D. J. Webb	3	Douglas A. R. May	Tenor

Conducted by Douglas A. R. May.
* First peal of seven Surprise Minor.
Rung in memoriam George L. Grover, general secretary of the Guild 1939 to 1958.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BRIDSTOW, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Bridget.
On Sat., July 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. in A flat.

*Claudia A. Sherwood	Treble	Frederick R. Harris	5
Colin A. Lewis	2	‡†Michael V. Powell	6
†Robert A. Hatcher	3	Peter D. Sell	7
†§Peter L. Hughes	4	Marcus C. W. Sherwood	Tenor

Composed by A. Wilson. Conducted by Marcus C. W. Sherwood.
* First peal of Major and of Treble Bob. † First of Treble Bob Major. ‡ 50th peal for the Guild. § 25th peal.

GOODRICH, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Giles, Abbot and Confessor.
On Thurs., July 24, 1969, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods, being one extent each of St. Clement's Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B and three of Plain Bob.
Tenor 13 cwt.

*Claudia A. Sherwood	Treble	John F. I. Turney	4
Reginald G. Powell	2	Marcus C. W. Sherwood	5
Adrian G. Semken	3	George T. Cousins	Tenor

Conducted by Marcus C. W. Sherwood.
* First peal of Minor.
Rung to honour the successful completion of the Apollo 11 moon msision.

HEREFORD.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., July 24, 1969, in 2 Hours and 27½ Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
C.C.C. Nos. 21-27. Tenor 11 cwt.

Reginald G. Powell	Treble	Frederick A. Harris	4
*Claudia A. Sherwood	2	Peter D. Sell	5
†Valerie M. Edge	3	Marcus C. W. Sherwood	Tenor

Conducted by Marcus C. W. Sherwood.
* First peal "inside." † First of Plain Bob Minor.
Rung for St. Anne's Day.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

GREAT GADDESDEN, Herts.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Wed., July 23, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 14 methods: (1) Rotherslade Bob and Limeslade Court Bob, (2) Oxwich, Bishopston, Rhossili, Andover, Cheriton and Knelston College Bob, (3) Llanrhidian Court, (4) Thirlmere Court, (5) Margam Bob and Llanwern Court Bob, (6) Panteg Bob, (7) Langdale Court Bob, with 45 changes of method. Tenor 10 cwt.

Jean Dale	Treble	Peter T. Dale	4
Francis M. Byre	2	Andrew W. R. Wilby	5
*Kenneth J. Darvill	3	Brian J. Woodruffe	Tenor

Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.
* First peal in 14 methods. Thirteen of these methods are now rung in a peal for the first time, and this completes the naming of the 98 Plain Minor methods with a five-lead course.

Rotherslade:	56.14—16—16.	2nds 65324.
Limeslade:	56.14—36—16.	2nds 54632.
Oxwich:	56.14—36—36.	2nds 42635.
Bishopston:	56.14—1236—36.	2nds 42635.
Rhossili:	56.14—36.12.36.	2nds 42635.
Andover:	56.14—36—56.	2nds 42563.
Cheriton:	56.14—1236—56.	2nds 42563.
Knelston:	56.14—36.12.56.	2nds 42563.
Llanrhidian:	56.14—36.14.56.	2nds 35264.
Thirlmere:	—1456—36.14.56.	2nds 35264.
Margam:	—1456—16—36.	6ths 46532.
Llanwern:	—1456—36—16.	6ths 65243.
Panteg:	—1456—16.34.16.	6ths 34625.
Langdale:	—1456—36—16.	2nds 54632.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CHERITON, Kent.—At the Church of St. Martin.
On Sat., July 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 VORSTER SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in A.

Ann Jenner	Treble	Ralph Bird	5
Tony Lewis	2	Philip J. Simmonds	6
Margaret E. Oram	3	Ian H. Oram	7
Doris E. Colgate	4	Stanley Jenner	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Stanley Jenner.
First peal in the method by all the band, in the county and for the Association.

WITTERSHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., July 26, 1969, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob, each called differently.
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in E.

*P. Charles Sinden	Treble	*Rhian N. Bagshaw	4
*Rachel J. Sinden	2	Crawford T. Hillis	5
*Robin Elliott	3	A. Patrick Cannon	Tenor

Conducted by Crawford T. Hillis.
* First peal in seven methods.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HEPTONSTALL, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.
On Sun., July 20, 1969, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

Derek Butterworth	Treble	Geoffrey Cheetham	5
Michael Fishwick	2	Jeffrey Kershaw	6
J. Colin Ashworth	3	Richard S. Starkie	7
David Howarth	4	Neil Bennett	Tenor

Composed by R. Baldwin. Conducted by Derek Butterworth.

WESTHOUGHTON, Lancs.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.
On Sat., July 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

*James E. Andrews	Treble	Roy Jolley	5
Neil T. E. Burnett	2	R. Keith Lister	6
Albert Greenhalgh	3	†John Illingworth	7
James Cunliffe	4	*Geoffrey Fothergill	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Geoffrey Fothergill.
* 50th peal together. † 50th peal.
Sponsored peal rung for centenary of church by Sunday service band. Also a wedding compliment to Mary Hilton and Jeffrey Sawyer, formerly bellringers at this church, married at this church on July 19th, 1969.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

STANFORD-ON-SOAR, Notts.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Tues., July 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt 3 qr 18 lb. in F.

G. Ronald Edwards	Treble	Clive J. Mobbs	5
K. Paul Gilliver	2	Ronald D. Hughes	6
*Hilary F. Watson-Walker	3	Roger N. Scholes	7
*Trevor H. Kirkman	4	B. Stedman Payne	Tenor

Composed by Williamson. Conducted by Roger N. Scholes.
* First peal of Major First of Major as conductor.
Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Thurstan Ashcroft, of Upper Fern Tree Gully, Melbourne, Australia.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Thurs., July 24, 1969, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 MINSMERE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

G. Ronald Edwards	Treble	Martin Green	5
Christine L. J. Mills	2	R. Brian Mills	6
Monica M. Jelley	3	Rupert A. Clarke	7
David F. Moore	4	John M. Jelley	Tenor

Composed by Harry Poyner. Conducted by John M. Jelley.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of 3 and 5.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Kings' School Society.)
EATON, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Denys.
On Sat., July 12, 1969, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Comprising three extents of Kent and four extents of Plain Bob, each differently called. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in B flat.

F. W. Pinchbeck (1925–30)	Treble	†D. E. Leafe (1964–69)	4
*M. F. Mitchell (1961–68)	2	B. Buttery (1950–55)	5
P. A. Hill (1950–55)	3	‡P. A. Slight (1952–59)	Tenor

Conducted by Peter A. Slight.
* First peal of Minor. † First of Minor in two methods. ‡ 50th for the Guild.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th.

SEMPRINGHAM, Lincs.—At the Abbey Church of St. Andrew.
On Sun., July 20, 1969, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Comprising three extents of Cambridge and two each of Kent and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 23 lb. in G sharp.

*Bryan Ward	Treble	*David E. Leafe	4
*Susan Aveyard	2	*Brian Buttery	5
Peter A. Slight	3	Denis A. Frith	Tenor

Conducted by Denis A. Frith.
* First peal of Minor in three methods.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LLANDAFF, Glam.—At the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Fri., July 11, 1969, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. in E.

Mary Pryor	Treble	Donald G. Clift	6
David Bishop	2	Tudor P. Edwards	7
Stephen Fenwick	3	Alexander E. Marsh	8
Nicholas W. H. Simon	4	Michael R. Meadows	9
Michael Pilgrim	5	J. Michael Lakin	Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.
Rung to celebrate the centenary of the restoration and rehallowing of the nave of the Cathedral.

CAERPHILLY, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Martin.
On Sat., July 19, 1969, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's 12-part. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 lb. in F.

Thomas T. Yeomans	Treble	Alwyn R. Lewis	5
*Paul W. Thomas	2	William T. Petty	6
William H. Harford	3	Gwyn I. Lewis	7
M. Jack Pryor	4	William Dare	Tenor

Conducted by Gwyn I. Lewis.
* First peal "inside."
Rung on the 50th anniversary of Mr. William Dare's first peal, which was rung at Caerphilly on July 19th, 1919, to celebrate the signing of the Peace Treaty.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

WILLESDEN, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., July 24, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 SPILSBY SURPRISE MAJOR

Frederick Howson	Treble	Frank Reed	5
Joan Beresford	2	G. William Critchley	6
Claudia A. Critchley	3	Dennis Knox	7
Alick Cutler	4	Frank T. Blagrove	Tenor

Composed by Dennis Knox. Conducted by G. William Critchley.
First peal in the method. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

SPILSBY SURPRISE MAJOR
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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

BURTON-UPON-TRENT, Staffs.—At the Church of St. Paul.
On Sat., July 26, 1969, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

Frederick R. Wiggin	Treble	Barnabas G. Key	6
Sheila Parsons	2	Gordon H. Lane	7
Edward R. Fairbrother	3	Norman W. Attaway	8
Arthur E. Rowley	4	Frank Beech	9
*Alec R. Jones	5	Charles F. W. Eyre	Tenor

Composed by Sir Arthur Heywood. Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.
* First peal of Stedman Caters.
Rung as a wedding compliment to John K. Smith and Margaret Woolley. Tenor 28 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in D.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WIVETON, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., July 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Oxford and Kent T.B. and five extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

*Roy E. Smith	Treble	William R. West	4
John R. Smith	2	†Eric Durrant	5
Walter J. Ford	3	Sidney Marshall	Tenor

Conducted by John R. Smith.
* First peal. † First for 20 years.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(The Society of Roving Ringers.)
HIGH WYCOMBE, Bucks.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., July 19, 1969, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS

Audrey R. Alexander	Treble	Roy D. Mills	6
*†Caroline R. F. Cole	2	David E. Parsons	7
*Ian L. Dear	3	*Andrew J. Slade	8
Joyce A. Parsons	4	George E. Evenden	9
*†Michael B. Jefferyes	5	Donald E. Cobb	Tenor

Composed by J. E. Groves. Conducted by David E. Parsons.
* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First on ten bells.
The attempt was to have been Yorkshire Maximus but unfortunately Frank Lewis went to Reading instead of High Wycombe; Fred Ellis agreed to stand down Tenor 29 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in C sharp.

HUGHENDEN, Bucks.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat. July 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in F.

Arthur Newton	Treble	Sydney M. Bailey	5
*A. Reginald Blaby	2	Percy Newton	6
George W. Massey	3	Dennis Knox	7
†David A. Cornwall	4	*†Robert H. Newton	Tenor

Composed by S. Humphrey. Conducted by Robert H. Newton.
* First peal in the method. † 25th peal together.
Rung as a compliment to Meryl Newton, ringer at this church, and Donal P. Kennedy, who were married the previous day. Also a birthday compliment to the conductor.

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THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

OLD FLETTON, Hunts.—At the Church of St. Margaret of Antioch. On Tues., July 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each of Grandsire, Winchendon Place Bob, St. Nicholas Bob, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, St. Martin's Bob, St. Simon's Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in A.

*David J. W. Gadd	Treble	J Malcolm Tyler	3
Stephen B. Bell	2	Barry R. Care	4
David J. Morgan	Tenor		

Conducted by J. Malcolm Tyler.

* First peal

Rung for the Patronal Festival and to celebrate the remarkable achievement of man's first steps on the moon.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTH BRADLEY, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas. On Sat., July 19, 1969, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's 12-part. Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

*Kathryn F. Jones	Treble	‡Archibald T. Knight	5
Norman G. N. Knee	2	Reginald F. Jones	6
†Ruth M. Jones	3	Frederick S. Slatford	7
†Herbert J. Hunt	4	Ronald H. Lucas	Tenor

Conducted by Frederick S. Slatford.

* First peal. † First of Triples "inside." ‡ 25th peal.

Rung for the induction of the Rev. D. Burden.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

HOUGH-ON-THE-HILL, Notts.—At the Church of All Saints. On Sat., July 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Comprising the following seven extents: London, Hull, Beverley, Surfleet, Bourne, Cambridge and Norwich. Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.

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

Conducted by R. Brian Mills.

* First peal in seven Surprise methods.

ELSTOW, Notts.—At the Church of All Saints, On Sat., July 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Ten different callings. Tenor 9 cwt. 20 lb. in G sharp.

Ruth Blackshaw	Treble	Frederick G. Hooper	4
Paul Raithby	2	F. William Midwinter	5
Maurice W. Harrison	3	Harold Stevenson	Tenor

Conducted by Frederick G. Hooper.

Conductor's 225th peal.

Rung with the compliments of the band to Hilary M. Renyard and Ian J. Brown, married prior to this peal, also an 18th birthday compliment to Paul Raithby.

(And the Sherwood Youths.)

GEDLING, Nottingham.—At the Church of All Hallows. On Sat. July 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B. and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in G.

*Peter L. R. Hayward	Treble	*Frederick R. Barber	4
Susan O'Neill	2	David Stainsby	5
J. Richard Anthony	3	William L. Exton	Tenor

Conducted by William L. Exton.

* First peal in three methods

Rung as a compliment to George A. Dawson (Master of Sherwood Youths) and Elizabeth J. Foster, who were married at St. Leonard's, Wollaton, earlier this day

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

CHADDESLEY CORBETT, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Cassian. On Sat., July 5, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In five methods, being 1,088 Bristol, 960 Cambridge and Lincolnshire, 864 Rutland and 1,152 Yorkshire, with 72 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 16 cwt. 23 lb. in F.

Edward R. Fairbrother	Treble	Eric E. Speake	5
Stephen T. Yates	2	Michael Elson	6
J. Dennis Holden	3	Philip G. K. Davies	7
David J. Bates	4	Michael W. Fairey	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Philip G. K. Davies.

WOOD GREEN, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Paul. On Tues., July 23, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's transposition. Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb. in F.

*Stephen Yates	Treble	Philip G. K. Davies	5
*Elizabeth Timmins	2	Ian Friend	6
Edward R. Fairbrother	3	Robert A. Partridge	7
*David J. G. Bates	4	Clive M. Smith	Tenor

Conducted by Robert A. Partridge.

* First peal of Stedman Triples.

LITTLE ASTON, Staffs.—At the Church of St. Peter. On Fri., July 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in 12 methods: (1) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose and Bourne, (2) Durham, Beverley, Surfleet and York, (3) London, (4) Wells, (5) Beverley, (6) Surfleet, (7) Cambridge.

*Anita E. Foden	Treble	P. George Golder	4
*Anthea C. Fairey	2	*Richard G. Paxton	5
*John H. Allen	3	Michael W. Fairey	Tenor

Conducted by Michael W. Fairey.

* Greatest number of Surprise Minor methods to a peal.

Rung by the local band as a welcome to the parish for the Rev. and Mrs. W. V. G. Griffiths. Tenor 9 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

DEBENHAM, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene. On Sat., July 26, 1969, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

*Gina Carter	Treble	Neville F. Whittell	5
Alan M. Barber	2	Donald F. Murfet	6
Jennifer M. Whittell	3	Alan R. Andrews	7
Harry D. Lister	4	George E. Thoday	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Alan M. Barber.

* First peal on eight bells. Tenor 21 cwt. 48 lb. in E flat.

FORNHAM ST. MARTIN, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Martin. On Mon., July 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 6½ cwt.

Arthur F. Ballam	Treble	Christopher Nunn	4
Dorothy M. Durrant	2	Brian E. Whiting	5
*Amanda M. Richmond	3	Alan G. Feaver	Tenor

Conducted by Alan G. Feaver.

* First peal on an "inside" bell.

Rung to commemorate man's first landing on the moon.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CHICHESTER, Sussex.—At the Cathedral of the Holy and Undivided Trinity. On Sat., July 19, 1969, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Frank H. Hicks	Treble	†Geoffrey C. Rix	5
Edgar R. Rapley	2	*Philip Stevens	6
*Timothy D. W. Banner	3	John H. Hunt	7
E. Winifred Keys	4	‡Patrick M. Wills	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by John H. Hunt.

* First peal of Stedman. † First of Stedman Triples. ‡ First of Triples.

Rung as a 101st birthday compliment to Mrs. K. M. Monk, of Chichester. Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in E flat.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

LANDEWEDNACK, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Winwallow. On Sat., July 9, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being nine methods—Winchendon Place, St. Martin, St. Simon, Rev. Canterbury, Plain Bob, Newark, Antelope, Wollaton and Grandsire—and 60 variations. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in A.

Timothy J. Bell	Treble	F. Malcolm Bowers	4
Robert Peel Pearce	2	*Anthony Locke	5
Anthony J. Davidson	3	*T. Neil Hitchens	Tenor

Conducted by Anthony J. Davidson.

* Most methods/variations to a peal.

Rung as a compliment to Graham D. Carter, of Truro Cathedral, and Brigitte Hentschel on the occasion of their marriage at Chichester.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

HARTLEBURY, Worcs.—At the Church of St. James the Great. On Sat., July 19, 1969, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES

No. 13 Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in E flat.

*Valerie Keay	Treble	Ian Friend	5
E. Marion Key	2	Leslie Smith	6
†Grahame S. Keay	3	Alfred W. Glazzard	7
Barnabas G. Key	4	*Robert Greenaway	Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker. Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.

* First peal. † First in the method.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

DRIGHLINGTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Paul. On Mon., June 30, 1969, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 24 methods, comprising 384 each of Pudsey, Uxbridge and Yorkshire, 192 each of Ashtead, Bristol, Cambridge, Cassiobury, Cornwall, Cray, Double Dublin, Glasgow, Helmshore, Higher Walton, Ipswich, Jersey, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Ospringe, Radcliffe, Rochester, Rutland, Simonstone and Superlative, with 155 changes of method.

Graham Jones	Treble	Robert A. Beresford	5
W. Eric Critchley	2	John J. Durham	6
Michael G. Dodson	3	Ronald R. Warford	7
David Featherstone	4	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed by N. Smith. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

First peal of 24-spliced by all the band. Tenor 14 cwt. 16 lb. in E.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile. On Sat., July 5, 1969, in 2 Hours and 9 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 CASSIOBURY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

Christopher J. Easton	Treble	Peter H. Gardner	5
Robert A. Beresford	2	David Featherstone	6
John J. Durham	3	C. Barrie Dove	7
A. Pattie Clapham	4	Ronald J. Snack	Tenor

Composed by J. A. Reeves. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
First peal in the method by all the band and for the Association.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile. On Sat., July 5, 1969, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5184 ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

David Featherstone	Treble	Richard J. Chantler	5
Ronald J. Snack	2	C. Barrie Dove	6
Christopher J. Easton	3	John J. Durham	7
Ronald Crabtree	4	Robert A. Beresford	Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
First peal of Aldenham Surprise by all the band.

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter. On Mon., July 14, 1969, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5184 LINDUM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 4 lb. in F.

Belinda M. Gilbert	Treble	Peter H. Gardner	5
Robert H. Jordan	2	David Featherstone	6
Christopher J. Easton	3	Ronald R. Warford	7
Graham Jones	4	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. Speed. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
First peal in the method by all the band and on the bells.

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Francis of Assisi, Holbeck. (R.C.)
On Sat., July 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 PUTNEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in G sharp.

Belinda M. Gilbert	Treble	*Robert H. Jordan	5
*Ronald Crabtree	2	*David Whitehead	6
*Ronald H. Dove	3	*Christopher J. Easton	7
†C. Barrie Dove	4	*David Featherstone	Tenor

Composed by J. A. Reeves. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal in the method. † 375th peal for the Association.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints. On Sat., July 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 OSBOURNBY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt 1 qr. 15 lb. in F sharp.

Ronald Crabtree	Treble	Robert H. Jordan	5
Iris M. E. Lemare	2	Christopher M. Movley	6
Christopher J. Easton	3	David Featherstone	7
Allan Sheppard	4	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed by T. G. Pett. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Association.

CHAPEL ALLERTON, Yorks.—At the Church of St. Matthew. On Sat., July 5, 1969, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Cambridge S., Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

Norma Baker	Treble	David J. Baker	4
Gail Cater	2	Robert Cater	5
Margaret Warford	3	Ronald R. Warford	Tenor

Conducted by Ronald R. Warford.
Rung by married couples.

HANDBELL PEAL

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At 6, Ashwood Crescent. On Thurs., July 24, 1969, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5184 SPLICED SURPRISE MAXIMUS
In four methods, being 1,728 each of Ealing and Wembley and 864 each of Cambridge and Yorkshire, with 107 changes of method.
Tenor size 15 in C.

Alan McFall	1–2	Robert B. Smith	7–8
Neil Bennett	3–4	J. David Atkinson	9–10
Bernard F. L. Groves	5–6	Gerald Moorhouse	11–12

Composed and Conducted by Robert B. Smith.
This is the greatest number of methods yet rung to a peal of Surprise Maximus on handbells

QUARTER PEALS

HIGHLEY, SALOP.—On June 23rd, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: S. W. Illidge 1, S. G. Pick 2, R. B. Dorrington 3, Gillian Bosworth-Smith 4, R. C. Stevens 5, P. R. Johnson (cond.) 6. First quarter on the bells for 32 years. 25th quarter together 2 and 4. A 21st birthday compliment to R. B. Dorrington.

HILLINGDON, MIDDX.—On June 24th, 1,301 Stedman Caters: M. J. Palmer (cond.) 1, Ruby Fardon 2, F. W. Goodfellow 3, Claudia A. Critchley 4, I. Walters 5, Patricia A. Copas 6, W. R. Hare 7, R. A. Fardon 8, J. Hill 9, F. R. Scott 10. For St. John-the-Baptist Day.

LEEK, STAFFS.—On July 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Woodcock 1, R. A. E. Fairbrother 2, R. Heath 3, P. Warren 4, —, Fairbrother 5, M. J. Lovatt 6. First quarter 1, 2 and 6.

LEICESTER.—At All Saints' Church, on July 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Plant 1, G. B. Brown (first on an "inside" pair) 2-3, A. Cattell (cond.) 4-5. Rung on tower bells.

LEICESTER.—At St. Margaret's Church, on Feb. 7th, 1,282 Cambridge Surprise Royal: J. Bramley 1, G. A. Oiliffe 2, G. B. Brown 3, S. Bell 4, R. Hughes 5, W. E. Rawson 6, R. K. Mason 7, D. Massey 8, P. A. Mason 9, J. M. Jelley (cond.) 10. Also on May 11th, 1,282 Cambridge Surprise Royal: Nancy Bramley 1, M. Green 2, Joan Hooton 3, Dorothy Mason 4, Monica M. Jelley 5, S. J. Haines 6, D. Massey 7, R. K. Mason 8, P. A. Mason 9, J. M. Jelley (cond.) 10. Also on May 30th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Dorothy Mason 1, Judy Haines 2, A. R. Jones 3, P. A. Mason 4, M. Green 5, D. Massey 6, S. J. Haines 7, J. M. Jelley (cond.) 8.

LEYTONSTONE, LONDON, E.—On June 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sally Porter 1, Barbara Shaw 2, G. Walker 3, Mary Wilkinson 4, D. A. Tovell 5, R. Brown 6, J. M. Hills (cond.) 7, R. A. Poole 8. For the Patronal Festival.

LONG ASHTON, SOM.—On July 25th, 1,344 Spliced Surprise Major: Heather Kippin 1, P. J. England 2, Diana M. Bridle 3, S. Brown 4, J. Brain 5, P. Bridle 6, J. H. Gilbert 7, R. C. Kippin (cond.) 8.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On July 27th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): R. P. Brotherston 1, Judith Brooks 2, Elizabeth Todd (cond.) 3, H. P. Yates 4, M. J. Taylor 5, B. G. Butcher 6. A wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Neilson.

MADELEY, SALOP.—On June 5th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: S. W. Illidge 1, Gillian Bosworth-Smith 2, A. J. Molinoli 3, J. L. Humphries 4, S. G. Pick 5, P. Bryan 6, J. P. Burton 7, P. R. Johnson (comp. and cond.) 8. For St. Boniface Day.

MARTIN, HANTS.—On July 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. G. Coward 1, J. Baverstock 2, N. Bush 3, C. Kimber 4, P. Waterman 5, D. Kerly 6. For Matins, and to welcome Sheldon, born on July 12th to Irene (née Bush) and Alec Barwick, a grandson for the ringer of the 3rd.

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA.—At St. Paul's Cathedral, on July 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Bolton 1, Joyce Bills 2, J. Bills 3, H. Rossell (cond.) 4, Jennifer Murphy 5, R. Turner 6, M. Scowen 7, M. Lawrence 8. Also on July 23rd, 1,263 Stedman Caters: Margaret Aslett 1, Barbara Beeson 2, R. Turner 3, Jennifer Murphy 4, D. Roaf 5, D. Taylor (first quarter in Australia) 6, H. Rossell 7, M. Scowen 8, A. Bolton (cond.) 9, G. Heves 10.

MINEHEAD, SOM.—On July 27th, 1,296 Grandsire Caters: K. Lee (aged 12, first Caters) 1, A. H. Reed 2, Mrs. B. Bindon 3, R. F. Arscott (first cond.) 4, L. H. Arscott 5, G. Sparkes 6, M. A. Arscott 7, W. Nurcombe 8, F. Bulley 9, W. Middleton 10. For the christening of Emma Louise Chidgey, grand-daughter of ringer of 10.

NETTLEBED, OXON.—On July 24th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Grandsire, 660 Plain Bob): Mrs. C. Belson 1, D. C. Brown 2, Rosamund M. Brown 3, C. Belson 4, W. Birmingham (cond.) 5, R. T. Smith 6. For the institution of Canon R. Perfect to the living of Nettlebed.

NETTLEHAM, LINCS.—On July 13th, 1,320 Bob Doubles: Miss P. Frankland (first quarter) 1, A. Sinden 2, W. Booth 3, Mrs. M. Parker (first quarter as cond.) 4, M. H. Sinden 5, C. Nicoll 6. For Evensong.

NORTH FERRIBY, YORKS.—On July 26th, 1,320 Plain, Little and St. Clement's Minor: J. Hope (first Minor) 1, E. A. Johnston 2, K. Gatman 3, C. L. D. Munday 4, R. R. Horton 5, R. D. Gibson (cond.) 6. Rung for the Flower Festival.

OLD WOKING, SURREY.—On July 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jill M. May 1, Lesley J. Smith (first "inside" on eight) 2, A. Pamela Warren 3, M. J. Kirk 4, E. R. Warner 5, P. Henry 6, D. A. R. May (cond.) 7, J. J. Bailey 8. To commemorate Mr. E. R. Warner's first peal, one of Grandsire Triples, at Cranleigh on July 19th, 1919.

PAINSWICK, GLOS.—On July 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Canter 1, Pat Buckland 2, Sara Cornock 3, T. Pritchard 4, T. Witts (cond.) 5, T. Ashby 6, R. Cornock 7, R. Watts 8. For Evensong.

PAUL, CORNWALL.—On June 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Diane Carter 1, J. J. George 2, L. R. G. Taylor 3, G. W. Taysom 4, F. M. Bowers (cond.) 5, W. R. Curtis 6.

PIMPERNE, DORSET.—On July 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Susan M. Corry 1, A. J. Paulley 2, C. J. Corry 3, T. G. Bleathman 4, C. F. Longridge (cond.) 5.

PRESTEIGNE, RADNORSHIRE.—On June 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Ranford 1, R. Repton 2, F. Davis 3, D. G. Franklin 4, J. J. Stanier 5, F. C. Pugh 6, D. Beacham (cond.) 7, C. Brown (first on eight) 8. For Evensong.

RUGELEY, STAFFS.—On May 12th, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods): Lesley Danks 1, Gillian Bosworth-Smith 2, S. G. Pick 3, P. R. Johnson 4, C. L. R. Bainham (cond.) 5, S. W. Illidge 6. First in 11 methods by all the band. C. Bainham's last tower in Staffordshire.

RYTON, SALOP.—On June 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. G. Pick (cond.) 1, E. Marion Key 2, Barnabas G. Key 3, S. W. Illidge 4, P. R. Johnson 5. An affectionate farewell to the Rector, Rev. I. C. Bray, after an incumbency of 17 years.

ST. PETER'S-IN-THANET, KENT.—On July 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss V. Pursey 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, Ian Whorlow 3, Mrs. Firman 4, Rev. P. L. Baycock 5, G. Firman (cond.) 6. For Evensong, and a wedding compliment to Peter Blight and Elaine.

SANDY, BEDS.—On July 15th, 1,260 St. Swithun's Doubles variation: R. Mander 1, A. H. Smith 2, D. J. Goss (cond.) 3, A. S. Smith 4, C. Corby 5, A. Norman (cover) 6. For the Patronal Festival.

SMARDEN, KENT.—On July 13th, 1,340 London Surprise Minor: P. Staples 1, Pamela A. Court 2, R. A. Lucas 3, P. Richardson 4, B. C. Johnson 5, D. C. Manger (cond.) 6. First in method 2 and 3.

NOTICES

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FORTHCOMING WEDDING

SCHOLFIELD—HUNT.—The wedding between Peter and Katherine will take place at South Kirkby on Aug. 26th at 10.30 a.m. Bells available before and after. Ringing friends welcome. 7464

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

BALDWIN.—For one year, from September 4th, the address of John and Beryl Baldwin and family will be 6604, 44th Avenue, Hyattsville, Maryland 20782, U.S.A. Telephone: 301-864-6875. 7458

MUNDAY.—The address of E. J. Munday is now 135, New Bridge Street, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 2SW. Tel.: 26900. 7453

PERSONAL

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PRACTICE MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Branch.—Practice meeting, Shepton Beauchamp, Saturday, Aug. 23rd. Ringing 7–9 p.m.—R. J. Dean, Hon. Sec. 7462

CROSTHWAITE (near Kendal), Westmorland.—Practice: Thursdays, 7.30 p.m.; Sundays, 10.30 a.m. Visiting ringers and teams very welcome. Correspondence now to Kevin M. Price, 46, Claife Avenue, Windermere, Westmorland. Telephone: Windermere 2587. 7467

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Evening practice Friday, Aug. 29th, Danehill (6), 7–9 p.m. 7451

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. District.—District practice, Danbury, Wednesday, Aug. 20th, 7.30 p.m. All welcome.—R. J. Harrison. 7447

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Combined practices will be held at Warfield (10) on August 16th and Waltham St. Lawrence (6) on September 6th, from 6 to 9 p.m. 7745

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Evening practice, including Surprise Major, at Barnes on Friday, Aug. 15th, 7.30 p.m.—E. Godfrey, Hon. Sec. 7641

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—Practice meeting, Aug. 30th, Petersfield. Bells available 6.30–8.30. 7461

MISCELLANEOUS

ALL SAINTS', ALBURGH, NORFOLK (near Harleston)

Eight bells, tenor 9-3-12 in G.

FLOWER FESTIVAL

September 5th, 6th and 7th

Bells available:

Saturday, 6th, 11 a.m.–2 p.m.; 2.30–7 p.m. Ringing after 2 p.m. wedding requested

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All ringers welcome. Light refreshments available. 7725

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

The Extraordinary General Committee Meeting will be held at Radley on Friday, Sept. 19th, at 7 p.m. Tea and sandwiches will be provided for those coming straight from work.

The Autumn General Meeting will be held at Witney on Saturday, Oct. 4th.

The Secretaries' Meeting will be held at Radley on Saturday, Nov. 29th.

Annual Festival, June 27th, Oxford. 7668

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FLOWER FESTIVAL

Summer Bank Holiday, Aug. 30th, 31st, September 1st

Ringing times:—

Saturday	10.30–11.30 a.m.
	3–4 p.m.
	7.30–8.15 p.m.
Sunday	10.15–11 a.m
	5.30–6.30 p.m.
Monday	10.30–11.30 a.m.
	3–4 p.m.
	7.30–8.30 p.m.

All ringers invited—complete bands welcomed 7457

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Six bells

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The bells of Lydiard Tregoze (6) will be available for ringing during the rally and we wonder whether we can find sufficient ringers with call signs?—G3FHL Malvern, G2FIX Wilton. 7148

SUFFOLK GUILD

ST. MARY-LE-TOWER

The Suffolk Guild 12-bell practices will be held at St. Mary-le-Tower on the following fourth Mondays, 7–9 p.m.: August 25th, September 22nd, October 27th, November 24th. Please note, none December. Everyone welcome.—A.R.B. 7449

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

332nd ANNIVERSARY DINNER

The 332nd Anniversary Dinner will be held on November 1st (6 for 6.30) at the Walbrook Restaurant, Bucklersbury House, E.C. Full details later.—J. G. A. Prior. 7724

GREAT BADDOW.—Since the resignation of Mr. L. Ainger as tower captain the tower secretary of St. Mary's, Great Baddow, is G. A. Bainbridge, 3, New Road, Great Baddow, Chelmsford, Essex. The new tower captain is S. A. Waters. 7459

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual Dinner, The New Hackwood Hotel, Widmore Road, Bromley, Kent, September 27th, 6.30 for 7 p.m. Tickets 27/- from District secretaries up to Sept. 13th.—A. P. S. Berry, Hon. Gen. Sec., 7, Queen Street, Folkestone, Kent. 7075

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—There will be no Manchester Branch meeting during August. Will Branch members please support the Rossendale Branch meeting on August 16th. See Rossendale Branch notice for details.—A. Ward, Branch Sec. 7452

UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCEMENT

SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY GUILD welcomes freshers. Please write to Miss Kate Richardson, The Vicarage, Huyton, Liverpool, L36 7XE, for details of our activities. 7455

MEETINGS

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Upper Cam, Saturday, Aug. 16th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to G. Minors, 1, Hesterville Villas, Purton, Berkeley, Glos. 7728

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Aug. 16th, at Essendon, 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to Miss S. Farnes, 22, Glebe Cottages, Essendon, Hatfield.—R. E. Hardy, Dis. Sec. 7727

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Meeting, Hendon, on Saturday, Aug. 16th. Ringing from 3–4.30 p.m., followed by service and tea. Evening ringing.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 7730

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—Quarterly meeting, Preston Candover, Saturday, Aug. 16th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting follows. Alresford Old and New bells available after meeting. Names for tea to Mrs. A. L. Bryan, The Vicarage, Preston Candover.—N. J. Thomas, Dis. Sec. 7743

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Quarterly meeting, Brighstone, Aug. 16th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow.—A. M. Guy, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7463

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Church Minshull, Aug. 23rd Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Aug. 20th.—W. Kerr, 107, Moreton Road, Crewe. 7466

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Aug. 23rd, Shildon. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names for tea, please, to Mr. G. E. White, The Bungalow, Hackworth Street, Shildon, Co. Durham, by Thursday previous. 7456

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Huntingdon District.—Meeting, Somersham, Saturday, Aug. 23rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Special methods: Ipswich Surprise, Oswald Delight and Double Court Bob Minor. Please note date, 23rd **not** 16th.—Michael J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 7460

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Northwold, Saturday, Aug. 23rd. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea. (Bring own food, cups of tea provided.)—D. A. Feek, Dis. Sec. 7450

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD and DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A joint evening meeting at Repton on Saturday, Aug. 23rd. Bells (8) 5.30 p.m. All welcome.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Saturday, August 23rd, Dorney. Bells available 6 p.m.—J. Muller. 7470

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—Half-yearly meeting, St. David's, Bangor, Sept. 6th. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 3.45 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to W. Cathrall, 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham. 7737

LATE NOTICES

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL DINNER

The Annual Dinner will be held on **Saturday, October 25th, 1969,** at the Trinity Restaurant, Worcester, at 6.30 p.m. The Association's new president will be in the chair. Guest speaker will be Mr. J. Alan Ainsworth. Tickets and other details later.—D. Beacham, Gen. Sec. 7473

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BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Practice, Axbridge (6), on August 23rd, 5 p.m.—M. Legg. 7482

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Surprise practice, Knebworth, Tuesday, Aug. 19th. Ringing 7.30–9 p.m.—Mrs. C. A. Agg, Dis. Sec. 7477

MEETINGS

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chiltern Branch.—Monthly practice, Aug. 16th, 6.30–8 p.m., Cheddington. Please note change of venue. All welcome.—A. J. White. 7483

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Evening meeting, Broadway (6), 7.30 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 20th. 7475

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Meeting, Enderby, on Saturday, Aug. 23rd. Bells (8). No tea. Business meeting at 5.30 to discuss final arrangements for outing. Ringing 6 till 8 p.m.—C. M. Wells, Dis. Sec. 7483

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—Okeford Fitzpaine. Bellringers' Sunday, Aug. 24th. Ringing from 5.15 p.m. All welcome. 7480

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Striking competition for Branch members at Ripple (6) on Saturday, Sept. 6th. Competition ringing from 3 to 5.30 p.m., followed by tea in Parish Hall. No service or business meeting. General ringing for all after tea. Details of competition will be sent to all tower secretaries. Names for tea, please, to J. J. Stanier, Branch Sec., 12, Arrowsmith Avenue, Worcester, by Sept. 2nd. **Please note new address.** 7472

PAUL, CORNWALL.—On July 20th, a quarter peal (Rev. St. Bartholomew, Grandsire, Plain Bob Doubles) Diane Carter 1, Valerie Allen 2, A. Humphrey (cond.) 3, J. J. George 4, W. R. Curtis 5, R. Pengelley 6.

PYWORTHY, DEVON.—On July 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Sangwin (cond.) 1, C. Sangwin 2, W. J. V. Conduct 3, H. Trewin 4, H. Stacey 5, J. Sangwin 6. Rung in appreciation of the services of Mrs. Sargeant, retiring after 43 years' teaching at the local school.

SALTBURN, YORKS.—On July 25th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Sue Porteous 1, M. J. Halliwell 2, K. Gatman 3, D. Garner 4, Gillian Gardner 5, M. Brook 6, Maxine Johnson (first Major "inside") 7, R. Horton (cond.) 8. First Major for 1 and 6.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION STRIKING COMPETITION

A GOOD standard of ringing was maintained in the finals of the Essex Association striking competition, held on July 5th at Stanford-le-Hope. Competing were Chelmsford Cathedral (who rang, like the majority, Bob Minor), Prittlewell, Bentley Common, Walthamstow, Terling and Wormingford.

The ringing was followed by a service and then came a substantial tea, with unlimited supply of fizzy pop for the youngsters, which was served in the Church Hall. The Vicar's wife and local ladies prepared the meal.

This was followed by the speaker for the judges announcing the results and giving helpful comments on the ringing. Wormingford were placed first, with the Cathedral band and Waltham Abbey as runners-up.

The Master, Mr. Frank B. Lufkin, as umpire expressed his pleasure in seeing so many enthusiastic members taking part, but was disappointed that one or two divisions had not entered a team. Commenting on the winning team, Wormingford, he pointed out that three of its members had been part of the St. Leonard's, Colchester, band, which had folded up last year. He was pleased to see that they had attached themselves to a tower. He informed the judges that the treble ringer of one of the teams, said to be unsteady, was in fact a 12-year-old boy, a promising young ringer from Terling. After presenting the cup to the winning team Mr. Lufkin thanked everyone who had taken part—the judges, Mr. R. Lindsell, Mr. and Mrs. Syder; the substitutes, Mr. A. House and K. Brown; the ladies, for preparing the tea; and the Vicar, for the use of the bells.

General ringing followed on the excellent ring of eight after a very successful day.

J. A. Q.

ESSEX RINGERS IN KENT

Towers on the Kent/Sussex border were visited by Great Baddow bellringers and friends on July 19th. Ringing took place at Edenbridge, Withyham, Wadhurst, Kilndown, Tonbridge and Farningham. The party arrived back at Baddow at 10.30 p.m. after having spent an exhausting but pleasant day out.

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QUARTER PEALS

BARNSLEY, YORKS.—At St. Mary's Church, on July 19th, 1,320 Barnsley Treble Bob: P. Charlesworth 1, Gail Cater 2, A. Dunn-Birch 3, R. Cater 4, P. Carbutt (cond.) 5, T. Tarbatt 6. Rung to commemorate the centenary of the borough of Barnsley and the 200th anniversary of the six heavy bells.

BROWN EDGE, STAFFS.—On July 29th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: W. Cumberlidge 1, J. Lowndes 2, F. Snape 3, P. Worthy 4, W. Bourne 5, R. H. Cumberlidge (cond.) 6. A tribute to the conductor and his wife on the birth of their first grand-daughter.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.—On July 14th, Plain Bob Major: Canon S. Roberts 1, Marion Lidgey 2, H. Miles 3, J. J. George 4, J. Taysom 5, M. Bowers 6, W. R. Curtis 7, A. Humphrey (cond.) 8.

CHIGWELL, ESSEX.—On July 26th, 1,260 Doubles: Margaret Chappell 1, A. R. Crowson 2, Marion A. Cass 3, G. H. Walker 4, D. A. Tovell (cond.) 5, P. D. Austin 6. First of St. Simon's and St. Martin's for all the band. Rung as a compliment on the birthday of the ringer of 6.

CHOLSEY, BERKS.—On July 11th, Grandsire Triples: Judy Brough 1, P. Dye 2, Mrs. Eve Hodgson 3, K. Johnson 4, T. Palmer 5, J. Hodgson 6, K. Poole (cond.) 7, H. Eccott 8.

DUBLIN.—At St. Patrick's Cathedral, on June 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles (on middle six): Jane Potter 1, D. A. McEndoo 2, W. D. Saarsteiner (first as cond.) 3, P. W. Brown 4, C. J. Reede 5, M. R. Owen 6. Lady Jane's first quarter. A compliment to Gillian and Colin Lewis on the birth of a son.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On July 7th, Grandsire Triples: T. Palmer 1, Mrs. Eve Hodgson 2, Mrs. Rosemary Morris 3, Mrs. Mary Wells 4, J. Hodgson 5, L. Cox 6, M. Bishop (cond.) 7, R. Hancock 8.

GORING, OXON.—On July 10th, Bob Major: Judy Brough 1, Mrs. Rosemary Morris 2, Mrs. Mary Wells 3, T. Palmer 4, P. Dye 5, J. Hodgson 6, W. Irving 7, J. A. Beaumont (cond.) 8.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—At St. Nicolas' Church, on July 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Deirdre Leggett 1, Yvonne Eloie 2, Jacqueline Rawlings 2, M. Powell (cond.) 4, C. Tickner 5, Margaret Goddard 6. First quarter 1 and 6.

HARLAXTON, LINCS.—On July 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss P. Jackson (first quarter) 1, D. A. Frith 2, D. E. Leafe 3, P. A. Slight 4, A. Crawford 5, B. Buttery (cond.) 6.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On July 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Penfold 1, Anne Pullan 2, Joan M. Peacock 3, R. Newman 4, F. G. Richardson 5, C. C. M. Pain 6, P. Sippitt 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8. Rung for Matins, and as a 79th birthday compliment for Jim Carrott, deputy Master of the local band.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.—On July 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss G. Hare 1, Miss E. Tingle 2, Miss D. Rogers 3, L. Toseland 4, S. Robinson 5, J. G. Mitchell (cond.) 6, E. C. Buckby 7, D. Witchell 8.

KINGSCLERE, HANTS.—On July 22nd, 1,260 Bob Triples. Susan Turner (first quarter) 1, D. Goss 2, M. Goss 3, G. K. Dodd 4, P. Taylor 5, B. Murduck 6, P. Murduck (cond.) 7, C. Kendall (first quarter) 8. Rung in memoriam Admiral of the Fleet Sir Philip Viam, G.C.B., K.B.E., D.S.O. (1894–1969), to whom a plaque was unveiled in St. Paul's Cathedral this day.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', Westminster, on July 20th, 1,275 Stedman Caters: D. P. Smith 1, Jane Reynolds 2, E. J. Ladd 3, R. V. Fuller 4, J. R. Pratt (cond.) 5, P. Simmons 6, Doris E. Colgate 7, K. J. Rider 8, T. Lewis 9, P. J. Spice 10. For Evensong.

MELBOURN, CAMBS.—On July 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Sanderson 1, F. Harper 2, David Pepper 3, S. M. Reed 4, J. Gipson (cond.) 5, Dennis Pepper 6. In memory of the late Rev. H. H. H. McNeice, Vicar of Melbourn 1922–1952.

MELKSHAM, WILTS.—On July 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. J. Hitchins 1, F. S. Slatford 2, N. G. Knee 3, R. I. Kendrick 4, R. J. Purnell 5, L. E. Hitchins 6, C. F. Andrews (cond.) 7, G. Davis 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to William C. West (president, Salisbury Diocesan Guild), interred this day at Melksham.

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Thomas-the-Martyr, on June 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Susan E. Unsworth 1, Jennifer A. Unsworth 2, J. R. Pratt (joint cond.) 3, R. J. Wilsher (joint cond.) 4, N. R. D. Orchard 5. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringers of 1 and 2.

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"THE RINGING WORLD" EDITORSHIP

MR. C. W. DENYER APPOINTED

RINGERS who attended the annual festival of the Oxford Diocesan Guild and readers of the account in our issue of July 18th will know of the forthcoming retirement of our much esteemed editor, Mr. T. W. White. In a future issue we hope to pay tribute to Mr. White and to his services on our behalf over a period of some twenty-three years. I hope also that we shall be able to give all our readers the opportunity to add their tribute.

The problem faced by the Exercise, and more particularly by the members of "The Ringing World" Committee, of finding a suitable successor has been a shadow looming up for some years now, and all this time we have felt that we were looking for the impossible. We need a man with a sound knowledge and experience of the newspaper world, if possible technical as well as editorial; a ringer of sufficient distinction to know what to publish and what not to publish; a man known to ringers as one of themselves; a man willing to give up his employment while he still has his full health and strength and vigour to cope with a new job, which in the nature of things cannot prove the stepping stone to a career or bring him into the super tax bracket. On top of all this he must, while present arrangements continue, live near to the Guildford office.

On August 9th, at a meeting of the full Committee at Rugby, I am glad to be able to write that "The Ringing World" Committee were able to appoint, with effect from October 1st, a man who fulfils each and every one of these requirements. What has seemed unrealistic for so long has now been achieved and we have great pleasure in telling our readers that Mr. Charles W. Denyer, of Farnham, Surrey, has accepted the appointment.

Charles Denyer was the subject of a "Servants of the Exercise" article in September, 1960. He will find that this title will become even more appropriate in the future.

PEAL WITH J. S. GOLDSMITH

Charles Denyer was born at Tongham, Surrey, on March 25th, 1911, and the following year his family moved to Aldershot where their father, William Denyer, was employed in the printing trade. At the age of nine he and his two older sisters were taught to ring by their father and the late George Gilbert on the ring at Aldershot, which had newly been augmented to eight.

Mr. Denyer was 13 when he rang his first peal, but his ambitions have never included a high peal total. Of about 100 peals he has conducted 25 and his total includes a handbell peal with J. S. Goldsmith, the founder of "The Ringing World," and one with the late A. H. Pulling. He was secretary of the Farnham District of the Guildford Guild from 1928 to 1948 and District Ringing Master for the next five years. In 1953 he was made a Vice-President of the Guild and from 1958 was Guild Master for four years. He represented the Guild on the Central Council 1960–63 and from 1962 to 1966 served as churchwarden at Farnham Parish Church. His organising abilities were tested when he organised the national appeal for the Pulling Memorial Bell, which was exhibited in Guildford Cathedral for many years and now forms part of the ring of ten. He also organised festivities in the Guildford area to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of this journal.

Our photograph shows him with his wife, Edna, when they celebrated their silver wedding last year. With them are son Michael, aged 19, now completing his apprenticeship as a lithographer with McCorquodales at Basingstoke, and Janet, 17, a trainee nurse at the Treloar Hospital at Alton. All of them can ring. Indeed, as well as his father and a grandfather, the ringers in his family have also included two sisters, two brothers, two brothers-in-law, a sister-in-law, three nieces and two nephews.

Mr. Denyer's career provides further evidence of his suitability for his new position. In 1927 he was apprenticed as a compositor to Messrs. E. W. Langham, "The Herald Press," Farnham. After serving for five years in the Royal Artillery during the war, with service overseas, he and Mrs. Denyer moved to Farnham in 1949, when he was promoted works manager of "The Herald" Press.

To me, who through a former editor, the late J. Armiger Trollope, had connections with Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, founder and first editor of our paper, it is of great interest to note that in the 1930s Mr. Denyer and his father used to visit Pyrford to help Mr. Goldsmith with proof reading, etc., for "The Ringing World." Mr. Goldsmith's then expressed hope that young Charlie would one day be connected with the production of our journal and Mr. Trollope's constant attempts to obtain my own interest in the paper have now borne perhaps unexpected fruit in the close relationship which is now necessarily starting between us in our common concern for "The Ringing World."

EXPERIENCE AND "KNOW-HOW"

It was, I believe, Sir Winston Churchill who said he had not become Her Majesty's principal minister to preside over the dissolution of the British Empire. In a humbler sphere may I say that I did not agree to become convener of "The Ringing World" Committee to accept the resignation of Tom White from the editorial chair. But it has had to be and I feel confident that Charles Denyer has the experience and "know how," the drive and the energy and the connections with the ringing Exercise which will enable him to prove a worthy successor to our previous editors. I am confident that, as our editor, he will prove to be also the friend of all readers of our journal. Readers will be glad to know that at our request Mr. White has agreed to act as consultant editor for at least three months to help with the changeover, and I hope that all readers will help Mr. Denyer in his task by increasing circulation and by their contributions to the paper's contents. I can promise him the full support of the members of "The Ringing World" Committee and I look forward myself to working in close harmony with him.

WILFRID G. WILSON.
Convener, "R.W." Committee.

TOM INGRAM'S "BELLS IN ENGLAND"

WHEN a man undertakes to write an article, essay, or book on the subject of bells and bellringing his first task is to present to himself what may be called a declaration of intent. By this we mean that he must decide for what readers he is to write, whether for the general public, for the bellringers themselves, or for both. To write for ringers, provided a man knows his subject, is perhaps the least difficult. The author is mentally in touch with his readers and there is common knowledge of the mechanics of ringing, the production of changes, and the technical terms essential to the exposition. To write for the uninitiated is, as we all know, an exacting task; for whereas in art, music and the common sports the public is not troubled to perceive how the activities are pursued, in change-ringing there is the element of mystery, and the difficulties of explaining how changes are rung are enhanced by the fact that there is nothing to which to compare the process.

To attempt the third task is, for many of us, the most hazardous venture, for that which is needed by the general public is, in the main, a superfluity for the practical ringer, and what is of value to the ringer may be unintelligible to the layman. In this perplexity many a writer has found the task of achieving the double aim too great.

For Mr. Tom Ingram no such perplexity has existed. He has simply taken the central subject, BELL, and in a series of diverting essays has discoursed freely (and gaily) on a multitude of subjects, customs, traditions, events and people, all of them in some manner, sometimes quite remotely, connected with bells and bellringing. A second edition of his book "The Bells of England" (first published in 1954) has now come from the publishers, Frederick Muller, and we are glad to have the opportunity to look once again at this unusual work.

The opening chapters lead us from the early uses of bells to the development of organised ringing fostered by the evolution of the bell wheel, and so on to bellringers themselves, their habits past and present, the growth of reform in belfries and the work of guilds, associations and the Central Council. The chapter "Ingenious Noted Ringers" introduces change-ringing and something of the normal routine of the belfry, and here Mr. Ingram interrupts his theme to insert some accounts of accidents in the belfry, paragraphs that we feel are out of place at this point and which warrant some special and less casual treatment. The chapter also repeats the error that the first peal on tower bells by a lady (Miss Alice White) was in 1912, a possible confusion with the first peal to be rung entirely by ladies. In a later chapter we have a similar error, where the inventor of the first change-ringing machine is given as Henry instead of John Carter.

But the author has cast his net of research very widely, and he has been lavish in the distribution of his catch. Succeeding essays deal at great length with every use of bells—bicycle bells, train bells, fire bells and even bells used in advertisements. Nothing found in the interstices of the net seems to have been found useless, and the whole is dealt with in a highly diverting manner. The style is often loose and there is much rambling, but the digressions are delightful. It is perhaps rather disconcerting to find oneself suddenly switched to some by-way of thought, but the by-way often proves so picturesque and attractive that it is with reluctance that we find ourselves shot back to the main path. So, one must not be surprised to find oneself turned from a consideration of the Passing Bell to a discourse on the condemned cell and the conduct of an execution, from the Market Bell to some lines on mediæval markets, from the Pancake Bell to a full and complete account of the Olney Pancake Race, or from bicycle bells to the Penny-Farthing, how to ride it and how to dismount from it. It is a trick reminiscent

Reviewed by Edgar C. Shepherd

of that charming essayist Robert Lynd and, if it has not Lynd's consummate mastery, it is in his manner of working, and it would doubtless have pleased him to read it.

In "Bells for Skulls and Markets" Mr. Ingram gives us an excellent and well-knit essay on the Baroness Burdett-Coutts and her social activities in Bethnal Green. We must be grateful for the light he sheds on this philanthropic lady and her earnest work for the poor and depressed. From this the author moves on to clock jacks, and from there, abruptly, to chimes and carillons, dismissing these in a paragraph of less than 20 lines. We cannot but feel that a whole chapter might well have been given to this important branch of bellringing, both for the benefit of the general public and for the education of many ringers.

The most carefully constructed section of this intriguing book is "The Bell Foundry", where we are given an authoritative and detailed exposition of the casting of a bell and the process of tuning. In the tracing of each step in the work the author's close observation is instructive on many minor points and is likely to provide the answers to questions arising in discussion.

Two appendices, one dealing with Henry Irving's great acting in "The Bells" and the other a study of the psychic phenomena of the ringing of the bells at Bealing House are vaguely connected with the main subject, but are interesting and entertaining. The bibliography, slightly enlarged since 1954, occupies eight pages and is one of the most comprehensive we have seen.

Barbara Jones' drawings are full of life and humour and fully match the vigour and vitality of the text. This is hardly a book to read through and return to the library. It should be on our shelves, to use as a reference, to bring inspiration when we are faced with the task of lecturing and where we may find, as we shall in each chapter, some refreshing diversion. We are grateful for the enterprise that has produced this second impression.

"Bells in England", Tom Ingram (Frederick Muller. Second impression, 1969. 40/-). Copies available Heffers Bookshop, 3-4, Petty Cury, Cambridge.

SALISBURY GUILD JOINT MEETING

A joint meeting of the Marlborough and Calne Branches was held at Broad Hinton, in the Calne territory, on July 19th. This was a return meeting for the first ever between the two Branches held at Marlborough last April. It was a matter for regret that only two out of eight towers in the Marlborough Branch were represented, but ringers from Calne, Lyneham, Devizes, Yatesbury and Heddington made up a keen and enthusiastic company.

Ringing commenced on the six medium-weighted bells of St. Peter's at 3.30 p.m. and was followed by the Guild service, conducted by the Vicar (Rev. A. Wiggins). The lesson was read by Canon H. V. White, a former Vicar of Broad Hinton for many years and who is a vice-president of the Diocesan Guild. Mr. Allan Keen, of Aldbourne, very kindly played the organ.

An excellent tea was afterwards enjoyed in the Village Hall, prepared and served by Mrs. F. Gray and helpers. At the meeting which followed the chair was taken by Mr. J. Sankey, of Calne, in the absence of Mr. W. Hacker (chairman, Calne Branch). He extended a warm welcome to all, stressing the need for ringers not to lose sight of the first duty of the craft—to ring for church services and to the glory of God. Mr. G. Newman (chairman, Marlborough Branch) suitably replied. Thanks were expressed to the Vicar for the use of the bells and to Mrs. Gray and her helpers for their hospitality.

Ringing in various methods of Doubles and Minor was then resumed, under the direction of Mr. Allan Keen (Ringing Master) until 8 p.m. It is hoped that more of these joint meetings may be arranged in the future, as they provide a valuable means of keeping the Branches in touch with each other. W. A. E.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The St. Albans District meeting on July 19th was held at St. Michael's, St. Albans. Afternoon ringing was followed by the service, taken by Canon Harpur, the lesson being read by Joyce Clarke and the organ played by Bob Hardy. An excellent tea was prepared by Mrs. Kirk and Mrs. Rooney. During the business meeting, for which Andrew Wilby took the chair, the following members were elected: full member, Ronald Barclay; probationers, Elaine Adolf, Dawn Owen, Lynn Bright and Christopher Oakesmunger.

The chairman asked for 10/- deposits from all those wishing to go on the District outing to Oxford on September 27th and the secretary appealed for the questionnaires on the ringing course proposed for January, 1970, to be returned as soon as possible. Ringing on handbells and in the tower followed. During the evening a course of Glasgow was rung.

Next meeting, Essendon, August 16th. K. S. H.

M.U.G. Flotilla's Adventures on Grand Union Canal

THE 1969 summer tour of the Manchester University Guild started in the Bell at Long Eaton, Derbyshire, on June 28th. As the company gradually assembled at lunch-time we had our first ring at the parish church, St. Lawrence's; here we were only able to ring the back six of the 10 cwt. eight as the trebles were under repair.

The party moved eagerly to the boatyard at Trent Lock, for once again the M.U.G. fleet was about to take to the water, this time the upper reaches of the Grand Union Canal. We found our pre-ordered provisions and two of our hired barges waiting for us, while Captain Poly had to take his crew to find the third boat somewhere upstream.

After reluctantly forking-out our returnable (d.v.) deposits on "Delphinuim," under Captain Munday, and "Jim Hawkins," under Admiral Sherwood, we hastily completed our inventory check and then cheerfully cast off. Fortunately the boats were easy to handle and also really very comfortable, having six berths, gas cooker and fridge, water-heater, shower, toilet and even fitted radio! We soon learnt the technique of locks, and so Kegworth was reached without incident, where we moored for the night, conveniently close to the "local." Captain Poly and crew arrived later with "Lister Lady," which appeared to be the grandmother of the other two boats, and had reputedly been brought out of retirement for our benefit.

ENSIGN A GOLD BELL

Despite the first of Poly's short-cuts, which involved a weir and private land and gardens, we rang for Matins at St. Andrew's, Kegworth, with the local ringers. Returning to the boats we hoisted the ensign on the flagship (gold bell on blue background) and started the day-long run in magnificent weather down towards Quorn. After entertaining a holiday crowd with manoeuvres through Barrow's Lock we moored and took the long walk round by the road to Quorn Church, where we had a very enjoyable ring on this typically fine 14 cwt. Taylor eight in an immaculate ringing chamber. After attending Evensong we cast off again and moved down to Mountsorrel for the night.

A leisurely rise on Monday morning was welcome, especially for the unsuccessful midnight blackberrying group. After some delay in the tower-opening arrangements we tackled the bells of St. Peter's, Mountsorrel, a strange, heretical Gillett and Johnston light eight, only four miles from Loughborough, and sadly no competition for Taylors' bells in respect of "go." Yorkshire, Little Bob and Stedman were scored.

Our only mention in the press, as far as we know, resulted from this visit—a small slightly distorted paragraph in the "Leicester Mercury" entitled "Bellringers Travel by Long Boat." Sailing on towards Cossington we stopped for lunch at the nearest point, and then took the long walk across the fields to the church. Ringing on the 11 cwt. minor five was a refreshing change. The Rector, himself a three times graduate of Manchester, very kindly gave us a most welcome tea in the village hall.

Moving on southwards we found ourselves faced again with a fair walk, taking the longest route again, to Syston for our evening ring on the 15 cwt. Taylor eight. We admired (enviously) the newly-refurbished ringing-chamber, but failed to bring anything round except Stedman. Our photograph, taken outside the west door here, witnesses the intensity of the evening sun.

INTO LEICESTER

Another slow rise on Tuesday caused some of the fleet to be breakfasting still as we sailed towards Leicester, where the weather was much less fine. However we arrived punctually and, as the admiral was forced to admit, by lucky navigation, at the right place to ring at St. Mary de Castro's. While waiting for the adjacent law-courts to take their lunch recess (or Wimbledon watching?) we were privileged to see inside the church with its massive oak cross beams, and unusual tower base separate from the church walls. We then enjoyed ringing on the sonorous 15 cwt. eight. Another impromptu handbell display on the river was given before leaving for the afternoon's cruise to South Wigston. Rain en route did not add to the doubtful beauties of the backwaters of Leicester. Furthermore the flagship, "Jim Hawkins," the fastest and newest of the fleet, ignominiously broke down in a reed-bound stretch which had presumably fouled the propeller, and had to towed the last mile by stolid old "Lister Lady," whom we suspected was propellerless anyway! Nevertheless, we were not too late to ring at St. Thomas's, South Wigston. Back at the boats, a detailed (i.e. underwater) investigation of "Jim Hawkins's" mechanics revealed an obstruction round the prop-shaft—a medium-sized carpet! The evening finished peacefully and traditionally in the not-so-convenient "local."

An even more leisurely rise was allowed on Wednesday morning, for there was no ringing programme, both towers applied for being under repair, so we cruised with somewhat better weather to Saddington tunnel for the experience of sailing through its half-mile length. We finally moored at Great Glenn.

A DAY OF MISFORTUNE

Thursday was our day of misfortune, for dear old "Lister Lady" refused to start in the morning, and so had to be towed by "Jim Hawkins" to Wigston Magna. We arrived on time to ring on the 16 cwt. eight and we were very impressed by the tone and "go" of the bells. Our ringing was well up to form too, and Bristol, our homework for the week, was conquered for the first time. A forage in the supermarket followed, and meanwhile "Lister Lady" was being repaired—a fresh battery worked the cure apparently. We were now behind with our time-table, and despite the order for "full steam ahead" we regrettably missed our next two towers. However, we did reach Leicester in time to join in the Cathedral practice night.

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The M.U.G.s outside Syston Church. From left to right: Digby Munday, Ann Peck, Pat James, Lynda Deebank, Margaret Ellwood, Bill Taylor, Marcus Sherwood (Ringing Master), John Hartley, Joan Openshaw, Brian Tomlinson, Rodney Algar, Chris Baker, Iris Piper, Hamish McNaughton, Godfrey Foat. Behind the camera: Ian Goldthorpe.

Letters to the Editor

NAMING MINOR METHODS

Dear Sir,—I write about minor matters. First it would seem that inquiries made by Mr. Bishop in issues No. 3015 and No. 3020 have so far gone unanswered. In the first one, the 2nd and 6th place Delight methods listed are unnamed, with the exception of the following:—

—34—16—12—1236—14—16 6th is Cadoxton.
—34—16—12—1236—14—56 2nd is Finchampstead.
34—34.16—12—1236—34—36 2nd is Warsop.
34—34.16—12—1236—34—36 2nd is Coddington.
36—34.16—12—1236—34—36 2nd is Barnby-in-the-Willows.

Also unnamed is
—36—16—12—1236—14—56 2nd

King Charles 3rd P.D. was first quarter-pealed at Wonston, Hants, on August 17th, 1968, and first pealed at Barton Stacey, Hants, on May 11th, 1969.

In the second query on Surprise Minor methods the 2nd and 6th place methods listed are unnamed, with the exception of the following:—

—34—14—12—1236—34—16 6th is Marchington.
34—36.14—12—1236—12—36 6th is Granby.

Also unnamed is
—34—14—12—1236—14—36 2nd.

Fawley Surprise was first quarter-pealed at Fawley, Hants, on January 9th, 1969, and first pealed at Bradfield, Berks, on February 3rd.

More recently the peal of Minor which I conducted at Longparish, Hants, on March 1st and that conducted by Mr. G. Dodd at Woolton Hill on March 22nd seems to have caused Mr. G. Dodds much distress. The correspondence printed so far (No. 3029, p. 362; No. 3032, p. 423; No. 3034, p. 474, No. 3036, p. 502) can be summarised as follows:—

(a) Winchester Bob Minor is nasty because Mr. Dodds wouldn't like to ring it.

(b) Winchester Bob Minor cannot be so named because there is a Winchester Bob Major already in existence.

A certain amount of background information has, however, not been disclosed by Mr. Dodds:—

(i) Winchester Bob Minor is one of the many Minor methods which cannot be extended. Thus a second type of Winchester Bob Major cannot exist because of certain rules, which Mr. Dodds could have stated.

(ii) The present Winchester Bob Major is —14—38—18—18 2nd and it has been pealed once, in 1924 at Willesden. This very popular method, however, cannot be reduced to Minor.

(iii) Mr. Dodds is a member of the Methods Committee which did such sterling work recently in revising Decisions of the C.C. on methods and peals. In issue 3030 he contributes half a page about them.

(iv) One of Mr. Dodds' accepted decisions requires that Winchester Bob Minor must now be called Winchester College Bob Minor (and similarly for the Christchurch and the Portsmouth); this will prevent any confusion with the Winchester Bob Major, although Mr. Dodds carefully avoided saying so.

This attempt by Mr. Dodds to bully myself and Mr. Dodd round to his point of view with lucid rhetoric appears to be another attempt, similar to that disclosed in the alarming letter by Mr. Whiting, to stifle freedom of the individual. This letter, in issue 3038 (p. 542) suggests that methods named after a peal were altered by the C.C. in the 1920s, for no satisfactory reason, and that unethical procedure was employed to rid itself of a committee set up to investigate such matters. It would seem to me that the time has come to rescind any unconstitutional steps, and I should hope that the band concerned, Norbury, will press for an investigation and a return to the names decided upon by their forebears. —Yours, etc.,

D. C. JACKSON.

Totton, Hants.

RINGING LEPRECHAUNS

Dear Sorr, — Moi intherest wis teaken boi the letther on page 602, soigned boi "The Leprechaun". The number of ringin' leprechauns, speshully on forr'n soil, is small, so when one came up with dhetails of bells in Bootle Oi wis inthreeged, sence Oi am one of three leprechaun brothers, all ringers, whose home is in Bootle.

Our grapevoine amongst the diddy peeple is, of course, second to none (except perhaps the Ladies' Guild!), but for once it has failed. Oi would be most intherested to know "The Leprechaun's" oidentity—perhaps we could get thogether with a few more exoiles to form a new Guild.—Yours indheed,

R. E. J. O'DEE.

NOTE.—The leprechaun in question was wearing shamrock.—Ed.

IS THERE A STIGMA TO NON-ASSOCIATION PEALS?

Dear Sir,—I entirely agree with Richard Youdale when he says that the completely non-resident band at Overton has dashed the Spliced ambitions of two resident W. and P. bands. Of course the Guild can still set a new resident record, but what is more sad than to read "First of —— by a resident band" because some outsiders have swept the board?

It is surely time to consider the position of non-Association peals, of which, at the moment, some ringers seem to disapprove. In times of easy travel more and more peals are rung by people who have travelled many miles to ring (we recently read in Belfry Gossip of a band who had come from Cambridge, South Wales, London, Norwich, etc., for a peal attempt), and if a peal such as this is rung for the local Association it is no credit to it (although it may aid its coffers). The peal of 32-Spliced at Overton was a case in point.

Did this peal really have to be rung for the W. and P.? The Guildford D.G. has recently stated that it does not mind if peals rung in its territory are not rung for it, and at least two officers of the W. and P. are of the same opinion and in fact would rather have seen this peal rung "non-Association".

Perhaps the stigma non-Association peals have is the very title "Non-Association" at the top (although the first peal at Washington was so rung). My own opinion is that peals without a common Association should be published without any Association heading. After all, we see plenty of these now, when two or more from one Association are printed. Those genuinely by an Association would be printed with the usual heading, perhaps in a section "Association Peals", and all others, possibly the majority, in another section.

This would result in a non-Association peal being the non-event, rather than the unusual event it is at present, which would be beneficial, I believe, to the Exercise.

Finally, I would like to make clear that I do not blame Mr. Peake and his band for their action. They acted, I am quite certain, in good faith and in accordance with normal conventions. It is these conventions which need changing.—Yours sincerely,

R. DENNIS.

Hamble, Southampton.

TREBLE BOB SIXTEEN "IN HAND"

Dear Sir,—Where have I seen this in print before John Mayne and his remarkable band recently rang a peal "in hand"? In Chapel Avenue, quite close to my address, a well known ringer carries on his business. He is W. H. Coles from Hillingdon, and he recently brought his recorder here and treated us to 12, 14 and 16 bellringing on handbells. This brought me to the title of this letter, and I quote William Snowdon who writes: "In 1824, when only in his seventeenth year, he gave a peal performance which took 3 hours and 21 minutes, consisting of plain courses. Then to complete the 5,186 a plain course of 960 changes of 'Treble Bob Sixteen In' on 16 bells." This young man in his teens was Elijah Roberts who was a brass founder by trade. In 1837 he tapped 5,016 Stedman Cinques in 3 hours 24 minutes, and also a 19,440 Kent T.B. Maximus in 13 hours and 43 minutes! I wonder if J. W. Snowdon's notes are still available?—Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Addlestone, Surrey.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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Wessex Ringing Week—12 from 14 Success Story

AS an experiment this year, the organisers of the Wessex peal week decided to hold the tour away from home. Exeter was selected because a regular tour member, John Longridge, is based there and had offered his assistance.

The first peal attempt, on Saturday, July 19th, was on the fine old style eight at Milborne Port, Somerset. There Ron Marlow, Bill Perrins, Tim Collins and Graham Elmes were joined by another "regular", David Massey, and a "newcomer", Kingsley Mason. Two other ringers to whom the tower owed a peal made up the band and a steady peal of Rutland was scored. John Blackwood, another member of the party not engaged in the peal, listened outside and then travelled with us to Exeter and our headquarters for the week.

APPEAL OF GRANDISON

Luckily we avoided the traffic jams and were able to enjoy a long ring at Exeter Cathedral, where we were joined by Katharine Maundrell and Richard Youdale. The party was thus completed. Kingsley proceeded to demonstrate his skill by turning in Grandison single-handed to Bob Maximus. Tim Collins was so inspired that he managed it behind with the aid of a strap.

A very good peal of London was scored on Sunday afternoon at Thorverton, where we were able to enjoy the flower festival as well as the bells.

Yorkshire was conducted at Bovey Tracey by Katharine, her first in charge. It was thoroughly umpired by Tim, from outside the tower, who declared it to be "a most excellent true peal". He then demonstrated his own skills by calling Cannon's (sorry, Heywood's) Double Norwich for the third time this year, as he constantly reminded us (and then we him) for the rest of the week. Nevertheless the peal was well up to our previous standards and it is worth drawing the Double Norwich King's attention to his "up and coming" rival.

The next morning we were fortunate to be allowed an hour's ringing at Buckfast Abbey, due to the efforts of Aubrey Benson and the co-operation of Father Paulinus, to whom we are indeed grateful.

LADY LUCK WAS THERE

Tuesday was a successful day in terms of quality of ringing, with Ron setting an excellent beat to Superlative at Plympton St. Mary — the best effort of the week, marred by only one trip. Only one hour after this a peal of Yorkshire Royal was started at Plymouth St. Andrew's, and we feel its success was largely due to having two fresh men, Kingsley and David, on the back bells. Lady Luck was with us, however, for the treble rope broke during the lower at the successful conclusion.

Bill Perrins called Stedman at Exminster on Wednesday morning and thus broke the Stedman Triples jinx for Graham (it being his 27th attempt for that method). Our first loss (Cambridge) occurred at North Tawton, where one of the band felt so unwell three courses from the end that the peal was stood up. Mary Elmes and Ruth Blackwood joined the party that night, and Mary hoped that it was not her arrival that had brought bad luck.

Her hope was justified for we scored Cambridge Royal with her in the band at Brixham the following morning. She also showed intuition by giving up her rope for the afternoon attempt at Ashburton. Pudsey was lost after two hours' ringing when a sudden trip took all by surprise.

Friday also proved a tiring day for some of the others, a good peal of Bristol being scored in the morning at Broadclyst after a 25-minute false start. Likewise Lincolnshire at Ottery St. Mary after a similar false start. As some may know, Ottery has a ground floor ring, and the band were constantly disturbed by visitors to the church —one foreign spectator even climbed into the pulpit to get a better flash photograph. Frank Mack then kindly entertained us to a ring on his miniature six, where Tim proved that strong-arm tactics do not always work. Three revolutions per change is a new idea, I believe. Mary Mack showed commendable restraint as people clambered through the loft of their house at past 10 p.m., inspecting the frame for Frank's new ten, while she tried to pack for their Bristol tour next day.

We proved our successes were not all a result of luck by ringing 5-spliced at Withycombe Raleigh on Saturday morning without much trouble. Richard then admirably rounded off the week by conducting Stedman Caters on the fine ten at Cullompton.

We celebrated with a much-delayed meal and congratulated ourselves on a 12 from 14 success story. The tour abroad experiment was well justified, a very cordial atmosphere prevailing throughout.

Our thanks are due to Frank, Roy Bould and Norman Mallett for ringing with us, and to all the other Devon ringers and incumbents who made this tour possible. We are most grateful to Ron, Bill and John for their organisation. ULMUS.

M.U.G.'s Adventures (cont.)

The start on Friday morning seemed early enough to justify pyjamas as rig for the day, and the run to Thurmaston was not without event; "Jim Hawkins" was in difficulties again in attempting to do a U-turn and was blown on to a sand bar. The final solution was to get out and push, although the extremely hot sun rendered this task almost pleasant. Nevertheless punctual at Thurmaston, we found an interesting long-draught six of 10 cwt. At Sileby after lunch we found a very fine church, and another fine sonorous 22 cwt. eight. The "Jim Hawkins" crew had to leave early to collect a key at Loughborough, which occasioned one member to fall down the steps in her enthusiasm, but with no permanent damage. When the rest of the fleet arrived at Loughborough we tried our skill at the foundry, where we were grateful to be able to ring at short notice. Our visit was fairly short and we were also able to ring at All Saints' (weight, 30 cwt.), which provided a suitable contrast with some nice sonority; Bristol Major and Grandsire Caters were reasonably successful. We sailed on in the evening to the farthest pub we could reach before dusk, for our last night celebrations.

A very early start was enforced on Saturday morning, for the boats had to be returned to Trent Lock by 10.00, so after finishing all left-over food at breakfast, we had a complete clean out of the boats and a deck-swabbing session. Thus the boats were handed over intact, and deposits subsequently returned, also intact. Ringing followed at Sawley, thanks to a chance meeting with David Marshall the previous weekend. After a pub lunch we entered Nottingham for our final ring at St. Mary's.

Such a successful and enjoyable tour obviously requires a great deal of planning, so the members give their special thanks to Maris Stephenson and Chris Movley who accomplished this; the fact that they were unable to come with us caused grave suspicions at first, later proved to be ill-founded. Thanks are due also to all incumbents and tower-captains involved. This type of tour is certainly to be recommended to those wanting not so much a tower grab, but a real ringing holiday. S.

LEEDS RINGERS AT EXPO

Tuesday, July 22nd, was the day we'd all been waiting for. A chance to ring at the Expo belfry. We set off, six of us in one car, from Chapel Allerton at 7.45 a.m. The crush was eased at Wetherby when the three young 'uns were transferred to another car.

We had arranged to ring at a few towers, and the first of these was on the fine ten at Stockton-on-Tees. A course of Bob Royal was managed with the help of Mr. Lawson and Jim Belshaw, also on his way to Expo. Saltburn and Marske were also visited before a packed lunch was eaten at the Expo site.

The time for our peal attempt had to be delayed owing to a B.B.C. film unit. At last at about 4.15 p.m. we were off into Kent Major with a composite band from Chapel Allerton, Selby, Sherburn-in-Elmet, Rothwell and St. Albans, Herts. Apart from Robin slipping his rope off the wheel now and again, we had some decent ringing and rounds came up in 2 hours 28 minutes.

On the way home we rang at Skelton and Guisborough. We were very happy with the day's proceedings. R. J. S.

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ALDENHAM, HERTS.—On July 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Irene Mayfield 1, E. Ashby 2, S. Kathleen M. Baldwin 3, R. J. Moore 4, A. Wootton 5, R. Baldwin 6, J. R. Southey (cond.) 7, P. Hart 8. First of Stedman 1 and 5.

ASHBOCKING, SUFFOLK.—On July 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Trudy Carter (first quarter, aged 12) 1, L. Brain 2, L. Parry 3, Diana M. Pipe 4, A. R. Bridges 5, G. W. Pipe (cond.) 6. A farewell to Trudy and Frank Carter, leaving for Wolverhampton with the Suffolk Guild's thanks for their good service.

ASH PRIORS, SOM.—On Aug. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. A. C. Cross (50th quarter) 1, T. Hancock 2, Miss F. Gadd (first "inside") 3, F. Morris 4, M. A. Arscott (cond.) 5, F. Pike 6. A birthday compliment to A. W. Knight, tower captain.

BABWORTH, NOTTS.—On Aug. 2nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Thelma E. Staples 1, S. Marshall (first Minor) 2, B. A. Jones 3, E. J. Sollis 4, D. R. Chambers 5, L. G. Smith (cond.) 6. A wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Marshall, and as a birthday compliment to Bill Hewitt.

BARROWBY, LINCS.—On Aug. 1st, 1,200 All Saints' Doubles: F. W. Pinchbeck 1, M. F. Mitchell 2, A. Crawford 3, T. A. Relf 4, B. Buttery (cond.) 5, P. A. Hill 6. First of All Saints' Doubles by the band.

BATHAMPTON, SOM.—On July 15th, 1,296 Spliced Surprise Minor (five methods): J. E. Newman 1, A. Swatton 2, D. G. Massey 3, M. M. Jelley 4, P. J. W. Hardwick 5, J. M. Jelley 6. For the dedication of the new Vicarage.

BICKER, LINCS.—On July 28th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: M. J. Belcher 1, R. Stephenson 2, H. Barsley 3, P. Cambling 4, G. H. Campling (cond.) 5, S. Johnson (first quarter) 6.

BIDEFORD, DEVON.—At 51, Abbotsham Road, on July 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor ("in hand"): P. M. Hine 1-2, T. C. Hine (cond.) 3-4, P. E. Hine 5-6. Rung for the engagement of Heather Campbell to John Richardson. Also by the same band, on July 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor ("in hand"), as a farewell to Alec and Janet Macpherson and family on their departure from Shebbear College. Also by the same band, on Aug. 4th, 1,320 Minor (Little, Plain Bob), as an affectionate farewell to John Queen on his departure from Shebbear College.

BLACKMOOR, HANTS.—On Aug. 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: K. Sansom (cond.) 1, Mary Sutcliffe (first in method) 2, Catherine Law (first in method) 3, R. Tipper 4, D. Hughes 5, D. Fox 6. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. Cross, of Petersfield, and a diamond wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. Tomsett, of Whitehill.

BREDBURY, CHESHIRE.—On July 20th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: M. Foulds (cond.) 1, R. B. Smith 2, P. Broadbent 3, Sylvia Smith (first in method) 4, B. S. B. Kear 5, R. F. Andrew 6. A farewell to Rev. Eric Pratt, curate at Bredbury since 1964, and wishing him success and happiness in his future ministry at Eaton and Hulme Walfield.

CHEADLE, CHESHIRE.—On Aug. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Joan W. Adlard 1, Joyce Gardiner 2, G. Gardiner 3, A. Cairns (cond.) 4, C. Billinge 5, R. Dyckhoff 6, C. Bell 7, J. Bell 8. Rung as a farewell compliment to ringer of 6, soon emigrating to Australia.

CHEWTON MENDIP, SOM.—On Aug. 1st 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. S. Jenkins 1, Rev. J. Tomsett 2, G. Salmon 3, V. Roberts 4, M. Bartlett 5, C. Jenkins 6, R. Taylor (cond.) 7, C. Wainwright 8. With the best wishes of the band to Mr. and Mrs. L. England on the arrival of twins (son and daughter).

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—On June 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Bitchell 1, R. V. Johnson 2, J. Kirkcaldy 3, S. Allen 4, A. W. Bond 5, J. R. Norris (cond.) 6, P. D. Hepburn 7, Mrs. Peggi Walls 8. For the Patronal Festival (Trinity Sunday).

DEWSBURY, YORKS.—On Aug. 3rd, 1,280 Spliced Cambridge, Yorkshire and Superlative Surprise Major: E. Betts 1, Avis M. Thompson (age 13) 2, J. M. Ineson (12) 3, Ruth Richardson (14) 4, Mrs. V. Bottomley (cond.) 5, J. Wightman 6, G. Richardson 7, V. Bottomley 8. First of Spliced by 2, 3, 4, 6 and 7. Rung by some of the Sunday service band.

EPSOM, SURREY.—At the Church of St. Martin, on Aug. 1st, 1,282 Cambridge Surprise Royal: M. W. Harbott (first T.B.R.) 1, T. Skilton 2, Sally Forbes-Harper (first Surprise Royal) 3, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 4, Felicity S. Hamilton 5, Gill P. Oakshott 6, J. Cheesman 7, R. D. Mills 8, J. C. Davidge 9, P. J. Munday 10. Rung by members of the Leatherhead District of G.D.G. in memoriam George L. Grover.

QUARTER PEALS

GRANTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE. — On Aug. 3rd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Penny Jackson 1, D. A. Frith 2, Hazel Ketteringham 3, Janet Hardy 4, F. W. Pinchbeck 5, D. Leafe 6, T. A. Relf 7, K. Ketteringham 8, B. Buttery (cond.) 9. J. Holmes 10. First of Caters by 1 and 4. For Evensong.

HAWKLEY, HANTS.—On July 20th, 1,260 Grandside Doubles: Maureen Tipper 1, R. Tipper 2, Karin Hatherly (first "inside") 3, H. de Combe 4, D. Hatherly (cond.) 5, K. Tipper 6. For Parish Communion.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX. — On March 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (on the back six): Pamela A. Middleton (first quarter) 1, K. Mary Lambert 2, J. N. Lambert (first "inside") 3, P. D. Hepburn 4, S. W. Brown (cond.) 5, J. R. Norris 6. To mark the Confirmation this day of Peter Hepburn by the Bishop of Horsham. Also on May 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (on the back six): Anne Lambert 1, J. Kirkcaldy 2, D. Kirkcaldy (first Bob Doubles "inside") 3, S. W. Brown 4, J. R. Norris (cond.) 5, K. Mary Lambert 6. For Evensong. Also on May 25th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. Kirkcaldy (first Major) 1, J. N. Lambert (first Major) 2, Maureen Kirkcaldy (first Major "inside") 3, J. Kirkcaldy 4, H. W. Brown 5, S. W. Brown 6, P. D. Hepburn 7, J. R. Norris (cond.) 8. For Whit Sunday Evensong.

LLANTWIT MAJOR, GLAM.—On July 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Clark (first quarter) 1, P. G. Mayle 2, W. T. Petty (cond.) 3, N. V. Hill 4, R. J. Male 5, R. W. Proctor 6. A farewell compliment to R. W. Proctor, leaving for Singapore.

LONDON, W.C.—At St. Clement Danes, on July 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. Gower 1, Susan Turcan (first of Stedman) 2, Jillian Turcan 3, Valerie Jones 4, D. Wright 5, S. Halliwell 6, D. Ellisdon (cond.) 7, C. Wright 8. For Evensong.

LONGWOOD, YORKS.—On July 13th, 1,440 Royston and Penistone Treble Bob Minor: A. Lunn 1, S. Williams 2, S. Lunn 3, D. Williams 4, B. Ellis 5, I. Roberts (cond.) 6. A farewell to the Rev. Tom Malam, moving to Dodworth after 15 years' ministry in Longwood. Also on August 3rd, 1,320 Annable's London and Netherseale Surprise Minor, by the same band. A 21st birthday compliment to Brian Ellis.

MORETON CORBETT, SALOP. — On July 20th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: E. F. Wilcox 1, Patricia C. Stocken 2, M. Cecelia Evans 3, F. Leech 4, M. J. A. Orman (first as cond.) 5, J. P. Evans 6. Rung for Matins. First in two methods 3 and 5.

MOTTRAM-IN-LONGDENDALE, CHESHIRE.—On July 17th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Sylvia Smith 1, B. S. B. Kear 2, Susan Brocklehurst 3, S. Coutts (first in method) 4, M. Foulds 5, P. Broadbent 6, S. L. Bamforth (first Major as cond.) 7, R. F. Andrew 8.

NEWCASTLE, STAFFS.—On Aug. 3rd, at St. Giles' Church, 1,280 Oxford T.B. Major: C. S. Ryles (cond.) 1, Miss P. M. Mills 2, G. A. Moore 3, D. J. Midgley 4, T. L. Walley 5, D. J. Pitstow 6, A. Thompson 7, D. J. Danby 8. For the baptism of the grandson of the Rector.

NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS, LANCS.—On June 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. A. Flint 1, Mrs. M. Tickle 2, Miss L. Mackreth 3, J. Hedgecock 4, D. I. Bennett (cond.) 5, D. C. Makin-Taylor 6, K. Edwards 7. For Evensong on St. Peter's Day. Also on July 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss A. Thomas (first quarter) 1, D. J. Bennett (cond.) 2, Miss L. Mackreth 3, K. Edwards 4, J. Hedgecock 5, D. C. Makin-Taylor 6, F. Hayes 7.

NORTHENDEN, MANCHESTER. — On Aug. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. D. Priest (first quarter) 1, P. G. Bellamy-Knights 2, I. E. Margaret Manby 3, P. Boucher 4, P. Dyson 5, A. Ward (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Betty Jones, wife of local ringer Mr. Ron Jones.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On Aug. 2nd, 1,728 Minor (Cambridge and Kent): Susan Turcan 1, Mary Wilkinson 2, Jillian Turcan 3, D. Gower 4, Valerie Jones 5, D. Ellisdon (cond.) 6. A peal attempt called round.

PILTON, SOMERSET.—On July 22nd, 1,276 Cambridge S.M.: C. P. Wainwright (first of Surprise) 1, M. J. Whiteley (first of Surprise) 2, G. G. Salmon 3, Sheila Y. Jenkins 4, C. R. Jenkins 5, R. C. Taylor (cond.) 6.

PITSFORD, NORTHANTS.—On Aug. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. E. Frost 1, J. Meredith (first quarter) 2, Mrs. M. Meredith 3, D. E. C. Isaacs 4, J. Payne 5, B. R. Care (cond.) 6. Rung to the glory of God and as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Harris.

QUEENBOROUGH, KENT.—On July 31st, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Mrs. M. Croal 1, F. Fagg 2, W. A. Wood (cond.) 3, S. Rayfield 4, G. Wood 5, Miss S. Kimmings 6. Rung to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Fagg, and a birthday quarter for Ruth.

QUEEN CAMEL, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 2nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: I. L. Andrews 1, Helen Haines 2, R. Williamson 3, D. B. Ellery 4, R. Haines (cond.) 5, M. J. Hiller 6.

RENDCOMBE, GLOS.—On July 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. J. Brown 1, E. Mary Bliss (cond.) 2, R. J. Wood 3, N. A. Johnson 4, R. T. Wakefield 5, A. T. Patrick 6. First quarter !, 4, 6. Rung to mark the end of Rendcombe College term and as a compliment to the ringer of 5 on his recent graduation from Leicester University.

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.—On July 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Marianne Baker 1, S. Bradbury (first in method) 2, A. Holroyd 3, C. Newton (first in method) 4, A. Beaumont 5, R. Harper 6, S. Armeson (cond.) 7, D. Nichols 8. Also on July 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Neal 1, Marianne Baker (first in method) 2, Marie Hatswell (first in method) 3, C. Newton 4, A. Holroyd 5, A. Beaumont 6, S. Armeson (cond.) 7, S. Hopwood 8. To mark man's conquest of the moon.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At St. Peter's, on Aug. 3rd, 1,320 Kent T.B. Royal: J. D. Duggan 1, Pauline Freeman (first in method) 2, K. J. Darvill 3, Elizabeth Forster 4, C. Forster (cond.) 5, T. C. Holland 6, H. V. Frost 7, F. W. Ellis 8, J. E. Ewer 9, G. W. Debenham 10. For Evensong.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At St. Stephen's Church, on July 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Alison Malyan 1, Jane L. Richards (first quarter) 2, Jean Dale 3, S. Chandler (first quarter) 4, P. T. Dale 5. A compliment to the astronauts Armstrong, Aldrin and Collins on their safe return from the moon.

ST. IPPOLYTS, HERTS. — On July 30th, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (Oxford and Kent): José Trigg 1, Elizabeth J. Cranfield (first Oxford) 2, Cecile Forgan (first in both methods) 3, A. R. Agg 4, I. Panton 5, P. J. Cranfield (first as cond.) 6. To congratulate Elizabeth Cranfield on gaining her degree.

SANDY, BEDS.—On Aug. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Karen Baker 1, M. Mander 2, R. Garrett 3, D. Goss (cond.) 4, Joan Ashton 5, C. D. Corby 6. For a wedding and to the greater glory of God.

SHENSTONE, STAFFS.—On Aug. 1st, 1,440 Surprise Minor (Carlisle and London): P. G. Golder 1, Anita E. Foden 2, Anthea C. Fairey 3, J. Humphries 4, P. Riley 5, M. W. Fairey (cond.) 6. First of Surprise 4 and 5.

STANWICK, NORTHANTS.—On July 29th, 1,260 St. Clement's Minor: Jane Barber 1, Ann Smith 2, R. Whitworth 3, R. Cowley 4, T. Smith 5, J. Skerritt (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled by the Wellingborough Branch Committee in memory of the Rev. W. C. Knight (former Branch president).

STOKE-SUB-HAMDON, SOM. — On July 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Woodhouse (first Minor) 1, Gilbert W. Rendell 2, Gordon W. Rendell 3, H. E. G. Jeanes 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5, Rev. C. J. B. Marshall 6. An engagement compliment to John Martin and Angela Berryman (step-daughter of the conductor).

STORRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On July 19th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Taylor 1, Bronwen Davies 2, Susan Ritson 3, Jean Horton 4, J. Taylor (cond.) 5, D. Nicholson 6. A wedding compliment to Marcus and Joy, two local ringers, and to Susan for her 21st birthday.

STURMINSTER NEWTON, DORSET.—On May 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss K. Andrews 1, Susan M. Corry 2, B. Ridout 3, A. J. Paulley 4, C. F. Longridge (cond.) 5, C. J. Corry 6.

SWANMORE, HANTS.—On June 26th, 1,260 Doubles: B. J. Fry 1, Mary Sutcliffe 2, Jennifer L. Quaife 3, W. Willans (cond.) 4, A. A. J. Buswell 5. To commemorate the 90th anniversary of the foundation of the Winchester Diocesan Guild.

TAUNTON, SOM.—On July 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Chidgey 1, W. Millard 2, W. H. Tarr 3, A. H. Reed 4, F. Matravers 5, J. Medway (first of Grandsire Triples) 6, R. F. Arscott (cond.) 7, D. Adams 8. For the Patronal Festival.

TETTENHALL, STAFFS.—On July 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. J. Bates 1, E. Timmins 2, C. Tebbott 3, P. J. Day 4, P. R. Johnson 5, A. G. Newman 6, R. C. Stevens (cond.) 7, D. Jones 8.

THRAPSTON, NORTHANTS.—On July 29th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Pamela Dacre 1, A. J. Marks 2, Sally Diamond (first on 8) 3, Mary Coleman 4, B. Yeomans 5, J. M. Tyler 6, C. N. Stephenson 7, M. A. Coleman (cond.) 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Laurence Stapleton.

OBITUARY

MR. TERRY FITZGERALD

Merseyside ringers have suffered a severe loss by the sudden passing of one of their number, Terence Michael Fitzgerald, at the comparatively early age of 34. His death occurred on July 20th at the Liverpool Royal Infirmary where a week or so previously he had undergone what had appeared to be a successful leg operation, but unfortunately, as was afterwards revealed, there had been serious complications.

Three years ago Terry decided to give up his work as a qualified male sister at this same hospital in order that he could enter the ministry of the Church. He was accepted as a student at St. Aidan's Theological College, Birkenhead, and for the past three years he had been in training there preparatory to taking Holy Orders. In September, he would have been ordained and he was to have commenced his ministry as deacon at St. David's Church, Childwall.

Learning to ring at St. Luke's, Crosby, Terry quickly became a reliable ringer and excellent striker. He also rang at Halewood and the Church of St. Nicholas, and took part in several peals in and around his native Liverpool. For two years up to 1966 he was a very capable Assistant Ringing Master of the Liverpool Branch of the Lancashire Association.

In addition, he was an outstanding and devout leader in parochial matters and his many friends believe he would have made valuable contribution to the ministry of the Church he loved so well.

The funeral service was at his parish church, St. Faith's, Crosby, on July 24th, when the Rector, Father Charles Billington, officiated, assisted by the Rev. Michael R. D. Harford (a ringer and Vicar of St. David's, Childwall) and the Rev. Arthur Widdis (Principal of St. Aidan's College), who delivered a moving and inspiring address. The chief mourners were Terry's brother Pat (organist at this church, who played for the service), another brother, Maurice, and his sister Ann.

Among the large number also present were the churchwardens and members of the P.C.C. of St. David's, Childwall, and the Lancashire Association was represented by Miss Lucy Hopkins, Messrs. E. C. Birkett, J. N. Brown, J. Dunbavin and T. R. Butler.

After the service, the cortege proceeded to Thornton crematorium and there on this beautiful July day, in a peaceful country setting well within distant sight of the towers of Aughton, Sefton and Liverpool Cathedral where he had rung so often, we paid our last humble tribute of respect to a faithful friend and colleague who will always be remembered with the highest esteem and regard. T. R. B.

MR. F. GOSLING, Burghclere

Mr. G. Dodd writes:—

I came under Mr. Gosling's influence in 1946 after mastering the treble to Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor. He had taught a band of my own age to ring 120 Grandsire Doubles and offered to teach me on an "inside" bell if I continued to give help after I had mastered the method.

I was grateful for that early help as ringing in my own tower was limited to call-changes. In those early days I could not see how I would be able to return that help, but later Mr. Gosling came weekly to my tower to learn the inside of Bob Minor and Stedman

Throughout the years our paths had crossed many times and he joined us on outings. But striking was his main interest and concern, and the fruit of his success was when his tower won the District striking contest three years in succession and received the cup he gave himself to the District.

The quarter peal rung to his memory in the method he knew so well would, if he could have heard it, have pleased him greatly. I am glad to have known him and grateful to the early start he gave me in ringing.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The peal of Spliced Surprise Maximus on handbells at Marple on July 24th was Neil Bennett's 500th peal.

Latest news from Calgary, Canada, is that there is great expectancy at the prospect of visitors—Bill and Hilda Oatway, Len Stilwell, Rosemary Astridge and Alan Summerell, on his way home to New Zealand.

The bells at Grantham were rung to a quarter peal on July 24th in thanksgiving for the safe return of the American astronauts. The bells were fired three times for each of the three members of the crew of the Apollo 11 spacecraft.

The Barkingside band have had a period of misfortune, losing all local peals of Triples, Major and Minor. Owing to the noise they are unable to peal their bells. They desire to thank incumbents and tower captains who permit peal attempts on their bells.

The quarter peal of Grandsire Caters at Wells Cathedral on July 25th was on the eve of the wedding of the Dean's daughter, Miss E. Edwards. Leicester ringers will be interested to hear that Evelyn joined in the ringing afterwards. She learned to handle a bell at Leicester where her father was Rector before his appointment to Wells as Dean.

A farewell peal was rung at St. Chad's, Birmingham, on August 5th, for Mr. John Insley, who is going to Libya.

The quarter peal at Barrowby, Lincs., is believed to be the first of All Saints' Doubles rung at an All Saints' Church. It was not possible to find six saints to ring!

Congratulations to Mr. William Birmingham on ringing his 500th peal. This took place at Hungerford, Berks, on August 9th and it was his 100th peal with Michael Hatchett.

In thanking us for the many hours of reading and study, Mr. George Wilkinson of Leek (the captain who insists on good striking for the Roving Ringers) informs us that he has been a "Ringing World" reader for over 50 years.

The recently published peal rung at Stony Stratford, Bucks, on July 26th, was the first peal on the bells for 13 years, and was rung under sponsorship of the local band, four of whom were 16 years and under. It was an excellent peal of Bob Major. It is estimated that about £25 will be collected from sponsors towards "Target 69," the Parish Church Restoration Fund.

Congratulations to Alan R. Bridges of the Suffolk Guild on ringing his 100th peal.

Mr. Dermot J. Roaf is leaving Melbourne, Australia, for England this month. He took part in a farewell quarter of Grandsire Caters at St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne.

At a recent flower festival at Skipton-in Craven, Yorks, the ringers raised over £30 towards the church organ fund by showing visitors to the tower and by giving demonstration of change ringing.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

It was pleasing to visitors to find such a fine ring of six bells hidden away in the country when the Hereford District met at Clodock on July 26th. The Vicar (Canon Allan Weaver) conducted the service, and 23 members were present at tea and the business meeting. Miss Edge announced that the annual dinner would be held at Leominster on October 18th. She hoped it would be well supported as it was the first of its kind in Hereford Diocese.

Practice meetings were fixed: August 30th Lyde and another tower; September 27th Withington or Bodenham; October 25th (quarterly) Holme Lacey.

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FIRST PEAL AT APPLEBY

With the recent first peal on the bells at St. Lawrence's, Appleby, Westmorland, all rings of bells in the county have been rung to peals.

The Appleby peal came after four attempts, the first being in March, 1968. This was lost through a B.B.C. reporter bursting in and asking, "Could you just stop for a few minutes, please," due to the recording of a news item. The second attempt in June, 1968, collapsed after the treble rope slipped wheel and later broke. The third attempt was lost in March, 1969, due to extreme difficulty in handling the bells, which are a very rough, ground-floor ring, with a long draught.

Appleby is the county town of Westmorland, and the bells were hung in 1833 by Mears of London. The successful peal lasted 2 hours 33 minutes and so at last set up history on the little-used difficult six.

Congratulations must be given to Hugh J. Pettifer, of Ulverston, who has rung only two peals, yet handled the 2nd extremely well.

A SUDBURY OLD TYME RALLYE

Nine charities and organisations will benefit from the £5,000 profit of the Sudbury Mammoth Olde Tyme Rallye, reported in our last issue. Towards the restoration of Long Melford Church £4,000 is being invested with the Historic Churches Preservation Trust. For every £2,000 invested the Trust adds a further £500 when the money is withdrawn for work in hand. Sudbury Church is to receive £100 towards rehanging their bells after recasting

DAVENTRY BRANCH OUTING

The largest coach available—a 52-seater—was fully occupied for the Daventry Branch's outing to London on June 28th. Main events were visits to the Whitechapel Bell Foundry and the Science Museum to see the Carter ringing machine expertly operated by Mr. and Mrs. Dobbie after an explanation by Mr. Douglas Hughes. Ringing took place at St. Vedas, Foster Lane, Kilburn and South Mymms. Daventry was reached just after 11 p.m.

AN EXCITING QUARTER

Set to drive 22 miles from Sutton-in-Ashfield to Babworth, Notts, in 25 minutes on August 2nd, the driver of one of the cars listened to the voice from the back seat and arrived at West Retford Church! A frantic drive ensued, and the car arrived in time to join in the favourite game of "hunt the belfry key." The quarter was accomplished in 50 minutes, those who had previously wanted a half-peal having been emphatically told that if that was their desire it would have to be Minimus!

BELFRY ROMANCE AT DARLINGTON

At a wedding at St. Cuthbert's, Darlington, on July 26th, the bride and bridegroom, the bride's parents, and the two bridesmaids were all bellringers. Bridegroom was Mr. William Davidson, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Davidson of Ross Avenue, Dunston, Gateshead, and the bride was Miss Brenda Cooke, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cooke of Eastbourne Road, Darlington.

The bridegroom, an apprentice supervisor with Churchill Gear Machines Ltd., of Blaydon, is a ringer at Whickham-on-Tyne. The bride, who graduated B.Sc. at Newcastle University, is a computer programmer with the Northern Gas Board at Newcastle. She has been a ringer at St. Cuthbert's since she was a schoolgirl, and her father is a former President of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association of Church Bellringers

Friends from Darlington and Newcastle rang before and after the service, which was conducted by Canon Peter N. Wansey.

Bridesmaids were the bride's sister, Miss Janet Cooke, and a friend, Miss Janet Warwick. Mr. Alan W. McGraddie was best man, and groomsman was Mr. Christopher Fenwick.

Following a honeymoon in Somerset, Mr. and Mrs. Davidson will make their home at Rowlands Gill.

A LOSS TO SHEBBEAR

The departure of Mr. John Queen from Shebbear College, after 11 years on the staff, is a blow to change ringing in North Devon and to the College in particular. But he has left behind at Shebbear a band of enthusiasts whom we are certain will maintain the tradition. Mr. Queen is joining the staff of Brentwood College, Mill Bay, Vancouver Island, B.C., Canada, and looks forward to continuing his change ringing activities.

TURRAMURRA FESTIVAL OF BELLS

On Sunday, August 3rd, a combined interdenominational and civic service of thanksgiving was held in Turramurra Park, N.S.W., Australia. It was an act of witness to the influence of the Church as a whole on the life of Turramurra over the past 70 years: and an expression of dedication to greater effort in future years. After the service about 1,200 people joined in a Procession of Witness.

The bells of St. James were featured as the focal point of the Festival. They have helped to carry the Church's message to local citizens of all faiths over many years. One objective of the Festival was to provide two extra bells to make an octave.

Ringers from all Sydney towers rang during the afternoon, and two quarter peals were rung by representative teams.

BILL PARROTT GOING TO BATH

At the end of August the Surrey Association will be saying farewell to Bill Parrott, who is leaving Surrey to take up a new appointment with the Trustee Savings Bank at Bath. His services to the Association have been conspicuous. He was secretary of the Northern District for 10 years and general secretary for a further four.

A farewell quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor was conducted by Bill at Kingswood on July 21st, and rung by a representative body from the Surrey Association consisting of a committee member, the tower captain of Christ Church, Epsom, the present general secretary and the Master of the Southern District.

The Association wishes him every success in his new position and hopes there will be many other occasions on which he will ring with the members he served so faithfully and well.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION

Over 40 ringers attended the practice meeting of the Ilchester Branch at Langport on August 6th. The musical six was put to good use in a great variety of methods under the direction of Mr. Gordon Rendell. It was a great pleasure to see a young contingent from Odcombe and Preston as well as visitors from farther afield.

More especially it was gratifying to see such a spick and span ringing chamber, beautifully cleaned and redecorated by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Parker, to whom the Branch extends its thanks as well as to the Rev. W. E. Houlden and Mr. A. Rothwell (tower Master).

Next meeting: Quarterly on September 6th, 5 to 9 p.m., at Montacute. Ringers will also be welcome at East Chinnock on September 7th at 9.15 a.m. and 5.45 p.m. for service ringing at the Flower and Music Festival.—M. M. L.

L.C.A. IN S.W. LONDON

The July meeting of the London County Association is worth reporting for two reasons. Firstly, the ringing programme was extended to include four towers, with approximately one hour's ringing at each. Secondly, we were invited to hold a service in the Roman Catholic church at Clapham Common. The ringers' chaplain welcomed us most warmly and later he and his server (secretary of the local ringers) joined us for tea. Mr. H. W. Rogers, the Master, expressed his satisfaction at seeing that ringing was one sphere in which religious differences could be put aside.

Towers visited were Clapham Park, Clapham Common, Tooting Graveney and St. Leonard's, Streatham. Ringing ranged from rounds to Spliced Surprise, though the overall standard of striking was poor. Nevertheless, this did not detract from an enjoyable and interesting day. M. R. W.

WESSEX RINGERS' PEAL WEEK

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
MILBORNE PORT, Som.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist.
On Sat., July 19, 1969, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 28 cwt. 1 qr 20 lb. in D.

R. Kingsley Mason	Treble	Graham W. Elmes	5
David Wilson	2	Timothy F. Collins	6
David G. Massey	3	Frederick E. Collins	7
William T. Perrins	4	Ronald N. Marlow	Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts Conducted by William T. Perrins.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
THORVERTON, Devon.—At the Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury.
On Sun., July 20, 1969, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 4 lb. in F.

John N. Longridge	Treble	Timothy F. Collins	5
David G. Massey	2	Graham W. Elmes	6
*†Katharine J. Maundrell	3	†Richard H. Youdale	7
John W. Blackwood	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by F. Dench. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
* First peal of London Major. † 25th together

BOVEY TRACEY, Devon.—At the Church of SS. Peter, Paul and Thomas of Canterbury
On Mon., July 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in F sharp.

Richard H. Youdale	Treble	David G. Massey	5
Katharine J. Maundrell	2	Frank D. Mack	6
William T. Perrins	3	John N. Longridge	7
Norman Mallett	4	Ronald N. Marlow	Tenor

Composed by Arthur Craven. Conducted by Katharine J. Maundrell.
First peal as conductor
Rung during the occupation of the moon by the American astronauts.

BUCKFASTLEIGH, Devon.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Mon., July 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in F.

R. Kingsley Mason	Treble	*John W. Blackwood	5
Katharine J. Maundrell	2	Richard H. Youdale	6
David G. Massey	3	Graham W. Elmes	7
William T. Perrins	4	Timothy F. Collins	Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood Conducted by Timothy F. Collins.
* First peal of Double Norwich.

PLYMPTON ST. MARY, Devon.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Tues., July 22, 1969, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt 1 qr. 11 lb. in D.

Graham W. Elmes	Treble	*†Timothy F. Collins	5
Katharine J. Maundrell	2	John N. Longridge	6
Richard H. Youdale	3	*William T. Perrins	7
John W. Blackwood	4	†Ronald N. Marlow	Tenor

Composed by C. H. Martin. Conducted by William T. Perrins.
* 50th peal together. † 25th together. First of Superlative on the bells.

PLYMOUTH, Devon.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Tues., July 22, 1969, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 35 cwt. 14 lb. in D flat.

Frank D. Mack	Treble	John N. Longridge	6
Katharine J. Maundrell	2	Graham W. Elmes	7
Norman Mallett	3	Richard H. Youdale	8
*John W. Blackwood	4	David G Massey	9
†Timothy F. Collins	5	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Arranged by John R. Mayne. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
* First peal of Surprise Royal † 50th of Surprise

EXMINSTER, Devon.—At the Church of St. Martin.
On Wed., July 23, 1969, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's No. 2 Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in E flat.

David G. Massey	Treble	Frank D Mack	5
*Graham W. Elmes	2	D. Roy Bould	6
*Christopher F. Longridge	3	William T. Perrins	7
R. Kingsley Mason	4	Richard H. Youdale	Tenor

Conducted by William T. Perrins.
* First peal of Stedman Triples.

BRIXHAM, Devon.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Thurs., July 24, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in F.

Katharine J. Maundrell	Treble	*Timothy F. Collins	6
*Mary E. Elmes	2	D. Roy Bould	7
†William T. Perrins	3	Richard H. Youdale	8
David G. Massey	4	R. Kingsley Mason	9
Graham W. Elmes	5	Ronald N. Marlow	Tenor

Composed by William Pye. Conducted by Ronald N. Marlow.
* 50th peal together. † First of Cambridge Royal.

BROADCLYST, Devon.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Fri., July 25, 1969, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 25 lb. in E flat.

R. Kingsley Mason	Treble	†Graham W. Elmes	5
*†Katharine J. Maundrell	2	*Richard H. Youdale	6
*John N. Longridge	3	Timothy F. Collins	7
David G. Massey	4	Ronald N. Marlow	Tenor

Composed by Joseph W Parker. Conducted by Ronald N. Marlow.
* First peal of Bristol. † 25th together.

OTTERY ST. MARY, Devon.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Edward the Confessor and All Saints.
On Fri., July 25, 1969, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5376 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in E.

John N. Longridge	Treble	John W. Blackwood	5
David G. Massey	2	William T. Perrins	6
Mary E. Elmes	3	*D. Roy Bould	7
Ronald N. Marlow	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by Simon Humphrey. Conducted by John N. Longridge.
* First peal of Lincolnshire.

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, Devon.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist.
On Sat., July 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In five methods, containing 1,120 London, 1,088 Superlative, 1,024 Bristol, Cambridge and Pudsey, with 107 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.
Teror 14 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in F.

Mary E. Elmes	Treble	Graham W. Elmes	5
Katharine J. Maundrell	2	Richard H. Youdale	6
William T. Perrins	3	Timothy F. Collins	7
John N. Longridge	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by William T. Perrins.

CULLOMPTON, Devon.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., July 26, 1969, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in E.

Richard H. Youdale	Treble	Graham W. Elmes	6
Katharine J. Maundrell	2	D. Roy Bould	7
Mary E. Elmes	3	Ronald N. Marlow	8
*Timothy F. Collins	4	R. Kingsley Mason	9
William T. Perrins	5	John N. Longridge	Tenor

Composed by Richard A. G. Inglis. Conducted by Richard H. Youdale.
* First peal of Caters.

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THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
CHILCOMPTON, Som.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Aug. 2, 1969, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being one extent of the following methods: Beverley, Norfolk, Primrose, London, York, Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 20 cwt.

Victor Savage	Treble	Phillip H. D. Jones	4
Ronald G. Beck	2	David Targett	5
Eric C. Wadman	3	Edward J. Chivers	Tenor

Conducted by Ronald G. Beck.
Rung for the conductor as a birthday compliment

GLASTONBURY, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Benedict.
On Sat., Aug. 2, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5160 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Pitman's (21) 240's and one six-score Tenor 13 cwt.

Arthur J. Callow	Treble	Desmond G. Mayell	4
*Susan A. Mayell	2	*Leonard A. England	5
Mrs. D G. Mayell	3	William A. Prescott	Tenor

Conducted by Desmond G. Mayell.
* First peal in the method.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. L. A. England on the birth of Rebecca and Julian (July 25th, 1969), and also a birthday compliment to Mrs. D. G. Mayell.

DUNKERTON, Somerset.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Fri., Aug. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents. Tenor 5 cwt. 18 lb. in C.

*Thelma J. Kidley	Treble	Stanley C. Davis	4
Victor J. Bowring	2	Alan F. Lee	5
*Christopher J. Stillman	3	Albert F. Butt	Tenor

Conducted by Alan F. Lee.
* First peal attempt. 50th on the bells.
Rung on the tenor ringer's 74th birthday.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
OLD WARDEN, Beds.—At the Church of St. Leonard.
On Thurs., July 31, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 22 lb. in G.

Michael J. Down (Committee member)	Treble
Ronald J. Sharp (Committee member)	2
Stanley H. Ashton (Chairman)	3
Colin D. Mann (Ringing Master)	4
Christopher R Hardy (Ringing Master)	5
Anthony H. Smith (Committee member)	Tenor

Conducted by Stanley H. Ashton.
First peal as conductor.
Rung by the officers of the Biggleswade District as a wedding compliment to Keith Fleming (District secretary) and Linda Elison (committee member), who were married on August 2nd, 1969, at St. Mary's, Maulden.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
CAMBRIDGE.—At the Church of St. Andrew the Great.
On Wed., July 30, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in G.

A. T. Winter (Christ's)	Treble	V. Nutton (Selwyn)	5
A. F. Scholfield (Clare)	2	D. S. Pont (Christ's)	6
D. Barton (Selwyn)	3	F. E. Haynes (St. Cath's)	7
R. A. G. Inglis (Selwyn)	4	R. L. Underwood (P'house)	Tenor

Arranged by F. H. Dexter. (No. 2.) Conducted by Richard A. G. Inglis.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire.—At Christ Church.
On Sat., July 19, 1969, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb

*Brian S. B. Kear	Treble	Michael J. Platt	6
Derek F. Yates	2	Bernard F. L. Groves	7
†G. Richard King	3	Gerald Moorhouse	8
‡Timothy Wylie	4	†Geoffrey Gardner	9
†Eric Roughley	5	Kenneth Davenport	Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
* First peal of Caters. † First in the method. ‡ First of Caters in the method

(Wirral Branch.)
PORT SUNLIGHT, Cheshire.—At Christ Church.
On Tues., July 1, 1969, in 3 Hours.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr 11 lb. in F.

*Colinda J. Dearden	Treble	Ian M Robertson	5
*Linda M. Roberts	2	Ernest T. Carvell	6
*John Hyden	3	Alexander J. Martin	7
*Terence J. Pope	4	Charles F. Pocock	Tenor

Composed by J. R Pritchard. Conducted by Alexander J. Martin.
* First peal of Major.
Rung in honour of the investiture of Charles, Prince of Wales, Earl of Chester.

TUSHINGHAM, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Chad.
On Sat., Aug. 2, 1969, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Kent T.B., St. Clement's, Single Oxford and Rev. Canterbury Pleasure and three extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in G sharp.

Gordon K. Green	Treble	Edward V. Rodenhurst	4
Frank R. Morton	2	John R. Scott	5
Roland W. Morant	3	Geoffrey A. Edwards	Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
STRATFORD-ON-AVON, Warks.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., July 26, 1969, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

Peter H. Mackie	Treble	F. Mark Rowbottom	6
L. Michael Callow	2	Geoffrey Pratt	7
John H Fielden	3	Ian C. Maycock	8
Percy Stone	4	Frederick Shallcross	9
Hubert G. Summers	5	Peter C. Randall	Tenor

Composed by Albert M. Tyler. Conducted by Ian C. Maycock.
Rung for the wedding of Jillian Mary Evans and Timothy John Hawkins, who were married at this church prior to the peal; also for the 39th wedding anniversary of the parents of the bride; and as a farewell to Canon T. Bland, who is leaving the parish.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
BARTON-UNDER-NEEDWOOD, Staffs.—At the Church of St. James.
On Thurs., July 24, 1969, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in F.

Timothy Wylie	Treble	Clive A. Thrower	5
Richard M. L. Wilcox	2	David W. Friend	6
Gordon A. Halls	3	Clive M. Smith	7
Brian A. Tomlinson	4	Denis R. Carlisle	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by David W. Friend.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
HISTON, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Aug. 2, 1969, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in A.

Michael Hawes	Treble	Harold S. Peacock	5
Harold J. F. Muncey	2	*Clive A. Gooding	6
*Kathleen A. Jordan	3	Henry C. Foster	7
Christopher R. F. Muncey	4	Brian D. Threlfall	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Brian D. Threlfall.
* First peal of Major. First peal on the augmented bells.
Rung in honour of the wedding of Carol E. Diver and Eric B. Brown, ringers at this church, married here on July 19th, 1969.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
WALTHAM ABBEY, Essex.—At the Church of the Holy Cross and St. Lawrence.
On Sat., Aug. 2, 1969, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 38 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb in C.

Geoffrey Pearson	Treble	Simon A. B. Wigg	7
D Paul Smith	2	Alan F. Scholfield	8
Bernard F. L. Groves	3	Martin L. Howe	9
Basil Jones	4	Colin A. Tester	10
Christopher Movley	5	David E. House	11
Vivian Nutton	6	Robert B. Smith	Tenor

Composed by Andrew S. Hudson. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

LOUGHTON, Essex.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist
On Sun., July 27, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 19¼ cwt.

Miss C. I. Neville	Treble	R. Burberry	5
*Miss E. M. Ottaway	2	C. W. Ottaway	6
Miss G. Perry	3	J P. Ottaway	7
C. A. Ottaway	4	D. Riley	Tenor

Composed by J. Topp. Conducted by C. W. Ottaway.
* First peal.
Rung as a compliment to the Rector, the Rev. B. W. Ottaway, and Mrs. Ottaway on the day of their 25th wedding anniversary.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
BRIDGNORTH, Salop.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene
On Sat., July 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5104 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in G sharp.

Alan M. Jones	Treble	*David J. Bates	5
Gerald Bowen	2	Philip G. K. Davies	6
Philip J. Day	3	Ian Friend	7
Elizabeth Timmins	4	Richard C. Stevens	Tenor

Composed by Simon Humphrey Conducted by Richard C. Stevens.
* 25th peal.
Rung to mark the Patronal Festival.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, Herts.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., July 12, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in E.

Elizabeth Emmett	Treble	Peter W. Harper	5
Graham J. Parsons	2	Brian M. Barker	6
Judy B. Edwards	3	Stephen J. Crawley	7
Robert Preston	4	Francis M. Byrne	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Stephen J. Crawley.
First peal as conductor.
Rung for the Festival of Music and Drama.

ST. PAUL'S WALDEN, Herts.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Mon., Aug. 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 11½ cwt. in F.

Elizabeth Forster	Treble	John G. Cull	4
Sheila Brown	2	Eric Edmondson	5
J. Desmond Painter	3	Christopher Forster	Tenor

Conducted by Christopher Forster.
Rung with the loyal greetings of the band to H.M. Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother on the occasion of her birthday.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
SEVENOAKS, Kent.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., July 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In eight methods, being 1,920 London, 960 Rutland, 640 Bristol and 320 each of Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 115 changes of method. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in F.

Lucile M. Corby	Treble	Andrew J. Corby	5
Judith M. Corby	2	John A. Howard	6
John Pladdys	3	Alan F. Scholfield	7
Philip A. Corby	4	Richard Hayes	Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Richard Hayes.

MINSTER-IN-SHEPPEY, Kent.—At the Abbey Church of SS. Mary and Sexburga.
On Sat., July 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Comprising 720 changes: Grandsire, Plain Bob and Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, two variations and two spliced compositions.
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in G.

*Susan Goodwin	Treble	†Marianne Leworthy	4
*Mira Ford	2	David P. Leworthy	5
Jane Bryant	3	*Ann Bryant	Tenor

Conducted by David P. Leworthy.
* First peal. † First "inside." First of Doubles by all the band. First as conductor.
Rung by members of the regular Sunday service band as a conclusion to "Open Week."

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
MOORSIDE, Oldham, Lancs.—At the Church of St. Thomas.
On Sat., July 19, 1969, in 3 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

David W. Howarth	Treble	*Leslie Miller	5
Derek Butterworth	2	Michael H. Tompsett	6
*Kathleen Miller	3	Peter J. Malloch	7
Keith P. Tompsett	4	Michael D. Fishwick	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by David W. Howarth.
* First peal. First as conductor
Rung to mark the anniversary of the day and Sunday Schools, and as a compliment to George Mitchell, of Middleton, on completing 50 years' ringing.

RADCLIFFE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sun., Aug. 3, 1969, in 3 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt 6 lb in F.

Roy Jolley	Treble	*Michael H. Tompsett	5
John P. Partington	2	David C. Makin-Taylor	6
*Christine Broadley	3	John Ashcroft	7
John Illingworth	4	James E. Andrews	Tenor

Composed by S. Humphrey. Conducted by James E. Andrews.
* First peal in the method.

AUGHTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., June 14, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 5 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

David J. Bennett	Treble	Martin E. Snape	4
*Mrs. Marilyn Tickle	2	David C. Makin-Taylor	5
†Miss Lesley Makreth	3	Kenneth Edwards	Tenor

Conducted by David J. Bennett.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal attempt.

MELLING, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.
On Sat., July 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Original and Kent T.B. and five of Plain Bob.

Joseph Whalley	Treble	W. Stephen Walker	4
Patricia James	2	Kenneth J. Foster	5
Joan Carter	3	Kevin M. Price	Tenor

Conducted by Kevin M. Price.
100th peal as conductor. Tenor 10 cwt. in A flat.

HELMSHORE, Rossendale, Lancs.—At the Church of St. Thomas.
On Wed., July 30, 1969, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Walter Lockwood	Treble	David W. Howarth	4
Christine Broadley	2	Richard S. Starkie	5
John P. Partington	3	Michael J. Platt	Tenor

Conducted by Michael J. Platt. Tenor 10 cwt

APPLEBY, Westmorland.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.
On Sat., Aug. 2, 1969, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

Nicholas M. Newby	Treble	Alan Capstick	4
Hugh F. Pettifer	2	Thomas F. Metcalfe	5
John Bagnall	3	Kevin M. Price	Tenor

Conducted by Kevin M. Price.
First peal on the bells.

CROSTHWAITE, Westmorland.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sun., Aug. 3, 1969, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 10¾ cwt.

Harold Walker	Treble	Kevin M. Price	4
Joan Carter	2	A. William Pallister	5
W. Stephen Walker	3	Alan Capstick	Tenor

Conducted by Kevin M. Price.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
NEWTOWN LINDFORD, Leics.—At the Church of All Saints
On Tues., July 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

David F. Moore	Treble	Clive J. Mobbs	4
*Peter D. Bailey	2	Roland H. Cook	5
Alex R. Jones	3	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Conducted by David F. Moore.
* First peal of Surprise. Tenor 7 cwt 3 qr. 20 lb. in A.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
NETHERSEALE, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Wed., July 23, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5000 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in G.

Frank Beech	Treble	Edward Fairbrother	5
Rev. M. C. C. Melville	2	Arthur E. Rowley	6
Sheila Parsons	3	Joseph W. Cotton	7
Norman W. Attaway	4	Roland Beniston	Tenor

Composed by Ernest Morris. Conducted by Roland Beniston.
Rung as a farewell to the Rector, the Rev. N. K. Brownsell, on his departure to the living of Rowsley, Derbyshire.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
SOMERLEYTON, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Fri., Aug. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In three methods, being two extents each of Oxford and Kent T.B. and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

Mary Solomon	Treble	Norman P. J. Cossey	4
*William L. Gates	2	Richard C. L. Brown	5
Winston S. Girling	3	Michael J. Parker	Tenor

Conducted by Michael J. Parker.
* First peal of Minor.
Rung to celebrate the engagement, on July 28th, 1969, of Richard C. L. Brown to Miss Janice Ryce-Davies

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(North Bucks Branch.)
STONY STRATFORD, Bucks.—At the Church of SS. Mary & Giles.
On Sat., July 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt. in F sharp

*Keith Brown	Treble	John Pearce	5
†Richard W. Yates	2	George E. Green	6
†Andrew Haseldine	3	Malcolm G. Hooton	7
†Richard Haseldine	4	Barry R. Eglesfield	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by George E. Green.
* First peal. † First of Major.

EAST HAGBOURNE, Berks.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Wed., July 30, 1969, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Thurstans' four-part. Tenor 21¼ cwt.

*Joan Peacock	Treble	Frank V. Gant	5
Sidney Penfold	2	Christopher Pain	6
Thomas F. East	3	Michael Bishop	7
Dr. Colin E. Wright	4	William Corderoy	Tenor

Conducted by Michael Bishop
* First peal of Triples in the method.
Rung on the 50th anniversary of the first peal of the ringer of 3, in the same tower, on the same bell and to the same method and composition. The conductor is his nephew.

THE OXFORD SOCIETY.
APPLETON, Berks.—At the Church of St. Laurence.
On Thurs., May 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E.

Andrew J. Dyer	Treble	Frank White	6
Edwin Drewitt	2	John W. T. Hibbert	7
Norman H. Leslie	3	Dennis A. Leslie	8
J. Roger Mitty	4	Francis A. White	9
Brian R. White	5	Vivian J. White	Tenor

Composed by Albert M. Tyler. Conducted by Brian R. White.
Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to Sir Basil Blackwell.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
THORNHAUGH, Northants.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Aug 2, 1969, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In four methods/variations, being ten extents each of Southrepps and Kennington and eleven extents each of Rev. Canterbury and Plain Bob.
Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb. in B.

*J. Alan Ellis	Treble	†Lionel Atton	4
†Cynthia E. Barnett	2	Alf Waller	5
Christopher J. Groome	Tenor		

Conducted by Cynthia E. Barnett.
* First peal. † First of Doubles. First as conductor.
Rung to the glory of God for the life and work of Bishop W. H. Stewart, who died on July 30th, 1969

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.
On Thurs., July 31, 1969, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 3 version. Tenor 31 cwt 21 lb. in D.

John N. Lindon	Treble	Terry R. Hampton	6
Muriel Reay	2	Roderick W. Pipe	7
Maurice F. Edwards	3	George E. Fearn	8
Norman J. Goodman	4	Clifford A Barron	9
Vernon Green	5	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed by C. K. Lewis. Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

BIRMINGHAM, Handsworth.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Aug. 2, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
C.C., 1966 4 Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in F.

John N. Lindon	2	Stephen W. Barton	5
Janet M. Aston	2	Richard J. Tibbetts	6
Joyce Barton	3	David J. Purnell	7
Maurice F. Edwards	4	James W. Belshaw	Tenor

Composed by C W. Roberts. Conducted by Richard J. Tibbetts.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
ATCHAM, Salop.—At the Church of St. Eata.
On Sat., Aug. 2, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores Tenor 11 cwt. in F sharp.

*David V. Smith	Treble	*Kenneth W. Brice	4
†Patricia C. Stocken	2	Alfred E. G. Owen	5
Ernest F. Willcox	3	John A. Crum	Tenor

Conducted by Ernest F. Willcox.
* First peal. † First in the method.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
BALDERTON, Notts.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Sat., Aug. 2, 1969, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 24 lb. in G sharp

Mary C. Poyner	Treble	Frederick G. Hooper	5
Katharine Burchnall	2	†Paul Raithby	6
*Paul F. Curtis	3	Beryl N. Reed	7
Grace Burchnall	4	Colin W. Reed	Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. Speed Conducted by Colin W. Reed.
* First peal on eight and on an "inside" bell. † First of Plain Bob Major. The treble ringer has now "circled the tower" to peals.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
GRUNDISBURGH, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Aug. 2, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

*Adrian Knights	Treble	Andrew T. Beckwith	6
Cecil W. Pipe	2	Simon A. B. Wigg	7
*Stephen J. Bedford	3	Martin L. Howe	8
Janet House	4	J. Martin Thorley	9
*Vernon B. Bedford	5	David E. House	Tenor

Composed by C. K. Lewis. Conducted by David E. House.
* First peal of Yorkshire Royal.

DEBENHAM, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Sat., Aug. 2, 1969, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Traditional. Tenor 21¼ cwt.

David Vincent	Treble	William J. Button	5
W. Keith Whittell	2	Frank B. Lufkin	6
*Alan R. Bridges	3	Walter Arnold	7
J. Martin Thorley	4	Stephen J. Bedford	Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
* 100th peal.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
GOLDHANGER, Essex.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Aug. 2, 1969, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 PUTNEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in A flat.

Julie S. Armstrong	Treble	Christopher F. Mew	5
Margaret E. Oram	2	†Brian H. Coatsworth	6
*Caroline F. Bagworth	3	Alan E Bagworth	7
Brian J. Bull	4	Ian H. Oram	Tenor

Composed by C. H. Hattersley Conducted by Christopher F. Mew.
* First peal of Surprise. † First of Surprise "inside."
Rung as a wedding day compliment to Alison Mann and Michael Bayley prior to their marriage at this church.

THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.
CLAPTON-IN-GORDANO, Som.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Fri., Aug. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Comprising two extents of Oxford T.B., two of Kent T.B. and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

*Gillian E. Thomas (Leic.)	Treble	*William Willans (London)	4
*Alison M. Brown (Nott.)	2	John G. Riley (Cambridge)	5
†Susan Riley (London)	3	Philip M. J. Gray (London)	Tenor

Conducted by Philip M. J. Gray.
* First peal. † First in three Minor methods.
Rung with the best wishes of the band to the secretary of the Association, the Rev. Malcolm Melville and Shelagh Collins on their forthcoming marriage.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD
FORDINGBRIDGE, Hants.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Tues., July 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's var. of Middleton's. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in F.

Katharine J. Maundrell	Treble	Timothy F. Collins	5
Mary E. Elmes	2	Richard H. Youdale	6
Arthur G. Mason	3	Rev. Roger Keeley	7
William T. Perrins	4	Frederick E. Collins	Tenor

Conducted by Frederick E. Collins.

RINGWOOD, Hants.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Aug. 2, 1969, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in E.

Arthur G. Mason	Treble	Timothy F. Collins	5
Mary E. Elmes	2	Graham W. Elmes	6
Katharine J. Maundrell	3	Frederick E. Collins	7
William T. Perrins	4	Ronald N. Marlow	Tenor

Composed by C. H. Martin. Conducted by William T. Perrins.

NEWTOWN, Hants.—At the Church of SS. Mary and John the Baptist.
On Sat., July 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 6336 PLAIN BOB MINIMUS
Being 264 extents. Tenor 7½ cwt.

David M. Goss	Treble	Robert J. Crocker	3
Peter L. Furness	2	Howard E. J. Smith	Tenor

Conducted by Howard E. J. Smith.
Longest length of Minimus for the Guild, longest length on the bells and longest length by all the band.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
BRIERLEY HILL, Dudley.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., Aug. 2, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F

Morley P. Tobin	Treble	John J. Durham	5
M. Irene Brown	2	Geoffrey Westwood	6
Clifford Skidmore	3	A. Bryan Ellsmore	7
Peter J. Brown	4	Martin D. Fellows	Tenor

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley. Conducted by Martin D. Fellows.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. C. W. Cooper, of Stourbridge, upon the occasion of his 83rd birthday.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
CARLTON-IN-CLEVELAND, Yorks.—At the Church of St. Botolph.
On Mon., July 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

Ronald H. Dove	Treble	Peter H. Gardner	5
Arthur E. Rowley	2	K. Paul Gilliver	6
Alec R. Jones	3	David Featherstone	7
Robert H. Jordan	4	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed by S. Humphrey. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
325th peal as conductor.

SALTBURN, North Yorkshire.—At the "Expo" Belfry.
On Mon., July 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 4 cwt 1 qr. 8 lb. in E.

K. Paul Gilliver	Treble	David Featherstone	5
Robert H. Jordan	2	Frank Chambers	6
Peter H. Gardner	3	Alec R. Jones	7
Arthur E. Rowley	4	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed by S. Humphrey. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
First peal on these bells in Yorkshire.

HANDBELL PEALS

MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire.—At 10, Eden Drive.
On Thurs., July 17, 1969, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL
In five methods, comprising 1,680 each of Wembley and Rutland and 560 each of Yorkshire, Cambridge and Lincolnshire, with 125 changes of method Tenor size 15 in C.

J. David Atkinson	1–2	Bernard F. L. Groves	5–6
Robert B. Smith	3–4	C. Kenneth Lewis	7–8
Gerald Moorhouse	9–10		

Composed by A. F. Scholfield. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
First peal of 5-Spliced Surprise Royal "in hand" by all the band and for the Guild.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
PRESTBURY, Cheshire.—At West Pines, Dale Brow.
On Thurs., July 31, 1969, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5183 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor size 15 in C.

*J. David Atkinson	1–2	Gerald Moorhouse	5–6
Robert B. Smith	3–4	Bernard F. L. Groves	7–8
John W. Gander	9–10		

Composed by C. T. Osenton. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
CHARLTON KINGS, Glos.—At 19, Ravensgate Road.
On Wed., July 23, 1969, in 2 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5136 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR
In nine methods, comprising 2,400 Plain Bob, 1,152 Double Bob, 288 each of Fulbeck, Cleatham, Rev. and Little Bob, 144 each of Gainsborough, Wellington and Crayford Little, with 294 changes of method. Tenor size 12 in F.

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

Arranged and Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.
Rung as a farewell to Miss Frances Fairbank, who is leaving Cheltenham.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
WATFORD, Hertfordshire.—At 15, Harford Drive.
On Wed., July 9, 1969, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

John R. Southey	1–2	Roger Baldwin	5–6
S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	3–4	Jonathan S. N. Porter	7–8

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Roger Baldwin.

MEETINGS

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Meeting Burton-on-Trent on Saturday, August 30th. Horninglow (6, steel) 3–3.30 approx., St. Paul's (10) 3.30–5.15, St. Modwen's 6.30–8.30. Please make own tea arrangements. All welcome. 7518

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District) and GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Leatherhead District).—Joint meeting, Leatherhead, on Monday, September 1st. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea in Parish Hall. Evening ringing. Names for tea to Miss B. Minnion, 38, Josephine Avenue, Lower Kingswood, Tadworth, or telephone me 01-654 4915. No names, no tea.—E. Godfrey, Hon. Sec. 7519

HALIFAX ARCHDEACONRY/ GUILD.—Next meeting, Mytholmroyd, September 6th. Bells available 2.30. Buffet teas 4/6 each. Names please to Miss M. Greenwood, 4, Dale View, Mytholmroyd, before August 26th. 7506

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Borden, Saturday, September 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to E. C. Barton, "Ma'alesh," Pond Farm Road, Borden, Sittingbourne, by previous Wednesday, please.—T. Barton. 7518

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Meeting at Salle, Saturday, September 6th. Bells (8) from 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Salle 5.15. Ringing at Reepham after tea. Names for tea to the Rev. W. F. P. Kelly, The Rectory, Reepham, Norwich, NOR 69X (Tel. Reepham 220), by the 3rd please. 7495

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch. — Striking competition for Branch members at Ripple (6) on Saturday, Sept. 6th. Competition ringing from 3 to 5.30 p.m., followed by tea in Parish Hall. No service or business meeting. General ringing for all after tea. Details of competition will be sent to all tower secretaries. Names for tea, **please**, to J. J. Stanier, Branch Sec., 12, Arrowsmith Avenue, Worcester, by Sept. 2nd. **Please note new address.** 7472

NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS.—Annual meeting at Worcester on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Lunch at Talbot Hotel, Barbourne Rd., Worcester (12,30 for 1 p.m.). Price 20/–. After lunch the meeting will be held in the main Magistrates' Court, "C" Division, West Mercia Constabulary. The amended Guild rules will be discussed. Evening gathering Brunswick Arms, Malvern Rd., Worcester. Details of ringing, etc., from Arthur Pearce, 197, Wythenshawe Rd., Manchester 23. 7521

LATE NOTICES

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD DINNER
Royal Oak Hotel, Leominster,
Saturday, October 18th, 1969.
7.15 p.m
Tickets (one guinea) from F. C. A. Bennett, 7, Rudge Heath Road, Claverley, Nr. Wolverhampton. 7525

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guilsborough Branch. — Meeting Cottesbrooke, Saturday, August 30th. Please bring picnic tea. 7524

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—Meeting Marshfield (6), Tuesday, August 26th, 7.30 p.m. 7528

MAYFIELD
FLOWER FESTIVAL
August 29th, 30th, 31st and Sept. 1st
In St. John's Church, Mayfield, Derbys.
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FLOWER AND MUSIC FESTIVAL
September 12th, 13th and 14th
Bells open for ringing: Friday, Sept. 12th, 7–8.30 p.m.; Saturday, Sept. 13th, 6–7.25 p.m.; Sunday, Sept. 14th, 4–6 p.m. 7530

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Meeting August 30th, Dersingham. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. followed by business meeting and evening ringing.—C. E. Banham, Dis. Sec. 7534

BLACKDOWN TREBLE PLACE

5, 3, 5, 145, 5, 3, 345, 3, 5, h1.3, 1h.123, bob 125.

Rung at Carhampton, Somerset, extent of 240, 16/7/69. Proposed name Blackdown Treble Place.—Cmdr. E. R. Tyndale-Biscoe.

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BIRTH

ORMAN.—On July 23rd, 1969, at Colchester, to Rachel (née Newstead) and Noel Orman, a daughter, Sara Rebecca. 7514

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGES

CARTER—LESLIE.—The marriage of Tony and Christine will take place at the Cathedral and Abbey Church o St. Alban on Saturday, August 23rd, 1969, at 1 p.m. All friends welcome at the Church. 7503

NORTH—LOCKWOOD.—The marriage of Ian North and Patricia Lockwood will take place at Holy Trinity Church, Ossett, on Saturday, August 30th, 1969, at 11 a.m. All ringing friends welcome to ring both before (commencing at 10 a.m.) and after the service. 7468

MARRIAGE

MULVEY—FAIRBANK.—The wedding of Michael and Frances took place at Beverley Minster on August 12th, 1969. Address is now 22, Pound Lane, Epsom, Surrey. 7485

DEATH

FOSTER. George Edward, aged 63 years, passed away on Friday, August 8th, 1969, at the Eltham and Mottingham Hospital, S.E.9. He was for several years captain at Southwell Minster, Notts. 7491

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

PLADDYS.—The address of John Pladdys is now Clubland, 54, Camberwell Rd., S.E.5. Tel. ROD 5522/4815 (Room 3G); Work 628-9306 (Ext. 11). 7515

QUARTLEY.—As from Sept. 1st, Charles will be living at 47, Brunswick Street, Leamington Spa, Warwicks. Phone Leamington 22205. 7507

PERSONAL

"But whoso hearkeneth unto me shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil."—Proverbs i, 33.

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PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

SUMMER FESTIVAL

Saturday, September 6th, 1969

BRAFIELD-ON-THE-GREEN, NORTHAMPTON

Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.

Tea tickets (3/6d. each and C.W.O.) to be obtained by Tuesday, September 2nd, from Mr. R. Henman, 1, Church Lane, Brafield-on-the-Green, Northampton.

RINGING ARRANGEMENTS

Route A

Brixworth (5)	12 noon–1 p.m.
Pitsford (6)	12.30–1.30 p.m.
Moulton (8)	1–2 p.m.
Cogenhoe (6)	2–3.30 p.m.
Brafield (6)	2.30–4 p.m.

Route B

Kislingbury (5)	11 a.m.–12 noon
Duston (6)	11.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m.
Dallington (6)	12 noon–1 p.m.
Boughton (5)	1–1.45 p.m.

Route C

Ashton (5)	10.30–11.30 a.m.
Roade (5)	11 a.m.–12 noon
Collingtree (5)	11.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m.
Courteenhall (5)	12 noon–1 p.m.
Wootton (5)	12.30–1.30 p.m.
Piddington (6)	1–2 p.m.
Lt. Houghton (5)	1.30–3.30 p.m.

Evening

Brafield (6)	7–9 p.m.
Cogenhoe (6)	7–9 p.m.
Lt. Houghton (5)	7–9 p.m.
Duston (6)	7–9 p.m.
Northampton—	
St. Giles' (10)	7–8.30 p.m.
St. Edmund's (8)	7.30–9 p.m.

E. BILLINGS, General Secretary. 7474

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Eight bells, tenor 9-3-12 in G.

FLOWER FESTIVAL

September 5th, 6th and 7th

Bells available:

Saturday, 6th. 11 a.m.–2 p.m.; 2.30–7 p.m. Ringing after 2 p.m. wedding requested.

Sunday, 7th. Approx. 4.30–6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. Light refreshments available. 7725

NAZEING, ESSEX

FLOWER FESTIVAL

Summer Bank Holiday, Aug. 30th, 31st, September 1st

Ringing times:—

Saturday	10.30–11.30 a.m.
	3–4 p.m.
	7.30–8.15 p.m.
Sunday	10.15–11 a.m
	5.30–6.30 p.m
Monday	10.30–11.30 a.m.
	3–4 p.m.
	7.30–8.30 p.m.

All ringers invited — complete bands welcomed 7457

PURITON PARISH CHURCH

Somerset

FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS

SEPTEMBER 5th, 6th and 7th, 10 a.m.–9 p.m.

Evensong, Sept. 5th, 7 p.m. Bells 6.15 p.m.

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Sun., Sept. 7th, Ringing 11.15 a.m.–12.30 p.m., 3.30–4.15, 5.30–6.30 p.m

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ALAN WARD (Ringing Master),
Manchester Cathedral.

7510

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Saturday, September 6th

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BROWN EDGE (6) 2.30–3.30.
HORTON (6) 3.30–4.30.
KINGSLEY (6) 2.00–3.00.
CHEDDLETON (6) 3.00–4.00.
LEEK (10) 3.00–5.00 and 7.00–9.00

Service in St. Edward's, Leek, at 5.00. **Tea** in Maude Institute, Leek, at 5.45. **Tickets for tea (5/- adults, 2/6 under 16's), cash with order, from Mr. R. J Ballard, 8 Copes Avenue, Tunstall, Stoke-on-Trent, ST6 6BJ, before Wednesday, Sept. 3rd.**

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The bells of Lydiard Tregoze (6) will be available for ringing during the rally and we wonder whether we can find sufficient ringers with call signs?—G3FHL Malvern. G2FIX Wilton.

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LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

Striking Competition

Branston, Sept. 6th 1.45 p.m
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PRACTICE MEETINGS

ASH, SURREY.—Elementary methods practice on Monday, August 25th. 7.30 p.m. All welcome.—A. J. Smart, Tower Sec. 7523

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Evening practice Friday, Aug. 29th, Danehill (6), 7–9 p.m. 7451

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Special mid-week learners' practice at St. Mary's, Leigh, on Monday, September 1st. Bells (8) 7.30–9 p.m. Methods for practice: Plain Bob Major and Cambridge Minor. Please attend to ensure a successful meeting.—R. K. Lister, Branch Sec. 7512

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION — Joint Preston and Wigan Branches mid-week learners' practice, Wednesday, August 27th, Leyland St. Andrew's (10). Start prompt 7.15 p.m. Rounds and call changes to Bob Royal and Grandsire Caters. Circumstances permitting more advanced ringing for the last 30 minutes. All ringers very welcome.—D. G. Lawson, Branch Sec. 7504

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Witney and Woodstock Branch — Practice meeting, Cassington (6), Friday, Sept. 5th, 7.30 p.m.—E. Venn. 7508

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Beginners' practice, Buxted (8), August 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m Ringing after tea until 8.15. Names for tea, please, to Miss Ann Evans, 17, Hollingbury Place, Brighton BN1 7GE, by previous Wednesday. 7605

MEETINGS

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Meeting Saturday, August 23rd, Gravenhurst, from 3–4.30 p.m. Shillington from 5.30. Please bring own tea. Advanced practice, Woburn Wednesday September 3rd. 7492

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Huntingdon District.—Meeting, Somersham, Saturday, Aug. 23rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Special methods: Ipswich Surprise, Oswald Delight and Double Court Bob Minor. Please note date, 23rd **not** 16th.—Michael J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 7460

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Northwold, Saturday, Aug. 23rd. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea. (Bring own food, cups of tea provided.)—D. A. Feek, Dis. Sec. 7450

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Monthly meeting on Saturday, Aug. 23rd, at St. Paul's, Walkden Bells (8) 2.45 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m., followed by further ringing until 8 p.m. Please attend.—R. K. Lister, Branch Sec. 7501

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD and DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A joint evening meeting at Repton on Saturday, Aug. 23rd Bells (8) 5.30 p.m All welcome.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Saturday, August 23rd, Dorney. Bells available 6 p.m.—J. Muller. 7470

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION — Eastern Division.—Quarterly meeting at East Hoathly on August 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to me for tea as soon as possible. Christine Baldock Linden Cottage, Peelings Lane, Westham Pevensey, Sussex, Div. Sec. 7500

DEVON GUILD. — Aylesbeare Branch. — Meeting at Rewe, Saturday, August 30th. Bells 5 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. No teas.—R. T. Perry, Hon. Sec 7486

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY —Meeting at Rawmarsh, Saturday, August 30th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr G. Hiner, 24, East Avenue, Rawmarsh, Rotherham. 7498

LADIES GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting at Willesden on Saturday, August 30th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 followed by tea and business meeting. Further ringing in evening. 7520

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting on Saturday, August 30th, Burley (Leeds) (8), 3 p.m. to 4.45 p.m., Chapel Allerton (6), 6.30 p.m. onwards, Meanwood (5) available for short time after tea. Special methods: Watford Major and London Minor. Tea at Chapel Allerton. Names to R. Warford, 5, Toronto Place, Leeds 7 by previous Wednesday. 7494

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5,184 SPLICED SURPRISE MAXIMUS
(4 methods)

By ROBERT B. SMITH

234567890ET	M	1½	W	H
452368790ET		S	—	—
34256			—	
25346			—	—
42356			—	
54326			—	
63425	—		3	—
26435			—	
324658790ET			—	

Three times repeated, omitting the single at 1½ in the 2nd and 4th parts and omitting 3 Bobs at Wrong in the 3rd and 4th parts.

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5,152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

By ROGER G. GREEN

23456	W	Vths	B	In	H	
52364	—		1		—	
357246		—			—	
275346	S				S	
257346					S	
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POINTS FROM PEALS

By CANON K. W. H. FELSTEAD

IN an article I wrote in 1956 I estimated that the 100,000th tower bell peal would be rung somewhere and at some time that year. Since that time there have been approximately a further 30,000 rung. So it can be seen how my card index is growing! On the whole, the number of tower bell peals shows a slight increase each year on the average. The year 1960 was a peak year with 2,750 peals. Then the number decreased until 1964, when a sudden surge produced over 3,000 in a year for the first time. The year 1965 has so far seen the most in any year—3,222. The number fell again and it was under 3,000 in 1967. Last year it had started to increase again and was 3,121. I suppose the yearly total will level off at some time or other—or will it? One noticeable thing in the past year or two is the increase in the number of peals rung in London.

After my last article I felt I had not said sufficient about Cadoxton reaching its century. In that same article in 1956 I mentioned all the six-bell towers which had had 50 peals—42 of them, but Cadoxton was not amongst them. There are still only 12 six-bell towers which have reached the 100 peal mark, and earlier this year we had one of them—Silk Willoughby—reach 150 peals, the first six-bell tower to do so. This was rightly claimed as such. I see that in the last two years Gamston has displaced Thornham Magna as the second in the table and will soon also reach 150 at the present rate. Strangely enough it is a te-bell tower which has had the next highest number of six-bell peals!! This is Accrington. I suppose it is really cheating, since it has only fairly recently become an eight-bell tower before its second augmentation to ten. Actually, only 48 peals had been rung when there were only six bells there, so that nearly 100 have been rung on six bells since augmentation. It makes one wonder whether there was much point in adding the trebles!! The actual figures are 82 eight-bell peals and 92 six-bell peals since augmentation. But to return to Cadoxton, it is not often that a six-bell tower reaches the century, and I failed to emphasise this last time. So an extra pat on the back for this tower this time.

SOME GOOD TOTALS

I appear to have commenced with mention of number of peals. I said that there were fewer than usual last time. To make up for it, there are more than usual this time, and some good totals, too. Hughenden rightly claimed the 375th peal on the bells. I think it now stands ninth in the league table, having passed St. Peter's, Brighton, and St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, recently. Two towers have reached 350 peals—St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne, and Debenham. Of course, the former has been very prolific in recent years. In 1956 it was 66th in the table with only 164 peals. A couple of years ago it had risen to 15th with 334 peals and now it is 12th. Debenham comes next. We also have a 300-pealer this time, SS. Peter and Paul's, Aston. Of course, this famous tower has one of the most consistent peal histories. I have no less than 113 peals recorded here before 1881—the most, I think, of any tower. Altogether, the 300 peals cover a period of nearly 200 years. I confirm that another St. Peter's Church (Nottingham) has completed its double century. Thirty peals prior to 1881 help in this total, so again we have activity over a long period. Another tower to reach 200, this time not claimed, is Burnham, Bucks. The non-conducted peal on May 10th was the one which brought up this total. Here we find that all have been rung within just over the last 70 years but most of them (124) since the last war.

I have already mentioned Silk Willoughby's 150th peal—all since the first peal in 1946, so that is a very good average. Also we have Lincoln Cathedral's 150th peal. The first peal was in 1886 and only nine were rung before augmentation from eight to twelve in the late 1920's. Another 20 were rung before the start of the last war, so there have been 121 in the last 23 years. I think the president of the Central Council and his family are largely to "blame" for this!

Daventry recently claimed the 125th peal on the bells. Actually, I made this particular peal the 129th! I shall be pleased to compare notes with those interested.

Two towers appear to have completed their century since my last article. They are Hersham and St. John's, Deptford. The first peal at Hersham was in 1901 and 35 had been rung by the time the first war commenced. Twenty-six were rung between the wars, so there have been 39 since. Slightly more peals per annum were rung at the beginning of the century than since. The second tower has taken almost 100 years to complete the century. The first peal was in 1875 and 17 were rung before 1900. It is difficult to make the usual break for the First World War, for this is one of the rare towers where peals were rung during that war—1916 was the only year without one! Actually, from 1901 to 1915, 27 peals were rung, then from 1917 to 1936 another 40. No peals were rung in the 1940's and only one in the 1950's. It is really only in the last three years that there has been a revival (this is one of the churches which caused my comment about ringing in London earlier on). There have been 15 peals in the present decade, 12 in the last three years.

I confirm that Carbis Bay and Pinner have reached the 50 mark. Several other towers have also done so, although they did not claim it, viz., Meldreth, Stanton-by-Dale, Rippingale, St. Paul's, Wokingham, SS. Philip and Jacob's, Bristol, Countesthorpe, Hodnet, Ossett. Time does not permit me to go into details, but I promise to do so when they reach their century!!

FIRST PEALS ON BELLS

Now we come to first peals on bells. I confirm this great event has taken place at Brompton Regis, Over Stowey, Hannington, Middlesmoor, Newchurch (Kent), Pleshey, West Camel, Penmark, Long Bredy. Although not claimed, we also appear to have had first peals at Bere Ferrers, Randwick, Great Salkeld, Pinxton. Since Randwick and Pinxton are new rings, I suppose it was thought that all would know that these were first peals. The number of unpealed towers is gradually growing less. If we take out the unringable ones, it must be getting very few except in the West Country. I must publish a list for those interested some time.

Finally we come to rare visitors to the peal columns. I notice that Mr. Barrie Dove appears to be going round towers in Yorkshire which do not often have a peal. However, I fear his claim for the first on the bells at Felixkirk was not correct. I have recorded a single one there before—60 years ago in 1909. This is the only tower mentioned in the last six months which had not had a peal since before the First War. The next tower with the longest peal silence is Durweston, where the only previous peal was in 1928. Two towers last had peals in 1930—Bridekirk and Stoke Albany. It was the only previous peal at the former, but at the latter there were single peals in the years 1892, 1913 and 1928. Barton-in-Lonsdale last appeared in the peal lists in 1932—it had also been there in 1931.

Three towers had a gap of 35 years between peals. Sturminster Newton and Roos both had their one and only previous peal in 1934. Bingley was the third, but here there is a more interesting history. There appears to have been a peal of Minor here in 1793 and another in 36 methods in 1826. The first peal on the eight was on February 12th, 1876—Kent T.B. Major. In 1877 and 1881, two false peals in this method were rung. This was the popular method in Yorkshire at the end of the last century and seven more of them (true, we hope!) were rung up to 1902. In 1905 came a peal of Oxford T.B. Major. In 1908 came the only peal of Triples on the bells—Grandsire. After that Kent was rung again in 1927, Double Norwich in 1929, Cambridge in 1933 and Superlative in 1934. The recent peal was also in this last method. So 17 peals in all in 175 years!

CORRECTIONS

The claim for the first peal at Berrow since 1929 was, I fear, not true. I have two former peals here in 1932 and 1938. Also, St. Leonard's, Bridgnorth, was last in the peal lists in 1938. Here is a case of the main activity being prior to 1914. The first peal was in 1876 and 16 were rung before the end of the century—chiefly in the mid-'90's. Then came 17 more before the First War. There was a peal in 1925 and a slight increase in activity in the 1930's—seven peals from 1933 to 1938. Then silence until now. Although not strictly adhering to my rule of a peal silence of 25 years before being mentioned, I cannot help but make a comment about Earlsheaton, where the only other peal since the war before the recent one was in 1950. From 1855 to 1900 I have 19 peals, all of Kent T.B. Major, from 1901 to 1914 15 peals: 12 of Kent, two of Grandsire Triples and one of Plain Bob. Then there were 20 peals from 1917 to 1932—guess in what method! Yes, all of Kent. The 1950 peal was one of London and the recent one Lincolnshire. So 56 peals in all, 51 of them Kent T.B. Major.

Finally, the claim for the peal at West Pennard being the first since 1956 was incorrect. Peals were rung here in 1957 and 1960. Even if it had been a true comment, does it not come under the category of unnecessary footnotes since the peal silence was not all that long? I feel my own rule of 25 years is more worthy of note.

Suffolk Ringers' Weekend in Wales

EACH year Les Wright improves on his previous organised outings. This year's week-end, which started at 7 a.m. on August 1st from Rougham, saw his party at the Men's Hall of Residence, Bangor, soon after 8 p.m. That night there was a welcome to North Wales by the Mayor, Cclr. Iorworth Hughes, and in response Grandsire Triples "in hand" by Jennifer and Neville Whittall, Alan Andrews and Maurice Rose.

On Saturday morning the programme opened at Portmadoc, Carnavonshire, where we were met by Mr. Herbert Roberts, and good ringing was enjoyed by all. The next stop was at the Church of St. Tegia, Llandegia, by the gateway of Penrhyn Castle. Whilst six-bell methods were being rung in the tower, the visitors admired the yew avenue leading to the church and the unusual pulpit made of slate

After lunching at the University we crossed over the sea to St. Mary's, Beaumaris, Anglesey, and were met by Mr. Raban. The non-ringers admired Beaumaris Castle and the attractive sea-front and town. Holy Trinity, Llandudno, was the next tower. Mrs. Christine Evans greeted the ringers, and here Single Court, Cambridge, Bob Major and Little Bob were enjoyed.

After tea at Llandudno we travelled on to St. Michael's, Abergele. Mr. D. T. P. Abernetty welcomed the ringers and various Minor methods were rung, including Oxford and Ipswich. The last ring of the day was at St. Thomas's, Rhyl. Mr. Tadman met us, and Major ringing was watched by visiting students. On Sunday morning we were invited to ring for English morning service at St. Tegia's, Llandegai. Here 360 of Oxford was rung by Mrs. Muriel Page, Jack Munnings, Bertie Harrison, Harry Fuller, Alan Andrews (conductor) and Leslie Brett In the evening all went to St. David's, Bangor, where, on hearing the bells, Derek Smith, of Wilmslow, and Albert Walker, of Cardigan, joined them, Major in various methods being rung. Both ringers and supporting friends then made a tour through the most beautiful part of North Wales, stopping at Llanberis and the Swallow Falls.

Monday morning came too quickly. After breakfast the party assembled in the Common Room and Mr. Roger Arnold thanked Les Wright for the hard work he had done in organising the marvellous tour. The two very junior members of the party, Cherie Peachey and Deborah Nice, presented Mr. Wright with a brief case and toilet kit. After a busy half-hour by the "snap takers" we took leave of Newydd Emrys Evans Hall of Residents and started the journey home. No bellringing was done en route. The party broke up at Elvedon crossroads after singing "He's a jolly good fellow" and "Auld Lang Syne." The best wishes of the party were sent to Mr. and Mrs. Jim Paul, who were unable to make the tour due to Mrs. Paul's illness. Thanks were accorded to incumbents and towerkeepers for the help given. G. R.

Another Hornchurch Expedition

THE week-end of July 12th–13th saw the second Hornchurch expedition to Norfolk, repeating the pattern of last year, and being our 21st annual outing.

After an early start, the band congregated at the Bell Hotel, Thetford, for morning coffee, then over the road to ring. The six at Mundford came next, followed by a procession into King's Lynn for a ring on the ten before lunch. Some fairly energetic motoring followed lunch and we rang at North Elmham, where (at an undisclosed date) our Master rang his first peal, then on to Gressenhall and East Dereham before arriving at our overnight stop at Wymondham for dinner.

We were joined for dinner by Nolan Golden and his wife, and two expatriate Hornchurch ringers now resident in the area. Afterwards we rang at Hingham and concluded the day at a local hostelry.

On Sunday morning we rang for Matins at Saxlingham Nethergate, and then, in theory at least, proceeded in convoy to an indeterminate spot for lunch. The convoy leader, however, took off, and disappeared into the distance at a speed that would do credit to a Grand Prix driver, losing a fair proportion of the party in the process, and separating some from their picnic lunches! The party regathered after lunch at Lowestoft, and then on to Fressingfield and Framlingham, our last tower, to ring for Evensong. (Quote from the Rector to prominent Essex ringer: "Were you in the Navy? . . . . Thought so. look at that stomach!")

The week-end ended with dinner at a Framlingham hotel, and then came the dispersal of the party for the long trek home.

Our congratulations are due to Jim Carrot, who has not missed an outing yet, with our sincere thanks to all those who made the whole thing possible: the incumbents, the local ringers and Frank Gant, who organised the proceedings. C. C. M. P.

LEICESTER GUILD'S DINNER PLANS

Details were given at the summer quarterly meeting of the Leicester Guild, held at Earl Shilton, of the annual dinner to take place on September 20th. The president (Mrs. Staniforth) asked for full support despite the increase in the price of tickets which are 32/6 this year. This was unavoidable; the bursar of Leicester University had quoted an uneconomic figure last year for the dinner at Stanford Hall.

Mr. John Bramley, chairman of the Leicester District, is to be toastmaster. The Lord Mayor of Leicester will propose "The Guild," to which the president will reply. Miss Judy Cox, chairman of the Syston District, will propose "The Visitors," to which the Rev. D. J. Nudds, Vicar of St. Margaret's, will reply.

The Guild Striking Competition will be held at Cosby on October 4th. Mr. Bernard Payne again urged that the cost of a trophy to be presented to the winning band should not be borne by the general fund. The next quarterly meeting will be at Aylestone on October 18th; a programme of ringing in half a dozen towers is being arranged.

Mr. Paul Gilliver announced that a presentation would be made at the next Hinckley District meeting to Mr. Frank Measures in recognition of his long service to the Guild, including a term as president and chairman for 11 years of the Hinckley District.

The president welcomed Mr. Tom Isom after his recent operation and congratulated Mr. Richard Wilson on his recent marriage. Votes of thanks were passed to the Rev. A. E. Taylor for taking the service, the ladies of Earl Shilton for the tea and Mr. Brian Warwick, the organist.

PETERBOROUGH CHURCH TENT

Almost 2,000 people visited the church exhibition tent at the county show at Overton on July 26th, reports the Peterborough Diocesan Guild News. The subject of the exhibition was bells and bellringing and was organised by the Guild president, the Rev. E. Orland. A fine selection of photographs about the ringing art was loaned by the two foundries. Models of bells hung in single frames and model bell towers were on view and a bakground of bell music was provided. Live handbell ringing was supplied by Messrs. W. Whitmore, F. Crosier, J. Skerritt and the Rev. E. Orland.

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BEFORE "THE RINGING WORLD" COMMITTEE

LAST week we announced the appointment of a new editor of "The Ringing World" in Mr. C. W. Denyer, a very significant change that operates from October 1st.

The other major matter before the committee at their meeting at Rugby was the draft accounts for the half-year. These had been audited by Mr. D. A. Tate, and a fair provisional profit is shown. Mr. D. Bayles had also prepared a budget for the next six months and although expenditure will be heavier with the appointment of a new editor and the employment of Mr. White temporarily as a consultant, it is hoped that if income continues to increase at the present rate the year will end with a balance in hand.

A new accounting system has been introduced on the suggestion of the auditors and the thanks of the committee are expressed to Mr. C. W. Lucas for his work in this connection.

INVESTMENT OF FUNDS

The investment of "The Ringing World" funds was discussed at length with Mr. V. Bottomley, as various members had expressed concern that these funds could be invested or re-invested without their prior knowledge. The committee accepted Mr. Bottomley's assurance that he had full responsibility for making such investments. It was decided that members of the committee who are on the Standing Committee should raise the matter at the appropriate time, giving the committee's views that they should be consulted.

Concern was expressed at the topicality of some news items and quarter peals published in "The Ringing World," and it was resolved that, unless in the clear interest of the Exercise, news items received in "The Ringing World" office later than one calendar month after the event be not normally published, and that this decision be conveyed to all readers.

Other items discussed were: The new editor to report to the next meeting of the committee in London on November 15th: the publication of a "Ringing World" calendar for 1971, by use of front page pictures; a new peal lay-out; sales promotion ideas of Mr. Speed; the financial arrangements in the Guildford office.

After receiving a full report from the convener, the committee instructed the editor that no further correspondence on the Barnes long peal be published. The Editor was requested to continue to refer "doubtful" letters to the convener before publication, the convener to report to the committee at their succeeding meeting any items where he had refused publication.

The thanks of the committee were conveyed to Mr. and Mrs. Speed for their hospitality.

Malcolm and Shelagh Married

TWO ringing friends of many years standing, who have stood in numerous peals together, the Rev. Malcolm Charles Crompton Melville, of Bedford, and Miss Shelagh Rosemary Collins, of King's Lynn, were married at St. Paul's Church, Bedford, on August 9th.

The bridegroom is the secretary of the Universities Association and a member of the Central Council. He has travelled extensively, and was chaplain to the Great Adventure II tour of Australia, New Zealand and the United States. The bride is a former member of the Central Council and a Past Master of the Peterborough Guild and one-time secretary of the Kettering District.

Both are now members of the teaching profession, the bride having been a lecturer in mathematics at Kettering and King's Lynn Technical Colleges, and Mr. Melville is at present teaching at Rushmoor School, Bedford. He was a chaplain in the R.N.V.R. from 1946 to 1948 and was for a number of years on the staff of the British School at St. Paulo, Brazil. For 11 years he was headmaster at All Saints' Choir School, Margaret Street, London. He also lived in Nottingham, being curate-in-charge at Clifton, and for a time was Master of the Southwell Diocesan Guild.

The Rev. John Perkins, Vicar of All Saints', Nottingham, officiated at the service, and Lieut.-Comdr. Gordon Melville, who was best man to his brother, was serving on the "Barrapool" when it took members of Great Adventure I to Australia.

The bride was given away by her uncle and godfather, Mr. P. W. Collins, and wore a full-length crepe cream-coloured dress, with a coronet-style headdress and a silk lace veil originally worn by her mother. Mrs. Vida Collins, who was sufficiently recovered from a serious illness to be present at the service and the reception at the Swan Hotel, Bedford

A happy incident at the reception was the cutting of the two-tier wedding cake, the top tier being in the form of a bell modelled from the Loughborough Foundry, where Mr. Melville was recently a member of the Tuesday peal band. The honeymoon was spent in Yorkshire, time being found to visit the U.A., who were spending their Week at York. The event was marked by a number of congratulatory peals, including one at St. Paul's, Bedford, which is now their tower.

The couple will make their home at 45, Beverley Crescent, Bedford.

"Bedfordshire Times" picture.

ST. DAVID'S GUILD TOUR

About 20 members of the St. David's Diocesan Guild enjoyed a successful ringing tour in Breconshire and Herefordshire on July 19th. The first tower was Llanfaes, Brecon, where the ringing was quite good. Clifford, Herefordshire, was next where we were pleased to be met by Mr. and Mrs. Colin A. Lewis, who were both formerly at U.C.W. Aberystwyth and members of our Guild. On the rather nice eight we rang Oxford Bob Triples.

The heavy six at Weobley were a challenge—especially to our smaller members and lady ringers. However, the tone was good and touches of Doubles and Minor were brought round. On to Dilwyn where Doubles and Minor were again rung, although the height of the ceiling made these bells more difficult to control.

The ten bells of Leominster were the highlight of the trip because there is no tower with more than eight bells in our Diocese and everyone was eager to try his or her hand on the larger number. Several successful plain courses of Grandsire Caters were brought round.

We were impressed with the immaculate ringing room at Eardisland where the emerald green sallies and matching ringing mats were greatly admired. Stedman Triples and Bob Major were enjoyed. Kent Minor and various Doubles methods were rung at Kington.

Then on to our last tower, Builth Wells, which brought us back into Breconshire. Here we found the rope lengths limiting and as they were bound with insulation tape we did not like to alter them.

Rounds were rung in all the towers that we visited for the benefit of our less experienced members.

Our thanks are due to the incumbents, the tower captains and others who met us and rang with us and to Mr. P. C. Rogers (Ringing Master) who organised the tour.

B. M. R.

NOTTINGHAM U.S.C.R. RING FOR THE QUEEN

An unrushed camping holiday in Hampshire and Dorset with a little ringing thrown in was Nottingham University Society's summer break from July 6th to July 12th. The first camp was Sandy Ball's Holiday Centre, a pleasantly-wooded camp site.

Christchurch took place on the Sunday and the practice at Wimborne Minster was attended on Tuesday as well as four other towers. The camp site was changed on Wednesday to a field overlooking Chesil Beach. Perhaps the most memorable event was ringing for the Queen on Friday morning. A quarter peal in her honour was rung. We had coffee with the Vicar of Fordington St. George, and got mentioned in two local papers, writes J.M.R.

Ros and Peter are thanked for organising so effectively, yet unobtrusively, and for finding such enjoyable bells. The clergy and tower captains are also thanked.

Letters to the Editor

PEALS BY RESIDENT BANDS

Dear Sir,—Mr. Youdale's letter shows just how far attitudes to peals can change in a relatively short time. Even ten years ago the question "Who do we ring it for?" would hardly arise, because except for rare exceptions a band which credited its own Association with a peal rung in the territory of another invited some very rude letters to "The Ringing World," and the verbal battle often boiled along merrily for several weeks. As a result of this unwritten rule, much valuable space has been taken up in annual reports with strings of peals in which resident members shared little or no interest. This doesn't mean that there has been a complete change of heart, because the Exercise does not accept change easily, even if the climate is ripe

Two years ago I tried to arrange a 12-bell peal for our Association outside the county, because local mythology still prevents us from ringing one at our only 12 at Taunton, but I had to approach two Guilds before I obtained permission. Some Guilds remain sensitive about these things, and most people remember this, and by a mixture of tradition and politeness credit the peal to the local Association in whose region it is rung

I can understand Mr. Youdale's disappointment in this instance, but for all this does it really matter? The Cheshire men rang London Royal at Wells back in 1958, but it doesn't worry me that it was a "first for the Association," and I doubt if anyone in Somerset worries either. It won't detract in any way from any future peal rung by resident members: we shall drink their health with the greatest enthusiasm when the time comes, and I am sure they will do the same in Hampshire when Mr. Youdale's band scores its 9-Spliced.

I'm not even sure that the term "resident band" conjures up quite the same picture nowadays. In the old days when people lived in an area most of their lives the achievements of a resident band were painstakingly built up over the years, but these days, with the rapid shifts of the ringing population, a "resident band" can be built up in a few months!

In general terms I would prefer to see peal rules simplified so that mixed bands can ring individual peals for the local Guild **if they want to** by simply paying a non-resident membership fee at the time. The practice, sometimes employed because of local rules regarding membership, of crediting the peal to the Association which best fits the qualifications of the majority of the band is not really satisfactory or desirable.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN BRAIN.

Backwell, Somerset.

OMISSIONS FROM RECORDS COMMITTEE REPORT

Dear Sir,—The place notations of the following methods have been omitted from Appendix E of the report of the Records Committee (page 523):—

Whitehall Surprise Major,
Haymarket Surprise Major,
Double Glasgow Surprise Major.

In the report for the previous year the following were omitted:—

Piccadilly Surprise Major,
Knightsbridge Surprise Major.

The statement in the introduction asserting that Appendix E will bring up to date the Central Council Collection of Surprise Methods as far as the end of 1968 is thus not accurate. —Yours sincerely,

ROGER BALDWIN.

Watford.

Note.—As I have explained to Roger Baldwin personally on previous occasions, the Appendix as published is correct in that the original collection only contained so-called regular methods, i.e., those with Plain Bob lead-ends There were methods which did not comply with the description of regular, which were left out, and while I would not suggest that the methods he lists above are inferior, they do not come within the definition of the collection. Whether another list should be published is another matter, and it is our intention to do so in the not too distant future.

Perhaps this would be a good place to point out an error in the Appendix: The date of Cork Surprise Royal should read 14-4-68.

D. E. SIBSON.

LANCASTER'S BELLS

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Keith Lewin's letter of August 1st, and to Mr. Holland's of August 15th, re Lancaster bells sold, I would like to say that I also was very disturbed to read of the disappearance of the 8 cwt. six.

A ringer from Morecambe, writing a short history of bells in the Lancaster area, applied for permission to investigate, but was told that the tower key could not be found, and, later, that the lock had rusted! The bells had not been used since about 1935.

I agree with Mr. Holland that the Branch officials should have kept in touch with the church authorities regarding the future of these bells, but I think that the "local ringers" Mr. Lewin speaks of are from the Cathedral or Priory in Lancaster, as St. Thomas's Church has not had ringers connected with it for many years.

Surely "lack of ringers" was no excuse to sell the bells, as ringers from the other churches in Lancaster would probably have been willing to help out if the bells had been in a ringable condition.—Yours faithfully,

KEVIN M. PRICE.

Windermere, Westmorland.

MORECAMBE PRACTICE NIGHT

Dear Sir,—Our apologies to the ringers who came to Morecambe Parish Church on Saturday, August 16th, hoping for a practice. Unfortunately the practice night was changed a few years ago to Friday.

An advance check can be made, if desired, by contacting Mr. W. Gerrard, 150, Thornton Road, Morecambe, Lancashire.

Visitors are always welcome.—Yours faithfully,

E. BOUMPHREY.

Carnforth, Lancs.

TUNE RINGERS' RALLY

Dear Sir,—I have just received a letter attacking my recent article in "The Ringing World" about the Worcester Rally of Tune Handbell Ringers held in May of this year. If anyone else thinks that the article contains "harsh criticism" and "will cause ill-feeling," then I would like to hasten to add that I meant nothing of the sort. I thought the Worcester Rally was well organised, despite its vastness in numbers, and gave many ringers the opportunity to see a tremendous variety in the ways in which a tune on handbells is rung.

When brought up on the "Ecclesfield" style, that is to use a table and ring the bells mainly in the "up" position, then one's eyes and thoughts are somewhat opened, especially when one sees such talented teams as those from Launton, Sileby and Leigh Sinton. Their style was "foreign" to me—but I cannot deny that it wasn't skilful playing. Although I prefer the "from the table" method, I think that more skills, physical and mental, are required in four-in-hand ringing, whether it is played in the polished Ealing method or the fascinating movements that the Leigh Sinton team go through. Long may handbell ringers continue to ring their bells to their methods and enjoy them.—Yours sincerely,

MICHAEL KING.
(Hunshelf leader.)

TRELLECK BELLS

Dear Sir,—I was keenly interested to read Mrs. Jacqueline S. King's article entitled "Up Those Ladders."

I know little about the bellfounder Evan Evans but some years ago made quite a detailed study of the Palmar family of Gloucester and Canterbury.

If the third bell at Trelleck was cast by John Palmar II it is unlikely to be dated later than 1699, and not 1750 as has been suggested. However, I think it is likely to be earlier than this date and to have been cast by John Palmar I in the 1620's or 1630's, prior to his move to Canterbury around 1636, where he established his foundry near the present site of the West Station.—Yours faithfully,

PETER NEWING.

Tibberton Rectory, Gloucester.

"EXPO" BELFRY AT SALTBURN

Dear Sir,—After reading of the resounding success of "Expo" Belfry at Long Melford it was disappointing to turn over the page and read of the failure "financially" of the project at Saltburn, Yorks.

From a ringing viewpoint it appears the venture was a complete success. Credit for this is due to the tireless efforts of local ringers Peter Wishart, Sue Porteous, John Halliwell and many others, organiser Peter Sotheran almost worked himself to a standstill.

It is to be hoped that support for the repairs and renewals so urgently needed at Saltburn and Marske will be forthcoming from sources which could help these enthusiastic workers.—Yours faithfully,

"TAFFY."

Cardiff.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Three new members—Andrew Nix and Anna Darlow (Hucknall) and Ian Earl (Warsop)—were elected at the July meeting of the Mansfield District at Hucknall An excellent tea was provided in the Church Hall, and ringing afterwards ranged from rounds and call changes to Cambridge Surprise.

Next meeting: Crawford Cup Contest, Greasley, on September 27th.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOL
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WATERWHEEL

A Story for Young or Playful Ringers

GREBE and Plover left their friends at Rugby wharf and chugged off down the Oxford canal one warm Saturday afternoon in June. The people who were looking after the two friends had spent a happy hour in the church in the town—a doubly exciting place for ringers.

"I think they brought us through the locks very well," said Grebe, as they came out of the top lock at Hillmorton, "considering it was their first attempt."

"Yes," agreed Plover, "they are **veryeleverpeople.** They come from famous universities like Cambridge and Sussex and Southampton. Mostly from Southampton, though, because that is the very best university."

"If they're such **verycleverpeople,"** asked Grebe, displaying his bad nature very early in the story, "why do I keep getting stuck on the mud whenever we reach a bend?" And no one knew—or if they did they never said.

So, chatting away, shouting, laughing and singing, the two boats, laden with merry ringers and barrels of cider, made their slow way to Willoughby. There they slept a bit, enjoying the sun while the ringers went off to ring.

"Long-haired young people," muttered Grebe offensively as he was dragged across the narrow dividing line between shallow sleep and bleary-eyed wakefulness next morning. "Drug-addicted perverts, living on tax-payers' money. All this carrying-on till the early hours of the morning."

"Now, Grebe, don't get offensive. To arrive at a public house and to find there are no pint glasses, and a meal takes over an hour from the time it is ordered gives justifiable cause for complaint."

"It does, I'll agree, but to have to put up with the clatter of handbells all night and then to be woken up a few hours later by the same lot of people on great big church bells—I honestly don't know what the world's coming to."

And it was quite true, he didn't.

During the next few days the two boats met with adventure and misadventure such as they had never previously encountered. Grebe was taken up to the top lock at Napton just to turn round and come back again—for some the attractions of canalling seemed then to have surpassed even those of ringing. Neither boat was able to get over a pipe that was being laid across the Birmingham and Fazeley Canal outside Birmingham, and they would still be there today if a friendly crane hadn't given them a helping hand across.

Thrills and catastrophes aside, for them, as for most, that week remains a hazy memory of good times: of late nights and early mornings, of lavish meals of chicken (roast a la Sussex), strawberries and cream and of cornflakes on the cabin roof—new friendships made, old ones confirmed and enjoyed, and three barrels of cider emptied.

But there is a secret—a secret which you must keep, for otherwise Grebe and Plover might be very offended. When all the ringers had said goodbye to the boats— "Goodbye, Grebe." 'Goodbye," "Goodbye, Plover." "Goodbye"—they all went off to Ealing to celebrate the 21st birthday of a big figure in ringing circles, but by the time the party had finished Grebe and Plover were sound asleep and had forgotten all about the ringers.

H. J. P.

Martin's Meanderers in Yorkshire

July 11th was the Friday set
For eighteen ringers, plus one wife, who met
At Skipton, there to ring with great delight
Upon the eight. From there we travelled right [hotels,
To Boroughbridge, and found our two
And drank, and talked, and slept, to dream of bells.
Ten of the ringers came from Southport, Lancs;
Four more from Liverpool, two worked in banks;
The rest from towers in that area came,
And "Martin's Meanderers" was the party's name.

With breakfast over on the Saturday,
To Kirby-on-the-Moor we made our way.
The light six pleased us greatly; one by one
We had a ring, and wandered in the sun.
But time was short, and Martin spurred us on
To Aldborough, another six whereon
We managed London Minor, and a course
Of Oswald, then all quickly took to horse
(Or rather cars, there was no other rhyme!)
And luckily reached Knaresborough [Church in time
To ring before a wedding—here we found
The eight went well and had a lovely sound.
Cambridge and Yorkshire rang out o'er the town. [down.
And all too soon we had to ring them

Then on we went to Harrogate, a spa
Of great renown, where some made for a bar;
While others thought a café would be [nices',
And dined on soup and sandwiches and ices.
St. Peter's have a brand new Taylor eight,
Like our Emmanuel, Southport, peal in [weight.
Here 5-spliced was the order of the day.
And, quite well pleased, we set off on our way.
Onward we went to Birstwith, where we found
A pleasant little eight rung from the [ground.
When Oswald, Stedman, Grandsire had [rung out.
We lowered these lovely bells and sat about
In glorious sunshine. Off we went again
By many a narrow winding country lane
To Kirkby Malzeard—here's a heavy peal
Of six, mellow in tone, of great appeal.
The tenor needed pulling quite a lot—
Plain Bob came round. Original did not!

After some photos in the churchyard, all
Set off to Sharow, our last port of call.
Though tired, we managed Stedman, Plain Bob, Kent,
And London/Yorkshire/London. Then we bent [Crown";
Our weary footsteps homeward to "The
And after dining, some of us went down
To Ripon where a horn is blown each [night
The rest of us set off in fading light
To Fountains Abbey, where we found the gate
Was locked. The keeper thought us very late,
And said respected people were in bed.
("Ah well, you see, we're ringers," David said.)
With Henry's Sneeze resounding through the dark
We wandered back to where the cars were parked,
And rang some handbells—how the midges bit
Until a pipe and cigarettes were lit!
Then back again to Boroughbridge we sped,
To drink, and joke, and laugh, and so to bed.

On Sunday we were due at Ripon, where
We rang upon the ten for morning prayer.
A course of Stedman Caters sounded swell,
And half a course of Cambridge went quite well.
From there we drove to York, a lovely town,
Where work to stop the Minster falling [down
Is being carried out beneath the floors.
A mighty task, and one that made us pause
To stare, and marvel at the undertaking,
And all the care that those in charge are taking,
That men may come to worship in this [place
In future years, despite their creed and race,
As men have done for many years gone by,
Since first the towers were raised towards the sky.

Lunch over, having wandered all around,
We gathered near the south-west tower, and found
Our way to where the twelve great bells are hung.
Plain Bob, Grandsire and Erin Cinques [were rung.
And rounds, and then 'twas time to ring them down,
And make our way once more into the town.
Farewells were said, we had another Sneeze
(Onlookers must have feared some dread disease!);
Three went to Leeds, eight headed home to rest,
And eight thought Fountains Abbey would be best.

We thank all those who kindly let us come,
And welcomed us and made us feel at [home;
And most of all to Martin Snape we send
Our thanks for such a fabulous week-end.

C. F. H. D.

HATCH BEAUCHAMP, SOMERSET. — On Aug 3rd, 1,260 Doubles: M. A. Arscott 1 G. Nabb 2, J. Cornelius (cond.) 3, G. Baldam 4, K. E. Beale 5.

YATTON, SOM.—On July 11th, 1,280 Uxbridge Surprise Major: S. Brown 1, R. W. Rice 2, Diana M. Bridle 3, P. Bridle (cond.) 4, W. S. Rice 5, P. J. England 6, J. Brain 7, J. R. Taylor 8.

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ARSON, GLOS.—On July 30th, 1,260 Doubles (9 variations): L. Bailey 1, W. Cocks 2, W. Willans (cond.) 3, M. Griffiths 4, S. Bateman 5, P. Hutton (first quarter) 6.

ASH PRIORS, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. J. Morris 1, M. A. Arscott 2, J. Cornelius (cond.) 3, A. W. Knight 4, R. A. Cross 5.

ASHTON-UNDER-HILL, WORCS.—On Aug. 5th, 1,260 Single Oxford and Plain Bob Minor: D. Cotton (first quarter) 1, R. Perks 2, K. Pratt 3, H. Plumb 4, R. Harris (cond.) 5, J. Attwood 6. A 25th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. K. Pratt.

BENINGTON, HERTS. — On Aug. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (4 methods): A. J. Davey (first on working bell) 1, Brenda J. Harris 2, S. J. Gullick 3, P. C. Worthington 4, M. R. Worthington (cond.) 5, N. R. Perrin 6. For Evensong and with best wishes to Margaret Tilley and Robert Good on their forthcoming marriage.

BILTON, WARKS.—On Aug. 9th, 1,260 Union Bob Doubles: Carol A. Eveleigh 1, Joan M. Cheney 2, W. C. Budd 3, P. M. Edgson 4, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 5, K. Rigby 6. Rung immediately prior to the wedding of Gerald Allen and Linda Nicholls of the Newbold band.

BLACKMOOR, HANTS.—On Aug. 3rd, 1,280 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: Mary Sutcliffe (cond.) 1, B. D. Castle 2, A. M. R. Gill 3, G. A. Cane (first "inside") 4, D. J. Cooper 5, M. E. Cass 6. For Evensong and to congratulate the Apollo 11 astronauts on their achievement.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.—On Aug. 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Canon A. S. Roberts 1, J. J. George 2, G. W. Taysom 3, Marion L. Lidgey 4, F. M. Bowers 5, W. R. Curtis 6, H. Miles (cond.) 7, M. D. Smaldon 8.

CHILCOMPTON, SOMERSET. — On Aug. 10th, 1,296 Norwich Surprise Minor: R. G. Beck 1, E. J. Chivers 2, A. P. Beck 3, J. D. Tarrant 4, P. H. D. Jones (cond.) 5, R. E. Beck 6. For Evensong.

CHOLSEY, BERKS.—On Aug. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Brough 1, Ruth Money (first quarter) 2, T. W. Palmer 3, K. W. Johnson 4, J. Money 5, I. G. Judd (first Triples) 6, W. I. Irving (cond.) 7, H. H. Eccott 8. Rung by six Sunday service ringers and two friends as a welcome to the Rev. J. Williams.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—At St. John's, on July 27th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Miss S. Johnson (first Triples) 1, Miss J. Harris (first Triples "inside") 2, Miss J. M. Scudamore (first Triples) 3, K. W. Scudamore (first in method) 4, M. Rose 5, F. J. Lewis (Jnr.) 6, W. F. Scudamore (cond.) 7, H. Telling 8. Rung on the "middle eight."

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK. — On July 29th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: B. Rogers 1, W. Ruffles 2, Muriel R. Page 3, H. W. M. Leather 4, W. W. Miller 5, A. J. Munnings 6, W. J. Button 7, L. G. Brett (cond.) 8. A 70th birthday compliment to Walter Ruffles who for 47 years has been attached to this tower.

EARL'S CROOME, WORCS.—On Aug. 1st, 1,272 Warkworth Surprise Minor: F. Lawrence 1, B. Spiers 2, J. Clements 3, D. Price 4, P. Roberston 5, M. Hawkes (cond.) 6. First in the method by all the band.

EASTNOR, HEREFORDSHIRE. — On Aug. 6th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Fenella Bell-Richards (first quarter) 1, Amaryllis Bell-Richards (first "inside" and of Bob Minor) 2, Rosemary Collins 3, R. K. Williams 4, P. G. Hickey 5, S. B. Bell (cond.) 6.

GREENWICH, S.E.—At the Church of St. Alphage on Aug. 4th, 1,287 Stedman Caters: Miss F. Cannon 1, D. P. Smith 2, P. J. Spice 3, Mrs. E. Deal 4, S. A. Nicholls 5, P. A. Butler 6, T. Lewis 7, J. W. Smith 8, P. W. Cave (cond.) 9, J. Dafters 10. Rung half-muffled prior to the memorial service to Winifred Morrison, wife of the Vicar.

KINGSWOOD, SURREY.—On July 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Hawkins 1, Barbara Minnion (first Minor "inside") 2, D. Oakshott 3, C. Cook 4, W. Parrott (cond.) 5, D. Little 6. Rung by the Surrey Association to bid farewell to Bill Parrott.

LANGDON HILLS, ESSEX.—On Aug. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles in 3 methods: W. White 1, A. Gibbs 2, G. Mason 3, K. Lucas 4, G. Lucas (cond.) 5. First in more than one method on tower bells 2 and 3.

MELBURY OSMOND, DORSET. — On July 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. K. Eastman 1, Mrs. P. Adamson 2, A. Barlow 3, R. House (cond.) 4, C. Yonge 5, F. Barlow 6. First quarter 2, 3 and 5.

PORTSDOWN, HANTS.—On Aug. 5th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: B. J. Fry 1–2, M. E. Cass 3–4. First "in hand" by both.

QUARTER PEALS

RICKMANSWORTH, HERTS.—On Aug. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. Bradbury 1, I. Harris (first "inside") 2, Margaret Sears 3, B. Bradbury 4, D. Hibbert (cond.) 5, J. Hibbert 6. Rung on the front six as a compliment to Miss A. Clarey and Mr. G. Hall on the occasion of their marriage.

ROSTHERNE, CHESHIRE.—On Aug. 6th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Sylvia Smith 1, R. F. Andrew 2, A. Whiting 3, B. S. B. Kear (cond.) 4, S. I. Bamforth 5, M. Foulds 6.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At the Church of St. Peter, on May 25th, 1,287 Stedman Caters: J. L. Millhouse 1, Jeanne E. Bottomley 2, Jacqueline S. King 3, J. Freeman (cond.) 4, E. C. Shepherd 5, V. Bottomley 6, G. E. Feirn 7, G. W. Pipe 8, W. L. Exton 9, F. A. H. Wilkins 10. On the occasion of the Central Council meeting at St. Albans.

SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.—On Aug. 6th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Padbury 1, M. King (cond.) 2, A. Bowers (first of Doubles) 3, G. W. Pilkington 4, R. Fletcher 5, J. Staley 6. Rung at St. Mary's, Walkley, prior to the service marking the centenary of the consecration of the church on August 6th, 1869.

SHOREHAM-BY-SEA, SUSSEX.—On Aug. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Francesca V. MacAlean 1, H. C. Weaver 2, Jean M. Pike 3, H. W. Clarke 4, Lydia M. Barnett 5, C. J. Champion (cond.) 6, R. P. Wood 7, J. E. Weaver 8. Rung for the wedding of Deirdre E. Norris to Richard F. Harvey on this day.

STAFFORD. — On Aug. 10th, 1,232 Little Bob Major: R. Partridge 1, F. R. Wiggin 2, G. Stevens 3, C. Howe 4, R. K. Mowforth 5, A. E. Garbett 6, N. Holland 7, R. J. Warrilow (cond.) 8. For Matins.

SOUTH CADBURY, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. Lever (first of Minor) 1, Miss S. A. Mayell 2, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 3, W. J. Tiley 4, F. L. Andrews 5, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

STEEP, HANTS.—On Aug. 2nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Mandy Roberts 1, Sally Stacey 2, R. Tipper 3, A. Reeves 4, D. Hughes 5, B. Walton (cond.) 6. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. Cross (Petersfield).

TILEHURST, BERKS. — On June 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. D. Howcutt 1, D. Drayton 2, Mrs. P. Lewington 3, M. Dane 4, C. E. Lewington (cond.) 5, G. Runham 6. For Confirmation.

TITCHFIELD, HANTS.—On Aug. 3rd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. Whiteman 1, Miss S. Murchie 2, N. George 3, Mrs. B. M. Hunt 4, W. F. J. Cope 5, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 6.

TONBRIDGE, KENT.—On July 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: L. T. Pope 1, Sheila M. Dobbie 2, V. J. Benning 3, E. F. P. Bryant 4, D. C. Brookes 5, S. Jenner 6, W. H. Dobbie (cond.) 7, J. C. Carpenter 8. For Skinners' Day.

TURRAMURRA, N.S.W.—On Aug. 3rd, 1,260 Kent T.B. and Plain Bob: P. Goodyer 1, Margaret Watson 2, J. Rainsford 3, K. Stacey 4, R. Clarke 5, T. Goodyer (cond.) 6. Also 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret Goodyer 1, P. Parker 2, C. Herbert 3, R. Bampton 4, B. Ferris (cond.) 5, R. Walters 6.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH. — On Aug. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (6-8 covering): C. J. Stillman 1, Kay Whittaker (cond.) 2, Hilary Jacobs 3, A. F. Lee 4, R. L. Coles 5, Anne Ringham 6, M. J. Hawkins 8. Rung to welcome Linda Jean, daughter of Barbara and David Burt.

WARSOP, NOTTS.—On July 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): D. Hird 1, P. Rose 2, M. Phipps (cond.) 3, I. Barlow 4, J. Arkwell 5, M. Buckman 6. First quarter in five Doubles methods for all, and a birthday compliment to the ringer of the second.

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WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKSHIRE. — On July 31st, 1,320 Wath Delight: J. M. Brook (Beverley St. Mary's) 1, H. Chant (Felkirk, cond.) 2, J. P. Charlesworth (Silkstone) 3, N. F. Moxon (Cawthorne) 4, M. King (Wentworth) 5, C. A. Moxon (Penistone) 6. In memoriam W. Green of Wath-on-Dearne.

WELLESBOURNE, WARKS.—On July 6th, 1,260 Doubles: Anne Hardy 1, L. Mackie 2, Caroline Mackie 3, J. Garner-Hayward 4, A. P. Fester (cond.) 5, J. Carroll 6. First quarter 1, 6. For Evensong.

WELLINGTON, SALOP. — On June 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Riley 1, S. G. Pick 2, M. J. Mulvey 3, Gillian Bosworth-Smith 4, J. L. Humphries 5, J. P. Burton 6, P. R. Johnson (cond.) 7, S. W. Illidge 8. Conductor's 25th of Triples.

WELLS, SOMERSET.—On June 1st, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rosemary L. Tomlin (first quarter) 1, M. G. Bartlett 2, M. J. Whiteley 3, C. R. Jenkins 4, V. G. Roberts 5, Sheila Y. Jenkins (first of Triples as cond.) 6, G. G. Salmon 7, C. P. Wainwright 8. Also on July 25th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Rosemary L. Tomlin 1, Rev. J. Tomsett 2, Brian Chappell (first of Caters) 3, M. J. Whiteley 4, B. Martin 5, C. R. Jenkins 6, M. G. Bartlett 7, Sheila Y. Jenkins 8, G. G. Salmon (cond.) 9, C. P. Wainwright 10. Rung on the eve of the wedding of Miss E. Edwards, daughter of the Dean of the Cathedral.

WEMBURY, DEVON.—1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. Steere 1, S. Peirce 2, J. Mitchlemore 3, A. Frost (first in method) 4, P. Bill 5, N. Mallett (cond.) 6. A compliment to the ringer of 5 on his engagement to Miss Lesley Ford.

WEST BUCKLAND, SOM.—On July 30th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Grandsire, Plain Bob, April Day): Margaret R. Kingscote 1, Mrs. Ann Durbin 2, I. G. Hughes 3, A. D. Kingscote 4, P. J. Kingscote (cond.) 5, C. E. Baker 6. First quarter 1, 4. Rung as a compliment to Miss Ruth Wedgwood, daughter of the incumbent, married this day.

WEST CLANDON, SURREY.—On July 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jill P. J. Edwardes 1, Lesley J. Smith 2, Jill M. May 3, A. Pamela Warren 4, W. Savill 5, R. Walker 6, D. A. R. May (cond.) 7, J. M. C. Edwardes 8. In memoriam George L. Grover, captain of this tower 1946–1966.

WESTLEIGH, DEVON.—On Aug. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. M. Hine (first on tower bells) 1, Gillian Cleaver 2, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 3, T. C. Hine 4, P. E. Hine (first "inside") 5, B. V. Mountjoy (first quarter) 6.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY. — On July 27th, 1,296 Minor (720 Oxford T.B., 576 Cambridge): D. Budd (first T.B. hunt) 1, Rosamund Rawlings 2, Deborah Bishop 3, Caroline Bagworth 4, P. Mackley 5, A. Bagworth (cond.) 6.

WINCHESTER, HANTS.—On July 27th, at the Cathedral, 1,584 Cambridge Surprise Maximus: Jessie M. Kippin 1, Rev. R. Keeley 2, P. N. Tubbs 3, Katharine Maundrell 4, W. T. Perrins 5, C. H. Kippin 6, F. L. Harris 7, T. F. Collins 8, R. S. Bradley 9, R. H. Youdale 10, F. E. Collins 11, R. N. Marlow (cond.) 12. First of Surprise Maximus 4, 5 and 8. Rung as a farewell to the Dean (the Very Rev. O. H. Gibbs-Smith) on his retirement.

WITNEY, OXON.—On June 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Abbott (first Triples) 1, B. Coggins 2, L. T. Oliffe 3, D. J. Smith 4, G. J. Collett 5, B. J. Coggins (cond.) 6, T. J. Hester 7, W. H. Clarke 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. B. D. Costar, a loyal and respected member of this Branch and a good friend of this tower.

WIVENHOE, ESSEX.—On June 29th, 1,260 Minor (Little Bob, Plain Bob, Double Bob, St. Clement's, 18 changes in method): J. Dowden 1, Heather Alford 2, Ann Dowden 3, Catherine Bew 4, R. Isgrove 5, M. J. Bew (cond.) 6. Most methods 2, 3. By University of Essex Society.

WOODBRIDGE, SUFFOLK.—On July 19th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Miss M. Goodship 1, Mrs. S. L. Claughton 2, G. R. Goodship 3, A. J. Munnings 4, J. L. Claughton 5, W. S. Girling 6, E. G. Pearce 7, L. G. Brett (cond.) 8. A wedding compliment to Susan M. Goodship and Kenneth Michael Lacklan-Porter, married at St. Mary's Church this day.

WOODBURY, DEVON.—On July 20th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles (7 6, 8 covering): Christine Tibby 1, A. Gooding 2, C. L. Barr (first as cond.) 3, G. West 4, M. Cain (first "inside") 5, J. Briggs 6, J. Gooding 7, H. Miller 8. For Patronal Festival.

WROXETER, SALOP. — On June 14th, 1,260 Doubles: Gillian Bosworth-Smith 1, Rosemary E. White 2, S. G. Pick 3, J. P. Burton 4, P. R. Johnson (cond.) 5, S. W. Illidge 6. Rung as a welcome to Elizabeth McGregor, daughter to Philip and Ann Evans, of Shrewsbury, born June 12th.

OVERSEAS NEWS

ANZAB Annual Weekend

THE Queen's birthday week-end in June is set aside by Australian and New Zealand ringers for their annual Ringing Festival and A.G.M. This year was no exception, when 63 ringers from New South Wales, South Australia, Tasmania and Victoria met in Melbourne on June 14th for three days of ringing, social gatherings and, of course, business. The Festival was organised this year by the ringers of St. Paul's Cathedral

Saturday dawned bright but chilly to welcome inter-State ringers as they arrived by car, train and plane after travelling 400 or 500 miles. By midday sufficient ringers were in St. Paul's belfry to enable ringing to start. More arrived during the afternoon, until it was difficult to find a place to sit when not ringing. The ringing ranged from call changes to Grandsire Caters and Bob Royal. Apart from the glorious 12 at St. Paul's, the more difficult anti-clockwise eight at St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Cathedral were also available.

We were able to ring a bride in and out at both Cathedrals and during the service at St. Paul's a light tea was provided by the ladies of the belfry. General ringing continued until 5.30 p.m., when everyone returned to their home or hotel in order to get ready for the evening's festivities.

THE DINNER

At 7 p.m. ringers, wives and friends gathered in the Strawberry Room at Chadstone Shopping Centre for an excellent three-course meal. The president of A.N.Z.A.B., Jack Roper, accompanied by his wife, Gwen, presided, and guests were Dean Thomas and Mrs. Thomas of St. Paul's, Dean Little of St. Patrick's, and the Preceptor of St. Paul's and Mrs. Sankey. In the unavoidable absence of St. Paul's tower captain, Andrew Bolton, and his wife, Shirley, "The Visitors" toast was proposed by the vice-captain, Michael Scowen, who also read out a letter of welcome from Andrew to the guests. Replies were made by both Dean Thomas and Dean Little, Bill Pitcher for South Australia, Enid Roberts for New South Wales, and Neville Gower for Tasmania. As usual, handbells were rung. Thanks were accorded to David Heyes, who organised all the social activities for the week-end.

Sunday morning saw ten tired but hopeful ringers meet at 9 a.m. for a quarter peal attempt of Grandsire Caters. Unfortunately this came to grief over a miscall. However, by this time there were sufficient ringers at both Cathedrals to enable general and service ringing to take place.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sunday afternoon had been set aside for the A.G.M., which was held in St. Paul's Chapter House. Jack Roper opened the meeting and after the usual preliminaries business almost came to a halt on the subject of "The postal vote on the new Constitution." However, a motion by Bill Pitcher saved the day and from then on business proceeded fairly briskly. It was agreed that next year the Festival would be held in Sydney, although New Zealand was favoured by several people. The meeting closed at 4.10 p.m., the following officers having been elected for the ensuing year: President, Jack Roper; treasurer, Ken Minchinton; secretary, Michael Scowen; assistant secretary, Monica Martin; peal recorder, Neville Gower; "Ringing Towers" editor, Ralph Clark.

A very good tea in St. Paul's belfry was organised by Margaret Aslett, and this was followed by general and service ringing until 7 p.m.

After a quick shower and change of clothes 40 ringers, wives and friends met at Jenny Murphy's house for a happy party. David Heyes proved to be a first-class barman and a superb hot and cold buffet was served by the hard-working ladies. After eating, a slide projector was produced and colour slides of past meetings and social gatherings of ringers were shown Sounds of the "Washington Peal" were also to be heard through the house.

Monday morning, which was bright and cheerful, saw eight not so bright and cheerful ringers meet for a quarter peal attempt of Stedman Triples. Alas, however, this came to grief the same way as the Grandsire Caters did the previous day. It was a shame that we were not able to collect one quarter peal over the week-end: better luck in Sydney next year!

The traditional barbecue was held in the grounds of St. Mary's Vicarage, Canfield, the home of Mary Heyes' (Cowling) parents. A vast quantity of sausages and chops, salad, fruit and cakes was provided. Like all good things though it had to come to an end and so we said farewell to all our inter- and intra-State guests.

Thus another successful A.N.Z.A.B. week-end came to a close. Our thanks go to the Deans of St. Paul's and St. Patrick's, to David Heyes and his fellow-workers, and the the Rev. and Mrs. Cowling for the use of their grounds for the barbecue. M. S.

OBITUARY

MR. G. GARDNER

Mr. George Gardner, a member of the All Saints', Allesley, Coventry, band since his early teens, died on August 8th at his home after a long illness aged 66.

As the many friends and past members of the Allesley band will know, George was identified with the Allesley band through its formative years under the late Mr. J. H. W. (Joe) White, and afterwards under Mr. Frank Perrens, and he rang what would be regarded in these days as a modest number of peals up to London Surprise Major. For many years he was towerkeeper.

The funeral service was held at All Saints' Church on August 13th and was followed by a quarter peal of Cambridge Surprise Major rung half-muffled by the following members: Charles S. Aylett 1, Ian F. Garvie 2, Lesley Grove 3, John W. T. Taylor (cond.) 4, Frank W. Perrens 5, Hubert G. Summers 6, Percy Stone 7, L. Michael Callow 8.

CORRECTIONS & AMENDMENTS

Peal, Southwell Diocesan Guild, on page 644, please read Elston, not Elstow.

The visit of the East Grinstead and District Guild to the Whitechapel Foundry was not its annual outing, as stated in a recent issue. The annual is to East Kent on October 11th.

Mr. Brian White informs us that the Suffolk Guild peal in the issue of April 18th was 5,056 changes by J. R. Pritchard, and not 5,040 as wrongly submitted.

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PETERBOROUGH CATHEDRAL BELLS

The Peterborough Cathedral authorities have turned down the Diocesan Guild's request to discuss the future of the Cathedral bells. Even the Guild's offer to be the main instrument in raising the necessary funds did not seem to have influenced their request.—Peterborough Guild News.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Peterborough Guild Dinner will be held at Terry's Banqueting Rooms, Harpole, on October 18th.

Mr. Arthur Ballam, now 64, of West Stow, Bury St. Edmunds, makes the journey of 14 miles to Horringer each Thursday to help in training the young band. Well done, Arthur!

The 700th peal was rung on the bells of St. John's, Erith, on August 15th. It was the 400th peal on the bells by the conductor, Mr. Frederick A. Cullum. This must be approaching a record

Advice in general terms on sound control is contained in the C.C. publication "Preservation and Repair of Bells" (price 3s. plus postage)

A golden wedding peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Shepshed, Leics, on August 16th, for the 50th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. George Butler. George is a Shepshed ringer of long standing.

A new record in Surprise Maximus ringing was established on July 12th by a peal in 60 methods at St. Peter's, Nottingham. The peal was conducted by Neil Bennett and was rung for the Lancashire Association.

All the money required to provide a new roof to Caversfield, Oxfordshire, tower has been raised by Launton handbell ringers from recitals. Caversfield tower contains the oldest datable inscribed bell in England.

Liverpool University Society has rung its first peal of Maximus. This was rung at Leicester Cathedral on July 19th, conducted by John H. Fielden. The method was Cambridge.

The bells of Cotterstock and Polebrook in the Oundle Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild have recently been inspected by Mr. F. White. Cotterstock's, he stated, were unringable, and Polebrook's need rehanging owing to the poor state of the beams and frame. Estimated cost, £1,000.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

FIFTY YEARS ON

On Wednesday, July 30th, 1919, Thomas F. East, a young man recently released from the Army, rang his first peal, Stedman Triples, at his home tower of East Hagbourne, Berks, where his father had taught him to ring before the war. The side was a good one, and the only words spoken throughout were the calls. Those ringing included Jim Butler (Master of the Cambridge University Society), the Rev. Cyril Jenkyn (Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild), Tom East (young Tom's father and the Hagbourne tower foreman), Tom Hibbert (a certain well-known ringer's dear old dad), Herbert Langdon (St. Paul's Cathedral captain), who conducted, and two other local ringers, Jack Dearlove and Bill Goodenough.

Time passed, and Tom married and moved to Essex, where for many years he was a member of the Hornchurch band; on retirement, he moved to the Isle of Wight, where he is now captain of Brading tower.

On Wednesday, July 30th, 1969, Tom, now the only survivor of the 1919 band, returned to Hagbourne for a commemorative peal (see page 660), conducted on this occasion by his nephew, the present Hagbourne tower foreman, the side including five members of the Hornchurch band and Bill Corderoy, Harwell tower foreman, a childhood friend. The method, needless to say, was Stedman, the composition was the same, and Tom rang the same bell. A grand celebration tea, provided by Tom's sisters, was enjoyed before the Hornchurch ringers began the long journey home.

M. B.

NINTH RINGER WAS NURSEMAID

Nine ringers were needed to ring the peal of Plain Bob Major at Balderton, Notts, on August 2nd—eight to man the ropes and Harry Poyner to act as nursemaid to his own three children, plus Annette and Malcolm Reed. Although it was a humid day for peal ringing, it was certain that Harry, with a broken toe collected at a cricket match, had the more difficult job looking after five children ranging in years from 2 to 9.

The peal was arranged to enable Paul Curtis from a neighbouring 6-bell tower to ring his first peal on eight, and Mary Poyner "circled the tower" to peals—an interesting fact considering that she is only the second person to do so, and the first was also a lady.

Harry's efforts were much appreciated and he is now contemplating a return invitation to Sturton-le-Steeple and leaving Colin to cope with the children!

E. GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD

Three towers and a picnic tea were arranged by the East Grinstead and District Guild for its meeting on August 9th. Ringing started at Cowfold, where the picnic was held. A short service at Lower Beeding preceded an hour's ringing and then came the business meeting in the churchyard, attended by 30 members. Four new members were elected. The last tower was at Twineham.

The next meeting is at Westerham and Sundridge on September 13th; the annual outing on October 11th to East Kent (names to C. A. Bassett) and suggestions for November meeting, Lingfield and East Grinstead.

PEAL RINGING AT "EXPO"

Four Leicestershire ringers—Arthur Rowley, Frank Chambers, Paul Gilliver and Alec Jones—joined Ron and Barrie Dove, Frank Featherstone, Peter Gardner and Robert Jordan for a North Yorkshire trip. There was a peal of Lincolnshire at Carlton-in-Cleveland, which was hard work in the last part through dry bearings.

While Ron Dove drank six cups of tea in a local cafe the rest rang a peal of Yorkshire on the "Expo" bells at Saltburn. The sun beat down mercilessly, the bells were threatened by a gaggle of geese, a gust of wind blew the rope from Arthur's hand, and the noise of the bells made conducting difficult. The band were unanimous in their praise of the "go" of the bells. It was a most welcome pint of beer afterwards.

HOUSE-TRAINED!

Congratulations to Margaret A. Bunting, who rang her first peal, one of 5,040 Plain Bob Minor, at St. George's, Colegate, Norwich, on Friday, August 8th. She is the third ringer from the St. Margaret's, Drayton, Norfolk, band to do so in the last three months. Instructed in change ringing for the past year by David E. House, assisted by other Norwich ringers, the Drayton band are now able to ring Bob Minor.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Northern District

It was fortunate that a good number attended the Northern District meeting held at Ashwell on August 2nd as the warm weather added to the difficulties of ringing the heavy-going but beautifully-toned six (tenor 18 cwt.). From expressions on the faces of the tenor ringers one gathered that this bell had to be rung to be believed. Methods up to London were called and the company then went on to Rushden where various Doubles methods, including Plain Bob Minor, were rung on this five.

M. M. R.

The recent sponsored peal at Puriton, Somerset, raised £35, enough to buy the flowers for the forthcoming Flower Festival. In turn, the Festival is being held to raise money for the restoration fund.

BUTLEIGH, SOMERSET, BELLS

The Rev. E. F. Synge, Vicar of Butleigh, Glastonbury, Somerset, is anxious that the six bells in his tower (tenor 19¼ cwt.) should be rehung and is offering for sale a booklet (1s.) giving the history of the bells. The oldest bell of the present ring, the third, dates from 1596, and there were five bells with wheels before 1675, as in that year 8s. 10d. was paid for mending the wheel of the fourth bell.

The oak frame, which was made in 1728, was replaced in 1969. Eighteen oak trees were bought for £19 7s. 9d., at a cost of 1s. 6d. a foot. Sawyers were paid 1s. 6d. per day, and bellwrights, who made the cage, 2s. 6d. and 1s. 9d. Five shillings was given to the men who rang first after the bells were hung up. The author pertinently asks: "Was it danger money?"

To celebrate the news that Sebastopol had fallen (which turned out to be false), a peal was rung in 1855 during which the tenor was cracked. For the next 50 years the bells could only be chimed as the tenor was not recast until 1906. In the meantime a treble had been added to make a ring of six and the fourth recast.

The booklet is illustrated by woodcuts by Corinne Chadburn. It is well worth the modest shilling asked for; the author lives at Butleigh Vicarage, Glastonbury, Somerset.

LEEDS RINGERS VISIT LINCOLNSHIRE VILLAGES

Chapel Allerton, Leeds, ringers spent an enjoyable day in Lincolnshire on July 12th. The morning's ringing was at Waddington (6) which finished with a good course of Cambridge, Harmston (an average eight), and Navenby (with an exciting spiral staircase and then halfway down the tower again, via a ladder, to the ringing chamber). Nevertheless, some good ringing took place on this fairly heavy-going six. A picnic lunch in the school grounds followed.

At Brant Broughton a course of London quickly changed to London–Cambridge–London when the man on the 23 cwt. tenor realised what he was in form. Leadenham bells were not easy to ring, but at Fulbeck an excellent course of Chester Surprise was rung. Tea was followed by a short ring at Caythorpe, and although rather tired, a decent rise was managed at Hough-on-the-Hill. Here ringing included five Spliced Surprise in six leads. Sighs of relief could be heard when it was found that the last tower, Coddington, was a ground floor ring, the first of the day. Ron Warford is thanked for making the arrangements, and the Vicars for allowing ringing.

The first peal at Albury, Herts, on August 9th, was accompanied by a galaxy of firsts. These were first peal, first attempt, first of Doubles (2), first "inside," and a first as conductor.

EAST RIDING RINGERS' WEEK, 1969

PEALS RUNG FOR THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(The Beverley and District Society.)

GRESFORD, Denbigh.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., July 26, 1969, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 3 lb. in D.

A. Benjamin Cooper	Treble	Ronald Ducker	5
Elizabeth Johnson	2	David S. Johnson	6
Maris C. Stephenson	3	John N. D. Chaddock	7
John R. Leary	4	Ian G. Campbell	Tenor

Composed by C. I. Rowson. Conducted by John N. D. Chaddock.

LEDBURY, Hereford.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Mon., July 28, 1969, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 27 lb. in E flat.

Stephen K. Thompson	Treble	John R. Leary	5
Maris C. Stephenson	2	David S. Johnson	6
Peter Church	3	John N. D. Chaddock	7
Ian G. Campbell	4	Ronald Ducker	Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts Conducted by Ian G. Campbell.

CLIFFORD, Hereford.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Wed., July 30, 1969, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in F sharp.

Stephen K. Thompson	Treble	Ian G. Campbell	5
*Iris E. Piper	2	†John R. Leary	6
†Maris C. Stephenson	3	John N. D. Chaddock	7
†Peter Church	4	Ronald Ducker	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by John R. Leary.
* First peal of Major "inside." † First in the method.

KNIGHTON, Radnor.—At the Church of St. Edward.
On Fri., Aug. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in G.

A. Benjamin Cooper	Treble	Ian G. Campbell	5
Ronald Ducker	2	David S. Johnson	6
Maris C. Stephenson	3	John N. D. Chaddock	7
*John R. Leary	4	Wilfrid F. Moreton	Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.
* First peal in the method.

LLANFIGAN, Brecon.—At the Church of St. Meugan.
On Sat., Aug. 2, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 19 lb. in G.

Stephen K. Thompson	Treble	John R. Leary	5
Elizabeth Johnson	2	Ronald Ducker	6
Maris C. Stephenson	3	Wilfrid F. Moreton	7
Peter Church	4	John N. D. Chaddock	Tenor

Composed by M. S. Bruce. Conducted by John R. Leary.

OTHER PEALS

THE AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND ASSOCIATION.
MELBOURNE, Victoria.—At St. Paul's Cathedral.
On Sat., Aug. 2, 1969, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 29¼ cwt. in C sharp.

*David W. Heyes	Treble	†David J. Taylor	6
*Margaret A. Aslett	2	Henry J. Rossell	7
†Dermot J. Roaf	3	Michael Scowen	8
Helen J. Henderson	4	Andrew C. Bolton	9
Jennifer A. Murphy	5	Graeme W. Heyes	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Henry J. Rossell.
* First peal. † First in Australia. First as conductor.
Arranged and rung as a farewell to the ringer of the 3rd, who returns to England this month.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
BUTCOMBE, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Aug. 9, 1969, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being six Pitman's 12-scores and 30 extents with ten different callings.
Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb. in B.

Henry J. Coombs	Treble	Robert Perry	4
Alan J. Coombs	2	William Willans	5
*Barry J. Fry	3	†Norman J. Osmund	Tenor

Conducted by William Willans.
* First peal "inside." † First peal.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
MAULDEN, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., July 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. in F sharp.

*Jeremy Piron	Treble	Martyn J. Marriott	5
Martin Major	2	Robert L. Piron	6
Audrey R. Alexander	3	†Stephen Ivin	7
C. Michael Orme	4	Keith H. Fleming	Tenor

Composed by Rev. C. D. P. Davies. Conducted by Stephen Ivin.
* First peal (aged 10). † 50th on these bells.
Rung to mark the birth of Michael Winterson, whose father, Brian Winterson, is organist at this church.

MAULDEN, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Aug. 2, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORK SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. in F sharp.

Stephen Ivin	Treble	Alfred E. Rushton	5
Ronald J. Sharp	2	Robert L. Piron	6
Charlotte M. Harris	3	Philip Mehew	7
Anthony H. Smith	4	C. Michael Orme	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Stephen Ivin.
Rung with the good wishes of their friends to Linda Ellison and Keith Fleming prior to their wedding this day.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
WISTASTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., Aug. 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb. in B.

Gordon K. Green	Treble	David A. Godfrey	4
Harry W. Howard	2	Terence E. Trickett	5
Frank R. Morton	3	Roland W. Morant	Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Terence E. Trickett and Rosalind Koltuniak, which was to take place the following Saturday at Glossop. Also rung as a first wedding anniversary compliment to the daughter of the ringer of the second.

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THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

GREAT LONGSTONE, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Giles. On Sat., Aug. 9, 1969, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being one extent of Cambridge Surprise and two extents each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 lb. in A.

Timothy Wylie	Treble	Eric Roughley	4
Susan E. Davis	2	Sidney Hough	5
G. Richard King	3	Geoffrey R. Gardner	Tenor

Conducted by Timothy Wylie.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

TAMERTON FOLIOT, Devon.—At the Church of St. Mary. On Mon., Aug. 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being extents in seven variations of calling using singles only.

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in F.

John C. Mitchelmore	Treble	*Alan N. Frost	4
John F. Steere	2	Peter L. Bill	5
Stephen G. Peirce	3	D. Roy Bould	Tenor

* First peal of Minor.

Conducted by Peter L. Bill.

Rung to mark the 650th anniversary of the founding of this church. Also as a compliment to Peter Bill and Lesley Ford on their engagement.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

EATON SOCON, Huntingdon.—At the Church of St. Mary. On Sat., June 7, 1969, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in F.

G. William Shanks	Treble	Robert E. J. Dennis	5
Philip Mehew	2	Graham W. Elmes	6
George E. Thoday	3	Timothy F. Collins	7
Mary E. Elmes	4	George E. Bonham	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Robert E. J. Dennis.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to G. E. Bonham, who has now "completed the circle" to peals

MOULTON, Northants.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul. On Sat., June 7, 1969, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5022 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in F.

Andrew W. R. Wilby	Treble	Timothy F. Collins	5
George E. Bonham	2	John W. Blackwood	6
Julia A. Fellows	3	Robert E. J. Dennis	7
Keith J. Walpole	4	Philip Mehew	Tenor

Composed by Simon Humphrey Conducted by Philip Mehew.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to G. E. Bonham.

ISHAM, Northants.—At the Church of St. Peter. On Sat., June 7, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents, viz.: (1) Kent T.B., (2) St. Clement's C Bob, (3 5 and 7) Plain Bob, (4 and 6) Cambridge Surprise.

Tenor 9 cwt. 1. qr. in G.

Margaret M. Roden	Treble	Phillip S. George	4
Mary E. Elmes	2	G. William Shanks	5
Graham W. Elmes	3	George E. Thoday	Tenor

Conducted by George E. Thoday.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to G. E. Bonham.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

LINTON, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin On Fri., Aug. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being two different 2,160's and a 720. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr.

*George T. Cousins	Treble	†Peter L. Hughes	4
Austin T. Wingate	2	Leslie Evans	5
John F. I Turney	3	Marcus C. W. Sherwood	Tenor

Conducted by Marcus C. W. Sherwood.

* Has now "circled the tower" to peals. † First of Surprise "inside."

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BENINGTON, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter. On Sat., Aug. 2, 1969, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12¼ cwt. in G.

John R Mayne	Treble	Andrew W. R. Wilby	5
*Katherine S. Hardy	2	Martyn L. J. Jordan	6
Julia A. Fellows	3	*Robert E. Hardy	7
*Barry R. M. Johnson	4	Gerald Penney	Tenor

Composed by Ernest Bennett. Conducted by John R. Mayne.

* First peal in the method.

KING'S LANGLEY, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of All Saints. On Sat., Aug. 2, 1969, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

*Gillian M. Barker	Treble	Keith D. Waples	5
Augustine V. Good	2	Francis M. Byrne	6
D. Joseph Goodman	3	Brian M. Barker	7
Robert J. Picton	4	Peter W. Harper	Tenor

Composed by C. H. Martin. Conducted by Peter W. Harper.

* First peal attempt. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in G.

BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. James the Apostle. On Thurs., Aug. 7, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 LITTLE BUSHEY SURPRISE MAJOR

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

Barry R. M. Johnson	Treble	S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	5
John R. Southey	2	Robert E. Hardy	6
Katherine S. Hardy	3	David A. Carpenter	7
Robert J. Moore	4	Roger Baldwin	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Roger Baldwin.

First peal in the method.

LITTLE BUSHEY SURPRISE MAJOR

e—38—14—58—36, 14—14, 38, 16—16, 58. i.e. 12.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

EDENBRIDGE, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul. On Sat., July 12, 1969, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb. in F sharp.

Timothy D Wickens	Treble	Nicholas J. Chesson	5
Phillip A. Butler	2	Edward J. Jenner	6
*Peter R. Butler	3	Philip A. Corby	7
Keith G. Game	4	Trevor A. Cross	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Paul A. Corby.

* First peal of Surprise "inside."

ERITH, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist. On Fri., July 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

Judith M. Corby	Treble	Timothy D. Wickins	5
*Herbert E. Audsley	2	Richard Hayes	6
G. William Shanks	3	Trevor A. Cross	7
Michael H. D. O'Callaghan	4	Philip A. Corby	Tenor

Composed by Thomas B. Worsley. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.

* 1,300th peal

SITTINGBOURNE, Kent.—At the Church of St. Michael. On Sat., July 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's 12-part. Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E.

George Kenward	Treble	Laurence Mitchell	5
*Judith M. Corby	2	Philip A. Corby	6
Terence Barton	3	Trevor A. Cross	7
*Philip J. Simmonds	4	†Timothy D. Wickins	Tenor

Conducted by Philip A. Corby.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † 25th peal.

Rung half-muffled to the memory of E. W. Kennett, churchwarden, and Mrs. Maud Dobbie

NEW ROMNEY, Kent.—At the Church of St. Nicholas. On Sat., Aug. 2, 1969, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F.

Betty Robbins	Treble	Alexander Waddington	5
Rev. P. T. Robbins	2	John L. Anderson	6
Peter Richardson	3	Paul J. Bagshaw	7
Rhian N. Bagshaw	4	Peter M. J. Bradford	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Paul J. Bagshaw.

First peal of Major as conductor.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Highwood S. Humphery.

EASTCHURCH, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints. On Sat., July 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Plain Bob and Cambridge Surprise Minor.

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb. in G.

Nicholas J. Chesson	Treble	Richard Hayes	4
Valerie J. Howard	2	John A. Howard	5
Peter D. J. Beal	3	Tony Lewis	Tenor

Conducted by Richard Hayes.

Rung in honour of the election of Alderman Bernard Bigg of this parish as Mayor of Queenborough in Sheppey.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

ULCEBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas. On Wed., Aug. 6, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in the following methods (1–3) Kent T.B., (4–7) Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 8 lb. in G sharp.

Mary Atkinson	Treble	Robert A. Gillies	4
Frank Kennington	2	John H. Parker	5
*Stephen C. Hopkins	3	Arthur Pashley	Tenor

Conducted by Arthur Pashley.

* First peal "inside."

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
CADOXTON, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Catwg.
On Wed., July 30, 1969, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three extents of Kent T.B. and four of Plain Bob.
Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

Alwyn R. Lewis	Treble	Elizabeth J. Watkins	4
D. R. Lynn Jones	2	Lawrence C. Hanney	5
Maureen J. Carruthers	3	Gwyn I. Lewis	Tenor

Conducted by Gwyn I. Lewis.
Rung as a compliment to the ringers of 3 and 5 on their engagement.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
HARROW WEALD, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Thurs., July 31, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 QUORNDEN SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

John H. W. Smith	Treble	H. George Hart	5
Elsie K. Hart	2	Brian C. Watson	6
Ruth M. Foreman	3	Frank Reed	7
Joan Hooton	4	Dennis Knox	Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Dennis Knox.
First peal in the method by all the band and on the bells.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
NORWICH, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Peter Mancroft.
On Sun., Aug. 10, 1969, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 37 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in C.

H. William Barrett	Treble	David Heighton	7
*Carole A. H. Patey	2	*David Cubitt	8
*Janet House	3	Brian Bladon	9
*Peter Adcock	4	Martin L. Howe	10
Geoffrey H. Pullin	5	Martin Cubitt	11
Simon A. B. Wigg	6	David E. House	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by David E. House.
* First peal of Surprise Maximus. All, except the ringers of 6 and 9, are members of the local band.

EAST DEREHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Aug. 9, 1969, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In eight methods, being 768 changes each of London and Rutland, 640 Bristol, 576 each of Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 142 changes of method.
Tenor 22 cwt. 105 lb. in E flat.

George P. Adams	Treble	Martin Cubitt	5
Janet House	2	Simon A. B. Wigg	6
David G. Adams	3	*Kevin S. Hohl	7
Peter Adcock	4	David E. House	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith Conducted by David E. House.
* First peal of eight-spliced. First of eight-spliced on the bells.
Rung with the best wishes of the band to Shelagh R. Collins and the Rev. M. C. C. Melville, married this day at Bedford.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
HUNGERFORD, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.
On Sat., Aug. 9, 1969, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 HASELBECH SURPRISE MAJOR

Eunice A. Lewis	Treble	*Michael Hatchett	5
Alan R. Pink	2	*†William Birmingham	6
Reginald W. Rex	3	Frank W. Lewis	7
Rosamund M. Brown	4	Frank T. Blagrove	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* 100th peal together. † 500th peal. First in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild.
Rung for the Feast of St. Lawrence and to express to Barry J. Davies and Jean Marlow the good wishes of the band on the occasion of their marriage. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in F.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
EARLS BARTON, Northants.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Aug. 2, 1969, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In three methods, containing 2,176 Yorkshire, 1,472 Superlative and 1,408 Cambridge, with 134 changes of method.
Middleton's. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in F sharp.

Mary R. Coleman	Treble	Barry R. Care	5
*J. Malcolm Tyler	2	*John G. Mitchell	6
Anthony D. Sansom	3	*Edward C. Buckby	7
*Richard J. Cowley	4	Murray A. Coleman	Tenor

Conducted by Murray A. Coleman.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise.
Rung to welcome the Rev. N. Abbott as Vicar.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
KIDSGROVE, Staffs.—At the Church of St. Thomas.
On Sat., July 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 4 lb.

Sheila A. Taylor	Treble	Roy Worrall	5
Norman Sherratt	2	Christopher Morey	6
Raymond J. Ballard	3	Harold Dowler	7
T. Felicity Ashford	4	Ivor R. Nicholls	Tenor

Composed by A. Knights Conducted by Norman Sherratt.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
(The Amalgamated St. Chad's Society.)
BIRMINGHAM.—At the Minor Basilica of St. Chad.
On Tues., Aug. 5, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, comprising 1,440 Yorkshire, 1,280 Cambridge and Lincolnshire and 1,120 Rutland, with 69 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in F.

Paul L. McEvilly	Treble	James Insley	5
James W. Belshaw	2	John R. Insley	6
Bryan D. A. Woolley	3	Michael Elson	7
Richard J. Tibbetts	4	John McDonald	Tenor

Composed by Philip G. K. Davies. Conducted by John McDonald.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to John Insley before his forthcoming departure to Libya.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
LONDON, E.—At the Church of St. Leonard, Shoreditch.
On Tues., July 29, 1969, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, comprising 1,312 of Bristol and 1,280 each of London, Cambridge and Superlative, with 112 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in G.

John R. Pratchett	Treble	Peter Beresford	5
Jane Foster	2	John S. Barnes	6
Joan Beresford	3	Derek E. Sibson	7
*Norman Summerhayes	4	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Joan Beresford.
* First peal of spliced.

TOTTENHAM, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Hallows.
On Thurs., July 24, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. in F sharp.

Gwyneth M. James	Treble	Michael H. D. O'Callaghan	5
*Jean Henderson	2	Kenneth J. Darvill	6
*M. Louise Slater	3	Derek E. Sibson	7
Christopher P. Starbuck	4	James A. D. Woolford	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
* First peal in the method.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
SWYNNERTON, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Fri., Aug. 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in five methods, viz.: one extent each of Double Oxford, Theiwall, St Clement's and Childwall and three extents of Plain Bob Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in A.

William H. Watkin	Treble	Richard J. Warrilow	4
Frederic R. Wiggin	2	Neville Holland	5
Geoffrey W. Stevens	3	Robert A. Partridge	Tenor

Conducted by Robert A. Partridge.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. Brian Swinnerton, father of the Rev. B. Swinnerton, curate at St. Mary's, Swynnerton.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
DEBENHAM, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Tues., June 24, 1969, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in E flat.

Judith M. Corby	Treble	Raymond J. Ballard	5
Valerie J. Howard	2	Stephen Bedford	6
Richard Hayes	3	Vernon Bedford	7
John A. Howard	4	Philip A. Corby	Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.

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THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

HOLLESLEY, Suffolk.—At the Church of All Saints. On Wed., June 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt 11 lb. in F.

Andrew J. Corby	Treble	Stephen Bedford	5
Valerie J. Howard	2	Vernon Bedford	6
Richard Hayes	3	Raymond J. Ballard	7
John A. Howard	4	Philip A. Corby	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Raymond J. Ballard.

CAVENDISH, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary. On Sat., Aug. 2, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's of Kent T.B. and Oxford T.B. and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt. 21 lb.

*Ivor Ellingham	Treble	Stanley Honeyball	4
*John A. Mayle	2	Samuel J. Twitchett	5
Peter Mayle	3	Walter Perry	Tenor

Conducted by Samuel J Twitchett.

Rung to commemorate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Fitch, grandparents of the ringer of the second.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

CITY OF LONDON, E.C.—At the Church of St. Olave, Hart Street. On Thurs., Aug. 7, 1969, in 3 Hours,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr 11 lb. in G.

*Dorothea Robotham	Treble	*Roy D. Mills	5
John R. Ketteringham	2	Geoffrey Bridges	6
Maureen J. Carruthers	3	Andrew W. R. Wilby	7
David C. Brown	4	A. Patrick Cannon	Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.

* First peal of Double Norwich.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WESTBOURNE, Sussex.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist. On Sat., Aug. 2, 1969, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in G.

*Ruth E. Halford	Treble	Patrick M. Wills	5
*Bronwen J. Davies	2	Frank H. Hicks	6
Susan M. Wills	3	E. Winifred Keys	7
Ernest Treagus	4	Philip Stevens	Tenor

Composed by H. Hubbard. Conducted by E. Winifred Keys.

* First peal on eight bells.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

NORTH STONEHAM, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas. On Wed., Aug. 6, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5055 STEDMAN CATERS

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

*Philippa M. Tubbs	Treble	Timothy F. Collins	6
Katherine J. Maundrell	2	Edward W. Colley	7
Robert E. J. Dennis	3	Richard H. Youdale	8
William T Perrins	4	Frederick E. Collins	9
Graham W. Elmes	5	Richard Green	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Robert E. J. Dennis.

* First peal on ten bells and of Stedman

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SKIPTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity. On Sun., July 20, 1969, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 17 lb. in E flat.

*J. Ian Cox	Treble	†R. Malcolm Harker	5
†Geoffrey Featherstone	2	Peter Gardner	6
Maurice Hillary	3	M. F. Digby Burton	7
Paul Norman	4	David Featherstone	Tenor

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by David Featherstone.

* First peal. † First "inside."

Rung on the day that man first landed on the moon.

EASINGWOLD, Yorks.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist and All Saints. On Sat., July 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 EASINGWOLD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb. in A flat.

Christopher J. Easton	Treble	Christopher M. Movley	5
Ronald Crabtree	2	Paul A. Williams	6
Robert H. Jordan	3	David Featherstone	7
David Whitehead	4	*C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed by H Poyner. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

* 425th peal. 100th peal of Surprise Major as conductor. First peal in the method.

EASINGWOLD SURPRISE MAJOR

—38—14—1258—16—12—1258—16.34.78. 2nds place l.e. 1573. 4ths place bobs.

SALTBURN, North Yorkshire.—At the "Expo" Belfry. On Tues., July 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 4 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in E.

Margaret Warford	Treble	Christopher Forster	5
David Whitehead	2	Robin Brown	6
Allan Shephard	3	Ronald R. Warford	7
*Graham S. Miller	4	Ronald J. Snack	Tenor

Composed by J. Reeves. Conducted by Ronald J. Snack.

* First peal of Kent Major. First of Kent Major as conductor

NORTH WINGFIELD, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence. On Sat., July 26, 1969, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt.

Neil Donovan	Treble	Alec Beaumont	5
David Nichols	2	Alan Clifton	6
Patricia Lockwood	3	Stuart Armeson	7
Ian North	4	Richard E. Price	Tenor

Composed by Ian M. Holland. Conducted by Stuart Armeson.

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter. On Mon., July 28, 1969, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 UXBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 4 lb. in F.

Peter H. Gardner	Treble	*Christopher J. Easton	5
*Robert H. Jordan	2	*David Featherstone	6
*Graham Jones	3	*Ronald R. Warford	7
W. Eric Critchley	4	*C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

* First peal of Uxbridge Surprise Major.

DRIGHLINGTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Paul. On Mon., Aug. 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In ten methods, comprising 576 each of Ashtead, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire, 448 Bristol and 384 London, Rutland and Uxbridge, with 130 changes of method.

Tenor 14 cwt. 16 lb. in F.

Christopher J. Easton	Treble	*Gerald Parsons	5
*Robert H. Jordan	2	*Ronald J. Snack	6
W. Eric Critchley	3	*Ronald R. Warford	7
*David Featherstone	4	*C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed by N. Smith. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

* First peal of 10-Spliced Surprise Major.

SPROTBOROUGH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary. On Fri., Aug. 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In three methods, being 1,728 each of Cambridge and Yorkshire and 1,600 of Superlative, with 107 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

Jeanne E. Bottomley	Treble	W. Eric Critchley	5
*Avis M. Thompson	2	*John R. Whitham	6
*John M. Ineson	3	Roger A. Smith	7
*Ruth Richardson	4	Vernon Bottomley	Tenor

Composed by N. Smith. Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.

* First peal of spliced. 350th peal as conductor.

(Huntington Guild.)

HUNTINGTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints. On Sat., July 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven extents. Tenor 5 cwt. 17 lb. in B flat.

Doreen E. Sanderson	Treble	Ronald J. Sanderson	4
Margaret Warford	2	David Pearson	5
A. Shirley Beanland	3	Christopher J. Groome	Tenor

Conducted by Christopher J. Groome.

Rung for the wedding of Colin Banton, former tower secretary, and Susan Thompson, also a ringer at this church.

WOODLESFORD, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints. On Sun., Aug. 3, 1969, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 20 methods as follows: (1) Killamarsh, Kent, Trinity Sunday, Pontefract and Denottar, (2) Felkirk, Vercroft, Barnsley and South Kirkby, (3) London Scholars', Oxford and Capel, (4) Sandal, Oxford and Kingston, (5) College Exercise, Ockley, Duke of Norfolk and Norbury, (6) Woodbine, (7) Cambridge.

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. in A.

Michael Johnson	Treble	Guy Cox	4
Patricia Lockwood	2	Alan Clifton	5
Ian North	3	Robin Brown	Tenor

Conducted by Ian North.

Rung as a birthday compliment to David Cox, son of the ringer of the fourth.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
MARPLE, Cheshire.—At 6, Ashwood Crescent.
On Thurs., Aug. 7, 1969, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL
In six methods, being 1,440 each of Rutland and Wembley, 720 Bollington and 480 each of Cambridge, Lincolnshire and Yorkshire, with 119 changees of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

Alan McFall	1–2	Bernard F. L. Groves	5–6
Robert B. Smith	3–4	J. David Atkinson	7–8
Gerald Moorhouse	9–10		

Composed and Conducted by Robert B. Smith.
This is the greatest number of Surprise Royal methods to be rung to a handbell peal by all the band and for the Guild.

BOLLINGTON SURPRISE MAJOR
—70—14—12—36—1470—50—1456—50—1456—30.h.l. l.e. 10. 1426.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
WATFORD, Hertfordshire.—At 15, Harford Drive.
On Mon., July 28, 1969, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MAXIMUS
In four methods, comprising 1,440 each of Ealing, Newgate and York and 720 of Yorkshire, with 84 changes of method.
Tenor size 19 in F.

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	1–2	Martyn L. J. Jordan	7–8
John R. Mayne	3–4	*Julia A. Fellows	9–10
Roger Baldwin	5–6	Christopher W. Woolley	11–12

Composed and Conducted by John R. Mayne.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise on handbells. First of Spliced Surprise Maximus by all the band and for the Association.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Bettyfold.
On Fri., July 25, 1969, in 1 Hour and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being ten methods in the following extents: (1) Normanton Special Alliance and Bastow Little Court, (2) Plain, (3) Original, (4) Single Court, (5) St. Clement's College and Single Oxford, (6) Double Bob and Double Oxford, (7) Reverse Bob. Tenor size 14 in D.

*Joseph Whalley	1–2	Mary W. Whalley	3–4
Kevin M. Price (cond.)	5–6		

* 100th peal.

5,024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
in four or eight methods.
By NOEL J. DISERENS

23456	M	B	W	H	4 Methods	8 Methods
45236			1	1	LXCSC	LCCSP
34256	(3)		1		LXCSC	LBBSR
52643	1		1		LCL	*
46325	1		1		SSCCSSS	LYPRNCCYYS
62345			2		LSBL	YNPYBL
43526	1		1		LXCSC	LSR
32654	2	1			LBBBBCS	RBBBBCS
25346		1			SSSC	YSSC
54263	2		2		LBLLLLLBL	LBRLLLRBL
46532		1			CSSS	CSSY
32465		1	2		SCBBBBL	SCBBBBR
64523	1		1		CSCXL	RSL
34625	2				LBSL	LBYPNY
26543	1		1		SSSCCSS	*
45362	1		1		LCL	SYYCCNRPYL
23564	1		(3)	1	CSCXL	RSBBL
53462	1				CSCXL	PSCCL
43265	1				CSCXL	NCNNL
52364	1			1	CSCCL	YYSPR
53624			1	2	CSCXSSCB	RCPPPB
65324				1	B	PPRCN
35264			2	1	SLBL	SLBR
25463	1				CSCCL	
25634		1		1	CSBBBR	CNNYPRYNS
53246		1			BBBBSC	
24536			1	1	LCCSC	SNYRPYNNC
26435	2			1	LBLS	RBLS
64235				2	BB	NCRPPB
52436	1			1	CSSXCSC	PPPCR
35426			1		LCCSC	RPSYY
23456			1		LXCSC	LNNCN

L, London; B, Bristol; S, Superlative; C, Cambridge; X, C or S; Y, Yorkshire; R, Rutland; P, Pudsey; N, Lincolnshire.
Every bell does all the work of each method.
* Lincolnshire may be rung at one only of these positions, giving 19 leads each of Cambridge, Lincolnshire and London, and 20 leads each of the other methods. Bracketed bobs apply in 8-method peal only.

MEETINGS

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Christchurch and Southampton District.—Quarterly meeting Southampton, Saturday, September 6th. St. Michael's bells (10) 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea St. Mary's Chantry Hall 5.15 p.m. Meeting follows. St. Mary's bells (10) in evening. Names for tea to Mrs. M. Francis, 41, Bassett Green Close, Southampton.—Gilian W. Davis, Dis. Sec. 7565

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch. — Striking competition for Branch members at Ripple (6) on Saturday, Sept. 6th. Competition ringing from 3 to 5.30 p.m., followed by tea in Parish Hall. No service or business meeting. General ringing for all after tea. Details of competition will be sent to all tower secretaries. Names for tea, please, to J. J. Stanier, Branch Sec., 12, Arrowsmith Avenue, Worcester, by Sept. 2nd. **Please note new address.** 7472

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY — The next meeting will be for the Swaine Cup on the second Saturday of September (the 13th). All bands welcome. Entrance fee payable on day. Names for tea to Mr. K. Muxworthy, 303, Barnsley Road, Hoylandswaine, nr. Barnsley. 7588

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Saturday, September 13th, Westerham. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Own arrangements for tea at 5 p.m., followed by meeting and further ringing. Sundridge bells also available 7.30–9 p.m. 7568

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Eastern District.—Meeting at Tillingham, Saturday, September 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea please to R. J. Harrison, 32, Gilmore Way, Great Baddow. 7545

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Cadoxton (Neath), Saturday, September 13th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4, followed by tea and very short business meeting. All ringers and friends welcome.—Iolo Davies, Cowbridge Grammar School.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Saturday, September 13th, St. Bodolph, Bishopsgate, 3–4.30 p.m. (Liverpool Street Station), to be followed by tea and business meeting. St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, 6.30–8 p.m. Names for tea to M. R. Wycherley, 35d, Holland Park, London, W.11, by previous Wednesday. 7488

NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS.—Annual meeting at Worcester on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Lunch at Talbot Hotel, Barbourne Rd., Worcester (12,30 for 1 p.m.). Price 20/–. After lunch the meeting will be held in the main Magistrates' Court, "C" Division, West Mercia Constabulary. The amended Guild rules will be discussed. Evening gathering Brunswick Arms, Malvern Rd., Worcester. Details of ringing, etc., from Arthur Pearce, 197, Wythenshawe Rd., Manchester 23. 7521

LADIES' GUILD.—ADVANCE NOTICE.—Annual meeting, Saturday, June 27th, 1970, Leicester. Committee meeting Friday evening. Full day's ringing Saturday. Service 4.30. Tea followed by meeting. Further ringing in evening followed by social. 7527

LATE NOTICES

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District. — Meeting Saturday, September 6th. Wilden (5) 6 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.; Renhold (5) from 7.30 p.m.—C. M. Payne. 7590

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — The Striking Competition will be held at Stoneleigh on September 20th, starting at 2 p.m. Entry forms are available from the District Secretaries and General Secretary. Tea at St. Nicholas' Church Hall, Warwick, at 5 p.m. St. Nicholas', Warwick, bells available after tea. Names for tea by September 17th, please. —H. M. Windsor, 5, Park Lane, Harbury, nr. Leamington Spa (Tel. Harbury 504). 7593

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Advance Notice.—The Annual Striking Competition will be held at Norton Subcourse on Saturday, October 11th.—P. Adcock. 7591

QUARTER PEALS

BRADING, I.O.W.—On Aug. 3rd 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (6–8 covering): Janice Squibb 1, A. Russell 2, T. F. East (cond.) 3, K. Squibb 4, R. D. Hughes 5, E. Duff 6, S. Duff 8. For Parish Eucharist and as a 15th birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

CRICKLADE, WILTS. — On Aug. 9th, 1,260 Doubles (3 methods): L. R. G. Taylor 1, W. Lampard 2, R. L. Coles 3, A. F. Lee 4, P. J. Devrell 5. Jointly conducted by 4 and 5.

GOOSTREY, CHESHIRE. — On Aug. 10th, 1,320 Cambridge Minor: A. C. Hall 1, Miss L. C. Roper 2, W. F. Gibbons 3, M. J. Robinson (cond.) 4, D. L. Hall 5, P. W. Horn 6. For Evensong.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On Aug. 2nd, 1,680 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: Hazel M. Carter 1, Edwina A. Dixon 2, Pamela J. Clifton 3, P. L. R. Hayward 4, W. G. Marsh (cond.) 5.

NEWPORT, MON.—At St. Woolos' Cathedral, on Aug. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triple: R. Wallace 1, Gillian Colleypriest 2, P. Chambers 3, P. Mason 4, J. Hankin 5, G. Wilkinson 6, P. Bennett (cond.) 7, D. Phillips 8.

TWYNING, GLOS.—On July 11th, 1,320 Primrose Surprise Minor: F. Lawrence 1, D. Price 2, B. Spiers 3, M. Hawkes 4, J. Clements 5, P. Robertson (cond.) 6. First in the method by all the band.

WALKHAMPTON, DEVON.—On Mar. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Perkin (first of Minor) 1, P. Bill 2, S. Peirce 3, J. Steere 4, I. Mitchelmore 5, G. Mudge (cond.) 6.

WITCHAMPTON, DORSET.—On Aug. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. T. Perrins (first Plain Hunt) 1, W. T. Perrins 2, D. G. Andrews (cond.) 3, E. J. Whitfield 4, D. Wilson 5, G. E. Turner 6.

YETMINSTER, DORSET.—On July 28th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Mrs. M. Godley 1, Susan M. Corry 2, C. J. Corry 3, M. J. Corry 4, C. F. Longridge 5, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 6. First quarter on the bells since rehanging.

LONG PEAL ATTEMPT

An attempt for 16,128 Superlative Surprise Major will take place at the Loughborough Bell Foundry on Saturday, September 13th, at 10 a.m.—B. J. Woodruffe.

NOTICES

NEW SCALE OF CHARGES

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BIRTH

COOK.—To Sarah and Colin, of 63, Chaldon Road, Caterham, Surrey, a daughter, Katharine Sarah, on Saturday, August 16th, 1969. 7579

ENGAGEMENTS

BEDFORD—PHILLIPS.—The engagement is announced between Mai Phillips, of Pantyffynon, Llanddowror, St. Clears, Carmarthenshire, and Don Bedford, late of Essex, Herts, Warwicks, Devon, Wilts, Northants, North Wales, Scotland, South Wales and all stations East

MACKLEY—RAWLINGS.—The engagement is announced between Peter Mackley, of Brooke, near Norwich, and Rosamund Rawlings, of Wimbledon. 7574

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGES

BERRY—BARBER.—The marriage between the Hon. General Secretary of the K.C.A.C.R., Alan P. S. Berry, and Anne Barber will take place at SS. Mary and Eanswythe's Church, Folkestone, on Saturday, August 30th, at 3 p.m. Bells available after. Ringing friends welcome at the church 7544

NORTH—LOCKWOOD.—The wedding between Ian and Patricia will take place at Holy Trinity Church, Ossett, Yorks, on August 30th at 11 a.m. Fred Bennett would be happy for friends to ring before and after the wedding. 7542

ROBOTTOM—FLETCHER.—The marriage of Mark and Susan will take place at St. Nicholas' Church, Kenilworth, Warks, on Saturday, August 30th, at 12 noon. All friends welcome at the church. 7556

DEATH

MAULDEN. — On August 14th, 1969, at Ipswich and East Suffolk Hospital, Bessie Mary, of 14, Market Hill, Framlingham, in her 78th year. For 52 years devoted wife of Willoughby Edward. Interred Framlingham Cemetery, August 19th, 1969. 7566

PERSONAL

Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners.—1 Corinthians xv., 33.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

NICK AND BRENDA DAVIES have moved to Winser Cottage, Kingsford Street, Mersham, Ashford, Kent (Tel. Ashford 24293). 7581

PLADDYS.—The address of John Pladdys is now Clubland, 54, Camberwell Rd., S.E.5. Tel. ROD 5522/4815 (Room 3G); Work 628-9306 (Ext. 11). 7515

HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

DORSET, near Milton Abbas.—B. & B. 20/-. Evening meal 7/6. Homely accommodation in heart of lovely countryside. Indoor sanitation. H & C.—Mrs. Dunford, Hambledon Cottage, Hilton, Blandford, Dorset. 7522

HANDBELLS FOR SALE

SET OF HANDBELLS.—Diatonic 12 in 18G, £50 o.n.o.—Briscoll, 9, Walnut Tree Road, Dagenham, Essex. Phone 01-593 6314. 7538

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH
STRATFORD-ON-AVON, WARKS.
FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS
September 12th, 13th and 14th.
Tower open Saturday, September 13th, 3–5 p.m. and 7–9 p.m. and for service ringing on Sunday. 7562

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

SUMMER FESTIVAL

Saturday, September 6th, 1969

BRAFIELD-ON-THE-GREEN, NORTHAMPTON

Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.

Tea tickets (3/6d. each and C.W.O.) to be obtained by Tuesday, September 2nd, from Mr. R. Henman, 1, Church Lane, Brafield-on-the-Green, Northampton.

RINGING ARRANGEMENTS

Route A

Brixworth (5)	12 noon–1 p.m.
Pitsford (6)	12.30–1.30 p.m.
Moulton (8)	1–2 p.m.
Cogenhoe (6)	2–3.30 p.m.
Brafield (6)	2.30–4 p.m.

Route B

Kislingbury (5)	11 a.m.–12 noon
Duston (6)	11.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m.
Dallington (6)	12 noon–1 p.m.
Boughton (5)	1–1.45 p.m.

Route C

Ashton (5)	10.30–11.30 a.m.
Roade (5)	11 a.m.–12 noon
Collingtree (5)	11.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m.
Courteenhall (5)	12 noon–1 p.m.
Wootton (5)	12.30–1.30 p.m.
Piddington (6)	1–2 p.m.
Lt. Houghton (5)	1.30–3.30 p.m.

Evening

Brafield (6)	7–9 p.m.
Cogenhoe (6)	7–9 p.m.
Lt. Houghton (5)	7–9 p.m.
Duston (6)	7–9 p.m.
Northampton—	
St. Giles' (10)	7–8.30 p.m.
St. Edmund's (8)	7.30–9 p.m.

E. BILLINGS, General Secretary. 7474

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FLOWER FESTIVAL
Summer Bank Holiday, Aug. 30th, 31st, September 1st
Ringing times:—

Saturday	10.30–11.30 a.m. 3–4 p.m. 7.30–8.15 p.m.
Sunday	10.15–11 a.m 5.30–6.30 p.m.
Monday	10.30–11.30 a.m. 3–4 p.m. 7.30–8.30 p.m.

All ringers invited — complete bands welcomed 7457

STOKESAY CHURCH FESTIVAL
FESTIVAL
Bank Holiday Weekend,
Aug. 30th, Sept. 1st and 2nd
Our six bells available to visiting ringers, except during services on Sunday at 10 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.
TEAS — STALLS — EXHIBITIONS and ENTERTAINMENT in
Marquee on
Saturday and Monday Evenings.
A special Wedding Cake Exhibition by a very well-known expert.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual Dinner, The New Hackwood Hotel, Widmore Road, Bromley, Kent, September 27th, 6.30 for 7 p.m. Tickets 27/- from District secretaries up to Sept. 13th.—A. P. S Berry, Hon. Gen. Sec., 7, Queen Street, Folkestone, Kent. 7075

PURITON PARISH CHURCH
Somerset
FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS
SEPTEMBER 5th, 6th and 7th, 10 a.m.–9 p.m.
Evensong, Sept. 5th, 7 p.m. Bells 6.15 p.m.
Choral Music, Sept. 6th, 7 p.m. Bells 6.15 p.m.
Proceeds for Church Restoration. 7493

ST. PETER'S, BELTON, UPPINGHAM, RUTLAND
Good Ring of Six (tenor 10 cwt.)
FLOWER AND MUSIC FESTIVAL
Fri., Sept. 5th, Ringing 7.30–9 p.m.
Sat., Sept. 6th, Ringing, 11.15 a.m.–12.30 p.m., 3.30–4.30 6.15–7.15 p.m.
Sun., Sept. 7th, Ringing 11.15 a.m.–12.30 p.m., 3.30–4.15, 5.30–6.30 p.m
Sat. and Sun. Coffee 10 a.m.–12 noon; tea 3.30–5.30 p.m. In pleasant gardens. Bring the family. Full programme on sale. 7506

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD
Striking Competition
Branston, Sept. 6th 1.45 p.m
Names to D. A. Frith, 22, Redcliffe Rd., Grantham (Tel. 4784), by previous Tuesday. Washingborough bells after tea. 7505

All Hallows', Wellingborough
FLOWER AND MUSIC FESTIVAL
September 12th, 13th and 14th
Bells open for ringing: Friday, Sept. 12th. 7–8.30 p.m.: Saturday, Sept. 13th, 6–7.25 p.m.; Sunday, Sept. 14th, 4–6 p.m. 7530

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

There will be a General Meeting at Bradford on September 20th. General Committee Meeting in the Cathedral Chapter Room at 3.30 Service in the Cathedral at 4.15. Tea in Eastbrook Hall at 5.0. **Names** for tea should be sent to Mrs. M. J. Thurmott, 61, Rockwood Crescent, Woodhall Park, Pudsey, by Wednesday, September 17th. Tea tickets will be issued on the Meeting day.

Important alterations to the Rules will be proposed at the General Meeting after tea.

Tickets for the Snowdon Dinner at York on October 25th will be available.

The following towers will be open: Dewsbury (8) 10.30–11.45. Batley (8) 11.15–12.30. Liversedge (8) 12.00–1.15. Cleckheaton (8) 2.0–3.15. Birstall (8) 2.45–3.45. Bradshaw (5) 10.30–11.30. Queensbury (8) 11.15–12.30. Denholme (8) 12.00–1.15. Oxenhope (8) 2.0–3.15. Keighley (8) 2.30–3.30. Bradford (10) 2.30–4.0 and 6.30–9.0. Idle (8) 6.30–7.30. Queensbury (8) 6.30–8.30.

W. F Moreton.

SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

18th ANNUAL DINNER

Taylor's Restaurant, Cannock

Saturday, November 8th, 6.30 for 7 p.m.

Tickets 25/- each.

Tickets obtainable from Mr. P. J. Barker, 2, The Flats, Wolverhampton Road, Cannock, Staffs. 7555

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

The Annual Dinner-Dance will be held on Saturday, **October 11th**, at the Mollington Banastre Hotel, Parkgate Road, Chester. Meet **5.45–6.15 p.m.** Tickets **30/- each.** Now obtainable from the Gen. Sec., Henry O. Baker, 63, Parkgate Road, Chester.

Guests: The Mayor and Mayoress of Chester, Alderman and Mrs. R. E. France-Hayhurst, and the Lord Bishop of Chester (the Rt. Rev. G. A. Ellison, D.D.) and Mrs. Ellison.

Evening dress optional. — Henry O. Baker, Gen. Sec. 7535

UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

Ringers coming up to Oxford next Term are invited to correspond with Jeremy Pratt, 87, Sugden Road, London, S.W.11, to find out details of the Society's activities 7582

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—First practice of term on Thursday, October 2nd, St. Olave's, Hart Street (tube to Tower Hill) at 6.30 p.m. All Freshers will be most welcome. Further details from P. Bosworth, 52, Roman Way, Market Harborough, Leics. 7554

PRACTICE MEETINGS

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Practice meeting, Langleybury (6), September 6th, 6.30 p.m.—G. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 7543

LADIES' GUILD.—Eastern District.—Practice meeting Ashbocking (6), Friday, September 12th, 7.30 to 9 p.m. Ladies only. Your support please.—J. Lester, Dis. Sec. 7499

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Evening practice at Thurnby (6) on Tuesday, September 2nd, from 7.30 to 9 p.m. (Surprise and Treble Bob methods). 7531

MIDDLESEX C.A.S.W.D.—Practice at St. Mary's, Staines, Middlesex, on Friday, August 29th, and last Friday of every month. Finish 9 p.m.—F. T. Blagrove. 7576

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Witney and Woodstock Branch — Practice meeting, Cassington (6), Friday, Sept. 5th, 7.30 p.m.—E. Venn 7508

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Practice meeting, Witchampton, Saturday, September 6th. Bells (6) available 7–9 p.m.—J. A. Robertson, Hon. Sec.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Joint practice meeting of the Central and North West Districts at Woolpit (6) on Friday evening, September 5th. Bells from 7 to 9 p.m. 7536

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Beginners' practice, Buxted (8), August 30th Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m Ringing after tea until 8.15. Names for tea, please, to Miss Ann Evans, 17, Hollingbury Place, Brighton BN1 7GE.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Saturday, September 6th. Bells, Fairwarp, 3–5 p.m. Picnic tea (cups of tea provided). Fletching 6–8.30 p.m.—Jean Osbon, Div. Sec., E.G. 23815. 7533

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—District practice St. Mary and All Saints', Droxford, Friday, September 5th, 7.30 till 9 p.m. Methods: Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles. 7626

MEETINGS

LADIES GUILD.—Central District —Meeting at Willesden on Saturday, August 30th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 followed by tea and business meeting. Further ringing in evening. 7520

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch.—Meeting to be held at St. Anne's Church, Singleton, near Blackpool, on Saturday, August 30th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. 7537

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Meeting Burton-on-Trent on Saturday, August 30th. Horninglow (6, steel) 3–3.30 approx., St. Paul's (10) 3.30–5.15, St. Modwen's 6.30–8.30. Please make own tea arrangements. All welcome. 7518

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District) and GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Leatherhead District).—Joint meeting, Leatherhead, on Monday, September 1st. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea in Parish Hall. Evening ringing. Names for tea to Miss B Minnion, 38, Josephine Avenue, Lower Kingswood, Tadworth, or telephone me 01-654 4915. No names, no tea.—E Godfrey.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Branch.—September 6th, quarterly meeting, St. Catherine's, Montacute (6, 23 cwt.) 5 p.m.–9 p.m. (No teas). September 7th, St. Mary's, East Chinnock (5, 15 cwt.). Service ringing for Flower and Music Festival 9.15 a.m. and 5.45 p.m. All welcome.

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION—Western Branch.—Annual meeting at Egremont, Cumb., Saturday, September 6th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Meeting 5.30. Names for tea to Mr. Gates, Mont-Egre, Thornhill, Egremont.—D. Gibson, Sec. 7575

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ilkeston District. — Meeting at Breedon (6), Saturday, September 6th. Ringing 3 p.m.–7 p.m. Special methods: Surfleet and Double Court. Picnic tea at Staunton reservoir. Bring own sandwiches. 7541

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Borden, Saturday, September 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to E. C. Barton, "Ma'alesh," Pond Farm Road, Borden. Sittingbourne, by previous Wednesday, please.—T. Barton. 7518

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Archdeaconry. — Monthly meeting on Saturday, September 6th. Autumn mini-festival. Bells available: Honington (6) 2–3 p.m., Shipston-on-Stour (6) 3–4 p.m., Great Wolford (6) 4–5 p.m., Long Compton (6) 5–5.45 p.m., Whichford (6) 6–6.45 p.m., Cherington (5) 7–7.45 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea.—H. A. M. 7585

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A.G.M. at Cramlington on Saturday, September 6th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Names for tea should reach Mr. R Algate, 33, Hebron Way, Cramlington, by Thursday previous. 7567

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District. — Evening meeting at Cottenham. Saturday, September 6th. Bells (6) from 6.30–8 p.m. 7497

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Swindon Branch. — Meeting, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon (6), Saturday, September 6th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. C. New, 93, Tydeham Street, Swindon, by Wednesday, September 3rd. 7563

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Morning practice at Ottershaw (6) on Saturday, September 6th, beginning at 9.30 a.m 7573

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth Branch.—Autumn meeting Highley, September 6th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Chelmarsh bells (6) in evening. Names for tea to Joan Bennett, Rudge Heath Road, Claverley, not later than September 3rd. 7586

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Evening meeting, Saturday, September 6th, Cottered (5) 5.30–7 p.m. Ardeley (6) 7–8.30 p.m.—Mrs. C. A. Agg, Dis. Sec. 7580

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Monthly meeting at Rishton on Saturday, September 6th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting and further ringing.—Maurice Hill, Branch Sec. 7516

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.— Meeting at Hornby on Saturday, September 6th. Bells available 2.30–7.30. Names for tea to Mr. R. J. Williamson, 3, Monteagle Drive, Hornby, Lancaster. 7569

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—Meeting on Saturday, September 6th, at Winwick (6) 3.0–4.30. Service at Newton-le-Willows. Tea at 5, followed by demonstration of Woodhouse ringing machine. Evening ringing at Newton (8). Special method: London. All welcome. Names for tea, please, to K. Edwards, 127, Vista Road, Newton-le-Willows.—C. D'Aeth, Hon. Sec. 7561

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Evening meeting at Countesthorpe on September 6th. Bells (6) 6 p.m. Everyone very welcome.—Ron Hughes. 7496

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Calverton on Saturday, September 6th. Usual arrangements. Please let me have names for tea by Tuesday previous — B. R. Eglesfield (Hon. Sec.), 7, York Road, Stony Stratford, Wolverton, Bucks. 7547

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting Pontefract (All Saints'), Saturday, September 6th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea (mod. charge) 5. Names to Dr Atkins, 1, Acacia Close, Townville, Castleford, before September 3rd.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 7539

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting Wortley, September 6th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to J J. L. Gilbert, 41, Ravenscroft Crescent, Sheffield, 13, by 4th. All welcome.—R. Fletcher. 7570

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Notts meeting at Worksop on Saturday, September 6th. (Note the date, changed to the first Saturday of the month at the Vicar's request.) Ringing from 3 p.m., arrangements as usual. Names for tea **without fail, in view of the response at Tuxford,** to H. Poyner, The Old Vicarage, Sturton-le-Steeple, Retford, Notts, by 9 p.m. on the Thursday before the meeting. 7587

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5,007 STEDMAN CINQUES

By D. E. PARSONS

(No. 6)

2314567890E	6	18	19	
21345678E90	A			
3421	—	—	—	
3412	2		2	
1234	—	—	—	
1243	S		2	B
4312	—	—	—	
4321	S		2	
2143	—	—	—	
216354			S	
213465	S	14S	2	
214365	B			
215364			S	
2153648709E	C			
213465			2	
214365	B			

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5,040 SPLICED SURPRISE MAXIMUS

(Four methods)

By JOHN R. MAYNE

23456	M	W	H	Methods
65432	—	—	—	N Y E
46532			—	N K
53462		—	—	K N
45362			—	N K
64352		—		E Y N
35642		—	—	K N
63542			—	E Y E
56342			—	E K
34562		—	—	K E

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5,240 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

By LEN GOODALL

M	W	H	23456
		1	42356
1		1	63254
	1		56234
1	1	1	43265
	1		64235
1	1	1	53246

M	W	H	53246
	1		45236
1		1	62534
In/V		1	62345
	1		46325
1	1	1	52364

M	W	H	52364
		1	65324
1	1		23456

Rung on July 17th, 1969.

SELBORNE, HANTS.—On Aug. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Cane 1, A. Gill 2, Mary Sutcliffe (25th quarter) 3, D. Cooper 4, Martin Cass (cond.) 5. First on five bells for 1, 2 and 4. Rung prior to the christening of David Richard Cass (nephew of the conductor) and Nicola Jane Swales.

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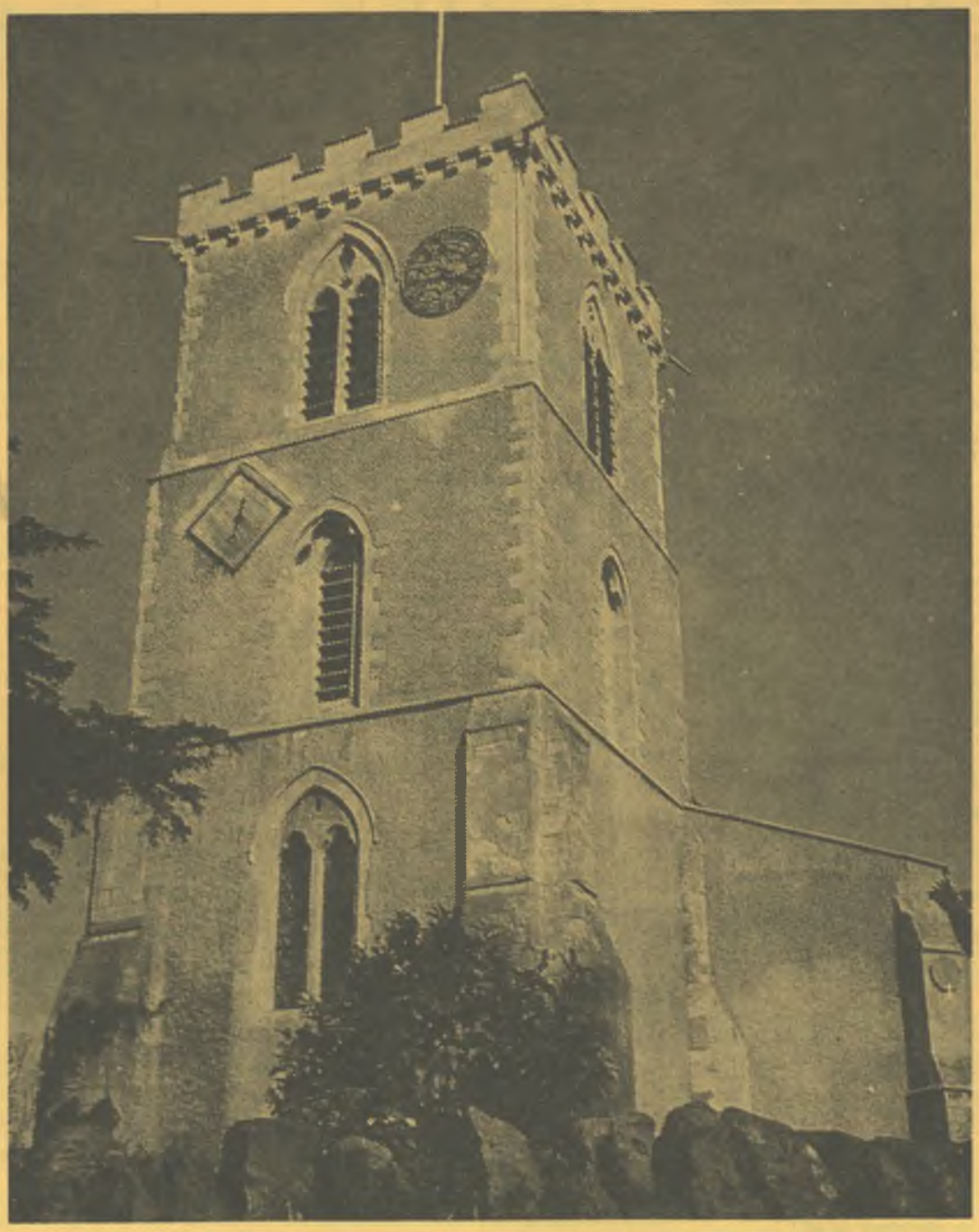

St. Matthew's Church, Harwell, Berkshire

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OUR COVER PICTURE

St. Matthew's Church, Harwell, Berkshire

By DOUGLAS JORDAN

THIS parish church was mainly built in the 13th century; its size reflects the existence of a considerable population in the village, then on the main Wallingford–Gloucester highway. The church has rubble walls of clunch covered with plaster inside and with roughcast outside and stands on a small eminence adjacent to Prince's Manor Farm. It is likely that there was a church here at the time of the Norman Conquest, probably a chancel and aisleless nave. Of the latter, some foundations which included stones set in the herringbone style were found in 1963.

The present building, completed about 1325, appears to have been constructed as follows:

1190–1200	N. and S. Transepts.
1200–1220	Tower and Nave Arcades.
1270–1310	Chancel.
1275–1325	S. and N. Aisle Walls reconstructed. Porch.

The interior of the church, simple yet spacious both in width and height, reflects the concepts of the original designers and exhibits several interesting features of mediæval craftsmanship in stone and in wood.

The upper parts of two windows on the north side of the chancel contain various fragments of mediæval grisaille glass which were reassembled in 1959.

The shield in the east window is that of Piers Gaveston, who become connected with the church when created Earl of Cornwell in 1307, and a stone nearly ten feet long, placed centrally on the floor of the chancel and having on it the matrix of a large cross, may commemorate the Rector (Roger de Marlowe) in whose time the chancel was built.

The timbered oak roofs are mainly original and therefore of particular interest because the survival of such early roofs is rare. The oldest, that in the south transept, consists of scissor-braced trusses with a central purlin; this type of roof was later modified by providing massive tie-beams and kingposts in the manner seen in the nave. The presence of two horizontal collars per truss and the jowl on each kingpost are unique for this area but occur in the roofs of similar date in Essex and Northern France.

The chancel roof presents a slightly later and more elegant form of kingpost construction; some of the timbers were replaced when the chancel was restored in 1932.

The roof which supports the ringing chamber in the tower is a further example of original mediæval work and the presence of nook shafts at the angles of the upper stage of the tower and the design of their capitals are relics of the Transitional Norman style. Of the two clocks in the tower, clearly seen in our cover photograph, the modern clock commemorates Valentine Baker, Pilot Officer, R.A.F., killed in action 1943, and replaced the single-handed clock dated 1703. The old clock is still in good condition and the stone weights are now used—to stretch new bell ropes!

Of the nine bells hanging in the tower eight are ringing bells and one a sanctus bell. Details of founder, date and inscriptions are as follows:

Treble.—E, 4 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb., J. Taylor and Co., 1932.

2.—D sharp, 4 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb., J. Taylor and Co., 1932.

3.—C sharp, 5 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb., W. Yare, 1611.

4.—B, 6 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb., J. Carter, 1590.

5.—A, 8 cwt. 14 lb., W. Yare, 1611.

6.—G sharp, 9 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb., W. Yare, 1615.

7.—F sharp, 13 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb., J. Carter, 1597.

Tenor.—E, 16 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb., W. Yare, 1612.

The inscriptions engraved on the bells are:

Sanctus: "R. Wells, Abourns" (no date).

No. 3: "Humphrie Loder gave this bell 1611".

No. 4: "Prayse ye the Lorde—1590".

Nos. 5, 6, 7, 8 each have on them: "This bell was made . . . " followed by the date, as given above.

The two bells cast in 1932 have just the founder's name and date on them. It was in 1932 that extensive work was carried out to the tower and staircase and a new metal bell frame installed. Two new trebles were added and the complete octave rehung in the new frame. All this work was entrusted to the founder of the new bells, J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

Since this date little has needed to be done in the way of repairs, except perhaps when the tenor clapper fell out and Whites of Appleton came along to repair a split in the bell frame. This has not altered the "go" of the bells in any way which, in the writer's opinion, is second to none in the county.

Of the men and women who have handled these bells during the past (nearly 400 years) very little is known of the early ringers, and indeed if a complete history were forthcoming space would not permit such a chapter to be recorded. The writer has, therefore, decided to limit the time from roughly the turn of the century to the present day; even so it will only be possible to name a few of the well-known ringing families and maybe one or two individual ringers. The first family that one recalls is, of course, the Hitchmans, who at one time were able to turn out a band themselves, and indeed often did so under the leadership of W. Hitchman. Among the individual ringers one can recall such names as Rice, Cox, Palmer, Gee and many others, all of whom were known by some members of the present band. Of the band as it is today and in fairness to all concerned one must, I think, mention one name, Mr. W. Corderoy, who in addition to being tower foreman has completed 50 years' ringing in this tower, this event being duly celebrated with a peal and presentation earlier this year.

This then is a very brief history of the church, bells and ringers of Harwell, and should any reader wish to find out more may the writer suggest that there are four good roads leading to this village and that a trip down this way may be worth while.

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UDALL SURPRISE

Frank Udall's "mystery tour" of Saturday, June 21st, proved to be yet another attempt to conquer the East country. Ringers and friends from the Central London area left early, by coach, from South Kensington and those with a sense of direction soon guessed that our route would lead us to Essex. Our first call was a surprise, however, just over the border to Bishop's Stortford, Herts. This was our only 10 bell tower of the day, the others being the eights at Great Bardfield, Coggeshall and Great Waltham and the sixes at Systed and Greenstead Green.

Since many of the party were only learners, most of the ringing ranged from rounds to Grandsire and Plain Bob, though an "eminent London ringer" looked up his start and enabled the experts to ring Cambridge.

The best treat of the day was tea at Systed, organised by our friends from Bocking, who provided a magnificent country "spread"! Our thanks to all tower captains and incumbents, but especially to Frank and Julie, whose organisation gave us an excellent day out. M. R. W.

Healthy Look About W & P Guild

THE 1969 annual general meeting of the Guild was held on July 5th at Christchurch. The morning was spent ringing in the New Forest area, the route ending at the Priory.

The meeting itself, held in the pleasant surroundings of a newly-refurbished Priory Hall, was attended by about 60 members and friends, who were welcomed by the Master of the Guild, Mr. R. R. Savory.

In presenting his balance sheet for 1968 the general treasurer, Mr. T. H. Francis, revealed a healthy financial situation. The balance was down by only £14 even though over £90 had been donated to restoration and augmentation funds.

RECORD PEAL YEAR

A record peal total of 106 was reported by Mr. D. T. Matkin, the peal recorder. This was the first time a century had been scored, a major contribution having been made by the Andover District of 35 peals, under the leadership of Mr. G. K. Dodd, to celebrate their 40th anniversary. In 62 towers peals had been rung, 237 ringers taking part under 38 conductors, with 38 members ringing their first peal.

Unfortunately the librarian was not present at the meeting and he had not submitted a written report, thus this was not available.

The Master, as junior member, summarised the 1969 C.C. meeting at which, once again, the Guild was fully represented. All our representatives were unanimous in rating this meeting the dullest they had attended.

RISE IN MEMBERSHIP

The general secretary, Mr. D. J. Forder, reported on the Guild's activities of the past year. Membership at the end of 1968 stood at 800, an increase of 150 in three years. Restoration work had been completed at Upper Clatford, Crawley and Overton, the Guild having contributed to all these. At last year's A.G.M. Mr. R. R. Savory had been elected Master; the secretary expressed his thanks to Canon Felstead, the previous Master, for the assistance he had received during his first three years as general secretary. Mrs. M. Chapman, on leaving the area, had retired after nine years' service as general treasurer, for which the Guild was most grateful.

The first Guild dinner was held in March 22nd at the Royal Hotel, Southampton, at which 98 were present; in fact it was oversubscribed by about 30. The event had been unanimously declared a success and it is to be hoped that this will become an annual occasion.

A change of rule, proposed by the Master and seconded by the secretary, which included Southampton in the list of A.G.M. venues, was carried unanimously.

GRANTS TO TOWERS

Requests for grants for tower restoration work were received from Heckfield, Easton and Bishop's Waltham. Donations were voted to all three.

Mr. A. V. Davis proposed that the Guild once again donate £10 10s. to "The Ringing World". This was seconded by Mr. T. H. Francis. After some debate and a show of hands this was carried by a 2 to 1 majority.

Mr. L. D. Duguid, secretary of the Portsmouth District, proposed the election of Mr. Morgan Marshall, of Havant, as a life member, he having completed 50 years' Guild membership. Canon Felstead seconded and it was carried unanimously.

Basingstoke was agreed as the venue of the 1970 meeting, and after some pleading by Canon Felstead for a change in date the first Saturday in July was decided upon.

D. J. F.

ERITH RINGERS REACH 700 PEAL MARK

On August 15th a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. John-the-Baptist's Church, Erith, bringing the number of peals on these famous bells to the remarkable total of 700. Fred Cullum, now 70 years old, has taken part in exactly 400 of this huge number—more peals have been rung at this church than any other, the secular tower at Loughborough Bell Foundry being the only place to exceed this total.

Fred lives in the house in which he was born, some quarter-mile or so from the church where he has been a ringer for 54 years. A past Master of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, he rang his first peal at Crayford on December 26th, 1917. He was joined in the 700th peal at Erith by a lifelong friend, Bert Audsley, also a past Master of the Cumberlands, and Arthur Mason, who was a chorister at St. John's over 50 years ago. These old friends have in recent years become known affectionately to the younger generation as the Three Wise Men. There is no immediate record of the number of peals in which all three have taken part together at St. John's but it must be considerable. All three took part in the 500th, 600th and 700th peals on the bells.

Philip and Andrew Corby took part in both the 600th and the 700th peals, and for the 700th peal Fred, who conducted Holt's Ten-Part, decided to make the method Grandsire Triples so as to include Jim Stevens and Bill Blewitt of the local band. The eighth member of the band was Trevor Cross, who has taken part in a good many of the Erith Friday night peals.

A picture of the band with the priest-in-charge, Rev. H. K. Freestone, was taken for "The Kentish Times" and appeared with an account of the event in the issue of August 22nd.

Fine Doubles Achievement from Hampshire

HAMPSHIRE is fortunate in that it has two areas in which Doubles ringing thrives. Not just Grandsire, Plain Bob and Stedman, but all the colourful methods and variations which have featured in "The Ringing World" during 1968, and which, in the writer's opinion, can introduce that speck of variety into a 6-bell practice, enabling at least four ringers to continue progressing beyond the "standard three".

In the Hordle / Ringwood area quarter peals of multi-Doubles are frequent, and they are now pealing them on handbells. In the Winchester/Southampton area several peals have been attempted, with some success. The achievement by Cambridge University on March 1st, 1968, at Litlington, in ringing 220 methods/variations seemed then a record that was insurpassable, especially as, that Whitsun, extents used at Litlington containing six Grandsire type variations were banned by new Central Council rules.

Our first ray of light came from Mr. F. T. Blagrove, who explained, in some very detailed letters, how a peal of 168 methods/variations was possible under the new rules. This was followed by long lists of acceptable methods in "The Ringing World"; but how to put all these together for a record composition! It seemed, however, that we had underestimated the abilities of Mr. A. J. Mason, tower captain of Winchester College. He used up a complete vacation and several exercise books to present before us, neatly typewritten, a peal of 221 m/v. Sundry peal and quarter peal attempts were arranged to ring sections of this, generally without success. More vacation work resulted in 223 m/v, but still no ringing success.

On Saturday, August 9th, we assembled at Stockbridge for another attempt, and after two false starts were well under way when "something funny" happened in Snipway's Place. Over refreshment we agreed to try for the full peal the next day and, in pessimistic mood, also booked December 20th, 21st and 22nd as well! On the Sunday we met at Barton Stacey, to be greeted with the news that the fifth rope was worn on the garter hole and the new rope hadn't arrived. Inspection proved that one strand had gone, but after shifting the rope up it was decided that it would be good practice anyway. The start was remarkably smooth and all went surprisingly well, although somewhat slower than in previous attempts. By the time we reached extent 15, the last of the spliced methods, the conductor couldn't believe it and hence became erratic in the first of the variations. Apart from some roughness in this, the first lead of extent 16, the ringing was of a very good standard and speed until, in extent 37, the fifth rope started to creak. A sudden slowing of pace in St. Simon's and many unspoken prayers kept the rope in one piece, and so after 2 hours and 35 minutes the impossible had been achieved.

Those taking part were Miss Katharine J. Maundrell, of Winchester Cathedral, Messrs. R. S. Parratt and D. R. Fallick, of Romsey Abbey, the last-named being deputy captain, Mr. A. J. Mason, tower captain of Winchester College, Mr. B. R. M. Johnson, ex-Winchester College and now at Watford, and Mr. D. C. Jackson, of Fawley.

The conductor wishes to commend most sincerely the efforts of Anthony Mason in his composition, and to thank the many treble and tenor ringers of our lost attempts who would have rung their first peal, or who have been wheedled into participation by honeyed words and gargantuan promises by the conductor.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On Aug. 16th, 1,260 Doubles: Judith Brooks 1, Rachel J Sinden 2, Elizabeth A. Todd (cond.) 3, R. J. Elliott 4, B. G. Butcher 5, M. J. Taylor 6. A wedding compliment to Patricia and Brian Machin.

HANDBELLS IN THE ARCTIC

This summer four ringers from St. George's, Jesmond — Andrew Craddock, Rodney Yeates, John Pardoe and Geoffrey White — spent two weeks in Sweden and Finland. They took with them six handbells borrowed from Newcastle Cathedral, to educate the natives!

On the boat out they rang a quarter peal and found it a most effective method of clearing the deck. After an unfortunate accident they rang a handbell peal outside the police station at Ivolo in Lapland. ("If they put us away, think of the number of peals we'll get!" someone commented.) Fortunately the police did not blame them and they travelled south.

Later events included a night in the open outside Rovaniemi Station, Lapland. The party were approached by four Finnish "yobbos" who spoke no English. Imagining they were Anglophiles, the four rang handbells for them, hoping they would think it was the latest thing from the land of the Beatles. They weren't very impressed!

The peal was the first rung in the Arctic Circle. It was appropriate that it should be rung for the Durham and Newcastle Association. Other notable stunts for the D. and N. have been the first peals on the continent of South America and the first down a coalmine.

A LITTLE TOUR OF DEVON

A noble company of two left Hythe, Kent, in the small hours of Sunday, July 27th, gradually picking up bleary-eyed members along the road to Rolvenden. With "the load" stabilised by hammer and string, we (ten ringers and one mini-bus) had a good run down to the picturesque county of Devon. A suitable camping site was found, and by the time that the tents were erected the whole of Devon must have realised that we had arrived.

The deluge of Monday caught some of the party unprepared and forced them to arrive wringing wet at various towers. David and Jenny Manger rang with us on Monday and Tuesday and camped with us on Tuesday night—sufficient time for David to discover that our tents weren't long enough to accommodate him.

All 31 of the towers rung at were well worth the visit, with Buckfast Abbey providing many of our men with their heaviest bells to date. We were proud to view the Abbey at different angles from the ordinary tourist. At another tower a local ringer taught us Devon call changes so "look out, Kent."

Non-ringing activities included a lunch-time swim, a knobbly knees competition, an un-floodlit game of football and a search for a tower that was seen in the distance on several occasions. It turned out to be a memorial to Stringer Lawrence, a British soldier!

On our last day we joined the rank and file of British tourists who visited the Becky waterfalls. Unlike most of them, some of our party got to the top of the falls the hard way, bathing one of our organisers in the process. We extend our thanks to the incumbents and ringers of the towers where we were able to ring for their kind co-operation, to Keith for arranging the towers and to John for pedalling so hard.

Mad Men of Kent (and Maidens).

BEDFORDSHIRE BRIDES

FLEMING—ELLISON

There has been romance in official circles in the Bedfordshire Association. Biggleswade District secretary Mr. Keith Fleming married at St. Mary's, Maulden, the press secretary, Miss Linda Ellison, of Stotfold. The bridegroom looked to the Association to provide his best man, Mr. Anthony Smith, and the groomsmen, Mr. Stephen Ivin and Mr. Colin Mann.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. P. G. Oakley and there was ringing before and after the service. The bride wore an empire line white satin dress with a cotton crochet bodice, sleeves and skirt trim. She carried a bouquet of gold tea roses and her headdress, which held her long veil in place, was a flowered cap. Seven-year-old Frances Oakley was her attendant in an aquamarine open-weave dress. She carried a basket of lilies-of the-valley and sweet peas.

The honeymoon was spent in Yorkshire and their new home is at 28, High Street, Houghton Conquest.

Iced Cake for Biggleswade District Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Biggleswade District of the Bedfordshire Association was held at Henlow on August 9th. Ringing began at 3 p.m. and continued until 5 p.m., when tea was partaken at the home of one of the local ringers. It was an excellent meal and included an iced cake, suitably inscribed and decorated with six bells. The cake had been provided by the mother of another local ringer and was duly cut, jointly, by the president of the Association and the District chairman.

Due to the absence of the District secretary and Press secretary, who were on their honeymoon, Mick Down and Mary Mann were voted in these respective positions for the meeting. The District officers were congratulated on their recent peal for the wedding of Keith Fleming and Linda Ellison, which was reputed to be the first by District officers. The meeting concluded with Mr. Rushton conveying a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, having previously thanked the ladies for the tea arrangements.

SCARBOROUGH & DISTRICT OUTING

The fifth outing of Scarborough and District ringers was on July 12th to Teesside, with morning ringing at Saltburn and Marske. An excellent lunch was served at a new cafe in Middlesbrough.

County Durham was entered to ring on the noble bells of Stockton Parish Church, where some of the party encountered ten bells for the first time. Back into Yorkshire to St. Cuthbert's, Ormesby, so beautifully tucked away in the trees; here a small belfry did not really suit the large party. Then a short ride to Guisborough for a picnic tea and a ring from the church balcony on the easy-going bells.

A glorious ride over the moors to the old-world fishing port of Whitby and the Church of St. Mary perched high overlooking the harbour. Here we were joined by Mr. S. Elwick and Dan Beach and ringing finished in fine style with a good fall on the back eight. Our thanks include a special one to Alan Grundy for acting, with great patience, as Ringing Master for the day.

OTTERY ST. MARY, DEVON. — On Aug. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Arbury (first quarter) 1, K. Clarke 2, L. Hine 3, C. J. Turner (cond.) 4, J. Arbury 5, E. Summers 6, C. C. Deem 7, A. Bennett (first quarter) 8. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. Marks.

MITCHELL—EDWARDS

The wedding took place on August 9th, at the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, Goldington, between Miss Mary Elizabeth Edwards, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Edwards, of 24, Mount Drive, Bedford, and Mr Leslie Ian Mitchell, only son of Mr. and Mrs. P. Mitchell, of 40, Coventry Road, Bedford.

The bride was a pupil at Bedford High School and a graduate of Loughborough University of Technology and is a member of the Bedfordshire Association. The bridegroom is an employee of Messrs. Charles Churchill (Bedford) Ltd. and is a member of the Royal Observer Corps.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a classic dress of white embroidered satin and carried a bouquet of roses, lilies-of-the-valley and stephanotis. She was attended by her three sisters, Christine, Sylvia and Judith, who wore long empire line dresses of turquoise satin and carried posies of roses, carnations and stephanotis. Mr. Stephen Green was best man.

The ceremony was conducted by the Rev. G. R. S. Ritson.

The bells were rung before the ceremony by members of the St. Paul's, Bedford, band and afterwards by the Goldington ringers. J. H. E.

BATH RINGERS VISIT LITTLE-RUNG TOWERS

Ringers from the Bath area held a pleasant outing on August 9th, visiting the following towers in South Gloucestershire and North Wiltshire:—

Shipton Moyne.—Rehung by Taylors in 1962, when the third and fourth were recast. Pleasant ring, just a trifle loud in the ringing chamber. No local band

Oaksey.—Ground-floor ring, very pleasant, but although the bells were rehung in 1960 after being unringable they are now only heard when visitors arrive.

Minety.—Excellent ring, major overhaul in 1958. Here the ringer is aware of a muffled effect when the sallies disappear through the ceiling of the ringing room.

Ashton Keynes. — The third tower without a local band and the first five. Ringing chamber roof timbers look reasonably new but the floor certainly does not feel over-good, even if it is safe. The five are of reasonable tone and need some effort although they are by no means bad.

South Cerney.—One knows on entering the ringing chamber that local activity exists. The six bells are very pleasant and are well kept.

Cricklade.—Here the famous five with a 96 foot draught of rope are not rung very much these days. The worst part is standing looking up at the roof because when one gets going the bells are very enjoyable. The party managed quite a well-struck quarter peal, in which some were inspired by the ringing surroundings with the sun shining on the altar. A. F. L.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

There was disappointing support for the North-West District quarterly meeting at Horringer, where there is a gallant young band, on July 12th. The next quarterly meeting is to be changed to Elveden as there is a difficulty in obtaining the Cathedral bells at Bury St. Edmunds. Thanks are due to the Vicar, the Rev. Price Jones, for the service, and parents and friends of Horringer ringers who prepared a splendid tea.

OTHER PEOPLE'S LISTS—Roger Baldwin's 500 Peals

A versatile total of first 500 peals, both in tower and hand, has been rung by Roger A. Baldwin, of Hertford.

TOWER BELLS

Doubles.—Grandsire 1 (conducted 1).

Minor.—Plain Bob 1, 2-7 methods 11 (5).

Surprise Minor.—Cambridge 3 (2), London 1, 7 methods 4 (2), 27 methods 1 (1).

Triples.—Plain Bob 2 (1), Stedman 11 (1), Grandsire 4, Erin 1, 3-Spliced 1.

Major.—Plain Bob 9 (4), Double Norwich 6 (1), Little Bob 1 (1), Grandsire 1 (1), Oxford Treble Bob 1, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob 1, Spliced Plain Bob and Cambridge Surprise 2 (2).

Surprise Major.—London 25 (9), Bristol 19 (13), Cambridge 19 (8), Yorkshire 18 (11), Superlative 5 (2), Painswick 4 (2), Rutland 4 (1), Lincolnshire 3 (1), Pudsey 2 (2), Glasgow 3 (2), Warwickshire 2 (1), Aldenham 2 (1), Uxbridge 2 (2), 1 (1) each of Belfast, Dorchester, Double Glasgow, Ealing, Erdington, Fordham, Gainsborough, Gloucester, Hatfield, Haymarket, Knightsbridge, Londonderry, Melbourne, Northamptonshire, Overseale, Piccadilly, Premier, Watford, Wembley, Whalley, Whitehall and one each of Braunstone, Cornwall, Derby, Dronfield, Eastbourne, Fife, Hertford, Ilkeston, Jersey, Kerry, Langley, Lyme, Nanpanton, New Cambridge, Ospringe, Queensberry, Quinbury, Raunds, Rugby, Sawley, Southgate, Southwell, Unstone, Vermont, Victoria, Wollaton, Xenia, Yoxford, Zetland.

Spliced Surprise Major.—2 methods 2 (1), 3 methods 1 (1), 4 methods 9 (4) (1 non-conducted), 5 methods 2 (2), 6 methods 7 (5) (1 non-conducted), 7 methods 1 (1 non-conducted), 8 methods 7 (4) (1 non-conducted), 9 methods 6 (3), 10 methods 3 (2), 11 methods 1, 12 methods 1, 14 methods 1, 15 methods 1, 23 methods 2 (1 non-conducted), 25 methods 1.

Caters.—Grandsire 2 (1).

Royal.—Plain Bob 1 (1), Rickmansworth Bob 1.

Surprise Royal.—Cambridge 6 (2), Yorkshire 9 (5), London 2 (1), Bristol 2, Winchester 1 (1), one each of Clyde, Fulham, Lindsey, Ludgate, Oakham and 3-Spliced.

Cinques.—Stedman 1.

Surprise Maximus.—Cambridge 3, Bristol 2, Londinium 1.

Total on tower bells: 304 (131), 5 non-conducted.

HANDBELLS

Doubles.—Plain Bob 1 (1), 3 methods 1 (1), Stedman 1.

Minor.—Plain Bob 8 (8), Double Oxford 1 (1), Double Court 1 (1), Kent 1 (1), Killamarsh Treble Bob 1 (1), 2-45 methods 23 (22).

Surprise Minor.—Cambridge 4 (4), London 4 (3), Primrose 1 (1), 4 methods 1 (1), 7 methods 5 (4), 10 methods 1 (1), 14 methods 2 (2), 21 methods 1 (1), 27 methods 1 (1), 31 methods 1 (1).

Triples.—Grandsire 1.

Major.—Plain Bob 7 (4), Oxford Treble Bob 1 (1), Kent Treble Bob 1, Double Norwich 1, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob 1.

Surprise Major.—London 10 (5), Cambridge 4 (2), Bristol 3 (1), Glasgow 2, Yorkshire 2, 1 (1) each of Lincolnshire, Nettleden and Wembley, and 1 each of Ealing, Eastcote, Gloucester, Minsmere, Pudsey, Rutland and Tring.

Spliced Surprise Major.—4 methods 5 (2), 5 methods 2, 6 methods 5 (1), 7 methods 1, 8 methods 6 (1), 9 methods 2, 10 methods 4 (1), 11 methods 3, 12 methods 5 (2), 13 methods 1, 14 methods 4, 15 methods 1, 16 methods 3, 18 methods 6, 20 methods 5, 21 methods 1, 23 methods 4, 25 methods 3, 26 methods 1, 28 methods 2, 30 methods 2, 32 methods 1.

Caters.—Grandsire 1.

Royal.—Oxford Treble Bob 3, Kent Treble Bob 1.

Surprise Royal.—Cambridge 3, London 2, Westminster 1 (1).

Spliced Surprise Royal.—3 methods 1, 4 methods 2, 5 methods 1, 6 methods 1.

Maximus.—Plain Bob 2, Kent Treble Bob 4 (1), Oxford Treble Bob 1, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob 1, Little Bob 1.

Surprise Maximus.—Westminster 1.

Fourteen In.—Kent Treble Bob 1.

Total on handbells: 196 (70).

Overall total: 500 (201).

CALLING PLAIN BOB FROM THE LIGHT END

TOUCHES SUBMITTED BY JANET CLEEVE

The following touches are all suitable for calling from one of the lighter bells. They have also been chosen because they keep 5-6 or 7-8 in course order as much as possible.

BOB MAJOR

160

2345678	
B 2357486	Call 3 out
3728564	
7836245	
B 7864352	middle
B 7845623	home
B 7852436	wrong
8273564	
2386745	
B 2364857	out
B 2345678	twice

224

2345678	
3527486	Call 3
B 3578264	in
B 3586742	twice
5634827	
6452378	
4267583	
2748635	
7823456	
B 7835264	make bob
B 7856342	and middle
8674523	
6482735	
4263857	
2345678	

240

2345678	
3527486	Call 4
5738264	
7856342	to
8674523	
B 8642735	make
6283457	
2365874	
3527648	
5734286	
B 5748362	bob
7856423	
8672534	
6283745	
2364857	
B 2345678	3 times

156

23456	
35264	Call 2
56342	
B 56423	wrong
B 56234	make
63542	bob
34625	
B 34256	twice
45362	
B 45623	wrong
52436	
23564	
B 23645	in
B 23456	twice

168

23456	
B 23564	Call 3 out
B 23645	twice
34256	
45362	and
56423	
B 56234	wrong
63542	
B 63425	
B 63254	repeat
35642	
54326	
42563	
B 42635	
23456	

192

23456	
35264	Call 2
B 35642	right
54326	
42563	
26435	
63254	
B 63542	twice
34625	
B 34256	make
45362	bob
56423	
B 56234	twice
B 56342	and right
64523	
42635	
23456	

BOB MINOR

144

23456	
B 23564	Call 3 out
B 23645	twice
34256	
B 34562	in
B 34625	twice
42356	
25463	and
56234	make
B 56342	the
64523	bob
42635	
23456	

168

23456	
S 32564	Call 3 2nds at S
B 32645	in
24356	
B 24563	right
B 24635	wrong
43256	
S 34562	2nds at S
B 34625	in
B 34256	twice
45362	
56423	
62534	and
23645	
B 23456	out

Letters to the Editor

P. M. J. GRAY'S BRICK—AND OTHER MATTERS

Dear Sir,—P. M. J. Gray's letter about his misreported comments at the Central Council meeting prompts me to ask if he realises what a huge and leaden brick he dropped.

There was a point reached when the mood was for discarding methods and procedures laid down in the 19th century and for investigating afresh the most efficient and fair way for the Council to run itself. Rev. St. John Smith suggested an "ad hoc" committee to go into this problem: there was a loud murmur of approval from all parts of the hall and spirits (on the floor) rose at the thought that something, at least, might be done.

Up pops P. M. J. Gray to suggest that the Standing Committee should really have this task, not an ad hoc one, and the Establishment on the Top Table gasp with relief. More of "the boys" on the floor stick in their oars, the innocent bulk of representatives are deluded into accepting the suggestion, a vote is taken before they see the fallacy of it all, and **the Standing Committee are given the very job they have a vested interest in not doing** (as I only realised in time to point it out under "A.O.B." when it was too late to do anything more than to draw applause from a large number of people who had also seen the point —too late).

Very firmly are we back to square one, if "Counsellor's" recent letter in "The Ringing World" is any guide to the reactions of "The Club".

There is little doubt that people will think that P. M. J. Gray's "give the Standing Committee something to do" suggestion was so convenient for the Standing Committee that he was "put up" to say what he did. I do not consider he is the sort of man to lend himself to this sort of manipulation, but it would be very heartening to see a denial from him in the columns of "The Ringing World".

Especially so since this kind of "rigging" does go on: confident rumour has it that a later interruption by P. A. Corby was prearranged and that an earlier interruption had been planned to follow the raising of a certain point of order, but misfired because the gentleman concerned was fractionally too late in rising.

There is a moral to be drawn from all this: if you have anything remotely radical to say at a Central Council meeting, then make very sure indeed that only those sympathetic to your point of view have knowledge beforehand.

And there is a question to be put: what advantages do Associations obtain, beyond "fringe benefits", from membership of the Council? The standard reply to a query of this type is "What you get out of membership of an association depends on what efforts you make as a member yourself", but does this apply in the "head against a brick wall" situation?

Not being afraid of a cry of "sour grapes", I sign my name—

H. POYNER.
(C.C. representative, Southwell Diocesan Guild).

VIOLENCE AT MANCHESTER

Dear Sir,—The recent and bitter experience of the Manchester Cathedral authorities has, quite rightly, caused them to rethink their security policy. Inevitably, security measures cause some inconvenience, but it may be that this could be avoided in part at Manchester.

The system set out below is that adopted in London by the College Youths and it would appear to give security to the church with the minimum of inconvenience to the ringers.

At College Youths' practices (except at St. Paul's, where a completely separate ringers' entrance affords sufficient protection to the Cathedral) one ringer is left at all times to supervise the entrance to the church. The effect of this is that, whilst the church is protected from the unwelcome attentions of those who mean no good, latecomers are still able to ring and any necessary directions to the ringing room can be given to visitors unsure of the way. The "doorman" is, of course, relieved from time to time so that he too can ring.

It may be difficult to adopt this solution to the problem where the band is weak in numbers and one less ringer leaves a "hole" in the band for the purposes of ringing a particular method. An alternative measure would be to make it known that at the end of each touch (or at the end of each 15 minutes) any ringers could gain access by a particular door. A volunteer fit enough and kind enough to undertake the extra stair-climbing is normally available for this.

I am indeed conscious that the Manchester authorities have given thought to the matter and this letter must not be read as imputing lack of thought on their part, but I put the above suggestions forward (for what they are worth) so that, perhaps, inconvenience to ringers who are late can be avoided.

Of course, the method of security which it seems is to be adopted at Manchester has the incidental advantage of discouraging lack of punctuality.—Yours faithfully,

ALAN R. PATTERSON.
London, S.W.

P.S.—So far as I am aware, no College Youth has ever had to protect the church vi et armis, and the likelihood of a recurrence of such extreme violence as happened at Manchester seems to be remote as long as the church is "policed" as suggested above.—A. R. P.

COMPOSITION

(See also page 700)

UNORTHODOX PEALS

Dear Sir,—I am pleased to see some enterprising use of unorthodox calls by Mr. Ketteringham and his band (page 632) but I feel the use of the 78-single is "wasted" here. It has far better uses elsewhere, and for Plain Bob there are better calls, for instance the Double made in 236: 12354687/12345678 (shown x). I append a peal showing the value of this call and incidentally furthering the use of subscripts "for handbells/cowbells," etc.

5,152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
(Op. 12 for String Quartet.)

W	V	M	H	H	23456
—		—	2		26435
—			2	x	23546
	—		2		35246
	—		3		372564
3	2			x	326547
			2	x	23465
			2	x	32546
			2	x	23654
			2	x	32465
—		—	2		35426
—			2	x	32645
			2	x	23564
			2	x	32456
			2	x	23645
			2	x	32564
			2	x	23456

Contains the 36 combination courses in full with six full courses of „468's including Queens and Whittingtons.

Yours sincerely,
GILES B. THOMPSON.

WELCOMED AT FRANT

Dear Sir,—On reading Mr. Bassett's letter on page 636 of "The Ringing World" I must confess to being somewhat surprised to learn that I had arranged a quarter peal to be rung at Frant. In fact, one of Mr. Bassett's Wadhurst ringers wrote to me asking if I would conduct a quarter peal at Frant and provide him with two ringers to make up the band if he was successful in obtaining permission to ring there. I replied saying that I was agreeable to doing this, as the same time expressing my doubt that he would get permission to ring there in the light of previous experience with the incumbent. Up to the date of writing I have not heard from the ringer concerned that permission has been obtained.

I would add that some three or four years ago my wife and I were made welcome to ring at Frant by the local captain when we went there to ring for morning service while on holiday.—Yours faithfully,

ALAN R. BALDOCK.
Westham, Pevensey, Sussex.

OUR HISTORY

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BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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BARRIE'S BAND, 1969

THE peal tour really began on the Friday evening, when most of the Leeds contingent plus Graham Colborne assembled at tour headquarters, alias the Nag's Head, where beer and speculation were indulged in; this was to prove typical of the week. By Saturday morning Phil Cuckson had joined us after one of his marathon drives, and the band headed for South Yorkshire. The morning peal attempt was at Wortley, where not everyone seemed to be ringing Jersey as scheduled and it was set up very firmly after half-an-hour. This must have put the band on its mettle because it went on to score a good peal of Rutland in the afternoon. Then a sprint back to Leeds to collect Melvyn Hiller from the parish church, where we were greeted with his account of how he had been accosted. And so the the Nag's Head again, followed by coffee and a viciously sadistic card game until half-past two in the morning, when it was time to collect Paul Williams, our Welsh peculiar, with his celebrated string shirt and anecdotes about a three-hour wait on Crewe Station.

Sunday morning was set aside for the tower-grabbers (not visitors, please, which gives us an unwonted and unwanted aura of respectibility), with service ringing at Chapel Allerton and the two Headingley towers. Any noteworthy incidents were sadly lost by the author, who was still at home. He returned to the fold in time to ring his first peal of Bristol at Birstwith, thus ending two weeks' sceptical enquiries from the rest of the band regarding place bells. A rapid dash brought more service ringing at St. Peter's, which included a quarter peal of Little Bob Maximus and a good course of Stedman Cinques.

Monday was the longest trip of the week, enabling the band to shake off its hangover and settle down to business: Yorkshire was scored at St. John's, Darlington, in spite of the fact that the Dormobile door, always to be treated with respect, had almost succeeded in amputating Graham's foot. Ormesby was also found, following an unconducted tour of Middlesbrough, and a peal of London was rung, rather below the average standard for the week, by a very tired band—the effects of carrying only two spare ringers were beginning to make themselves felt, but we could still raise a smile when Ron accidentally hung his tail-end on a coat hook about half-way through the peal.

Tuesday saw some solid work, a good peal of Dorchester being scored at Middleham and one of Lincolnshire at Sharow, where we were pleased to be met by Ted Hudson, with some of his delightful tales about former local ringers. Rebellion occurred at this point among the more poorly nourished members of the party, and a Chinese restaurant in Ripon took precedence for once over the immediate consumption of beer. Lost time was, however, made up later.

CLIMAX OF THE WEEK

Wednesday was undoubtedly the climax of the week as far as quality of ringing is concerned. It had been an ambition that every member of the party should ring a peal of Spliced during the week on an "inside" bell (in fact all but one did so), and this got off to a splendid start with a first-class peal in four methods at Kildwick, a first for Melvyn and Chris. Refreshment followed at Ilkley. Over the road, the best peal of the week was rung, one of Tyburn, much to the chagrin of the writer, who had elected to sit out. It was at about this time that the disappearance of Barrie's camera and our own belfry key was noticed, and the evening was spent amid beer and detective work.

Thursday morning saw the start of mild squabbling over who should have the lighter bells, and the production of large numbers of blue lines, this being when the rest of the band had chosen to ring their Spliced, a fairly ambitious attempt for 11 methods at Handsworth. The strongest possible band was selected and another very good peal rung, any tendency to swollen head being humbled by John Gilbert's account of former glories.

In the afternoon Campsall was visited and a steady peal of Oxfordshire rung, although it almost stopped in a burst of laughter at the rather odd conversation of two members of the band and the insecurity of Chris's trousers. This peal produced the only complaint of the week, from an attractive young lady whose husband was apparently working nights and currently trying to sleep. The night was that of the Great Beer Contest, i.e., greater than that of any other night, when our non-English winner was disqualified following later revelations. It also saw the departure of Phil in a still more northerly direction.

Friday was sad, both as the departure date for the other three non-locals and for the quality of the ringing, for although the elusive peal of Jersey was finally scored at Mytholmroyd a tired band agreed that it had not come up to the high standard of the previous two days. Complimentary reference from our waitress did cheer us up somewhat, and the afternoon attempt for Pudsey at Cross Stone, Todmorden, was a definite improvement, but unfortunately lost after 40 minutes when a rope broke. While some made repairs others discovered handbells; afterwards, in spite of having unexpected spare time, the thirsty outnumbered the would-be tower-grabbers, and the evening was one of departures, arrivals and plans for reunion.

We ended up at Leeds Parish Church, and with gaps filled by Richard and Pattie managed to stay on our feet for long enough to ring a very fair peal of Watford. Unfortunately, this must have been a last gallant effort, because a second attempt for Pudsey at Collingham in the afternoon never found a rhythm and was quite rightly set up.

However, we had rung 12 peals out of 15 and had a great deal of fun; all this being without mentioning the weird telephone calls, nocturnal ramblings in the course of which one tourist awoke alone and lost on a park bench, and an exciting Wells-Fargo type car chase armed with a fly spray and a supply of traditional British gestures.

It only remains to thank Barrie Dove for a great deal of hard work in organising the week's ringing, and those incumbents and local ringers who generously allowed us the use of some very fine bells.

"BISHOP BELL."

COMPOSITIONS

5,019 STEDMAN CINQUES

By D. E. PARSONS

(No. 7)

2314567890E	6	19	
24135678E90	A		31425678E90
2431	S	2	3124
3421	—	S	2134
3412	9S, 18		2143
346251	S		216354
341265	5, 6s, 14s		214365
3421	S	2	2314
2431	—	S	3124
245361		— } D	315264
241365		S	314265
2413658709E	B		3142658709E
3412	D		2143
415263	6, 7s.		
41365278E90	C		
314256	—	—	

A=1s, 2, 9s, 15s.
B=2, 13s, 15s.
C=2, 5, 13s, 14, 15, 19.

This composition is again aimed at simplicity for the conductor whilst retaining the eight 65's musical qualities. In this case, however, only two bells are used in 2nds place, preserving for the bulk of the peal the normal 6 and 19 calls with which most conductors are familiar.

It will be obvious that this basically new plan can also be used to produce a family of variations, and it is hoped that, with the added simplicity of performance, both compositions will encourage more conductors not to accept less than the best by continuing to ring fixed 2nds place bell peals.

5,040 SPLICED SURPRISE MAXIMUS

(Four methods)

By JOHN R. MAYNE

23456	M	W	H	Methods
65432	—	—	—	N X N
46532			—	Yk. N
54632			—	N Yk.
23645	—	—	—	Eal. X N
42635		—		Yk N
63425		—	—	N X Eal
46325			—	Eal Yk
34625			—	N Yk
62345		—	—	Yk Eal

Four times repeated.

Contains 1,920 of Newgate, 1,440 of York, 960 of Ealing and 720 of Yorkshire (X), with 84 changes of method.

Rung on handbells at 15, Harford Drive, Watford, on August 4th, 1969.

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ALDRIDGE, STAFFS.—On Aug. 11th, 1,260 St. Clement's Minor: J. Humphreys 1, M. Allery 2, R. Riley 3, Cynthia Humphreys 4, J. Burton 5, C. Bainham (cond.) 6. Rung to celebrate the wedding of Michael Mulvey, formerly a ringer at Aldridge, to Frances Fairbank, which took place the following day at Beverley Minster, Yorkshire.

ANGERSLEIGH, SOM.—On April 6th, 1,260 April Day Doubles: G. H. Baldam 1, M. R. Arscott 2, K. E. Beale (cond.) 3, M. A. Arscott 4, J. Cornelius 5. First in the spliced composition for 1, 2 and 3. For Easter.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.—On Aug. 12th, 1,296 Plain Bob Major: N. D. Robinson 1-2, D. W. James 3-4, G. Bromley 5-6, T. Skilton (comp. and cond.) 7-8. A birthday compliment to Robert James. Also on Aug. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Barnes 1, Elizabeth Gibbs 2, G. Bromley 3, J. V. A. Stedman 4, Felicity Hamilton (first attempt as cond.) 5, T. Skilton 6. 25th together 2 and 6. For Evensong.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. Mary Redcliffe, on Aug. 3rd, 1,346 Yorkshire Surprise Maximus: A. Tubb 1, Elisabeth A. G. Bowden 2, R. C. Kippin (cond.) 3, G. W. Land 4, M. J. Hobbs 5, P. J. England 6, D. G. Orledge 7, E. F. Handcock 8, P. M. J. Gray 9, B. G. North 10, J. R. Taylor 11, R. G. Edwards 12. First of Yorkshire Maximus by all except 3 and 12.

BROCKENHURST, HANTS.—On Aug. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Clarke 1, S. I. Bamforth 2, S. Baybut 3, A. A. Nunn (cond.) 4, B. J. Fry 5, B. F. Peachey 6. First Doubles 2, 6. A birthday compliment to H.R.H. Princess Anne.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.—On Aug. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Patten 1, M. N. Tickner 2, W. S. Bigmore 3, J. F. Eaton 4, L. V. Tickner 5, A. A. Leonard (cond.) 6. Rung after the marriage of Jean Stebbings (daughter of tower captain) and Robert Yardley, with best wishes from Burnham and Tillingham towers.

CONSTANTINE, CORNWALL. — On Aug. 7th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. K. Mossop 1, Rosemary Guy 2, Mrs. G. Bainham 3, L. Bainham 4, A. Bainham 5, C. Bainham (cond.) 6. First Minor 1 and 2.

CREECH ST. MICHAEL, SOM. — On June 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss F. M. Gadd 1, Miss M. J. Beale 2, W. H. Poole 3, A. W. Knight 4, K. E. Beale 5, R. A. C. Cross 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. E. M. Somers, mother of Miss S. F. M. Somers, ringing friend of all the band.

CROSTHWAITE, WESTMORLAND. — On Aug. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles. R. S. Bridge (first away from leading) 1, Mary W. Whalley 2, J. Whalley 3, K. M. Price (cond.) 4, A. Capstick 5, Rev. R. Lindsay 6.

DEWSBURY, YORKS.—On Aug. 17th, 1,296 Little Bob Major: Avis Thompson 1, Sandra Roberts 2, J. Ineson 3, Ruth Richardson 4, J. E. Bottomley 5, K. Ineson 6, G. Richardson (cond.) 7, D. Carruthers 8. For morning service.

DISS, NORFOLK.—On July 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. G. Boast 1, J. H. A. Mowle 2, D. G. Boast 3, A. G. Harrison 4, C. Pease 5, F. Sutton 6, H. B. Fuller (cond.) 7, R. A. King 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mary Belcher, wife of the late Bishop Wilfrid B. Belcher, Rector of Diss 1953–1955.

ELLAND, YORKS.—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss R. Mortimer 1, Miss M. Pollard 2, Miss J. Pollard 3, F. Linfoot 4, A. Rogers 5, P. Birkett 6, V. Nutton (cond.) 7, H. L. Jones 8. First in method 1, 2, 3. Also on Aug. 17th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss R. Mortimer 1, Miss M. Pollard 2, Miss A. Barmby (first quarter) 3, Miss J. Pollard 4, P. Birkett 5, A. Rogers 6, V. Nutton (cond.) 7, H. L. Jones 8.

ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK. — On Aug. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. E. M. Peachey 1, H. B. Fuller 2, R. Rose 3, L. Nice 4, C. Hancock 5, M. J. Rose 6, J. W. Paul (cond.) 7, A. F. Peachey 8. In honour of the birth of a son to Lord and Lady Iveagh on August 10th.

HOLME-ON-SPALDING MOOR, YORKS. — On Aug. 16th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Carol Kean (first quarter, aged 12) 1, Joan Gray (cond.) 2, P. J. Carey 3, Eileen J. Waddingham 4, R. Carey 5, N. W. Castle 6. For the Flower Festival.

HIGH LITTLETON, SOM.—On Aug. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. B. Wilcox (first in method) 1, J. Naish 2, W. J. Gait 3, R. M. Virgin 4, M. J. A. Orman (cond.) 5, R. Church (first quarter) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Sidney James Orman, father of conductor, brother-in-law of 4, churchwarden and ringer at Holy Trinity Church, who died on August 7th, 1969.

QUARTER PEALS

HORTON, BUCKS.—On Aug. 16th, 1,260 Cambridge S. and Plain Bob Minor: M. J. Uphill 1, Dorothea M. Robotham 2, C. R. Harris 3, K. G. Game (cond.) 4, R. L. Jones 5, G. D. Armitage 6. A birthday compliment to Christopher Harris.

ICKLETON, CAMBS.—On Aug. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Monica Coningsby 1, I. Quinney 2, E. Flitton 3, C. Muncey 4, G. Lilley 5, R. Griggs 6, J. Quinney (cond.) 7, D. Lilley 8. A wedding compliment to Peter Vipers and Hilary Rule (daughter of one of the local band).

KINGSTON SEYMOUR, SOM. — On Aug. 4th, 1,296 Hull Surprise Minor: L. Derrick 1, Heather A. Kippin 2, P. J. England (cond.) 3, J. Brain 4, S. Brown 5, R. C. Kippin 6. First in the method by all.

LECKHAMPTON, GLOS. — On Aug. 18th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: M. P. Taylor (first Minor) 1, B. H. Taylor (first "inside") 2, C. R. Taylor 3, H. R. Taylor 4, H. C. Taylor 5, E. J. Taylor (cond.) 6. First of Minor for the family.

LEEDS, YORKS.—On Aug. 10th, 1,232 Little Bob Maximus: C. J. Easton 1, G. J. N. Colborne 2, R. H. Jordan 3, M. J. Hiller 4, P. Gardner 5, G. J. Jones 6, P. M. Cuckson 7, D. Featherstone 8, R. A. Beresford 9, P. A. Williams 10, R. R. Warford 11, C. B. Dove (comp. and cond.) 12. For evening service.

LUTTON, LINCS.—On Aug. 15th, 1,320 Pl. Bob Doubles: R. Ragsdell 1, Mrs. G. Butler 2, G. Butler (cond.) 3, G. Campling 4, P. Butler 5, Susan Rudd (first quarter) 6. For the birthday of Princess Anne.

MERROW, SURREY.—On Aug. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): G. Lewin 1, Hazel J. Glue 2, Yvonne B. Lewin 3, A. Pamela Warren (cond.) 4, F. Lewin 5, R. A. K. Glue 6. First in three methods for 1, 3 and 5. Rung for the return of the conductor from Australia.

MINEHEAD, SOM.—On May 1st, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: A. H. Reed 1, Mrs. B. M. Bindon 2, Miss M. J. Beale 3, A. F. Arscott 4, F. Avery 5, R. A. C. Cross 6, M. A. Arscott 7, R. F. Arscott 8, K. E. Beale (cond.) 9, W. Middleton 10. First of Caters for 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8 and 9.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—1,344 Glasgow Surprise Major: J. Hopwood 1, Iris M. E. Lemare 2, Patricia Lockwood 3, I. North 4, N. Donovan 5, A. Beaumont 6, S. Armeson (cond.) 7, R. E. Price 8.

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SAPCOTE, LEICS.—On July 15th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Mrs. M. E. Brown 1, D. M. Brown (first Surprise, aged 11) 2, R. W. Smith 3, J. Watkins 4, M. E. Brown (cond.) 5, B. P. Morris 6. Also on Aug. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. M. E. Brown 1, D. M. Brown 2, N. W. Harvey 3, R. W. Smith 4, B. P. Morris 5, M. E. Brown (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. E. H. Taylor, a loyal member of All Saints' Church.

SHARESHILL, STAFFS. — On Aug. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (ten callings): Mrs. L. Holt 1, Susan Lloyd 2, Susan Devy 3, G. Manning 4, P. Barker (cond.) 5, H. Butler 6. A compliment to Janet Newton and Paul Adams (ringers at St. Mary's tower) on their wedding day.

STOGUMBER, SOM.—On Aug. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Routley 1, C. Lock 2, L. Lyddon 3, P. Watts 4, R. J. Somerfield (cond.) 5, S. Bryant 6. A wedding compliment to Adrian and Ann Somerfield, both ringers at St. Mary's tower, who were married at Holford Parish Church on August 9th.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On Aug. 10th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. W. Sangwin 1, D. Wilson 2, Beatrice Boyle 3, A. Ballard 4, W. J. V. Conduct 5, H. Trewin 6, T. Setter 7, H. Stacey (cond.) 8. Rung for the baptism of the son of Edgar and Mrs. Nunn.

STREATHAM, S.W.—At St. Leonard's Church, on Aug. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. Heather Northeast (first in method) 1, E. J. Adams 2, Irene E. Shanks (first in method) 3, Rosemary J. Cotton 4, Deborah Bishop 5, G. H. Jones 6, A. S. Bishop (cond.) 7, A. J. Taylor 8.

SWANWICK, DERBYS. — On Aug. 14th, 1,440 Kent T.B. Minor: E. Martin 1, B. Jones (first in method) 2, D. J. Walters 3, B. Dye 4, K. Taylor 5, E. J. Sterland (cond.) 6.

TARRANT KEYNESTON, DORSET. — On Aug. 18th, 1,272 Double Bob Minimus: Mary E. Elmes 1, Judith A. Robertson 2, R. G. W. Robertson 3, E. G. Mould (cond.) 4. Rung prior to the christening of Clare Judith, daughter of the ringers of 2 and 3, goddaughter of the ringer of 1. First in method by all.

THURLESTONE, DEVON.—On Aug. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (ten callings): R. J. Edden (cond.) 1, R. F. Shepperd 2, W. Wayman 3, J. L. Read 4, D. J. Roberts 5, G. J. Roberts 6.

THURLOXTON, SOM. — On April 6th, 1,260 Doubles (ten methods): M. R. Arscott 1, J. Cornelius 2, M. A. Arscott 3, G. H. Baldam 4, K. E. Beale (cond.) 5. For Easter.

TOWEDNACK, CORNWALL. — On Aug. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. R. Hart 1, R. P. Pearce 2, G. W. Taysom 3, T. J. Bell 4, W. R. Curtis 5, F. M. Bowers 6, Canon A. S. Roberts (cond.) 7, D. Stephens 8.

UPPINGHAM, RUTLAND.—On Aug. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. Atton 1, Patsy M. Barnes 2, J. A. Ellis 3, J. C. Hudson 4, G. W. Reynolds 5, C. J. Groome (cond.) 6. Rung before Evensong in memory of Bert Stevens, an Uppingham ringer, who died on August 14th, aged 78 years.

WARWICK.—At St. Nicholas' Church, on Aug. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Clare F. Dolphin 1, D. R. Randall 2, Mrs. Doris M. Randall 3, E. J. Gower 4, P. C. Randall (cond.) 5, I. C. Maycock 6, J. L. Garner-Hayward 7, R. H. Randall 8. Rung with the best wishes of the band to Geoffrey Randall and Susan Smith, both members of the band, who were married at St. Mary's Church the previous day.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Aug. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Seaman 1, Mrs. R. Fardon 2, Jill Laud 3, R. Fardon 4, S. Laud 5, D. Bell 6, D. Laud (cond.) 7, R. Bell 8. For morning service.

WELLS, SOM. — At the Cathedral, on May 4th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: A. H. Reed 1, Mrs. B. M. Bindon 2, Miss M. J. Beale 3, A. F. Arscott 4, F. Avery 5, A. Pigott (first Caters) 6, M. A. Arscott 7, R. F. Arscott 8, K. E. Beale (cond.) 9, R. A. C. Cross 10. Rung by Taunton Branch members of the Bath and Wells Association.

WESTBOROUGH, LINCS.—On Aug. 16th, 1,008 Plain Bob Minimus: Mrs. M. Pinchbeck 1, F. W. Pinchbeck 2, B. Buttery 3, M. F. Mitchell 4. First Minimus for 3 and 4. Believed to be the first published quarter peal on the bells.

WEST MONKTON, SOM.—On Aug. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. F. Arscott (cond.) 1, F. Matravers 2, G. Baldam 3, R. Cross 4, B. Holt 5, H. Boyland 6. With congratulations and best wishes to Mr. John M. Adams and Miss Anita Tucker following their wedding.

WIVENHOE, ESSEX.—On June 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: I. McLaren (first Minor) 1, Catherine Bew 2, Ann Dowden 3, J. Dowden (first Minor "inside") 4, M. J. Bew (cond.) 5, P. Abbott 6.

OBITUARY

MR. ERNEST CALCUTT

The Worcestershire Association, and particularly the Northern Branch, has sustained a severe loss by the passing, on August 9th, of Mr. Ernest Calcutt, leader and conductor at Holy Trinity Church, Belbroughton, for 38 years and a ringer there for over half a century. He was in his 69th year.

Rated as one of the best teachers in the District, he had rung 23 peals for the Association and had conducted 11 of them. He was a churchwarden at Holy Trinity for many years and was in office at the time of his death.

Outside church circles he was president of the Belbroughton Working Men's Club and Institute, an office he had held for many years, and a keen supporter of the local cricket and football clubs, for whom he had turned out regularly in his younger days.

The funeral was on August 13th at Holy Trinity Church and was conducted by the Rector, Rev. J. V. Twigg, himself a member of the Association, assisted by the curate, Rev. A. Whiteley, and the congregation practically filled this very big church. The organist was Mr Ralph Parton, also a ringer here.

The Worcestershire Association was represented by the general secretary, Mr. David Beacham, the Northern Branch secretary, Mr. B. C. Ashford, and Messrs. C. W. Cooper (librarian), J. Clifford Skidmore (committee), F. V. Nicholls and A. D. Fellows.

As extensive repairs are needed to the spire it was only possible to chime the bells, which was carried out by the local men. A memorial peal will be attempted at one of the adjacent churches, probably Clent, in the near future.

MR. G. E. FOSTER

The news of the death of Mr. George E. Foster, at the age of 63, in a London hospital on August 8th was received with a feeling of deep sadness by many members of the Southwell Diocesan Guild.

Son of the late Edward Foster, a former Ringing Master at Southwell Minster, Notts, George learnt to ring in the 1920s at the same time as his great friend the late J. F. Milner. He loved Southwell bells and especially the old Rudhall eight, and it was with mixed feelings on his part when they were taken away and recast into part of the present ring of 12.

George Foster was a splendid ringer in many ways. Kindly and encouraging to learners, he would soon have any timid or nervous youngster feeling completely at ease in his presence whether in a peal attempt or on practice night.

When Fred Milner retired in the 1950s George took over as Ringing Master at Southwell, and it was at about this time that, much to his great joy, his younger son Michael learnt to ring and so kept alive the family tradition. He rang in many towers up and down the country and always said that he liked "bells with breath in 'em", and did not have much time for little "tin-pot things". He rang in about 170 peals between 1927 and 1964, his last being Stedman Triples (his favourite method) at Southwell Minster.

Retiring from work in 1965 through ill-health, George left his beloved Southwell and moved to live with his married daughter at Bromley in Kent, and after that he came back once or twice each year for a reunion with his family in Southwell and his ringing friends in the district.

Now George Foster has gone and with him another link with the past, but to those of us who knew him his kindly spirit of good comradeship will remain as we go on our way, being grateful for having known such a man.

And so it was that on Sunday, August 24th, as the Minster clock chimed 12.30 in the quiet little cathedral town of Southwell, George Foster's ashes were laid to rest in his wife's grave at a short service conducted by the Provost, the Very Rev. H. C. L. Heywood, and attended by his family and a few of his old ringing friends.

F. W. M.

An Appreciation

It was with a great feeling of personal loss that I heard of the sudden death of George at Eltham and Mornington Hospital on August 8th. Until three years ago he lived in Southwell, Notts, and was a ringer there from boyhood, but moved down to Plumstead to be with his daughter when he retired. A kinder, more unassuming man you couldn't wish to meet, and he gained the respect and admiration of all who met him.

He did not ring many peals by modern day standards — he left that to his great friend Fred Milner—but he was a wonderful stylist and had an uncanny knack of putting any bell of any weight or "go" into exactly the right place among a row of eight. Unfortunately over the past 13 years he was troubled with an ulcerated leg and found it difficult to stand for the length of a peal; in fact it was because of his leg troubles that I was invited to ring my first peal in 1958, when a day before the peal attempt George's legs once again "packed up" and he asked me to stand in in his place.

He was sad to leave Southwell and its beautiful Minster . . . "After all, I can look out of my bedroom window and see green fields and that old grey Minster, but I'll not be able to down there will I." Indeed he wouldn't, but whenever he had the chance he would go back and sit in the churchyard and talk of peals he had rung in days gone by with such stalwarts of the area as Fred Milner and Clarence Briggs, both of whom died earlier this year.

He taught me to ring a bell, for which I will be eternally grateful, and remained a firm and close friend until his death. All who knew him will miss him dearly.

JOHN R. PRATCHETT.

MR. S. J. ORMAN

The sudden death of Mr. Sidney James Orman on August 7th, aged 51, is a great loss to High Littleton, Somerset, where he was churchwarden for ten years and did most of the conducting for the local band.

He learnt to ring at Holy Nativity, Bristol, in the mid-1930s, under Mr. W. Cave. His ringing was cut short by the war except for ringing at Swaffham for the victory at El Alamein. Because there was no local tower he did not resume his ringing until 1955, when he moved to High Littleton. His first quarter was rung half-muffled in 1959 in memory of Mr. E. B. Carter, people's warden, whom he subsequently replaced. In the following years he rang nine quarters, most of which he conducted.

As a final token of respect, the bells were rung half-muffled prior to the funeral by a band including his son, a friend who learnt to ring with him (Mr. W. Cox) and local ringers. The following evening a half-muffled quarter was rung.

MANUDEN, ESSEX.—On Aug. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Cheeseman 1, H. Watts 2, D. Hutley 3, P. Hunt (first in method) 4, P. Warboys (cond.) 5.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The Taylor family, of Cheltenham, rang a quarter peal at Leckhampton on August 18th.

Tomorrow (Saturday) at 12.30 Mr. Christopher M. Movley marries Miss Jane Elizabeth Colley at St. John's Church, Knaresborough, Yorks.

The Rev. Geoffrey J. B. Stickland rang in the peal to mark his induction as priest-in-charge of the conventional district of St. Dyfrig, Llanrumney, Carms.

Mr. David Blagg, now in his 90th year, has completed 75 years as a ringer at Ordsall, Notts. A congratulatory peal was rung on August 20th.

Mr. Norman Chaddock is making his influence felt at Market Weighton, E. Yorks. The local band has now rung its first quarter for over 20 years.

A reunion of Great Adventure II members is planned for Saturday, September 13th, at the Loughborough Bell Foundry, when some of the Canberra bells will be on view.

The quarter peal at Westborough, Lincs, was rung after an hour had been spent in the bell chamber and belfry oiling, splicing ropes and clearing the belfry of a ladder, old wood and other rubble. It is believed to be the first published quarter peal on the bells, writes B. Buttery.

Mr. R. H. J. Mears has rung his first quarter at Milborne St. Andrew, Dorset, after having been ringing for 53 years.

Two members of the Cambridge University Guild, Christopher Tuckett, of Harrogate, and Jane Wittrich, of King's Norton, were married at St. Bene't's Church, Cambridge, on August 22nd. Members of the Guild rang before and after the ceremony. Both bride and bridegroom graduated this year and they are to make their home in Cambridge.

Recently the Crosthwaite (Westmorland) church bellringers held a very successful coffee evening and raised over £36 towards belfry funds. The event was organised by Doreen Maclean, Matthew L. Dobson and Kevin M. Price, ably assisted by a number of ringing friends and relations. Touches on handbells were rung by Mary and Joe Whalley, of Hawkshead, and Kevin M. Price, of Crosthwaite.

We anticipated the claim that the first quarter of All Saints Doubles to be rung in a church dedicated to All Saints was at Barrowby, Lincs, on August 1st. In the same county, at All Saints', Swinderby, Mrs. Margaret E. Swingler (née Chilton) informs us that on November 3rd, 1964, she rang in a quarter in this method conducted by W. L. Exton, secretary of the Southwell Diocesan Guild.

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SILVER WEDDING OF MR. and MRS. T. CULLINGWORTH

On August 19th, 1944, Thomas Cullingworth and Miss Lily Wickens were married at St. Mary's, Ashford, Kent.

For a long time they had cherished the ambition to ring a peal at All Saints', Maidstone, where Tom is now captain of the ringers, on their silver wedding anniversary with a band of married couples. In the first case it was hoped to go for a 10-bell peal but in the end it was only possible to get a band to start for Pitman's peal of 4-Spliced on the back eight. Alas, in spite of assiduous steeple-keeping, a rope broke and as there was not time to start again a quarter peal from the composition was rung with the very best wishes of the rest of the band to Tom and Lily.

Ringers in the Maidstone area and further afield in Kent are greatly appreciative of the fine work the Cullingworths do at All Saints', in continuance of many years of devotion to the church and to ringing in Kent, not forgetting their long loyalty to Ashford Church and tower in earlier years.

CORNWALL BELLS TO BE REHUNG

The eight bells of the lovely Church of St. Germans, Cornwall, are to be rehung in entirely new fittings by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. This church, in Saxon times a cathedral, has twin towers at the west end and the bells hang in the south tower. Originally a complete ring of six, cast in 1775 by John Pennington and Co., they were last rehung in a metal frame by Mears and Stainbank in 1913, who then recast the treble and added the new trebles to make eight.

A number of peals have been rung on these bells, and it is interesting to note that a peal for the Truro Guild in 1913 by a band from Plymouth was the last for that Guild for a space of no less than 13 years. In 1926 a touring band, organised by the late W. H. Fussell, started at St. Germans with a peal of London Surprise Major for the Guild, and so began a happy revival which has gone on ever since.

WELSH EXCURSION POPULAR

Bridgwater Branch had a company of 76 for its outing to South Wales on August 9th. After coffee at Severn Bridge Services there was ringing on the light six at Tredunnock and Usk, where the recently redecorated belfry was admired and two sittings were necessary for lunch.

Cloddock proved to have a musical six, but paddling in the river was a rival attraction. The objective of the day was the recently restored six at Grosmont, where much of the work of dismantling and rehanging was done by local people. After tea a film of the restoration was shown. Monmouth was reached through the Monnow Valley, and after a brief stop at Filton for fish and chips home was reached at 11.30 p.m. Elly and Geoff are thanked for making the arrangements, and Grosmont ringers for their hospitality.

The ringer of the sixth in the peal at Hatfield Broad Oak, Essex (page 627), was Dennis Willcocks.

WHEATLEY RINGERS SAY GOODBYE TO INGER

Some members of the band at Wheatley, Oxford, with Miss Inger Lello (centre), an "au pair" from Norway. Inger first became interested in bellringing when the local ringers took part in a tableau at Christmas, and since then she attended the Thursday practices regularly until her return to Norway last month. Her Beginners' Handbook will no doubt remind her of a truly English pastime!

Wheatley is well used to "semi-resident" ringers because of the Lady Spencer-Churchill Teachers' Training College nearby. This year Maureen Long, from Lyme Regis, and Heather Enoch, of Paignton, are both regular practice and service ringers at this church.

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Pictured (left to right): Heather Enoch, Colin Smith, Ian O'Reilly, Inger Lello, John Walford, Fred Deacon, Kevin Harris.

A VETERAN VISITOR AT HORTON

During the quarter peal at St. Michael's, Horton, Bucks, on August 16th, two elderly gentlemen entered the ringing room and sat down. When the ringing stopped about 20 minutes later one of them stood up and asked if he could have a few rounds "But you will have to watch me," he said. "I haven't touched a rope for 19 years!" He then told the band that he was Mr. Charles Goodman and he had learned to ring at Sarratt in 1913. At the time of their restoration he was in charge but gave up ringing 19 years ago due to a chest disorder.

He had recently moved to the Gardeners' Benevolent Country Home, Horton, Bucks, and this was the first time he had heard the bells rung, so he decided to try his hand and rang the treble to some very good rounds for a couple of minutes, to his friend's obvious joy! No doubt he would be delighted to hear from any old ringing friends at the above address.

NEW RECORD SPLICED SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Dear Sir,—As conductor of the peal at Nottingham, representing a new record in Spliced Surprise Maximus, I wish to extend my personal thanks to the Vicar and ringers of St. Peter's, Nottingham, for allowing us to change the venue to there after permission had had to be withdrawn by Lincoln Cathedral at short notice, and also to Richard Starkie, who volunteered to learn the methods at a mere 24 hours' notice when Basil Jones was taken ill.

In accordance with Central Council procedure, I enclose details of the six new methods included in this peal. As indicated, Apsley, Painswick, Worcestershire, Warwickshire and Belfast are all extensions of previously rung methods; Worsley is extended from a parent Royal method which has not yet been rung, viz.:

WORSLEY SURPRISE ROYAL
—30—14—50—36—70—18—14—30—14—
h.l. 30 l.h. 10 1426 (mx)

Yours sincerely,
Marple, Cheshire. NEIL BENNETT.

(For peal and details see page 693)

IN A BEDFORD RINGING CHAMBER

In St. Paul's, Bedford, belfry there was a low table fixed in the centre of the floor, the sides of which used to open and enable the ringers to watch proceedings in church. Recently the ceiling under was covered with boarding and the table was of no further use. It has now been removed but the top of the table laid flat on the floor over the opening.

One of our ringers, who wishes to remain anonymous, when he saw this was reminded of a slab over a grave, and he was moved to write the following epitaph to an imaginary ringer interred beneath:

In memory of Thomas Day
Who pulled a bell and broke the stay.
He, alas, did not let go,
They placed his body down below.

We like to think another seven
Ring Major with him up in heaven,
Or does he have to sound the bell
At tea time for his mates in Hell?

We learn from Tommy's unknown fate,
When ringing we must concentrate,
For even experts, sad to say,
Do sometimes pull and break a stay.

E. B.

A WEEK IN WEST WALES

A holiday and ringing week in West Wales was organised by Jack Pryor. Peal attempts were made on all the four eights in Pembrokeshire and only Stedman Triples was lost at Pembroke. The peal of Bob Major at Haverfordwest was accomplished after time had been spent splicing, oiling and repositioning ropes. This is believed to be only the second peal of Major on the bells. It was suggested that someone by the name of Jenkins had been involved in the other one in the 'twenties! Richard Underwood has now rung a peal on all the ringable rings in Pembrokeshire.

BARRIE DOVE'S PEAL TOUR

ALL PEALS RUNG FOR THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

PENISTONE, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist. On Sat., Aug. 9, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in F sharp.

Philip M. Cuckson	Treble	Robert A. Beresford	5
Christopher J. Easton	2	David Featherstone	6
Robert H. Jordan	3	Ronald R. Warford	7
Graham J. N. Colborne	4	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed by N. Smith. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

BIRSTWITH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. James the Apostle. On Sun., Aug. 10, 1969, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G.

Melvin J. Hiller	Treble	David Featherstone	5
*Christopher J. Easton	2	Paul A. Williams	6
Robert A. Beresford	3	Ronald R. Warford	7
Graham J. N. Colborne	4	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed by D. Knox. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal of Bristol "inside."

DARLINGTON, Co. Durham.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist.
On Mon., Aug. 11, 1969, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 10 lb. in G.

Robert A. Beresford	Treble	C. Barrie Dove	5
Philip M. Cuckson	2	Ronald R. Warford	6
Melvyn J. Hiller	3	Paul A. Williams	7
Robert H. Jordan	4	David Featherstone	Tenor

Composed by R. J. Parker. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

ORMESBY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Cuthbert.
On Mon., Aug. 11, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 14 lb. in E.

Christopher J. Easton	Treble	Graham J. N. Colborne	5
David Featherstone	2	Robert A. Beresford	6
Paul A. Williams	3	Ronald R. Warford	7
Robert H. Jordan	4	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

MIDDLEHAM, Yorkshire.—At the Church of SS. Mary & Alkelda. On Tues., Aug. 12, 1969, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 DORCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 8 lb. in E.

Graham J. N. Colborne	Treble	Paul A. Williams	5
Robert H. Jordan	2	Ronald R. Warford	6
Christopher J. Easton	3	David Featherstone	7
Melvyn J. Hiller	4	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed by D. Knox. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
300th peal as conductor for the Association. First in the method by all the band and on the bells.

SHAROW, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. John the Divine. On Tues., Aug. 12, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 5 lb. in G.

Robert H. Jordan	Treble	*Melvyn J. Hiller	5
Philip M. Cuckson	2	†Ronald R. Warford	6
C. Barrie Dove	3	*Graham J. N. Colborne	7
*Christopher J. Easton	4	Robert A. Beresford	Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal of Lincolnshire Surprise Major. † 175th peal.

KILDWICK, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew. On Wed., Aug. 13, 1969, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, being 1,440 Yorkshire, 1,280 each of Cambridge and Lincolnshire and 1,120 Rutland, with 69 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in F.

Philip M. Cuckson	Treble	C. Barrie Dove	5
*Christopher J. Easton	2	Robert A. Beresford	6
*Melvyn J. Hiller	3	David Featherstone	7
Paul A. Williams	4	Ronald R. Warford	Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. Davies. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major "inside."

ILKLEY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints. On Wed., Aug. 13, 1969, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 TYBURN SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in E.

Graham J. N. Colborne	Treble	David Featherstone	5
Robert A. Beresford	2	Ronald R. Warford	6
Robert H. Jordan	3	C. Barrie Dove	7
Melvyn J. Hiller	4	Paul A. Williams	Tenor

Composed by W. Barton. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Association.

HANDSWORTH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary. On Thurs., Aug. 14, 1969, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 11 methods, being 576 Cambridge, Pudsey, Superlative, Yorkshire, 448 Bristol, 384 Ashtead, Cassiobury, Lincolnshire, London, Rutland and Uxbridge, with 124 changes of method.
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. in F sharp.

Melvyn J. Hiller	Treble	Robert A. Beresford	5
Robert H. Jordan	2	Paul A. Williams	6
Graham J. N. Colborne	3	Ronald R. Warford	7
David Featherstone	4	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed by N. Smith Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
First peal of 11-Spliced Surprise Major by all the band.

CAMPSALL, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene. On Thurs., Aug. 14, 1969, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 OXFORDSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in A flat.

Philip M. Cuckson	Treble	Paul A. Williams	5
Robert H. Jordan	2	Ronald R. Warford	6
Christopher J. Easton	3	C. Barrie Dove	7
Graham J. N. Colborne	4	David Featherstone	Tenor

Composed by S. H. Wood. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Association.

MYTHOLMROYD, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Michael. On Fri., Aug. 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 JERSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Christopher J. Easton	Treble	David Featherstone	5
Paul A. Williams	2	Graham J. N. Colborne	6
Melvyn J. Hiller	3	C. Barrie Dove	7
Robert H. Jordan	4	Robert A. Beresford	Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. Speed. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Association. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in F.

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter. On Sat., Aug. 16, 1969, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 WATFORD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 4 lb. in F.

Christopher J. Easton	Treble	*Robert A. Beresford	5
*A. Pattie Clapham	2	David Featherstone	6
*Robert H. Jordan	3	C. Barrie Dove	7
*†Richard J. Chantler	4	Ronald R. Warford	Tenor

Composed by D. Knox. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal of Watford Surprise Major. † 25th peal.

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OTHER TOWER BELL PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

GUILDFORD, Surrey.—At the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit.
On Sat., Aug. 9, 1969, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 30 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in D.

Richard Hayes	Treble	Anthony R. Carter	6
Andrew J. Corby	2	Timothy G. Pett	7
*Kenneth J. Rider	3	Alan E. Bagworth	8
David C. Brown	4	Phillip A. Corby	9
†G. William Shanks	5	Alan R. Patterson	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Timothy G. Pett.
* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal. † First of Surprise Royal.
Rung to commemorate the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. William J. Rawlings this day.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

EVERCREECH, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Aug. 9, 1969, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 21 cwt. 17 lb. in E.

Victor Savage	Treble	*David Mackay	6
John H. Gilbert	2	*Ronald G. Beck	7
Gwilym Salmon	3	†Robert E. Beck	8
Eric Naylor	4	*Adrian P. Beck	9
*Philip H. D. Jones	5	Edward J. Chivers	Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley Conducted by Edward J. Chivers.
* First peal of Yorkshire Royal. † First peal on 10 bells. First of Yorkshire Royal as conductor.

YATTON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Aug. 9, 1969, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 4 lb. in D.

Elisabeth A. G. Bowden	Treble	†Richard J. Bowden	5
Diana M. Bridle	2	Peter Bridle	6
*Heather A. Kippin	3	Robert C. Kippin	7
Jennifer M. Taylor	4	James R. Taylor	Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by Robert C. Kippin.
* First peal of London Major. † 250th peal.

(Taunton Branch.)
RUISHTON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. George.
On Tues., April 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In six methods, being seven extents in the following: Double Court, Childwall and St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Plain Bob and two of Rev. Canterbury. Tenor 8 cwt. 10 lb. in A.

*Sylvia M. Arscott	Treble	Keith E. Beale	4
†S. Elaine Barrie	2	Raymond F. Arscott	5
Adrian F. Arscott	3	Mervyn A. Arscott	Tenor

Conducted by Raymond F. Arscott.
* Most methods to a peal. † First peal.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHURCH LAWTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Fri., Aug. 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt 1 qr. 2 lb. in G.

*Geoffrey A. Edwards	Treble	*Frank R. Morton	5
Derek F. Yates	2	*Roland W. Morant	6
Christopher Morey	3	Roy Worrall	7
Raymond J. Ballard	4	Ian M. Holland	Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Ian M. Holland.
* First peal in the method

NORBURY (Hazel Grove), Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.
On Sat., Aug. 9, 1969, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb.

Harold Dowler	Treble	Christopher Morey	5
Norman Sherratt	2	Roland W. Morant	6
T. Felicity Ashford	3	Raymond J. Ballard	7
Roy Worrall	4	Charles A. S. Webb	Tenor

Composed by Michael S. Bruce. Conducted by Norman Sherratt.
Rung with the best wishes of the band for the future happiness of Gerald Parsons and Christine Johnson, married at this church before the peal.

CHELFORD, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist.
On Sun., Aug. 17, 1969, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in A.

*John D. Broadbent	Treble	Ronald F. Andrew	4
†Andrew Riley	2	Ronald M. Edwards	5
Brian S. B. Kear	3	†Michael Foulds	Tenor

Conducted by Michael Foulds.
* First peal. † First of Minor. First as conductor.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

SHILTON, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Thurs., July 10, 1969, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents in 45 methods: (1) Luton, Shilton, Arley, Westminster, Ripley, Harbury, Broomfield, Church Lawford, Bitton, Allendale, Rhyl, Whichford, Fyfield, Wolford, Claverdon, Fryerning, Thorne and Napton-on-the-Hill (18 methods), (2) Wandsworth, Beighton, Pentonville, Redcar, Soho, Pattiswick, Brixton, Appleby, Waterloo, Terling, Holloway and Hatfield (12 methods), (3) Cambridge, Norfolk, Keston, Hull, Primrose, Bourne and Ipswich, (4) Durham, Beverley, York and Surfleet, (5) London and Wells, (6) Berwick and Hexham, (7) Cambridge and Ipswich, with 94 changes of method and a plain lead of each method included.
Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in B flat.

Hugh J. Baker	Treble	Peter H. Mackie (7)	4
Anthony J. Cox (2)	2	Peter C. Randall (4)	5
Stephen J. Royal (1 & 6)	3	Geoffrey W. Randall (3 & 5)	Tenor

Jointly conducted by all the "inside" ringers. The figures in parentheses indicate the extents called by each ringer.
The greatest number of Surprise methods rung by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild.
Shilton: —34—1456—56—36—12—56. 12. 36245.
Harbury: —34—1456—56—36.12—12.56. 12. 36245.
Church Lawford: —34—1456—56—1236—12—56. 12. 36245.
Whichford: —34—1456—56—36—34—56. 12. 36245.
Wolford: —34—1456—56—1236—34—56. 12. 36245.
Napton-on-the-Hill: —34—1456—56—36.12—34.56. 12. 36245.
Arley: —34—1456—56—36—12—36. 12. 35264.
Bilton: —34—1456—56—36.12—12.36. 12. 35264.
Claverdon: —34—1456—56—1236—12—36. 12. 35264.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WORMHILL, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Sun., July 13, 1969, in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 1 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in C.

Timothy Wylie	Treble	John Harrison	4
Geoffrey Bridges	2	Susan E. Davis	5
Ian A. Ross	3	Jacqueline M. Quickfall	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey Bridges.
Rung as an engagement compliment to Jacqueline M. Quickfall and John Harrison.

EYAM, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.
On Mon., Aug. 11, 1969, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 NORWICH SURPRISE MINOR
Being one 2,160 and four different extents with 5-6 right way throughout. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in A.

A. Colin Banton	Treble	Andrew R. Queen	4
Susan E. Davies	2	Graham A. Newman	5
Susan E. Banton	3	Timothy Wylie	Tenor

Conducted by A. Colin Banton.
First peal in the method for all except the conductor, and first in the method on the bells.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

LEYTON, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Aug. 9, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in A flat.

Charles A. Hughes	Treble	*Kevin A. Hughes	5
Anthony M. Faulkner	2	*Stephen G. Halliwell	6
Mary G. Wilkinson	3	Dennis Ellisdon	7
David A. Wright	4	Colin G. Wright	Tenor

Composed by M. S. Bruce. Conducted by Dennis Ellisdon.
* First peal in the method.
Rung as an 83rd birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

THORINGTON, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Sat., Aug. 9, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being extents of Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Double Court, Single Oxford, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob.

Eileen S. Button	Treble	George N. Orman	4
Arthur G. Button	2	Edward E. Davey	5
Urban W. Wildney	3	Alan R. Andrews	Tenor

Conducted by Alan R. Andrews.
Rung in honour of the birth of a daughter, Sara, to Rachel and George Orman, ringers at this tower. Tenor 9 cwt. 22 lb. in G.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. Mary Redcliffe.
On Sat., Aug. 9, 1969, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 50 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in B.

*D. John Hunt	Treble	¶Arthur C. Berry	7
Richard W. Sweet	2	Dennis M. Chapman	8
Albert M. Tyler	3	D. Paul Smith	9
†Bruce Martin	4	Ian L. Dear	10
‡Andrew Howard	5	Emlyn F. Hancock	11
§Simon Cole	6	George T. Cousins	Tenor

Composed by D. E. Parsons. (No. 22.) Conducted by Albert M. Tyler.
* Has now "circled the tower" to peals. † First peal of Cinques "inside." ‡ First of Stedman. § First on 12 bells. ¶ 200th peal.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
BRAUGHING, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Aug. 16, 1969, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's transposition. Tenor 19 cwt. in E.

Christopher W. Woolley	Treble	Frank Reed	5
*Peter J. Glazebrook	2	Leonard Luck	6
S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	3	Roger Baldwin	7
John R. Southey	4	†Ernest Mardell	Tenor

Conducted by Christopher W. Woolley.
* First peal in the method. † First peal.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
ERITH, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Fri., Aug. 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's 10-part. Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

James T. Stevens	Treble	Philip A. Corby	5
Frederick J. Cullum	2	Trevor A. Cross	6
Arthur G. Mason	3	Andrew J. Corby	7
Herbert E. Audsley	4	Thomas W. Blewett	Tenor

Conducted by Frederick J. Cullum.
700th peal on the bells. 400th peal on the bells by the conductor.

MERSHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Aug. 16, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, comprising 1,280 each Bristol and Superlative, 1,248 Cambridge and 1,216 London, with 108 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in F sharp.

Stanley Jenner	Treble	Tony Lewis	5
Doris E. Colgate	2	Ralph Bird	6
Ann Jenner	3	Ian H. Oram	7
Margaret E. Oram	4	Thomas Cullingworth	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Ian H. Oram.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
NOTTINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., July 12, 1969, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MAXIMUS

In 60 methods, comprising 144 each of Albanian, Aldenham, Cambridge, Deansgate, Gartree, Langley, Lindsey, Manitoba, Newgate, Prittlewell, Redfield, Solihull, Southwark, Wycombe and Yorkshire, 96 each of Belgrave, Belvoir, Brigstow, Halifax, Lambeth, Lincolnshire, Londinium, Pontefract, Pudsey, Rochester, Saskatchewan, Stoneygate, Superlative, Wembley and York, and 48 each of Apsley, Ashton, Bedford, Belfast, Birmingham, Buckinghamshire, Conisbrough, Eldon, Feering, Goscote, Indiana, Kidderminster, Leicestershire, Metropolis, New Durham, Oldham, Painswick, Pennine, Reading, Quex, Southwell, Stoodley, Timaru, Utah, Warwickshire, Westminster, Wigston, Winchester, Worcestershire and Worsley, with 104 changes of method. Tenor 19 cwt. 86 lb. in E flat.

Michael Fishwick	Treble	Richard S. Starkie	7
*Christine Andrew	2	Cyril Crossthwaite	8
Frank Osbaldiston	3	Derek Butterworth	9
John H. Fielden	4	Robert B. Smith	10
Neil Bennett	5	Brian Harris	11
Bernard F. L. Groves	6	Frederick Shallcross	Tenor

Composed by Neil Bennett and John H. Fielden.
Conducted by Neil Bennett.
* 150th peal. This is the greatest number of methods rung to a peal on more than eight bells.

NEW METHODS

Apsley (Extension from Major):
—5t—16—5t—38—147t—50—169t—70—18—7t—78—h.l. et l.h. 12. 1573 (b).
Painswick (Extension from Royal):
—36—14—5t—16—12—5t—16—5t—18—7t—10—. h.l. et l.h. 12. 1573 (b).
Worcestershire (Extension from Major):
—5t—16—127t—38—149t—50—16—70—18—189t—70—h.l. 9t l.h. 12. 1573 (b).
Worsley:
—3t—14—5t—36—7t—18—149t—30—14—3t—14—. h.l. 3t l.h. 1t. 1426 (mx).
Warwickshire (Extension from Royal):
—3t—14—12—3t—12—3t—14—5t—16—9t—10—. h.l. et l.h. 12. 1573 (b).
Belfast (Extension from Major):
34—5t.14—12—3t.12—14.3t.16—12.3t.16—12.3t.16—12. h.l. 3t. l.h. 1t. 1426 (mx).

HEVERSHAM, Westmorland.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Aug. 16, 1969, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise and six of Plain Bob.
Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

Peter Handley	Treble	Kenneth J. Foster	4
Alan Capstick	2	Stanley Anderton	5
Diana J. Handley	3	Kevin M. Price	Tenor

Conducted by Kevin M. Price.
Rung for the wedding of Eileen Ellis and Martin Jackson, both ringers at this church.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
EVESHAM, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Lawrence and All Saints.
On Sat., Aug. 2, 1969, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SWINDON SURPRISEt ROYAL
Tenor 35 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in C sharp.

*J. Edward Cawser	Treble	*Geoffrey J. Hemming	6
*Monica M. Jelley	2	*Graham C. Paul	7
Martin Green	3	*Gerald C. Hemming	8
*Alan A. Paul	4	*John M. Jelley	9
David F. Moore	5	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Arranged by John R. Mayne. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
* First peal in the method.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Thurs., Aug. 14, 1969, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL
In three methods, comprising 2,040 of Cambridge, 1,200 of Rutland and 1,800 of Yorkshire, with 71 changes of method.
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

G. Ronald Edwards	Treble	Martin Green	6
David F. Moore	2	David G. Wilford	7
Christine L. J. Mills	3	R. Brian Mills	8
John M. Jelley	4	Roland H. Cook	9
Monica M. Jelley	5	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by Derek Ogden. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
First peal of Spliced Surprise Royal in three methods for all the band, on the bells and for the Guild.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
SWINESHEAD, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., Aug. 14, 1969, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
W. A. Cave's var. of J. W. Washbrook's. Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

Susan E. Smith	Treble	Christopher J. Sharp	5
*Roy Stephenson	2	Peter A. Sharp	6
David Phillipson	3	Jack L. Millhouse	7
*Philip H. Reynolds	4	Geoffrey R. Parker	Tenor

Composed by T. Thurstans. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* First peal of Stedman.

ELSHAM, Lincs.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Mon., Aug. 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Primrose, Norwich, London, Beverley, York, Bourne and Cambridge.

John G. Hall	Treble	John W. Blackwood	4
*Melvyn A. Rose	2	*Richard Hall	5
*Roger Hippisley	3	Harold Judd	Tenor

Conducted by John G. Hall.
* First peal of seven-Surprise. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. in B flat.

SEMPRINGHAM, Lincs.—At the Abbey Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Aug. 9, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 23 lb. in G sharp.

Denis A. Frith	Treble	Frederick W. Pinchbeck	4
*P. Mary Cheesewright	2	Thomas A. Relf	5
Vaughan P. Evans	3	Brian Buttery	Tenor

Conducted by Brian Buttery.
* First peal of Minor. First as conductor. The treble ringer has now "circled the tower."

THE GREATER LONDON ASSOCIATION.
LONDON.—At the Church of St. Anne, Stamford Hill.
On Sat., Aug. 16, 1969, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Maureen J. Carruthers	Treble	William Birmingham	5
John R. Ketteringham	2	Laurence C. Hanney	6
Brian C. Watson	3	*Geoffrey Bridges	7
Alan D. Flood	4	G. William Shanks	Tenor

Composed by F. T. Blagrove. Conducted by Geoffrey Bridges.
* 150th peal. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in A.

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THE LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
LEICESTER.—At the Cathedral of St. Martin.
On Sat., July 19, 1969, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 25 cwt. 20 lb. in D.

Richard S. Starkie	Treble	David P. Moore	7
Cyril Crossthwaite	2	Christopher K. Cooper	8
Susan D. Cowan	3	Geoffrey H. Pullin	9
V. David Jenner	4	Peter S. Bennett	10
Bruce Wakefield	5	Jeffrey J. Fox	11
David G. Wilford	6	John H. Fielden	Tenor

Composed by Peter Border. Conducted by John H. Fielden.
First peal of Maximus for the Society.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
WILLESDEN, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., Aug. 14, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDONTHORPE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

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

Composed by Philip G. K. Davies. Conducted by John R. Mayne.
First peal in the method by all the band and for the Association. Alick Cutler has now rung peals in 300 different Surprise Major methods, being the first person to achieve this.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Tues., Aug. 12, 1969, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

Ron Hughes	Treble	Frank Chambers	5
Richard J. Clifton	2	Alec R. Jones	6
Arthur E. Rowley	3	G. Ronald Edwards	7
Joseph W. Cotton	4	Derek P. Jones	Tenor

Composed by F. Dench. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.
Rung in honour of the wedding of the Rev. Malcolm M. C. Melville and Shelagh Collins, with the best wishes of the "Tuesday band."

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
NORWICH, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. George, Colegate.
On Fri., Aug. 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents Tenor 9 cwt. 80 lb. in G sharp.

David Cubitt	Treble	David E. House	4
*Margaret A. Bunting	2	Martin Cubitt	5
Carole A. H. Patey	3	Simon A. B. Wigg	Tenor

Conducted by Simon A. B. Wigg.
* First peal attempt

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(The Society of Raving Ringers.)
ADDERBURY, Oxon.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Aug. 9, 1969, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 14 lb. in D.

Edward R. Venn	Treble	Christopher C. Clarke	5
Diana Reeves	2	Peter Tombs	6
Peter J. Heritage	3	Michael W. Coleman	7
Ronald K. Russ	4	Robert A. Reeves	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Michael W. Coleman.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Barry J. Davis and Miss Jean Marlow, both members of this Society, who were married earlier this day at Rothwell, Northants.

EAST ILSLEY, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Aug. 9, 1969, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in G.

Patricia E. Hibbert	Treble	Brian R. White	5
William Hibbert	2	Francis A. White	6
Ronald C. Christopher	3	John H. Napper	7
William Butler	4	John W. T. Hibbert	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by William Butler.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
BURTON LATIMER, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sun., Aug. 10, 1969, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 HAVANT SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation. Tenor 10 cwt. 13 lb. in F sharp.

*Pamela B. Dacre	Treble	Edward C. Buckby	5
†Mary R. Coleman	2	John G. Mitchell	6
J. Malcolm Tyler	3	Murray A. Coleman	7
Barry R. Care	4	Richard J. Cowley	Tenor

Conducted by Richard J. Cowley.
* First peal of Surprise Major. † First of Surprise Major "inside."
Rung as a wedding compliment to Jean Marlow and Barry J. Davis, married at Rothwell on the previous day.

MOULTON, Northants.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Aug. 16, 1969, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 XENNAPOD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in F.

*David J. Morgan	Treble	Barry R. Care	5
J. Malcolm Tyler	2	Edward C. Buckby	6
Stephen B. Bell	3	John G. Mitchell	7
Murray A. Coleman	4	Richard J. Cowley	Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Murray A. Coleman.
* First peal of Surprise Major. First peal in the method.

XENNAPOD SURPRISE MAJOR
—38—14—58—36—14—1458—1236—78. Group B. f.c.h. b. o.

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.
ST. FLORENCE, Pembs.—At the Church of St. Florencius.
On Wed., Aug. 13, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In five methods, being one extent each of Cambridge, Oxford and Kent and two each of St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

*Philip C. Rogers	Treble	Simon P. Rogers	4
Pamela M. Turner	2	Derek H. Walters	5
Richard L. Underwood	3	†Rev. Russen W. Thomas	Tenor

Conducted by Richard Underwood.
* Has "circled the tower" once. † Has "circled the tower" twice.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew, Edgbaston.
On Wed., July 23, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 14 lb. in G.

John N. Lindon	Treble	Bryan D. A. Woolley	5
*Joyce J. Barton	2	Stephen W. Barton	6
Richard J. Tibbetts	3	Maurice F. Edwards	7
J. Alan Ainsworth	4	Clifford A. Barron	Tenor

Composed by N. Golden. Conducted by Clifford A. Barron.
* First peal in a Treble Bob method.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew, Edgbaston.
On Wed., July 30, 1969, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 WATFORD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 14 lb. in G.

John N. Lindon	Treble	Stephen W. Barton	5
Roderick W. Pipe	2	James Insley	6
Bryan D. A. Woolley	3	Maurice F. Edwards	7
J. Alan Ainsworth	4	Clifford A. Barron	Tenor

Composed by W. E. Critchley. Conducted by Clifford A. Barron.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew, Edgbaston.
On Wed., Aug. 6, 1969, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 DORCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 14 lb. in G.

John N. Lindon	Treble	James Insley	5
James W. Belshaw	2	Richard J. Tibbetts	6
Bryan D. A. Woolley	3	Stephen W. Barton	7
Roderick W. Pipe	4	Clifford A. Barron	Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by Clifford A. Barron.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
SHOREDITCH, London, E.—At the Church of St. Leonard.
On Tues., Aug. 12, 1969, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5120 LITTLEPORT LITTLE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 28 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in C.

M. Louise Slater	Treble	John R. Pratchett	7
Angela M. Wright	2	Edward F. P. Bryant	8
Joan Beresford	3	Roger Baldwin	9
S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	4	Derek E. Sibson	10
Frank T. Blagrove	5	Stanley Jenner	11
David J. Forder	6	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
First peal of Littleport Little Surprise Maximus to be rung.

LITTLEPORT LITTLE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
—5t—14.5t—5t.36.14—14.5t—14—18. I.e. 1t mx.

PULBOROUGH, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Aug. 2, 1969, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5184 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In ten methods, comprising 576 each of Ashtead, Bristol, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire, and 384 each of London, Rutland and Uxbridge, with 132 changes of method.
Tenor 13½ cwt. in F sharp.

Susan E. M. Davis	Treble	C. Martin Press	5
*M. Louise Slater	2	Derek E. Sibson	6
†Angela M. Wright	3	†W. Leslie Weller	7
†John R. Pratchett	4	Tom Page	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
* First peal of spliced. † First of ten-spliced.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
AMBLECOTE, Stourbridge, Worcs.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Tues., Aug 12, 1969, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in B.

*Philip G. K. Davies	Treble	Edward R. Fairbrother	5
*Stephen Yates	2	Richard C. Stevens	6
Robert A. Partridge	3	Clive M. Smith	7
Ian Friend	4	David J. Bates	Tenor

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Philip G. K. Davies.
* 25th peal together. First in the method by all except the conductor. First in the method as conductor.

ALDRIDGE, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Fri., Aug. 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents: (1) London Surprise, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Kent Treble Bob, (4) Single Oxford, (5) Double Oxford, (6) St. Clement's, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 6 lb. in A.

Anthea C. Fairey	Treble	†Roger Riley	4
Anita E. Foden	2	Michael W. Fairey	5
*John L. Humphreys	3	‡P. George Golder	Tenor

Conducted by Michael W. Fairey.
* First peal. † First peal attempt. ‡ "Completes the circle." and is the first to do so at this tower.
Rung as a farewell tribute to the Rev. R. W. Cartmel, who recently retired after 23 years' service at this church.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
EAST RETFORD, Notts.—At the Church of St. Swithun.
On Wed., June 11, 1969, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

Bryan Birkett	Treble	Raymond Fanthorpe	6
Stephen Knights	2	Harry Poyner	7
Tom W. Senior	3	Alan Friskney	8
John A. Coates	4	Barry Holland	9
Philip Rogers	5	Herbert O. Chaddock	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Harry Poyner.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Sir Stuart C. Goodwin, benefactor of this town and church.

BABWORTH, Notts.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Aug. 16, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
In seven methods, being extents of Capel, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Sandal Exercise, Oxford, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in A flat.

Bryan Birkett	Treble	Paul N. Mounsey	4
Stephen W. Knights	2	David W. Jack	5
Harold Denman	3	Philip Rogers	Tenor

Conducted by Paul N. Mounsey.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Archer to mark their 20th wedding anniversary.

WHATTON-IN-THE-VALE, Notts.—At the Church of St. John of Beverley.
On Sat., Aug. 16, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise and two extents each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 13 cwt. 24 lb. in E.

Brian M. Buswell	Treble	*Frederick R. Barber	4
Mary C. Poyner	2	Thomas D. Greasley	5
Harry Poyner	3	William L. Exton	Tenor

Conducted by William L. Exton.
* First peal in four methods.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
HORRINGER, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Leonard.
On Sat., Aug 16, 1969, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 lb

Arthur F. Ballam	Treble	Christopher R. Nunn	5
*Sally E. Potter	2	Brian E. Whiting	6
†John A. Mayle	3	Walter A. Perry	7
Peter Mayle	4	Alan G. Feaver	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Alan G. Feaver.
* First peal. † First of Major.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
DOWNE, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sun., Aug. 10, 1969, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 lb. in G.

*J. Charles West	Treble	Robin Grant	4
Wendy Wallace	2	Alan Long	5
†John R. Ketteringham	3	Geoffrey Bridges	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey Bridges.
* First peal. † 350th peal.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
LELANT, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Uny.
On Tues., July 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Consisting of one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B. and Oxford T.B. and four of Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in G sharp.

Marion Lidgey	Treble	Canon A. S. Roberts	4
Harry Miles	2	W. R Curtis	5
J. J. George	3	A. Humphrey	Tenor

Conducted by A. Humphrey.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
PORTSMOUTH, Hants.—At the Cathedral of St. Thomas of Canterbury.
On Sat., Aug. 16, 1969, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 25½ cwt. in E flat.

Walter G. Knight	Treble	Maurice J. Butler	6
John H. Hunt	2	*Philip Stevens	7
Edgar R. Rapley	3	R. Roger Savory	8
Patrick Page	4	Frank H. Hicks	9
E. Winifred Keys	5	Thomas J. Lock	Tenor

Composed by William Pye. Conducted by Thomas J. Lock.
* First peal of Surprise Royal.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
TEWKESBURY, Glos.—At the Abbey Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., July 26, 1969, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in D

Martin Powell	Treble	Geoffrey R. Drew	6
Peter S. Robertson	2	John Clements	7
Christopher Hims	3	Geoffrey Dodd	8
Anna K. Sadowska	4	Arthur C. Berry	9
Maurice Ingram	5	David Beacham	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Geoffrey R. Drew.
First peal of Bob Caters by all except Geoffrey Dodd.
Rung as an engagement compliment to Barry Schofield and Susan Rhodes.

BREDONS NORTON, Worcs.—At the Chapel of Ease.
On Sat., Aug. 9, 1969, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In ten methods, being: (1) Cambridge S., (2) Oxford T.B., (3) Plain, (4) D. Oxford, Thelwall, Pinehurst, St. Clement's, Childwall, Buxton, (5) Plain, (6) Kent T.B., (7) Plain. Tenor 6½ cwt. in B.

Ronald E. Stillwell	Treble	Peter S. Robertson	4
*Roman Sadowska	2	Robert M. Ashman	5
Shirley M. Drew	3	Geoffrey R. Drew	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey R. Drew.
* First peal in more than one method.
Rung with the best wishes of the band to Anna Sadowska and Maurice Ingram, married this day at Bishop's Cleeve, Glos.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
YORK.—At the Cathedral and Metropolitical Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., July 12, 1969, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 3 qr. in E flat.

Ronald Crabtree	Treble	Alan E. Hartley	5
A. W. Alan Leggett	2	Bert Sutton	6
Michael D. Staniforth	3	David Featherstone	7
Christopher M. Morley	4	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of the Earl of Scarborough, the first High Steward of York Minster, Lord Lieutenant of York and the West Riding, and joint president of the York Festival.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
BURNLEY, Lancashire.—At 8, Rosehill Mount.
On Sun., Aug. 3, 1969, in 1 Hour and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents Tenor size 11 in G.

Rupert A. Clarke	1–2	Christopher Rowson	3–4
Richard J. Parker	5–6		

Alternate extents called by each member of the band. Last extent, alternate calls by each member of the band.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
WATFORD, Hertfordshire.—At 15, Harford Drive.
On Mon., Aug. 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MAXIMUS
In four methods, comprising 1,920 of Newgate, 1,440 of York, 960 of Ealing and 720 of Yorkshire, with 84 changes of method.
Tenor size 15 in C.

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	1–2	*Gerald Penney	7–8
John R. Mayne	3–4	Julia A. Fellows	9–10
Roger Baldwin	5–6	†Frank C. Price	11–12

Composed and Conducted by John R. Mayne.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Maximus. † First of Maximus on handbells and first of Spliced Surprise Maximus.

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WHITEHEAD.—To Kate and Peter, on August 11th, 1969, a son, Robert Fletcher. Please note our address is now 15, Kidson Terrace, Christchurch 2, New Zealand. 7594

ENGAGEMENTS

BANNER—WATTS.—The engagement on September 1st is announced between Raymond, of Billingshurst, Sussex, and Ruth, of Devizes, Wiltshire. 7627

DANBY—RILEY.—The engagement is announced between Richard Danby, of Nether Heyford, Northants, and Jill Riley, of Langley, Stratford-on-Avon. 7595

FORTHCOMING WEDDING

STEVENS—TIMMINS.—The wedding of Richard and Elizabeth takes place on Saturday, Sept. 13th next, in the Church of St. Michael and All Angels, Tettenhall. Ringing before and after service. All friends welcome. 7639

MARRIAGE

OSENTON—CHIDWICK.—The wedding of Christopher and Phyllis took place at St. John-the-Baptist's, Halling, on August 9th, 1969. Address is now 12, Hever House, Cypress Court, Frindsbury Extra, Rochester, Kent. Telephone: Medway 79500. All correspondence regarding Halling bells to this address, please.

GOLDEN WEDDING

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. and Mrs. Albert E. Cheesman, The Cottage, Grange Gardens, Banstead, Surrey, married at St. Thomas-of-Canterbury Church, Goring-on-Thames, on September 10th, 1919. 7558

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

BERRY.—The address of Alan and Anne is now 7, Church Road, Cheriton, Folkestone, Kent (Tel. Folkestone 75651).

KIPPIN.—Chris and Heather now live at 61, Fenshurst Gardens, Long Ashton, Bristol. Telephone: Long Ashton 2410.

NORTH.—The address of Ian and Pat is now 33, Kingsway Close, Ossett. Telephone: Ossett 5317. 7469

RANDALL.—Geoff and Sue now reside at 45, Abbey Court, Abbey Road, Whitley, Coventry, CV3 4BA. 7633

TAYLOR.—Stephen and Rachel are now living at 145, York Road, Woking, Surrey. Telephone: Woking 61054. 7601

PERSONAL

"But let every man prove his own work, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another."—Galatians vi, 4.

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Sunday, 7th. Approx. 4.30–6.30 p.m.

All ringers welcome. Light refreshments available. 7725

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Tenor 3 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in G.

By the Lord Bishop of Dover.

Sunday, 21st September, 1969

at 11.15 a.m.

General ringing: 12.30–1.15 p.m.
2.30–3.30 p.m.
5.30–6.30 p.m.

All ringers will be particularly welcome at the service, and are invited to stay on for the ringing sessions.—David L. Cawley, Tower Captain. 7746

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual Dinner, The New Hackwood Hotel, Widmore Road, Bromley, Kent, September 27th, 6.30 for 7 p.m. Tickets 27/- from District secretaries up to Sept. 13th.—A. P. S Berry, Hon. Gen. Sec., 7, Queen Street, Folkestone, Kent. 7075

LICHFIELD DIOCESAN RINGING FESTIVAL

Saturday, September 6th

Ringing :—

SHEEN (6) 11.00–12.30 subject to confirmation

NORTON (8) 1.30–2.45.
BROWN EDGE (6) 2.30–3.30
HORTON (6) 3.30–4.30.
KINGSLEY (6) 2.00–3.00.
CHEDDLETON (6) 3.00–4.00.
LEEK (10) 3.00–5.00 and 7.00–9.00

Service in St. Edward's, Leek, at 5.00.
Tea in Maude Institute, Leek, at 5.45.
Tickets for tea (5/- adults, 2/6 under 16's), cash with order, from Mr. R. J. Ballard, 8 Copes Avenue, Tunstall, Stoke-on-Trent, ST6 6BJ.

Ringing by request after tea at Cheddleton and Norton.

R. J. BALLARD, Hon. Sec.,
North Staffordshire Association

LUDHAM, NORFOLK

St. Catherine's Church

FLOWER FESTIVAL

September 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th.

Thursday, 4th, 2.30–8 p.m., other days 9.30 a.m.–8 p.m.

All ringers welcome. 7598

PETWORTH, SUSSEX

FLOWER FESTIVAL

Sunday, September 7th.

Ringing 3.30–6.30 p.m.

All ringers welcome. 7597

RUDDINGTON, NOTTINGHAM

FLOWER FESTIVAL

Saturday, September 20th and Sunday, September 21st

Ringing:

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Important alterations to the Rules will be proposed at the General Meeting a r tea

Tickets for the Snowdon Dinner at York on October 25th will be available.

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LEEDS UNIVERSITY SOCIETY is pleased to welcome all freshers. For details of our activities write to Miss Gillian Cleaver, Cedars, Durrant Lane, Northam, Bideford, Devon. 7549

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY

Anyone entering the University in October please contact the secretary, Hamish McNaughton, Lowerfold, Fernhurst, near Haslemere, Surrey. The first practice will be held on Friday, Oct. 3rd. Subsequent practices will be held on TUESDAYS at Sacred Trinity Church, Salford. 7623

READING UNIVERSITY SOCIETY welcomes all freshers coming up in October. Please write to the Master, John Leary, 20, Rands Estate, Preston, near Hull, Yorkshire.

PRACTICE MEETINGS

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Practice meeting, Langleybury (6), September 6th, 6.30 p.m.—G. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 7543

LADIES' GUILD.—Eastern District.—Practice meeting Ashbocking (6), Friday, September 12th, 7.30 to 9 p.m. Ladies only. Your support please.—J. Lester, Dis. Sec. 7499

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Evening practice at St. Mary's, Eccles, on Monday, Sept. 15th. Bells (8) from 7.30–9. Special method: Wembley Surprise Major. All welcome.—A. Ward, Branch Sec. 7606

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—South West District.—Surprise Royal practice. Monday, Sept. 8th, Hillingdon, 7.45 p.m. start.—M. J. Palmer. 7625

ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH, JESMOND, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE. — The new weekly practice will be held on Thursday evenings, from 7.30–9 p.m., as from Aug. 28th. 7600

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Evening practice, Saturday, Sept. 13th, 6–8.30 p.m., at St. Peter's, Edgmond (6). Methods: Beginners, Plain Bob Minor; brighter ones, London Surprise Minor 7559

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Joint practice meeting of the Central and North West Districts at Woolpit (6) on Friday evening, September 5th. Bells from 7 to 9 p.m. 7536

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Evening practice, Thames Ditton (6), on Saturday, Sept. 13th, at 7 p.m.—E. Godfrey, Hon. Sec. 7577

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION — Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Saturday, September 6th. Bells, Fairwarp, 3–5 p.m. Picnic tea (cups of tea provided). Fletching 6–8.30 p.m.—Jean Osbon Div. Sec., E.G. 23815. 7533

CHANGE OF PRACTICE NIGHT

ABINGDON, Berkshire. — Practice nights will now be on Tuesdays, 7.30–9 (alternately at St. Nicolas' and St. Helen's), instead of Wednesdays as previously. All ringers are welcome.—W. A. Smith, 3, Westfield, Abingdon. 7630

MEETINGS

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Archdeaconry. — Monthly meeting on Saturday, September 6th. Autumn mini-festival. Bells available: Honington (6) 2–3 p.m., Shipston-on-Stour (6) 3–4 p.m., Great Wolford (6) 4–5 p.m., Long Compton (6) 5–5.45 p.m., Whichford (6) 6–6.45 p.m., Cherington (5) 7–7.45 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea.—H. A. M. 7585

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ilkeston District. — Meeting at Breedon (6), Saturday, September 6th. Ringing 3 p.m.–7 p.m. Special methods: Surfleet and Double Court. Picnic tea at Staunton reservoir. Bring own sandwiches. 7541

DUDLEY AND DISTRICTS GUILD.—A.G.M., Dudley. Saturday, Sept. 6th Bells (10) available 3 p.m Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting **ALL** names for tea to Mrs. M. I. Brown, 31, Renfrew Close, Wordsley, Stourbridge. 7602

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District. — Evening meeting at Cottenham. Saturday, September 6th. Bells (6) from 6.30–8 p.m. 7497

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Morning practice at Ottershaw (6) on Saturday, September 6th, beginning at 9.30 a.m 7573

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Evening meeting, Saturday, September 6th. Cottered (5) 5.30–7 p.m. Ardeley (6) 7–8.30 p.m.—Mrs. C. A. Agg, Dis. Sec. 7580

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Borden, Saturday, September 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to E. C. Barton, "Ma'alesh," Pond Farm Road, Borden, Sittingbourne, please.—T. Barton. 7518

NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS.—South Eastern District.—Ringing meeting in the Chelmsford area on Saturday, Sept. 6th. Meet at St. Michael and All Angels Church, Galleywood, Essex, 2 p.m. Names for tea to P. Shonk, Dis. Sec., 58, Raeburn Road, Sidcup, Kent. 7613

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting Wortley, September 6th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to J. J. L. Gilbert, 41, Ravenscroft Crescent, Sheffield, 13. All welcome.—R. Fletcher. 7570

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Christchurch and Southampton District.—Quarterly meeting Southampton, Saturday, September 6th St. Michael's bells (10) 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea St. Mary's Chantry Hall 5.15 p.m. Meeting follows. St. Mary's bells (10) in evening Names for tea to Mrs. M. Francis, 41, Bassett Green Close, Southampton.—Gilian W. Davis, Dis. Sec. 7565

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the Lord Raglan, St. Martin's-le-Grand, E.C., on Sept. 9th at 8.15 p.m. Practices: Sept. 9th, St. Paul's Cathedral; Sept. 16th, St. Michael's, Cornhill; Sept. 23rd, St. Lawrence Jewry; Sept. 30th, St. Giles', Cripplegate; all at 6.30 p.m.—J. G. A. Prior. 7611

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Practice at Longbridge Deverell (8), 7.30 p.m., on Wednesday, Sept. 10th. All friends welcome. **Advance notice:** Half-yearly meeting, tea and service at Warmley, Saturday, Oct. 4th. Ringing at Warmley in the afternoon and other tower(s) in the evening. Details later.—B. J.

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be for the Swaine Cup on the second Saturday of September (the 13th). All bands welcome. Entrance fee payable on day. Names for tea to Mr. K. Muxworthy, 303, Barnsley Road, Hoylandswaine, nr. Barnsley. 7588

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Quarterly meeting, St. Audrie's (5), Saturday, Sept. 13th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to E. Tyndale-Biscoe, Burnells Gardens, Dunster 346.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District. — Striking competition at Southill (6), Saturday, Sept. 13th. Organised practice 3 p.m Draw at 3.50, followed by competition. Tea, results and business meeting at Old Warden W.I. Hut 5 p.m. Ringing in the evening. Names for tea and competition entries to Mrs. Fleming, 28, High Street, Houghton Conquest (Tel.: Wilstead 366), by 11th. 7620

CHESTER GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at St. Margaret's, Dunham Massey, Altrincham, Sept. 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m For tea please advise Mrs. C K. Lewis, 52, Wellington Road, Altrincham, by Tuesday, Sept. 9th. All welcome. —C. K. Lewis. 7635

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Central District.—Annual meeting and election of officers, Saturday, Sept. 13th, St. Michael's, Bishopwearmouth. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea (in good time, please) to Mr. D. Cox, 12, Nilverton Avenue, Sunderland, Co. Durham. 7634

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Saturday, September 13th, Westerham. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Own arrangements for tea at 5 p.m., followed by meeting and further ringing. Sundridge bells also available 7 30–9 p.m 7568

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Practice meeting, Sept 13th. Foxton (5), 6–7.15; Harston (6), 7.30–9 p.m. —J. S. 7511

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Evening meeting, St Saviour's, Walthamstow, Saturday, Sept. 13th, 7 p.m. 7619

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Eastern District.—Meeting at Tillingham, Saturday, September 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea please to R. J. Harrison, 32, Gilmore Way, Great Baddow. 7545

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Evening meeting, Stone (6), Saturday, Sept. 13th, 6–9 p.m. Business meeting in church at 7.30 p.m.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Pirbright (6) on Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells available 6–9 p.m.—S. J. Tate-Mitchell, Dis. Sec. 7571

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HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Redbourn (6), Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to G. Reading, 57, Hempstead Road, Redbourn. 7624

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting, Chart Sutton, on Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Please bring own picnic tea. 7629

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, Sept. 13th, Crosthwaite (near Kendal). Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to K. M. Price, 46, Claife Avenue, Windermere, Westmorland. —T. F. Metcalfe. 7540

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting at Croston, Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Tea will be provided at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting and further ringing. Special method: Rutland S.M. Names, please, for tea to Mr. P. Ascroft, 19, Highfield Road, Croston, near Chorley, no later than Wednesday, Sept. 10th. —D. G. Lawson, Branch Sec. 7560

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. — Meeting, Shore (Littleborough), on Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Cups of tea at 5. Business at 6 p.m.—G. Cheetham. 7546

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—The September monthly meeting will be held at Rothley on Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. T. A. Yates, 40, Woodfield Road, Rothley, by Wednesday previous. Swithland bells (6) available from 2.30 to 3.30 p.m.—M. R. A. Kirk, Dis. Sec. 7532

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Branch.—Meeting, Dunholme, Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells (6) from 5 p.m No tea. All welcome.—G. R. P. 7603

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Cadoxton (Neath), Saturday, September 13th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4, followed by tea and very short business meeting. All ringers and friends welcome.—Iolo Davies, Cowbridge Grammar School.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Saturday, September 13th. St. Bodolph, Bishopsgate, 3-4.30 p.m. (Liverpool Street Station), to be followed by tea and business meeting. St Leonard's, Shoreditch, 6.30-8 p.m. Names for tea to M. R Wycherley, 35d, Holland Park, London, W.11, by previous Wednesday. 7488

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Norton (5), Saturday, Sept. 13th. Names for tea important, please, to Miss G. Latzko, Norton, Daventry. —I. Webb. 7610

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Exton, Sept. 13th. Bells (6) 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Evening ringing. Names for tea to Scholes, Harringworth, near Corby, by Tuesday, 9th. 7605

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Tenby, Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. Jenkins, Nythfa, St. Mary's Street, Tenby. 7632

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—Childe Okeford, Sept 13th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15 p.m. Okeford Fitzpaine bells also available. Names to M. M. Godley, Yetminster, Sherborne, Dorset, by Sept. 9th. 7609

SUFFOLK GUILD.—General meeting, Otley and Clopton, Saturday, Sept. 13th. Clopton (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by general meeting and S.E. District business meeting. Ringing at Otley (6) in evening. Guild executive committee meeting 6.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. J. Wightman, Shrubbery Farm, Otley, Suffolk, by **Wednesday**, Sept. 10th. No names no tea.—W. L., Dis. Sec. 7598

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Ashbrittle, Saturday, Sept. 20th Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please.—A. H. Reed, 41, George Street, Taunton. 7618

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southrn District. —Meeting, South Weald, Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5 o'clock, followed by tea. Names, please, to Mr. F. R. Goddard, 24, Osborne Road, Brentwood, Essex. Further ringing after tea. 7596

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Rural Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Thornbury (8), Saturday, Sept. 20th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Essential! names for tea to D. Chapman (Tel. Oldbury 4264) by Sept. 19th. 7626

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Meeting at Avening (6), Sept. 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to P. Screen, 22, Springfield, Hardwicke, Gloucester, GL2 6PX, by Tuesday, 16th, please. Cherrington (4) also available after tea. 7589

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Moulton, Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to John Porter, 12, Exeter Drive, Spalding (Tel. 4462), by Tuesday, Sept. 16th. 7583

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Lindsey Branch. — Meeting, Broughton, Sept. 20th. Bells (6) afternoon and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify me by previous Tuesday. Special methods: Kent Treble Bob and Newdigate Group.—Geo. L A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel.: 2623. 7622

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch.—Annual meeting, Kingswinford (8), 3 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 20th. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Pennett bells (8) also available from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. on the occasion of the Flower Festival. All welcome. Names for tea by Wednesday, Sept. 17th, please.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., 17, Ham Lane, Pedmore, near Stourbridge, Worcs. Tel.: Stourbridge 3470. 7592

OBITUARY

MR. G. J. HEARNS

The death took place suddenly on August 17th of Mr. George J. Hearns, who was for 30 years a ringer at Checkendon, Oxon, and tower captain for 20 years. He was instrumental in getting the ring augmented to eight. A memorial peal with the bells half-muffled was rung at Checkendon on August 20th.

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LATE NOTICES

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Lyminge (8), on Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., Village Hall. All names for tea to Mr. D. R. Prebble, Little Garth, Brady Road, Lyminge, Folkestone, by Sept. 9th. 7637

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Meeting Sept. 13th. Oaks-in-Charnwood (6), 2.30-4 p.m.; Shepshed (8), 4-4.30 p.m., and evening service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. at St. Botolph's Church Hall. Names for tea, please, to Mr. G. Butler, 21, Bridge Street, Shepshed, Loughborough, by Wednesday, Sept. 10th. — Hilary F. Watson-Walker, Dis. Sec. 7636

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Meeting, Llanelli, Sept. 20th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. S. Rees, Marble House, 6, Brynallt Terrace, Llanelli. Also available: Gorseinon (8), 2-3 p.m. Gentlemen welcome.—J. S. King. 7642

MARLBOROUGH BRANCH ATTRACT VISITORS

Marlborough Branch (Salisbury D.G.) held its monthly meeting at Milton Lilborne and Burbage on Aug. 16th in lovely weather. Chiefly owing to the holiday season, the visitors almost outnumbered the members, contingents being present from Chippenham, Swindon, Ringwood (Hants), Lyneham, Chester and Croydon, in addition to Branch members from Aldbourne, Chisledon and Everleigh.

In the absence on holiday of Mr. A. Keen (Ringing Master) the duties were in the capable hands of Mr. A. T. Palmer, a former Branch secretary. Ringing started on the medium-weighted six at Milton Lilborne at 3.30 p.m. and the Guild service at 4.30 p.m. was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. A. Crace), with Miss Ann Toomer at the organ. A picnic tea was enjoyed on the Vicarage lawn. Before moving on to Burbage Mr. G. Newman (chairman) expressed the thanks of the Branch for the use of the bells.

At Burbage a further two hours' ringing on the light five rounded off an enjoyable afternoon. W. A. E.

LONDON, W.C.—At St. Clement Danes', on Aug. 17th, 1,282 Yorkshire Surprise Royal: P. J. Spice 1, Miss R. J. Henderson (first Surprise Royal) 2, T. Lewis 3, Mrs. M. E. Oram 4, J. W. Smith (cond.) 5, G. W. Shanks 6, Miss D. E. Colgate 7, P. J. Simmonds 8, I. H. Oram 9, J. R Pratt 10. For Evensong.

DATE TOUCH

CORSTON, SOM.—On Aug. 15th, 1,969 Stedman Triples (by James Topp): H. D. Mackay 1, R. E. Beck 2, J. Tarrant 3, G. Salmon 4, P. H. Jones 5, A. P. Beck 6, R. G. Beck (cond.) 7, V. Savage 8. Rung for a birthday compliment to H.R.H. Princess Anne, also A. P. Beck.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Aug. 17th, 1,320 Cunecastre Surprise Minor: E. G. H. Godfrey 1, Margaret Godfrey 2, Carol Rodgers 3, Deborah Bishop 4, Wendy Wallace 5, A. S. Bishop (cond.) 6. For Evensong and for the baptism of Stuart Martin, son of Robert and Jacqueline Rayfield.

ALDINGTON, KENT.—On Aug 17th, 1,320 Ipswich Surprise Minor: J. A. Hemsley 1, Pamela Court 2, R. A. Birch 3, B. C. Johnson 4, P. Staples 5, D. C. Manger (cond.) 6. First in method 2, 3, 4 and 5.

ASTON, HERTS.—On July 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: L. A. Izzard 1, R. T. Falder 2, A. A. F. Peters (cond.) 3, P. C. Worthington 4, M. R. Worthington 5, A. Gray 6. For Morning Service. Also on July 31st, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: M. Panton 1, P. C. Worthington 2, B. J. Harris (cond.) 3, M. M. Roden 4, M. R. Worthington 5, I. R. Panton 6. A wedding compliment to Maureen and Ian Panton. Also on Aug. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles by the same band as July 6th (conductor: M. R. Worthington). For Morning Service.

BACKWELL, SOM.—On Aug. 13th, 1,344 6-Spliced Surprise Major (Yorkshire, Glasgow, Wembley, Watford, Jersey and Whalley): Heather A. Kippin 1, Diana M. Bridle 2, S. Brown 3, J. Brain 4, P. J. England 5, P. Bridle 6, J. R. Taylor 7, R. C. Kippin (cond.) 8.

BISHOPSTOKE, HANTS. — On April 20th, 1,440 Wreford Imperial Minor: Philippa E. Menniss 1, J. C. Hallett 2, Linda V. Cull 3, R. Le Marachel 4, T. J. Frodsham 5, J. P. Colliss (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. E. Ivill, a church worker at Bishopstoke.

BRAMPFORD SPEKE, DEVON.—On June 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Joan A. Hayward 1, Angela Hughes 2, C. Barr 3, N. Webber 4, D. Atkins (first of Minor as cond.) 5, M. Turner 6. A compliment to Nicholas Webber and Jennifer Bennett on their engagement.

BURNLEY, LANCS.—On July 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Higham (first on eight) 1, Miss M. J. Smith 2, J. Lord 3, M. Gibbon 4, W. E. Wilkinson 5, R. J. Parker 6, N. Smith (cond.) 7, J. C. Towers (first quarter) 8. A farewell to J. Lord who is leaving the district.

CANTERBURY, KENT. — At the Cathedral, on Aug. 12th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss F. Templeman 1, L. Huckstepp 2, P. M. Hills 3, R. J. Elliott 4, J. Drage 5, D. H. Niblett (cond.) 6, K. I. Davis 7, T. H. Holmes 8, D. J. Carr 9, A. S. Phelips 10. Rung for the opening service of the Central Committee Conference of the World Council of Churches.

CHIVELSTONE, DEVON.—On Aug. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. J. Edden 1, W. Wayman 2, G. J. Roberts 3, D. J. Roberts 4, R. F. Shepperd 5, J. L. Read (first as cond.) 6. First quarter on the bells.

CHURCHILL, SOM.—On Aug. 14th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: P. J. England (cond.) 1, S. Brown 2, B. Mills (first Cambridge) 3, M. Dodson 4, R. W. Rice 5, W. S. Rice 6. A birthday compliment to the third ringer.

COALPIT HEATH, GLOS.—On Aug. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Batten 1, Miss J. M. Scudamore 2, Miss S. Gifford (first "inside") 3, R. Newman (first quarter) 4, K. W. Scudamore (cond.) 5, W. F. Scudamore 6.

COMPTON BISHOP, SOM.—On July 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Hooper 1, J. Coombs 2, S. Lewis 3, C. Field (first Minor) 4, S. Bendle 5, J. S. Walton (cond.) 6.

GEDLING, NOTTS.—On Aug. 3rd, 1,320 Minor (five methods): J. Dawson 1, P. R. Wild 2, Susan M. O'Neill 3, Elizabeth J. Dawson 4, J. R. Anthony 5, G. A. Dawson (cond.) 6. A 90th birthday compliment to Mrs. E. M. Dawson at Evensong.

GORING, OXON.—On Aug. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Wendy Tyler (first quarter) 1, M. Napper 2, Mrs. G. M. Hodgkinson 3, Miss M. Trent 4, M. Hodgkinson 5, S. Franklin 6, W. Irving (cond.) 7, I. Judd 8. To mark the birth of a son to Michael and Mrs. Napper; also the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Hodgkinson.

GORTON, LANCS.—On Aug. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. D. Broadbent 1, Susan Brocklehurst 2, P. Broadbent 3, A. Riley 4, R. M. Edwards 5, M. Foulds (cond.) 6.

QUARTER PEALS

GREAT HOLLAND, ESSEX.—On Aug. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): Miss C. A. Glading (first quarter) 1, J. C. Walters 2, S. Leech 3, R. J. Isgar 4, F. B. Lufkin (cond.) 5, G. H. Isgar 6. Also 1,260 Doubles (two methods): R. F. Balls (first quarter) 1, J. C. Walters 2, S. Leech 3, F. B. Lufkin (cond.) 4, R. J. Isgar 5, G. H. Isgar 6. Rung by local Sunday ringers.

HAREFIELD, MIDDX. — On Aug. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Capper 1, Elsie Savory 2, P. Butler 3, R. S. Bell 4, F. H. Corke (cond.) 5, J. Hardey 6. First quarter for 1, 3 and 6.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDX.—On Aug. 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Reed 1, E. A. Hibbs (first quarter) 2, L. White (first in method) 3, Freda Clayton 4, H. G. Hart 5, J. H. W. Smith 6, B. C. Watson (first Stedman as cond.) 7, P. J. Hooton (first quarter) 8.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On March 29th, 1,320 Doubles (six meth./var.): Joyce M. Marsh 1, W. G. Marsh 2, Pamela J. Clifton (cond.) 3, Ruth Blackshaw 4, M. W. Harrison 5.

HUISH EPISCOPI, SOM.—On July 3rd, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Mrs. B. M. Bindon 1, A. F. Arscott 2, A. H. Reed 3, F. Avery 4, J. Cornelius 5, R. F. Arscott 6, M. A. Arscott 7, K. E. Beale (cond.) 8. First Kent T.B. Major for all the band. A birthday compliment to ringers of 1 and 2.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.—At St. Margaret's, on Aug. 4th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: R. Harrop (first of Major as cond.) 1, O. A. Needham 2, W. W. Cousins 3, P. Gagen 4, D. Gagen 5, R. Newson 6, C. Cousins 7, N. V. Harding 8. Rung for H.M. the Queen Mother's birthday.

KINGSTON UPON THAMES, SURREY. — On Aug. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. Bullied 1, Katharine A. Salvage 2, Ann V. Salvage 3, Lesley A. Hawes 4, Anthea S. Bruce 5, M. Belcher 6. Conducted by all the band and rung to congratulate those who passed A levels on the London Board. Also on Aug. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Lesley A. Hawes 1, Katharine Salvage 2, Ann V. Salvage 3, G. J. Collett 4, C. D. Collin (cond.) 5, B. J. Stone 6. For Evensong.

LONG EATON, NOTTS. — On July 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Susan Philps 1, Ann Copley (first "inside") 2, A. Lord 3, F. J. Ward 4, C. Stringer (first as cond.) 5, R. Daly 6. For the Flower Festival. Also on Aug. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. Geary 1, Veronica Belfitt 2, Susan Philps (first "inside") 3, F. J. Ward (cond.) 4, C. Beswick 5, A. Humphrey 6. An 80th birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

LOCKING, SOMERSET. — On June 13th, 1,260 Doubles (2 methods): Allison Kelby (first quarter) 1, P. Kelby 2, Marjorie Legg (cond.) 3, J. Coombs 4, C. Fields 5, Susan Stott 6. For Evensong. Also on June 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. G. Hooper 1, G. Prescott 2, J. Coombs 3, Marjorie Legg (cond.) 4, H. Button 5, G. Kingdon 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. F. Miller, late captain at this tower.

MINSTER-IN-SHEPPEY, KENT. — On May 18th, 1,260 Doubles: Caroline Embleton 1, Glynis Poppleton 2, Mira Ford 3, Jane Bryant 4, D. P. Leworthy (cond.) 5, Jill Singleton (first quarter) 6. For Evensong. Also on June 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Caroline Embleton 1, Susan Goodwin (first "inside") 2, Jane Bryant 3, Marianne Leworthy (first as cond.) 4, D. P. Leworthy 5, Ann Bryant 6. For Evensong. Also on July 6th, 1,260 Doubles: Susan Goodwin 1, Glynis Poppleton 2, Jane Bryant 3, Marianne Leworthy 4, D. P. Leworthy (cond.) 5, Ann Bryant 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Rev. J. B. Allen, former Vicar.

ORMSKIRK, LANCS.—On Aug. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Tough 1, J. Pilkington 2, E. Butler (cond.) 3, J. Dilworth 4, E. Ashcroft 5, J. Dilworth 6, G. K. Austin 7, J. Ridley 8. A farewell tribute to the Vicar, Rev. R. G. B. Bailey.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET. — On Aug. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (5 methods): L. Childs 1, Mrs. R. Short 2, L. Derrick 3, C. Kortright (cond.) 4, J. Lott 5, E. Davey 6. Rung for the birth of a son (Clifford John) on July 25th to Clifford and Monica Kortright.

NORTON FITZWARREN, SOMERSET—On Aug. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles: Mrs. B. Bindon 1, A. H. Reed 2, J. Cornelius (cond.) 3, R. A. Cross 4, R. F. Arscott 5, A. Cross 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss P. Stevens, and a wedding compliment to Mr. V. Reynolds and Miss E. Thorne.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX. — On April 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Giles 1, D. Sloman 2, M. Hallett (cond.) 3, Penny Halliwell 4, B. Sadler 5, G. Bacon 6, S. Halliwell 7, G. Eve 8. Also on May 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Jose Sadler 1, Penny Halliwell (cond.) 2, D. Sloman 3, J. Belcham 4, B. Sadler 5, P. Sadler 6, H. Furminger 7, G. Eve 8. Also on July 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jennifer Sadler (first quarter) 1, P. Giles (first "inside") 2, Penny Halliwell 3, B. Sadler 4, S. Halliwell 5, D. Sloman (cond.) 6. All for Evensong.

STOKE-SUB-HAMDON, SOMERSET. — On July 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Robert Venn (first quarter) 1, L. S. J. Cavill 2, Richard Venn (first as cond.) 3, E. Venn 4, H. Pester 5, H. Greenham 6. To celebrate conductor's 21st birthday.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On July 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: B. S. Payne 1, Margaret E. Snyder 2, G. R. Parker 3, A. E. Chilton 4, W. J. V. Conduct 5, E. Bryant 6, H. Stacey (cond.) 7, M. H. Sinden 8. Rung for the Combined Churches Fete.

STROUD, GLOS.—On Aug. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Garland 1, R. Watts 2, T. Witts (cond.) 3, R. Cornock 4, V. Deane 5, Rev. the Hon. N. R. Morrison 6.

SUNBURY-ON-THAMES, MIDDLESEX.—On Aug. 10th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Marie Boniface 1, R. Bettley-Cooke 2, D. Brock 3, Diane Pickett 4, M. B. Tyers 5, A. J. Hampton 6, D. G. Pickett 7, C. H. Rogers (cond.) 8.

TARLETON, LANCS.—On July 25th, 1,260 Doubles (2 methods): N. McCormick 1, L. Walmsley 2, J. Nelson 3, D. L. Marsden 4, J. D. Nixon (cond.) 5. Rung on the occasion of the 250th anniversary of Tarleton (Old Church) St. Mary.

TIDESWELL, DERBYS.—On July 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. E. Dakin 1, S. E. Davis 2, G. W. Hawkesworth 3, A. M. Smith 4, P. D. Taylor 5, T. Wylie (cond.) 6. Rung in connection with the Diocesan Walk.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On Aug. 3rd, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Elizabeth C. Duncan 1, I. L. Dear (cond.) 2, J. E. Murfitt (first of Yorkshire and 50th quarter) 3, Caroline R. F. Cole 4, D. E. Cobb 5, A. J. Slade 6, R. J. Chapman 7, M. B. Jefferyes 8. For Matins. Also 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Peck (first quarter) 1, I. L. Dear 2, Elizabeth C. Duncan 3, Leslie Tibbitts (first of Triples) 4, J. E. Murfitt 5, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 6, M. B. Jefferyes 7, M. Cook 8. For Evensong. Also on Aug. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Linda West 1, M. B. Jefferyes 2, S. Mount (first "inside") 3, Leslie C. Tibbitts 4, I. L. Dear 5, J. E. Murfitt 6, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 7, M. Cook 8. For Evensong.

WANLIP, LEICS.—On Aug. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. H. Sunderland (first away from cover and of Minor) 1, D. F. Moore (cond.) 2, Bridget Critchlow (first of Minor) 3, R. N. S. Scholes 4, J. C. Allen (first in the method) 5, C. J. Mobbs 6. A belated birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

WARMLEY, GLOS.—On July 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. W. Metcalfe 1, Miss E. Webb 2, D. M. Smith 3, M. Brain 4, K. G. Weeks 5, A. W. Gibbs 6. A tribute to Mr. Cyril Turner, captain of this tower for many years, who died on July 16th.

WENTWORTH, YORKS.—On Aug. 10th, 1,320 Doubles (3 methods): R. M. Nalliah (first away from cover) 1, R. R. Nalliah 2, D. E. Archer 3, D. Hunton (cond.) 4, M. King 5, L. Hallows 6. Rung for Evensong. A welcome return to quarter-peal ringing for D. E. Archer.

WHITCHURCH, DEVON. — 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Plain Bob, Grandsire): P. Bill 1, S. Peirce 2, J. Steere 3, G. Mudge 4, J. Mitchelmore (first as cond.) 5, A. Frost 6.

WIMBLEDON, S.W.—On Aug. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Elizabeth Wilkins 1, Deborah Bishop 2, Caroline Bagworth 3, D. Wilkins 4, T. Bishop (cond.) 5, A. Bagworth 6.

WOODBOROUGH, NOTTS.—On July 20th, 1,344 Minimus (8 methods): P. L. R. Hayward 1, Patricia M. Hayward 2, D. W. Flower 3, H. G. Wells 4. All the work for every bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to John England and Eileen Flower.

WOTTON UNDERWOOD, BUCKS.—On Aug. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. B. S. Smith 1, Miss J. M. Danson 2, P. Jackson 3, R. J. Corker 4, C. W. J. East 5, C. H. Kinch (cond.) 6. First of Minor for 1, 2, 3 and 4.

YORK.—At the Minster, on July 1st, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Beryl Hartley 1, D. Clegg 2, M. D. Staniforth 3, A. E. Hartley (cond.) 4, Margaret Wilkinson 5, B. Sutton 6, A. W. A. Leggett 7, H. Walker 8. Rung for the Investiture of Prince Charles as Prince of Wales.

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St. Alphage Church, Seasalter, Whitstable, Kent

OUR COVER PICTURE

St. Alphage, Seasalter, Whitstable, Kent

By DAVID L. CAWLEY, F.S.A. Scot.
(Tower Captain)

OLD editions of the one-inch Ordnance Survey map of East Kent bear towards their top left-hand corner a cross with Gothic letters saying "St. Alphege's Church (Rem. Of)". More recent editions have been corrected for although what the towerless building is is but a fragment of an old and once larger building, it is still in regular use, and far from being lifeless "remains". But to find the present Parish Church of Seasalter one has to go nearly two miles into the very heart of the town of Whitstable where, in the the centre of the main street, rises the square ragstone tower of the present Parish Church of Seasalter. Its situation in the middle of Whitstable High Street has brought many ringers to its doorsteap, and many have been fooled by the plaques in the porch referring to the installation and restoration of "This peal of bells". Alas, they were looking for the Parish Church of Whitstable, a mile-and-a-half away in the old village inland, and "This peal of bells" was in fact a set of brass tubes. The reasons for this anomalous situation will be apparent from a brief record of its history.

The earliest church at Seasalter was originally dedicated to St. Peter. According to the "Osbern Chronicle", now in the Cathedral Library, Canterbury, after the callous murder of St. Alphege, Archbishop of Canterbury, at Greenwich (whose church bears the dedication of St. Alfege) in 1019, the body was first interred in St. Paul's, but after his canonization it was transferred to Canterbury Cathedral, where it remained in a notable shrine, later second only to St. Thomas-à-Becket. Though it would be more reasonable to assume that the journey would follow the old Roman Watling Street, tradition has it that at Rochester Bridge the royal barge was berthed, and the corpse embarked for the North Kent coast on the last part of its journey to Canterbury: as an act of penance the King, Canute, a Dane by birth, but also a Christian, steered the barge. The body was received by the monks of Christ Church, Canterbury, and placed in the little coastline church of St. Peter, Seasalter. There it rested for three days, in gratitude for which the parishioners had their building rededicated in honour of Alphege.

In 1099 the church was the victim of a flood and was totally destroyed, though bones are still very occasionally washed up by the sea from near its inundated site (which was laid bare by a flood in 1779). The new building, consisting simply of chancel, nave, south porch and massive west tower, was commenced soon after, three-quarters of a mile inland, and about 1235 underwent a thorough remodelling. Its history was uneventful until about 1650, when the tower collapsed, being replaced only by a wooden turret, the porch being rebuilt in 1744. The church gradually deteriorated, however, and this was not helped by a steady drift of population eastwards, to "Whitſtaple Street", where there was a natural haven for the mainly fishing population, but no church, the old Parish Church of Whitstable being still further east in "Church Street".

MOVED INTO WHITSTABLE

In 1845 it was decided to close the old building, and a new one was to be built on a site in what is now Whitstale High Street, then on the eastern border of Seasalter Parish. The building, designed by Hezekiah Marshall, of Canterbury, has no claims to architectural beauty or correctness (it is described as being "in the Early English style", though many of its arches look vaguely "Tudor"!). Judging by pictures of the interior made at the time it was very bare (although Archbishop Howley who consecrated it on October 9th, 1845, thought it "second to none"—he did not say to what—in his diocese). Now judicious rearrangements of 1898 and 1956–64 have transformed it, and it is a much-visited building, well worth a visit for its liturgical arrangements, a thriving, thronging parish church, in the heart of the town and in the townspeople's hearts.

Two miles to the west, in 1846, they pulled down the nave of the old building, its chancel being saved by the patron, Mr. William Hyder, who used its vaults both for burials and, so we judge, the hiding of contraband. The old burial ground remained in use. In 1902 occasional services were restarted in the old chancel, and in the 1930s the vaults were filed in and some refitting carried out. A regular Sunday service was started and today the little building, the smallest in the diocese — it seats only 44 — is often filled to capacity — a splendid resurrection.

BELLS STOLEN

History of the bells is little documented. We do not know how many there were at the time of the Reformation, possibly three and a sanctus; there was certainly more than one for in 1561 we read that the parishioners complained that "the bells are ſtolen away and conveyed to Mr Lynche's houſe at Sandwich". Simon Lynche was Mayor of Sandwich at the time, and it may be that some of the bell metal now or formerly in the three Sandwich towers, or in his home village at Staple, formerly hung at Seasalter. We do not know the outcome. About 1590 the parishioners were ordered to purchase two bells; whether they did or not we do not know, but the present Old Church bell dates from only two years after. Possibly the other was bought but was later sold or perished when the tower fell down. Only one bell survived in 1790, hanging in the wooden turret, and when this was taken down in 1846 it was hung in the existing arch gable. The bell is 23 inches in diameter, bearing the inscription "Robertus mot me fecit (M) 1592". It was rehung by Mears and Stainbank in 1966—thus preserving a connextion of little under 400 years.

When the new church was built the wife of the Lord of the Manor, Wynn Ellis, M.P., gave a large bell. This was invoiced with its gear to Mr. Ellis at £93 7 10. It was delivered to Whitstable by barge, the frame being built locally. Weighing 12 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb., it was 42 inches in diameter, note F sharp, and it was inscribed: C & G MEARS FOUNDERS LONDON / THE GIFT OF Mrs. WYNN ELLIS OF TANKERTON 1845. It was rung inverted until 1939, and caused considerable damage to the tower. In 1851 a clock by Hardman, of Canterbury, was installed which struck the hours on the bell until the striking train broke down in 1961.

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The only break with Whitechapel occurred in 1920. In that year Mr. Alfred Nicholls, a native of Whitstable, living at Stocksfield-on-Tyne, offered the church a set of eight tubular bells as a war memorial. The gift was accepted: the bells were installed, being operated by a chiming manual, at a cost of approximately £250. They were made by the firm of Harrington Holland and Co., of 164, Earlsdon Avenue, Coventry, who furnished testimonials reading, for example (Walton, nr. Felixstowe): " . . . a most fitting War Memorial . . . just as effective and sweet as the best Cathedral bells . . ."; (Drybrook): " . . . the bells have again and again been pronounced as being magnificent." The writer refrains from making personal comment on the taste of those who made such pronouncements. The tubes were of brass and never completely successful. In 1947 they were repaired through the generosity of Mrs. M. Burrough, in memory of her son. The writer remembers their quaint plonking notes, accompanied by a good deal of mechanical noise. By 1968 they had again become very poor, and the large bell had for some while been deemed unsafe, a small crack also having appeared in its lip. It was then decided to attempt to install a new ring of bells.

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SEASALTER BELLS—continued

Retrieved from Desolation of Battle School Area

SAD PICTURE IN NORFOLK

The writer had, during his teaching time in Norfolk, become acquainted with one of England's saddest spots—the Battle School Area which has depopulated and destroyed the villages of Stanford (whose bell is now at Kilifi), Langford (also one bell), West Tofts (a famous Taylor eight, with two sanctus bells) and Tottington (long known as an unringable six). Alone the churches remain: villages have been eradicated, grass grows in the streets, the land if often derelict, torn from its owners by compulsory purchase measures. He visited all the churches, now empty and forlorn, and saw the bells standing in West Tofts church. At the outset it was obvious that the West Tofts eight are intact and should remain so, but the Tottington bells are a different case. For a start, the fourth and fifth are cracked around their shoulder very badly. Then the middle four seem to be cast on a very thin scale. The tenor is quoted as 9 cwt. but even on a normal scale would have weighed no more than 7½. In view of the weights of the other five (of which the treble was the heaviest!) it could have been anything!

First of all Canon Thurlow was approached, together with the Hon. Richard de Grey, who cares most conscientiously for the structural repairs in the four surviving Battle Area churches. They both promised every assistance. Nothing of this nature had been undertaken before, and it was perhaps unfortunate that approach was made to the Diocesan Advisory Committee without seeing who was responsible for Tottington Parish first; but it was to the credit of the Rev. Reggie Wylam, its secretary, that suitable contact was speedily made with the Rev. Geoffrey Highmore, priest-in-charge of Thompson with Sturston and Tottington. Application was made to them, but their P.C.C. was naturally hesitant at first about giving bells away—especially to a place called Seasalter, in Kent, whose representatives they had never met or heard from.

TRANSFER FACULTY AGREED

However, a very fruitful meeting was held in July, 1968, attended by Canon Thurlow and the writer, with the happy result that the parishioners were able to resolve to ask for a faculty to transfer the bells to Seasalter; and at the Whitstable end a faculty to instal them had to be obtained. The tenor bell was to be retained in store at West Tofts in case it was needed for use elsewhere—a tragic decision, for in June of this year it and the seven smaller West Tofts bells were stolen from the church. The remaining Tottington bells were removed to Whitechapel in January, the fifth being in pieces by then and the fourth with a chunk out of it. The condition of the three others was such that it was thought advisable to recast them. A word to preserve their memory is appropriate here.

The Church of St. Andrew, Tottington, is a magnificent product of the great building centuries, vieing with West Tofts whose glory is of a later age. In the great western tower hung three bells, recorded in 1553 as weighing 6, 11 and 15 cwts. In 1650 the tenor was recast by John Brend II, of Norwich, and in 1663 the future fifth by Robert Gurney, of Bury St. Edmunds. In 1755 bells were cast or recast and the ring augmented to five by the Whitechapel Foundry, then owned by Lester and Pack. Finally, in 1851 Messrs. John Taylor and Son added the treble, a good-toned bell. At some later period the back five bells were equipped with clapper looking like sledgehammers, but the fifth became so seriously cracked that it was taken down and for many years stood at the back of the church. The other five were chimed, but no one remembers ringing them inverted. They were unringable at the time of their removal for safety on the closure of the village in 1942—a situation which did not prevail at West Tofts, whose bells were pealed in 1938.

Particulars of these are as follows:—

Treble: (24¼", 3-2-25 in F sharp) Iohn Taylor and Son 1851. / Gloria : in : excelsis : Deo.

Second: (25½", 2-2-20 in E) LESTER & PACK OF LONDON FECIT J755

Third: (26½", 2-3-19 in D) LESTER & PACK OF LONDON FECIT J755

Fourth: (cracked; 27¾", 3-0-0 in C sharp) LESTER & PACK FECIT (two ornamental loops). This inscription is very rough, on the waist (? an afterthought).

Fifth: (cracked; 30", 2-3-26 in B) ROBARD * GVRNEY MADE ME * 1665

Tenor: (stolen; 34", 7 cwt., approx., in A) IOHN BREND MADE ME 1650

TRAINING RINGERS

Meanwhile a party of ringers had been in training for Seasalter; 14 have kept it up, eager enthusiasts who have tried their hand on the bells of Graveney (3), Whitstable All Saints' (6), St. Alphege, Canterbury (6), Herne (6), Hernhill (8), but chiefly Chislet (the grand old six—of which the 4th is cracked and disused—restored by Taylors in 1959, and for the use of which we are so grateful both to tower captain George Hartfield and the Rev. G. H. A. Stephens, Vicar). The learners' enthusiasm knows no bounds, and as this is being written the ringing room is being prepared by them, and the old single bell and tubes were removed by them to Whitechapel.

On Wednesday, April 23rd, St. George's Day, the newest six in Kent were cast in the presence of some of the local band. An interesting tour of the foundry was conducted by Mr. Bill Hughes, to whom we are grateful for advice and a stimulating visit. Details of the new bells record their origin; the back five are the old Tottington front five recast, also recording details of past benefactors; the treble an addition by the writer's family in memory of his father, a former churchwarden. Details:—

Treble (17" diameter, 1 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E): GILBERT WATSON CAWLEY / CHURCHWARDEN 1964-1967 / THE GIFT OF HIS FAMILY / 19(W)69

Second (18", 1-1-26 in D): 1851 / ALFRED & AUGUSTA NICHOLLS

Third (19", 1-2-22 in C): 1755 / JAMES HUBERT BURROUGH

Fourth (20", 1-3-13 in B): 1755 / WYNN AND MARY ELLIS

Fifth (22", 2-1-15 in A): LESTER & PACK FECIT J755 / BARRETT BEQUEST 1968

Tenor (24", 3-1-13 in G). ROBARD * GVRNEY MADE ME * 1665 / FIVE BELLS FROM ST ANDREW, TOTTINGTON, NORFOLK / ALL RECAST 1969. / RECAST 19(W)69 WHITECHAPEL

2, 3, 4 and 5 also bear:
RECAST / 19(W)69 /

SPECIAL THANKS

It would be invidious to single out any person who has been helpful, and I hope that they will take this as acknowledgment of our collective thanks. Special mention must, however, be made of the generosity of the people of Thompson and Tottington in particular and the Norwich Diocesan authorities in general for allowing us to have the five Tottington bells; to the late Mrs. K. Barrett for money used in restoring the tower; and to the Barron Bell Trust for a handsome donation. The bells will be (D.V.) dedicated by the Bishop of Dover on Sunday, September 21st, 1969, at 11.15 a.m., and we hope that many ringers will join us then.

Over the Norfolk heathland the yellow charlock blows, turning the war-scarred fields into sheets of gold. Amidst the desolation of its village, the unscarred tower of Tottington church still proudly proclaims that God's Church transcends man's material struggles, though the bells which gave it speech are now gone. Out in Whitstable Bay the sea is dotted with sails, children play on its beaches, traffic roars up past the grey church tower which proclaims with new voice the triumph of God Himself over things material. A far cry from the lonely village in Norfolk, yet close in God's increasing purpose. Who has prospered the scheme to give new life to Tottington bells at Seasalter, bells which ring out in vibrant witness to the Resurrection of Christ; Sown in dishonour, but Raised in Glory.

BELLS STOLEN FROM ESSEX CHURCH

Three 17th century bells were stolen from St. Mary's Church, Little Oakley, near Colchester, Essex, on August 28th. This is the latest of bell thefts in Essex—there were earlier raids at Stores Green and Brentwood.

Thieves broke into the church by the west door, the first time it had been opened for 17 years. Slats from the windows in the belfry were torn out, and the bells dropped 60 feet to the ground. A fourth bell which was cracked was left on the floor of the belfry.

Valuable silverware including the chalice, flagon, patten and an alms dish were also stolen.

Mr. Claude Rush informs us that according to Deedes and Walters' "Church Bells of Essex", Little Oakley's four bells were all Miles Graye's of Colchester. They are all shown as inscribed "Miles Graye made me" with the respective dates 1612, 1615, 1633 and 1652. The treble was cast during the earlier years of Graye's work and, it seems, though the name Graye is shown, it should read Graie, the type being of medium size (larger than their earliest bells but smaller than from 1613 onwards). It is likely that these inscriptions will never be seen again whole, which is very unfortunate. The tenor was shown as cracked in 1909, when "Church Bells of Essex" was published.

Ringing & Conducting Standard Methods

By ROBERT B. SMITH

(Continued from page 614)

PART III CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE

(a) (Continued)

RINGING THE METHOD

SO far our consideration of Cambridge Surprise has been a purely theoretical one. By this I mean that we have considered how the method is constructed and how it extends from six bells on to higher numbers, but we have not considered the practical rules by which many ringers ring Cambridge. One might compare the situation with somebody learning to drive a car when an instruction book for a particular car might inform a learner that by the time they are travelling at 30 m.p.h. they should be in top gear—in practice most drivers know from the sound of the engine when to change gear. When ringing Cambridge, particularly on tower bells, most people are not aware that the treble is dodging and therefore they should be plain hunting (unless they are dodging with the treble, of course); they require more obvious guides. We have seen that Cambridge Surprise is divided into three main parts.

1. Slow work.
2. Full back work.
3. Place making and hunting.

We noted that the only differences between the work on six bells and higher numbers are as follows:—

(a) Extra dodges are added when progressing to and from the three parts indicated above, two extra dodges per lead being added for every additional pair of bells.

(b) Two additional leads are added for each additional pair of bells, i.e., five leads to the course or Minor, seven leads to the course for Major, etc. These leads are always leads involving internal place making and hunting; e.g. In Major there are two extra leads involving place making in 5-6 compared with Minor.

There are numerous practical rules for ringing Cambridge, many people ringing by a combination of those I give below. Some are more useful than others in particular situations and to use some of them one needs to have better ropesight than for others.

1st Rule. Ring treble bob as if ringing the treble, i.e., dodging in 1-2 in addition to the other dodges. If the treble is followed immediately after dodging down stop to make places immediately. If the treble is followed before dodging down in any position omit that dodge and the next one. The foregoing applies to any bell when working from the back towards the lead. It is equally applicable when working from the lead to the back but in this case the treble will be striking over the bell in question and some ringer have difficulty in observing which bell is striking over them so that this may be a problem. Like most rules there are a few small exceptions to this rule, but its usefulness can perhaps be demonstrated by tracing through a course of Cambridge Royal. (I suggest that the line drawn through the tenth bell be followed; this is given on pages 80 and 81 of the Ringers' Notebook and Diary.)

Commencing in 10ths (having just dodges 9-10 down for the lead-end), the first dodge is in 7-8 and the second would have been in 5-6, but for the fact the treble was followed for the first blow in 5ths. The dodges in 5-6 and 3-4 are therefore omitted before continuing to ring treble bob. When the 10th has dodged 5-6 up, the treble strikes over him and he immediately stops to ring 5-6 places up followed by more treble bob. This continues until a dodge in 7-8 down would have occurred, but once again the treble is encountered before the dodge. The dodges in 7-8 and 5-6 are therefore omitted before ringing treble bob again. Having dodged 3-4 up the treble again strikes over the bell in question, which means that he stops for 3-4 places up.

At the end of the lead we have just considered, the bell under consideration will be in 3rds place. Here we come across the first exception to the rule as the 3rds place bell would never strike the treble by ringing treble bob. We know from what has been said so far that the 3rds place bell rings treble bob until arriving at the back to ring full back work; this needs to be remembered. After ringing this back work one may continue to apply the rule—for the next 3½ leads in fact. We meet the second exception to the rule in the leads immediately either side of the slow work, i.e., 5th and 2nds place bells, which are consecutive leads unless a bob is called. The 5ths place bell rings treble bob until it has dodged 9-10 down, when it strikes the treble. According to the rule, this bell should ring 9-10 places down, but the 3rds place bell is about to ring the full back work there. The 5ths place bell does an extra dodge in 9-10 down to wait for the treble dodging 7-8 up; passes the treble in 8-9 and continues to apply the rule. Notice that the slow work fits in with the rule as 1-2 places up or 1-2 places down. The last lead of the course, i.e., 6ths place bell, follows the rule.

2nd Rule. This is a rule which requires modification for different numbers of bells but is quite useful for those who are not used to ringing on the higher numbers. The rule is as follows.

MINOR.—Dodge one, miss two, dodge one, places.

MAJOR.—Dodge two, miss two, dodge two, places

ROYAL.—Dodge three, miss two, dodge three, places.

MAXIMUS.—Dodge four, miss two, dodge four, places.

There are exceptions to this rule, essentially the same as those for the first rule given, but I will leave it to the reader to decide how it suits him/her to remember these.

The above rules are the two which are generally used by most ringers (in addition to remembering the "blue line" and the sequence of leads. There are other rather more subtle rules employed by experienced ringers and I may have an opportunity to mention them when we consider conducting.

[To be continued]

A SPONSORED DOG'S TALE FROM ESSEX

MY name is Jane Syder, and I understand I am the mascot of a group of dogs' friends in Braintree, Essex. Not that they treat me with any respect, mind you. In fact my master and mistress take me regularly to church and leave me outside locked in the car while they ring the bells. This used to worry me, and I have spoken to other dogs on our estate about it, and they say it is unusual, but probably my master and mistress, being bellringers, are a bit mad. However, I do get taken out for a quick drink afterwards at a rather smoky place in Rayne Road. Not that I really like beer, but if I have a good bark there I can get some attention, and it is fun to knock the drinks over from time to time (not too often). You try, and see what they say.

Last Saturday my master and mistress went for a long walk. I went 12 miles with my mistress—my paws are still sore and I can't hold this pen properly to write. But I gather my master went 24 miles. So did seven of his friends, and the rest did 20. All ringers. My friend says that accounts for it. I am told that one of the ringers sent his wife out to walk in his place, but I don't believe it's true because he is the one who gives me a drink and a biscuit.

The route was from Braintree via Stisted, Coggeshall, Feering, Kelvedon, Rivenhall, Withan and Cressing back to Braintree. Me and my mistress couldn't keep up with them all the way round. Mind you, I kept my eyes and ears open. One or two funny things went on, I can tell you—but I won't or I'll be in trouble But I saw one of them take a short-cut in Braintree as soon as they had started. I reckon he found his boots were too heavy—real leather boots he wore, and knitted socks. I ask you I could tell you about two real peal ringers on a seat in Cressing Road, but I mustn't. My mistress says some people cheated, like having lifts in cars and things, but she's got no proof. I know some stopped in Witham for a cuppa from a ringer there. I didn't see what went on in the Woolpack. Coggeshall — they'd gone by the time we went in there.

Well, the day finished at Miss Millbank's house (she had organised it all, and good luck to her) with a meal. But they didn't give me anything. I just got told off when I flopped on top of them—well, they were lying around, so why not me too? We were all quite exhausted — except Jimmy Green from Finchingfield, who was the first home. We had to tie him down to stop him from setting off again, because he said his legs just would not stop walking. He's a good one, that boy. Actually they were all quite happy, and someone said I had helped to raise over £100 for their 10-bell fund.

Come Sunday morning I just could not wake my master and mistress up, bark as I did. "Come on," I said, "no ringing for morning prayer if you don't get up." But there was no moving them. So I reckon all the good people of Braintree just forgot to go to church. Disappointing for the Vicar when he's got his sermon ready for them.

Note.—My mistress says Mr. White is fed-up with copy from Braintree, but he'll print this one when he knows a real dog wrote it. My friend says they did ring on Sunday after all, because they are a keen lot. C. H. G.

OVERSEAS NEWS

THE SECOND NORTH AMERICAN TOUR

By W. H. JACKSON

THIS is a story of how some English emigrés in the New World, for the second time in recent years, have contrived to re-unite for a weekend of what for all of them used to be a key pursuit in England—tower bell ringing. It is a story centred in beautiful New England, the north-eastern tip of the U.S.A. into which you could set Great Britain quite comfortably; centred there, because New England provides North America's only "weekend motoring" circuit of four tower bell rings.

At Groton: Back upper row, from left to right: Bill Jackson, John Owen, Derek Sawyer, Geoff Davies and Mr. Laker.
Centre row, standing: Reginald Reed, Ralph Putt, Martin Faulkes, Christine, Eric Roberts and daughter, Ruth Horwood, Sue Sawyer, David Ingram.
Front: Liz Davies with Warwick.

KENT SCHOOL QUARTER LAYS GOOD FOUNDATION

Geoff Davies and his wife Liz had planned from experience. Living now on New York's Long Island with their 3-year-old son Warwick, Geoff and Liz had made this trip before, and they knew that our satisfaction depended on the reconciliation of long mileages and limited ringing times at individual towers.

And now, logistically, on a beautiful Saturday morning in May, the far-flung group of 15 (and two children), had converged on the school in Kent, Connecticut.

Liz and Geoff had brought Ruth Horwood, a Durham University graduate who had just finished a year's post-graduate work at De Pauw University, near Indianapolis, Indiana, 900 miles to the south-west. Her academic business over, Ruth was "mopping up" the campanological opportunities on the eastern seabiard, and soon was destined to score a handbell peal in Canada (Toronto) and hopefully a ring down at Washington Cathedral before returning to her home in Brampton, near Scarborough. Now, however, she stood by to treble us into the weekend's peal attempt, of Yorkshire Major; for we were not enough to ring the ten.

Kent School looks (and possibly is) for all the world like a superbly equipped English boys' public school. If you know it, you probably do so from its crews' appearances at Henley Royal Regatta; and sure enough, as we paused, the odd sculler was to be seen on the river flowing past the school, driving his shell through a bridge arch which bore patriotic battle cries like BEA TABOR. For far away, what looked like a huge covered stadium luxuriously afforded the boys alternative forms of exercise.

The chapel and its linked tower stand back some one hundred yards from the rest of the school up on a wooded hillside, reserving judgment no doubt on the secular activities down below, and reminding the boys, by half-an-hour's ringing each evening, of higher things. Mr. William E. Howard, one of the teaching staff, oversees the boys' ringing, which we gathered was mainly self-taught rounds and Doubles; and to him we owe our thanks for the use of the bells and the polite reception his boys accorded us.

In their lovely sylvan setting, Kent School's 25 cwt. ten, with their longish draught, are certainly men's bells. From 300 miles north in Canada, the willing Martin Faulkes had been designated as our tenor ringer. Martin was a Leicestershire ringer before coming out with his new wife Helen for post-graduate study at the University of Kingston, Ontario, a few months ago—surely not long enough, he mistakenly imagined, for his hands to have softened.

We did not get the peal of Yorkshire Major; but we afterwards did score a workmanlike quarter of Plain Bob Major that, new as we were together, laid a good foundation for the week-end's quality of ringing that was to follow.

SMITH COLLEGE—DEBUTANTES' UTOPIA

150 miles to the Nort-East of Kent lies the tower of Northampton, Massachusetts, the home of Smith College for ladies. It could have been Utopia, for all the mundanity of its name. Smith is a private women's university on which untold fortunes have been lavished deliberately and successfully. Later on that balmy May evening we were to wander through the porter's lodge into the quadrangle where were our guest rooms for the night, marvelling at the traditional atmosphere that blended the poise of some Oxford or Cambridge women's colleges with the unpretentious wealth of Croesus. Tuxedoed young gallants were arriving in **de rigeur** Maseratis (Jaguars would do) to claim each his eager-eyed nymph for an evening excursion; whilst her upright bicycle, having no doubt performed its academic function for the day, stood forgotten, with many another, in the quadrangle. From the bough of a tree in the lawned quadrangle hung a swing, on which some patient suitor was waiting like a meditative pendulum, casting the odd hopeful glance at a certain window in the lovely "Georgian" facade. Poor man! But consider, you wealthy English debutantes, whether this idyllic New England education might not be an alternative course of higher education for you.

The bells at Smith, a recent light eight by Mears, are merely part of the university's superbly equipped secular complex known as the Centre for the Performing Arts. Russ Carpenter, Administrative Secretary to the College, keeps a strong torch alight here with an evidently keen band of learners. It is a delightful experience to ring in this deep-pile carpeted little belfry, and we soon had the easy-going bells tinkling round merrily to Cambridge, Yorkshire and Stedman, as well as some rounds and call change practice. It was all too short an hour, limited by the imminence of students' examinations, and afterwards we sat overlooking the small weir, drinking in the serenity of it all and grateful to Russ for this munificent arrangements for our comfort.

(To be continued)

Letters to the Editor

MR. RUSTY SURPRISE

Dear Sir,—A Surprise Major method first rung to a peal at Norton, Worcs, was published on page 571 of "The Ringing World" under the name of "Mr. Rusty". The undersigned members of the Central Council's Records Committee feel that this is a most unsuitable name for a method, and ask the conductor of the peal, Mr. Geoffrey R. Drew, and his band to consider renaming it.

It is realised that the name is one in a series being used by Mr. Drew and, while strongly preferring a completely new name, we accept that the deletion of the word "Mr." from the title would leave a name more in keeping with the traditions of the Exercise.—Yours sincerely,

GEOFFREY DODDS
JOHN R. MAYNE
DEREK E. SIBSON
CLIVE M. SMITH
CYRIL A. WRATTEN

TUNE RINGERS' RALLY

Dear Sir,—I have read the two letters by Michael King in recent issues of "The Ringing World" and feel that it is my duty to intervene before the matter gets completely out of hand.

The committee are fully aware of the many problems which lie ahead and are endeavouring to make sure that any mistakes which have been made in the past will not occur again. As we are a very young organisation and growing very rapidly it is inevitable that certain teething troubles will be encountered, and I sincerely hope that all our members will accept constructive criticism as part of the Exercise and not take personal umbrage at any fair comment.

I am sure that all who attended the rally at Worcester will agree that Tony Brazier and the Offenham Ringers did a wonderful job. As the number of teams attending the rallies increases there are bound to be certain administration problems, and I appeal to all members to be tolerant and let us continue meeting in the same friendly atmosphere as we have done in the past. Since the first rally at Norbury in 1966 I have made many friends throughout the country, and I sincerely hope that other members have had a similar experience

In conclusion, may I remind all members that a special committee meeting has been arranged for Saturday, October 4th, to discuss the problems and comments raised since the last rally, and I should appreciate it if anyone with new ideas (constructive or otherwise) would write to me direct so that they can be fully discussed, in an endeavour to make sure that the next rally is as great a success as those which have been held in the past.—Yours very sincerely,

WILLIAM HARTLEY,
Chairman, Handbell Ringers of Great Britain.

29, Hurdsfield Road,
Great Moor,
Stockport, SK2 7ND.

METHODS NOMENCLATURE

Dear Sir, — The Central Council most certainly altered the names of methods already rung and named, in 1928, but as it has now repented of its folly and reverted to the ancient principle of first band to ring a method has the right to name it, all that remains is to give the correct names for such of the methods contained in the Council's Collection as have been altered from their correct names. These are as follows:—

Hereward Bob=Hendon Bob. No. 5, page 7.
St. James's Youths' Exercise=St. Lawrence Bob. No. 8, p. 7.
Lytham Bob=Lytham Pleasure. No. 14, p. 8.
Killarney=St. Guthlac. No. 16, p. 8.
Ennerdale=Long Stanton. No. 20, p. 8.
Cumberland=Stoke-by-Nayland. No. 21, p. 8.
Stedman Slow Course=Wrekin Court. No. 27, p. 8.
Nelson T.B.=Denton. No. 9, p. 11.
Trinity Sunday=Coventry. No. 15, p. 12.
Waterford=Shamrock. No. 16, p. 12.
Berwyn=Bluebell. No. 17, p. 12.
Cheviot=Daffodil. No. 20, p. 12.
Chiltern=Fuchsia. No. 21, p. 13.
Cotswold=Foxglove. No. 22, p. 13.
Mendip=Hyacinth. No. 23, p. 13.
Pennine=Marigold. No. 24, p. 13
Ockley=Trowell. No. 25. p. 14.
Capel=Overton. No. 26, p. 14.
Quantock=Dahlia. No. 27, p. 14.
Snowdon=Geranium. No. 28, p. 14.
Willesden=Grove. No. 13, p. 24.
Clarence=Duke of Clarence. No. 24, p. 25.
Elston=Woodside. No. 25, p. 25.
London Victory=Sutton. No. 27, p. 26.
Kirkstall=Middlewood. No. 28, p. 26.
Melrose=Mumbles. No. 33, p. 27.
Newdigate=Poynton. No. 34, p. 27.
Charlwood=Grove. No. 35, p. 27.
Donottar=Lily. No. 2, p. 15.
Kentish=Kenilworth. No 7, p. 15.
Berkeley=Kellaway. No. 8, p. 15.
Pembroke=Tavistock. No. 10, p. 16.
Pontefract=Vulcan. No. 12, p. 16.
Pevensey=Leytonstone. No. 33, p. 20.
Rossendale=Lancashire. No. 22, p. 32.

There are also the Castles and Abbeys, some of which were first rung as Castles and Abbeys, others not. But the names did in fact start off with these descriptions.

The whole subject is, however, fraught with difficulties, as I have no doubt Mr. Wratten will confirm. For instance, so far as one can ascertain, Norwich Surprise was first rung as Victoria Surprise, but as the method appears in Annable as Norwich, it would be a bold man who contended that it had not been rung as Norwich before the 20th century.

Can anyone explain, please, how Alnwick Surprise and Canterbury Surprise came to swap names in the 1949 Collection?

I find that I was wrong in ascribing the "Flower" names to the Norbury band. They were given to the methods by the Central Council itself; the Norbury band rang them for the first time under those names, and then the Council altered them.

The Council has this habit of giving Minor methods names. I understand, on excellent authority, that many of the Alliance methods were given names quite arbitrarily.

There is no need for an investigation into the sinking of Mr. Burton's committee report as it all appeared in "The Ringing World" at the time, and is, I believe, fully dealt with in the Council's minute book. It was very neat. And the Norbury "Flower" names have already been vindicated by the Council's recent resolution.—Yours faithfully,

ARTHUR WHITING.

Manchester.

GREAT TOM OF LINCOLN

Dear Sir,—Some weeks ago someone was asking about Great Tom of Lincoln. I have in my possession a piece of the bell, Great Tom, made into a lady's brooch set in old gold, and engraved with the name "a piece of Great Tom of Lincoln".

This came to be in our possession through one of my ancestors who worked for Mears and Stainbank. Being a Lincolnshire man, when the bell was broken for recasting he took a piece and had it made into a brooch for his wife or sweetheart. I think he had charge of bringing the bell back to Lincoln; I don't know about taking it to London. As a young boy I remember there was a notebook at home giving particulars of where they stabled the horses and what it had cost, but that is some 70 years ago before I started to ring. The bell metal is ¼-inch × ½-inch.

I have taken "The Ringing World" since the first issue, also the "Bell News" before. For many years I lived at the Blacksmith's Cottage, Stainton, near Rotherham. I am 82 and still good for a peal, sometimes with one of my old friends, James H. Musson, of Silk Willoughby.—Yours sincerely,

HARRY BARNES.

Woodhall Spa,
Lincolnshire.

DON'T DO AS I DO . . .

Dear Sir, — The report of the "R.W." Committee meeting at Rugby in the issue of August 29th reminds us to report, within one calendar month, news items and quarter peals "not in the clear interest of the Exercise".

I note in the same issue that there is a quarter peal rung as long ago as May 25th at St. Albans. By whom? Central Councillors, no less.

Refer that to the Convener for publication!—Yours sincerely,

J. K. FOOT.

Staverton, Daventry.

Note.—The quarter was received in the "R.W." Office before the decision was known to the Editor. Late quarters can always be inserted by paying.—Ed.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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University of Bristol Society Summer Tour

ON Friday, June 20th, six members met at Temple Meads for the start of another tour. At Paddington the numbers rose to seven when Clare joined the party, and this intrepid band set out on the most dangerous cycle ride of the tour. Somehow they all arrived intact at Liverpool Street in spite of the concerted efforts of numerous taxi drivers, and caught the train to Chelmsford. The first tower was at Danbury, where Mike and Colin arrived by car, and the eight were put to good use. After that the last few miles to Maldon Youth Hostel were covered, and by supper time various others had arrived, including Clarke.

The first tower on Saturday was at Goldhanger, then on to lunch in Tollesbury, where Christine joined the tour. Afternoon ringing was at Tollesbury, Tolleshunt D'Arcy and Great Totham. After ringing some of us ascended sundry dubious ladders at Great Totham to examine the unusual wooden tower.

SONG OF THE WEEK

Ringing on Sunday morning was in the triangular tower at Maldon, and during the service the Vicar bade us welcome and thanked us for ringing. We much enjoyed the fine eight at St. Peter's, Colchester, in the evening, and ringing included Double Norwich. The hostelry we visited that evening had a juke box so our "song of the week" was played several times very loud just to make sure we learned the words; at least three were memorable, and "O happy day" was heard echoing intermittently (or was it interminably?) along the convoy of bicycles for the rest of the week.

Monday morning was dull and wet, which perhaps explains why nearly everyone had their heads down and missed a turning in Colchester. Four of us who were bringing up the rear found the right road so arrived first at Great Horkesley. After a few touches the fifth ran very dry and Mike just managed to struggle to the end of the touch of Bob Doubles. The next touch was to have been Cambridge, but Clarke failed utterly on the fifth and could hardly set it, so we dropped them very rapidly and adjourned to the local for morning coffee, etc. At Stoke-by-Nayland we eventually got the key and found them a very fine ring. Two very decorative brass rubbers accepted our invitation to come and watch, and saw a course of Yorkshire rung. After Polstead Sid and Lil again neatly overtook everybody by using the map and not the signpost, and led the way to Hadleigh, where we found the seventh lived up to its reputation, and a course of Stedman and a short touch of Grandsire left our tenor man completely shattered.

The hostel for the next two nights was Naughton Mill, and when we arrived we found J.T. waiting for us, complete with cine-camera, so from now on we had to beware of doing anything too memorable since it was likely to appear on the wide screen in glorious technicolor at next year's dinner!

RANG CAMBRIDGE WITH VICAR

Next day we rang at Barking, and had lunch at the Ten Bells at Stonham Aspal before ringing there. Nick and J.T. then set off to "grab" Debenham on hearing that there was a visiting band there, but their journey was in vain, and they had to be content with listening to part of a peal. They rejoined us at Stowmarket, and here the Vicar rang a course of Cambridge with us before kindly arranging for us to ring at Great Finborough on our way back to the hostel. We thought we had had a long day, but we were put to shame by Ben, who was waiting for us at the hostel and looked extremely fit after an epic cycle ride of 75 miles!

That evening we all adjourned to the thatched pub, and the cider must have been very powerful because the girls thought they saw a ghost walk through their dormitory later that night. Mike was accused on the grounds that "no one else walks like that," but he was fast asleep in his bed at the time—well, in his bed, anyway!

On Wednesday morning our brass-rubbing friends met us again at Lavenham for a further explanation of the mysteries of our art—unfortunately we didn't have time to be given a lesson in brass-rubbing in return! At Long Melford seven of us went to look at the Expo belfry, and when Ernie Rowe heard that our next tower was one he hadn't rung at he needed no prompting from us to offer a lift in the foundry van. We overtook the rest of the party en route and their expressions should make an interesting sequence in J.T.'s film—luckily the sound track is not recorded live! Tony was waiting for us when we got to Gestingthorpe and was quite disgusted on seeing our mode of transport—it was difficult to convince him that we hadn't been cheating all the week!

GRAY'S FINE ALES

In the evening we found there were two hostelries at Castle Hedingham so we chose the brew we'd heard of and soon regretted it. The following night we eased down a pint or two of "Gray's fine ales" and found them very much to our liking—very appropriately after ringing so many of "Graie's fyne bells."

On Thursday we had plenty of time for rowing on the lake at Gosfield, and after ringing the delightful six a few of us, led by Shelagh and Sue, ventured into the water. Lunch was eaten by the lake and we then had to tear ourselves away reluctantly to ring at Bocking and Halstead.

Gill joined the tour on Friday, and the first tower was Wethersfield, where the church was beautifully decorated for their flower festival the next day. This proved sufficient inspiration for us to bring round a touch of "spliced rhubarb" at last—to the amusement of one of the local ringers. At Finchingfield the ringing was decidedly uninspired, but after lunch it improved again and we rang a very musical touch of Spliced

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The participants.—Back row, left to right: Ben Walter, Ivor Newell, John Parsons, Colin Monson, Clarke Walters, Michael McTiffin.
Centre, left to right: Andrew Brock, Mike Platt, Mandi McCallion, Nick Simon.
Front row, left to right: Shelagh Plumb, Gill Brearley, Clare Jarvis, Christine Webb, Sue Perry, Ro Worvill.

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HALF PEALS

LEIGH, LANCS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Aug. 13th, 2,656 Kirklington Surprise Major: J. Ascroft 1, J Andrews 2, D. McCormick 3, J. Illingworth 4, D. Makin-Taylor 5, R. Starkie 6, G. Fothergill (cond.) 7, J. Ashcroft 8. A miscalled peal.

OAKFORD, DEVON.—On Aug. 22nd, 2,520 Plain Bob Minor: J. N. Longridge 1, T. C. Hine 2, A. N. Hine 3, Rev. P. T. Robbins 4, J. L. Anderson 5, C. F. Longridge (cond.) 6.

THREE QUARTERS IN A DAY
On August 23rd

ALRESFORD, HANTS.—1,260 Stedman Triples: K. Sansom 1, Mary Sutcliffe (first Stedman Triples) 2, A. Mason 3, D. Hughes 4, B. Walton 5, D. Fox (first Stedman Triples) 6, M. Uphill (cond.) 7, R. Tipper 8.

LISS, HANTS.—1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: D Fox 1, Mary Sutcliffe 2, K. Sansom 3, A. Mason 4 R. Tipper 5, D. Hughes 6, B. Walton 7, M. Uphill (cond.) 8. First Cambridge Major 2, 3, 4 and 5.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—At St. Nicolas' Church, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Carol Stacey 1, R. Tipper 2, Mary Sutcliffe 3, D. Hughes 4, K. Sansom 5, K. Tipper (first "inside" Caters) 6, A. Reeves 7, M. Uphill 8, B Walton (first Caters as cond.) 9, D. Fox (25th quarter) 10. First on ten bells for 1, 2, 3, 7 and 10.

DARLEY DALE AREA QUARTERS

ASHFORD-IN-THE-WATER, DERBYS.—On Aug. 11th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. E. Dakin 1, H. E. Taylor 2, M. St. J. Smith (first "inside") 3, Ann Noton 4, P. D. Taylor 5, Ann M. Smith (cond.) 6.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYS.—On Aug. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: B. Fletcher (first quarter) 1, Susan E. Davis 2, M. St. J. Smith 3, Ann M. Smith 4, G. H. Paulson 5, P. D. Taylor 6, Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith (cond.) 7, J. E. Dakin 8. First of Plain Bob Triples 2, 3, 4, 6, 8. A birthday compliment to H.R.H. Princess Anne.

BASLOW, DERBYS.—On Aug. 18th, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (Kent T.B., Oxford T.B.): M. St. J. Smith (first T.B.) 1, P. D. Taylor 2, G. Newman 3, A. Queen 4, Ann M. Smith (cond.) 5, T. Wylie 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Pamela L. Newman.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Aug. 24th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Kathryn Bone (first T.B.) 1, Louise Powell 2, N. Bennett 3, Wendy Wallace 4, I. Wiltshire 5, E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 6. Rung for Matins and as a farewell to Nicky Bennett who is moving to Prestbury

AXMINSTER, DEVON.—On Aug. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Selway 1, Mrs. C. W. Powell 2, H. G. Keeley 3, D. Ellery 4, D. Beaufoy 5, M. J. Hiller 6, Rev. R. Keeley (cond.) 7, A. Dyer 8. Rung for the wedding of Michael Sandy and Carol Williams.

BRISTOL UNIVERSITY TOUR—contd.

Triples at Great Bardfield before retiring to the churchyard for a much-needed nap. At Thaxted we were invited to tea by Mrs. Hunter, and we spent a very pleasant hour in her delightful garden before reluctantly setting out on the last journey of the day to Saffron Walden.

Next morning Mandi did an excellent job of organising the ringing and we rang Little Bob Maximus and two courses of Stedman Cinques, giving several people their first chance of ringing twelve. Other towers that day included Ickleton, Little Shelford and Trumptington en route for Cambridge where in the evening we took to the river and attempted to sample the delights of punting Various Cambridge towers were visited on Sunday and further attempts were made on the river.

And so we came to the end of yet another very successful tour. Our grateful thanks are due to all incumbents and local ringers, and especially to Tony for organising it so well. S. C. W.

QUARTER PEALS

BATH.—At St Matthew's, Widcombe, on Aug. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods). R. A. J. Burgess 1, Mrs. M. P. Newman 2, C. R. Newman 3, G. J. Hawkins 4, H. C. Newman (cond.) 5, G. A. Binstead (first quarter) 6.

BIDDENDEN, KENT.—On Aug. 23rd, 1,260 P.ain Bob Triples: Mrs. Jennifer Manger 1, Margaret Jenner 2 Judy Brooks (first Bob Triples) 3, I. Hemsley 4, Pamela Court 5, D. Manger 6, B. Johnson (cond.) 7, A. A. Birch 8. Rung for the wedding of Lyne Payne and Ian Kett.

BLACKMOOR, HANTS.—On Aug. 21st, 1,272 Kent Treble Minor: K. Sansom 1, Mary Sutcliffe (first in method) 2, R. Tipper 3, K. Tipper (first in method) 4, D. Fox 5, D. Hughes (cond., 200th quarter) 6.

BRAMPTON, HUNTINGDON.—On Aug. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. W. Griffiths 1, I. P. Sawford 2, R. F. Baker 3, P. P. George 4, P. S. Abbott 5, R. D. Bellamy (cond.) 6. Rung for the wedding of Peter Charles Bond and Andrea Winifred Usher.

CHITTLEHAMPTON, DEVON.—On Aug. 22nd, 1,392 Plain Bob Major: Catherine A. Robbins 1, Betty Robbins 2, C. F. Longridge 3, P. L. Bill 4, Rev P. T. Robbins 5, J. L. Anderson 6, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 7, D. R. Bould 8.

CHOLSEY, BERKS.—On Aug. 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Hodgson (first Stedman Triples) 1, Amita D. O'Brien (first Triples) 2, R. C. Christopher 3, R. W. Rex 4, A. R. Peake 5, H. E. Wells 6, W. Butler (cond.) 7, R. M. Ashman 8. For the induction of the new Vicar.

COMPTON BISHOP, SOM.—On July 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Susan Stott 1, Gwen Hooper (first "inside") 2, H. Hooper (cond.) 3, B. Dodd 4, C. Field 5, J. Radford 6

CORSHAM, WILTS.—On Aug. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Hampton 1, K. Godwin 2, P. Fleming 3, P. Fletcher 4, M. Stracey (cond.) 5, P. Hancock 6. First quarter 1, 2, 3 and 6. For Patronal Festival Evensong

CROSTHWAITE, WESTMORLAND.—On Aug. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. S. Bridge 1, Mary W. Whalley 2, Doreen Maclean 3, W M. Price (cond.) 4, J. Whalley 5, M. L. Dobson (first attempt) 6 For Evensong.

DUNHAM-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—On Aug. 9th, 1,320 Doubles (three methods): B. Birkett 1, H. Denman 2, S. W. Knights 3, P. Rogers (cond.) 4, J. A. Wates 5.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—At St. Saviour's, on Aug. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: I. Clark 1, I. Rees 2, P. Fox 3, G. Welch 4, T. M. Barlow (cond.) 5, R. Waghorne 6. To celebrate the Feast of Title, and as a compliment to Ian Smith and Ann Harris, married this day at Battle

ELSHAM, LINCS.—On Aug 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob and Single Oxford Minor: Hilary Hall 1, J. G. Hall (cond.) 2, H. Judd 3, P. Saunders 4, R. Hippisley 5, R. Hall 6.

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EPWORTH, LINCS.—On Aug. 2nd, 1,344 Pl. Bob Major: Susan Davis 1, C. Davis 2, W Hawksworth 3, Verena Simpson 4, G. Newman 5, A. Queen (first as cond.) 6, J. Timons 7 T. Wylie 8.

EXHALL, Coventry, WARKS.—On July 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: I. P. Unsworth (cond.) 1, H. D. Harrison 2, J. Taylor 3, T. C. Bonham (first "inside") 4, H. Curtis 5, G. W. Butler (first quarter) 6.

FRITTENDEN, KENT.—On Aug. 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: B. Johnson 1, Pamela Court 2, Brenda Davies 3, A. A. Birch (first in method) 4, C. Wyld 5, N. Davies 6, D. Manger (cond.) 7, I. Hemsley 8. To mark Mr. Harry Baker's 86th birthday.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Aug. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Penfold 1, Joan M. Peacock 2, F. G. Richardson 3, P Sippitt 4, J. Fowler 5, C. C. M. Pain 6, J. W. Stephenson (cond.) 7, P. Over 8. In memoriam Robert C. Heazel, past Master of the Essex Association. Also on Aug. 24th, 1,256 Little Bob Major: F V. Gant (cond.) 1, Anne Pullan 2, S. Penfold 3, Joan M. Peacock 4, F. G. Richardson 5, J. Fowler 6, C. C. M. Pain 7, J. W. Stephenson 8. For Matins and as a welcome to Elizabeth Jane Fowler, a grand-daughter for the ringer of the sixth.

ILMINSTER, SOM.—On Aug. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Hill 1, Mrs. R. Dean 2, Mrs. M. Medley 3, G. Novell 4, R. A Welch 5, M. Medley 6, R. J Dean (cond.) 7, B. Brown 8. For Evensong.

ILTON, SOM.—On July 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles. Mrs. E. Welch 1, R. Dean (cond.) 2, Mrs. B. Dean 3, R. Welch 4 R. Burns (first "inside") 5, R. Spiller 6.

JESMOND, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—On May 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Karen Arnold (first of Minor) 1, Cheryl Chorlton 2, G. White 3, A. Craddock 4, J. Pardoe (cond.) 5, S. Pardoe 6. Also on July 27th, 1,260 Doubles: Shelagh Graham (first quarter) 1, Susan Elliott 2, R. Yeates 3, S. Pardoe 4 A. Craddock (cond.) 5, J. Pardoe 6. Also on Aug. 17th 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Wheeler 1, Susan Elliott 2, G. White 3, J. Pardoe 4, A. Craddock (cond.) 5, R. Yeates 6. All rung for Evensong. Also on Aug. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Sarah Dines (first quarter) 1, G. White 2, S Pardoe 3, Susan Elliott 4, A. Craddock (cond.) 5, R Yeates 6, J. Pardoe 7, P. Martin 8. For Evensong.

KNOWLE, BRISTOL.—On Aug. 24th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: R. Tutton 1, M. J. K. Griffiths 2, F. J. Sampson 3, T. Newlands 4, D. P. Treble 5, W. Willans (cond.) 6. First Minor 1 and 2. For Evensong, and as a birthday compliment to Martin Griffiths.

KNUTSFORD, CHESHIRE.—On Aug. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): L. Milligan (first quarter) 1, C. J. Jones 2, G. Green 3, H. W. Howard 4, R. Green (cond.) 5, N. Davies 6.

LEATHLEY, YORKS.—On Aug 24th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus Gail Cater 1, Joan M. Dawson 2, R. Cater 3, P. Dawson (cond.) 4

NAMING MINOR METHODS

Dear Sir,—Re the first part of Mr. Jackson's letter on page 652, I assume that Warsop Delight should read:—

34 x 34.16 x 12 x 1236 x 14 x 56. L.e. 12.
165324

and not as printed.

All the other methods which appear as named were named since I wrote to "The Ringing World".

The method
x 36 x 16 x 12 x 1236 x 14 x 14 x 56. L.e. 2nd
was incorrectly named in my collection.

I have King Charles Delight as
34 x 34.16 x 12 x 1236 x 14 x 16. L.e. 12.
136245

and Mersey Surprise as the unnamed method of
x 34 x 14 x 12 x 1236 x 14 x 36. 2nd. 154632.

The only other name that I have received which I originally referred to as unnamed is Loughborough Surprise, which is
x 36 x 14 x 12 x 36.14 x 12.56. L.e. 14.
135642

Yours sincerely,
A. BISHOP.
London, S.W.19.

ALAN R. BRIDGES' 100 PEALS

By ringing a peal of Plain Bob Major at Debenham, Suffolk, on August 2nd, Mr. Alan R. Bridges rang his 100th peal. Born at Leiston in 1923 he learned to ring there in 1947 after leaving the Royal Navy, being taught by three of the famous Bailey brothers—Jim, Sid and Leonard. His first peal was Kent T.B. Major at Leiston on March 25th, 1950, the 100 peals being rung in 48 different towers. 13 at Leiston and 10 at Theberton.

Alan has been a member of Church Councils in three different parishes with other commitments, also a district secretary of the Suffolk for seven years and is now the editor of the Suffolk Guild Report. Most of the 100 peals were rung after contracting a spine disease.

Minor: Plain 5 (cond. 2), Cambridge S. 1, Oxford T.B. 1, 2-6 methods 20 (2), 7 methods 15, 8-19 methods 5. Total 47 (4).

Triples: Grandsire 3. St. Simon 1. Stedman 1 Total 5

Major: Plain 13 (1), Double Norwich 4, Kent T.B. 8, Oxford T.B. 1, Cambridge S. 11, Superlative S. 2, Yorkshire S. 2, Biddenham S. 1, London S. 1, Spliced (Cambridge S. and Plain Bob) 1 Total 44 (1).

Caters: Grandsire 1.

Royal: Plain Bob 1, Little Bob 1, Cambridge S. 1. Total 3.

Grand total 100 (5).

With the exception of six peals of Minor on the treble the remainder were rung on "inside" bells.

DEATH OF MR. JACK ROBERTS

We regret to announce the death on August 9th of Mr. Jack Roberts, secretary of St. Crantock ringers, Cornwall. A fortnight previously he met with a motor-cycle accident while on his way to work.

Jack will be greatly missed in the church and belfry at St. Crantock, where he had been churchwarden for many years and was a keen ringer.

A half-muffled quarter of Grandsire Doubles was rung to his memory on Aug. 21st by the band with whom he regularly rung. M. W.

Comment

"In his speech at the Snowdon Commemoration Dinner, the President of the Yorkshire Association (the Rev. C. C. Marshall) emphasised the importance of loyalty in the success of the organisation. No society can prosper without the loyalty of its members; it is the secret of success in all undertakings where success depends upon co-operation. Not a few of our associations suffer today from the lukewarm loyalty of the members. It may show itself in a general lack of interest in the association's work, a slackness in paying subscriptions and in numerous other small ways, but whatever form it takes it is a source of weakness to the society, as well as being a direct discouragement to those officers and members who strive to build up the organisation and make it worthy of the cause which it is established to promote.

"Equally necessary is it that ringers should be loyal to their own tower. The man who, to the detriment of his own band, neglects his own belfry, whether it be from apathy, or from a desire merely to be in better company, is a poor asset to the Exercise. The man who professes to be a ringer and lets his comrades assemble for service or practice ringing while he stays away for no genuine purpose, knowing that they will be short-handed, exhibits the worst type of disloyalty with which ringers have to contend. The man who is always late is another kind of bugbear to all who have a desire properly to discharge their duties or to make progress in the art. The success of an association is founded on the success of the individual bands and lack of loyalty to one is bound to react upon the prosperity of the other.

"Who among the enthusiasts has not had the galling and discouraging experience of meeting short for practice or peal, or of having to ring perhaps four, five or six bells for service in a tower where there are eight or more? And this not once, but time after time, not because there are not enough ringers in the parish, but because some, or maybe only one or two, are too indifferent to their responsibilities and to the loyalty which they owe to their colleagues to make just that little effort necessary to take their part in the ringing. They not only stay their own advance in the art, but are a distinct bar to the progress of the rest of the band.

"The ideal condition would be a Sunday service company in every tower, a company not only in name, but in desire and enthusiasm, keen upon its work, regular and punctual. Where such bands exist they are the backbone of any association, and it is to this side of their development that ringing organisations will have to turn in future if they desire to make real advance. Success in these days cannot be counted entirely by the number of peals that may be rung, but rather by the number of churches at which the bells are regularly rung for the Sunday services: not merely by counting heads, but by the sum of loyalty and keenness displayed by the members towards their association and in their work."

If the President of the Yorkshire Association thought it necessary to make an appeal to the loyalty of his own members, it is no less necessary that this same appeal should be brought home to the ringers in every county and diocese, comments "The Ringing World' of 1926.

This was also published in the Peterborough Diocesan Guild's annual report for 1927. It is reproduced in the current newsletter of the Northampton Branch, with the comment that it is thought to be appropriate for this day and age.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Messrs. H. G. and W. P. White have together rung for 45 years at Bruton, Somerset.

Three schoolboys rang a quarter peal "in hand" to mark the passing of the halfpenny at Wickford, Essex.

Congratulations to Miss Maureen J. Carruthers on gaining a first-class honours degree in chemistry. She called her first quarter of Surprise at Chigwell on August 24th for Evensong and also to celebrate the occasion

A strong Southern Counties flavour prevailed in the band who rang a peal of Stedman Cinques at Liverpool Cathedral for the Lancashire Association on August 23rd. Frank L. Harris was the conductor and on the tenor were Robert C. Kippin and David E. House.

We are pleased to note that Mr. Richard S. Dirksen, bell master of Washington Cathedral, U.S.A., is back in this country. He accompanied a number of old friends in the Yorkshire Association to Inveraray, Argyllshire, on August 23rd, where a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal was successfully brought round in 4 hours and 13 minutes, Mr. Norman Chaddock ringing the 41½ cwt. tenor.

Mr. George E. Fearn has reached another peal-ringing milestone. His 2,300th peal was rung at Tewkesbury on August 30th.

There were three first peals and two first of Minor in the band from Christ Church, Healey, Lancs, that Mr. Richard S. Starkie took to ring a peal at St. Thomas', Moorside, Oldham, on August 24th. We hope to hear more from this band.

St. Crantock ringers and friends were joined by ringers from Helston, Kea and St. Mawgan-in-Pydar for their annual outing on Saturday, August 16th. Towers visited were Poundstock, Launcells, Kilkhampton, Bridgerule, Werrington, Lifton, Lewannick and Altarnun.

A promising newcomer to peal ringing is Christopher Chaplin, who learned to handle a bell in January at St. Edmund's, Northampton, and rang the second to seven Minor methods at Bradfield-on-the-Green. He rang his first peal on August 12th at Piddington, Northants. In both these peals he rang without a mistake.

Our next week's cover picture is St. Martin's Cathedral, Leicester. The ringing in this tower should make an interesting story.

We like to hear of veterans doing holiday duty with the Sunday service band. Mr. Chris. Lawrence, now 88, filled the gap at Chedworth, Glos, on Aug. 31st. Thanks, Chris!

The recast ring of eight bells (tenor approximately 9 cwt.) at St. Peter's, Ruddington, Nottingham, is now complete and will be available for ringing at the flower festival in September.

Katharine Thorley (13) and Christine Broadley (15) took part in six peals in a week whilst on holiday in Suffolk and Norfolk—and this was in place of a peal week which had to be cancelled. They would like to thank all those who turned out in support and enabled them to score two in a day for the first time.

CORRECTION

The ringer who rang his first quarter after 53 years at Milborne St. Andrew, Dorset, was Mr. J. T. Antell and not Mr. R. H. J. Mears as reported in Belfry Gossip last week.

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ALICK CUTLER'S GREAT ACHIEVEMENT

The bells of St. Mary's, Hendon, were put to good use by members of both Districts of the Middlesex Association on Aug. 16th, both before and after the service, which was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. Roy Southwell, with Mr. John Stuart-Smith accompanying at the organ.

The routine items on the agenda for the business meeting were speedily dealt with, the most interesting one being the congratulations extended to Mr. Alick Cutler who, by the completion of a peal at Willesden on the previous Thursday, had now rung peals in 300 different Surprise Major methods, and is the first ringer in the Exercise to achieve this feat. The applause of the members reflected their appreciation of this performance.

Before closing the meeting and returning to the ringing chamber the chairman, Miss G. E. Newcombe, voiced the members' thanks to the Vicar, the organist and the local ringers who arranged the tea.

E. H. K.

CHIGWELL OUTING

On a chilly August morning, about 25 ringers from Chigwell, Essex, and neighbouring towers met at Chigwell Church and set off in convoy to the first tower of a busy day. On the nice six at Stebbing the special method, Double Court, came round, as well as most others. As his band had all moved away, the Vicar said he'd have like us to stay to ring for the next day!

At Rayne (where it rained!) we rang several Minor methods, including Norwich Surprise; then off to Bocking, a good eight. Lunch was taken across the road in "the local". Later on, Gosfield, a new ring of six, sounded very well to Hull, Norwich and Plain Bob. Stedman and Cambridge were enjoyed at Halstead. Everyone reached their peak on Coggeshall's gorgeous eight, where Cambridge and Yorkshire really rattled round.

After Feering, the last tower of a very full and enjoyable day, we had very little energy left to "bump" one of the ringers on his birthday! However, we "recharged" ourselves on the way home! M. J. C.

DEVON RINGERS' TOUR

Under the leadership of Mr. A. L. Bennett, another successful day tour was held on August 30th, when North Devon was the venue. Accompanying him were the Misses V. Stephens and M. Hawkins, Messrs. D. J. Roberts and daughters, G. J. Roberts, J. C. Michelmore, A. N. Frost, J. N. Steere and S. Pierce. Towers visited were Bradworthy, Buckland Brewer, Weare Gifford, Landkey, Marwood, West Down, Berrynarbor and West Buckland. The lunch interval was at Landkey and the tea interval at Coombe Martin.

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY VETERANS ENTERTAINED

By the kindness and very generous hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. F H. Bennett, a pleasant afternoon was spent on August 18th by an invited band of Veteran Ringers, with an average age of 70-plus, all being members of Staffs Archdeaconry Society. Ringing was first at Trysull, which is reputed to be Staffordshire's best-kept village and where various methods were rung for over an hour.

The party was then taken to the country home of Mr. and Mrs. Bennett. A welcome awaited us from our hostess, who had prepared a delightful meal. After tea the weather cleared and we were able to walk round and admire their pleasant garden.

Then on to the old-world village of Claverley and to the parish church with its fine-toned eight. We were welcomed here by Mr. Drew, who was qualified for membership of the party for he too had passed the age of 70. Our last call was the King's Arms, where many amusing stories of ringing experiences were exchanged. We ask Fred and Joan to accept our very sincere thanks and appreciation for such a delightful party.

The combined ages of the six members of this band totalled over 440 years, and the three senior members had a total membership of the Society for Archdeaconry of Staffs of 180 years. These three had also taken "The Ringing World" since its inception. B. H.

CHECKING STRESSES AND STRAINS

A perspex model of Horley Surrey, tower was an exhibit at a recent conversazione of the Institution of Civil Engineers. The model was used to check the stresses and strains in the tower under various happenings including that of the bells being rung.

A short description of the work being carried out is featured in the August number of "Civil Engineering and Public Works Review".

BRAINTREE RINGERS' OUTING

Fine weather and good beer helped a party of 43 ringers and friends from Braintree to enjoy their outing to Warwick on July 15th. A very good selection of towers resulted in a tight schedule. Ringing took place at Woburn, Daventry, St. Nicholas' and St. Mary's, Warwick, Stratford-on-Avon and Adderbury. Banbury had to be sacrificed.

In view of the amount of leg muscle now being displayed in St. Michael's belfry, our contributor suggests that the coach be dispensed with next year, in the interest of economy and better time-tabling. Many people for their assistance in various ways are thanked, and also local incumbents and ringers for their hospitality.

COMBINATION OF HOBBIES

At the recent Swindon Amateur Radio Mobile Rally held at Lydiard Park, near Swindon, on August 24th, a band of radio amateurs rang a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles on the bells of Lydiard Tregoze. A quick verbal check with the operators of the mobile control station confirmed that the sound of the bells (which could be heard quite clearly over a range of 30 miles or more by radio!) was not causing severe interference, and a quarter peal, followed by miscellaneous touches, was rung. Conversation ranged from radio to ringing in both directions.

The band who rung the quarter peal and their station calls were: G. C. Bagley G3FHL 1, M. J. Peet GSWL 2, A. C. A. Newman G2FIX 3, J. R. Goodenough G3VHO 4, P. M. E. Pavey (cond.) G3NFT 5, D. G. Finnemore (first quarter) G3WJJ 6.

IN LINCOLNSHIRE VILLAGES

Towers in North Lincolnshire were visited on August 2nd by a group of Derbyshire ringers, under the organisation of Tim Wylie. Ringing took place at North Wheatley, followed by a rather erratic navigation of country lanes and potato fields by Susan Davis to Belton, where lunch was taken before ringing on the pleasant six.

Ringing continued at Epworth with a quarter peal of Plain Bob Major, Andrew Queen scoring a first as conductor.

Owston Ferry was the final tower of the day, where Bill Hawksworth chose to air his views on farming subsidies to a local farmer. Whereupon, feeling it was safer back across the border, three cars and eight ringers decamped, but not before sampling the hospitality of the Reindeer Inn, Newton-on-Trent.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The St. Albans District meeting on Aug. 16th was held at Essendon, and during the afternoon and evening the six bells were kept going to methods ranging from Plain Bob to Spliced Surprise. There were visitors from as far afield as Lincolnshire, Bedfordshire and London and one late of South Africa and Prague. Afternoon ringing was followed by a service taken by the Vicar and tea prepared by the Essendon ringers. During the business meeting, for which Mr. H. V. Frost took the chair, people were reminded of the District outing to Oxford on September 27th, for which a 10/- deposit should be given to Andrew Wilby. The profit from the tea was donated to the Voluntary Bell Fund by the Essendon ringers, and it was suggested that in future a collection for the V.B.F. should be made at each meeting. Handbell ringing in the hall followed the business meeting before returning to the tower for evening ringing.

Next meeting: September 20th. Afternoon, St. Paul's Walden and tea; evening, King's Walden. K. S. H.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(Taunton Branch.)
FITZHEAD, Somerset.—At the Church of St. James.
On Mon., April 28, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 11 methods in seven extents, viz.: Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Childwall, Double Oxford and Thelwall, Grandsire and Plain Bob and Rev. Canterbury. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

Mervyn R. Arscott .. Treble | Keith E. Beale 4
Mrs. Brenda M. Bindon 2 | Mervyn A. Arscott 5
Adrian F. Arscott .. .. 3 | Raymond F. Arscott .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Raymond F. Arscott.
Most Minor methods to a peal by all the band

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
CLIFTON, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Mon., Aug. 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Geoffrey W. Mayes .. Treble | Alan S. Smith 5
*David A Hope .. .. 2 | Roy V. Webb 6
Anthony H. Smith .. .. 3 | Martin Major 7
*Philip R. Jewell .. .. 4 | Philip Mehew .. .. .. Tenor

Composed by Nolan Golden. Conducted by Martin Major.
* First peal.
Rung as a farewell to the Rector, the Rev. E. Hall, who is leaving for Osmotherley, Yorkshire. Tenor 11 cwt. (approx.)

OLD WARDEN, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Leonard.
On Sat., Aug 16, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Kent T.B., two of Single Oxford Bob and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 22 lb in G.

Michael J. Mander .. .. Treble | David G. Carr 4
*Susan L. King .. .. .. 2 | Anthony H. Smith 5
*Karen E. Baker .. .. 3 | Alan D. Norman .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Anthony H. Smith.
* First peal.

THE BRISTOL SOCIETY.
BRISTOL.—At the Cathedral of the Holy and Undivided Trinity.
On Tues., Aug. 5, 1969, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 lb. in E flat

Richard W. Sweet .. .. Treble | Bruce Martin 5
Heather Kippin .. .. 2 | D. John Hunt 6
Edward G. Mould .. .. 3 | James R. Taylor 7
*Susan Moore .. .. .. 4 | Robert C. Kippin .. .. Tenor

Composed by M. C. Bruce. Conducted by D. John Hunt.
* First peal of Major and of Surprise.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
CHURCH LAWFORD, Warwicks.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Mon., July 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in 63 methods: (1) Averham, Screveton, Armstrong, Barton-in-Fabis, Bathley, Aldrin Clayworth, Burton Joyce, Collins, Babworth, Brough, Redding, Flawborough, Car-Colston, Apollo, Bunney, Bothamsall and Tranquillity (18 methods), (2) Luton, Shilton, Arley, Westminster, Ripley, Harbury, Broomfield, Church Lawton, Bilton, Allendale, Rhyl, Whichford, Fyfield, Wolford, Claverdon, Fryerning, Thorne and Napton-on-the-Hill (18 methods), (3) Wandsworth, Beighton, Pentonville, Redcar, Soho, Pattiswick, Brixton, Appleby, Waterloo, Terling, Holloway and Hatfield (12 methods), (4) Cambridge, Norfolk, Keston, Hull, Primrose, Bourne and Ipswich, (5) Durham, Beverley, York and Surfleet, (6) London and Wells, (7) Berwick and Hexham, with 112 changes of method and a plain lead of each method included. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb. in B flat.

David R. Randall .. .. Treble | Peter H. Mackie (1) .. 4
Anthony J. Cox (3) .. .. 2 | Peter C. Randall (5) .. 5
Stephen F. Royal (2 & 7) 3 | Geoffrey W. Randall (4 & 6) Tenor

Jointly conducted by all the "inside" ringers. The figures in parentheses indicate the extent(s) called by each ringer.
The greatest number of Surprise methods rung by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild.

Armstrong: —34—14—56—36—12—56. 12. 35264
Aldrin: —34—14—56—36.12—12.56. 12. 35264.
Collins: —34—14—56—1236—12—56. 12. 35264.
Redding: —34—14—56—36—34—56. 12. 35264.
Apollo: —34—14—56—1236—34—56. 12. 35264.
Tranquillity: —34—14—56—36.12—34.56. 12. 35264.

WOOTTON WAWEN, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Mon., Aug. 11, 1969, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent of Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Cambridge and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 6 b. in F sharp.

David R. Randall .. .. Treble | Richard M. Andrews .. 4
Jill Riley .. .. 2 | Richard J. Danby 5
Hazel A. Mackenzie .. .. 3 | Peter C. Randall .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Peter C. Randall.
Rung in memoriam John Alexander Mackenzie, who died on August 11th, 1968.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
DUFFIELD, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Alkmund.
On Thurs., Aug. 7, 1969, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.

Timothy Wylie .. .. .. Treble | Geoffrey Gardner 5
Susan E. Davis .. .. .. 2 | Denis R. Carlisle 6
Joseph C. Woolley .. .. 3 | Rev. Fred Ross 7
Robert M. Chambers .. 4 | David W. Friend .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by David W. Friend.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
COLEMAN'S HATCH, Sussex.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Thurs., Aug. 14, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In ten methods, comprising 576 each of Ashtead, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire, 448 of Bristol and 384 each of London, Rutland and Uxbridge, with 136 changes of method

Stanley G. Ponting .. .. Treble | Alan D. Elsmore 5
*Richard Green .. .. .. 2 | *Norman Summerhayes .. 6
Beryl R. Simpson .. .. 3 | Michael J. Church 7
*Katharine J. Maundrell .. 4 | Richard H. Youdale .. Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Michael J. Church.
* First peal of 10-spliced. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in G.

SHALFORD, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Fri., Aug 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5058 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr 8 lb. in F sharp.

Richard H. Youdale .. Treble | David C. Brown 5
Katharine J. Maundrell .. 2 | *Richard Green 6
Beryl R. Simpson .. .. 3 | Michael J. Church 7
Norman Summerhayes .. 4 | Tom Page .. .. Tenor

Composed by John H Fielden. Conducted by Richard H. Youdale.
* First peal in the method.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

EGHAM, Surrey.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Aug. 16, 1969, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Norman Summerhayes .. Treble | *Stanley G. Ponting 5
David E. Parsons .. .. 2 | W. John Couperthwaite .. 6
*Beryl R. Simpson .. .. 3 | Michael J. Church 7
Rowan S. Bradley .. .. 4 | †Peter J. Munday .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. W Parker. Conducted by Michael J. Church.
* 25th peal together. † First in the method. First of Bristol as conductor. Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in F.

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THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
STRATTON ST. MARGARET, Wilts.—At the Church of St. Margaret of Antioch
On Sat., Aug. 16, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, comprising 1,440 Yorkshire, 1,280 each of Cambridge and Lincolnshire and 1,120 of Rutland, with 69 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell.
Tenor 8 cwt 1 qr. 17 lb. in F sharp.

Margery A. Wratten	Treble	Cecil A Wratten	5
*Anita D. O'Brien	2	*Michael J. Stanley	6
Martyn Hawkes	3	Lewis F. Cobb	7
Geoffrey R. Drew	4	Anthony R. Peake	Tenor

Composed by Philip G K. Davies. Conducted by Anthony R. Peake
* First peal of spliced.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Susan Peake and Michael Daniells, married at Blunsdon, Wiltshire, on August 9th, 1969.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION
ALBURY, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin
On Sat., Aug 9, 1969 in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.

*Alfred S. Kent	Treble	‡Douglas R. Hutley	3
†Peter J. Glazebrook	2	†Leonard Luck	4

Albert E. Richardson .. Tenor
Conducted by Albert E Richardson.
* First peal, first attempt. † First of Doubles. ‡ First "inside." First as conductor. First on the bells

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
SELLING, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin
On Sat., Aug 16, 1969, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

*John A. Hemsley	Treble	*Brian C. Johnson	5
Alexander Waddington	2	*Philip R. Staples	6
*Richard A. Birch	3	Mark S. Lancefield	7
*Peter Richardson	4	Crawford T. Hillis	Tenor

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by Mark S. Lancefield.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 11 cwt. in A.

LYDD, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Aug. 16, 1969, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.

P. Charles Sinden	Treble	Peter M. Wilkinson	5
David Grimwood	2	John L. Anderson	6
Peter F. T. Smith	3	Peter M. J. Bradford	7
Rhian N. Bagshaw	4	Paul J. Bagshaw	Tenor

Composed by N J Pitstow Conducted by Paul J. Bagshaw.
Rung for the departure of Peter and Gwen Smith to Henllan, North Wales, and as a birthday compliment to John Anderson (20) and Pamela A. Court (23)

BIDDENDEN, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Thurs., Aug. 21, 1969, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 22¼cwt.

Diana H. M. Bradford	Treble	P. Charles Sinden	5
Pamela A. Court	2	Rhian N. Bagshaw	6
Gwen Smith	3	Paul J. Bagshaw	7
Richard A. Birch	4	Peter M. Bradford	Tenor

Arranged by R. D. Bailey Conducted by Paul J. Bagshaw.

CITY OF LONDON, E.C.—At the Church of St. Vedast, Foster Lane.
On Tues., Aug. 19, 1969, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in F.

Kenneth J. Rider	Treble	Alan D. Flood	4
Dorothea Robotham	2	Keith G. Game	5
Judith M Corby	3	John Pladdys	Tenor

Conducted by John Pladdys
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Charles Stephen Clarke.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
ACCRINGTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sat., Aug 2, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G.

*Carol M. E. Johnson	Treble	Jeffrey Kershaw	6
Michael D. Fishwick	2	*Geoffrey Cheetham	7
Rupert A Clarke	3	Richard J. Parker	8
J. Colin Ashworth	4	Derek Butterworth	9
*John S. Hopwood	5	Christopher I. Rowson	Tenor

Composed by R. W Pipe. Conducted by Richard J. Parker.
* First peal of Royal. First of Royal as conductor on tower bells.

NEWHEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.
On Wed., July 16 1969, in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 4 cwt. 45 lb. in C sharp.

Richard J. Parker	Treble	Margaret P Booth	5
Michael Fishwick	2	Christine Andrew	6
Janet Lawson	3	Richard S. Starkie	7
Neil Bennett	4	Derek Butterworth	Tenor

Composed by Thomas B. Worsley. Conducted by Neil Bennett.

HOGHTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Aug. 9, 1969, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 FORDHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

David Makin-Taylor	Treble	Bernard Moss	5
Dennis McCormick	2	Brian A. Tomlinson	6
Albert Greenhalgh	3	Geoffrey Fothergill	7
John Illingworth	4	Cyril Crossthwaite	Tenor

Composed by H. G Cashmore Conducted by Geoffrey Fothergill.
First peal in the method for all the band and for the Association.

WALKDEN, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Paul.
On Mon., Aug. 11, 1969, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LYME SURPRISE MAJOR

John Illingworth	Treble	James Andrews	5
Cyril Crossthwaite	2	David Makin-Taylor	6
Richard Starkie	3	Geoffrey Fothergill	7
Dennis McCormick	4	Frank Reynolds	Tenor

Composed by D. Knox. Conducted by Geoffrey Fothergill.
First peal in the method for all the band Tenor 18½ cwt.

HINDLEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Thurs., Aug. 14, 1969, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

James Cunliffe	Treble	Roy Jolley	5
Dennis McCormick	2	David Makin-Taylor	6
*Geoffrey Fothergill	3	James Andrews	7
Richard Starkie	4	John Illingworth	Tenor

Composed by C J. Sedgley. Conducted by James Andrews.
Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to John Halsall, a ringer at this tower.
* 150th peal Tenor 14 cwt.

STANDISH, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Wilfred.
On Fri., Aug. 15, 1969, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5056 ZELAH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

James Andrews	Treble	Dennis McCormick	5
David Bennett	2	David Makin-Taylor	6
Neil T. E. Burnett	3	Geoffrey Fothergill	7
*John Illingworth	4	*Albert Greenhalgh	Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman Conducted by Geoffrey Fothergill.
* 25th peal together First in the method for all the band and for the Association.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
SHEPSHED, Leics.—At the Church of St. Botolph.
On Sat., Aug 16, 1969, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
A var of Parker's 12-part (7th obs.). Tenor 16 cwt.

Tom Harris	Treble	John W. Rawson	5
Arthur E. Rowley	2	John Manners	6
Frank Chambers	3	Roland Beniston	7
*Mary Barrass	4	Alec Jones	Tenor

Conducted by Roland Beniston.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples
Rung with the best wishes of the band to Mr. and Mrs. George Butler on the occasion of their golden wedding.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Thurs., July 31, 1969, in 1 Hour and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In seven methods, comprising: (1) London, (2) York, (3) Durham, (4) Beverley, (5) Surfleet, (6) Norwich, (7) Cambridge.
Tenor 2 cwt. 1 qr 14 lb. in G.

G. Ronald Edwards	Treble	Martin Green	4
John M. Jelley	2	David F. Moore	5
Monica M. Jelley	3	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Conducted by John M. Jelley.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
WINTERTON, Lincs.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Wed., Aug. 13, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of London, Wells, Beverley, Surfleet, York, Bourne and Cambridge.
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb. in G sharp.

John G. Hall	Treble	*John F. Underwood	4
Ronald Chafer	2	Roger Hippisley	5
Jack Bray	3	Harold Judd	Tenor

Conducted by John G. Hall.
* First peal of seven-Surprise.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
SLOUGH, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., July 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SLOUGH BOB ROYAL
Tenor 17¼ cwt.

Derek Francis	Treble	William H. Coles	6
William Birmingham	2	Norman Summerhayes	7
G. William Critchley	3	Frank T. Blagrove	8
Claudia A. Critchley	4	Michael Hatchett	9
Malcolm Loveday	5	Frank C. Price	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Frank T. Blagrove.
First peal in the method.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
STAINES, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., July 5, 1969, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5184 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17½ cwt.

*Christopher Venn	Treble	†Jack Walters	5
*Monica Blagrove	2	*Brian C. Watson	6
*Ronald K. Russ	3	*Roger A. Gage	7
*Ruby Myllys	4	Frank T. Blagrove	Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Frank T. Blagrove.
* First peal in the method. † First attempt for a peal.
Rung for the 75th anniversary of the dedication of the Church of St. Peter, Staines.

STAINES, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Aug. 9, 1969, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17½ cwt.

*Monica Blagrove	Treble	*Michael Hatchett	5
*Maureen J. Carruthers	2	Frank B. Lufkin	6
*William Birmingham	3	*Frank T. Blagrove	7
*John R. Ketteringham	4	*Geoffrey Bridges	Tenor

Composed by C. P. Starbuck. Conducted by Frank T. Blagrove.
* First peal in the method.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
WYMONDHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Thomas of Canterbury.
On Sun., Aug. 10, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb. in A.

Gordon D. Elvin	Treble	*Adrial Walton	4
Clifford Bird	2	Thomas E. Spight	5
Frank C. J. Arnold	3	Henry Tooke	Tenor

Conducted by Henry Tooke.
* First peal.
Rung as a 14th birthday compliment to Adrial Walton, the first lady of the Wymondham company to ring a peal. Rung on the front six.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
WINDSOR, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist
On Tues., July 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Variation of J. R. Pritchard's four-part. Tenor 17½ cwt.

Monica Blagrove	Treble	*Michael Hatchett	5
Ronald K. Russ	2	Ernest E. Gosling	6
John R. Ketteringham	3	Albert C. Wenban	7
William Birmingham	4	Frank T. Blagrove	Tenor

Conducted by Frank T. Blagrove.
* 200th peal.
Arranged for the investiture of H.R.H. Prince Charles as the Prince of Wales.

ALDERMASTON, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Fri., Aug. 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt 2 qr. 14 lb. in G.

Mary Wells	Treble	Helen M. Diserens	5
Anita D. O'Brien	2	Ronald C. Christopher	6
Reginald W. Rex	3	William Butler	7
Robert M. Ashman	4	Anthony R. Peake	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.

BRIGHTWALTON, Berkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Wed., Aug. 6, 1969, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In 11 methods in the following extents: (1) Cambridge S., (2) Kent and Oxford T.B., (3) Double Oxford, Thelwall and Pinehurst, (4) St. Clement's, Childwall and Buxton, (5) Plain Bob and Oxford Bob, (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

Ronald C. Christopher	Treble	David L. Wilcox	4
J. Malcolm Tyler	2	*Michael Bishop	5
Reginald W Rex	3	William Butler	Tenor

Conducted by William Butler.
* First peal of Minor.
Rung as a compliment to Rosemary Bates, daughter of the Rector, on her forthcoming marriage

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
NETHER HEYFORD, Northants.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Mon., Aug. 11, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in eight methods, viz.: (1) London Surprise, (2) Oxford Treble Bob, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Kent Treble Bob, (5) Single Oxford, (6) Double Oxford and Plain Bob, (7) St. Clement's.
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. in B flat.

*Celia M. Chown	Treble	Brian R. Danby	4
*Edward C. Garrett	2	*Malcolm J. V. Chown	5
*Stanley F. Webb	3	*†Barrie Hendry	Tenor

Composed by Barrie Hendry.
* First peal of Minor in eight methods. † 50th peal of Minor.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Malcolm R. C. Hensher (son of the Vicar of Nether Heyford) and Joan Cuthbertson, married at Ebchester, Co. Durham, on August 6th, 1969.

PIDDINGTON, Northants.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Tues., Aug. 12, 1969, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Old Oxford, College Bob IV, Willesden, and Newdigate Delight, and Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 10 cwt 2 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

*Christopher G. Chiplin	Treble	Murray A Coleman	4
David J. Morgan	2	Stephen B. Bell	5
J. Malcolm Tyler	3	Barry R. Care	Tenor

Conducted by Murray A. Coleman.
* First peal.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.
On Thurs., Aug. 7, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr 10 lb. in A

Terry R. Hampton	Treble	James W. Belshaw	5
*Norman J. Goodman	2	Peter Border	6
*Roderick W. Pipe	3	Clifford A. Barron	7
Vernon Green	4	George E Fearn	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.
* 300th peal together.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to John R. Insley.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.
On Thurs., Aug. 14, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt 1 qr 10 lb. in A

John N. Lindon	Treble	Terry R. Hampton	5
Norman J. Goodman	2	James W Belshaw	6
Roderick W. Pipe	3	Clifford A. Barron	7
Maurice F. Edwards	4	George E. Fearn	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Roderick W Pipe

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
BREWOOD, Staffs.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin and St. Chad
On Sat., July 12, 1969, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21½ cwt.

G. Richard King	Treble	Timothy Wylie	5
Charles A. S. Webb	2	Geoffrey Gardner	6
Eric Roughley	3	Philip G. K. Davies	7
Michael J. Platt	4	Denis Mottershead	Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Denis Mottershead.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
EAST DRAYTON, Notts.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Tues., Aug. 12, 1969, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In eight methods, being one extent each of London Scholars', Kingston, Sandal T.B., Cambridge S., Kent, Oxford T.B., Single Oxford and Plain Bob Spliced. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

Stephen Knights	Treble	David W. Jack	4
William L. Exton	2	George A. Dawson	5
*Elizabeth J Dawson	3	Harry Poyner	Tenor

Conducted by Harry Poyner
* 50th peal.
Rung with backstrokes muffled following the deaths of Alice L. Hallgate (former churchwarden) and Thomas E. Goulding of this parish.

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THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

STAUNTON-IN-THE-VALE, Notts.—At the Church of St. Mary. On Thurs., Aug. 7, 1969, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten extents each of All Saints', Rushall, Clifford's Pleasure, Rev. Canterbury and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 lb. in G sharp.

F. William Midwinter .. Treble | Ruth Blackshaw 3
Pamela J. Clifton .. .. 2 | W. Gordon Marsh 4
Maurice W. Harrison .. Tenor

Conducted by Maurice W. Harrison.

Rung for the ruby wedding of Alf and Wynne Fotherby.

ELSTON, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of All Saints. On Tues., Aug. 12, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in 22 method/variations, viz.: Two extents each of Winchendon Place Bob and St. Miles, one each of Ryton and St. John, and two each of Grandsire, Newborough, All Saints', Rushall, Marchington, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Fortune, Rev. Canterbury, Soutnrepps, Little Aston, Clifford's Pleasure, St. Colombo, Plain Bob, Kennington, Seighford, April Day and Old.

*Patricia M. Hayward .. Treble | †Richard J. Anthony .. 4
†Pamela J. Clifton .. .. 2 | H. Geoffrey Wells 5
†W. Gordon Marsh .. .. 3 | †John R. Rigby .. .. .. Tenor

Conducted by W. Gordon Marsh.

* First peal at first attempt. † Most methods to a peal. Most methods as conductor. Tenor 9 cwt. 20 lb. in G sharp.

LOWDHAM, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary. On Wed., Aug. 13, 1969, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in six methods, viz.: Twelve extents of Grandsire and six each of Newborough, Rev. St. Bartholomew, All Saints', Rushall and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 14 lb. in G.

Hazel M. Carter .. .. Treble | Pamela J. Clifton 3
*Edwina A. Dixon .. .. 2 | H. Geoffrey Wells 4
W. Gordon Marsh .. .. Tenor

Conducted by W. Gordon Marsh.

* First peal "inside."

Rung as a wedding compliment to Michael Dixon and Carole Betts, who were married on August 9th, 1969, at the Church of St. Wendreda, March, Cambridgeshire.

LOWDHAM, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary. On Sat., Aug. 16, 1969, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in 11 methods—Grandsire, Plain Bob, Boxford, Candlesby, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, Ravingham, Dorton, All Saints, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Rev. St. Sebastian and Minster—and 16 variations. Tenor 9 cwt. 14 lb. in G.

Joyce Marsh .. .. .. Treble | George A. Dawson 3
Ruth Blackshaw .. .. .. 2 | H. Geoffrey Wells 4
Maurice W. Harrison .. Tenor

Conducted by George A. Dawson.

Rung in memoriam George E. Foster, formerly of Southwell.

ORSTON, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary. On Tues., Aug. 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven methods in the following extents: Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, Childwall, Buxton and Plain Bob.

Ruth Blackshaw .. .. Treble | George A. Dawson 4
Elizabeth J. Dawson .. .. 2 | Maurice W. Harrison .. 5
J Roderick N. Lebon .. 3 | Richard A. G. Inglis .. Tenor

Conducted by George A. Dawson.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to H. Geoffrey Wells, of Lowdham. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in A flat.

HOLME PIERREPONT, Notts.—At the Church of St. Edmund. On Wed., Aug. 20, 1969, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In ten method/variations, being five extents each of All Saints', Rushall, Marchington, Rev. Canterbury, Southrepps, Little Aston, Clifford's Pleasure, St. Colombo and one extent Plain Bob and Seighford. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 lb. in G sharp.

Joyce M. Marsh .. .. Treble | Maurice W. Harrison .. 4
Pamela J. Clifton .. .. 2 | *H. Geoffrey Wells 5
W. Gordon Marsh .. .. 3 | *Rnuth Backshaw .. .. Tenor

Conducted by W Gordon Marsh.

* Have "circled the tower" to peals.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to H. G. Wells, also congratulations to George and Elizabeth Dawson, married on July 26th, 1969.

ORDSALL, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of All Hallows. On Wed., Aug. 20, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Oxford Bob and four of Plain Bob.

Harold Archer .. .. .. Treble | *Margaret Womack 4
Mary C. Poyner .. .. .. 2 | †Philip Rogers 5
Bryan Birkett .. .. .. 3 | Harry Poyner .. .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Philip Rogers.

* First peal in two methods. † 25th peal.

Rung as a sincere congratulation by the ringers of North Notts to Mr. David Blagg, still an active ringer at this church after 75 years' service, on the completion of his 90th year. Tenor 7½ cwt. in A.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

PULHAM MARKET, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene On Thurs., Aug. 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

Katharine M. Thorley .. Treble | Vernon B. Bedford 5
Christine Broadley .. .. 2 | Roger N. Scholes 6
C. Jack Gibson .. .. 3 | Frank C. J. Arnold 7
Thomas E. Spight .. .. 4 | J. Martin Thorley .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. Carter. Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

SCOLE, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Andrew. On Mon., Aug. 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in five methods: (1) Single Oxford and Plain Bob, (2) Oxford T.B., (3) St. Clement's and Plain Bob, (4) Kent T.B., (5, 6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 4 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in D flat.

Frank C. J. Arnold .. .. Treble | Christine Broadley 4
Roger N. Scholes .. .. 2 | Katharine M. Thorley .. 5
J. Martin Thorley .. .. 3 | Rev. Peter N. Bond .. .. Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

Rung in memoriam William Green, of Wath-on-Dearne, Yorkshire.

TANNINGTON, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Ethelbert. On Mon., Aug. 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods: (1) Single Oxford and Double Oxford, (2) Cambridge, (3) Oxford T.B., (4) St. Clement's and Plain Bob, (5) Kent T.B., (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 4 lb. in A flat.

Muriel R. Page .. .. .. Treble | *J. Martin Thorley 4
Katharine M. Thorley .. 2 | Roger N. Scholes 5
Christine Broadley .. .. 3 | Frank C. J. Arnold .. Tenor

Conducted by Roger N. Scholes.

* 50th peal for the Suffolk Guild.

TUNSTALL, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Michael. On Tues., Aug. 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods: (1) Single Oxford and Plain Bob, (2) Cambridge, (3) Double Oxford and Plain Bob, (4) Oxford T.B., (5) St. Clement's and Plain Bob, (6) Kent T.B., (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in A flat.

C. Jack Gibson .. .. .. Treble | J. Martin Thorley 4
Katharine M. Thorley .. 2 | Roger N. Scholes 5
Christine Broadley .. .. 3 | Vernon B. Bedford .. .. Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

Rung as a 15th wedding anniversary compliment to Paddy and the conductor.

BLO-NORTON, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Andrew. On Thurs., Aug. 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods: (1) Single Oxford and Plain Bob, (2) Cambridge, (3) Double Oxford and Plain Bob, (4) Oxford T.B., (5) St. Clement's and Plain Bob, (6) Kent T.B., (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. in A sharp.

Katharine M. Thorley .. Treble | Christine Broadley 4
Roger N. Scholes .. .. 2 | Thomas E. Spight 5
Frank C. J. Arnold .. .. 3 | J. Martin Thorley .. .. Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

The treble ringer (aged 13) has now rung peals in 25 different towers.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTH STONEHAM, Hants.—At the Church of St. Nicholas. On Mon., July 28, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS

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

Roger M. Heyworth.. .. Treble | Colin J. Butler 6
Richard H. Youdale .. .. 2 | David J. Forder.. 7
Katharine J. Maundrell .. 3 | Michael J. Thomas 8
George E. Evenden .. .. 4 | R. Roger Savory 9
Richard Green .. .. .. 5 | Robert E. J. Dennis .. .. Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by David J. Forder.

BINSTED, Hampshire.—At the Church of the Holy Cross. On Sat., July 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 19 methods: (1) Single Oxford and Wight Bob, (2) Double Oxford, Thelwall and Pinehurst College Bob, (3) Andover, Basingstoke and Alton College Bob, (4) St. Clement's, Childwall, Buxton and Rosehill College Bob, (5) St. Nicholas, Heatherslade and Gower College Bob, (6) Plain, Double and Fulbeck Bob, (7) Plain and Rev. Canterbury Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr.

*Catherine A. Law .. .. Treble | Anthony A. Nunn 4
Faith Riley .. .. .. 2 | Derek C. Jackson 5
A. David Leach .. .. 3 | Raymond E. Finch .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Derek C. Jackson.

* First peal. Largest number of Minor methods for the Guild on tower bells.

WIGHT: 56,14,—,16,—,16. 2nds.

BASINGSTOKE: 56,14,—,36,12,56. 2nds.

ALTON: 56,14,—,1236,—,56. 2nds.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD
BARTON STACEY, Hants.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sun., Aug. 10, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents containing the following 115 methods: (1) Plain Bob, Rev. Canterbury, Shipway, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Rev. St. Sebastian, All Saints, (2) Bedfont, Coxwell, St. Botolph, Boveney, Eton, Stedman Slow Course, Carmarthen, Cardiganshire, Glamorgan, Anglesey, Middlesex, Denbighshire, (3) Rev. St. Vedast, Rev. New Bob, Rev. Huntspill, Crane, Yeoveney, Scarletts, Harmondsworth, (4) St. Julian, Union, St. Faith, Colne, Poyle, Cambridgeshire, Runemede, (5) St. Gregory, St. Alphage, St. Andrew, Woughton-on-the-Green, Kiln Green, Weston-on-the-Green, Wisborough Green, (6) Rev. St. Remigius, Rev. St. Nicholas, Rev. Winchendon, Bracebridge Heath, Hagworthingham, Yaddlethorpe, Long Clawson, (7) Rev. St. Osmund, Rev. St. Simon, Rev. St. Martin, Claypole, Bag Enderby, Frithville, Great Dalby, (8) Rev. Union, Rev. St. Faith, Rev. St. Julian, Londonthorpe, Casthorpe, Manthorpe, Nunthorpe, (9) Maltby, Chevasse Place, Callender, Caernarvonshire, Flintshire, Merionethshire, Radnorshire, (10) New Bob, Huntspill, Oakley, Chipstead, Forncett, Ellingham, Bedingham, Screveton, (11) Westminster II, Blackburn, Broughton, Ockham, Knapton, Lyng, Intwood, Strelley, (12) St. Nicholas, Winchendon, Thornborough, Hascombe, Fundenhall, Haddiscoe, Harpley, Ossington, (13) Shropshire, Suffolk, Surrey, Westmorland, Staffordshire, Sussex, Wiltshire, Monmouthshire, (14) St. Simon, St. Martin, Slapton, Merton, Braywood, Welford, Longworth, Sutton-upon-Trent, (15) Hertfordshire, Lancashire, Leicestershire, Northamptonshire, Kent, Lincolnshire, Northumberland, Rutland and 108 variations.

Tenor 7 cwt, 12 lb. in A flat.

David R. Fallick	Treble	Anthony J. Mason	4
Barry R. M. Johnson	2	Derek C. Jackson	5
Katharine J. Maundrell	3	*Roger S. Parratt	Tenor

Arranged by Anthony J. Mason. Conducted by Derek C. Jackson.
* First peal.

The largest number of methods/variations yet rung in a peal.
78E Anglesey Place. 81E Carmarthen Bob. 85E Middlesex Place. 42U Kiln Green Bob. 48V Woughton-on-the-Green Bob. 54V Wisborough Green Place. 75S Scarletts Slow Course. 77U Weston-on-the-Green Place.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
DEWSBURY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Thurs., Aug. 14, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, being 1,344 Superlative and 1,248 each of Cambridge, Yorkshire and Lincolnshire, with 119 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.

Tenor 13 cwt, 1 qr, 6 lb. in F.

*Ernest Betts	Treble	Barry Sullivan	5
Jeanne E. Bottomley	2	Wilfrid F. Moreton	6
W. Eric Critchley	3	†Geoffrey Richardson	7
Vernon Bottomley	4	*Fred Hodgson	Tenor

Arranged by E. A. Barnett Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.
* 50th peal together. † First peal of spliced.

Rung for the wedding of Janet Marsden and John Wightman

LEEDS, Yorks.—At the Church of St. Matthew, Chapel Allerton.
On Tues., Aug 5, 1969, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In nine methods, viz.: (1) London, (2) York, (3) Wells, (4) Cambridge, Beverley, Surfleet, (5) Durham, (6) Norwich, (7) Ipswich.

Tenor 7 cwt 2 qr. 23 lb. in A flat.

Ronald Crabtree	Treble	Peter H. Gardner	4
Jane P. Lawrence	2	C. Barrie Dove	5
Christopher J. Easton	3	David Featherstone	Tenor

Conducted by C Barrie Dove.
Most Surprise Minor methods to a peal by all the band.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
BROMBOROUGH, Cheshire.—At 35, Croft Avenue.
On Fri., Aug. 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 16 in B flat.

Keith J. Walpole	1-2	*N. David Lane	5-6
Eric J. Gilbert	3-4	Robert Peers	7-8

Charles F. Pocock 9-10
Composed by Robert Peers. Conducted by Keith J. Walpole.
* 25th peal.

Rung as a farewell to Dave Lane, who is leaving the area. Also to mark the birth of a daughter, Jane, to Bob and Angela Peers.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At 6, Ashwood Crescent.
On Thurs., Aug. 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL

In eight methods, being 1,440 of Rutland, 720 each of Bollington, London (No. 3 version) and Wembley, 480 each of Cambridge and Yorkshire, and 240 each of Albanian and Lincolnshire, with 119 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

Neil Bennett	1-2	Bernard F. L. Groves	5-6
Robert B. Smith	3-4	J. David Atkinson	7-8

Gerald Moorhouse 9-10
Composed and Conducted by Robert B. Smith.

This is the greatest number of methods yet rung to a peal of Surprise Royal on handbells.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
IVALO, Finnish Lappland.—At The Police Station.
On Wed., July 23, 1969, in 1 Hour and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor size 11 in G.

J. Geoffrey White	1-2	Rodney A. Yeates	3-4

Andrew G. Craddock (cond.) 5-6
Believed to be the first peal north of the Arctic Circle.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
WATFORD, Hertfordshire.—At 15, Harford Drive.
On Fri., July 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 YORK SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C

*S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	1-2	Roger Baldwin	5-6
†Julia A. Fellows	3-4	John R. Mayne	7-8

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley. Conducted by John R. Mayne.
* 200th handbell peal. † First peal of Surprise Major on handbells. First of York Surprise Major on handbells by all the band and for the Association.

ST. ALBANS, Herts.—At 28, Jennings Road.
On Sun., Aug. 17, 1969, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

*Joyce M. Clarke	1-2	Kenneth J. Darvill	5-6
Peter T. Dale	3-4	*Elizabeth Forster	7-8

Composed by E. M. Atkins. Conducted by Kenneth J. Darvill.
* First peal on handbells.

HARPENDEN, Hertfordshire.—At 81, Overstone Road.
On Tues., Aug. 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

Kenneth J. Darvill	1-2	Brian J. Woodruffe	5-6
Julia A. Fellows	3-4	*Roger D. R. Brown	7-8

Composed by J. Nicholls. Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.
* First peal in the method on handbells.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Bettyfold
On Fri., Aug 15, 1969, in 1 Hour and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 14 methods in the following extents: (1) Yaxley Alliance and Little Bob, (2) Plain and Double, (3) London and Reverse (4) Double Oxford and Single Oxford, (5) Original and Single Court, (6) Hereward and St. Clement's College, (7) Double Court and College.

Tenor size 14 in D.

*Joseph Whalley	1-2	Mary W. Whalley	3-4

†Kevin M. Price (cond.) .. 5-6
* 100th peal for the Association. † 125th peal. 100th peal as conductor for the Association. First peal in 14 methods by all the band.

Rung in memory of Mrs. Lizzy Coward, wife of Mr. Fred Coward, ringer at Hawkshead who died recently.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
HINCKLEY, Leics.—At 128, Leicester Road.
On Fri., July 11, 1969, in 2 Hours and 4 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's. Tenor size 15 in C.

David F. Moore	1-2	Alfred Ballard	5-6
*Peter J. Staniforth (cond.)	3-4	†Len Goodall	7-8

* 100th peal of Surprise "in hand." † First of Surprise "in hand."

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
NETTLEHAM, Lincolnshire.—At Iona, Sudbrooke Lane
On Tues., Aug. 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5050 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C

John S. Croft	1-2	Geoffrey R. Parker	5-6
Christopher J. Sharp	3-4	Jack L. Millhouse	7-8

Composed by Harry Poyner. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
LONDON.—At 16B, Sutherland Place, W.
On Sat., Aug. 9, 1969, in 1 Hour and 38 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Double Bob and six of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor size 11 in G

John R. Ketteringham	1-2	*†Maureen J. Carruthers	3-4

*Geoffrey Bridges (cond.) 5-6
* 25th peal together. † 25th peal "in hand."

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
LONDON.—At 16B, Sutherland Place, W.
On Wed., Aug. 13, 1969, in 1 Hour and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising the following seven extents in four methods: (1) Ullswater Bob, (2) Plain Bob, (3) Double Bob and Fulbeck Bob, (4, 5, 6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor size 15 in C.

John R. Ketteringham	1-2	*Maureen J. Carruthers	3-4

Geoffrey Bridges (cond.) .. 5-6
* 100th peal.

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BIRTHS

PAIN.—On August 28th, 1969, to Margaret and Chris. Pain, a son, Michael Colin. 7646

PURNELL.—To Bob and Christine (née Lansley), of "Grandison," 30. Avon Road, Melksham, Wilts, a daughter, Helen Elizabeth, on August 30th, 1969. 7659

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

MARCHANT—KENT.—The marriage of Geoffrey and Eleanor will take place at St. Mary's Church, Woolavington. Som., on September 20th, at 11.30 a.m. Ringing before and after. All friends welcome. 7654

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

CARE.—The address of Barry and Mollie is now 12, Parade Bank, Moulton, Northampton. 7653

ROGERS.—Robin and Janet have now moved from Woodston, Peterborough, to "Dunmyatt," Station Road, Cantley, Norwich, NOR 73Z. 7671

PERSONAL

"From a child thou has known the holy scriptures which are able to make thee wise unto salvation, through faith which is in Christ Jesus."—2 Timothy III: 15.

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DEDICATION OF THE NEW RING OF SIX BELLS

Tenor 3 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in G.

By the Lord Bishop of Dover.
Sunday, 21st September, 1969
at 11.15 a.m.

General ringing: 12.30–1.15 p.m.
2.30–3.30 p.m.
5.30–6.30 p.m.

All ringers will be particularly welcome at the service, and are invited to stay on for the ringing sessions.—David L. Cawley, Tower Captain 7746

RUDDINGTON, NOTTINGHAM
FLOWER FESTIVAL
Saturday, September 20th and Sunday, September 21st
Ringing:
Saturday: 11–12, 2.30–4.30, 6–8 p.m.
Sunday: 5–6.30 p.m.
All visitors welcome. 7614

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

The Annual Dinner-Dance will be held on Saturday, **October 11th,** at the Mollington Banastre Hotel, Parkgate Road, Chester. Meet **5.45–6.15 p.m.** Tickets **30/- each.** Now obtainable from the Gen. Sec., Henry O. Baker, 63, Parkgate Road, Chester.

Guests: The Mayor and Mayoress of Chester, Alderman and Mrs. R. E. France-Hayhurst, and the Lord Bishop of Chester (the Rt. Rev. G. A. Ellison, D.D.) and Mrs. Ellison.

Evening dress optional. — Henry O. Baker, Gen. Sec. 7535

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
(Canterbury District)
IMPORTANT NOTICE

The bye-meeting due to be held at Lyminge on Saturday, Sept. 13th, **will be held at Dover** on the same date, owing to fire damage in Lyminge belfry. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Minor Church Hall next to church. Visitors welcome.—J. B K. 7685

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S NORTON-LE-MOORS STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFS.
FLOWER FESTIVAL
September 19th, 20th, 21st and 22nd
8 bells available 20th and 21st, 2–5 p.m.
Tenor 12-2-2
Light refreshments available. 7664

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

There will be a General Meeting at Bradford on September 20th. General Committee Meeting in the Cathedral Chapter Room at 3.30 Service in the Cathedral at 4.15. Tea in Eastbrook Hall at 5.0 **Names** for tea should be sent to Mrs. M. J. Thurmott, 61, Rockwood Crescent. Woodhall Park, Pudsey, by Wednesday, September 17th. Tea tickets will be issued on the Meeting day

Important alterations to the Rules will be proposed at the General Meeting after tea.

Tickets for the Snowdon Dinner at York on October 25th will be available.

The following towers will be open: Dewsbury (8) 10.30–11.45. Batley (8) 11.15–12.30. Liversedge (8) 12.00–1.15. Cleckheaton (8) 2.0–3.15. Birstall (8) 2.45–3.45. Bradshaw (5) 10.30–11.30. Queensbury (8) 11.15–12.30. Denholme (8) 12.00–1.15. Oxenhope (8) 2.0–3.15. Keighley (8) 2.30–3.30 Bradford (10) 2.30–4.0 and 6.30–9.0. Idle (8) 6.30–7.30. Queensbury (8) 6.30–8.30.

W F Moreton.

ST. MARY and ALL SAINTS, WILLINGHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE

HARVEST FLOWER FESTIVAL

October 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th
Bells available:

Saturday, October 4th, 10–12, 2–5.

Refreshments

7657

DRONFIELD, DERBYSHIRE
Parish Church of St. John-the-Baptist
FLOWER FESTIVAL
Friday, Sept. 12th – Wed., Sept. 17th
Times of Ringing:
Friday, 12th: 6.45–7.30 p.m. (for Evensong).
Saturday, 13th: 10–12 noon, 2–5 p.m., 7–9 p.m.
Sunday: 9.45–10.30 a.m., 5.45–6.30 p.m.
Tuesday: 7–9 p.m (normal practice night).
All ringers invited. Complete bands welcomed. Refreshments available. 7643

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

Saturday, October 25th, 1969, half-day Ringing School to be held at St. Wulfram's C. of E. Secondary School, Grantham (1 p.m. to 9 p.m.).—For details and enrolment form, s.a.e. to V. P. Evans, 9, Dale Road, Grantham, Lincs.—F. G. Vickers, Branch Sec. 7665

ST. PETER AND ST. PAUL, APPLEDORE, KENT
The Re-Dedication of the Bells by the Archbishop of Canterbury
Sunday, September 14th, 1969
at 6.30 p.m.
All ringers welcome. 7662

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild's 70th Anniversary Dinner will be held at the Moor Lodge Hotel, Branston, Lincoln, on Saturday, September 27th, 1969, at 7 p.m. Tickets, 21/- each, from J. L. Millhouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Marne Gardens, Lincoln (Tel. 23662), or from Branch hon secretaries

Ringing: St. Giles', Lincoln (8) 2–3 p.m.; Lincoln Cathedral (12), 3–4 p.m.; St. Peter-at-Gowts (6) and St. Botolph's, Lincoln (6), 3.30–4.30 p.m.; Washingborough (8), 4.30–5.30 p.m.; Branston (6), 5.30–6.15 p.m. 7689

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

TRIENNIAL DINNER

On October 25th, 1969

At the Green Man, Kingsbury

Tickets, 30/–, now available from
E. H. Kilby, 190 Windermere Avenue, Wembley, Middx
W. S. Deason, 78, Strathcona Avenue, Bookham, Leatherhead, Surrey. 7686

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UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY

Anyone entering the University in October please contact the secretary, Hamish McNaughton, Lowerfold, Fernhurst, near Haslemere, Surrey. The first practice will be held on Friday, Oct. 3rd. Subsequent practices will be held on TUESDAYS at Sacred Trinity Church, Salford. 7623

BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—First ring of term on Sunday, Sept 28th, at St. Bartholomew's, Edgbaston, at 5.30 p.m. for Evensong. All ringers coming up to Birmingham (including Aston and Saltley) are most welcome. Further details from T. H. O. Lewis, The Rectory, Aston Clinton, Aylesbury, Bucks. 7651

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.—The Guild invites new members of the University to contact Dale Barton (Selwyn). Myrtle Cottage, Codmore Hill, Pulborough, Sussex. First practice, Great St. Andrew's, October 8th, 8 p.m. 7551

DURHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—Any ringers coming to Durham in the autumn are welcome. Please write to Miss H. Campbell, St. Hild's College, Durham. 7645

UNIVERSITY OF KEELE / MADELEY COLLEGE OF EDUCATION.—New students are invited to contact Miss Janet Lawson, 24, Bentgate Street, Newhey, Rochdale, Lancs, for details of the Keele Society. 7661

LANCASTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.—Ringers coming up to Lancaster next term are invited to write to A. J. White, c/o Bowland College, Bailrigg, Lancaster, for details of ringing. 7658

ST. PETER'S COLLEGE SOCIETY.—Will all students coming to St. Peter's College, Saltley, this term, please contact Ross Bradley, 12, Southwood Drive, Cottingham, E. Yorks. 7677

SHEFFIELD UNIVERSITY GUILD OF CHANGE RINGERS.—The first meeting of term will be held on October 10th, at St. Maries, Norfolk Row, at 8 p.m. All freshers very welcome at this meeting, or they can contact Janet Walker, Tapton House. 7564

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF SWANSEA—Any ringers coming up to College will be most welcome. Please contact Miss Susan Jackson, Room 509, Physics Tower (Ext. 652), or Miss Janet Emms, 92, Glanbrydan Avenue, Sketty. 7652

PRACTICE MEETINGS

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District. Roydon.—No ringing until further notice owing to fire damage.—G. Blake, Dis. Sec. 7673

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Advanced practice, Yorktown Friday, Sept. 19th, 7.30–9 p.m 7650

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Surprise practice Ashtead, on Tuesday Sept. 23rd, 7.45–9.15 p.m. Methods: Cambridge, Yorkshire, Ashtead, Rutland. 7584

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—South West District.—Practices at Harmondsworth, Friday, Sept. 19th, and at St. Mary's, Staines, on Friday, Sept. 26th. Both 7.45–9 p.m.—M. J. Palmer. 7683

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Evening practice, Saturday, Sept. 13th, 6–8.30 p.m., at St. Peter's, Edgmond (6). Methods: Beginners, Plain Bob Minor: brighter ones, London Surprise Minor 7559

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Evening practice, Thames Ditton (6), on Saturday, Sept. 13th, at 7 p.m.—E. Godfrey, Hon. Sec. 7577

CHANGE OF PRACTICE NIGHT

ABINGDON, Berkshire. — Practice nights will now be on Tuesdays, 7.30–9 (alternately at St. Nicolas' and St Helen's), instead of Wednesdays as previously. All ringers are welcome.—W. A Smith, 3, Westfield, Abingdon. 7630

MEETINGS

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be for the Swaine Cup on the second Saturday of September (the 13th). All bands welcome. Entrance fee payable on day Names for tea to Mr. K. Muxworthy, 303, Barnsley Road Hoylandswaine or, Barnsley 7588

CHESTER GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at St. Margaret's, Dunham Massey, Altrincham Sept. 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m For tea please advise Mrs. C K. Lewis, 52, Wellington Road, Altrincham. All welcome.—C. K. Lewis. 7635

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Practice meeting, Sept 13th Foxton (5), 6–7 15; Harston (6), 7.30–9 p.m. —J. S. 7511

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Evening meeting, St Saviour's, Walthamstow. Saturday, Sept. 13th, 7 p.m. 7619

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Eastern District.—Meeting at Tillingham, Saturday, September 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea please to R. J Harrison 32 Gilmore Way Great Baddow. 7545

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Pirbright (6) on Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells available 6–9 p.m.—S. J. Tate-Mitchell, Dis. Sec. 7571

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Redbourn (6), Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to G. Reading, 57, Hempstead Road, Redbourn. 7624

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Lyminge (8), on Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., Village Hall All names for tea to Mr. D R Prebble, Little Garth Brady Road, Lyminge, Folkestone 7637

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District—By-meeting, Chart Sutton, on Saturday, Sept 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Please bring own picnic tea. 7629

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District — Evening meeting, Buckminster, on Saturday, Sept. 13th.—S N. Hall Dis. Sec. 7644

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Meeting Sept 13th, Oakham-Charnwood (6), 2.30–4 p.m.; Shepshed (8), 4–4.30 p.m., and evening service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m at St. Botolph's Church Hall Names for tea please, to Mr G Butler, 21 Bridge Street, Shepshed, Loughborough.—Hilary F. Watson-Walker, Dis Sec. 7636

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Quarterly meeting Cadoxton (Neath), Saturday, September 13th Bells (6) 2 30 p.m Service 4, followed by tea and very short business meeting. All ringers and friends welcome.—Iolo Davies, Cowbridge Grammar School

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Saturday, September 13th St Bodolph Bishopsgate, 3–4.30 p.m. (Liverpool Street Station), to be followed by tea and business meeting. St Leonard's, Shoreditch, 6.30–8 p.m Names for tea to M. R Wycherley, 35d, Holland Park London, W.11 7488

ST DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Tenby, Saturday, Sept. 13th Bells (8) 2.30 p.m Names for tea to Mr. H Jenkins, Nythfa, St. Mary's Street, Tenby. 7632

SUFFOLK GUILD.—General meeting, Otley and Clopton, Saturday, Sept. 13th. Clopton (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by general meeting and S.E. District business meeting Ringing at Otley (6) in evening. Guild executive committee meeting 6.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. J. Wightman, Shrubbery Farm, Otley, Suffolk. No names no tea.—W L. Dis. Sec. 7598

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Branch — Quarterly meeting at Chew Magna (8), Sept. 20th, Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business.—D G. Yeo Branch Sec. 7714

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Ashbrittle, Saturday, Sept. 20th Bells 3 p.m Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please.—A. H. Reed, 41, George Street Taunton 7618

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Church Lawton, Sept. 20th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea must be received by Sept 17th — W Kerr 107, Moreton Road, Crewe. 7674

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southrn District—Meeting, South Weald, Saturday, Sept. 20th Bells 3 p.m. Service 5 o'clock, followed by tea. Names, please, to Mr. F. R. Goddard 24, Osborne Road, Brentwood. Essex Further ringing after tea 7596

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Northleach (8), Saturday, Sept. 20th. Tea 4.30 p.m. Service 6. Ringing 3–4.30 and 6.30–8 p.m. Names for tea to J. Pearse, Silver Street, South Cerney. 7668

HERTFORD AND ESSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS. — Joint District meeting.—Bishop's Stortford and North West Essex. Meeting at Sawbridgeworth on Satudray, Sept 20th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Evening ringing until 8.30 p.m. Names for tea essential to E. Rochester, 7, Riverfield Lane, Sawbridgeworth. — K. Westwood, Dis. Sec. 7675

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Sept. 20th, St Paul's, Walden, 3 p.m Tea and meeting follow. Evening ringing at King's Walden 6.30–8 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. L. Dennison, 50, Strathmore Road, Whitwell, Hitchin.—R. E. Hardy, Dis. Sec. 7616

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Ashford District. — Meeting, Sellindge, Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Silver Spray Restaurant, Sellindge, for those who notify Alan P. S. Berry, 7, Church Road, Cheriton, Folkestone ('phone Folkestone 75651). by Thursday, Sept. 18th. 7667

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Meeting, Llanelli, Sept. 20th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. S. Rees, Marble House, 6, Brynallt Terrace, Llanelli. Also available: Gorseinon (8), 2–3 p.m. Gentlemen welcome.—J. S. King. 7642

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting, All Saints', Childwall, on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells (6) available 3.30 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. F. Mack, 32, Alder Road, Liverpool, L12 2AY, by Wednesday. Everyone welcome.—G. K. A. 7656

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dinner on Sept. 20th, 6 for 6.30 p.m., at Stanford Hall, Stoughton Drive South, Leics. Bells: Wigston Magna, 3–4 p.m.: Oadby and Knighton, 4–5 p.m.—A. J. Poynor. 7638

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Moulton, Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to John Porter, 12, Exeter Drive, Spalding (Tel. 4462), by Tuesday, Sept 16th 7583

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Lindsey Branch. — Meeting, Broughton, Sept 20th. Bells (6) afternoon and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify me by previous Tuesday. Special methods: Kent Treble Bob and Newdigate Group.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel.: 2623. 7622

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District — Evening meeting on Saturday, Sept. 20th, Christ Church, Southgate. Ringing 7–9 p.m.—E. H. Kilby. 7669

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bicester and District Branch.—Annual District meeting, Ludgarshall, Bucks, Saturday, Sept. 20th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m., followed by annual meeting. Names for tea to Mr. C. Kinch, 3, The Causeway, Bicester, by Sept. 15th. 7660

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch. — Meetings will be held at Hurst on Sept. 20th and at Easthampstead on October 18th; both at 6 p.m. 7649

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch. — Meeting, Aldborne, Sept. 20th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. Newman, The Green, Baydon, Marlborough, Wilts, by Tuesday, 16th. 7666

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Dorset Branch. — Meeting at Whitechurch Canonicorum, Saturday, Sept 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to J. Davis, Mount Melplash, Bridport. All welcome. 7670

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting, Winthorpe, Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea to Mr. D. J. Tysoe, 2, Valley View, Coddington, by Wednesday previous.—D. J. T. 7676

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Central District. — Practice meeting, Wingfield (6), Saturday, Sept. 20th, 6.30–9 p.m. 7663

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Bletchingley, Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells (8) 3.30 p.m. Tea 5, followed by business meeting. Service 6.45 p.m. Names for tea to A. Streeter, 7, Park Cottages, Park Road, Nutfield (Tel.: Nutfield Ridge 3394), by Wednesday, 17th, if possible. —K. G. Game, Dis. Sec. 7678

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Burgess Hill (8), Saturday, Sept. 20th. Ringing 3 p.m. Tea 4.45. Evensong 6 p.m. Ringing in the evening until 7.30 p.m Names for tea to Miss Ann Evans, Hon. Sec., Southern Division, 17, Hollingbury Place, Brighton, Sussex. BN1 7GE, by previous Wednesday. 7647

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Annual meeting, Kingswinford (8), 3 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 20th. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Pensnett bells (8) also available from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. on the occasion of the Flower Festival. All welcome. Names for tea by Wednesday, Sept. 17th, please.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., 17, Ham Lane, Pedmore, near Stourbridge, Worcs. Tel.: Stourbridge 3470. 7592

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — The Diocesan Striking Competition will be held at Wilburton, Cambs, on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Six bells. Draw at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. General ringing in the evening. Copies of the Rules can be obtained from Gen. Sec. Names for tea, please, except competing teams, to H. S. Peacock, 8, Roscrea Terrace, St. John's Street, Huntingdon, by September 24th. 7681

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting will be held at Elmdon (6) on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by ringing at Chrishall (6) from 6.30–8.45 p.m. Names for tea to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow. 7672

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Croome Trophy Ringing Competition, South Cerney, Saturday, Sept. 27th. Competition ringing 2–5.30 p.m. Buffet tea (4/-) 3.30–5. Service 6 p.m. Ringing in neighbouring towers afterwards. Names for tea to Miss E. M. Bliss, Beech Pike, Elkstone, Cheltenham, by Sept. 22nd 7680

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District. — Bramley, Sept. 27th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and quarterly meeting. Numbers for tea essential to Mr. D. A. Davis, "Mayfield," Linnersh Wood Close, Bramley, Guildford (Bramley 2610), by Tuesday, 23rd. 7655

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at St. Cuthbert's, Lytham, on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells (8) from 2 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Boardman, 3, Bath Street, Lytham, by Sept. 15th. 7572

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Berks Branch.—Autumn meeting, Sept. 27th, West Hendred. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 3.30. Tea 4.30 p.m., followed by meeting. Numbers for tea, please, to C. Corderoy, "West-Wynds," Westbrook Street, Blewbury, Didcot, by 23rd. 7615

LATE NOTICES

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Western District) and LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Joint meeting at Rothwell, Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells: Rothwell (8), 4–5 p.m. and 6.30–8.30 p.m.; Woodlesford (6) 3–4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. P. Massam, 34, Park Lane, Rothwell, by Wednesday, Sept. 24th.—A. B. Sullivan, R. Cater. 7688

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch. — Woodchurch, Sept. 13th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea free for those notifying secretary. Phone: 051-652 5192.—Martin.

The 2nd Elburton, Plymouth, Cub Scouts photographed at St. Matthew's Church, Elburton, after ringing handbell tunes at the family service. The ringers were trained by Norman Mallett, a member of the Central Council, whose son, Paul, is on the left of the group.
[Photo by courtesy of *South Devon Times*.

LEWISHAM, LONDON. — On July 13th, 1,344 Bristol Surprise Major: C. P. Starbuck (cond.) 1, Jennie Brown 2, R. Jean Henderson 3, Rosemary Cotton 4, D. Gebbett 5, G. A. Duke 6, D. G. H. Hollis 7, J. R. Pratt 8. First in method 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7. Also on Aug. 10th, 1,280 Double Norwich C.B. Major: Jennie Brown 1, G. A. Duke 2, Rosemary Cotton 3, D. Gebbett 4, S. Darvill 5, J. R. Pratt 6, C. P. Starbuck 7, D. G. H. Hollis (first in method as cond.) 8.

LEWISHAM, S.E.—On April 27th, 1,280 Rutland Surprise Major: C. P. Starbuck (cond.) 1, R. Jean Henderson 2, Rosemary Cotton 3, Jennie Brown 4, J. Ellams 5, D. G. H. Hollis 6, G. A. Duke 7, S. Darvill 8. First in method by all except conductor. Also on May 11th, 1,344 Pudsey Surprise Major: J. Machell 1, R. Jean Henderson 2, Jennie Brown 3, G. A. Duke 4, S. Darvill 5, D. G. H. Hollis 6, C. P. Starbuck (cond.) 7, D. Gebbett 8. First in method by all except conductor. Also on June 8th, 1,344 Lincoln Surprise Major: C. P. Starbuck (cond.) 1, R. Jean Henderson 2, Jennie Brown 3, Rosemary Cotton 4, G. A. Duke 5, D. Gebbett 6, S. Darvill 7, D. G. H. Hollis 8. First in method for all. All rung for Evensong.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on Aug. 24th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Leslie C. Tibbitts 1, Glynis E. Perry 2, Laura M. Grindrod 3, G. H. Walker 4, R. Burbery 5, P. W. Dickinson 6, K. A. Hughes (first Major as cond.) 7, J. E. Murfitt 8. For Evensong.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICS.—At the Parish Church, on Aug. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Hilary F. Watson-Walker 1, Jill Wilson (first "inside") 2, R. N. Scholes 3, J. R. N. Lebon 4, C. J. Mobbs 5, R. M. Wilson (cond.) 6.

LYNDHURST, HANTS. — On Aug. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Tatt (first Triples) 1, Gladys Northway 2, Susan Banks 3, Elizabeth Banks 4, T. Matchem 5, L. Smith (first Triples as cond.) 6, J. Hartless 7, B. Peachey (first Triples) 8. Rung for the "Alice in Wonderland" Festival of Art and Flowers. Also on Aug. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Frances Tatt (first quarter) 1, T. Matchem 2, G. Hartless 3, K. Tatt (first in method) 4, J. Hartless (cond.) 5, B. Peachey 6. For Matins.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—On Aug. 19th, 1,280 Spliced Surprise Major (four methods): Mrs. T. Cullingworth 1, Mrs. P. A. Corby 2, Mrs. S. Jenner 3, Mrs. I. H. Oram 4, I. H. Oram 5, S. Jenner 6, T. Cullingworth 7, P. A. Corby (cond.) 8. For the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. T. Cullingworth.

MARKET WEIGHTON, E. YORKS. — On Aug. 17th, 1,320 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): R. East 1, D. Smith 2, I. Peacock 3, A. Kneeshaw 4, N. Chaddock (cond.) 5, C. Frankish 6. First Doubles 1, 2, 3, 4. First quarter by a local band for over 20 years. For morning Eucharist.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.—On Aug. 14th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Kathryn Johnson 1, Sylvia Smith 2, Christine Inman 3, M. Foulds 4, C. K. Lewis (cond.) 5, A. E. Whiting 6. A wedding compliment to Joy Carver (daughter of the Vicar) and Rodney Lavin, who were married at All Saints' Church this day.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.—On Aug. 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. B. Smith (cond.) 1, R. F. Andrew (first Stedman "inside") 2, A. McFall 3, B S. B. Kear 4, B. F. L. Groves 5, A. Whiting 6, F. Osbaldiston 7, P. Broadbent 8. First Stedman 6, 8. Rung by the local band as a farewell to the Rev. A. T. Carver, Vicar for the past 16 years. He was responsible for the augmentation of the bells in 1963.

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA.—On Aug. 6th, 1,320 Plain Bob Maximus: D. Roaf (cond.) 1, M. Lawrence 2, Margaret Aslett 3, Barbara Beeson 4, D. Taylor 5, M. Scowen 6, Jennifer Murphy 7, D. Heyes 8, H. Rossell 9, J. Roper 10, G. Heyes 11, A. Bolton 12. First on 12 bells for 2, 3, 6, 7, 8. Also on Aug. 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Margaret Aslett 1, D. Heyes 2, Jennifer Murphy 3, M. Lawrence 4, R. Mordaunt 5, A. Bolton 6, H. Rossell (cond.) 7, J. Roper 8.

MILBORNE ST. ANDREW, DORSET.—On Aug. 15th, 1,260 Doubles: R. J Mears 1, Mrs. L. Mears 2, R. H. J. Mears 3, C. Tidwell 4, E. H. Amey (cond.) 5, J. T. Antell 6. First quarter peal in 53 years' ringing for R. H. J. Mears. A 17th birthday compliment to 1.

QUARTER PEALS

MINSTERWORTH, GLOS.—On Aug. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Price (cond.) 1, Mrs. Wendy Meadows 2, L. Walters 3, L. Meadows 4, C. Biggs 5, J. J. Webb 6.

MOBBERLEY, CHESHIRE.—On Aug. 3rd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: N. Davies 1, M. Thomson 2, N. Thomson 3, C. J. Jones 4, R. Green 5, H. W. Howard (cond.) 6. For Festival of Flowers.

MONKEN HADLEY, HERTS. — On Aug. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rose Sharpe 1, Susan Thompson 2, T. Pink 3, M. Soper 4, Valerie Maynard 5, F. Mead 6, C. Ward (cond.) 7, W. Bradbrook 8. Rung as an engagement compliment to Susan Thompson and David Waterman.

NEW MILLS, DERBYS.—On Aug. 19th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: M. Foulds 1, Susan Brocklehurst 2, S. Hammond 3, P. Broadbent 4, R. F. Andrew 5, B. S. B. Kear (cond.) 6. A farewell compliment to Rev. E. J. Gunn, for ten years' ministry in this parish.

NORTHMOOR, OXON. — On Aug. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Sylvia White (first quarter) 1, V. Clifton 2, A. Cantwell 3, A. Dyer 4, F. White (cond.) 5, F. Trinder 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. Henry Webb, churchwarden for over 40 years.

NORTH SEA.—On July 7th, on the M.V. "Spero", 1,260 Minor (two methods): G. White 1-2, R. Yeates 3-4, A. Craddock (cond.) 5-6.

NUNBURNHOLME, E. YORKS. — On Aug. 5th, 1,200 Plain and Little Bob Minor R. East 1, D. Smith 2, I. Peacock 3, J. N. D. Chaddock 4, A. Kneeshaw 5, N. Chaddock (cond.) 6. First in two methods by 1, 2, 3 and 5.

NUNEATON, WARKS. — On Aug. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (1 and 2 leading): Mary Beebe 1, D. Barnacle 2, Mrs. G. Beebe 3, Kay Blackwell 4, Sheila Parkin 5, N. Parkin 6, W. Beebe (cond.) 7, Judith Ibbott 8. Rung in memoriam Mrs. Pat Billington, whose funeral was this day. She was a ringer at this church and a member of the Coventry Diocesan Guild.

OLD HEADINGTON, OXON.—On July 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Sear 1, T. Smith 2, Christine Birks (first as cond.) 3, G. Scarsbrook 4, L. R. Porter 5, J. Overbury 6. Rung for the Investiture of Charles, Prince of Wales.

PAUL, CORNWALL.—On Aug. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Diane Carter 1, Margaret P. Byrne (first quarter) 2, J. J. George 3, W. R. Curtis 4, R. H. Jones (cond.) 5, R. Pengelly 6. For Evensong.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.—On July 30th, 1,264 Pl Bob Major: Sylvia Bedford 1, D. Sloman 2, Penny Halliwell 3, A. Cansdale 4, B. Sadler 5, S. Halliwell 6, P. Bedford 7, G. Bacon (cond.) 8. Rung to congratulate Mr. E. Worth, grandfather of the ringer of the 2nd, on his 90th birthday.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On June 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Valerie Nash 1, Sylvia Bedford 2, P. Bedford (cond.) 3, F. May 4, D. Bedford 5, J. Warboys 6, D. Belcham 7, E. Peett 8. For Evensong. Also on Aug. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Janet Hallett 1, Valerie Nash (first Triples "inside") 2, A. House (cond.) 3, F. May 4, T. Sharp 5, M. Hallett 6, R. Tomlin 7, W. Ward 8. For Evensong.

RAYNE, ESSEX.—On Aug. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. Sudbury 1, J. Connell (first "inside" and in method) 2, I. Messenger (first "inside") 3, J. Green 4, F. Roper 5, R. Threadgold (cond.) 6.

RUSHDEN, NORTHANTS.—On Aug. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Mrs. Ann Smith 1, B. Hodgkin (first Triples "inside") 2, Mrs. Brenda Dixon 3, Glyn Muncey 4, S. Hodgkins 5, T. Smith 6, R. Coley (cond.) 7, D. Mason 8. Rung to celebrate the birth of Claire, first child of Ann and David Mason, both ringers at this church.

ST. CRANTOCK, CORNWALL.—On Aug. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret A. B. Weston 1, Barbara J. Duck 2, D. Docking 3, C. Stephens 4, A. H. Eplett (cond.) 5, E. Veale 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Jack Roberts, ringer and churchwarden.

ST. DAVID'S, PEMBS.—On Aug. 2nd, 1,344 Pl. Bob Major: V. Martin 1, Rachel Williams 2, D. N. Collins 3, Janet Blake 4, H. Burnett 5, J. Keddie 6, P. G. Holden (cond.) 7, J. Prytherch 8. Rung to congratulate the ringers of 2 and 3 on their engagement.

ST. NICHOLAS-AT-WADE, KENT. — On August 24th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: P. Richardson 1, P. R. Staples 2, P. C. Sinden 3, P. M. Bradford 4, R. N. Bagshaw (cond.) 5, P. J. Bagshaw 6.

SCUNTHORPE, LINCS. — On Aug. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss F. A. Lacey 1, Mrs. J. E. Finn 2, J. H. Selby 3, W. Bains 4, S. A. Selby (first Grandsire Triples) 5, F. T. Lacey 6, F. Lord (cond.) 7, P. R. Lacey 8.

SHADWELL, LONDON, E.—On Aug. 24th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. J. Collis 1, N. Summerhayes 2, C. J. N. Dalton 3, A. D. Flood 4, R. L. Jones 5, K. G. Game (cond.) 6, L. C. Way 7, M. J. Uphill 8. Rung by members and supernumeraries of the St. Paul's, Shadwell, Guild for the Feast of St. Bartholomew; also as a compliment to Michael Palmer and Patricia Copas for their engagement. First quarter of Major on the bells since before the First World War.

SHAW, BERKS.—On Aug. 21st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: G. Bollands 1, R. Barrow 2, Miss J. Barker 3, R. Rex 4, R. Christopher 5, W. Butler (cond.) 6.

SOUTHGATE, MIDDX.—A: Christ Church, on Aug. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Miss M. Piper 1, Mrs. E. K. Hart 2, Miss S. Green 3, Mrs. J. Hooton 4 H. G. Hart 5, H. J. Hazell 6, W. C. G. Wainwright 7, A. Butler 8, D. F. Willcocks 9, B. C. Watson (cond.) 10. First of Royal 1 and 10.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—On Aug. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Hutley 1, P. Glazebrook 2, H. Watts 3, K. Westwood 4, W. Hunt 5, L. Luck 6, P. Warboys (cond.) 7, D. Cheeseman 8.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS. — On Aug. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Katharine Burchnall 1, Grace Burchnall (cond.) 2, Susan Moxon 3, Olive Moxon 4, R. Moxon 5, R. Beresford 6, A. Wilson 7, H. Hawcroft 8. Rung in memory of G. E. Foster, whose ashes were buried at Southwell this day. He was always a very welcome visitor to this tower.

THATCHAM, BERKS.—On July 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Turner (first quarter) 1, R. Rex 2, Miss J. Barker 3, R. Christopher 4, D. Muttram 5, W. Butler 6, A. Edens (cond.) 7, A. Christopher 8. Also 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Butler (first quarter) 1, W. Butler (cond.) 2, Miss J. Barker 3, R. Rex 4, R. Christopher 5, C. Tilling 6, A. Edens 7, A. Christopher 8. Also on Aug. 17th, 1,376 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. M. Wells 1, R. Rex 2, Miss J. Barker 3, R. Barrow 4, R. Christopher 5, H. Wells 6, A. Edens 7, W. Butler (cond.) 8.

THEBERTON, SUFFOLK. — On Aug. 8th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Katharine M. Thorley 1, S. J. Bedford 2, J. M. Thorley (cond.) 3, A. R. Bridges 4, W. S. Girling 5, A. H. Archer 6. A crystal wedding compliment to Paddy and Martin Thorley.

TUDDENHAM ST. MARTIN, SUFFOLK. — On Aug. 14th, 1,260 Minor (Cambridge, Plain Bob): K. Nunn 1, D. Buxton 2, A. Dilley 3, R. Crooks 4, J. Girt 5, J. W. Blythe (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam W. Garrod, many years a ringer at this church, interred this day.

TWYFORD, LEICS.—On Aug. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob): Karen French 1, Mrs. G. M. Hall 2, H. T. Bonshor (cond.) 3, G. M. Hall 4, C. E. Cooper 5, A. French 6. Rung for the wedding of Miss A. J. Woods to Mr. D. J. Faulks.

WENHASTON, SUFFOLK.—On July 18th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: Ruth Bedford 1, J. Pilgrim 2, A. Knights 3, J. Gibson 4, V. Bedford (cond.) 5, J. Elvin 6. For Flower Festival service.

WESTON FAVELL, NORTHAMPTON.—On June 29th, 1,320 Reverse Canterbury Doubles: C. J. Smith 1, P. W. West 2, Mrs. F. M. E. Edmonds 3, C. G. Chiplin 4, D. J. Edmonds (cond.) 5. For the Patronal Festival. Also on July 22nd, 1,320 Doubles (six methods): C. J. Smith 1, D. J. Edmonds (cond.) 2, C. G. Chiplin 3, P. J. Lankester 4, P. W. West 5. For the Feast of St. Mary Magdalen. Also on Aug. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Mrs. F. M. E. Edmonds 1, C. J. Smith 2, P. J. Verity 3, C. G. Chiplin 4, D. J. Edmonds (cond.) 5. For the Feast of St. Bartholomew.

WHISTON, NORTHANTS.—On Aug. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): Mrs. M. Edmonds 1, C. Smith 2, D. Edmonds 3, C. Chiplin 4, P. Amos (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled in affectionate remembrance of Rev. H. C. R. Eltoft, Rector 1948–64.

WINSCOMBE, SOM.—On Aug. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (on back six): H. Hemming (first quarter) 1, C. Field 2, B. Dodd 3, J. Chaplin 4, C. Avery (cond.) 5, R. Shallish (first quarter) 6.

WINTERTON, LINCS.—On April 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Bridge 1, R. Chafer 2, J. G. Hall (cond.) 3, P. Saunders 4, H. Hall 5, R. Hall 6. For Easter Evensong. Also on Aug. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Hilary Hall 1, R. Chafer 2, R. Bridge 3, P. Saunders 4, J. G. Hall (cond.) 5, R. Hippisley 6. For Evensong.

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5,040 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL

By ROBERT B. SMITH

234567890	M	1½	W	H	Methods
524368790		S	—		W C R
34625	—		—		W C R
36245			—	2	W Li R B
43265			—	3	W Li R B B
64235			—		W Y R
236458790			—	—	W Y R

Five times repeated.

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214365		2
413265	—	2
312465	—	2
314265	S	2
412365	—	2
213465	—	2
2153648709E	(b)	
213465		2
314265	—	2
412365	—	2
412365879E0	(c))	
213465	—	2
314265	—	2
312465	S	2
215463	—	3
2135648709E	(d)	
314562	—	3
412563	—	3
214365	—	—

(a)=1.5.7.8.10.11.13s.15.16.17.
(b)=2.13s.15s.19.
(c)=10s.13.22 .
(d)=1.19.

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(Eight methods.)

By ROBERT B. SMITH

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43265			—	3	L A R B B
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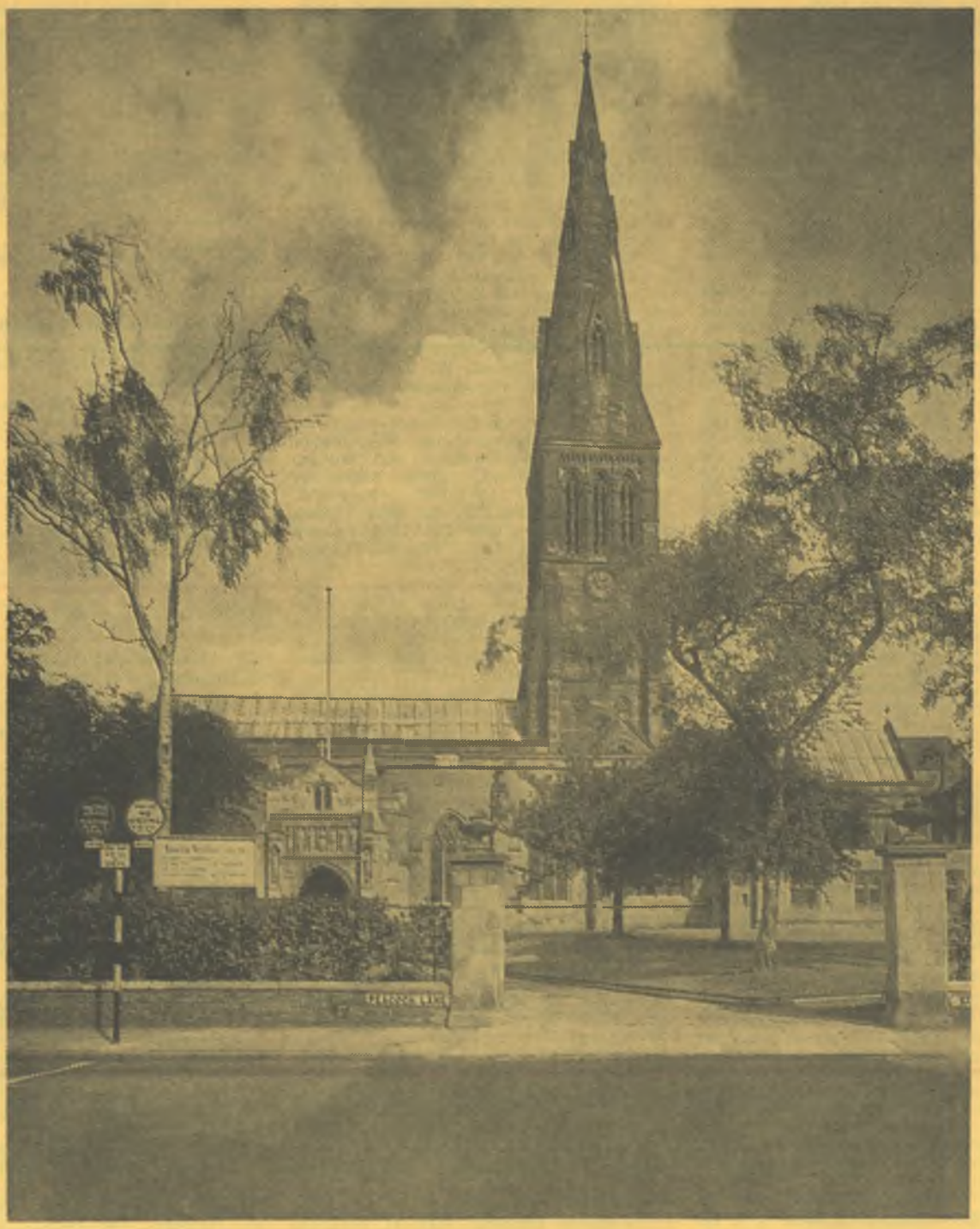

The Cathedral Church of St. Martin, Leicester

OUR COVER PICTURE

The Cathedral Church of St. Martin, Leicester

THIS week-end the Leicester Diocesan Guild is honoured by the presence of the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of the city, Ald. and Mrs. Edward Marston, at their annual dinner being held at the Stamford Hall of Residence of the Leicester University. It is therefore quite appropriate that the picture of the Mother Church of the diocese should be featured as the frontispiece of our paper this week.

Following the modern industrial growth of Leicester from 1072 to 1837 in the diocese of Lincoln and thereafter for 90 years in that of Peterborough, the See of Leicester, embracing the city and county, was restored in 1927 and the ancient civic parish church of St. Martin became the Cathedral.

The church was built at different times between the 13th and 15th centuries, being heavily restored—and in places rebuilt—in the 19th century. St. Martin's is very much a large merchants' town church, as the many memorials to past Leicester worthies show. The known list of parish priests goes back to 1225. Before the Reformation the church and parish were served by clergy appointed by Leicester Abbey, the remains of which can still be seen in the Abbey Park.

Within the church is St. George's Chapel, enclosed by a carved wooden screen and restored in 1921, containing memorials to the men of the Royal Leicestershire Regiment, founded in 1688 and now merged in the Royal Anglian Regiment. During the Middle Ages this was the chapel of the Guild of St. George, whose effigy of the national saint, kept there, was borne through the streets annually on April 23rd.

A second chapel known as the Herrick Chapel in the north choir aisle contains tombs of members of the celebrated Leicester family of Herrick, the earliest one dated 1589. The chapel was restored in 1928 by the generosity of members of the Herrick family in the U.S.A. The father of the poet Robert Herrick was a Leicester Herrick; so, too, was the mother of Dean Swift.

A third chapel named after St. Dunstan, the patron saint of bellringers, is on the south side of the chancel and was rebuilt in 1865. The vivid south-east window recalls incidents in the life of St. Dunstan who, with four evangelists and St. Martin, appear in the modern reredos. Passing from St. Dunstan's Chapel to the outer south aisle, this section, after the Reformation, became the Archdeacon of Leicester's court and is now also the bishop's consistory court. The royal arms are those borne by the first three Georges from 1714 to 1801. Here in the Middle Ages was the Lady Chapel, serving the Guild of Corpus Christi, founded in 1343, and here the churchwarden's accounts were received by the Mayor each year on Palm Sunday.

The massive towers and broad spire, over 220 feet high, were rebuilt from the foundations between 1861 and 1867 by Brandon in the course of his extensive restoration of the church. When the foundations were dug deeper for the new tower in 1861 remains were found of what may have been a Roman temple. It was the Saxons who probably converted the site to Christian use.

Among the Cathedral archives it is recorded that St. Martin's had a ring of five bells in the reign of Henry VIII. There are accounts for various recastings between that time and 1657, when Norris, of Stamford, undertook to convert the five bells into a "tuneable" ring of six. Norris failed in this and the six bells were recast by George Oldfield, of Nottingham. In 1700 William Noone, of Nottingham, recast No. 5 and he recast the tenor in 1704. Eayre, of St. Neots, recast the 2nd in 1765. Edward Arnold, of St. Neots, recast the six bells in 1781 and made them into a ring of eight. Arnold's bellfoundry was removed to Leicester in 1784. In 1787 he cast two more bells, bringing the ring up to ten. In 1854 John Taylor recast the four smallest bells. In 1879 John William Taylor recast the 5th and 9th. In 1937 Messrs. John Taylor and Son, of Loughborough, recast and rehung all the bells and added three new ones.

THE INSCRIPTIONS ON THE BELLS

The old inscriptions are inscribed on the shoulders or waists of the bells.

XII.—Weight 25 cwt. 0 qr. 20 lb. The Coronation Bell of His Majesty King George VI. Recast by the Freemasons of Leicestershire and Rutland. May 12 1937. F. B. Macnutt, Provost. C. F. Oliver, Provincial Grand Master. God save the King. H. Watchorn Esq Mayor. J. Nichols W. Capp Churchwardens. Edwd. Arnold St. Neots. Fecit 1781.

XI.—The North Bell. Recast by Alderman Sir Jonathan North, J.P., Mayor of Leicester 1914–1918, and William Albert North, J.P., High Sheriff of Leicestershire 1935–1936. May 12. 1937. God save City and Shire. Recast by J. Taylor and Co. 1897 Edward Arnold Fecit 1781. Thomas Ingram 1879.

X.—The Bell of the Congregation. Recast by the Congregation of the Cathedral. May 12. 1937. God save his Church. H. Watchorn Esq. Mayor. J. Nichols W. Capp Churchwardens. Edwd. Arnold fecit 1781.

IX.—The Samson Smith Bell. Recast by Samson Smith of Leicester. May 12 1937. Christ is Risen. Alleluya. H. Watchorn Esq. Mayor. J. Nichols W. Capp Churchwardens. Edwd. Arnold Fecit 1781.

VIII.—The Jarvis Bell. Recast by William George Jarvis, Churchwarden and Deputy Warden of St. Martin's May 12. 1937. Adeste fideles. Gaudete. Orate. Praise him upon the well-tuned cymbals: praise him upon the loud cymbals. 1781.

VII.—The Partridge Bell. Recast in memory of Samuel Steads Partridge J.P. by his wife Elizabeth Partridge. May 12. 1937. God send us Peace in Christ. J. Taylor and Co. Founders Loughborough MDCCCLXXIX Continentia.

The Half-tone Bell.—The Stelfox Bell. Given in memory of James Walter Stelfox, Lay Canon, Churchwarden, and Deputy Warden of St. Martin's by his wife, Evelyn Marsland Stelfox. May 12. 1937. Non Clamor Sed Amor.

VI.—The Daniels Bell. Recast by Samuel Kilworth Daniels, Lay Canon of St. Martin's, IN Memory of his Wife, Caroline Daniels. May 12 1937. In His Will is our Peace. John Taylor and Son, Bell-Founders, Oxford and Loughborough 1854.

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V.—The Fielding Johnson Bell. Recast in memory of Thomas Fielding Johnson, M.A., J.P., Lay Canon of St. Martin's, and his wife, Florence Lyne Johnson, by their children, Florence Julia Fielding Everard, J.P., Agnes Miriam Fielding Johnson, William Spurrett Fielding Johnson. May 12. 1937. Peace to them that are afar off and to them that are nigh. Revnd. Edwd. Thomas Vaughan Vicar. Hy Sharpe Jones, Joseph Simkin C. Wardens. John Taylor and Son Bellfounders, Loughborough, late of Oxford Bideford Devon and St. Neots, Hunts: Successors to the old and celebrated Founders, Newcombe, Watts, Eayre, and Arnold of Leicester, names of high repute, dating as early as 1560.

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III.—The Bowmar Bell. Recast in memory of Walter Hammond Bowmar by his Wife, Eva Bowmar, May 12. 1937. Jesus Christe Miserere Nobis. John Taylor and Son Founders Loughborough. A.D. 1854.

II.—The John Edwards Ellis Bell. Given in memory of John Edwards Ellis, Lay

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THE END OF AN ERA

A Farewell Tribute to Our Friend the Editor

WHEN "The Ringing World" Committee accepted with the greatest possible regret the resignation of Mr. T. W. White from the editorial chair of our paper, I was honoured to be asked to write this, the Committee's farewell tribute to him for his great work for the Exercise. But it is a task the necessity for which I greatly regret, as I am sure do all our readers. As I write this there run through my head the words of a pre-war Western type popular song—"For twenty-one years, folk, is a mighty long time". In Tom's case it is 23 years. A very long time indeed to hold the key position in any job. To some of us I know that it is surprising that he has been in the chair since 1946. It must be the smoothness and efficiency with which the paper has come to us regularly every week, maintaining a constant high standard of editorship, that made it possible for a well-known ringer to suggest the other day that Tom had been Editor for only about half that time.

The Golden Jubilee issue of "The Ringing World", on March 24th, 1961, was a high spot in Tom's work for us all. Copies of it are still obtainable and they show how, with the limited financial resources and help available, he was able to produce an excellent celebration issue. It contained biographical details of our Editors since 1911 and from it I must summarise briefly Tom's career for the benefit of new readers.

Thomas W. White, born at Guildford on July 22nd, 1894, was the son of T. H. White, Editor of "The Surrey Times", and he was educated at the Royal Grammar School, Guildford. He started work with the Woodbridge Press, soon becoming a junior reporter. He served from 1914–19 in the Queen's Royal Regiment, was mentioned in despatches, took part in the landing at Suvla Bay in the Gallipoli campaign and had three years in Mesopotamia. On demobilisation he returned to "The Surrey Times", becoming their Chief Reporter in 1923, Deputy Editor in 1931 and Editor (and a director of the company) in 1946.

FIRST INTRODUCTION

When John S. Goldsmith, our founder and first Editor, visited Australia on the tour of 1934–35, he arranged for Tom to be released to undertake the editorial side of "The Ringing World", while J. A. Trollope contributed the major articles. This gave the opportunity for Tom's first introduction to practical ringing and at the age of 40 he became the pupil of A. H. Pulling, caretaker of the famous school mentioned earlier. Tom rang the first of his few peals in 1937 and from that year until 1961 he was hon. secretary and treasurer of the Holy Trinity Society, Guildford. Thus although his official connection with "The Ringing World" ceased for many years on Mr. Goldsmith's return, his interest in ringing continued and thrived.

His connections with J. A. Trollope were renewed and grew into friendship during the war, following on Mr. Goldsmith's illness and death in 1942, and he was with J. A. T. at the Council meeting in Norwich in 1946. I well remember a walk with him just before the start of the meeting when, with his usual modesty, he hoped that J. A. T. would be well enough to carry on, as he (Tom) doubted his ability to cope with the job without the technical background of previous Editors. In spite of this

MR. T. W. WHITE

doubt, he answered the urgent call to help "over the succeeding few issues"; in the event more than 1,200 of them! As Mr. E. A. Barnett wrote in 1961, "from the first the hand of the trained journalist became apparent and 15 years later he continues in office with undiminished vigour and enthusiasm". Now nearly a decade later we still have weekly evidence and many of us personal evidence of that enthusiasm.

In 1955, when the second Australian tour took place, it was fitting that he and Mrs. White were able to be of the party and in consequence "The Ringing World" benefited by his regular reports of their progress, while overseas ringers have had a friend at court ever since.

CHURCH AND PUBLIC WORK

Apart from ringing, taken up as we have seen when most of us would be reluctant to start a new and completely different pursuit, Tom has been active in an incredible variety of ways. First I know he would put his work for the Church, and especially his connection with Holy Trinity, Guildford, where he has been rector's warden for two periods of three years. He is also a member of the Diocesan Conference and Ruridecanal Conference. For 31 years he has been a member of Guildford Rotary, of which he is a past president, and whose weekly gatherings afford very real pleasure to those fortunate enough to attend as his guest. He is also a Freemason. He has been President of Guildford Chess Club, has played for Surrey and still devotes a part of his holiday to participation in chess tournaments.

Tom has always been greatly concerned with the welfare of his fellow men and before ringing affairs made a demand on his leisure had been secretary of the Guildford Guild of Social Service. He was also hon. secretary of the Personal Service League, whose object was to provide clothing for those in the distressed areas during a time of high unemployment, and served on the Advisory Committee of the Surrey Scheme for Jarrow and the Guildford Work Scheme. His educational interests include membership from 1933 to 1944 of the Guildford Education Committee and later, until this year, membership of the South West Surrey Divisional Education Committee. He was for 16 years a governor of the Royal Grammar School, a governor of the Guildford County School for Girls and chairman for 15 years of the Sandfield group of schools.

How, one may ask, was he able to find the time and energy for all these pursuits and interests in addition to his journalistic and editorial work for a busy local paper and yet, when the call came, still be able to take on the editorship of our journal? How could he week by week, year by year, carry out with such skill and patience and devotion and enthusiasm the work he has done since 1946 for the Exercise. Apart from the unending task of seeing that the paper goes to press on time each week, there is the pleasant but none the less tiring duty of attending the annual round of annual meetings, ringers' socials and dinners. After all these, and of course the Central Council meeting, there are reports to write for publication. I have asked myself this question many times and then I recall (and he will, I hope, not blue pencil this) that he still keeps every Sunday afternoon free from other engagements so that he can visit his mother, now at the wonderful age of 99 years.

INTENSE ENJOYMENT IN WORK

One reason for his ability to cope with such a huge volume of multifarious activities is his intense enjoyment of his work. Knocking-off time has no meaning for him. A job has to be done. It is fun doing it. Therefore let it be done now. I know personally that after a Central Council meeting, when we relax for an hour or two before dinner, he will start writing his report. The next morning at breakfast he will say quietly that he has already been writing for some two hours, so that ringers all over the world can have as soon as possible his preliminary account, with the highlights, of the events of the meeting.

Another—and I am sure the main reason why he has been able to do so much at such a pace for so long—is his happy and contented and well-run home life with Kathleen, to whom he was married in 1923. The whole Exercise will join me in wishing them both many more years of good health and happiness together.

The Central Council has already recognised Tom's great work for ringing. At Chelmsford in 1957 he was made an hon. member and in 1968 a life member. A tribute to him at any Council meeting is the attention and respect with which he is listened to whenever he addresses the Council. There have been occasions when the effect, after perhaps a not-too-peaceful "Ringing World" debate, has been particularly noticeable.

The members of "The Ringing World" Committee have been in a specially privileged position in working with and being advised by such an Editor. They know, as no others can, what a financially unrewarding task his has been during the paper's time of financial stringency. They also know that at times the Committee have been, to put it mildly, difficult. They are as reluctant to let him go as they know he is to lay down his blue pencil. But they have had the comfort of knowing that Tom would never let them down. He promised, and has kept that promise, that although

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NORTH AMERICAN TOUR

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(The English emigrés, on a week-end ringing tour in New England, had visited Kent School, Connecticut, and Smith College for Ladies at Northampton, Massachusetts. After the ringing at Smith, the ringers had gathered and were admiring the beauty and serenity of their surroundings.)

SATURDAY NIGHT—AND SUNDAY MORNING

And this was not all. Margaret Rawson, of well-known Leicestershire lineage, may not be a ringer yet; but that does not dull her qualities as a party hostess. Living and teaching now in Northampton, Margaret has kept close connections with the ringing at Smith College, and this evening she opened her doors wide to the delighted multitudes and provided a first real opportunity for scattered Englishmen to get to know each other better, as Margaret oiled the hinges of our tongues with Ringers' Brand. Only Eric Roberts and his wife, Rosemary, had travelled less than 200 miles to be there. Eric, ex-Cambridge University Guild, now works in optical engineering in a Norwalk, Connecticut, company that contributes camera lenses to lunar expeditions, whilst Rosemary contributes a tiny daughter who came willingly along.

By geographical contrast Derek Sawyer and his wife, Sue, had driven 450 miles from Toronto, Canada, to be there. Derek, one-time Master of the Bristol University ringers and in 1968 the conductor of Canada's first handbell peal, was another New England trip veteran. Sue and he were feeling rather pleased with life altogether: they were clinching a house deal back in Toronto that would relocate them strategically in the centre of the Toronto-Hamilton handbell group.

Groton School. Russell Young, Stedman Caters. So this was the real thing. We knew the sound, of course, just as **you** know the sounds if you've heard the "Washington" record. And our veterans had been here anyway. But the rest of us were enchanted by the slender stonework of that graceful, tree-framed chapel tower presiding so majestically over the circular expanse of lawn and its surrounding school buildings. There was something colonial about the texture of that brilliant Sunday morning scene, as the boys and their visiting relatives gathered for service. The England in New England, perhaps.

Russell, who is a teacher on Groton's staff, told us afterwards that most of his first team of ringers were due to leave the school this summer and that prospects for continuing high standards next year were a little unsettled. But there was nothing unsettled about his band's welcoming touch of Bob Triples, which was a masterly display of well-known American disciplined application to the task in hand. We responded enthusiastically with Caters on the fine ten. Joining us was 83-year-old Mr. Laker, who had left Kent for America half-a-century and more ago and now lives in Massachusetts' holiday peninsula Cape Cod, fostering a handbell group of change-ringers among his contemporaries there. Two of them, Ralph Putt and Reginald Reed, had joined him in the 100-mile drive up to Groton and later, in Russell's suite over a beer (gratefully received and remembered), the Canadian handbells were produced by David Ingram and well exercised by young and old alike. David, a Nottingham University graduate who is designing geography computer programmes at McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario, for his doctorate study course, had collected these handbells on a visit back home to Nottinghamshire in late 1968, following the return to England of Ruth Gaye and her handbells.

Also at McMaster, John Owen had accompanied David and his friend, Jan Reckie, on this trip from Hamilton and now joined in the handbell ringing. John, who learnt his ringing in South Wales, emigrated to Canada five years ago, and after a spell working in the frozen north at Elliott Lake settled with his wife in Hamilton to work for a bio-chemistry degree.

HARVARD—AND HINGHAM APPLAUSE

Eastwards to the port of Boston, Massachusetts, and then down the coast a few miles to the little town of Hingham. We passed famous Harvard University's campus, its baseball practices and its crews on the "lordly Charles", and we feasted at one of Boston's many restaurants of character, the Greek Athens Olympia. Last year the English visit to Hingham had been compared in the local press to a Yehudi Menuhin concert. This year the welcome was as warm as ever from David Gifford's team of enthusiasts, and Gene and his father, Professor Gardner, and the ladies had generously provided tea for us afterwards—just like a Saturday Association meeting.

Hingham's ten bells (tenor 20 cwt.) are hung in a fragile brick tower, with a long draught of rope, and although much good work has been done to improve their "go" David mentioned that the ambition is to have the bells lowered and/or put into a much stronger structure inside, and independent of, the brick tower. Meanwhile the local band, which includes some teenage boys, although limited in its repertoire is making spirited progress. Each touch we rang was greeted with applause below in the churchyard from onlookers who had gathered in response to our pre-arrival press; and a fine, sonorous fall rounded off a couple of very satisfying ringing days that every one of us will savour until the next opportunity to collect again in Connecticut and Massachusetts. Thank you, David Gifford and your band.

QUEEN VICTORIA'S BIRTHDAY

It had certainly been some trip: 1,435 miles. Derek Sawyer's mileometer recorded back in Toronto. He had taken with him Bill and Heather Jackson, recently settled in Toronto from Cookham, Berkshire; and a co-driver makes it a little easier. In addition the American highways are fast and do not seem as crowded as Britain's motorways. Motels are easy to find and reasonably priced, so that one can drive late into the night without fear of not finding accommodation. Best of all for the Canadian contingent, the birthday of Queen Victoria is still celebrated by a public holiday in Canada!; for it was during her reign, in 1867, that Canada came into being as a Confederation. This meant that Monday could be spent on a leisurely drive home past the lovely Catskill Mountains, the Finger Lakes (so called because of their configuration, like the five fingers on a hand) and the unbelievably English countryside that we no longer take for granted.

A FAREWELL TRIBUTE—continued

his eyesight made it imperative for him to go soon, he would not do so until a suitable successor had been found. In the circumstances it would have been unfair to delay the changeover any longer, but the Committee are glad to know that with his ever-readiness to help, he has agreed to assist until the year end as consultant Editor. I am sure there will be few days when the new Editor will not receive—and look forward to—a visit from Tom; and I propose, here and now, to be the first to say to him that we shall look forward to the occasional well-written and very apposite article for the journal on which he has lavished so much care.

A TESTIMONIAL FUND

"The Ringing World" Committee have decided that a Testimonial Fund shall be opened so that the whole Exercise will have the opportunity to show its appreciation of Tom's work for ringers and ringing throughout so many years. Part of the scheme will consist of a request from the Central Council officers and the Committee to every affiliated Society for a corporate official donation from Society funds. But we feel that, over and above this, very many readers of our paper will wish to show their personal affection and esteem for Tom by making their own personal donation. A full announcement of the fund will be found on another page. We also propose that extracts from the many written tributes already being received or which we are sure will accompany contributions shall be published in our columns during the next few weeks so that Tom will have a permanent printed record for the future.

May I end on a purely personal note. My respect for Tom has increased yearly as I have grown to know him since the time at Norwich in 1946 I have referred to. After my earlier connections with "The Ringing World" through Mr. Trollope, my pleasure at being allowed to help at times at Guildford was enhanced by the fact that it was to help Tom. The friendship which, with respect, I think I may say exists between us has been strengthened since my membership of the Committee. Our journeys together to attend meetings of committee of the Council have brought me great pleasure. Dare I say that the faster we travelled the better I believe he liked it too! I know that while I have this present duty for the Exercise I shall miss greatly the wealth of his experience, his wisdom, his quiet sense of humour, his willingness to help and guide at all times. It is good to know that he will still be there to turn to in time of need, and I hope to have this comforting thought for many years to come.

WILFRID G. WILSON,
Convener of "The Ringing World" Committee.

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(Seven methods.)

By ROBERT B. SMITH

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ALBURGH BELLS RING AGAIN

Opinions differ as to the number of Norfolk towers with genuinely or doubtfully unringable bells—but one thing is certain . . . the county holds the sad record of the highest number of "unringables" in any county in Great Britain! And so, when the suggestion was made to the writer by Mr. Edwin Goate, of Beccles, that investigations be made regarding the possibility of getting the light 18th century octave at Alburgh, Norfolk, ringing again it was taken up with alacrity. Restoration of the tall, slender 15th century tower of All Saints' Church has been recently completed so that it is now in good order; and approaches were made to the Rector (Rev. R. W. S. Close) regarding permission to examine the bells, do any necessary clearing out of the bell chamber and, if all was in order, to try out the bells—which had last been rung about 1951 and were now reputedly unringable.

The Rector was most interested and gladly gave permission; and so it came about that a number of willing helpers from the area climbed the high ladder from the ringing room to the bell chamber (contrary to expectations, all the bells had quite fair ropes fitted) to examine the bells. We found that the louvres now had wire netting fitted to exclude birds and the frame and fittings surprisingly clean; the octave was rehung in a good solid metal frame by Bowells, of Ipswich, in 1908, and the frame had apparently been repainted when the upper part of the tower was restored; bearings and fittings were in good order. Two bells were slightly cracked, but these had been drilled by Mr. Bowell to prevent spread of cracks, with apparent complete success. Some rubbish was cleared, ropes were spliced, bearings and pulleys oiled, and the bells raised singly. As all seemed well the bells were rung for a short time and were found to "go" very well indeed, although the 4th and 5th are rather odd-struck! Subsequently the ringing chamber and spiral staircase were thoroughly cleaned: one or two very interesting 18th and early 19th century peal boards remain to be cleaned—Alburgh was quite a popular tower for peals in days gone by.

On July 12th an hour's good ringing was enjoyed on the bells by the Beccles outing party and caused very great interest and delight in the village; the Rector willingly agreed to a peal attempt and an "open day" on the occasion of the church's flower festival over the week-end of September 6th/7th. As will be seen from the peal columns, a peal attempt for Bob Major was successful—and our grateful thanks to the Rector and churchwardens for the welcome refreshments provided after the peal — and the bells were kept going throughout the Saturday by a good number of visiting ringers.

So yet another silent Norfolk tower returns to life, to the joy of the Rector and his people: a number of volunteers to learn to ring have come forward, and it is hoped that a preliminary meeting will soon be held—let us hope that ere long Alburgh bells will ring regularly for Sunday services.

Mr. Close tells me that he will welcome requests for ringing by visiting bands, either for outings or peal attempts: his address is Alburgh Rectory, Harleston, Norfolk ('phone: Homersfield 257). Intending peal bands should note that the bells will need to be oiled and ropes checked! If any tower has good second-hand ropes available as gifts these would be gratefully received by the Rector, as parish funds will not run to new ropes as yet. PETER N. BOND.

TO ALL OUR READERS

T. W. WHITE TESTIMONIAL

A NEW Editor has been appointed to take over from October 1st, when Mr. T. W. White's resignation will take effect. In this issue appears "The Ringing World" Committee's tribute to Mr. White, with an account of his career. In the 23 years he has occupied the position he has upheld and enhanced our weekly journal during a most difficult period of its history. He stepped into the breach in an emergency in 1946 and his long professional experience enabled him to overcome the difficulties inherent in his then lack of knowledge of our art.

The size of the funds which now enable the Committee to produce an interesting and presentable paper at reasonable cost are in no little measure due to the unremitting and unselfish efforts of Tom White, for what, by no stretch of imagination, could be called a commercial reward. During this time he has become the friend of us all.

We have accordingly decided to open a Testimonial fund and to invite contributions from the Associations and Guilds affiliated to the Central Council. That is being done. We are sure, however, that individual readers will wish to make their own personal contributions and thus pay their tribute to Mr. White's magnificent efforts on our behalf.

We accordingly invite you to contribute to the T. W. White Testimonial. We hope that at the Central Council meeting in Yorkshire in 1970 we shall be able to express our appreciation by a personal presentation to Mr. White of a sum which will worthily show him the regard in which he is held by all of us. If all our readers sent in half-a-crown, or half of them five shillings, or double those amounts if they can, we should be very proud of you all.

Will you please send contributions, as soon as possible but certainly by the end of January, 1970, to Mrs. P. J. Staniforth, a member of "The Ringing World" Committee, who has kindly agreed to accept and acknowledge all of them. Her address is Wayside, 150, Narborough Road South, Leicester, and cheques, etc., should be crossed and made payable to the T. W. White Testimonial.

We look forward with confidence to your generous response.

For "The Ringing World" Committee:
WILFRID G. WILSON, Convener.

For the Central Council:
JOHN FREEMAN, President.
E. A. BARNETT, Vice-President.
V. BOTTOMLEY, Secretary.

OVERSEAS NEWS

A VISIT TO KILIFI

MR. James Stredder, who holds a teaching appointment in Kenya, tells us of his visit to Kilifi in August. "I was delighted to find," he says, "that the six bells, which are rather curiously hung exposed to the wind and rain, are in good enough condition to be rung. While I was examining the bells a certain Mr. Hammond pulled up in his car and shouted up to me: 'You must be John Rank from Marhakos.' Apparently John Rank had arranged to visit Kilifi to do some ringing, but he did not turn up while I was there.

"Mr. Hammond, though not a ringer, is very keen to keep up the interest of a small group of local boys and men who apparently had been taught to handle a bell about 12 months previously but who had had no teacher since. He assured me that two or three were competent and that one other 'could usually set his bell without breaking the stay'!

"I had already noticed a quantity of stays and broken stays around the bells, which made the belfry floor look rather like a carpenter's shop; but the incredible lightness of the ring (tenor 2 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in E) must have helped in protecting the wheels and frame, etc., for all six went quite smoothly.

"Mr. Hammond arranged to tell the ringers to be present for service ringing for Evensong. Of the four who came, two turned out to be capable of raising their bells and ringing rounds. We therefore concentrated on making as pleasant a sound as possible on the back three. We rang call-changes, which the two Africans were astonishingly quick in picking up. The next morning we had a practice before breakfast, as I was moving on to Malindi that day. I was sad to leave Kilifi ringers with no teacher, but maybe a ringer will settle in the village some day."

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

St. Matthias', Burley, Leeds, was available for afternoon ringing at the Society's last meeting on August 31st. The light eight are rung only infrequently and some enthusiastic members had thankfully removed much of the debris from the ringing chamber earlier in the week. Despite a spate of broken ropes, a course of Watford Surprise Major — the Society's "special method of the day"—was successfully rung.

After the Society at the previous meeting had enjoyed a visit to Leathley, its only 4-bell tower, it was a pleasure to visit its only 5-bell tower, Meanwood, at this meeting. With tea and the business meeting at Chapel Allerton over, most of the company went in a convoy of cars to try this 17 cwt. five.

General evening ringing took place on the light six at Chapel Allerton and included a well-struck touch of Cartwheel Oxford.

Next meeting, September 27th, Woodlesford and Rothwell—joint with the Western District of the Yorkshire Association.

G. C.

Letters to the Editor

C.C. DEBATE RE STANDING COMMITTEE

Dear Sir,—Mr. Poyner might well be able to make out a case that the Central Council as a body is lethargic and unenterprising but his implied contention that its proceedings are undemocratic is absurd.

I am aware of the intervention he made at the end of the recent Council meeting to which he refers in his letter to you, but the fact that his inaccurate statement on that occasion was not contradicted at the time does not make it an accurate statement.

He stated that only a minority of the Standing Committee are elected. This overlooks the fact that all the members of the other committees are duly elected and by the rules, surely sensibly, the convener of each of these committees is appointed to serve on the Standing Committee. Thus the Council has full control over the elections to the Standing Committee—both direct elections conducted by ballot and the indirect. The Council is entirely free to change the constitution of the individual committees and on occasions has done so with quite some emphasis—remember Bath!

Mr. Poyner's letter came a few weeks after the elections. There was every opportunity to bring about any changes he or any other member desired if the normal democratic options had been exercised.

What could be more logical than to charge a newly-elected Standing Committee with the task of considering and reporting upon possible reforms? I hope in any case Mr. Poyner accepted the secretary's recent invitation to the Exercise at large to write to him with opinions and suggestions.

I cannot be certain but Mr. Poyner may well have done poor Mr. Gray an injustice. Certainly in my speech I made the point that the Standing Committee was the appropriate body to fulfil the wishes of the Council in considering and reporting upon possible reforms. Mr. Gray may have made this point as well, but if not I would be sorry that he should take the blame instead of myself.

There need be no further dubiety about the "confident rumour" to which Mr. Poyner refers. Deliberately, soberly and advisedly I did move on one occasion that the Council pass to the next business. This was put to the vote and a majority of the Council agreed. Quite properly, therefore, the President proceeded to the next item on the agenda. I have the greatest sympathy with the motives that inspired the motion on bell restoration work before the Council at that time, but this was a clear case in which further public debate would inevitably have led to indiscreet remarks about another body. The body in question has a far better hearing with the Established Church than the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers has so far been able to establish, and derogatory remarks reported in the press or listened to from the public gallery would have done far more harm than good.

It may seem like hole and corner business to Mr. Poyner and others who share his suspicions, but if ever there was a case in which diplomacy is called for rather than uncontrolled and irresponsible rhetoric publicity uttered—this is it.

Towards the end of his letter Mr. Poyner questions the advantages of membership of the Council as far as the supporting Associations are concerned. This is a very valid question with which I for one greatly sympathise. I suggest this should be the item in his letter to which your readers should address themselves. Hints about power-drunk bogeymen and communists under the bed are very diverting, but alas all too absurd. All the democratic means are available to the Exercise and the Council—it remains in the end more important to know **what** reforms are wanted. This is a very broad subject but remarkably little has been published on it so far, either by Mr. Poyner or anyone else.—Yours very truly,

P. A. CORBY.

Sevenoaks, Kent.

Dear Sir,—I do not think that what I said and proposed at St. Albans was reported quite correctly in "The Ringing World", hence my previous letter to you. I am absolutely certain that neither what was said nor reported bears any resemblance to Harry Poyner's recollection.

If anyone is still interested in who said what, which I doubt, they will find the report of the debate on page 459 (June 13th) of "The Ringing World" and my letter on page 620 (August 8th). I know that during the debate I felt it would be wisest to appoint a special committee to look into Council affairs rather than the Standing Committee. This is still my view. I would not have troubled you with a letter at all, sir, if I had not thought that I had been wrongly accredited with the proposal that the **Standing Committee** should do it.

However, in the end, the Standing Committee was asked to do it and I do not think that anyone should be too ready to assume that they will necessarily make a hash of it. Everybody and anybody have been invited to put their views to the Committee and I hope they are doing so; I hope, too, that they are constructive. Harry Poyner did have a point in A.O.B. which I, for one, sympathise with.

The idea that Central Council debates are rigged by an old pals' conspiracy is an odd one. After many years of attending Council meetings and many other ringers' meetings I would be more inclined to agree with the viewpoint that ringers incline to be argumentative, if not quarrelsome, rather than submissive.—Yours faithfully,

P. M. J. GRAY.

NOT A PEAL

Dear Sir,—In his latest article on recent peals, Canon Felstead referred to a peal in 36 methods at Bingley, Yorks, in 1826. This performance is periodically quoted as an early example of the fine multi-method peals of Minor that the Yorkshire men were to become renowned for later in the century, but unfortunately it was not a peal. Jasper Snowdon discovered that in fact three separate "heats" of 2,880 changes were rung, each consisting of twelve 12-scores.

A contemporary report said (quite accurately) that "on Shrove Tuesday, February 7th, 1826, the Society of Change Ringers, Bingley, Yorkshire, met in the tower of the Parish Church, and rang, without a single break down or a false change, the extraordinary number of 36 twelve-scores, in all 8640 changes, in the following various methods", and goes on to list the methods rung. The conducting was shared by Hezekiah Briggs and Isaac Rhodes, and the "time occupied in ringing [was] 5 hours and 11 minutes." It is perhaps only natural that this should have been construed as meaning that a peal of 8,640 changes had been rung, although no such claim was ever made by the Bingley men at the time.—Yours sincerely,

CYRIL A. WRATTEN.

JOHN SUTTON'S OUTING

A very enjoyable half-day's outing was arranged by John Sutton, of Wortwell, Norfolk, on Monday, September 1st. Ringers from Wortwell, Diss, Thetford, South Lopham, Wymondham, Bunwell and Rougham (Suffolk) met at Swaffham at 1.45 and after an hour's ringing moved on to Gressenhall and North Elmham, and after a picnic tea in Dereham rang at St. Nicholas' Church. The last tower was Hingham, where ringing finished at 9 p.m., and before dispersing Harry Fuller, on behalf of all, thanked John for the excellent arrangements he had made. Grateful thanks to all incumbents and the ringers who met us at the churches.

A. G. H.

DAVE'S RAVE

On Saturday, August 30th, a "select" band of Liverpool Youths invaded the neighbouring provinces of Cheshire and Derbyshire.

Ringing took place on the fine eights at Prestbury and Buxton, the beautiful 12 at Macclesfield and the very pleasant eight at St. Peter's, Macclesfield. Other towers visited were Poynton, Bollington, Bosley, Sutton, Burbage, Marple and St. George's, Stockport.

Ringing was of a fairly high standard but, being a small band, the effects of some hard bells were being heard at Stockport. The evening was concluded in fine style at a Chinese restaurant in Stockport. Thanks are due to incumbents and tower captains for permission to ring and meeting us respectively.

Thanks for a great day, Dave. How about raving again when the wanderer comes home!

J. H.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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AN ANALYSIS OF SHORT TOUCHES OF PLAIN BOB MINOR

By D. P. TREBLE

I have recently written a computer programme to compose touches of Group G Plain Minor methods Since the number of touches produced multiplies rapidly as the length increases, I imposed a cut-off at 120 changes. This resulted in the composition of 169 touches with no 65's at backstroke. These are a complete list of touches up to 120 changes in length. I have drawn up a list of 25 distinct touches, all the others being simple variations of these 25 The notation used here is somewhat unusual, but should be self-evident.

The programme will compose for other groups of Plain Minor methods with a simple programming change, and other programmes are being developed to compose 720's. A fairly simple extension to compose extents of Treble Bob Minor methods is also envisaged.

Details of the programmes, which are being run on the Bath University, English Electric 4-50 computer, will be described in a subsequent article.

Touch No.	Leads 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	B	B	B							
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5		B	S		S	B				
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9	S		S		S		S			
10			B			S	B	B	S	
11			B			S	S	S	S	
12			B	S		B		B	S	
13			B	S		B		S	B	
14			S	B		B		B	S	
15		B	B		B	B		B	B	
16		B	B		B	B		S	S	
17		B	B		S	S		S	S	
18		S	S		S	S		S	S	
19		B	B	S	B	B		B	S	
20		S	S	S	S	S		B	S	
21					S					S
22				B	B				B	B
23				B	B				S	S
24				S	S				S	S
25		B		B		B		B		B

Note.—All except touches 8, 9 and 21 can be rung starting at any lead and in reverse. Touch 8 can be started at leads 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 and 8. Touch 9 can only be started at lead 1 and finishes with a plain lead. Touch 21 can only be started at leads 1, 2 and 5. All touches except No. 9 finish with a call.

"PEALS AROUND THE PEAKS"

The same group of people who in the past have held peal tours such as "Peals around Portishead" and "Peals around the Pennines" assembled this year at Crowden Peak National Park Youth Hostel. Their week, which resulted in 19 successes, is given the heading "Peals Around the Peaks".

During the tour the 100th peal in this series was rung—Cambridge Surprise Maximus at Ashton-under-Lyne. A very good performance was given by Mrs. Hazel Mackenzie with 11 peal successes in the week. The conducting was shared as follows: Tudor P. Edwards, John H. Fielden and Frederick Shallcross 4 each, Peter S. Bennett 3, James L. Towler 2, Kenneth J. Heskett 1, J. Barry Pickup 1.

TWO SPLICED (NO SURPRISE)

TWO members of the St. Albans Cathedral Society, Miss Christine Margaret Leslie and Mr. Anthony Ronald Carter, were married at St. Albans Abbey on August 23rd

During the service, which was conducted by the Dean, the Very Rev. N. M. Kennaby, four members rang a course of Plain Bob Major on handbells.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a full-length dress, made by her mother, of white crystal satin with lace sleeves. The collar and hem were trimmed with matching lace. A short veil was held in place by a petal headdress. She carried a bouquet of apricot rosebuds, white carnations, gladioli and stephanotis.

Christine, who is a librarian at Hatfield Polytechnic, was attended by Miss Roseann Baker, and Tony, who is a senior engineer at the Hawker Siddeley Dynamics Space Division, had Mr. Michael Pickering as his best man.

After the reception held at the Pré Hotel the couple left for a honeymoon in the West Country. An attempt to ring a peal of Kent Major unfortunately came to grief after an hour's ringing. M. D. F.

[Photo by R. J. Frost, Bayfordbury, Hertford.

MISS LEWIS IN LONDON

On Monday, September 1st, a number of Margaret Lewis's large circle of friends converged on St. George's, Borough High Street, at 9.30 a.m. As no one had told Norman Bagworth that the Borough Station was closed he was a little late with the key, having hurried back from the next stop. The pleasant eight were soon going to Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman.

A short trip up the road took us to Southwark Cathedral, where John Euston had things ready for us. Grandsire Caters and Cinques and Bob Royal went well on the lovely 12.

We followed Margaret's Volkswagen via Rotherhithe Tunnel to St. George-in-the-East, Stepney, a marked contrast to the previous tower with its 6 cwt. eight. Bristol and Cambridge were rung at handbell speed, or so it seemed after the heavy 12.

Those of us who admired Margaret's rigid observance of the speed limit in the tunnel were somewhat taken aback when she blithely ignored a "No left turn" signal at almost the next junction!

Lunch was taken at the Gun, Blackwall. This 16th century pub, hidden deep in dockland, provides excellent views of the busy river, with good food as well. It also claims to have been the meeting place of Lord Nelson and Lady Hamilton. We were all rather puzzled as to how Margaret found it.

First tower after lunch was Leytonstone, with a pleasant little eight, where Oxford Bob Triples was added to the methods. We were pleased to see the youthful veteran Charlie Hughes here for a ring with us.

The bells at the next tower, St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, provide some curious music in the ringing room but are pleasant enough outside.

The lovely bells of St. John's, Hackney, came next. A respectable course of London was rung here, also Double Oxford Major. The 16 cwt. eight by Mears are a real joy to ring or listen to.

The final tower was St. Paul's, Homerton. This curious wooden tower houses a 9 cwt. six, not at all easy to ring. To add to the difficulty is a centre post with branch-like arms which move considerably as the bells are rung. Minor and Doubles were rung, with a very reasonable lower to end a pleasant day. R.C.

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ALDERMASTON, BERKS. — On Aug. 6th 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. Livingston 1, Freda N. Wilcox 2, W. Butler 3-4, P. Corderoy 5, J. J. Hill 6, M. S. Holbrook 7, D. L. Wilcox (cond.) 8. For the Cockroft Society.

ALDRIDGE, STAFFS.—On July 20th, 1,260 Single Oxford Minor: Cynthia Humphreys 1, R. Riley 2, N. White 3, Daphne Appleby 4, J. P. Burton 5, J. L. Humphreys (cond.) 6. First Single Oxford by local band. Also on Aug. 11th, 1,260 St. Clement's Minor: J. L. Humphreys 1, M. Allery 2, R. Riley 3, Cynthia Humphreys 4, J. P. Burton 5, C. Bainham (cond.) 6. To mark the wedding of Michael Mulvey, tower captain here for six years. Also on Aug. 25th, 1,260 Doubles: Gwynneth Dorrall 1, M. Allery 2, J. L. Humphreys (cond.) 3, Cynthia Humphreys 4, R. Riley 5, J. P. Burton 6. First in five methods 1 and 4.

BEETHAM, WESTMORLAND. — On Aug. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mary W. Whalley 1, J. Whalley 2, A. Capstick 3, K. J. Foster 4, T. F. Metcalfe 5, K. M. Price (cond.) 6

BISHOPSTOKE, HANTS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Aug. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Anna Tobias (first Triples) 1, Pip E. Menniss 2, J. C. Hallett 3, R. Le Marachel 4, Linda V. Cull 5, T. J. Frodsham 6, J. P. Colliss (cond.) 7, A. L. Guille 8. First in method by all except 5th.

BLACKMOOR, HANTS. — On Aug. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: V. Shadbolt 1, D. J. Cooper 2, Mary Sutcliffe (cond.) 3, Rev. C. J. Butler 4, M. E. Cass 5. For Evensong, and as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Jean Welch.

BOSTON, LINCS.—On Aug. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. B. Dawson 1, A. Freeston 2, H. Barsley 3, R. Freeston 4, P. H. Reynolds (cond.) 5, A. E. Flatters 6, W. E. Clarke 7, R. Stephenson 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam R. F. Brown.

BRADFIELD, YORKS.—On Aug. 27th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss A. Crawshaw 1, R. Fletcher 2, R. Plant 3, M. King (cond.) 4, T. Cairns (first "inside") 5, R. Grundy 6.

BREDBURY, CHESHIRE. — On Aug. 31st, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: R. Scott 1, Sylvia Smith 2, Susan Brocklehurst 3, J. D. Broadbent 4, R. F. Andrew 5, M. Foulds (cond.) 6. Rung as a welcome to Rev. and Mrs. J. Higgins.

BRIDGERULE, DEVON. — On Aug. 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Ann Pilgrim 1, Judith Ashcroft 2, Patricia Mills 3, Mandi McCallion 4, J. Barton-Plumb 5, M. Pilgrim 6, N. W. H. Simon (cond.) 7, Mary Pryor 8.

BROCKENHURST, HANTS.—On Aug. 23rd, 1,296 Spliced Plain Bob and Rev. Cant. Bob Minimus J. B. G. G. Clarke 1, Flora M. Stocker 2, A. A. Nunn 3, B. J. Fry (cond.) 4, B. F. Peachey 5, B. G. Curtis 6. First Minimus 1, 2, 3. Longest length 1, 5, 6.

BRUTON, SOM.—On Aug. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Clarke (first quarter) 1, H. G. White 2, W. Tiley (cond.) 3, R. Waller 4, F. Andrews 5, J. Palmer (first quarter) 6. Rung for the wedding of Miss Patricia Lloyd, and also to commemorate 45 years of ringing in the same tower by Messrs. H. G. and W. P. White.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.—On Aug. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. J. Perry (first on eight) 1, H. Miles 2, G. W. Taysom 3, Marion L. Lidgey 4, Canon A. S. Roberts 5, T. R. Hart 6, F. M. Bowers (cond.) 7, M. D. Smaldon 8. Rung as a compliment to Dr. A. E. A. Hudson and Mrs. Hudson, of Tennessee, on the occasion of their 35th wedding anniversary.

CHENIES, BUCKS. — On Aug. 18th, 1,440 Plain Minor (720 Single Oxford, 720 Pl. Bob): W. J. Atkins 1, P. L. Knight (first Minor "inside") 2, D. J. Goodman 3, G. A. Rees 4, F. H. Walters 5, M. Hatchett (cond.) 6.

CHIDDINGSTONE, KENT.—On Aug. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. R. Everest 1, M. W. Thompson 2, N. Butcher 3, R. Sherlock 4, R. Everest 5, R. Hayes 6, B. E. Jeffrey (cond.) 7, W. J. Bear 8. For Chiddingstone Festival.

CHIGWELL, ESSEX.—On Aug 24th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Marion A. Cass (first T.B.) 1, Maureen J. Carruthers (first Surprise as cond.) 2, G. H. Walker (first Camb. Minor) 3, D. A. Tovell 4, P. W. Dickinson 5, L. C. Hanney 6. Rung for Evensong, and to celebrate the conductor's First Class Honours Degree in chemistry.

COLESHILL, WARKS.—On Aug. 31st, 1,288 Plain Bob Triples: A. G. Ensor 1, Dawn Holly (first Triples) 2, Lynda M. Deebank 3, Anne E. Deebank 4, L. L. Willis 5, D. L. Hooper 6, M. F. Edwards (cond.) 7, H. Walker 8. A 70th birthday compliment to ringer of 8.

QUARTER PEALS

DEEPING ST. JAMES, LINCS. — On Aug. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. J. W. Haw 1, H. Taylor 2, J. Aldridge (first quarter) 3, I. Coleman 4, B. Knight 5, J. W. Haw (cond.) 6. To mark the 40th wedding anniversary of Rev. T. W. Dealy (former curate, now of Lincoln) and Mrs. Dealy.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX. — On Aug. 20th, 1,280 London S. Major: Amette Bradbury (first T.B. Major) 1, Christine Baldock 2, Janet Percy 3, Ann Smith 4, Betty Percy 5, T. Barlow 6, I. Smith 7, A. Baldock (cond.) 8.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Aug. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): N. Fox (first Grandsire) 1, H. Reynolds 2, G. Welch (first Grandsire) 3, G. Beeney 4, I. Rees (first attempt as cond., first Grandsire "inside") 5, S. Green (first quarter) 6, D. Ramsay (first Grandsire) 7, S. Rees (first quarter) 8. Rung prior to an Anglo-Methodist Youth Service

FOLKESTONE, KENT. — On Aug. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Todd 1, Miss R. J. Sinden 2, R. J. Elliott 3, B. L. Marks 4, R. A. Birch 5, R. J. Birch 6, L. Mannering (cond.) 7, J. F. Wellard 8. Rung following the wedding of Alan P. S. Berry and Anne Barber.

GREAT BROMLEY, ESSEX.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: V. C. Fisher (first quarter) 1, Mrs. Joy Brown 2, F. H. Erith 3, J. H. Gould 4, P. G. Erith (cond.) 5, T. Cole 6.

GREAT COMBERTON, WORCS.—On Aug. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss H. C. Glazebrook 1, A. C. Berry (cond.) 2, H. B. Scholfield 3, J. E. Whittall 4, P. S. Robertson 5, P. D. Warren 6. Rung as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. Grinnell, of Pershore.

HASELBURY PLUCKNETT, SOM. — On Aug. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. K. Miller 1, R. Beale (cond.) 2, E. Rice 3, L. Miller 4, R. C. Beale 5, R. A. Welch 6. Rung as a 2nd birthday compliment to the son of the ringer of the third and godson of the sixth ringer

HASTINGS, SUSSEX.—At All Saints' Church, on Aug. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. J. Downing 1, Mrs. G. Levett 2, Joan Downing 3, I. Vaughan 4, I. Pickard 5, J. A. Downing 6, C. A. Levett (cond.) 7, G. Standen 8. A farewell to Joan Downing, who has accepted a teaching appointment at East Africa Conservatoire of Music, Nairobi, Kenya.

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HINDON, WILTS.—On Aug. 23rd, 1,440 Minor: J. R. Hobbs 1, Miss S. Moore 2, J. E. Newman 3, P. J. Devrell 4, A. F. Lee (cond., Kent) 5, R. L. Coles (cond., Cambridge) 6.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Aug. 31st, 1,260 Pl. Bob Major: S. Penfold 1, Anne Pullan 2, J. Fowler 3, Joan Peacock 4, C. C. M. Pain 5, J. W. Stephenson 6, C. E. Wright 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8. Rung for Matins, and to welcome Michael Colin Pain, a son for Chris and Margaret Pain, born August 28th.

ILKLEY, YORKS.—On Aug. 27th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: J. I. Cox 1, G. Featherstone 2, A. Stott 3, V. M. Bean (first "inside") 4, M. Hillary 5, R. Crabtree 6, P. Norman 7, D. Featherstone (cond.) 8.

KINGSTON UPON THAMES, SURREY. — On Aug. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. P. Hull 1, Lesley A. Hawes 2, Bryony P. Moorby 3, Anthea S. Bruce 4, C. D. Collin 5, B. J. Stone 6, N. Thomson (cond.) 7, M. J. Green 8.

LACOCK, WILTS.—On Sept. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. E. Stracey 1, A. J. Cox (first as cond.) 2, A. G. Frost (first "inside") 3, P. C. Fleming 4, P. R. Fletcher 5, P. Lovelack 6. For the forthcoming wedding of A. Frost to Miss J. Donegani on Sept. 6th at Wellington, Salop.

LELANT, CORNWALL. — On Aug. 20th, 1,440 Grandsire Minor: Marion L. Lidgey 1, R. P. Pearce 2, H. Miles 3, T. R. Hart 4, F. M. Bowers 5, T. J. Bell (cond.) 6.

LITTLEPORT, CAMBS.—On Aug. 30th, 1,330 Pl. Bob Major: E. H. Mastin 1, Helen R. Taylor 2, Clare R. Taylor 3, V. Bowen 4, Hilda C. Taylor 5, O. Needham 6, E. J. Taylor 7, R. Harrop (cond.) 8. First quarter of Major for 3 and 5.

LITTLE SHELFORD, CAMBS. — On Aug. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: J. Smart 1, F. Harper 2, R. Balls 3, Miss J. Sanderson 4, B. J. Couzens (cond.) 5, R. A. Currell (first quarter) 6. Rung for the institution of Rev. Eric Hague.

MONTACUTE, SOM.—On Aug. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S.C. D. Irwin 1, Ex-S.C. T. E. Marks 2, S. Sgt. G. W. Rendell (cond.) 3, Ch. Insp. F. Sandy 4, G. W. Rendell 5, S.C. H. Greenham 6. Rung half-muffled by a representative band of the National Police Guild as a tribute to S.C. J. Guppy, of Montacute, after his funeral.

NAILSEA, SOM.—On Aug. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Mrs. F. Porter 1, L. Derrick 2, L. Childs 3, R. Boultbee 4, C. Kortright (cond.) 5, J. K. Baker 6.

NETTLEHAM, LINCS.—On Aug. 17th, 1,260 Little Bob Minor: W. Booth 1, A. Sinden 2, Mrs. M. Parker 3, M. H. Sinden 4, D. Phillipson 5, C. Sharp (cond.) 6. Longest touch in the method by all the band. For Evensong.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS. — On Aug. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Le Marachel 1, Linda V. Cull 2, Pip E. Menniss 3, J. P. Colliss (cond.) 4, R. S. Parratt (first Minor) 5, D. A. Fallick 6. A birthday compliment to Ian M. McCallion.

ODCOMBE, SOM.—On July 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. W. Rendell, jun. 1, G. W. Rendell, sen. (cond.) 2, R. E. Guppy 3, D. J. Pollard 4, A. G. Woodhouse 5, H. Lloyd 6. A farewell to the sixth ringer: it was also his first quarter.

OLD BRAMPTON, DERBYS.—On Aug. 18th, 1,292 Plain Bob Minimus: R. Turner (first quarter) 1, J. Leary (first quarter) 2, J. Arkwell (cond.) 3, P. Rose 4, P. Attwood 5.

PAPANUI, NEW ZEALAND. — At St. Paul's Church, on Aug. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mary Spence 1, R. H. Idle (cond.) 2, Gillian Spence 3, J. R. Williams 4, E. S. Tillman (first quarter) 5.

PERRANZABULOE, CORNWALL.—On Aug. 27th, 1,800 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): Patricia Oliver 1, R. P. Pearce 2, A. Carveth (cond.) 3, D. A. Trethewey 4, T. J. Bell 5, T. N. Hitchens 6.

RIPPLE, WORCS.—On July 27th, 1,296 Annable's London Surprise Minor: F. Lawrence 1, B. Spiers 2, S. B. Bell 3, M. Hawkes 4, D. Price 5, J. Clements (cond.) 6. First in the method by all the band.

RIPPONDEN, YORKS.—On Aug. 30th, 1,320 Kent Treble Bob Minor: F. Linfoot (cond.) 1, Miss J. Pollard 2, Miss A. Barmby 3, A. R. Naylor (first quarter) 4, A. Rogers 5, D. Smith 6.

ST. CLEMENT, CORNWALL. — On Aug. 25th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: T. J. Bell 1, R. P. Pearce 2, T. N. Hitchens 3, D. A. Trethewey 4.

OBITUARY

Ald. SIR THEODORE PRITCHETT, M.C., D.L.

A member of a famous ringing family, Ald. Sir Theodore Pritchett died on August 29th in a Birmingham hospital at the age of 78.

Sir Theodore's father was one of four brothers who rang London Surprise Major at King's Norton at a time when it was rare to find a local band capable of ringing the method. One of Sir Theodore's uncles was Ald. John S. Pritchett, who was for many years presiding Ringing Master of the St. Martin's Guild. John S. will be remembered by many ringers for his dignified chairmanship at the Henry Johnson dinner and for his ready wit and silvery voice.

Sir Theodore was the senior partner in a firm of solicitors and had completed 45 years on the Birmingham City Council, 16 of them as leader of the Conservative Party until 1964. He occupied the high office of Lord Mayor of Birmingham in 1939–1940, an office subsequently held by his staunch friend, the late Ald. Paddon Smith. He was a fine advocate and his reputation for courtesy and integrity was widely acknowledged —even by his political opponents. His love of the country was inherited from his father, who farmed at King's Norton where Sir Theodore was born.

In his early years, although he remembered being taken up the tower at King's Norton to watch the ringing on various occasions, he was not encouraged to learn. It was not until much later in life, and no doubt due to the enthusiasm of his friend Paddon Smith, that his interest in ringing was roused. Commencing to ring at 60 years of age necessarily limited his progress, although his enthusiasm was boundless. He visited St. Martin's for practice on many occasions and rang as one of the local band at Tanworth-in-Arden. His home was at Ullenhall, where his spare time was happily spent on his 60-acre farm.

Sir Theodore leaves a widow, two sons and a daughter. Such a friendly and lovable man was Sir Theodore that he leaves a host of friends who will feel a sense of loss at his passing. G. E. F.

MR. E. GREENACRE

Mr. Edward (Ted) Greenacre, 57, Columbia Way, King's Lynn, died suddenly on July 17th, aged 69 years. The funeral took place at St. Faith's, Gaywood, followed by cremation at Norwich.

He was a bellringer for 54 years at the churches of St. Faith, Gaywood, and St. Margaret, King's Lynn (with the exception of the war years when bellringing was not allowed), and was also a member of the Gaywood band of handbell ringers.

He had rung several peals in the district, being a member of the Norwich Diocesan Association, and had helped teach many of the younger generation the art of bellringing.

He was so enthusiastic that he acquainted himself with the science of campanology and bell manufacture, in so much that he had on occasions given lectures on this subject.

On July 20th at St. Faith's, Gaywood, and on July 22nd at St. Margaret's, King's Lynn, the bells were rung muffled in his memory.

CANON H. R. WILDS

Whilst on holiday in the Isle of Wight Canon Hedley Ralph Wilds, Vicar of Rowledge, Surrey, had a heart attack on August 30th and died three hours later in Ryde Hospital, at the age of 67. Canon Wilds in his youth learned to handle a bell rope in the Weybridge, Surrey, area but did not continue in the art, although his interest in bells and bellringing never flagged. He became Vicar of Thames Ditton and later Rector of Farnham, in the Guildford Diocese, and in both these incumbencies was a popular and regular visitor to all organised ringing functions. Both the churches at Thames Ditton and Farnham were restored through the efforts and leadership of Canon Wilds, and at the latter this included the recasting and rehanging of the ring of eight bells. On the evening of the funeral a half-muffled quarter peal was rung at St. Andrew's, Farnham, by the local company and a memorial service is to be held later.

BELFRY GOSSIP

In connection with our feature article re Leicester Cathedral (pp. 727/739) the Dinner Committee would like to thank the Very Rev. J. C. Hughes, Provost of the Cathedral, and Mr. Shirley Burton, the Ringing Master, for their help.

His many friends will be sorry to learn that Mr. C. Ernest Smith, of Godalming, Surrey, is in Milford Chest Hospital with a recurrence of bronchial asthma, the complaint which has kept him away from ringing for some time. We wish him a speedy and complete recovery.

Geoffrey, Elizabeth and Warwick Davies are returning to England at the beginning of October after three years in the United States. While there they were instrumental in setting up the North American Guild, which now holds regular meetings in the East Coast area. Geoff is taking up an appointment in the Chemistry Department at the University of Kent at Canterbury and is hoping to resume his former peal ringing activities. Elizabeth, who was taught to ring at King's Norton, Birmingham, is interested in getting back into practice, and Warwick, who is now three years old, will probably want to join them in their visits to the Kentish towers.

Next on the list for 1,000 peal honours is probably Bernard F. L. Groves. He rang his 950th peal at Morpeth Watch Tower on August 31st.

Miss Ann Gardner, of the Washington Cathedral band, arrives in England this month. She is taking a two-year postgraduate course at Oxford University.

The latest programme schedule of Radio Nederland tells the story of the Hemony brothers. Copies may be obtained free from Radio Nederland English Section, P.O. Box 222, Hilversum, Holland.

Mr. Charles Denyer, who takes up his duties as editor of "The Ringing World" on October 1st, is grateful to the many ringing friends and acquaintances who have sent messages of congratulations and good wishes on his appointment. He hopes to reply individually in due time.

During the recent Bank Holiday weekend peals were rung at Tewkesbury Abbey, Bristol Cathedral and Cheltenham, methods being Cambridge Maximus, Spliced Surprise Major and Yorkshire Maximus respectively. Taking part in the peals of Maximus was Mr. George Fearn, who reached yet another landmark by ringing his 2,300th peal at Tewkesbury.

Comment

PEAL RINGING

Why is it that many of today's Branch members are against peal ringing? Basically, I am sure that all ringers have the same object in mind, that is to improve the standard of ringing for Sunday service. Why, then, when a band of ringers get together to ring a peal of unusual methods are they condemned by the anti-peal ringers?

I think it is about time we took a critical look at ourselves and answered a few questions truthfully.

Firstly.—Are we not a bit envious of these peal ringers? If this is the case then we should do something about it, such as asking these ringers if they would allow us to stand in some of their peals, or alternatively, to arrange a peal of our own and invite one or two of them to ring in it. I am sure they would be willing to oblige.

Secondly.—I am sure that 95% of all peal ringers do their main job of ringing at their own towers on Sundays and practice nights (when they are held) and also help to teach new recruits in their towers, and often at other towers too!

If one takes the trouble to look up some unusual methods one finds that they are not so difficult and well within the comprehension of most of us. Therefore, because at first sight the methods seem to be above us, we should not condemn those who do attempt to ring them.

Surely we should not condemn others until we are perfect ourselves: none of us are perfect (or are we?).

I hope this article will give room for thought. Perhaps if we think about it we might bear with peal ringers a little.

"ROPESIGHT".
Northampton Branch Newsletter.

HIGHCLERE "WELCOME HOME" PEAL

Regarding recent correspondence in "The Ringing World" on local band peals and resident bands of Guilds attempting something new with outside help, it has been the policy of the local Sunday service band at Highclere since 1967, when Plain Bob Minor was first rung by a Sunday service band.

Since then Kent Minor has also been rung and in January, 1968, and 1969 Plain Bob and Grandsire Triples.

It was in January that thoughts turned to Bob Major and a date in August was fixed then when all the band would be available, one being away in the Royal Navy at Plymouth, and as a surprise to the Rector it would also be a "Welcome home" peal for him on his return from America after a two-month exchange visit with the Rev. Johnson, of St. John's, Bernardsville, New Jersey, U.S.A., at the end of August.

The peal was well rung with a good beat throughout and the band were well pleased to add Major to their other achievements.

With another member due to join the R.A.F. it is hoped to attempt Cambridge Minor before he goes. G. D.

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ALL SAINTS DOUBLES

Mr. W. L. Exton informs us that the first peal of All Saints Doubles was rung at All Saints' Church, Swinderby, on May 27th, 1954, conducted by F. G. Hooper.

He believes that a quarter peal had been rung previously in the West Country.

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY

Five new members were elected at the quarterly meeting of the Eastern Division at East Hoathly on August 26th. Owing to the Association committee meeting the October meeting will be held on the first Saturday in November at Brede, if possible.

Owing to the often high cost of tea it was decided to pay no more than 3s. 6d. and, if necessary, to make own arrangements for tea.

The latest date for obtaining tickets for the 1969 dinner from the divisional secretary is September 20th.

About 35 ringers were present during the afternoon and evening, when ringing ranged from rounds to London.

"ELY SENTINEL" NOTES

"The Sentinel", the production of the Ely Diocesan Association, has many items of interest in its September issue. The cover picture, in colour, of St. Andrew's Church, Sutton-in-the-Isle, is the pièce de résistance.

It is stated that on a recent outing the ringers discovered Holt, a village near Norwich, which until recently only had two bells. They were augmented to six with bells from a disused church at Norwich, the tenor being 8 cwt.

At Cromer there hangs in the tower a lamp used in olden times to warn ships at sea. There is an opening in the tower, oddly named Harry Yaxley's Hole. Harry was a mischievous schoolboy who went birdnesting up the tower. Quarrelling with another boy over the plunder, he was picked up and dropped through the opening, happily landing on the roof of the nave more frightened than hurt! The ringers were more occupied with ringing the six bells (these should be an octave) and no one was reported missing! The view from the battlements is outstanding and the tower is open to visitors most days.

At Buxton the six bells were utilised. The party noted with interest a tablet in the church with a cherub above it lamenting the death of Mary Ann Kent in 1773. This little girl, aged four, had received an inoculation—which was by no means as safe as now—and this evidently caused her death, for "her fond parents, deluded by a prevalent custom, suffered the rough hand of Art to wound the flourishing root of nature and rob the little innocent of the gracious gift of Life."

As from March next "The Sentinel" will appear twice yearly instead of three times.

RESEARCH

At Slapton, Northants, in a tower of a very old edifice, is a badly cracked bell, bearing replicas of the royal heads of Edward III and his Queen, Philippa (1327–1377), together with a Latin inscription—VLTIMA SV TRINA CAMPANA VOCOR KTERNA, which translated means "I am the last of the three—I am called bell Katharine".

Apart from a small sanctus bell hung in an opening of the tower **there are only two bells**, the other inscribed XPE AVDI NOS. The 1552 inventory of all church goods quotes Slapton (near Towcester) as then having ij great bells and a sanctus, as does the inventory of 1700.

In 1634 a Thomas Cooper, of Woodend (a nearby hamlet), rehung the two **in a new oak frame for two** which bears his name. So the question arises: When had the tower **three** bells? unless the sanctus was counted, which is not, and never has been, the usual practice.

If there was a third (and I have no doubt that from this inscription there was) it must have been at some time between the mid-14th and mid-16th centuries (Edward III to Edward VI), very likely after the Reformation and destruction of the monasteries in 1538, and before 1552, when looting of Church property caused the 1552 inventory to be compiled.

Recently at Welford, a silver chalice of 1518 was unearthed—believed hidden from those lootings. A third bell (possibly a treble) could have gone the same way about that time—it would be interesting to know the truth, which, like the 1518 chalice, may one day be revealed: this cracked bell's inscription cannot tell lies! Being pre-Reformation (as the replicas of Edward III and Queen Philippa prove it to be) it is doubtful whether it could be recast, despite the fact that old inscriptions can be replaced.

Who cast the two bells (and the possibly missing third)? It is generally believed to be Simon-de-Hazfeld. As for the sanctus bell, this is older and bears the inscription RD DE-WYMBIS ME FECIT. De-Wymbis was operating during the reign of Edward I and part of that of Edward II.

In a clock tower at nearby Catesby Hall (pulled down soon after the last war) was another Richard-de-Wymbis small bell. I was once asked by a librarian and museum curator if I could identify plaster moulds taken from its inscriptions and tell its age.

Slapton's Church of St. Botolph is one of the oldest in Northants and worth a visit (ringing apart) if only to see its small but very strong tower. Paintings on its walls (covered up since Puritan times) have recently been uncovered. P. A.

MISS DOREEN EDWARDS' ACCIDENT

All ringers who know Doreen will sympathise with her as she has met with a serious accident, a car crash being responsible.

Miss Edwards lives at Sandbach, Cheshire, and is a keen member of the Crewe Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild and rings regularly for Sunday services.

It is to be hoped that it will not be too long before she has recovered sufficiently to take her place again in ringing activities.

J. H.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The village of Salle was the venue for the Northern Branch meeting on Saturday, September 6th.

The Vicar (Rev. W. F. P. Kelly) conducted the service and gave the address; he reminded ringers of their duty not only to call people to church by the message of the bells but to set an example and take an active part in the life of the church.

The lesson was read by Mr. F. N. Golden; Miss B. Jewell was at the organ, accompanied by Mary Nicholls on the trumpet.

Over 40 members enjoyed an excellent tea, provided by Mrs. Kelly, local ringers' wives and widows; as it just happened to be the secretary's birthday, his wife had made a birthday cake, which it seems was enjoyed by all.

Mrs. Marion Gilbert, of Drayton, was elected a member; Brian Bladon (Christ Church, Swindon) and Simon Wigg (St. Michael's, Maidstone) were elected life members; the belfry election prior to a peal at Mancroft was ratified.

Members stood in silence as a tribute to the memory of Mr. B. Howchin, who died on June 28th: he was for some years Master of the Mancroft company.

Margaret A. Bunting, Roy E. Smith and Adril Walton were congratulated on ringing their first peal.

The secretary felt it should go on record what the Association owed to the skill and knowledge of David House: for the few years he had been here great advancement had been made in method ringing. Both Janet and David are leaving the district for a time and our best wishes go with them.

The Association Ringing Master (Mr. P. Adcock) told the meeting that the final of the striking competition would be held at Norton Subcourse on Saturday, October 11th.

It was decided to hold the annual Branch meeting at Hethersett on Saturday, December 13th.

The chairman (Mr. G. Sayer) proposed a vote of thanks to all who had helped make the meeting a success.

The president (Canon A. G. G. Thurlow) joined in the ringing at Reepham during the evening, having had a prior engagement during the afternoon. C. B.

PEALS AROUND THE PEAKS

PEALS RUNG FOR THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

STRETFORD, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Matthew.
On Sat., Aug. 2, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Maryl R. Fielden	Treble	Peter Randall	5
Christine A. Andrew	2	J. Barry Pickup	6
John F. Thorne	3	Maurice C. Hughes	7
Donald F. Murfet	4	John H. Fielden	Tenor

Composed by C. P. Starbuck and S. Humphrey.
Conducted by John H. Fielden. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

ACCRINGTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sun., Aug. 3, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

John F. Thorne	Treble	Michael D. Fishwick	6
J. Barry PUickup	2	Maurice C. Hughes	7
Josephine A. Quilter	3	John H. Fielden	8
Maryl R. Fielden	4	Kenneth J. Hesketh	9
Donald F. Murfet	5	Frederick Shallcross	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by John H. Fielden.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancs.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sun., Aug. 3, 1969, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in D.

Peter Randall	Treble	Michael J. Platt	7
Edward Jenkins	2	Peter G. Brown	8
Christine A. Andrew	3	Peter S. Bennett	9
David E. Rothera	4	James L. Towler	10
Hazel A. Mackenzie	5	Richard S. Starkie	11
Tudor P. Edwards	6	Dereck Butterworth	Tenor

Composed by Peter Border. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancs.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Mon., Aug. 4, 1969, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 26 lb.

Tudor P. Edwards	Treble	David E. Rothera	5
John H. Fielden	2	Peter Randall	6
J. Barry Pickup	3	Richard S. Starkie	7
Anthony H. Smith	4	James L. Towler	Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

SWINTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Tues., Aug. 5, 1969, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt 7 lb. in D.

J Barry Pickup	2	Michael D. Fishwick	5
Tudor P. Edwards	Treble	Philip J. Rothera	6
James L. Towler	3	John H. Fielden	7
Kenneth J. Hesketh	4	Frederick Shallcross	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Frederick Shallcross.

MILES PLATTING, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. John.
On Tues., Aug. 5, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12½ cwt. in G

Donald E. Murfet	Treble	Peter S. Bennett	5
Josephine A. Quilter	2	David E. Rothera	6
Richard S. Starkie	3	Peter C. Randall	7
Anthony H. Smith	4	J. Barry Pickup	Tenor

Composed by M. S. Bruce. Conducted by Peter S. Bennett.

SALFORD, Lancs.—At the Church of the Sacred Trinity.
On Tues., Aug. 5, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb.

Frederick Shallcross	Treble	Anthony H. Smith	5
Josephine A. Quilter	2	Peter Randall	6
Hazel A. Mackenzie	3	Donald F. Murfet	7
Susan Rothera	4	Michael D. Fishwick	Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. Davies. Conducted by Frederick Shallcross.

OLDHAM, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Tues., Aug. 5, 1969, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 35 cwt. 4 lb. in D flat.

Tudor P. Edwards	Treble	David E. Rothera	7
Richard S. Starkie	2	Kenneth J. Hesketh	8
J. Barry Pickup	3	Dereck Butterworth	9
John H. Fielden	4	Peter S. Bennett	10
Basil Jones	5	James L. Towler	11
Peter G. Brown	6	Philip J. Rothera	Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

NEWCHURCH KENYON, Lancashire. — (Unknown.)
On Fri., Aug. 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb.

Maurice C. Hughes	Treble	Kenneth J. Hesketh	5
Anthony H. Smith	2	Donald F. Murfet	6
Hazel A. Mackenzie	3	David E. Rothera	7
John F. Thorne	4	Frederick Shallcross	Tenor

Composed by H. Poyner. Conducted by Frederick Shallcross.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancs.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Aug. 9, 1969, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5,024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 26 lb. in E.

James L. Towler	Treble	Peter S. Bennett	5
R. David Baker	3	Donald F. Murfet	6
Hazel A. Mackenzie	3	Tudor P. Edwards	7
Peter C. Randall	4	Kenneth J. Hesketh	Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by Peter S. Bennett.

MANCHESTER, Lancs.—At the Cathedral Church of the Virgin Mary.
On Sat., Aug. 9, 1969, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 27 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in D.

Hazel A. Mackenzie	Treble	R. David Baker	6
Maryl R. Fielden	2	David E. Rothera	7
Susan Rothera	3	Tudor P. Edwards	8
Anthony H. Smith	4	Richard S. Starkie	9
Michael Platt	5	Donald E. Murfet	Tenor

Composed by A. M. Tyler. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

PEALS RUNG FOR THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MOTTRAM-IN-LONGDENDALE, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Mon., Aug. 4, 1969, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

Hazel A. Mackenzie	Treble	Donald F. Murfet	5
Kenneth J. Hesketh	2	Philip J. Rothera	6
Peter G. Brown	3	Maurice C. Hughes	7
Josephine A. Quilter	4	Frederick Shallcross	Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by Kenneth J. Hesketh.

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HYDE, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. George.
On Mon., Aug. 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation of Middleton's. Tenor 18 cwt. 11 lb. in E.

Josephine A. Quilter	Treble	Richard S. Starkie	5
Hazel A. Mackenzie	2	J. Barry Pickup	6
Anthony H. Smith	3	Peter S. Bennett	7
James L. Towler	4	Peter G. Brown	Tenor

Conducted by Peter S. Bennett.

MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Wed., Aug. 6, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

Michael D. Fishwick	Treble	John F. Thorne	5
Anthony H. Smith	2	John H. Fielden	6
Hazel A. Mackenzie	3	Maurice C. Hughes	7
Donald F. Murfet	4	James L. Towler	Tenor

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by James L. Towler.

PRESTBURY, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Wed., Aug. 6, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt

John F. Thorne	Treble	Anthony H. Smith	5
Peter Randall	2	Donald F. Murfet	6
Hazel Mackenzie	3	J. Barry Pickup	7
Michael D. Fishwick	4	Frederick Shallcross	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by J. Barry Pickup.

MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Wed., Aug. 6, 1969, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 26 cwt. 23 lb.

Neil Bennett	Treble	Kenneth J. Hesketh	7
Maryl R. Fielden	2	John H. Fielden	8
Susan Rothera	3	Basil Jones	9
James L. Towler	4	Robert B. Smith	10
David E. Rothera	5	Richard S. Starkie	11
Peter S. Bennett	6	Tudor P. Edwards	Tenor

Composed by Giles B. Thompson. Conducted by John H. Fielden.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Thurs., Aug. 7, 1969, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 12 methods, being 576 changes of Ashtead and Lincolnshire, 448 Bristol and 384 each of Cambridge, Cray, Lindum, London, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Uxbridge and Yorkshire, with 130 changes of method. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr 14 lb.

Peter Randall	Treble	Philip J. Rothera	5
Anthony H. Smith	2	John H. Fielden	6
Peter S. Bennett	3	James L. Towler	7
David E. Rothera	4	Tudor P. Edwards	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by John H. Fielden.

NEW MILLS, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. George.
On Thurs., Aug. 7, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. in G.

R. David Baker	Treble	John F. Thorne	5
Hazel A. Mackenzie	2	Donald F. Murfet	6
Richard S. Starkie	3	Kenneth J. Hesketh	7
Frederick Shallcross	4	J. Barry Pickup	Tenor

Composed by N. Smith. Conducted by Frederick Shallcross.

GREAT BUDWORTH, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary and All Saints.
On Fri., Aug. 8, 1969, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

Hazel A. Mackenzie	Treble	John F. Thorne	5
Philip J. Rothera	2	Peter Randall	6
J. Barry Pickup	3	Kenneth J. Hesketh	7
David E. Rothera	4	James L. Towler	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by James L. Towler.

PEALS IN PEMBROKESHIRE

ALL PEALS RUNG FOR THE ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.

ST. DAVID'S, Pembs.—At the Cathedral Church of St. David.
On Sun., Aug. 10, 1969, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in D.

Ronald F. Andrew	Treble	Alexander E. Marsh	5
Christine Andrew	2	David J. Llewellyn	6
Robert B. Smith	3	Bernard F. L. Groves	7
Derek H. Walters	4	Alan F. Scholfield	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Christine Andrew.
Rung with the best wishes of the band to Alec Marsh on his birthday.

TENBY, Pembrokeshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., Aug. 11, 1969, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in F sharp.

Ronald F. Andrew	Treble	Alexander E. Marsh	5
David J. Llewellyn	2	M. Jack Pryor	6
Christine Andrew	3	Alan F. Scholfield	7
Bernard F. L. Groves	4	Robert B. Smith	Tenor

Composed by Robert B. Smith Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

CARMARTHEN, Carmarthenshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Tues., Aug. 12, 1969, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.

Alan F. Scholfield	Treble	M. Jack Pryor	5
Christine Andrew	2	*Alexander E. Marsh	6
Robert B. Smith	3	David J. Llewellyn	7
Ronald F. Andrew	4	Bernard F. L. Groves	Tenor

Composed by J. Reeves. Conducted by Alan F. Scholfield.
* 100th peal.

HAVERFORDWEST, Pembs.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Thurs., Aug. 14, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in E flat.

David J. Llewellyn	Treble	Alexander E. Marsh	5
Alan F. Scholfield	2	M. Jack Pryor	6
Richard L. Underwood	3	Robert B. Smith	7
Ronald F. Andrew	4	Bernard F. L. Groves	Tenor

Arranged from C. K. Lewis'. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

OTHER TOWER BELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
WEST KIRBY, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Bridget.
On Mon., Aug. 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

*Gillian M. Morrison	Treble	Robert Peers	5
Charles F. Pocock	2	Geoffrey C. Sparling	6
*Lynda M. Roberts	3	Alexander J. Martin	7
Donald Peers	4	Walter Allman	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Alexander J. Martin.
* First peal of Surprise Major.
Rung as a compliment to two local ringers—Elizabeth Tann on her marriage to Geoffrey Paice, and Carol Cross-Rudkin on her engagement to Barry Edwards, and also to congratulate Angela and Bob Peers on the birth of a daughter, Jane.

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.
BRAMPTON, Cumberland.—At the Church of St. Martin.
On Sat., Aug. 23, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Double Court, Single Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in A.

*David G. Kealey	Treble	Alan Capstick	4
†Geoffrey Tembey	2	†Harry Byrom	5
Roger W. D. Wetenhall	3	‡Kevin M. Price	Tenor

Conducted by Kevin M. Price.
* First peal. † First in seven methods ‡ First in seven methods on tower bells.
Rung as a 20th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Tembey.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
BRIDGERULE, Devon.—At the Church of St. Bridget.
On Thurs., Aug. 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in A flat.

A. Nicholas Hine	Treble	Christopher F. Longridge	5
D. Roy Bould	2	John C. Mitchelmore	6
Timothy C. Hine	3	John N. Longridge	7
John L. Anderson	4	Peter L. Bill	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by John N. Longridge.

MODBURY, Devon.—At the Church of St. George.
On Sat., Aug. 9, 1969, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Two 2,160's and 720. Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in E.

Norman Mallett	Treble	John C. Mitchelmore	4
D. Roy Bould	2	John N. Longridge	5
Merryn D. Hutchings	3	Frank D. Mack	Tenor

Conducted by John N. Longridge.
First peal of Surprise on the bells.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Aug 30, 1969, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 32 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb. in D flat.

Jack L. Millhouse	Treble	Arthur G. Mason	7
Richard S. Starkie	2	Alexander J. Martin	8
S. Clarke Walters	3	Alan McFall	9
Bernard F. L. Groves	4	Geoffrey R. Parker	10
Richard Youdale	5	Robert B. Smith	11
Basil Jones	6	Richard A. G. Inglis	Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe. Conducted by Basil Jones.

ROKER. Sunderland, Durham.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Mon., Sept. 1, 1969, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 3 Version. Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in E.

Arthur G. Mason	Treble	Geoffrey R. Parker	6
Ann Lawson	2	†Basil Jones	7
*Enid Lawson	3	Eric N. Harrison	8
Bernard F. L. Groves	4	Brian Harris	9
Jack L. Millhouse	5	Robert B. Smith	Tenor

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
* First peal of London Surprise Royal. † 800th peal.

MORPETH. Northumberland.—At The Watch Tower.
On Sun., Aug. 31, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

Jack L. Millhouse	Treble	Geoffrey R. Parker	5
Robert B. Smith	2	Basil Jones	6
Arthur G. Mason	3	*Bernard F. L. Groves	7
Alan McFall	4	Brian Harris	Tenor

Composed by C. H. Hattersley. Conducted by Robert B. Smith.
* 950th peal.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
LUTON, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Aug. 23, 1969, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 25 cwt.

Neil V. Avis	Treble	Adrian G. Semken	6
Christopher Forster	2	Frank B. Lufkin	7
*Heather M. McArthur	3	Brian J. Woodruffe	8
Bernard W. Fairhead	4	Andrew W. R. Wilby	9
Michael J. Hallett	5	Alfred J. House	Tenor

Composed by E. C. Shepherd. (No. 3.) Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
* 25th peal.

GALLEYWOOD, Essex.—At the Church of St. Michael & All Angels.
On Sat., Aug 16, 1969, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in F.

Stephen G. Halliwell	Treble	Kevin H. Hughes	5
*Peter G. Giles	2	Gerald A. Bacon	6
Thomas R. Sharp	3	David Sloman	7
Bernard C. Sadler	4	Michael J. Hallett	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by David Sloman.
* First peal.

THAXTED, Essex.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Wed., Aug. 20, 1969, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation. Tenor 15 cwt.

Robert J. Lindsell	Treble	Alan R. Syder	5
Philip J. Rothera	2	Frank B. Lufkin	6
Cecil J. Barker	3	Walter Arnold	7
*Anne C. Simkins	4	James L. Towler	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise.
Rung in memory of Robert Charles Heazel at the church where he was a ringing member.

TOLLESBURY, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Aug. 23, 1969, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt.

*Philip J. Rothera	Treble	Dennis A. S. Symonds	5
*Robert W. Leavett	2	James L. Towler	6
*Keith W. Brown	3	*Yvonne A. Murray	7
*Richard J. Harrison	4	Joe E. G. Roast	Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. Earle Bulwer. Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.
* First peal in the method.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
LIVERPOOL, Lancashire.—At the Church of Christ.
On Sat., Aug. 23, 1969, in 4 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 82 cwt. 11 lb. in A flat.

Thomas H. Francis	Treble	John Hartless	7
Neil Bennett	2	Gwilym Salmon	8
Richard H. Youdale	3	Philip N. Tubbs	9
Michael J. Best	4	Edward J. Chivers	10
R. Roger Savory	5	James A. D. Woolford	11
Frank L. Harris	6	Robert C. Kippin / David E. House	Tenor

Composed by R. E. J. Denris. Conducted by Frank L. Harris.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Thurs., Aug. 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL
In four methods, comprising 1,320 each of Cambridge and Yorkshire, and 1,200 each of Lincolnshire and Rutland, with 80 changes of method. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

G. Ronald Edwards	Treble	K. Paul Gilliver	6
David F. Moore	2	Martin Green	7
Christine L. J. Mills	3	R Brian Mills	8
John M. Jelley	4	Roland H. Cook	9
Monica M. Jelley	5	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by Derek Ogden. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
First peal of Spliced Surprise Royal in four methods by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild.

LEICESTER.—At the Royal Foundation and Collegiate Church of St. Mary-de-Castro.
On Sat., Aug 16, 1969, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5088 OSPRINGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt 3 qr. 3 lb. in F.

Martin Green	Treble	John M. Jelley	5
Christine L. J. Mills	2	R. Brian Mills	6
Monica M. Jelley	3	Roland H. Cook	7
W. Ernest Rawson	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by Dennis Knox. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Wed., Aug. 20, 1969, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5184 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

Arthur E. Rowley	Treble	*Alec R. Jones	5
John M. Jelley	2	David F. Moore	6
Monica M. Jelley	3	G. Ronald Edwards	7
Martin Green	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by John M. Jelley.
* First peal in the method.

SWITHLAND, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Leonard.
On Fri., Aug. 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr.

Hilary F. Watson-Walker	Treble	Ronald D. Hughes	4
*Bridget Critchlow	2	George A. Barber	5
David F. Moore	3	†Clive J. Mobbs	Tenor

Conducted, by David F. Moore.
* First peal "inside." † 25th peal.
Rung with best wishes to Mrs. Mary Harris, of Swithland, a former chorister at this church and aunt of the tenor ringer, for her birthday.

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THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
ABERGAVENNY, Monmouthshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Aug. 23, 1969, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 RUTLAND SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in D.

Trevor Newlands	Treble	Peter S. Bennett	6
Bruce Martin	2	Philip M. J. Gray	7
J. Malcolm Lakin	3	David J. Llewellyn	8
Stephen Fenwick	4	James R. Taylor	9
*Paul A. Williams	5	D. John Hunt	Tenor

Composed by C. K. Lewis. Conducted by D. John Hunt.
* 50th peal for the Association. First of Royal in the method for the Association, on the bells and by all the band.

LLANDILO, Carmarthenshire.—At the Church of St. Teilo.
On Sat., Aug. 23, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being Stedman, Rev. Canterbury, Plain Bob, Grandsire and four variations. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in G.

Ruth E. Stickland	Treble	Alwyn R. Lewis	4
D. R. Lynn Jones	2	Gwyn I. Lewis	5
Rev. G. J. B. Stickland	3	Edmund J. Morris	Tenor

Conducted by Gwyn I. Lewis.
Rung to mark the induction of the Rev. G. J. B. Stickland as priest-in-charge of the Conventional District of St. Dyfrig's, Llanrumney.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
HARROW-ON-THE-HILL, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Aug. 23, 1969, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 BYRON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 4 lb. in E.

Michael Hatchett	Treble	Alan D. Flood	5
Alan R. Pink	2	Michael J. Church	6
Beryl R. Simpson	3	Wilfrid G. Wilson	7
William Birmingham*	4	Frank Reed	Tenor

Composed by Harold G. Cashmore. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
First peal in the method. (Tipler's B58/17.)

BYRON SURPRISE MAJOR
B. 34, 58, 34, 16—12—38—14—58—16—78. b. d. falseness.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
WYMONDHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Thomas of Canterbury.
On Sun., Aug. 17, 1969, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 26 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in D.

*Kevin S. Hohl	Treble	Simon A. B. Wigg	6
*Carole A. H. Patey	2	David Cubitt	7
Janet House	3	Peter Adcock	8
Martin Cubitt	4	David E. House	9
*Thomas E. Spight	5	Kenneth J. Hesketh	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by David E. House.
* First peal of Cambridge Royal. First of Cambridge Royal on the bells.

GRESSENHALL, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., Aug. 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

Martin Cubitt	Treble	David G. Adams	5
*Heather A. Kippin	2	Peter Adcock	6
George P. Adams	3	Robert C. Kippin	7
Janet House	4	David E. House	Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. Davies. Conducted by David E. House.
* First peal of Rutland
Rung as a farewell to the Rector, Canon R. G. E. Dodson, with grateful thanks for his kindness to ringers.

EAST HARLING, Norfolk.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Fri., July 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., St. Clement's Bob and two extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt

Anthony H. Roberts	Treble	Thomas E. Spight	4
*Henry Tooke	2	Clifford Bird	5
David Cubitt	3	H. William Barrett	Tenor

Conducted by H. William Barrett.
* 500th peal for the Association.
Rung as a compliment to Miss Patricia May King and Mr. Christopher Barrell on the eve of their wedding. (Miss King is a member of the East Harling company, of which her father is Master.)

BERGH APTON, Norfolk.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Aug 23, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one 720 each of Norwich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 99 lb. in G.

Anthony H. Roberts	Treble	Henry Tooke	4
*Adrial Walton	2	Frank C. J. Arnold	5
Thomas E. Spight	3	H. William Barrett	Tenor

Conducted by H. William Barrett.
* First peal in more than one method.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
CHECKENDON, Oxon.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Wed., Aug. 20, 1969, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Taylor's six-part. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in F sharp.

*Ronald W. Webb	Treble	Harry E. Wells	5
William J. Irving	2	Robert B. Blond	6
†Ian Judd	3	William L. Gilkes	7
†Augustus K. Gray	4	*David Coppock	Tenor

Conducted by Robert B. Blond.
* First peal. † First of Triples. First of Triples on the bells.
Rung half-muffled in grateful memory of George J. Hearns, a ringer at Checkendon for 30 years, tower captain for 20 years, who was instrumental in getting the ring augmented to eight. Died suddenly on August 17th, 1969.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
BRAFIELD-ON-THE-GREEN, Northants.—At the Church of St. Laurence.
On Thurs., Aug. 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., Double Oxford, Pinehurst, St. Clement's Bob, Buxton and Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

David J. Thorne	Treble	†Raymond Henman	4
*Christopher G. Chiplin	2	†Barry R. Care	5
J. Malcolm Tyler	3	David J. Morgan	Tenor

Conducted by Barry R. Care.
* First peal "inside." † 26th peal together.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew, Edgbaston.
On Wed., Aug. 20, 1969, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In six methods, being 960 London, 864 Watford, 832 each Superlative and Pudsey, 800 Cambridge and 736 Bristol, with 120 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.
Tenor 10 cwt. 14 lb.

John N. Lindon	Treble	Clifford A. Barron	5
W. Eric Critchley	2	Bryan D. A. Woolley	6
Stephen Barton	3	*Maurice F. Edwards	7
J. Alan Ainsworth	4	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the wife of the conductor.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
READING, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Laurence.
On Sun., July 13, 1969, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5232 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS
Tenor 23 cwt. 20 lb. in D.

*John L. Anderson	Treble	*§Timothy F. Collins	7
*†Melvyn J. Hiller	2	Graham W. Elmes	8
Mary E. Elmes	3	Robert E. J. Dennis	9
‡Alan D Flood	4	‡¶Michael J. Church	10
‡§Katharine J. Maundrell	5	Richard H. Youdale	11
‡¶Rowan S. Bradley	6	Richard A. G. Inglis	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Timothy F. Collins.
* First peal on 12 bells. † 50th peal. ‡ First of Maximus. § 25th together. ¶ 25th together and first of Kent T.B. First of Kent T.B. Maximus by all except the tenor ringer.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
SOUTHWELL, Notts.—At the Cathedral and Parish Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Tues., Aug. 26, 1969, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in D.

Sheila M. Anthony	Treble	William L. Exton	7
Jack L. Millhouse	2	George A. Dawson	8
Richard A. G. Inglis	3	David J. Marshall	9
Harry Poyner	4	James W. Raithby	10
R. Brian Mills	5	Simon Humphrey	11
Paul Raithby	6	F. William Midwinter	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Richard Inglis.
Rung in thanksgiving for the life and work of Sir Stuart C. Goodwin, benefactor to this diocese and donor of these bells; also in memory of George Edward Foster, for many years a ringer at this tower, who died on August 8th, 1969.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
ALREWAS, Staffordshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Thurs., Aug. 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

Richard B. Dorrington	Treble	David J. Bates	5
Richard J. Warrilow	2	Ian Friend	6
Edward R. Fairbrother	3	Robert A. Partridge	7
Clive M. Smith	4	Philip G. K. Davies	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Philip G. K. Davies.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

THEBERTON, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Peter. On Sat., Aug. 23, 1969, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In seven methods, being one extent each of Stedman, St. Osmund and Rev. Canterbury, six extents each of St. Simon, St. Martin and Grandsire, and 21 extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in B flat.

Vernon B. Bedford	Treble	Roger N. Scholes	4
Katharine M. Thorley	2	J. Martin Thorley	5
*Christine Broadley	3	†A. Harry Archer	Tenor

Conducted by J Martin Thorley.

* First peal of Doubles. † 25th peal.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Roger N. Scholes.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BILLINGSHURST, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary. On Sat., July 12, 1969, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in F sharp.

Cecil Longhurst	Treble	Edgar R. Rapley	5
Harold Wood	2	Geoffrey C. Rix	6
Timothy D. W. Banner	3	David D. Smith	7
Reginald V. Johnson	4	Frank H. Hicks	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by David D. Smith.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Raymond Wood.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

REDRUTH, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Euny. On Sat., Aug. 23, 1969, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's 12-part (7th obs.). Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

*Janet S. Evans	Treble	†T. Roy Hart	5
Alan Carveth	2	Timothy J. Bell	6
Canon A. S. Roberts	3	Anthony J. Davidson	7
F. Malcolm Bowers	4	Robert Peel Pearce	Tenor

Conducted by Anthony J. Davidson.

* First peal on eight bells. † First of Triples "inside."

Rung as a farewell to Roy Hart, of Redruth, on leaving for college.

CARBIS BAY, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Anta and All Saints. On Mon., Aug. 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Comprising 18 extents (10 callings) and four each of Pitman's, Morris's and Price's 12-scores. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. in G sharp.

*R. Diane Carter	Treble	*Robert J. Perry	4
Robert Peel Pearce	2	†F. Malcolm Bowers	5
Timothy J. Bell	3	Denis Stephens	Tenor

Conducted by Timothy J. Bell.

* First peal at first attempt. † First of Grandsire Doubles. First of Grandsire Doubles as conductor.

LUDGVAN, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Ludgvan. On Fri., Aug. 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six methods—Rev. Canterbury, Plain Bob, Grandsire, Newark, Antelope and Wollaton—and 60 variations, in 42 extents.

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

*E. Lesley Evans	Treble	F. Malcolm Bowers	4
Robert Peel Pearce	2	Timothy J. Bell	5
T. Roy Hart	3	Denis Stephens	Tenor

Conducted by Timothy J. Bell.

* First peal at first attempt.

GWENNAP, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Weneppa. On Sat., Aug. 30, 1969, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being five methods—Plain Bob, Newark, Antelope, Wollaton and Grandsire—and 60 variations, in 42 extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr.

T. Roy Hart	Treble	F. Malcolm Bowers	4
*Robert Peel Pearce	2	Timothy J. Bell	5
Anthony J. Davidson	3	Alan Carveth	Tenor

Conducted by Anthony J. Davidson.

* 25th peal. First on the bells for 42 years.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

WINCHESTER, Hants.—At the Cathedral of SS. Peter, Paul and Swithun. On Sat., Aug. 16, 1969, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5081 GRANDSIRE CINQUES

Tenor 35 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in C.

Jessie M. Kippin	Treble	*Michael J. Young	7
*Philippa M. Tubbs	2	Charles H. Kippin	8
Katharine J. Maundrell	3	Graham C. Grant	9
Ann M. Tubbs	4	Gordon Benfield	10
*Geoffrey Cooper	5	Richard H. Youdale	11
Philip N. Tubbs	6	*J. Ashmore Dodd	Tenor

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Charles H. Kippin.

* First peal of Cinques. First peal by a resident Sunday service band on the bells.

Rung as a farewell to the Very Rev O. H. Gibbs-Smith on his retirement.

EAST TYTHERLEIGH, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Peter. On Sat., July 5, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in F.

*Jean Dale	Treble	†David Wilson	5
Rev. Roger Keeley	2	*Ross G. W. Robertson	6
Mary E. Elmes	3	Graham W. Elmes	7
David L. Cull	4	Timothy F. Collins	Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by Timothy F. Collins

* First peal in the method. † First in the method "inside."

EAST TYTHERLEIGH, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Peter. On Wed., July 30, 1969, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

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

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in F.

Timothy F. Collins	Treble	William E. Cheater	5
Katharine J. Maundrell	2	Graham W. Elmes	6
William T. Perrins	3	Rev. Roger Keeley	7
Richard H. Youdale	4	Ronald N. Marlow	Tenor

Composed by H. G. Cashmore. Conducted by Timothy F. Collins.

First peal of Spliced Surprise Major as conductor.

NORTH STONEHAM, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas. On Wed., July 9, 1969, in 2 Hours and 4 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being five methods in seven extents as follows: (1) Cambridge, (2) Durham, (3) York, (4) Cambridge, (5) Wells, (6) London, (7) Cambridge. Tenor 3¼ cwt. in C sharp.

John F. M. Maybrey	Treble	*Dale Barton	4
Richard Green	2	Richard H. Youdale	5
Katharine J. Maundrell	3	Timothy F. Collins	Tenor

Conducted by Timothy F. Collins.

* First peal of Minor.

NORTH STONEHAM, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas. On Tues., Aug. 5, 1969, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 3¼ cwt. in C sharp.

*Richard H. Youdale	Treble	John P. Colliss	4
Katharine J. Maundrell	2	†William T. Perrins	5
Richard Green	3	Timothy F. Collins	Tenor

Conducted by Timothy F. Collins.

* 150th peal. † 100th peal.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

BRIERLEY HILL, Dudley, Staffs.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels. On Sat., Aug. 30, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5022 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F.

*Michael L. Lashford	Treble	Joseph Warr	5
M. Irene Brown	2	John J Durham	6
Clifford Skidmore	3	Geoffrey Westwood	7
Peter J. Brown	4	Martin D. Fellows	Tenor

Composed by Charles Middleton. Arranged by Richard F. B. Speed. Conducted by Martin D. Fellows.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

BROADWAY, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Eadburgh. On Sat., Aug. 24, 1969, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E.

Shirley Drew	Treble	Geoffrey Drew	4
Christopher Himms	2	Roman Sadowski	5
Richard Tibbles	3	Peter S. Robertson	Tenor

Conducted by Peter S Robertson.

Rung as a compliment to Barbara and Nicholas Strombeck after their wedding on August 21st, 1969

Quarterly peal for the Southern Branch.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

INVERARAY, Argyll.—At the Scottish Episcopal Church of All Saints. On Sat., Aug. 23, 1969, in 4 Hours and 13 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 41 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in C.

Maris C. Stephenson	Treble	Ian M. Holland	6
John J. L. Gilbert	2	*Richard S. Dirksen	7
Roderick W. Pipe	3	Ronald Ducker	8
Wilfrid F. Moreton	4	John N. D. Chaddock	9
Ian G. Campbell	5	Norman Chaddock	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe. (No. 6.)

* First peal of Surprise Royal.

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ENGAGEMENTS

COLBORNE—DAVIES.—The engagement is announced between Graham Colborne, of Grantham, Lincolnshire, and Jane Davies, of Bath, Somerset. 7718

WAKE—CLARK.—The engagement is announced between Michael J. Wake, of Felpham, Sussex, and Patricia Clark, of Pagham, Sussex. 7729

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

BEW.—Mike and his bird (Catherine) are moving nest, to 13 West Way, Harpenden, Herts, on September 18th. 7702

HEDGCOCK—The address of Jim Hedgcock as of now is The Rectory, Saltwood, Hythe, Kent. Tel.: Hythe 66932. From September 20th the address will be c/o 71, Chart Road, Folkestone, Kent. Tel.: 76542. 7733

HOUSE.—David and Janet House are now living at Flat 5, 43, The Chase, Clapham Common, London, S.W.4. Telephone: 01-720 2604- 7699

PETT.—The address of Tim and Gillian is now Flat No. 1, Paddock House, Brook Street, Benson, Oxon. Sorry no telephone but ringing friends welcome to call. 7707

PERSONAL

"Let us not be desirous of vainglory, provoking one another, envying one another."—Galatians v, 26.

U.A. TOUR, 1969.—Sincere thanks. Nice to be remembered again. Regret unable participate. Return greetings to all.—YORK. 7714

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THE UNIVERSITY OF LEICESTER SOCIETY welcomes all freshers. Meet us at the Freshers Bazaar or at St. Mary-de-Castro's (Leicester) at 7.30 p.m., Monday, Oct. 6th. If you'd like further information please write to Ann H. Whaley, Ornsby Hill House, Lanchester, Durham. 7700

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MISCELLANEOUS

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—The Swindon Festival will be held on Oct. 11th. It is hoped to have all Branch towers open. Names for supper to Mrs. Jaques, 59 Swindon Road, Stratton St. Margaret, Swindon, by Sept. 30th. Programmes also available from Mrs. Jaques. 7720

GREAT BUDWORTH, Cheshire.—Open Day, Saturday, Sept. 27th. Ringing from 2 to 6 p.m. W.I. stall, teas, etc. Country dancing. Traction engine. 7712

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL DINNER DANCE
Saturday, October 25th, at 7.30 p.m.
Victoria Hotel, Preston.
Tickets (27/6) from C. Crossthwaite, 14, Southern Avenue, Frenchwood, Preston. 7705

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION
TRIENNIAL DINNER
On October 25th, 1969
At the Green Man, Kingsbury
Tickets, 30/–, now available from
E. H. Kilby, 190 Windermere Avenue, Wembley, Middx.
W. S. Deason, 78, Strathcona Avenue, Bookham, Leatherhead, Surrey. 7686

BUSHBURY PARISH CHURCH, STAFFS
FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS AND MUSIC
From 3 p.m., Friday, September 26th, to 9 p.m., Monday, September 29th.
Church and tower open until 9 p.m. each day, and with the exception of Sunday and each afternoon from 3 p.m. until 4 p.m. (various musical recitals) the bells will be available.
Saturday morning has been reserved for a peal attempt.
Dedication Service, Friday, 26th, at 7.30 p.m
Address: Bishop of Lichfield.
All ringers welcome—especially for services. 7692

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS
332ND ANNIVERSARY DINNER
November 1st, 1969
The 332nd Anniversary Dinner will be held on Saturday, November 1st, 1969 (6 for 6.30 p.m.), at Walbrook Restaurant (Cotillion Room entrance), Bucklersbury House, Walbrook, London, E.C., the Master, Mr. A. N. Stubbs, in the chair. Reception room and bar open at 5.30 p.m
Tickets (35/-) from hon. secretary.
Remittances to be made payable to the Society.
Ringing arrangements will be published later.—J. G. A. Prior, Hon. Sec., 21a, Fieldhouse Road, London, S.W.12. 7648

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD DINNER
Royal Oak Hotel, Leominster, Saturday, October 18th, 1969,
7.15 p.m
Tickets (one guinea) from F. C. A. Bennett, 7, Rudge Heath Road, Claverley, Nr. Wolverhampton. 7525

TEWIN, HERTFORDSHIRE
ST. PETER'S CHURCH
FLOWER FESTIVAL
September 20th and 21st
Ringing:
Saturday: 3–4, 6.30–7.45
Sunday: 3–4, 5.45–6.30
All welcome. Refreshments available. 7693

ESSEX ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL DINNER AND DANCE
In the Shire Hall, Chelmsford
On Saturday, October 18th
6.15 for 6.45 p.m. Tickets 30/-.
S.a.e. to P. J. Eves, 8, Lordship Road, by Wednesday, October 15th. 7723

Come to
BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS
September 27th and 28th
FLOWER FESTIVAL
Local History—River Pageant (27th)
Ringing at St. Michael's (10):
Saturday: 2.30–4.30, 7.30–9.
Sunday: 2–4.
All ringers welcome. 7730

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RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD
Autumn Meeting at
DARLINGTON
Saturday, September 27th
PROGRAMME
as per leaflet.
J. A. Hoare, Hon. Secretary 7698

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
Canterbury District
CHURCH OF ST. ALPHEGE, SEASALTER
(Whitstable High Street)
DEDICATION OF THE NEW RING OF SIX BELLS
Tenor 3 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in G.
By the Lord Bishop of Dover.
Sunday, 21st September, 1969 at 11.15 a.m.
General ringing: 12.30–1.15 p.m.
2.30–3.30 p.m.
5.30–6.30 p.m.
All ringers will be particularly welcome at the service, and are invited to stay on for the ringing sessions.—David L. Cawley, Tower Captain. 7746

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild's 70th Anniversary Dinner will be held at the Moor Lodge Hotel, Branston, Lincoln, on Saturday, September 27th, 1969, at 7 p.m. Tickets, 21/- each, from J. L. Millhouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Marne Gardens, Lincoln (Tel. 23662), or from Branch hon secretaries.

Ringing: St. Giles', Lincoln (8), 2–3 p.m.; Lincoln Cathedral (12), 3–4 p.m.; St. Peter-at-Gowts (6) and St. Botolph's, Lincoln (6), 3.30–4.30 p.m.; Washingborough (8), 4.30–5.30 p.m.; Branston (6), 5.30–6.15 p.m. 7689

PRACTICE MEETINGS

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — N.W. District, Roydon.—No ringing until further notice owing to fire damage.—G. Blake, Dis. Sec. 7673

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Advanced practice, Yorktown Friday, Sept. 19th, 7.30–9 p.m 7650

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Surprise practice. Ashtead, on Tuesday. Sept. 23rd, 7.45–9.15 p.m. Methods: Cambridge, Yorkshire, Ashtead, Rutland. 7584

NEWPORT, Monmouthshire.—There will be no practice at St. Woolos' Cathedral on Tuesday, September 30th. 7719

CHANGE OF PRACTICE NIGHT

ABINGDON, Berkshire. — Practice nights will now be on Tuesdays, 7.30–9 (alternately at St. Nicolas' and St Helen's), instead of Wednesdays as previously. All ringers are welcome.—W. A. Smith, 3, Westfield, Abingdon. 7630

MEETINGS

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION and PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Huntingdon District and Peterborough Branch. —Joint meeting. Sept. 20th, Woodston. Bells (6) 3.30 p.m. and evening. Service 4.30. Tea 5. No business meeting. Also Fletton (5) 3–4 p.m. only; Stanground (6) evening only. Names for tea to L. Brighton, 165, Belsize Avenue, Woodston.—R. Daw 7696

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Walpole St. Peter, on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Everyone welcome.—D. A. Feek, Dis. Sec. 7691

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. —Meeting, South Weald, Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5 o'clock, followed by tea. Names, please, to Mr. F. R. Goddard, 24, Osborne Road, Brentwood, Essex. Further ringing after tea 7596

HERTFORD AND ESSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS. — Joint District meeting.—Bishop's Stortford and North West Essex. Meeting at Sawbridgeworth on Satudray, Sept. 20th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Evening ringing until 8.30 p.m. Names for tea essential to E. Rochester, 7, Riverfield Lane, Sawbridgeworth. — K. Westwood, Dis. Sec. 7675

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Sept. 20th, St Paul's, Walden. 3 p.m Tea and meeting follow. Evening ringing at King's Walden 6.30–8 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. L. Dennison, 50, Strathmore Road, Whitwell, Hitchin.—R. F. Hardy, Dis. Sec. 7616

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Ashford District. — Meeting, Sellindge, Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Silver Spray Restaurant, Sellindge, for those who notify Alan P. S. Berry, 7, Church Road, Cheriton, Folkestone ('phone Folkestone 75651). 7667

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. —N. and E. District. — Evening meeting on Saturday, Sept. 20th, Christ Church, Southgate. Ringing 7–9 p.m.—E. H. Kilby. 7669

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bicester and District Branch.—Annual District meeting, Ludgarshall, Bucks, Saturday, Sept. 20th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m., followed by annual meeting. Names for tea to Mr. C. Kinch, 3, The Causeway, Bicester. 7660

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Calne Branch.—A meeting of the Calne Branch will be held at Lyneham on Saturday, Sept. 20th, at 3.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. Godwin, 83, The Green, Lyneham, Chippenham, Wilts. 7704

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Dorset Branch. — Meeting at Whitechurch Canonicorum, Saturday Sept 20th Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to J. Davis, Mount Melplash, Bridport. All welcome. 7670

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Central District. — Practice meeting, Wingfield (6), Saturday, Sept. 20th, 6.30–9 p.m. 7663

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting. Burgess Hill (8), Saturday, Sept. 20th. Ringing 3 p.m. Tea 4.45. Evensong 6 p.m. Ringing in the evening until 7.30 p.m Names for tea to Miss Ann Evans, Hon. Sec., Southern Division, 17, Hollingbury Place, Brighton, Sussex, BN1 7GE. 7647

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD. — Truro Branch.—St. Kea, Saturday, Sept. 20th Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30, followed by business meeting. BARBECUE 8.15 p.m. Towers open: St. Clement, St. Gluvias, Kenwyn and Perran-ar-Worthal Names, please, to Miss B. J. Duck, Hon. Branch Sec., 1, Benson Road, Hendra, Truro. 7690

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch.—Annual meeting, Kingswinford (8), 3 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 20th. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Pensnett bells (8) also available from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. on the occasion of the Flower Festival All welcome. Names for tea, please.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., 17, Ham Lane, Pedmore, near Stourbridge, Worcs. Tel.: Stourbridge 3470. 7592

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Chippenham Branch. — Meeting at Lacock (6), Monday, Sept. 22nd 7.30 p.m 7724

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Merriott, Sept. 27th. Ringing 3–4.30 p.m. Service, tea, etc.—R. J. Dean. 7739

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Striking contest, Silsoe, Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells for practice ringing 2.30 p.m. Contest 3.30. Tea and judges' remarks in Flitton Church Hall 5 p.m. Ringing at Flitton in evening. Names, please, to Mr. T. Harris, 10, The Grove, Silsoe, Beds, as soon as possible. Advanced practice, Woburn, Wednesday, October 1st. 7701

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Eccleston, Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. B. E. Stubbs, Eaton Park, Eccleston, Chester, **by Wednesday, Sept. 24th, without fail.** 7732

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Grappenhall Branch.—Meeting, Warburton (8), on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Definitely NO NAME—NO TEA! Names to Mr. P J. Powell, 38, Hopefield Road, Lymm, by Monday, Sept. 22nd. 7608

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. —Meeting, Campsall, Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Cups of tea only. 7717

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — The Diocesan Striking Competition will be held at Wilburton, Cambs, on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Six bells. Draw at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. General ringing in the evening. Copies of the Rules can be obtained from Gen. Sec. Names for tea, please, except competing teams, to H S. Peacock, 8, Roscrea Terrace, St. John's Street, Huntingdon, by September 24th. 7681

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting will be held at Elmdon (6) on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells 3 p.m Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by ringing at Chrishall (6) from 6.30–8.45 p.m. Names for tea to G Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow. 7672

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Croome Trophy Ringing Competition, South Cerney, Saturday, Sept. 27th. Competition ringing 2–5.30 p.m. Buffet tea (4/-) 3.30–5. Service 6 p.m Ringing in neighbouring towers afterwards. Names for tea to Miss E. M. Bliss, Beech Pike, Elkstone, Cheltenham, by Sept. 22nd 7680

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PEALS—continued

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
ROTHERHAM, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Aug. 23, 1969, in 3 Hours and 45 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 34 cwt. 3 qr. in D flat.

Neil Donovan	Treble	*Richard C. Stevens ..	6
*Stephen T. Yates	2	Richard Farnsworth ..	7
Philip G. K. Davies ..	3	Ian Friend	8
*Elizabeth Timmins	4	David Nicholls	9
Kathleen Higgins	5	Frank D. Mack	Tenor

Composed by Frank E. Darby. Conducted by Richard C. Stevens.
* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal First of Royal as conductor.

(The Beverley and District Society.)
HULL, Yorkshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Aug. 30, 1969, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in D.

Paul Scrowston	Treble	Peter Church	5
Maris C. Stephenson ..	2	John R. Leary	6
Iris E. Piper	3	Ronald Ducker	7
Roderick R. Horton	4	John N. D. Chaddock ..	Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe. Conducted by John R. Leary.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
MARPLE, Cheshire.—At 40, Ridge Crescent, Hawk Green.
On Thurs., Aug. 28, 1969, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL
In seven methods, being 1,440 of Rutland, 720 each of London (No. 3), Wembley and Bollington and 480 each of Cambridge, Lincolnshire and Yorkshire, with 119 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

J. David Atkinson	1–2	Bernard F. L. Groves ..	5–6
Robert B. Smith	3–4	*C. Kenneth Lewis	7–8

Gerald Moorhouse 9–10
Composed by Robert B. Smith. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
* First peal of 7-Surprise Royal "in hand." First of Royal in 7 methods as conductor.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
ST. ALBANS, Herts.—At 23, Culver Road.
On Wed., Aug. 20, 1969, in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 11 in G.

Katherine S. Hardy	1–2	Michael D. Frost	5–6
Julia A. Fellows	3–4	Robert E. Hardy	7–8

Composed by Geoffrey Dodds Conducted by Robert E. Hardy.
First handbell peal as conductor.

ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire.—At 114, Park Street Lane.
On Tues., Sept. 2, 1969, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5000 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL
In five methods, comprising 2,800 of London (No. 3), 600 each of Cambridge, Clifton and Yorkshire and 400 of York, with 110 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin ..	1–2	Roger Baldwin	5–6
John R. Mayne	3–4	*Martyn L. J. Jordan	7–8

†Julia A. Fellows 9–10
Composed and Conducted by John R. Wayne.
* First peal of Surprise Royal on handbells. † First of Spliced Surprise Royal.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
and THE WASHINGTON CATHEDRAL RINGING SOCIETY, D.C.
LEICESTER.—At The Wayside, 150, Narborough Road South.
On Mon., Sept. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Mrs. P. J. Staniforth	1–2	Frank C. Price	5–6
Peter J. Staniforth	3–4	*Richard S. Dirksen (U.S.A.)	7–8

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Frank C. Price.
* First peal "in hand" on eight bells.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
LEICESTER.—On the grass verge of the M1 Motorway.
On Mon., Aug. 25, 1969, in 1 Hour and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven sightly different extents. Tenor size 12 in F.

Peter G. Holden	1–2	Christopher I. Rowson (cond.)	3–4

Keith J. Walpole 5–6
Rung in memoriam Wirksworth Post Office.

NOTICES—continued

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Bramley, Sept. 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea and quarterly meeting in Hall 5.15. Service 6.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to Mr. Davis, Mayfield, Linersh Wood Close, Bramley (Tel. 2610), by Tuesday, please. 7711

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Sept. 27th, Little Munden (6), 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss E. Lawrence, 1, Founceley Avenue, Dane End, Ware, Herts.—P. Searles, Dis. Sec. 7741

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Meeting, Sharnford, Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. H. Wood, 68, Leicester Road, Sharnford, Leics, by Wednesday previous.—C. M. Wells, Dis. Sec. 7728

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berks Branch.—Autumn meeting, Sept. 27th, West Hendred. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 3.30. Tea 4.30 p.m. followed by meeting. Numbers for tea, please, to C. Corderoy, "West-Wynds," Westbrook Street, Blewbury, Didcot, by 23rd. 7615

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—White Horse Branch.—Autumn meeting, Shrivenham, Sept. 27th. Bells (8) 2.15 p.m. Service 3.45 p.m., followed by tea at the Boffin, High Street. Business meeting after and further ringing. Everyone welcome. Names for tea to Mr. C. R. Miles, 24, Goodlake Avenue, Faringdon, Berks. 7696

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Sept. 27th, Shottesbrooke. Bells 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, 24th.—J. Muller, 14, Southwood Road, Cookham. 7721

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Meeting, Pitsford, on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Striking competition, evening. Names for tea, please, to Mr. D. Isaacs, 9, The Square, Pitsford, Northampton, by Tuesday previous. 7735

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, East Knoyle, Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Donhead St. Mary bells 6.30–8 p.m. Names for tea to G. A. Trimby, 24, West Street, Wilton, by Tuesday, 23rd. 7734

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting at Christ Church, Eastbourne on Sept. 27th. Bells 3–4.30 and 6–8 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to me for tea by previous Thursday, please.—Christine Baldock, Linden Cottage, Peelings Lane, Westham, Pevensey, Sussex. 7722

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Next meeting Sept. 27th at Whitby (10). Bells from 2.30 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Sec. 7737

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Western District) and LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Joint meeting at Rothwell, Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells: Rothwell (8), 4–5 p.m. and 6.30–8.30 p.m.: Woodlesford (6) 3–4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. P. Massam, 34, Park Lane, Rothwell, by Wednesday, Sept. 24th.—A. B. Sullivan, R. Cater. 7688

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Eastern District.—District practice, All Saints', Maldon, Monday, Sept. 29th, 7.30 p.m. All welcome.—R. J. Harrison, Dis. Sec. 7727

ESSEX ASSOCIATION (Northern District) and SUFFOLK GUILD (South West District).—Joint meeting, Halstead (8), Oct. 4th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to R. Martin, Sunshine Cottage, Chapel Hill, Halstead. 7682

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—N.E. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Culmstock, Saturday, Oct. 4th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., with tea and business after. Names for tea to G. Hollis, 26, The Avenue, Tiverton. 7679

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Annual business meeting at Edenbridge (8), Oct. 4th. Ringing from 2.30, followed by service, tea and meeting. 7726

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting, Boston, Saturday, Oct. 4th. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston, by previous Tuesday.—R. Reynolds, Sec. 7684

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD—Devizes Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Christ Church, Bradford-on-Avon, Saturday, Oct. 4th. Ringing commences 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. P. Gaisford, 35, Woolley Terrace, Bradford-on-Avon, Wilts. 7725

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Annual dinner, County Hotel, Taunton, October 11th, 7 p.m. Tickets 22/6 from R. F. Arscott, 25, Greenbrook Terrace, Taunton, before Oct. 6th. S.a.e., please. Ringing at Holy Trinity 5.30–6, Wilton 5.30–6.30 7710

TRURO GUILD.—Penzance Branch.—Autumn festival, Tuckingmill, Saturday, Oct. 11th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss M. Christopher, Higher Boskinning Cottage, Heamoor, Penzance. 7736

LATE NOTICES

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Practice, Sept. 27th, East Brent (6), 7–9 p.m.—M. Legg. 7743

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Final of the Crawford Cup will be held at Greasley on Sept. 27th. Ringing for this contest will take place before and after tea. Eastwood bells available in the afternoon. Names for tea, without fail, to Mr. D. Beach, 17, Coach Drive, Eastwood, by Sept. 24th. 7742

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South West District.—Meeting, Glemsford, Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. G. W. Bloomfield, Hollydon, Drapery Common, Glemsford, Sudbury, Suffolk, by Sept. 24th. 7745

QUARTER PEALS

SANDON, ESSEX.—On Aug. 1st, 1,284 Pl. Bob Minor: Marylin Freeman (first quarter) 1, Judy Harrison 2, Anne Edwards 3, C. M. J. Saltmarsh 4, P. W. Saltmarsh 5, R. J. Harrison (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Christine Brace, a chorister, aged 15, interred this day.

STAMFORD, LINCS.—At the Church of All Saints, on Aug. 15th, 1,440 Oxford and Kent T.B. and Double Oxford and St. Clement's: B. Branston 1, G. Davis 2, A. Waller 3, F. Sismey 4, R. Daw 5, J. H. Bluff (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to Princess Anne. Also on Aug. 26th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise: Miss D. Gray 1, Miss M. Simon 2, Mrs. D. Chamberlain 3, S. Twichett 4, J. Milton 5, J. H. Bluff (cond.) 6. Rung by three smart college girls and three Old Boys.

STITHIANS, CORNWALL.—On Aug. 21st, 1,320 Stedman Doubles: F. M. Bowers (cond.) 1, J. J. George 2, R. P. Pearce 3, T. J. Bell 4, T. R. Hart 5, T. N. Hitchens 6. Also on the same day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. J. George 1, T. N. Hitchens (first "inside") 2, T. J. Bell (cond.) 4, T. R Hart 5, F. M. Bowers 6.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On Aug. 24th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Judith Ashcroft 1, Mary Pryor 2, Beatrice Boyle 3, Patricia Mills 4, W. H. Trewin 5, M. Pilgrim 6, H. Stacey 7, N. W. H. Simon (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

STRENSHAM, WORCS. — On Aug. 15th, 1,320 Rossendale Surprise Minor: F. Lawrence 1, M. Hawkes 2, B. Spiers 3, J. Clements 4, D. Price 5, P. Robertson (cond.) 6. First in the method by all the band.

THORLEY, HERTS. — On Aug. 27th, 1,320 St. Simon's Doubles: D Hutley 1, P. Warboys (cond.) 2, P. Glazebrook 3, H. Watts 4, T. Camp 5.

TOTTERNHOE, BEDS.—On Aug. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Maunders 1, June Sinfield 2, P. Aslett 3. W. F. Sear 4, R. J. Scott 5, J. W. Sinfield (cond.) 6. For evening service.

TWYNING, GLOS.—On July 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles· Ann Hill 1, Iris Milton 2, F. Hawkes (cond.) 3, F. Matty 4, W. Williams 5, D. Williams 6 Rung for the Patronal Festival Evensong.

VERYAN, CORNWALL.—On Aug. 16th, 2,160 Pl. Bob Minor: Anne Pearce (first Minor) 1, R. P. Pearce 2, F. M. Bowers 3, T. J. Bell (cond.) 4, A. Locke 5, A. J. Davidson 6. A peal attempt curtailed.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.—On Aug. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss K. A. Parsons 1, Miss K. L. Parsons (first "inside") 2, Miss G. Skelton 3, N. Carter 4, G. Francis (cond.) 5, M. Davis (first quarter) 6. Also on Aug. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss K. A. Parsons 1, Miss K. L. Parsons 2, Miss E. Watts 3, N. Carter 4, G. Francis (cond.) 5, T. Latham 6. For Evensong. Also on Aug. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Turner 1, M. I. Davies 2, Mrs. D. Pickett 3, D. Pickett 4, N. Carter 5, R. Osbon 6, G. Francis (cond.) 7, T. Latham 8. For Evensong.

WEARE, SOM. — On Aug. 17th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles· S. Lewis 1, B. Mills 2, E. Forrest 3, S. Bendle 4, J. S. Walton (cond.) 5, H. Hooper 6. First of Stedman Doubles for 2 and 3.

WESTHAM, SUSSEX.—On Aug. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Ramsay (first away from cover) 1, Gillian Eldridge 2, D. Woodward 3, J. M. Swift 4, A. Baldock (cond.) 5. Rung prior to a musical recital.

WHITBY, YORKS.—On Aug. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss L. Banwell (first in method) 1, A. V. Coates 2, R. M. Franks 3, L. Franks (first in method) 4, J. E. Dews 5, D. Elwick (cond.) 6, S. R. Elwick 7, F. Lamerton 8. Rung for harbourside service and blessing of the boats.

WHITWICK, LEICS.—On Aug. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Lord 1, R. Beniston 2, D. Waldram 3. C. Lord 4, H. Moult 5, J. Hawtin 6, J. Rawson (cond.) 7, G. Howlett 8. Rung for the wedding of Miss Hilary Underwood (former ringer at Whitwick) to Mr. J. Blakemore.

WICKFORD, ESSEX.—On Aug. 1st, 1,260 Doubles ("in hand": St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Plain Bob): G. Mason (first as cond.) 1-2, A. G. Gibbs 3-4, P. A. Cammiade 5-6. Rung by Barstable School Society in commemoration of the halfpenny. All the ringers are aged 13.

WOOLAVINGTON, SOM. — On Aug. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Rosemary Hector (first quarter) 1, Eleanor Kent 2, Carol Kent 3, G. Marchant (cond.) 4, A. Kent 5, E. Dibble 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Eleanor Kent.

Principles of Instruction in Bell Handling and Control

AS FAR AS THE THRESHOLD OF CHANGE-RINGING

By "The College" (or) Collated by A. York Bramble

ORIGIN

At the time of the dissolution of the College of Campanology an offer was announced to give, during the succeeding four months to the end of the year, information born of the experience gained in teaching ringing during the ten-year life of the College.

This information (in 1966) was intended to be helpful to those having problems in teaching, also to beginners. It was to be supplied in response to written request. However, the Convener of the Central Council's Committee for Sunday Service Ringing and Education suggested that such useful information might be included in a portfolio of College papers being compiled for record kept in the Central Council's Archives. The College Dissolution Committee duly considered this, but they concluded that while the answering of such queries as might be put forward would involve no very great amount of work, yet to compile a reference of all that might be useful to instructors and learners would be tantamount to rewriting Part I of the "Ringers' Manual of Reference" — a copy of which is already lodged in the Central Council's Library. (Both editions of this book are sold out, but a third is under consideration.)

Nevertheless the Dissolution Committee decided that a condensed synopsis of what College tutors have experienced as valuable should be prepared; and this has been submitted to "The Ringing World" in the hope that the information, though abbreviated, will be helpful generally. In cases where abbreviations and/or omissions, due to space restriction, do not clearly render the full meaning of an exercise-title or process of advancement, reference could be made to the "Manual—Part I" referred to above (C.C. Library).

THE FOUR "MUSTS"

A close study of the whole matter indicates certain essential lines of action, which we may call "the four Musts". To many these may seem only too obvious, but in how many towers are they observed in practice? Experience shows, of course, that there are more ways than one of doing most things; but it shows equally that there is usually a preferred way—having regard to conditions and circumstances. The preferred way, according to College experience and results obtained, is detailed in its publication "Bell Handling and Control in the Elements of Change Ringing". But however good an instruction manual may be it cannot fully take the place of a capable teacher's personal guidance and demonstration. So—

(I) The scheme or system MUST be planned and followed through
 (a) In logical order, and
 (b) With interest maintained throughout.

II. For permanently good results to be got within reasonable time it MUST attain fault-free handling and control of the bell, **before** moving on to the "mechanics" or elements of change-ringing — i.e., "Following", "Hunting", "Place-making" and "Dodging". And a fair degree of skill in these elements should be attained before any attempt to participate in the ringing of any method as such.

(III) It MUST **aim** at a maximum of training efficiency; i.e., there must be at least an accepted standard or target of achievement within a given time. (It may not be reached!)

(IV) It MUST be capable of modification or adaptation according to circumstances and to the age and abilities of the learners.

[To be continued]

ST. MARTIN'S, LEICESTER (cont.)

Canon, Churchwarden and Deputy Warden of St. Martin's, by his Wife, Mabel Ellis, and his daughter Freda Lorrimer, and his Niece, Kathleen Browning. May 12. 1937. Praise God for blessed Martin. Soldier, Bishop, Saint.

I.—The Bell Founder's Bell. Given by E. Denison Taylor, Bell Founder, Loughborough. May 12. 1937. I summon all to pray on this and every day.

The first peal at St. Martin's was on the recast and augmented eight in 1781. This was Holt's compleat peal of 5,040 Grandsire Triples on November 12th, 1781, in 3 hours 26 minutes.

Between 1781 and 1786 there was one peal of Bob Major, three of Grandsire Triples and one of Oxford Treble Bob Major. In 1787 two trebles were added, and at the opening on September 6th a peal of 5,130 Grandsire Caters was rung in 3 hours 37 minutes, composed by John Martin, who rang the treble. This composition is included in the Cathedral Peal Book.

There followed four more peals—one of Bob Major and three of Grandsire Triples. The final one on March 27th, 1837, was the last peal in the old tower. The first peal in the new tower was 65 years later on August 9th, 1902, 5,021 Grandsire Caters, conducted by George Cleal. This peal marked the beginning of a 60-year period of outstanding progress in 10- and 12-bell ringing and also of brilliant conductors. George Cleal was the able tutor of the young Frederick H. Dexter, who in turn became a competent composer and conductor.

In 1920 the young Harold J. Poole joined the St. Martin's band, and again proved an apt pupil who made remarkably rapid progress under Fred Dexter's tuition.

At this point may be considered the frequency of peals at St. Martin's. The tower is situated in the city centre, surrounded by shops, offices and business premises, and peals were usually only permitted for very special occasions. This resulted in the band gaining peal experience mainly by visiting other towers. Indeed, there were only 46 peals rung in the 35 years to 1937, when the bells were augmented from ten to 12. From 1937 to the present time, i.e., 32 years, there have been 275 peals rung. This increase has been made possible by fitting a sound control in the bell chamber which has reduced the volume of sound immediately below the tower. There have been 208 12-bell peals rung, viz.: 148 of Surprise Maximus and 61 of Stedman Cinques. The majority of these have been by the Sunday service band, and at one period St. Martin's own band had sufficient members to ring two peals of Surprise Maximus simultaneously.

COMPOSITIONS

5,001 STEDMAN CINQUES

By R. E. J. DENNIS

3124567890E	1	6	10	13	15	19	22
21346578E90	1s.4.6s.7.12.14.16.17.20						
3142		—				2	
4123		—				2	
412365879E0			S	S	S		S
2134		—				2	
3142		—				2	
31426587E90			S				
3142658790E			S	S			—
4123658709E		—	S			2	
2134		—				2	
3142		—				2	
3142657890E	2.12.14.16.17.18.19						
3124		S				2	
21436578E90	—	—				2	
4132		—				2	
413265879E0			S	S	S		S
3124		—				2	
2143		—				2	
21436587E90			S				
2143658790E			S	S			—
4132658709E		—	S			2	
3124		—				2	
2143		—				2	

Start with the last two changes of a slow six.

5,056 BYRON SURPRISE MAJOR

By HAROLD G. CASHMORE

23456	B	M	W	H	
64352		—		—	
63542			—	2	
34625	x				
26543		—	—		
45362		—	—		
63254		—	—		
52436		—	—		
42635		—		3	
56234		—		—	A
35264			—	3	A
23456	2A				

Rung at Harrow-on-the-Hill on August 23rd, 1969, conducted by Alan R. Pink.

5,312 (5,088) DOUBLE NORWICH C.B. MAJOR

By ROBERT B. SMITH

23456	1	4	5	6
54326	—			—
42356	—			
53246	—			—
34256	—			
42536	S			—
36254	3*		3	
23456		(3)	—	

Three times repeated, calling single for first bob of 3* in first and third parts.

Rung as 5,088 at Tenby on August 11th, 1969, omitting (3) in the last part.

8,064 BOB MAJOR

By A. F. SCHOLFIELD

2345678	3	4	7
2345867		—	3
2347586	—	S	3
2347856		S	3
2346875	—		3
2345786	—	—	3
2346578	S	—	3

Three times repeated, single halfway and end. Omit blocks of 3 for normal length peal of 5,152 or 5,040.

Call tenor Out, 5ths, S4ths, S3rds, 5ths, 5ths, 4ths, S2nds, In. Blocks of 3 on 234.

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The Church of St. Giles, Newcastle-under-Lyme

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OUR COVER PICTURE

The Parish Church of St. Giles, Newcastle-under-Lyme

By JOHN H. ANDERSON

NEWCASTLE - UNDER - LYME is an ancient market town to the west of the probably more well-known "Potteries". A borough as early as 1172, markets have been held in the town since the 13th century.

The parish church of St. Giles is almost as old in foundation as the town itself, almost certainly dating from the 12th century. It would seem that the present building, from marks noticed on the tower when the previous building was being demolished, is the fourth to occupy the site. Of the first two little is known. The third was a plain building in the Classical style, which was opened for worship on November 5th, 1721. From looking at old photographs of this building it would appear that it had a handsome if somewhat cluttered interior, with fine wood- and ironwork. It was built of brick with stone dressings, and consisted of a galleried nave of four bays with Tuscan columns, and an apsidal chancel.

What a Victorian thought of this building, crouching as it did somewhat incongruously beneath the tall mediæval Gothic tower, is summed up in the words of Sir George Gilbert Scott: "I need hardly offer any remarks on the existing structure, it speaks for itself, a plain brick building without and in style more like a town hall than a church, within crowded up with high pews and galleries, and without even a central passage." One local historian was a little more curt, dismissing it as "a hideous brick monstrosity".

A GILBERT SCOTT CHURCH

By 1872 the old church was in a dilapidated state and it was decided to engage Sir George Gilbert Scott, an architect famous for his Albert Memorial and St. Pancras Hotel, to inspect the building with a view to preparing a report and plan as to the best means of repairing, rebuilding or restoring the church. Though impressed with the tower, he condemned the body of the church as not worth repairing. His plan, therefore, was to preserve the tower, and to erect beneath it a church whose architecture would correspond in style to the earliest portions of it.

The demolition of the old church began on April 7th, 1873, and the new church was opened on May 25th, 1876. The result is the church as it stands today. It is built in the Early English style of the 13th century, many of its details being taken from the lower portions of the tower including the fine, heavily-moulded tower arch which dates from that period, and from the stonework of the early mediæval structures found on the site when the foundations were being excavated. Red Blythe Marsh stone is used for the exterior, the interior being faced with Bath stone with Blythe Marsh stone being used for details such as the capitals of the piers.

The massive western tower survived the rebuildings and is all that remains of the mediæval work. Massive is the operative word, it being 110 ft. high, 32 ft. by 32 ft. 8 in. at the base, with walls at the base about 7 ft. thick. The lower stages appear to date from the 13th century and the heavily-moulded tower arch in the Early English style would confirm this. The upper stages are later, the uppermost having tracery in the windows indicating 15th century date. The tower was refaced at the cost of Francis Stanier in 1894, and it was at this date that it received rather clumsy battlements and pinnacles replacing the more slender and elegant old pinnacles.

THE BELLS

Of the early history of the bells nothing much is known. There seem to have been five in 1628 and they certainly numbered five in 1665.

On September 30th, 1732, the town council invited Abraham Rudhall, the Gloucester bellfounder, to cast eight bells for St. Giles' Church, to weigh 3 tons 15 cwt. Messrs. Butcher and Sneyd were to hang them and it was Sneyd who was paid £7 in 1733 for a new belfry floor. Rudhall received £160 as part payment for the castings. In all he charged the sum of £242 8s. 3d. It is recorded that John Ridgway conveyed the bells to Bridgnorth for £4 4s. From there presumably they were conveyed to Gloucester by boat down the River Severn. The cost of returning the new bells from Bridgnorth amounted to £6 12s. Sneyd hung the bells for the sum of £45. The overall charge to the council was £298 7s. 3d. To communicate their awareness of civic responsibility the Corporation ensured that the wardens, bailiffs, steward, curate, justices and mayor were mentioned in the lines which graced the bells.

The bells were rehung in 1894. In 1928 they were rehung again, this time being retuned in addition. Also in 1928 two new trebles were added by Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, to augment the ring to ten. In 1953 the bells were lowered ten feet in the tower and rehung on a new steel frame.

The first recorded peal on the bells was on July 29th, 1895, and was Holt's ten-part "Grandsire Tripples" (misspelt thus on the peal board) conducted by Mr. H. Page. Sixty years later on July 29th, 1955, the same peal was rung again (this time spelt correctly on the peal board), conducted by Mr. C. H. Page, the son of Mr. H. Page.

ALE FROM THE MAYOR

An interesting sidelight on the history of the belfry is provided by the story surrounding a large jug now kept in the local museum. It is said that it was out of this vessel that the Mayor gave the sergeants-at-mace, bellringers and Corporation their ale. Prior to 1875 the ringers received out of it, at the Mayor's expense, the Sunday after his election, 48 quarts of ale, followed by a quart each on Monday; the Sunday he went out of office they again received 48 quarts followed by 24 quarts the next day, and on November 5th they were given 12 quarts. This vessel is popularly called the "Ringers Jug" and there is a tradition that it was in this jug that the ringers used to carry to the belfry their ale from the Three Tuns, a public house which used to stand opposite the entrance to the churchyard.

The inscriptions and weights of the bells are as follows:—

(1) Two trebles added by church folk and townspeople, December, 1928. E. Beresford, Mayor. L. J. Baggott, Rector. G. Eccleston, C. H. Bayley, wardens. Weight: 4 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

(2) We two were cast at Croyden 1928. 4 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

(3) Peace and good neighbourhood. 5 cwt. 3 qr.

(4) We were all cast at Gloucester by A. Rudhall, 1732. 6 cwt.

(5) John Ridgway and Edward Vernon, Church Wardens A.R. 1732. 7 cwt.

(6) John Ridgway and Thomas Lovatt, Bailiffs A.R. 1732. 8 cwt.

(7) Thomas Fenton Esq. steward A.R. 1732. 8 cwt. 3 qr.

(8) The Rev. Robert Fenton, Curate. A.R. 1732. 10 cwt.

(9) John Fenton and Ralph Audley, Gentlemen justices of the peace. 1732. 12 cwt.

(10) James Taylor Esq., Mayor. A.R. 1732. 16 cwt.

N.B.—3-10 approximate weights.

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Was "Great Tom of Lincoln" Stolen?

Mr. J. H. Bluff, Master of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, who lives at Stamford, Lincs, recalls legends associated with "Great Tom", some even suggesting this famous bell was stolen. The subject was introduced by Mr. Harry Barnes, of Woodhall Spa, in our issue of September 12th, when he wrote that he had in his possession a piece of the bell made into a lady's brooch set in old gold and engraved "A piece of Great Tom of Lincoln".

Mr. Bluff writes:—

Of the origin of "Great Tom of Lincoln" there are several legends, most of which are not over-creditable to the ecclesiastics of the day. One story tells that it was stolen from Beauchief Abbey, Derbyshire, another that it was "conveyed" in a similar way from the Abbey of Peterborough, and a third says that Bishop Longland stole it from the suppressed Priory of Markby, in Lincolnshire.

Tradition seems to have determined that at any rate the bell was stolen, although some still believe that the Abbot of Peterborough gave it as a present.

It is known that Geoffry Plantagenet gave two fine bells to Lincoln Minster in the 12th century, so it is possible these accounts are incorrect and that "Tom" is a descendant of one of these.

Among the archives of the Dean and Chapter is a document which says that on January 30th, 1610, a bell was recast in the Minster yard by Oldfield, of Nottingham, and Newcombe, of Leicester, from a bell which weighed 3 tons 18 cwt., the new one being slightly heavier.

In 1827 "Great Tom" cracked and nothing was done to repair it until 1834. Then Thomas Mears took it down, also six smaller ones which hung in the rood tower and were known as the Lady Bells, broke them up and from the metal cast three bells, the present "Great Tom" and two quarter bells.

The casting was done on November 15th, 1834, and on April 6th the following year the journey to Lincoln began. Loaded on a wooden cart drawn by eight horses, the bells arrived at Lincoln on April 13th and were suspended in the rood tower.

"Great Tom" is used as a clock bell and is also tolled on special occasions; it alone rings for the services on Good Friday. Its diameter is 6 ft. 10½ in. and the weight is 5 tons 8 cwt.

17TH CENTURY PICTURE

Mr. Cyril W. Hancock, of Bury St. Edmunds, writes:

Referring to the correspondence regarding this famous bell, I found some reference to it in the journal of that indefatigable traveller around Britain during the Jacobean era — Celia Fiennes (1662–1741).

In 1697 she wrote that "the tower that is Great Thom's Nest is 250 steps up. Eight persons may very well stand up in the hollow of the bell together, it's as much as a man can reach to the top of the bell with his hand when he is in the inside, it's rarely ever rung but only by ringing the clapper to each side — which we did — and that sounds all over the town." She made reference in her journal to other bells which may be of interest:

1685. "Queen Camel is famous for a fine ring of bells and for the fine sort of brown thread called 'Nun's Thread'."

1698, Gloucester. "The tower was 203 stepps, the large bell I stood upright in but was not so bigg as the Great Tom of Lincoln, this bell at Gloucester is raised by ten and rung by 6 men."

Bristol, St. Mary Redcliffe. "There are eight bells in this church, there is two men goes to the ringing the biggest bell."

THEFT OF BELLS

Dear Sir,—I was saddened to learn of the theft of three Miles Graye bells from St. Mary's Church, Little Oakley, Essex. It would appear that for the sake of a few elementary precautions three more priceless bells by this founder have in all probability been consigned to the melting pot of some unscrupulous scrap metal merchant—with no questions asked. I know nothing of the situation of the church at Little Oakley but, if the church has been empty and unopened for 17 years then surely the best place for these bells would have been in storage, possibly at one of the foundries.

There are, unfortunately, numerous churches containing bells which are in an unserviceable condition which are left to the tender mercies of the criminal classes. One which springs immediately to mind is the isolated village church at Raddington, Somerset, which I visited recently, where the three remaining bells could be "lifted" with the aid of little more than a handcart.

One reads frequently of thefts from church buildings similar to that at Little Oakley and I wonder if the time is not too far distant when churches need to be fitted with burglar alarms in order to preserve the bells and other fittings. After all, why should churches not have the same protection as secular buildings? It is unfortunately true that most of our churches would not stand up to even an elementary crime prevention survey.

Perhaps churchwardens or local territorial Associations could draw the attention of their local crime prevention officer to such "vulnerable premises": his advice, if taken, could prevent opportunist criminals from gnawing at our very existence.—Yours, etc.,

PAUL J. RIGBY.

Bishopsworth, Bristol.

P.S.—I wonder why they did not take the cracked bell?—P. J. R.

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KENT GENERAL SECRETARY MARRIED

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About 50 ringers gathered at the parish church of SS. Mary and Eanswythe, Folkestone, on August 30th for the wedding of the hon. general secretary of the K.C.A., Alan Berry, and Anne Barber.

Given away by her father, the bride wore a full-length lace dress, a shoulder-length veil and carried a bouquet of red roses.

The Vicar of Tenterden, Canon J. F. Hough, officiated and Fr. David New, also a ringer, celebrated the Nuptial Mass.

The best man was Mr. Derek Berry, the bridegroom's brother. Matrons-of-honour were Brenda Davies, Jennie Manger (both ringers) and Ann Berry (bridegroom's sister-in-law).

Alan Berry has been a ringer for 12 years at the parish church. He has been Ringing Master of the Ashford District of the K.C.A. and is at present District secretary as well as general secretary.

The bride has been a ringer at the same church for eight years. She trained as a pianist and is a graduate of the Royal Academy of Music, London.

After the wedding a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was successfully brought round.

The honeymoon was spent in Paris.

DEVIZES BRANCH STRIKING COMPETITION

The fairly light six at Chirton, with a long draught, proved quite difficult for some of the inexperienced at the third annual striking competition of the Devizes Branch of the Salisbury Guild on Sept. 6th.

Five bands competed and the local team did well with their call-changes, despite some trouble with the rope of the fourth. The holders, Melksham, were the winners with 20 faults in their Plain Bob Minor, as against Chirton's 34 faults. Third was the young team from Bradford Court, then Longbridge Deverill and Warminster.

The service was conducted by the Vicar and the results were announced at tea by the judges, Messrs. H. Smith and Webb, from Berkshire. Thanks to the judges were voiced by Mr. C. Andrews, Branch chairman and captain of the winning team. The arrangements, as usual, were made by Mr. R. Purnell, to whom congratulations are also due on the birth of a daughter.

Some Further Notes on Oxford Bob Triples

By EDGAR C. SHEPHERD

THE touches of Oxford Bob Triples published by Mr. Fallick in "The Ringing World" of August 29th are interesting and will, I hope, be the means of commending the method to the attention of bands that have given little or no thought to this useful and by no means uninteresting member of the Triples group. It may not be without value to add a few remarks on Oxford Bob, how it is rung, and one peculiarity of its composition underlined by the type of touch Mr. Fallick has given us.

Oxford Bob Triples will be found in Shipway's work as early as 1816, and William Banister in his "Art and Science of Change Ringing" of 1879 gave a number of touches. The first peal of Triples in the method was rung at Horsham on February 7th, 1882, conducted by that fine old Sussex stalwart Henry Burstow.

If a lead of Oxford Bob Triples is examined it will be found that the construction rests on thirds place being made as the treble leaves the lead, fifths place being made when the treble passes from 3rds to 4ths, and again as it comes from 2nds place to lead. The effect of this, broadly stated, is that while the treble is on the front Grandsire Doubles are rung by the bells in 2, 3, 4, 5 and the two bells in 67 perform triple dodges until the treble comes up to part them. There is a bell in the hunt, as in Grandsire.

Thus, we have the Grandsire rules for the front bells, as follows:

Treble turns you from lead, make thirds and lead again.

Pass treble in 2-3, dodge in 4-5 up, lie in fifths and return to lead.

Pass treble in 3-4 up, lie in fifths, dodge in 4-5 down and return to lead.

If you do none of these things you will be passing the treble and the hunt bell higher up, in which case you will do the triple dodge behind.

Bobs and singles are as in Grandsire and affect only the front bells ringing the Grandsire Doubles. No calls affect the bells doing the triple dodges.

Oxford Bob has the merit of being easily learned, and the triple dodging provides plenty of pleasant music when 67, 74 or 46 are coursing. It is not, however, so flexible as Grandsire, not so easy to call into rounds and not so co-operative in the task of constructing touches. Moreover, no peal of Oxford Bob Triples can be obtained by the use of Grandsire bobs and ordinary singles. A word or two on this point may be instructive and make us note the ingenuity of Mr. Fallick's touches.

The rows of a lead of Oxford Bob Triples are triple changes throughout, and the lead-end is a positive (or in-course) row. Provided no singles are used, the touch will be true if all the lead-ends are different. But what happens if singles are called should be carefully observed. Examination of a lead based on 234567 will show that there are four other leads, 325476, 576432, 765432 and 765243, any one of which will produce rows that occur in the lead based on 234567. These are the leads false against 234567, and they must never be used. But these false leads are all negative (or out-of-course) rows and can never possibly occur unless singles are used. Every positive lead has, it will be realised, four such false leads, but in every case the false leads are negative rows and can never come unless singles have been called.

A little thought will reveal how difficult it must be to compose with bobs and singles (at least for any length) without stumbling into false leads. To compose the whole peal in this fashion cannot be done, and for the extent it is necessary to use a special single that does not turn the leads from positive to negative. It is, of course, possible to get a number of touches that use singles and yet avoid the pitfalls, and those provided for us by Mr. Fallick have been successful in this respect. Stimulated by his example we venture to append a few more touches that may be found useful. They are all short, easily memorised and use bobs only. To save space I have set them down in a kind of "shorthand": P for plain lead, B for bob. The number of change is given first.

126. B B P gives 325746. Repeat twice.
210. B B P P P gives 354267. Repeat twice.
336. P P P B B B B P gives 357246. Repeat twice.
210. P P B B P gives 423567. Repeat twice.
210. B B P P B gives 253467. Repeat twice.

To conclude, here are two quarter peals which have the 7th as observation bell

1,260

234567

63425	Before.
62345	Before, Wrong, Home.
64235	Before, Wrong, Home.
26435	In and Out of the hunt.
42635	In and Out of the hunt.
23645	Before and Wrong.

Twice repeated.

1,260

234567

46325	Before, In and Out.
56342	Before.
26354	Before.
65324	Before and Wrong.
52364	Before and Wrong.
42356	Before.

Twice repeated.

A RINGING WEEK IN SOUTH AND WEST SOMERSET

A WEEK'S ringing tour in the Home Counties had been cancelled at short notice and five East Somerset ringers found themselves with a week's holiday and no planned activity. Roger Kendrick suggested that we might usefully fill in the time by exploring some of the fives and sixes in Somerset which had somehow eluded us in the past. The plan was rapidly agreed, and he dispatched a steady stream of letters to the towers in which we were interested. The programme was based mainly on the gaps in Hilda Massey's coverage of Somerset towers, which is rapidly nearing completion. The result was a happy week in attractive countryside visiting many interesting churches.

Monday was spent in the Yeovil area, with just five in the party. On Tuesday we were pleased to be joined by Brigham Young, Ken Lee and Paddy Tuckett, and were able to tour the Dunster Deanery. We were grateful to Paddy and her mother for tea during a convenient gap in the programme. Brigham and Ken joined us for the rest of the week, during which we ranged widely through the western half of the county.

BADLY INJURED

Tragedy struck on the Friday afternoon. On leaving Rockwell Green Church, Ken was crossing the busy A38 road to the car parked on the opposite side when he was struck by a passing vehicle and badly injured. He was conveyed by ambulance to Taunton Hospital and the remainder of the party, after making statements to the police, sadly abandoned the rest of the day's programme and returned with Brig to Waterrow and tea before returning home.

After a week's interruption for a peal tour, a final day was spent among the towers of central Somerset. In all we visited some 50 ringable (and some unringable) fives and sixes, and located a goodly number of mediæval and other interesting bells. We had successfully rung a wide variety of Doubles methods, most of which were new to all the party, none of whom claim to be Doubles experts. Our sincere thanks are due to the many incumbents and local ringers who welcomed us so heartily at very short notice, and to Roger for making all the arrangements. Although he doesn't yet have a Somerset accent (and Leicestershire people don't have accents) Roger has been building up an extensive residence qualification in Somerset this summer and finds most of the natives are friendly.

ST. GILES', NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME

On July 26th St. Giles' ringers and friends journeyed on their annual outing to towers in Warwickshire and Oxfordshire. The party included the Rector (Rev. R. B. S. Gilman) and Mrs. Gilman and Mr. Albert Vaughan, a former ringer and churchwarden, and Mrs. Vaughan.

Newcastle was left behind just after 8 o'clock for the first stop at Coleshill. Continuing to Warwick, where lunch was taken, a pleasant hour was spent at St. Nicholas. Our bus then took us all on a pleasant tour through the Cotswolds with a stay at Chipping Norton for tea. Unfortunately the bells there were not available so Adderbury was the next tower visited. The day's ringing concluded at Banbury, from where the homeward trek began.

The weary and not so weary arrived safely back in Newcastle on the "witching hour" of midnight.

The arranging of such tours is no small task, and the thanks of all go to Stan Ryles for once again organising a most enjoyable outing through delightful country. We are also most grateful to the incumbents of the several churches for granting us permission to ring and to those patient ringers in attendance at the towers.

We are all looking forward to Stan's next effort in the sure knowledge that he will once more produce a winner.

R. S. A.

HILDA MASSEY'S (No. 2) PEAL TOUR

THE success of Hilda's Easter vacation peal week led inevitably to a second Somerset peal week during the summer holidays. Because of the warmer weather and the lesser number of available ringers, a somewhat leisurely programme had been arranged.

The week started well with a peal of Uxbridge on the pleasant light eight at Castle Cary on Monday. The afternoon venue was the little village of Charlton Horethorne with its rather odd-sounding light eight. Only five peals have ever been rung on these difficult bells — less than on any other Somerset eight—and we were unable to add to the total. Our attempt at Cambridge came to a sudden end when the rope insisted on leaving the fifth wheel after about an hour. We enjoyed the excellent practice at Chilcompton in the evening, and the post mortem in the Britannia brought the day to a happy conclusion.

Tuesday proved to be our unlucky day for peals. Perhaps it was over-ambitious to plan two peals of spliced in one day, but no doubt the ringing we had was good practice for all concerned. In the morning we rang about half a peal of 8-spliced at Curry Rivel and in the afternoon session at Martock we had a like amount of 4-spliced before a shift course occurred which persisted despite immediate attempts to show the two culprits the error of their ways. The early termination enabled us to join in some Surprise Royal at Evercreech before finishing the evening at the Waggon and Horses.

THE MISSING TEN

Wednesday had only one peal planned, at Minehead, some 60 miles from base. To make good use of the morning Roger arranged for us to grab three 5-bell towers on the way. After lunch in Minehead we had to wait for a wedding service before starting what proved to be a good peal of Cambridge Royal. This peal enabled several of us to complete peals on all the Somerset tens, and Ronnie Beck was particularly pleased to have scored at a tower which had eluded him for many years.

Thursday morning's tower was the handy little eight at Shepton Beauchamp, where we proved that Double Norwich really can be a musical method when well rung, despite the views of some cynics. After a hurried lunch we moved across the Dorset border to the remote village of Thorncombe and rang an enjoyable peal of that Lincolnshire variant known as Vancouver on the popular new ring of eight.

Friday was again planned as a leisurely day with a morning peal only on the excellent 21 cwt. six at Brent Knoll. As an exception to our usual rule of attempting multi-method peals of Minor, a single method peal was planned. Wells Surprise was selected because it had not been rung for the Bath and Wells Association, and was duly scored. Following the peal the whole band were very grateful to Mrs. Massey, senior, the conductor's grandmother, for entertaining us to a very welcome lunch in her home close by the church.

The keener spirits amongst us discussed the possibility of arranging another tower for an afternoon peal, but common sense prevailed and a swim in the sea was suggested instead. This, too, was abandoned because of the absence of water at Burnham-on-Mud at low tide. The evening ended in Bath, where the St. Michael's practice and the Pulteney Arms were the attractions.

SLOW AND STATELY

Lack of ringers for Saturday morning led to the abandonment of the planned attempt at Bathwick, and some of the party were relieved to have the peal at this tower postponed until the cooler weather of autumn. The afternoon peal of Zelah on the pleasant medium weight (23 cwt.) eight at South Petherton was slow and stately, and none the worse for that. In fact it was a nice change for our young tenor ringer to record the slowest peal on the bells after a spate of quick peals. We returned home belatedly to swell the numbers at the Frome practice, thence on to the Three Swans for further discussion.

On Sunday we dispersed to our own parish duties, reassembling on Monday, the Bank Holiday, for an attempt for Kerry Surprise Major at Melksham. There was every hope of success until a miscall nearly half way through the peal, and a loss on these pleasant bells is always disappointing. After lunch we gathered at Warminster for the final peal of the tour—good, safe and dependable Yorkshire, and our young tenor ringer was clearly back in top gear for a very fast time was recorded. This was Roy and Wally Rice's 75th together, and it shows how inseparable the brothers are that Roy has only rung three peals without Wally. Our success was some compensation for a peal lost here on the previous tour through a broken clapper.

So came the end of another very happy peal tour, with seven successes and four losses. The 12 ringers who took part are grateful to all who contributed to the success of the tour, both incumbents and ringers, and especially to Hilda Massey for her organisation, help and companionship.

Miss Kathleen Fuller Married

[Picture by J. Wilson, Eastbourne.

Saturday, September 6th, saw the return home of the Fuller family to Westham Church for the occasion of Kathleen's marriage to Mervyn Kerswell. Kathleen is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Fuller and was taught to ring by her father when he restarted the band at Westham in 1962. In 1964 the family moved to Swanage where, for two years, she was secretary at the local tower.

During his many visits to Swanage Mervyn has been taught to handle a bell and has made progress towards ringing rounds. We hope that he may have opportunity to progress further once he has found the nearest tower to his new home in Orpington.

On the eve of the wedding the bride, together with her father, her brother Bob, Chris and Alan Baldock (her sister and brother-in-law) and Tom Barlow (an old friend of the family) rang a peal in five Minor methods in honour of the happy event.

OUR HISTORY

The Jubilee issue of "The Ringing World" (March 24th, 1961) gives an historical survey of the journal and details of those who had taken it for 50 years. Printed on art paper. Price 1s. 6d., from "The Ringing World" Office, c/o Seven Corners Press, Onslow Street, Guildford.

Letters to the Editor

METHOD NOMENCLATURE

Dear Sir,—As the only surviving member of the Norbury band that rang and named a good number of Minor methods, the correspondence under the above heading has interested me, but for several reasons I have refrained from taking part.

I believe the Central Council meeting was at Chelmsford in 1928 when approval was given to alter many names of Minor methods. I was only a spectator at that meeting so could not take part in the debate but I had plenty to say after the meeting, none of which was reported. It was a decision that upset many Minor ringers, especially the Norbury men, for there was more behind the Decision than was made public.

The late Rev. A. T. Beeston was a member of the Methods Committee and he had a lot to contend with, especially in connection with "splicing"; his main opponents were certainly not Minor ringers. What surprised me was the way they looked down on the 6-bell men. He rang in many of the new 720s and had a hand in naming them.

What might be termed "an underground movement" started after we had rung the 35-method peal at Norbury on December 4th, 1923. Although Mr. Goldsmith praised the effort, many verbal rude comments were made, every effort being made to belittle the work Mr. Beeston was doing. By 1924, when methods were named after flowers, many acrid comments appeared in "The Ringing World".

I am sorry to have to say this but jealousy was the reason why a certain "section" advocated name changes, and when Mr. Beeston resigned from the Methods Committee due to ill health his opponents seized their opportunity and when the names were changed the 35 method peal was neutralised, but instead of killing the interest in "splicing", as the objectors hoped, the move helped to develop it.

I must confess that I was disgusted at the Decision and the way it was obtained so decided to take no more interest in further work in Minor methods for it was plainly revealed that a man of Mr. Beeston's calibre could spend so many years devoted to the development of Minor ringing then have his work annulled at the whim of a few spiteful members. Slanging matches were anathema to Mr. Beeston; he never entered into any controversial correspondence and died a very disappointed man.

I must correct Mr. Whiting's statement "I find that I was wrong in ascribing the 'flower' names to the Norbury band". They certainly were not given by the Central Council. Although Mr. Beeston ceased to ring in 1922 (his last peal was rung at Norbury on January 2nd, 1922) he was in the ringing room at Norbury when the "floral" 720s were rung and named and I was there. At the time A. T. B. commented that these new names would stir something up and they did.

It is nice to know there has been a change of heart and the old names revived. Is there not an error as far as Willesden is concerned? I cannot put my hand on my copy of "The Collection of Minor Methods". "Willesden" surely belongs to a different group than "Grove", and lower down "Grove" is altered from "Charlwood".

Today "splicing" is a must and is the acme of all ringers who take their ringing seriously. Now it is commonplace but few know of the struggles of the devoted 45 years ago. A perusal of "The Ringing World" of that period will give the reader some idea of the type of objections raised.

I make no apologies for this letter. I have not mentioned any names for the owners are not in a position to answer back. The culprits knew my feelings and that was sufficient for me. One could say more but I have said enough.—Yours, etc.,

JOHN P. FIDLER.

Bow.

QUARTER PEAL ANALYSIS GUIDANCE

Dear Sir,—As there is some discussion at present in "The Ringing World" about the delay in forwarding quarter peals for publication, may I say a few words as to the length of some of these?

During the past couple of years the number of quarter peals longer than 1,260 changes seems to be getting greater, and therefore in my Quarter Peal Analysis I am having to impose some sort of rule governing their length.

So far this year there have been about a dozen where the equivalent peal length would be well over 6,000 changes, one being 8,640. While going the other way, there has been a quarter of only 1,008 changes.

Since 5,040 changes is an arbitrary figure for peals on seven bells and under and 5,000 changes for eight bells or more, similarly, I will be recognising quarter peals of between 1,250 (a ¼ of 5,000) and 1,440 changes—the latter again being an arbitrary figure of two extents of Minor; anything under or over these lengths should be called a Miscellaneous Performance and a Long Length respectively, and will not be included in my analysis.

Referring back to my first sentence, so as to enable my Analysis to be published earlier than it was this year, I will begin compiling it in future after the sixth week in the New Year, thus allowing plenty of time for the previous year's quarters to be published. Any appearing after this will be included in the following year's Analysis.

—Yours faithfully,

ALAN A. J. BUSWELL.

Cosham, Portsmouth.

MR. RUSTY SURPRISE

Dear Sir,—I was very sorry to read the Central Council's Records Committee's letter on page 706, concerning the above method.

The 1956 Handbook says, on page 26:—

> "That this Council, while urging on the Exercise the extreme importance of choosing suitable names for methods, **declines to interfere with such rights as bands and individual ringers at present enjoy of giving names to new methods,**
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> . . . .

Although this is among the Decisions revised by this year's Council (see page 480, E.5), I feel sure that most members of the Council did not intend to lose the spirit of the previous Decision. I therefore consider that the Records Committee have exceeded their portfolio in asking Mr. Geoffrey R. Drew to modify this name which, many will agree, makes a refreshing change from those prevalent in recent years.

Consequently I would like to urge Mr. Drew to retain this name and further, in the event of the Records Committee including a requirement to the contrary in their report next year, I hope that all members of the Council would oppose such a report and so safeguard the rights of the ringers of new methods.—Yours faithfully,

ANTHONY P. SMITH.

St. Ives, Cornwall.

"I TOLD YOU SO"

Dear Sir,—I suppose it had to happen, and at the risk of sounding smug I feel I must say "I told you so"!

The letter from the C.C. Records Committee in "The Ringing World" of September 12th, calling for the renaming of this method, prompts me to remind you that a resolution seeking means to regulate the naming of new methods was put to the C.C. at the Truro meeting in 1964 and that in seconding the motion I pointed out the impending threat to ringing standards by the general acceptance of the new morality and the overpowering desire "to get with it" in our way of life today. A vision was portrayed where methods such as "Beatles Surprise" and "Ringo Delight" were top of the pops in an "anything goes" society, but now the prospect appears to be fast becoming actual fact.

As you will recall, the resolution was treated in rather cavalier fashion by Council when, after little or no discussion, it was agreed to pass on to the next business. But what of the future, now that the rash has developed? Perforce Council will perhaps have second thoughts and apply effective remedial treatment to eradicate the infection! If ringing is to be regarded as a serious branch of the arts then the C.C. as a responsible body must be prepared to set the highest standards for ringers to follow.—Yours sincerely,

K. ARTHUR.

Newcastle upon Tyne.

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BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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TECHNICAL

A NOTE ON STEDMAN CATERS AND CINQUES

By MICHAEL S. BRUCE

IT has long been recognised that a serious failing of this method is the total want of music in the middle of a natural course. There have been many attempts to repair the deficiency; some composers, following Hubbard, use natural courses with the 6th in 2nds place, while others, notably Johnson, Heywood and (more recently) Mr. Stephen Wood, have experimented with callings designed to produce more music than the whole-course plan will allow. It is another such plan, most closely allied to Johnson's, which I now suggest.

Its basis is a course of 18 sixes, bobbed at 1, 3, 6, 8, 11, 13, 16 and 18, as illustrated. The heavy bells roll up twice in a course, and there are several additional bobs on musical combinations behind.

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   231456789
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—  342617589
   346728195
—  473861295
   478139652
   714985326
—  719543826
   157392468
—  153274968
   521436789   half-course end
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   524618397
—  265843197
   268359471
—  632984571
   639427815
   346791258
—  347162958
   413275689
—  412536789   course-end
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Four times repeated, this course produces a block of 540 with —6789 fixed, and course-ends 23145, 41253, 52431, 34512, 15324

To this plan there are drawbacks, despite the gain in music. Firstly, the multiplicity of calls may deter some bands and conductors; "Every course a turning course" is one comment already made. But in many ways the work of conducting is actually simplified—if a 540-change block is pricked in full it will be seen that not only do 6, 7, 8, 9 preserve their coursing order, but so do the little bells. They work together on the front in the same combinations right through the five courses—and that can mean, as will become apparent, right through the peal. The gain in simplicity outweighs, perhaps, the extra work involved in calling the extra bobs.

Secondly, there is the problem of composition. The position of the bells may be altered by extras, omits or substitutions. However, no such are possible in this course without upsetting the heavy bells, and if one of these (six, for instance) is moved away from home, the music suffers more even than in conventional peals. There are two ways round this problem. Either some conventional courses may be introduced to shift the light bells from one to another five-course block, or the regular rotation of the front five may be preserved, and the heavy bells shifted at intervals of 540 changes to a new position. Possibilities are —7689, —6978 (tittums), —6789, 7698 (home course), —7968, —9768, —7896 and so on. Ten such blocks will form a 5,400, with music as varied as Mr. Shepherd's famous compositions of Grandsire, and with, effectively, two course-ends in every 108 changes. 5,400 is, of course, rather too long for a regular peal, and some means must be found to shorten it, of which more later.

5,400 STEDMAN CATERS

Notation.—Bobs at 1, 3, 6, 8, 11, 13, 16, 18 in every course unless otherwise marked. Omits (O), extras (— or S), and substitutions (S) are noted, the standard calling being taken for granted. "4" under "A" denotes four standard courses.

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9  10  11  18  A   231456789
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—                   412539768
                 4  23145
—      S            412538697
                 4  23145
—          S        412537698
                (4) 23145
   S                412537968
                 4  23145
   S       S        412537689
                 4  23145
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Repeated.

For 5,184, shorten (4) in part two with one course called 4, S6, S15, to cut out two courses.

By the use of conventional courses, as shunts, it is possible to have a peal with more normal music, including 20 courses each tittums and handstroke home. Conventions of notation as above.

5,073 STEDMAN CATERS

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1  9  18  A     231456789
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S  S            412536978
   —   O        52431
   —   O        34512
               a 42513
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1     9    A    (425136978)
      S          154327968
                 34125
                 21354
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O                532417689
            3    34125
               b 25143
            4    13524
               b 24531   X
            4    51423
               b 23415
            4    45321
               b 21354
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Repeat "X," calling S for O.
"a" = 4s, 6s.
"b" = 8s, 11s, 13s.

The plan seems to be generally applicable to Stedman. There is a similar Triples course with bobs at 2, 4, 6, 7, 9, 12— which, however, runs round at 120, providing only a very pretty touch— and, more practically, a version for Cinques bobbed at 2, 4, 7, 9, 11, 12, 14, 16, 19 and 21. Eight blocks give 5,280 and a composition in four parts is illustrated:—

5,280 STEDMAN CINQUES

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2  11  21  A   2314567890E
       S       412536789E0
           4   23145
S          S   4125367E089
           4   23145
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Twice repeated.

This peal adapts easily into a 20-part:—

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2  11  21  2314567890E
       S   412536789E0
S          S 5243167E089
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19 times repeated.

Finally, a note on the calling of these peals. In the 5,073 of Caters, and the peals of Cinques, 7 provides a convenient observation bell, and there are no obvious problems apart from the large number of calls. In the 5,184 there is no fixed observation, and a conductor who needs to ring this bell has two options: (a) to learn the duty of each of the four hindermost bells, and use his own bell (6, 7, 8 or 9) as the observation, whichever of these places it might fall into; and (b) to learn the full rotary work of a working bell, and call from this. In any case, the calling is only varied in the first course of any block, and so the courses do not have to be counted, since the regular work of the front bells indicates when the end of a block is approaching. It is, of course, marked by 12345 rolling up on the front at the course-end.

URANGWOT—8

This competition was marred by a printer's error in one of the equations when it first appeared. After this was put right several correct solutions were received. In view of the time that has elapsed I shall not do more than give the correct solution for the equations:

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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
A F J B E H C I G D
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The competing teams were asked to ring a touch in a recognised method on the ten bells and this had to include at least one bob and not more than one covering bell was permitted. The shorter the touch the less the time taken to ring it and this would contribute to a speedier exit from the tower. However, a band could still ring a longer touch and be quickest out of the tower, having done the other things in less time. I have not, therefore, taken the correct solution with the shortest touch as the winner but put the names of all correct solutions into a hat. The first to be drawn out was Mr. H. P. Thompson, 3, Hallgarth Terrace, Lanchester, Co. Durham.

The list of touches submitted included.

8 Original—4ths place bobs at successive leads.
12 Little Court Royal, e.g. Bastow or Kent with bobs at each treble's lead.
32 Little Bob Royal—four bob leads.
42 Erin Caters—bob every six.
52 Erin Caters—one bob at 5.

I was just congratulating myself on having had a good rest when I received a telephone call from a friend in charge of a 6-bell tower. It seems he is having trouble in sorting out the band for a competition and I have agreed to go along and find out the details of his difficulties. I'll let you know the problem after I've been to see him.

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CHESTERFIELD PARISH CHURCH RINGERS' QUARTER PEAL WEEK

CRESWELL, DERBYS.—On Aug 30th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Marjorie Phipps 1, S. L. Barlow 2, P. Rose 3, J. D. Arkwell 4, M. P. Phipps (cond.) 5, D. Hird 6. For the old people's festival service.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYS.—On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Marjorie Phipps 1, H. T. Rooke 2, Rev. B. Grainger 3, F. Flint 4, B. A. Richards 5, P. Rose 6, S. Scattergood 7, D. Hird 8, J. D. Arkwell 9, M. P Phipps (first Royal as cond.) 10. First of Royal 1, 5, 6, 8, 9. A farewell compliment to Rev. G. M. Hooper and family, on his appointment as chaplain to R.A.F., Lyneham.

MORTON, DERBYS. — On Sept. 2nd, 1,260 St. Clement's Bob Minor: P. Rose 1, B. A. Richards 2, Marjorie Phipps 3, I. Barlow 4, D. Hird 5, M. P. Phipps (cond.) 6. A farewell compliment to the Rector of Morton (Rev. E. B. Teale).

GREAT LONGSTONE, DERBYS.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: M. P. Phipps 1, Marjorie Phipps 2, P. Rose 3, D. Hird 4, J. D. Arkwell 5, J. Leary 6. Jointly conducted by 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. A wedding anniversary compliment to the Vicar (Rev. H. Lindley).

ABERDARE, GLAM.—On March 2nd, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: D. L. Kerley 1, E. J. Evans 3, D. C. Dabb 4, J. Clatworthy (cond.) 5, G. E. Kerley 6, P. Jones 7, L. R. Scott 8. Also on Sept. 4th, 1,320 Pl. Bob Minor: P. Brook 1, D. C. Dabb 3, G. E. Kerley 4, D L. Kerley 5, E. J. Evans 6, J. Clatworthy (cond.) 7, L. R. Scott 8.

AXBRIDGE, SOM.—On July 27th, 1,260 Doubles (six methods): Marjorie Legg (cond.) 1, Yvonne Cridle 2, B. Peters 3, S. Lewis 4, G. Prescott 5, S. Bendle 6. For Evensong.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.—On Sept. 11th, 1,264 Pl. Bob Major: N. P. Cheesman (first quarter) 1, A. Schofield 2, Andrea Tilley 3, Rosemary Cheesman (first "inside") 4, H. N. Pitstow 5, N. Hobden 6, L. Reece 7, J. D. Cheesman (first as cond. on tower bells) 8. Rung for the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Cheesman, grandparents of 1, 4 and 8.

BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.—On Sept. 2nd, at All Saints' Church, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus ("in hand"): Lynette M. Holbrook 1-2, H E. J. Smith (cond.) 3-4. First quarter "in hand" by both. Also on Sept. 9th, 1,344 Plain Bob Minimus "in hand" by same ringers.

BATH, SOM.—At the Abbey Church, on Aug. 31st, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: R. L. Coles 1, J. E. Newman 2, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 3, P. J. Devrell 4, P. W. J. Hardwick 5, D. C. Hawkins 6, A. F. Lee 7, D. J. Orledge 8, D. G. Massey 9, R. I. Kendrick 10. First Caters 1, 4, 6. A 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the 6th.

BATTERSEA, LONDON.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Susan D. A. Trousdale 1, Margaret A. Robinson 2, E. E. Dodds 3, D. R. Tipler 4, R. J. Cooles (cond.) 5, C. Harris 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of T. F. Murdock, who had died the previous day.

BERE FERRERS, DEVON.—On Sept. 8th, 1,320 Stedman Doubles (11 callings): P. Bill (first Stedman as cond.) 1, S. Peirce 2, J. Steere 3, G. Mudge 4 A. Frost 5, J. Mitchelmore 6. First Stedman 3 and 5.

BLAENAVON, MON.—On Sept. 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss M. E. Pryor 1, Mrs. J. S. King 2, D. J. King 3, T. T. Yeomans 4, M. J. Pryor 5, C. E. Slade 6, P. S. Bennett (cond.) 7, P. A. Williams 8 A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Meadows, who were married this day in Yorkshire.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX. — At the Church of St. Nicolas-of-Myra, on Sept 10th 1,296 Grandsire Caters: Carolyn M. McInnes 1, Rosemary Lelliott (first quarter) 2, A. W. Bond (cond.) 3, K. Mary Lambert (first Grandsire and of Caters) 4, P. D. Hepburn 5, Peggy Smith 6, T. G. Williams 7, B. J. Read 8, J. H. Lilley 9, Ann Evans 10

BUCKLEBURY, BERKS. — On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: S. C. W. Brown (first Stedman) 1, Miss J. Marshall 2, Mrs. S. G. Brown 3, Miss A. Luckings 4, Mrs. P. Lewington 5, A. W. Davis 6, C. E. Lewington (cond.) 7, S. G. Brown 8. To mark the christening of Rachel Louise Brown and Sarah Jill Lewington.

BUSHBURY, STAFFS. — On Aug. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W Wathen 1, Miss S. Lippett 2, Miss L. Gibson 3, M. R. Buckham (first "inside") 4, C. Bainham (cond.) 5. For morning service, and as a wedding compliment to Margaret D. Purchase and Roy Berry, who were married the previous day. Also on Sept. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. G. Pick (cond.) 1, Linda Wilkinson 2, P. R. Johnson (125th quarter) 3, A. J. Molinoli 4, A. G. Guthrie (first Grandsire) 5, S. W. Illidge 6.

QUARTER PEALS

BUTCOMBE, SOM.—On Aug. 29th, 1,279 Pl. Bob and Grandsire Doubles: L. Sutherland 1, R. J. Tutton 2, J. Boulter 3, M. J. K. Griffiths 4, W. Willans (cond.) 5, E. Edwards (first quarter) 6. First in more than one method "inside" 2, 3. Also on Sept. 9th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): R. J. Tufton 1, W. Willans (cond.) 2, J. Boulter 3, V. H. James 4, D. A. Town 5, E. Edwards 6.

CAMBRIDGE.—At Great St. Mary's Church, on Aug. 31st, 1,282 Cambridge Royal: H. F. J. Muncey 1, Hilary Muirhead (cond.) 2, D. F. Murfet 3, A. Twyman 4, J. H. R. Freeborn 5, F. E. Haynes 6, C. R. F. Muncey 7, H. C. Foster 8, A. F. Scholfield 9, C. M. P. Johnson 10. A farewell to Hilary Muirhead and A. F. Scholfield.

CHARING, KENT.—On Sept. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): D. C. Collins 1, P. J. Bagshaw 2, R. Sutehall 3, Diana H. M. Bradford 4, Rhian N. Bagshaw (cond.) 5, T. Collins (first quarter) 6.

CHEPSTOW, MON.—On Aug. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Patty Williams 1, J. D. Owen 2, Mrs. D. J. King 3, R. W. Owen 4, D. J. King (cond.) 5, R. Howard 6. First quarter 1, 2. For Evensong.

CHERITON, KENT.—On Aug. 27th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor (tenor cover): Dilys M. Eastmead 1, P. C. Sinden 2, G. Webb 3, Pamela A. Court 4, A. C. Eastmead 5, R. A. Birch (cond.) 6, J. B. Thorn 8. For the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Eastmead.

CHEW STOKE, SOM.—On Sept. 11th, 1,440 Bob Minor: R. J. Tutton 1, J. Boulter 2, A. J. Coombs 3, H. J. Coombs 4, R. Perry 5, W. Willans (50th quarter as cond.) 6. First Minor for 2 and 4.

CHEWTON MENDIP, SOM.—On Aug. 21st, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: R. Beck 1, D. Mackay 2, J. Brain 3, P J. England 4, P. H. Jones 5, S. Brown 6, J. H. Gilbert 7, E. Chivers (cond.) 8.

CHIGWELL, ESSEX.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. D. Austin (first Minor) 1, J. E. Murfitt 2, Leslie C. Tibbitts 3, M. Wareing 4, D. A. Tovell (cond.) 5, P. W. Dickinson 6. For Evensong.

CHURCH LAWFORD, WARKS.—On Sept. 6th, 1,260 Minor (three methods): Carol Eveleigh 1, M. Fiander 2, R. Jones 3, J. Edgson 4, C. Povey 5, A. Eveleigh (cond.) 6. First in three Minor methods for all the band

CLAPTON-IN-GORDANO, SOM. — On Sept. 1st, 1,279 Salwarpe Doubles: J. Boulter 1, V. James 2, S. Bateman 3, A. Howard 4, W. Willans (cond.) 5, R. Tutton 6. First quarter in the variant by all With best wishes to Janine Blanch and Victor James on their engagement

CLAYHIDON, DEVON.—On Aug. 22nd, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Miss F. Gadd 1, M. A. Arscott 2, R. A. C. Cross 3, J. Cornelius 4, A. W. Knight 5, K. E. Beale (cond.) 6.

CREWE, CHESHIRE.—At Christ Church, on Aug. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Haighton (first quarter) 1, W. Kerr 2, F. R. Morton (50th quarter) 3, S. H. Carter 4, I. R. Nichols 5, E. J. Holloway 6. Jointly conducted by 3 and 5.

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CURRY MALLET, SOM.—On Aug. 18th, 1,320 St. Anne's Doubles: M. R. Arscott 1, A. C. Drayton 2, J. Cornelius (cond.) 3, P. J. Kingscote 4, M. A. Arscott 5, M. Arscott 6. Birthday compliments to Mrs. Rees-Jones and Miss P. Arscott.

DISS, NORFOLK.—On Aug. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Newson 1, W. W. Cousins 2, H. B. Fuller 3, C. Peane 4, O. P. Claxton 5, C. Cousins 6, N. V. Harding (cond.) 7, L. W. Houghton 8. For Evensong.

DRAYTON BASSETT, Tamworth, STAFFS. — On Sept 7th, 1,272 Minimus in five methods: Gillian Davis (aged 11) 1, Theresa Parker (11) 2, Jacqueline Daisley (15) 3, K. G. Parker (cond.) 4. A birthday compliment to Gillian Davis, and a wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Cooper.

EDMONTON, MIDDX.—On Aug. 31st, 1,344 Little Bob Major: Trudy Newcombe 1, C. Edwards 2, Carole Francis 3, Beryl Platt 4, Jacquie Hedges 5, D. Dorrington 6, D. Langdon 7, T. G. Hawkins (cond.) 8. For Evensong. A compliment to Miss Terry Langdon (local ringer) on her marriage to Mr. R. Wheeler.

EPSOM, SURREY.—On July 4th, 1,440 Prittlewell Surprise Royal: J. Helder 1, Jean L. Kimber 2, Juliet S. Stoy 3, Jill Oakshott 4, J. Davidge 5, P. Munday 6, Adrienne Gibson 7, D. G. Spittle 8, S. F. Kimber (cond.) 9, R. J. Talbot 10. First in the method for all except the conductor. Also on Aug. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. Munday 1, J. Cheeseman 2, J. W. Munton 3, E. Godfrey 4, W. Parrott 5, T. Skilton 6, S. F. Kimber 7, J. Davidge 8. A farewell gesture to W. Parrott on his removal to Bath.

FARNHAM, SURREY. — On Aug. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. M. Turner 1, Miss D. A. Wood (first "inside") 2, Miss R. A. Collins 3, P J. Rowe 4, Miss J. M. Collins 5, E. J. Futcher 6, R. Collins (cond.) 7, E. Oliver 8. To welcome the new senior curate (Rev. Paul Renyard). Also on Sept. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. A Wood 1, E. J. Futcher 2, Miss J. M. Collins 3, P. J. Rowe 4, S. Meadows 5, A. D. Elsmore 6, R. Collins (cond.) 7, E. Oliver 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Canon H. R. Wilds, former rector, whose funeral took place earlier this day.

GEDLING, NOTTS.—On Aug. 31st, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: J Dawson 1, J. R. Rigby 2, J. Burnup 3, S. Rippon 4, J. R. Anthony (cond.) 5, Susan M. O'Neill 6. At Evensong. Rung in memory of W. F. Horsepool.

GOODWORTH CLATFORD, HANTS.—On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Joan E. Scott (first Minor) 1, Susan E. Rance (first Minor "inside") 2, Joan A. Rance 3, S. G. Scott 4, G. N. Scott (first Minor as cond.) 5, A. J. N. Rance 6.

GREAT BARTON, SUFFOLK. — On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. J. Culpin 1, B. R. Wells 2, Sally E. V. Potter 3, A. F. Ballam 4, D. O. Rowland 5, B. E Whiting (cond.) 6. Rung to mark the induction of Rev. B. Vaughan Parry, C.F., the previous day.

HARROLD, BEDS.—On Aug. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mary J. Smith 1, Jill K. Orme 2, Margaret J. Lovell (first in method) 3, C. M. Orme 4, J Collings (cond.) 5, J. W. Gayton (first attempt) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Lois Wilson.

HARSTON, CAMBS.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: C. M. P. Johnson 1, Nancy R Threlfall (first on a working bell) 2, G. Pearson 3, Frances A. Threlfall 4, B. D. Threlfall (cond.) 5, V. Nutton 6. For Evensong.

HESSLE, E. YORKS.—On Sept. 7th, 1,320 Kent T.B Minor: V. Gardiner 1, G. Gardiner 2, A. Hessey 3, E. Moss 4, R. R. Horton (cond.) 5, K. Gatman 6. First of Treble Bob 1, 2 and 3. For Evensong.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—On Aug. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Sheila M. Clutton (first quarter) 1, S. M. Bailey 2, S. Timms (first "inside") 3, L. A. Timms 4, J A. Simmons 5, J. S. Boothman (first quarter) 6, D. Knox (cond.) 7, B. Timms (first quarter) 8. A farewell to the Vicar (Rev. E. Hague).

HONITON, DEVON.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Gillian Stamp 1, W. Webb 2, B. Coles 3, D. Wallis 4, F. Stamp 5, T. Travers 6, C. Webb (cond.) 7, L. Stevens 8. For evening service.

KIDLINGTON, OXON. — On Aug. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L Clifton 1, C. Bennett 2, J. E Judge 3 W. F. Judge 4, J. Cleaver 5, M. Journeaux 6, E. J. Smith (cond.) 7, P. Sampson 8.

LAVERSTOKE, HANTS. — On Aug. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. B. Dobson 1, G. Dodd 2, Miss P. Goddard 3, F. Tonge 4, R. F. Crook (cond.) 5, Mrs. G. Dodd 6. Rung prior to the wedding of Mr. J. Cheney and Miss F. Russell by fellow ringers from Longparish.

LETTERS (continued)

HOLIDAYING IN CANADA

Dear Sir,—My sister and I have just returned from our holiday which we were fortunate enough to spend in Canada, and would like to inform others of our ringing experiences. Whilst there we were able, due to an article in Belfry Gossip, to ring at both Victoria and Vancouver Cathedrals.

Victoria has a fine Gothic church with twin towers, the south-western being the one which houses the magnificent ring of eight (tenor 29¼ cwt.), said to be a replica of Westminster Abbey bells, though by what I have heard of Westminster bells those of Victoria go much better, for Victoria had several young learners who handle the bells very competently.

The ringing chamber proudly displays letters from the Queen Mother and other royalty, thanking them for ringing on the occasion of their visits to this rather English city.

A thing I have never done in England that I did in Canada was ring for an audience, for the tower was visited by a seemingly non-stop trickle of interested and quiet non-ringers, who braved a semi-vertical ladder from the ringing chamber to the bell chamber to see the bells.

Vancouver has a Roman Catholic Cathedral, but surprisingly all the ringers there are non-Catholics.

The bells are again an eight, being half the weight of the Victoria bells, only 15 cwt., the back bells being of French origin.

I have left until last what was for me the most outstanding part of my visit, and that was the hospitality of the ringers The warmth of the welcome which we received was far greater than that in any English tower I have visited, and for this reason we would like to thank all the ringers who made our visits so enjoyable.—Yours sincerely,

RICHARD J. PAGE.

Hardwicke, Glos.

NEW TREBLE PLACE DOUBLES METHOD

Dear Sir,

3.1.5.1.3.1.345.1.3.1.5.1.3.123.3.1.3.1.3.123
A B

Symmetrical about A and B.
Calls single at B 345.
Extents 240 by singles called in pairs.
Name Reversed Brendon Treble Place.
First rung at Carhampton, Som, on September 3rd.
Can also be rung backwards as new version of the same method.

Yours faithfully,

E. R. TYNDALE-BISCOE.

Dunster, Som.

IDENTITY WANTED

Dear Sir,—Could any of your readers please tell me the names of these T.B. Minor methods:

—3456—16—1256—16—1234—16 6ths
l.e. 152364.
—3456—16—56—16—34—16 6ths
l.e. 123564.
34.56.34.16—1256—16.34.12.34.16 6ths
l.e. 152364.
34.56.34.16—56—16.34—34.16 6ths
l.e. 146532.

Yours faithfully,

R. A. GILLIES.

Harborough, Lincs.

SERVICE RINGERS IN IRELAND

Dear Sir,—As I am sure you are aware, there are close on 7,000 British Servicemen in Northern Ireland at present. Some of them must be bellringers!

If there is any ringer serving in N. Ireland who would like to take the opportunity of doing some ringing, would he please get in touch with Rev. Canon John Barry, The Rectory, Hillsborough, Co. Down (Tel. 366).—Yours sincerely,

JONATHAN BARRY.

Trinity College, Dublin.

METHODS NOMENCLATURE

Dear Sir,—The method Willesden=Grove should be deleted from the list in my letter on page 706. The method first appeared in the 1907 Central Council Collection without a name and was later named Willesden. It was first rung in a peal at Edgware on November 4th, 1911.—Yours faithfully,

ARTHUR WHITING.

Manchester.

A PEAL ATTEMPT AT FRANT

Dear Sir,—I am writing to you to try and clear up some misunderstanding about Frant bells.

It was myself who deserted Wadhurst one Sunday morning and went over to Frant and rang, not just for a "new tower" but to see if I could try and ring a quarter or peal there. (Sunday morning is the only time they ring.) The tower captain told me I could ring, providing I also got permission from the Rector.

I have now obtained this permission so I and five other ringers are attempting a peal in the near future.

The tower captain told me that they have never refused any visiting band or ringer to ring there "in the past year".

Again I hope this will clear up a lot of gossip about Frant bells.—Yours faithfully,

ANDREW G. BASSETT.

Wadhurst, Sussex.

RINGERS AND THE P.C.C.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Holland's letter ("R.W.", August 15th, page 636) raises a most interesting point. If a band is **not** represented on the P.C.C. then the ringers have only themselves to blame. The P.C.C. is freely elected annually at the Annual Church Meeting—the meeting has to be advertised in advance, the sad thing being that in many parishes only the retiring P.C.C. attend. They can then hardly be blamed for re-electing themselves!

If ringers want more control of the actions of the P.C.C. the remedy is in their own hands!—Yours very truly,

C. R. CHAD COUSSMAKER (Rev.).

British Consulate General,
Istanbul.

ALL SAINTS DOUBLES IN AUSTRALIA

Dear Sir,—My attention has been drawn to two recent pars in Belfry Gossip concerning the ringing of All Saints Doubles at an All Saints church. Looking up my peal book there is an entry concerning the ringing of a quarter peal of All Saints Doubles at the Church of All Saints, Parramatta, N.S.W., on All Saints' Day, November 1st, 1960.

The team stood as follows: L. R. A. Curran 1, W. D. Watson 2, R. W. Ferris 3, J. J. Cummins 4, T. W. Goodyer (cond.) 5, J. Hammond 6.—Yours sincerely,

J. J. CUMMINS.

Lindfield, N.S.W.,
Australia.

CORRECTIONS

There was a typographical error in last week's article "The End of an Era". The second Australian tour was 1965 and not 1955 as printed.

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Mr. Frank C. Price informs us that the handbell peal of Minor rung at Crowthorne, Berks, on January 8th was duplicated in the issue of March 14th.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The Taylors rang a quarter peal at Walpole St. Mary, Norfolk, on September 1st, conducted by E. J. Taylor, of Cheltenham.

Shincliffe, a parish near Durham, has just placed an order for a new ring of six bells, which they hope will be dedicated on December 20th.

Latest in Spliced Surprise Maximus is six methods rung at Marple, Cheshire, on September 5th. According to information received in this office this is the greatest number of methods to be rung of Spliced Surprise Maximus on handbells.

Two ringers who learned to handle a bell at Baltonsborough, Somerset—Mr. Richard Davis and Miss Sherryl Dunkerton—were married there on September 6th, a peal of Minor honouring the occasion. The bride's father, Mr. William Dunkerton, is a ringer and churchwarden.

The band who rang a peal at Clifton, Beds, on August 18th wish to link the name of Mr. Lewis Bywaters with the attempt. He taught the two first-pealers to ring but was unable to stand in himself due to infected hands. We wish him a speedy recovery.

What is believed to be the first peal on Great Gidding, Hunts, bells was rung on August 2nd. The bells had been unringable for a long time and were rehung last May.

For the Coventry Diocesan Guild a peal in 81 methods of Spliced Surprise Minor was rung at Stoneleigh, Warks, on July 30th. This is claimed to be the greatest number of methods rung to a peal of Surprise Minor. The conducting was shared by five of the band.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert E. Cheesman celebrated their golden wedding recently. Since going to Banstead 42 years ago Mr. Cheesman has helped to teach many youngsters, from handling a rope to in some cases Spliced Surprise. On September 11th a quarter peal of Bob Major was rung in his honour by the local band, including three of his grandchildren. Afterwards Mr. Cheesman enjoyed ringing handbells at a party for ringers and friends. Owing to illness he has been away from the belfry for a few weeks, and his friends from many towers will wish him a speedy recovery and return to duty.

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ENTHUSIASM IN ISOLATED ESSEX VILLAGE

The Essex village of Tillingham, situated between Southminster and Bradwell in the Dengie Hundred, must be one of the most isolated in the county, but the mileage involved did not deter over 35 members and friends who converged on the Church of St. Nicholas and its six bells for the bi-monthly meeting of the South Eastern District, held there on September 13th.

As far as ringing is concerned Tillingham is rather out on a limb, and it is therefore very pleasant to report that an enthusiastic band, with several keen youngsters, is flourishing under the capable guidance of Mr. Jack Eaton. The bells were put to good use during the afternoon, and after the service, conducted by the Rural Dean (Rev. S. J. Burling), an excellent buffet tea was enjoyed in the village hall.

A short business meeting followed at which the following new members were elected: Mrs. V. Tickner and Martin Tickner, of Tillingham; Robert Bennett and Peter Sawyer, of Maldon; and Andrew Dixon, of Great Totham. The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Mr. Peter Eves. Ringing continued until 8 p.m.

Next meeting: Boreham, November 1st.

ST. PATRICK'S, DUBLIN

The bells of St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, are out of action for a few weeks while Messrs. John Taylor and Co. are rebushing the clappers. They are then going to install new pulley wheels mounted on ball-bearings. It is hoped that the bells will be back in action by the end of next month; the job is costing about £500.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD

It was not only the East Grinstead and District Guild (31 at tea) that rang at Westerham on September 13th. First came an outing party from Wye and while at tea a band of College Youths, who had been attempting a peal, arrived and rang a few touches.

Five new members were elected at the meeting at the church. Mr. C. A. Bassett has still seats available for the annual outing on October 11th. For the November 8th meeting Oxted (6) and Limpsfield Chart (6) were favoured; alternatives are Limpsfield (6) and Godstone (8). Members were told that a telegram had been sent to George Fry and Coral Spiller congratulating them on their wedding.

Canon Chapman, who had been delayed by heavy traffic, then took a short service. Evening ringing was on the heavy six at Sundridge. Bob Sherlock made the local arrangements.

BOTH WERE MASTERS

[Picture by Anthony Lovesy.

Two former Masters of Reading University Society of Change Ringers, Mr. Maurice G. Ingram, of Birmingham, and Miss Anna K. Sadowska, of Bishop's Cleeve, Glos, whose wedding took place at Bishop's Cleeve on August 9th.

The couple are now living in Oxford, where Anna is teaching and Maurice is continuing his studies.

MISS GLENDA COOPER MARRIED

The bells of Croydon Parish Church rang out on September 6th for the marriage of Glenda Cooper to Mr. Alfred Lott.

When the bride's father (the late Dan Cooper) and I were married in 1942 he was Master at this church tower—but the band were not able to ring the tower bells for us owing to the war ban on church bells.

I am very grateful to the present band for ringing for Glenda, although she is not at present an active tower bell ringer. She learnt to handle a bell at East Grinstead, Sussex, when she was living there during her training for her career and also rang for a time at St. Peter's, Thanet, Kent. When she and her husband are settled down at Welwyn Garden City, Herts, I hope that they may find a band somewhere near who would welcome a couple of learners

Glenda still has her father's handbells and they have been well used over the years for ringing tunes which have delighted many old and sick people and others in and around Croydon. DORIS COOPER.

ILCHESTER'S ACTIVE MONTH

The Ilchester Branch has again been active this month. Its quarterly business meeting and Guild service at Montacute coincided with the flower and music festival at East Chinnock.

On September 5th members rang at St. Mary's, East Chinnock, for their festival service and the next day the quarterly business meeting was held in the Church of St. Catherine, Montacute (the home tower of both the hon. secretary, Mrs. M. M. Legget, and the Ringing Master, Mr. Gordon Rendell). The Rev. R. M. Bevan conducted the Guild service and the organist was Mr. Christopher Denman.

At the business meeting the following new members were elected: Messrs. F. Cole, sen. and W. Samways (South Petherton); the Misses Elizabeth D. Dean and Fiona Cumming and Mr. D. Gray (Odcombe), Mr. M. Shaw (Preston Plucknett). A certificate of membership was issued to Mr. F. W. Cole, jun., of South Petherton.

The somewhat difficult though majestic heavy St. Catherine's six (tenor 23 cwt.) were put to good use during the afternoon and evening in a variety of methods varying from rounds to Cambridge Surprise Minor, under the direction of the Ringing Master. Between 30 and 35 ringers attended, including visitors from as far afield as Lyng, Bristol and Ashton-under-Lyne.

September 7th saw more activity at St. Mary's, East Chinnock (an anti-clockwise minor five, tenor 15 cwt.). Branch members from Yeovil, Hardington Mandeville, Odcombe, Preston, Montacute, West Coker, Chiselborough, Stoke-sub-Hamdon and Langport took part in the ringing for the dedication service at the flower and music festival.

Next meeting: High Ham, near Langport, October 4th, 7–9 p.m.

Branch half-day outing: September 27th. Details from Mr. G. Rendell (Martock 2329). M. M. L.

THE ANNUAL TO HASLEMERE

For many years now Warminster ringers have had an annual outing to Haslemere arranged by Mr. C. N. Pearson. This year cars replaced the familiar coach. Mr. Pearson met the party at Overton and some good ringing took place at the parish church. The two churches at Basingstoke followed, the steeplejacks being removed from All Saints' Church before ringing!

After a good lunch at the Opera Café a one-inch map was required to find Mortimer, where there are two churches, St. John's belfry being reached by a vertical ladder. Mrs. Pearson had a sumptuous tea ready at Haslemere and the best ringing of the day occurred on the 12 cwt. six at Midhurst. In thanking Mr. Pearson and his family for all their good work, Warminster ringers assure them that they hope to be back next year!

MR. WILFRED WILLIAMS' TOUR OF WESSEX

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

DITCHEAT, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Sat., Aug. 23, 1969, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 4 lb. in E flat.

Tudor P. Edwards	Treble	George E. Thoday	5
Rev. Giles C. Galley	2	John S. Mason	6
Robert E. J. Dennis	3	Kenneth J. Hesketh	7
John G. Gipson	4	Wilfred Williams	Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

BRADPOLE, Dorset.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Wed., Aug. 27, 1969, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5022 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 9 lb. in F sharp.

Robert E. J. Dennis	Treble	John G. Gipson	5
John S. Mason	2	Kenneth J. Hesketh	6
Melvyn J. Hiller	3	A. Patrick Cannon	7
Rev. Giles C. Galley	4	George E. Thoday	Tenor

Composed by S. Humphrey. Conducted by George E. Thoday.

WIMBORNE ST. GILES, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Mon., Sept. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In eight methods, comprising 768 Rutland and London, 640 Bristol, 576 Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 142 changes of method. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in F.

Cecil W. Pipe	Treble	Robert E. J. Dennis	5
Tudor P. Edwards	2	Kenneth J. Hesketh	6
Rev. Giles C. Galley	3	George E. Thoday	7
John G. Gipson	4	Wilfred Williams	Tenor

Composed by N. Smith. Conducted by George E. Thoday.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

YEOVIL, Somerset.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Aug. 23, 1969, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 40 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in C.

Wilfred Williams	Treble	Kenneth J. Hesketh	6
Tudor P. Edwards	2	George E. Thoday	7
William A. Theobald	3	Ralph G. Edwards	8
Cecil W. Pipe	4	Clifford A. Barron	9
Robert E. J. Dennis	5	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Peter Border.

WINCANTON, Somerset.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Fri., Aug. 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 WATFORD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in F sharp.

A. Patrick Cannon	Treble	Kenneth J. Hesketh	5
Wilfred Williams	2	Tudor P. Edwards	6
Robert E. J. Dennis	3	Ralph G. Edwards	7
Peter Border	4	Clifford A. Barron	Tenor

Composed by W. E. Critchley. Conducted by Clifford A. Barron.

MILBORNE PORT, Som.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist.
On Fri., Aug. 29, 1969, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 28 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in C sharp.

William A. Theobald	Treble	Clifford A. Barron	5
Rev. Giles C. Galley	2	George E. Thoday	6
John S. Mason	3	Tudor P. Edwards	7
John G. Gipson	4	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Parker. Conducted by Peter Border.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, Devon.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist.
On Sun., Aug. 24, 1969, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in F.

Susan J. Jennings	Treble	John G. Gipson	5
Ralph G. Edwards	2	David E. Rothera	6
Rev. Giles C. Galley	3	George E. Thoday	7
John S. Mason	4	Tudor P. Edwards	Tenor

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley. Conducted by George E. Thoday.

OTTERY ST. MARY, Devon.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, King Edward the Confessor and All Saints.
On Mon., Aug. 25, 1969, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in E.

Wilfred Williams	Treble	George E. Thoday	5
Kenneth J. Hesketh	2	Peter Border	6
John G. Gipson	3	Tudor P. Edwards	7
Clifford A. Barron	4	Ralph G. Edwards	Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe. Conducted by Peter Border.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

LYME REGIS, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Michael the Archangel.
On Mon., Aug. 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in G.

Robert E. J. Dennis	Treble	George E. Thoday	5
Kenneth J. Hesketh	2	Ralph G. Edwards	6
*Cuthbert W. Powell	3	Cecil W. Pipe	7
Rev. Giles C. Galley	4	Wilfred Williams	Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Wilfred Williams.
* First peal of Bristol. First in the method on the bells.

WHITCHURCH CANONICORUM, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Candida and the Holy Cross.
On Tues., Aug. 26, 1969, in 9 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 18 lb. in D.

George E. Thoday	Treble	Robert E. J. Dennis	5
John S. Mason	2	Cecil W. Pipe	6
Kenneth J. Hesketh	3	Peter Border	7
Rev. Giles C. Galley	4	A. Patrick Cannon	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Kenneth J. Hesketh.

BEAMINSTER, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Mary of the Annunciation.
On Wed., Aug. 27, 1969, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in D.

Tudor P. Edwards	Treble	Clifford A. Barron	5
Wilfred Williams	2	Peter Border	6
William A. Theobald	3	George W. Pipe	7
Cecil W. Pipe	4	Ralph G. Edwards	Tenor

Composed by A. Baldwin. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

SHERBORNE, Dorset.—At the Abbey Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Wed., Aug. 27, 1969, in 3 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 46 cwt. 5 lb. in B flat.

Rev. Giles C. Galley	Treble	Kenneth J. Hesketh	5
Tudor P. Edwards	2	Cecil W. Pipe	6
Robert E. J. Dennis	3	Clifford A. Barron	7
John G. Gipson	4	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed by R. Baldwin Conducted by Peter Border.

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WESSEX TOUR—Continued.

CATTISTOCK, Dorset.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul
On Thurs., Aug. 28, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

Peter Border	Treble	Ralph G. Edwards	5
Kenneth J. Hesketh	2	Clifford A. Barron	6
William A. Theobald	3	George E. Thoday	7
Tudor P. Edwards	4	Wilfred Williams	Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by Wilfred Williams.

DORCHESTER, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Thurs., Aug. 28, 1969, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

Robert E. J. Dennis	Treble	John G. Gipson	5
John S. Mason	2	George E. Thoday	6
Rev. Giles C. Galley	3	A. Patrick Cannon	7
Cecil W. Pipe	4	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by Peter Border.

WAREHAM, Dorset.—At the Church of Lady St. Mary.
On Sat., Aug. 30, 1969, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr 14 lb in E.

Peter Border	Treble	Kenneth J. Hesketh	5
George E. Thoday	2	Rev. Giles C. Galley	6
Tudor P. Edwards	3	Robert E. J. Dennis	7
Cecil W. Pipe	4	A. Patrick Cannon	Tenor

Composed by R. J. Parker. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

KINGSTON, Dorset.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sat., Aug. 30, 1969, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in D.

John S. Mason	Treble	Cecil W. Pipe	5
Ralph G. Edwards	2	Kenneth J. Hesketh	6
John G. Gipson	3	Tudor P. Edwards	7
Peter Border	4	Wilfred Williams	Tenor

Composed by G. Lindoff Conducted by Wilfred Williams.

HILDA MASSEY'S (No. 2) PEAL WEEK

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CASTLE CARY, Somerset.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Mon., Aug. 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 UXBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 8 lb. in E.

Ronald G. Beck	Treble	Peter J. W. Hardwick	5
David J. Orledge	2	Walter S. Rice	6
David G. Massey	3	Roy W. Rice	7
*Peter J. England	4	George W. Massey	Tenor

Composed by George Freebrey Conducted by George W. Massey.
* 50th peal. First in the method by all the band and on the bells.

MINEHEAD, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Wed., Aug. 27, 1969, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 20 cwt. 23 lb. in E flat.

Ronald G. Beck	Treble	Roy W. Rice	6
George W. Massey	2	Walter S. Rice	7
Peter J England	3	Roger I. Kendrick	8
*Michael G. Dodson	4	David J. Orledge	9
Peter J. W. Hardwick	5	David G. Massey	Tenor

Composed by William Pye. Conducted by David G. Massey.
* First peal of Cambridge. First as conductor on ten bells.

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Thurs., Aug. 28, 1969, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 lb.

Peter J. England	Treble	Walter S. Rice	5
Roy W. Rice	2	*Roger I. Kendrick	6
David G. Massey	3	David J. Orledge	7
*Peter J. W. Hardwick	4	George W. Massey	Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by George W. Massey.
* First peal in the method.

BRENT KNOLL, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Fri., Aug. 29, 1969, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 WELLS SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 21 cwt. 16 lb. in E flat.

Roy W. Rice	Treble	Walter S. Rice	4
George W. Massey	2	Peter J. England	5
Peter J. W. Hardwick	3	David G. Massey	Tenor

Conducted by David G. Massey.
First peal in the method on the bells, for the Association and by all the band.

SOUTH PETHERTON, Som.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Aug. 30, 1969, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 ZELAH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. in D.

David J. Orledge	Treble	*Roy W. Rice	5
George W. Massey	2	*Walter S. Rice	6
*Michael G. Dodson	3	*Edgar T. Skipsey	7
*Peter J. W. Hardwick	4	*David G. Massey	Tenor

Composed by Charles J Sedgley Conducted by George W. Massey.
* First peal in the method First in the method for the Association and on the bells.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

THORNCOMBE, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., Aug. 28, 1969, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 VANCOUVER SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 24 lb. in E flat.

George W. Massey	Treble	*Roy W. Rice	5
Roger I. Kendrick	2	Walter S. Rice	6
Peter J. W. Hardwick	3	Peter J. England	7
David J. Orledge	4	David G. Massey	Tenor

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley. Conducted by David G. Massey.
* 75th peal. First in the method by all the band.

WARMINSTER, Wiltshire.—At the Minster Church of St. Denys.
On Mon., Sept. 1, 1969, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

George W. Massey	Treble	*Walter S. Rice	5
*Roy W. Rice	2	Edgar T. Skipsey	6
Norman G. N. Knee	3	David J. Orledge	7
†Peter J. W. Hardwick	4	David G. Massey	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by George W. Massey.
* 75th peal together. † First of Yorkhire Major.

OTHER TOWER BELL PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

RADSTOCK, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Aug. 16, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 2,640 Grandsire and 2,400 Plain Bob. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

Ivor G. Goulter	Treble	Edwin G. Brown	4
Sandra Weaver	2	*Peter C. Gould	5
Ronald E Weaver	3	David S. Youdle	Tenor

Conducted by Peter C. Gould.
* First peal of Doubles.
Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. Alan Comer (tower captain) and Miss Deirdre Horler

SELWORTHY, Somerset.—At the Church of All Saints
On Tues., Aug. 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in seven methods, viz.: Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Grandsire, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Rev. Canterbury and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. in G.

Mervyn R. Arscott	Treble	Adrian F. Arscott	4
Elaine Barrie	2	Mervyn A. Arscott	5
*Frederick C. Arscott	3	Raymond F. Arscott	Tenor

Conducted by Raymond F. Arscott.
* First peal in seven methods.
Rung as a compliment to F. C. Arscott (ringer of the 3rd) on his 72nd birthday.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

SHILTON, Warwicks.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Aug. 23, 1969, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being extents of Beverley Surprise, Surfleet Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob.
Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in B flat.

David R. Randall	Treble	John K. Foot	4
Peter C. Randall	2	Maurice C. Hughes	5
Anthony J. Cox	3	Ian C. Maycock	Tenor

Conducted by Peter C. Randall.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Geoffrey W. Randall and J. Susan Smith, who were married on August 16th, 1969, at St. Mary's Church, Warwick.

WOOTTON WAWEN, Warwicks.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Mon., Aug. 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being extents of Oxford T.B., Beverley Surprise, Surfleet Surprise, Kent T.B., St. Clement's Bob and two extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in F sharp.

David R. Randall	Treble	Peter C. Randall	4
Jonathan Evans	2	Raymon A. Sheasby	5
E. C. Gareth Higgs	3	George Pluckrose	Tenor

Conducted by Peter C. Randall.

WOLVEY, Warwicks.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Wed., Aug. 27, 1969, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in 20 methods/variations/spliced compositions, viz.: Four extents of Stedman and two each of St. Simon, St. Albans, Eynsham, St. Martin, St. Paul, St. Leonard, St. Nicholas, St. Giles, Lapley, Winchendon Place, St. Miles, St. John, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, Plain, Kennington, April Day and Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt. 24 lb. in G.

E. C. Gareth Higgs	Treble	Raymon A. Sheasby	4
Peter C. Randall	2	George Pluckrose	5
Jonathan Evans	3	*Cameron E. Lawton	Tenor

Conducted by Peter C. Randall.
* First peal.

STUDLEY, Warwicks.—At the Church of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
On Thurs., Aug. 28, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 13 methods, viz.: (1) Single Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, (2) Kent and Oxford T.B., (3) Double Oxford, Thelwall and Pinehurst Bob, (4) Plain Bob, (5) Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet Surprise, (6) St. Clement's, Childwall and Buxton Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in G.

David R. Randall	Treble	Jonathan Evans	4
E. C. Gareth Higgs	2	George Pluckrose	5
Raymon A. Sheasby	3	Peter C. Randall	Tenor

Conducted by Peter C. Randall.

ARLEY, Warwicks.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.
On Fri., Aug. 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in eight methods, viz.: (1) Oxford T.B., (2) Double Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, (3) Plain Bob, (4) Kent T.B., (5) Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet Surprise, (6) St. Clement's Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 12 lb. in A flat.

Raymon A. Sheasby	Treble	Jonathan Evans	4
V. Jane Hill	2	George Pluckrose	5
R. Joy Pluckrose	3	Peter C. Randall	Tenor

Conducted by Peter C. Randall.

ASTLEY, Warwicks.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Fri., Aug. 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in 18 methods/variations/spliced compositions, viz.: Three extents each of St. Simon, St. Albans, Eynsham, St. Martin, St. Paul, St. Leonard, and two extents each of St. Nicholas, St. Giles, Lapley, Winchendon Place, St. Miles, St. John, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, Plain, Kennington and April Day. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in F sharp.

*V. Jane Hill	Treble	Jonathan Evans	3
Peter C. Randall	2	George Pluckrose	4

Geoffrey W. Randall .. Tenor
Conducted by Peter C. Randall.
* First peal.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
TAWSTOCK, Devon.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Aug. 23, 1969, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

John L. Anderson	Treble	Peter L. Bill	5
John C. Mitchelmore	2	D. Roy Bould	6
Christopher F. Longridge	3	John N. Longridge	7
Rev. Peter T. Robbins	4	*Brian V. Mountjoy	Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker. Conducted by D. Roy Bould.
* First peal.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
SAFFRON WALDEN, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Aug. 16, 1969, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5001 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb in D

Robert E. J. Dennis	Treble	Timothy G. Pett	7
Caroline R. F. Cole	2	Brian D. Threlfall	8
Ian L. Dear	3	Robert J. Chapman	9
Andrew J. Slade	4	Kenneth J. Hesketh	10
Donald E. Cobb	5	David E. House	11
John G. Gipson	6	John C. Slater	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Robert E. J. Dennis.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
TEWKESBURY, Glos.—At the Abbey Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Aug. 30, 1969, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 27 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in D.

Brian Bladon	Treble	Cyril A. Wratten	7
G. William Critchley	2	David W. Friend	8
Claudia A. Critchley	3	Alan J. Frost	9
Christopher H. Rogers	4	David P. Hilling	10
David E. Rothera	5	D. John Hunt	11
*George E. Fearn	6	Michael P. Moreton	Tenor

Composed by A. S. Hudson. Conducted by David P. Hilling.
* 2,300th peal.

CHELTENHAM, Glos.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Mon., Sept. 1, 1969, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in E flat.

Janet House	Treble	D. John Hunt	7
Brian Bladon	2	David J. Purnell	8
Frank E. Darby	3	David E. House	9
Christopher H. Rogers	4	George E. Fearn	10
David P. Hilling	5	*Michael P. Moreton	11
Cyril A. Wratten	6	Robert C. Kippin	Tenor

Conducted by David P. Hilling.
* 50th peal of Maximus and 100th peal on 12 bells.

BRISTOL.—At the Cathedral Church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity.
On Sun., Aug. 31, 1969, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, comprising 1,312 Bristol and 1,280 each of Cambridge, London and Superlative, with 112 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 21 cwt. 1 lb. in E flat.

Claudia A. Critchley	Treble	G. William Critchley	5
Michael P. Moreton	2	David P. Hilling	6
D. John Hunt	3	Robert C. Kippin	7
*Michael J. Hobbs	4	David E. House	Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by David E. House.
* 250th peal.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
EWHURST, Surrey.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Aug. 30, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in G sharp.

Beryl R. Simpson	Treble	*†W. John Couperthwaite	5
*Louise A. M. Evans	2	*David D. Smith	6
Norman Summerhayes	3	†Michael J. Church	7
Stanley G. Ponting	4	Anthony K. Fortin	Tenor

Composed by C. H. Martin Conducted by Michael J. Church.
* First peal of Superlative. † 25th peal together. First peal of Superlative as conductor.

CRONDALL, Hampshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Mon., Aug. 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 18 cwt.

Peter J. Rowe	Treble	John A. Collier	4
Jill M. May	2	Roy Collins	5
*Edward J. Futcher	3	Douglas A. R. May	Tenor

Conducted by Douglas A. R. May.
* First peal in five Minor methods
Rung as a welcome to Fiona Anne Marsden, granddaughter of the Rev. John Hunt, Vicar of Crondall.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
CHESHUNT, Herts.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Aug. 9, 1969, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5184 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Heywood's transposition. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in E.

Michael D. Frost	Treble	S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	5
*Elizabeth Forster	2	Kenneth J. Darvill	6
†Katherine S. Hardy	3	Harold V. Frost	7
*Joyce M. Clarke	4	†Robert E. Hardy	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Michael D. Frost.
* First peal of Surprise. † 50th peal together. First peal on eight tower bells as conductor.
Rung with the best wishes of the band to Shelagh and Malcolm Melville.

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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
ALDINGTON, Kent.—At the Church of St. Martin.
On Sat., Aug 30, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob, each called differently.
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in F sharp.

P. Charles Sinden	Treble	Peter Bradford	4
Nicholas J. Davies	2	Crawford T. Hillis	5
*Richard A. Birch	3	Colin J. E. Wyld	Tenor

Conducted by Crawford T. Hillis.
* First peal in seven Minor methods.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Alan Berry, hon. general secretary of this Association, and Miss Anne Barber, married this day at Folkestone.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
HORWICH, Lancashire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Wed., Aug. 27, 1969, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Norman Tompkins	Treble	Geoffrey Fothergill	5
Albert Greenhalgh	2	*Frederick Brownlow	6
James Cunliffe	3	†John Illingworth	7
Dennis McCormick	4	†John Ashcroft	Tenor

Composed by E. W. Tipler. (No. 8.) Conducted by John Ashcroft.
* 50th peal and first of Surprise "inside." † 25th peal together.
Rung as a compliment to David Warburton and Ruth Brownlow (daughter of the ringer of the 6th), married at this church on August 23rd. Tenor 12 cwt.

SOUTHPORT, Lancashire.—At Christ Church.
On Tues., Sept. 2, 1969, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 KNOTTY ASH DELIGHT MAJOR
29-course block reduced. Tenor 12 cwt. in A.

Dennis Jones	Treble	Robert Peers	5
Celia F. H. D'Aeth	2	H. Lyndon Hatfield	6
Geoffrey C. Sparling	3	Keith J. Walpole	7
Martin E. Snape	4	Bruce Wakefield	Tenor

Conducted by Keith J. Walpole.
First peal in the method.
Rung as a compliment to Cynthia Snape and Jack Fuller, married at Emmanuel Church, Southport, on September 13th, 1969.

KNOTTY ASH DELIGHT MAJOR
—38—18—56—36—14—38—14—78. 1.h. 2nds.

MOORSIDE, Oldham, Lancs.—At the Church of St. Thomas.
On Sun., Aug. 24, 1969, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 11 cwt 1 qr. 12 lb.

*Gillian G. Tompsett	Treble	†Michael H. Tompsett	4
*Hilary M. Sager	2	*John Sager	5
†Keith P. Tompsett	3	Richard S. Starkie	Tenor

Conducted by Richard S. Starkie.
* First peal. † First of Minor.
Rung by a band from Christ Church, Healey.

Furness Week-end.
MILLOM, Cumberland.—At the Church of St. George the Martyr.
On Sat., Aug. 30, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of Kent T.B and five of Plain Bob.
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in F.

Alan Capstick	Treble	John Bagnall	4
Stanley Walmsley	2	Kevin M. Price	5
*Colin F. Gates	3	Thomas F. Metcalfe	Tenor

Conducted by Kevin M. Price.
* First peal in two methods. Fastest peal on the bells.

FLOOKBURGH, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Mon., Sept. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Kent T.B. and six of Plain Bob.
Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in F.

Robert Moore	Treble	Stanley Anderton	4
James E. Dickinson	2	Kevin M. Price	5
Alan Capstick	3	Thomas F. Metcalfe	Tenor

Conducted by Thomas F. Metcalfe.
Rung to welcome the new Vicar, the Rev. Clive Gillhespey, who was inducted to the living on August 28th, 1969.

LECK, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Mon., Sept. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being eight extents each of Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, St. Simon, Single Oxford, Grandsire and Plain Bob (all Maximum callings) and one 240 of Grandsire by A. J. Pitman, with 14 changes of method.
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in G.

*Mary W. Whalley	Treble	Alan Capstick	3
*Joseph Whalley	2	Kevin M. Price	4

Thomas F. Metcalfe .. .. Tenor
Conducted by Kevin M. Price.
* First peal in five methods on tower bells. First in five Doubles methods by all the band. First in five methods on the bells.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Thurs., Aug. 28, 1969, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL
In five methods, comprising 840 Cambridge, 960 each of Lincolnshire and Pudsey, 1,200 Rutland and 1,080 Yorkshire, with 98 changes of method. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

G. Ronald Edwards	Treble	K. Paul Gilliver	6
David F. Moore	2	Martin Green	7
Christine L. J. Mills	3	R. Brian Mills	8
John M. Jelley	4	Roland H. Cook	9
Monica M. Jelley	5	*R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by Derek Ogden. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
* 475th peal. First of Spliced Surprise Royal in five methods by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild.

QUORN, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.
On Sat., Aug. 30, 1969, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in G.

Roger N. Scholes	Treble	†David L. Alderton	5
*Frances A. Pegg	2	†Alec R. Jones	6
Hilary F. Watson-Walker	3	Clive J. Mobbs	7
Arthur E. Rowley	4	B. Stedman Payne	Tenor

Composed by Geoffrey Baulcomb. Conducted by B. Stedman Payne.
* First peal of Major. † First of Plain Bob Major.
Rung within the octave of the Patronal Festival.

SAPCOTE, Leicestershire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Thurs., July 3, 1969, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Comprising seven different extents.
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in A flat.

K. Paul Gilliver	Treble	*Evan R. Cowles (U.S.A.)	4
*Christopher Biddle (U.S.A.)	2	William A. Theobald	5
*David F. Walton (U.S.A.)	3	Frank C. Price	Tenor

Conducted by Frank C. Price.
* First peal (all members of the Groton School Guild, Mass.).
Rung to commemorate the investiture of the Prince of Wales.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
LINCOLN.—At the Cathedral of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
On Sat., Aug. 9, 1969, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in D.

William A. Theobald	Treble	Basil Jones	7
W. Eric Critchley	2	John S. Mason	8
Edward P. Duffield	3	Richard A. G. Inglis	9
George E. Feirn	4	Robert E. J. Dennis	10
Peter A. Sharp	5	George E. Thoday	11
Rev. Giles C. Galley	6	Wilfred Williams	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Wilfred Williams.

GREAT GRIMSBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sat., Aug. 30, 1969, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 18 cwt. in E flat.

Frank Kennington	Treble	Edgar A. Cole	6
*Vaughan P. Evans	2	John H. Parker	7
Roy Stephenson	3	Denis A. Frith	8
William L. Exton	4	Graham J. N. Colborne	9
Peter A. Slight	5	Arthur Pashley	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Denis A. Frith.
* First peal of Caters "inside."

SKILLINGTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sat., Aug. 16, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED DOUBLES
Comprising 42 extents in 17 methods—New, St. Vedast, Huntspill, Blaisdon, Plain Bob, Rev Canterbury, Rev. St. Bartholomew, St. Simon, St. Martin, St. Osmund Eynesbury, St. Nicholas, St. Remigius, Winchendon, Huntley, Grandsire, Stedman—and 109 variations.
Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in A.

Bryan Ward	Treble	†Susan Aveyard	3
*Peter A. Slight	2	Vaughan P. Evans	4

Denis A. Frith .. .. Tenor
Conducted by Peter A. Slight.
* Has "circled the tower" to peals. † First peal of Spliced Doubles.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss B. Anne Cheesewright (Molecule).

SEMPRINGHAM, Lincs.—At the Abbey Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Aug 23, 1969, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents, each differently called.
Tenor 7 cwt. 23 lb. in G sharp.

*Penelope Jackson	Treble	Brian Buttery	4
Peter A. Slight	2	Denis A. Frith	5
P. Mary Cheesewright	3	Owen Homewood	Tenor

Composed by Denis A. Frith.
* First peal at first attempt.
Rung as an engagement compliment to Miss Christine R. Petley and Mr. Paul Smith.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
EBBW VALE, Monmouthshire.—At Christ Church.
On Sat., Aug. 9, 1969, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

*Stephen Fenwick	Treble	James Clatworthy	5
Donald G. Clift	2	David J. King	6
*Paul A. Williams	3	Michael R. Meadows	7
Edward G. Mould	4	J. Michael Lakin	Tenor

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by J. Michael Lakin.
* 25th peal together.
Rung as a wedding compliment to the Rev. G. J. B. Stickland and Miss Ruth Havard. Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in D.

TREVETHIN, Monmouthshire.—At the Church of St. Cadoc.
On Sat., Aug. 23, 1969, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb. in F sharp.

Bruce Martin	Treble	*Christopher E. Slade	5
Paul A. Williams	2	Peter S. Bennett	6
James Clatworthy	3	Edward G. Mould	7
Christopher Ricketts	4	Dennis A. Chapman	Tenor

Composed by M. S. Bruce. Conducted by Peter S. Bennett.
* First peal in the method.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
WILLESDEN, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., Aug 28, 1969, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 LEWES SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

C. Edward Lankester	Treble	Frank Reed	5
G. William Critchley	2	John Hill	6
Claudia A. Critchley	3	Dennis Knox	7
Alick Cutler	4	Thomas J. Lock	Tenor

Composed by John R. Mayne. Conducted by G. William Critchley.
First peal in the method by all the band.

CRANFORD, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Dunstan.
On Wed., Sept. 3, 1969, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 720 each of Single Oxford. St. Clement's. Double Oxford, Cambridge, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. in B.

Michael J. Church	Treble	*Alan D. Flood	4
*Christine M. Harbott	2	Ronald K. Russ	5
Beryl R. Simpson	3	A. Patrick Cannon	Tenor

Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
* First peal in seven methods.
Rung on the 30th anniversary of the commencing of World War II.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Tues., Aug. 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

G. Ronald Edwards	Treble	Edward R. Fairbrother	5
Ronald D. Hughes	2	Arthur E. Rowley	6
Frank Beech	3	Richard J. Warrilow	7
Frank Chambers	4	Roland Beniston	Tenor

Composed by A. R. Kench. Conducted by Roland Beniston.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
HOLT, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Aug. 23, 1969, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven variations of extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 8 lb. in G sharp.

Walter Ford	Treble	Richard A. J. Bower	4
Nolan Golden	2	William R. West	5
Eric Durrant	3	Derick W. Pardon	Tenor

Conducted by Nolan Golden.
Rung in honour of the birth of Adam Malcolm, son of the Rev. Jeremy D. and Mrs. Saville.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
WARFIELD, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Michael the Archangel.
On Sat., July 19, 1969, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 WARFIELD SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in F.

Susanne Sargeant	Treble	Frank T. Blagrove	6
Julia A. Fellows	2	William Butler	7
S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	3	Noel J. Diserens	8
Alan R. Pink	4	John R. Mayne	9
Roger Baldwin	5	Frank C. Price	Tenor

Composed by Frank Darby. Conducted by Frank C. Price.
First peal in the method. First peal of Surprise Royal on the bells.
Rung as a compliment to Elaine Nowers and Alan Clark, who were married this day; also for the service of Confirmation.

WARFIELD SURPRISE ROYAL
30—30.14—12—30.14——14.50.36.14.36.1470—18—90
"f" type. I.e. 426385079. 4ths place bobs.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
HOOK NORTON, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter
On Sat., June 28, 1969, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Kilby R. Holtom	Treble	Stanley M. Ruddlesden	5
Graham C. Paul	2	Barry E. Saunders	6
Raymond A. Vickers	3	George W. Holland	7
Christopher C. Stokes	4	Alan A. Paul	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Graham C. Paul.
Rung for the Patronal Festival Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr 13 lb. in E.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, Northants.—At the Church of St. Peter
On Sat., July 5, 1969, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Roger W. Smith	Treble	Murray A. Coleman	5
Alan A. Paul	2	Barry R. Care	6
Raymond A. Vickers	3	Arthur Bigley	7
Graham C. Paul	4	Barry E. Saunders	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Graham C. Paul.
First peal on the bells since rehanging.
Rung for the Patronal Festival. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

EASTON NESTON, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., July 12, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in G.

Patrick I. Chapman	Treble	Christopher C. Stokes	5
Shirley E. Ruddlesden	2	Roger W. Smith	6
Graham C. Paul	3	Barry E. Saunders	7
Raymond A. Vickers	4	Alan A. Paul	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Graham C Paul.

HASELBECH, Northants.—At the Church of St. Michael
On Sun., July 13, 1969, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 12 lb. in F.

Christopher C. Stokes	Treble	Malcolm J. V. Chown	5
Shirley E. Ruddlesden	2	Stanley M. Ruddlesden	6
Roger W. Smith	3	Barry E. Saunders	7
Alan A. Paul	4	Graham C. Paul	Tenor

Composed by Ian M. Holland Conducted by Graham C. Paul.

BUCKINGHAM, Bucks.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Aug 30, 1969, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 27 cwt. 3 lb.

Christopher C. Stokes	Treble	Malcolm J. V. Chown	5
Shirley E. Ruddlesden	2	Barry E. Saunders	6
Patrick I. Chapman	3	George W. Holland	7
Graham C. Paul	4	Alan A. Paul	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Graham C. Paul.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS
TENTERDEN, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mildred.
On Mon., Sept. 1, 1969, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 27 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in C.

Frederick J. Lambert	Treble	David R. Reed	5
Ann Smith	2	David D. Smith	6
James M. Hills	3	Alan R. Baldock	7
Thomas M. Barlow	4	Ian V. J. Smith	Tenor

Composed by Edmund Shuttleworth. Conducted by Alan R. Baldock.
First peal of Yorkshire Surprise as conductor.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
SALISBURY, Wilts.—At the Church of St. Paul. Fisherton Anger.
On Mon., Aug. 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Katharine J. Maundrell	Treble	*Colin W. Reed	5
*Beryl N. Reed	2	Graham W. Elmes	6
William T. Perrins	3	Timothy F. Collins	7
David G. Andrews	4	Frederick E. Collins	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by William T. Perrins.
* 100th peal together. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
SHREWSBURY, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Aug. 30, 1969 in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5100 STEDMAN CATERS

*Alan M. Jones	Treble	*Philip R. Johnson	6
Philip J. Evans	2	Reginald H. Newton	7
Richard C. Stevens	3	Clifford A. Barron	8
Stephen W. Barton	4	J. Alan Ainsworth	9
Maurice F. Edwards	5	Ernest F. Willcox	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Richard C. Stevens.
Rung to mark the 100th birthday of Mrs. E. Jones (a lifelong parishioner of St. Alkmund's Church), which occurred on August 29th, 1969.
* First peal of Stedman. Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in E flat.

NOTICES

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BIRTHS

HALLETT.—On September 4th, 1969, to Jean (née Allen) and John, a son, Paul John. Our address is now Flat 2, Cogshall Hall, Comberbach, Northwich, Cheshire. 7794

HUNT.—To John and Gill, of 8, Glenarm Road, Brislington, Bristol, 4, a daughter, Karen Fiona, sister for Sarah Mary, on September 8th, 1969. 7754

ENGAGEMENT

JORDAN—DOVE.—The engagement is announced between Frances Mary Dove, of Leeds, and Robert Henry Jordan, of Hessle, Hull. 7768

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

BROWN—QUILTER.—The marriage of Peter and Jo will take place at St. Michael's Church, Braintree, on Saturday, Oct. 4th, at 11.30 a.m. All friends welcome at the church. Future address will be 82, Albert Road, Braintree. 7801

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

CAWLEY.—David's address during term only is now St. Edmund's School, Canterbury. Tel.: 63922 or 63642. 7784

FAITHFULL.—Margaret and John have now moved to 20, Willow Gardens, Firgrove Estate, North Baddesley, Hants. 7770

JONES.—E.D.W.N.A. members please note that Bryan's new pad is at 67, Woodfield Road, Pinxton, Notts, NG16 6BQ. 7759

MUIRHEAD.—The address of Hilary Muirhead is now 9, Woodside, Hazelwood Road, Stoke Bishop, Bristol, BS9 1PS. Telephone: Bristol 684943. 7780

TWYMAN.—The address of Allen is now 4, Lilac Court, Cherry Hinton Road, Cambridge, CB1 4AY. Telephone: Cambridge 48849. 7761

PERSONAL

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DURHAM SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS welcomes all freshers coming up this year, and invites those interested in ringing to contact the Master, Nicholas J. Webber (St. John's). He will also be available at the Societies' Session. 7763

LEEDS UNIVERSITY DINNER will be on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Past members especially welcome. Details of towers and venue from Miss Gillian Cleaver, 24, North Grange Road, Leeds, 6, LS6 2BR. 7550

READING UNIVERSITY SOCIETY looks forward to meeting freshers at Freshers Fair on Wednesday. Also at St. Lawrence's, Market Place, for Sunday ringing, 10.30–11 a.m. and 5.50–6.30 p.m. First practice and meeting, Oct. 9th, 7.30–9 p.m. Enquiries to John Leary, Childs Hall, or Sue Taylor, c/o Geography Department. 7553

RINGERS coming up to University College, Cardiff, this term, are invited to join in the ringing at Llandaff Cathedral: Sunday, 10.15–11, 2.30–3.30, 5.30–6; P.N., Tuesday, 7.15–9. 7708

SUSSEX UNIVERSITY GUILD

New students at the University or Colleges in Brighton are invited to join the Guild Weekly practice, Fridays, 7.30 p.m., St. Peter's, Brighton. Full details from Terry Williams, 217a, Preston Road, Brighton, BN1 6SA. 7791

THE UNIVERSITY OF LEICESTER SOCIETY welcomes all freshers. Meet us at the Freshers Bazaar or at St. Mary-de-Castro's (Leicester) at 7.30 p.m., Monday, Oct. 6th. If you'd like further information please write to Ann H. Whaley, Ornsby Hill House, Lanchester, Durham. 7700

UNIVERSITY OF KENT SOCIETY.—Will any ringers coming to U.K.C. next term please contact Robin Collis, Keynes College, The University, Canterbury, Kent. 7762

UNIVERSITY OF WALES SOCIETY welcomes ringers coming up to any of her Constituent Colleges this session. Please contact David J. Morgan, Secretary, Burgess Hall, St. David's College, Lampeter, Cards, for details of activities. 7747

MISCELLANEOUS

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—With effect from Oct. 4th all peal fees and compositions to be sent to peal secretary at 82, Albert Road, Braintree.—P. G. Brown, Peal Sec. 7802

FLOOKBURGH, LANCASHIRE.—As from Sunday, Oct. 5th, Sunday ringing will be: Morning, Sung Eucharist, 8.45 and 9.30 a.m.; Evensong, 5.30–6 p.m. Practice as usual on Tuesdays, 7–8.30 p.m. Visitors welcome.—T. F. Metcalfe, Tower Captain. 7799

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Striking competition. This will be held at Holy Trinity, Morecambe, on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Names for tea to me by Wednesday, Oct. 8th.—F. Reynolds, 38, Windsor Avenue, Whitefield, Manchester, M25 6BA. 7706

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Striking competition, Oct. 4th, Cosby, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. General ringing in evening. Names for tea to Mr. K. N. Needham, 12, Park Close, Cosby, not later than Oct. 1st. 7807

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Saturday, Oct. 11th, Half-day ringing school at Barrow-on-Humber, 1.30 to 8 p.m. Details from C. A. Harrison, Greetwell Crossroads, Kirton Lindsey. Phone: Scawby 295 7748

ST. THOMAS'S CHURCH, STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—Dedication of restored and augmented ring of ten bells by the Lord Bishop of Worcester on Sunday, Oct. 19th, 6.30 p.m. Ringing after the service. All welcome. All enquiries re the bells to M. D. Fellows, Tower Sec., 14, Western Road, Stourbridge. 7780

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ANNUAL DINNER AND DANCE
In the Shire Hall, Chelmsford
On Saturday, October 18th
6.15 for 6.45 p.m. Tickets 30/-.
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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL DINNER DANCE
Saturday, October 25th, at 7.30 p.m.
Victoria Hotel, Preston.
Tickets (27/6) from C. Crossthwaite, 14, Southern Avenue, Frenchwood, Preston. 7705

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Informal dress.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

332ND ANNIVERSARY DINNER

November 1st, 1969

The 332nd Anniversary Dinner will be held on Saturday, November 1st, 1969 (6 for 6.30 p.m.), at Walbrook Restaurant (Cotillion Room entrance), Bucklersbury House, Walbrook, London, E.C., the Master, Mr. A. N. Stubbs, in the chair. Reception room and bar open at 5.30 p.m

Tickets (35/-) from hon. secretary

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Ringing arrangements will be published later.—J. G. A. Prior, Hon. Sec., 21a, Fieldhouse Road, London, S.W.12. 7648

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild's 70th Anniversary Dinner will be held at the Moor Lodge Hotel, Branston, Lincoln, on Saturday, September 27th, 1969, at 7 p.m. Tickets, 21/- each, from J. L. Millhouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Marne Gardens, Lincoln (Tel. 23662), or from Branch hon secretaries.

Ringing: St. Giles', Lincoln (8). 2–3 p.m.; Lincoln Cathedral (12), 3–4 p.m.; St. Peter-at-Gowts (6) and St. Botolph's, Lincoln (6), 3.30–4.30 p.m.; Washingborough (8), 4.30–5.30 p.m.; Branston (6), 5.30–6.15 p.m. 7689

BILLINGBOROUGH, LINCS.
HARVEST FLOWER FESTIVAL
On September 26th and 27th
Bells will be available on Saturday evening from 6 p.m. and Sunday for Evensong, also at 6 p.m. 7731

MINIATURE BELLROPES

Ideal gift or Christmas present for the enthusiast. Length approx. 5 ft. with sallies in exciting colours. 25/- (post free in U.K. only), from Peter Minchin, 51, Brunswick Street, Swindon, Wilts. 7774

EBRINGTON, GLOS.
ORGAN AND MUSIC FESTIVAL
September 27th and 28th
Organ recitals both days. Tower (6, 12 cwt.) open Sept. 27th: 12 noon to 2 p.m.; 6.30 to 9 p.m. Quarter peal bands welcome. (Chipping Campden open if required.) Applications: C. Povey, Ebrington, Chipping Campden, Glos. 7746

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD
ANNUAL DINNER
Saturday, October 18th
At 7 p.m.
Tarry's Banqueting Rooms, Harpole Turn, Harpole.
Tickets, £1 10s. each and c.w.o., to be obtained from E. Billings, 61, Melville Street, Northampton, by Wednesday, October 8th. 7709

SAWLEY, DERBYSHIRE
FLOWER FESTIVAL
September 26th, 27th and 28th
10 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Flower display by Long Eaton Floral Art Group
Visiting ringers welcome to ring with the Sawley band at 7.30 p.m. on Friday, September 26th,
11 a.m., 3 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. on Saturday, September 27th
and prior to the services at 9.30 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 28th.
Refreshments available.
(Sawley is between Derby and Nottingham, six miles north of Loughborough. Eight bells, tenor 10 cwt.) 7757

PRACTICE MEETINGS

BRAINTREE, St. Michael's.—Open ringing practice cancelled Monday, Sept. 29th: 6-bell practice available at Wethersfield. 7631

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Surprise practice, Hitchin, Thursday, Oct. 2nd, 8–9.30 p.m. Please note different time.—Mrs. C. A. Agg, Dis. Sec. 7788

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—12-bell practice at Manchester Town Hall on Wednesday, Oct. 8th. (Please note change of date.) Bells available from 6–9. Call-changes to Surprise Maximus. All welcome. Special method Albanian Surprise Maximus. This will be the last 12-bell practice at the Town Hall this year.—A. Ward, Branch Sec. 7753

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Monthly beginners' practice, Hoghton, Friday, Sept. 26th. Bells (8) available at 7.30 p.m. prompt. Rounds and call-changes to Bob Major and Grandsire Triples. All ringers, especially beginners, very welcome.—D. G Lawson, Branch Sec. 7772

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION—South West District.—Practice, St. Mary's, Staines, Friday, Sept. 26th, finish 9 p.m. Meeting at Harefield and Ruislip on Saturday, Oct. 4th.—M. J. Palmer. 7803

MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Practice, Sept. 27th, East Brent (6), 7–9 p.m.—M. Legg. 7743

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Practice meeting, Minehead (10) Saturday, Sept. 27th, at 7 p.m.—E. R. T-B. 7775

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Eccleston, Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. B. E. Stubbs, Eaton Park, Eccleston, Chester. 7732

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND WEST NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Evening meeting, Pinxton (8), Saturday, Sept. 27th, 5.30–8.30 p.m. Young ringers very welcome.—B. A. J., Sec. 7758

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The Diocesan Striking Competition will be held at Wilburton, Cambs, on Saturday, Sept. 27th Six bells. Draw at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock General ringing in the evening Copies of the Rules can be obtained from Gen. Sec. Names for tea, please, except competing teams, to H S. Peacock, 8, Roscrea Terrace, St. John's Street, Huntingdon. 7681

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting will be held at Elmdon (6) on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells 3 p.m Service 4.30 Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by ringing at Chrishall (6) from 6.30–8.45 p.m Names for tea to G Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow. 7672

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Sept 27th, Little Munden (6), 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss E Lawrence, 1, Founceley Avenue, Dane End Ware, Herts.—P. Searles, Dis. Sec. 7741

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—Meeting at St. Cuthbert's Church, Lytham, Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells (8) 3 p.m 7760

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting, St. Peter's, Smithills, on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells (8) 3.15–5 p.m., followed by tea (provided) in School Room Further ringing at All Souls', Bolton. Bells (8) from 6.30–8 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please.—J. Muller, 14, Southwood Road, Cookham. 7721

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Sept. 27th, Shottesbrooke. Bells 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please.—J. Muller, 14, Southwood Road, Cookham. 7721

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Whittlebury, Saturday, Sept. 27th. Names for tea to J. Linnell, 1, Church Way, Whittlebury near Towcester. 7749

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Final of the Crawford Cup will be held at Greasley on Sept. 27th. Ringing for this contest will take place before and after tea Eastwood bells available in the afternoon. Names for tea, without fail, to Mr. D. Beach, 17, Coach Drive, Eastwood. 7742

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South West District.—Meeting, Glemsford, Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. G. W. Bloomfield, Hollydon, Drapery Common, Glemsford Sudbury, Suffolk. 7745

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—District practice, Portsmouth Cathedral, Friday, Oct. 3rd, 7.30–9 p.m Methods: Grandsire and Stedman Caters. 7740

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

CHIPPING NORTON AREA RINGING FESTIVAL
Saturday, October 11th, 1969
FESTIVAL SERVICE. Ascott-under-Wychwood, 4 p.m.
Preacher: The BISHOP OF DORCHESTER.
All visitors welcome.
RINGING ARRANGEMENTS:

9.30–11.00	Hook Norton (8)	3.30	Service Ringing
10.00–11.30	Chipping Norton (8)	4.00	FESTIVAL SERVICE
10.30–12.00	Enstone (6)	5.00–6.30	Ascott-under-Wychwood (6)
11.00–12.30	Charlbury (6)	6.00–7.30	Churchill (6)
11.30– 1.30	Spelsbury (6)	6.30–8.00	Kingham (8)
12.30– 2.00	Chadlington (6)	7.00–8.30	Little Compton (5)
1.00– 2.30	Leafield (6)	7.30–9.00	Great Rollright (6)
1.30– 3.00	Burford (8)	7.30–9.00	Hook Norton (8)
2.00– 3.30	Shipton-under-Wychwood (8)	7.30–9.00	Chipping Norton (8)
2.30– 3.30	Ascott-under-Wychwood (6)		

REFRESHMENTS: SPELSBURY. 11.30 to 1.30. Tea, coffee, squash.
Bring your own food—or write for light lunch.
ASCOTT-UNDER-WYCHWOOD. 5 to 6.30 Cafeteria.
Special Toilet Arrangements at Spelsbury and Ascott-under-Wychwood.
Public Conveniences at Chipping Norton and Burford.
Further particulars and lunch bookings:—
P. R. Coveney, Saddlers, Kingham, Oxford. Tel.: Kingham 472.
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BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Puriton, Saturday, Oct. 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea by Oct. 1st, please. —J. L. Aldridge, Longstone, Holford, Bridgwater (Holford 345). 7767

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Branch.—Practice meeting, 7–9 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 4th, High Ham (5, 20 cwt.). Half-day outing, Saturday, Sept. 27th. (Details from Gordon Rendell, 4, South Street, Montacute—Martock 2329.) 7745

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Quarterly meeting, Goldington, Saturday, Oct. 4th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—C. M. Payne. 7806

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Archdeaconry.—Monthly meeting at Napton-on-the-Hill, Saturday Oct. 4th. Bells (6) 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by more ringing. Also Priors Marston (6) 2.15–3.15 p.m. Everyone welcome.—H. A. M. 7785

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Darlington, Saturday, Oct. 4th. Ringing: St. John's, 2–3.30; St. Cuthbert's, 3–4 and in evening; Holy Trinity, 4–4.30 and in evening. Service 4.30 at Holy Trinity and tea 5.15 in Holy Trinity Hall. Business to follow tea. Names for tea to Mr. R. Park, 38, Swaledale Avenue, Darlington (Tel. 68108). 7779

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Evening meeting, Isleham, Saturday, Oct. 4th. Bells (6) 6.30–8.30 p.m. Please support the Harvest Flower Festival at Willingham 7778

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting, Thorpe-le-Soken (6), Oct. 4th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. Downs, Church Cottage, Thorpe-le-Soken. 7769

ESSEX ASSOCIATION (Northern District) and SUFFOLK GUILD (South West District).—Joint meeting, Halstead (8), Oct. 4th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to R. Martin, Sunshine Cottage, Chapel Hill, Halstead 7682

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—N.E. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Culmstock, Saturday, Oct. 4th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., with tea and business after. Names for tea to G. Hollis, 26, The Avenue, Tiverton. 7679

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Meeting and contest, Ripponden, on Saturday, Oct. 4th. Draw 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. Linfoot, The Mount, Wistions Lane, Elland, by Wednesday, Oct. 1st.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting at St. Ippolyts (6), Saturday, Oct. 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Cups of tea provided. Offley (6), 6.30–8.30 p.m.—Mrs. C. A. Agg, Dis. Sec. 7787

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Annual business meeting at Edenbridge (8), Oct. 4th. Ringing from 2.30, followed by service, tea and meeting. 7726

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Half yearly meeting, Warmley (6), Saturday, Oct. 4th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea to Mrs. R. Lampard, 10, Crane Close, Warmley, Bristol, by Oct. 1st. A second tower will be open for evening ringing, details of which will be given on the day of the meeting.—B. J. 7752

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Meeting, Kirkby Lonsdale, Saturday, Oct. 4th. Bells available 2.30–5.30 p.m. 7756

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Monthly meeting, St. James', Poolstock (8), Saturday, Oct. 4th, 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting and evening ringing. Special method: Bristol. Names for tea, please, to R. Ellison, 14, Byrom Street, Poolstock, Wigan.—C. D'Aeth, Hon. Sec. 7773

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—**Change of venue.** Meeting, Bourne, Saturday, Oct. 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Hartley, Hereward Café, South Street, Bourne, Lincs, by Tuesday, Sept. 30th.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 7789

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting, Boston, Saturday, Oct. 4th. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston, by previous Tuesday.—R. Reynolds, Sec 7684

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Biddulph on Saturday, Oct. 4th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. I. Stanway, School House, Congleton Road, Biddulph, Stoke-on-Trent, ST8 7RG, by previous Wednesday.—R. J. Ballard, Hon. Sec. 7795

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Ditchingham, Oct. 4th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea and business meeting 4.45 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. K. Garrod, The Mission House, Loddon Road, Ditchingham, near Bungay, by previous Wednesday.—N. C. 7738

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

The Autumn General Meeting will be held at Witney on Saturday, Oct. 4th, at 2.30 p.m., in the Masonic Hall, Witney. There is parking accommodation behind the Hall. Tea will be 5s. per person. Names for tea, together with remittance and s.a.e., to Miss D. J. Pollard, 49, Foxborough Road, Radley, Abingdon, Berks, not later than Wednesday, Oct. 1st

2.30 p.m. Meeting in the Masonic Hall, Witney.
4.30 p.m. Tea.
6.00 p.m. Service in St. Mary's Church, Witney.

Ringing arrangements.—These will be sent with the tea tickets or on receipt of s.a.e. to Miss D. J. Pollard. 7781

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting, Yelvertoft, Saturday, Oct. 4th. Names for tea to P. Turner, 26, Greenhill Road, Long Buckby, near Rugby (Tel.: L.B. 557), by Tuesday previous. 7777

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Earls Barton, Saturday, Oct. 4th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. T. Tapp, 33, Station Road, Earls Barton, not later than Sept. 30th 7697

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Meeting, Piddlehinton, Oct. 4th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. T. H. Jeanes, 9, London Close, Piddlehinton, Dorchester, by Wednesday previous. 7694

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, East Retford (10), Saturday, Oct. 4th. Ringing 3–4.30 p.m. and after tea and Evensong till 8 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. H. Poyner, The Old Vicarage, Sturton-le-Steeple, Retford, by previous Wednesday.—R. Fletcher, Hon. Sec. 7793

SOCIETY OF FRAMLAND RINGERS.—Half-yearly meeting, Oct. 4th, Waltham-on-the-Wolds (6). Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Norman Cooke, Moor Leas Lane, Waltham-on-the-Wolds, Melton Mowbray ('phone: Waltham 808), by Oct. 1st 7796

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Annual Goose Fair meeting on Saturday, Oct. 4th: St. Mary's, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; St. Peter's, 12 noon to 6 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—S. Adams. 7751

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Meeting, Lower Beeding, Saturday, Oct. 4th. (Not Parkfield or Coleman's Hatch.) Ringing 3 p.m. Tea 4.30. Service 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. J. Osbon, 79, Blount Avenue, East Grinstead. Tel.: 23815.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Saturday, Oct. 4th, quarterly meeting, Upper Clatford (6). 2.30 p.m. Goodworth Clatford available after tea. Names for tea to Mr. B. Pickford, 8, Murray Close, Andover, Hants. District striking competition at Goodworth Clatford. Draw 2 p.m. 7703

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Branch practice on Monday, Oct. 6th, Bampton (8), 7.30 p.m.—E. Venn, Branch Sec 7783

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Annual dinner, County Hotel, Taunton, October 11th, 7 p.m. Tickets 22/6 from R. F. Arscott, 25, Greenbrook Terrace, Taunton, before Oct. 6th. S.a.e., please. Ringing at Holy Trinity 5.30–6, Wilton 5.30–6.30 7710

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The annual District meeting will be held on Oct. 11th at St. Dunstan's, Canterbury. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Hall. Ringing arrangements will be published at a later date. All names for tea to Mr. D. C. Chatfield, 104, Shipman Avenue, Canterbury, by previous Wednesday.—J. B. K. 7804

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Meeting at Blaenavon, Oct. 11th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business. Names, please, as soon as possible.—J. S. King, The Cedar Tiles, High Beech Lane, Chepstow, Mon. 7796

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—A.G.M. at Elveden (8), Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells 2.30–9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting follows. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. J. Paul, 45, London Road, Elveden, Brandon, Suffolk.—A. F. Ballam, Dis. Sec. 7800

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

QUARTERLY MEETING

Saturday, October 11th

Clapham Park (8). 3–4.30 p.m.
Tea at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting.

Evening ringing to be announced.

Names for tea to J. S. Barnes, 56, Leamington Avenue, Orpington, Kent, BR6 9QB. 7797

LATE NEWS

We regret to announce the sudden death of Mr. H. O. Baker, the general hon. secretary of the Chester Diocesan Guild.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
BABWORTH, Notts.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Aug. 30, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

*Philip Rogers	Treble	Stephen W. Knights	4
Harol Denman	2	Paul N. Mounsey	5
Bryan Birkett	3	Alan Jewitt	Tenor

Conducted by Alan Jewitt.
* Has now "circled the tower" to peals.

EVERTON, Notts.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Mon., Sept. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In three methods, being 720 Kent T.B., 2,160 Oxford T.B. and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in G sharp.

Bryan Birkett	Treble	Philip Rogers	4
Harry Poyner	2	Paul N. Mounsey	5
Peter J. Kingscote	3	George A. Dawson	Tenor

Conducted by Paul N. Mounsey.

Principles of Instruction in Bell Handling and Control

AS FAR AS THE THRESHOLD OF CHANGE-RINGING

By "The College" (or) Collated by A. York Bramble

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NEW FEATURES IN TRAINING

We may usefully consider these "musts" in some detail, but first we would discuss some of the newer training features, introduced originally by the College, as being of particular value in practice. They are: (1) Visual and aural familiarisation: (2) Specific division of training into "silent" and "open": (3) Prelude to rope action: (4) Routine drills and exercises: (5) Bell Balancing and "Following": (6) Bell control **before** "open" ringing: (7) The "cover" concept of "hunting": (8) Elements of change-production before methods: (9) Ear training and Bell - Pause: (10) "Dodging Rounds" and "Elements", open, before method ringing: (11) The recognition, listing for constant reference, and remedying of some 50 common faults in both pupils and instructors..

Taking these in turn:—

(1) Familiarisation. This is a rational preliminary step (for both eye and ear) that promotes a more intelligent pupil-response in the early stages, cutting down time taken. Show the bell chamber, if possible. noting the size of the bells and weights and operating mechanism; also that their notes are those of the diatonic scale. Note bell action in the three ways of sounding—"Clocking" (inadvisable); "Chiming"; and "Ringing". How and why stays are broken — quite inexcusable! Pupils "chime" a bell to get "feel". Observe a bell-handling demonstration with running commentary.

(2) Silent/Open. Training proceeds as far as possible with bells silenced, i.e., as far as (and including) feature 8. This (possibly surprising) plan "pays off" in two respects—reduced practice noise, and almost immediate (i.e., after the scheduled training) assumption of "open" **change** ringing.

(3) Preliminaries. Essential before any rope-movement by pupil:—

(a) Stance, feet slightly apart with one slightly advanced.

(b) Rope nearness, two palm-widths from nose-tip (when rope hangs vertically).

(c) Ringer, standing upright, facing centrally.

(d) Eyes, at level, looking across ringing chamber diametrically, looking "through" the rope from the start, head steady, but eyes moving sideways in change-ringing. (All important for ropesight.)

(e) Rope-grips. "Lower" hand at rope's end in "thumb-clutch", "upper" hand in contact above it. (Contact—little finger of upper hand touching first finger of lower hand, at both rope-end and sally.) Change over from sally to rope-end and vice versa without upper hand pause in "mid-air". Etc. (Further details are worked out in practice, with (later) drills on "dead" rope.) [To be continued]

QUARTER PEALS

LEYTONSTONE, E.—On Aug. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Balkwill (first quarter) 1, C. Willmington 2, Miss M. Cass (first Triples) 3, C. Hughes 4, L. Fox 5, G. Walker 6, J. Hills (cond.) 7, R. Poole 8. For Evensong.

LINTON, HEREFORDS. — On Aug. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Alison M. Savagar (first quarter) 1, Mrs. B. Paton 2, Ann Brain 3, G. T. Cousins (cond.) 4, A. Paton 5, J. F. I. Turney 6. A farewell to the Rector (Rev. S. E. Pulford).

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFS.—On Aug. 24th, 1,440 Spliced Surprise Minor (five methods): J. Paxton 1, Anthea C. Fairey 2, P. G. Golder 3, Anita E. Foden 4, R. G. Paxton 5, M. W. Fairey (cond.) 6. Rung for Evensong on St. Bartholomew's Day.

LLANTWIT MAJOR, GLAM.—On Aug. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Bounds (first quarter) 1, D. J. Godfrey 2, R. J. Mayle (first as cond.) 3, N. V. Hill 4, P. G. Mayle 5, R. Middleditch 6.

LONGPARISH, HANTS.—On May 7th, 1,344 Pl. Bob Minor: Mrs. B. Dobson (first Minor) 1, M. Goss 2, D. Goss 3, F. Tonge 4, G. Dodd 5, J. Wimlett (first Minor as cond.) 6.

MARHAMCHURCH, CORNWALL.—On Aug. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Gliddon 1, A. J. Hicks 2, R. J. Hicks 3, R. Corney 4, C. E. Taylor (cond.) 5, A. J. Hambly 6. For Patronal Festival and 22nd anniversary of first peal on the bells.

MIDLETON STONEY, OXON. — On Sept. 9th, 1,272 Kent T.B. Minor: A. Tyler (first Minor) 1, A. V. Mead 2, Miss B. M. Arnott (first Kent) 3, R. T. Corker (first Kent) 4, C. W. J. East 5, C. H. Kinch (cond.) 6.

MILBORNE ST. ANDREW, DORSET.—On Aug. 16th, 1,289 Grandsire Doubles: R. Haines 1, J. Hartung 2, M. J. Hiller (cond.) 3, Helen Haines 4, I. L. Andrews 5, A. D. Case 6. The 89 rung first and from there all rounds appeared at handstroke throughout.

MILTON LILBOURNE, WILTS.—On Sept. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): G. A. Newman 1, Margaret Bowman 2, Ann Toomer 3, T. R. Jones 4, A. G. Keen (cond.) 5, C. Barnes 6. Rung for the marriage of Rosalind Allingham Beggs and Stephen Thomas Watts.

MONK SHERBORNE, HANTS.—On Aug. 14th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: C. Pack 1, P. L. Furness 2, R. J. Crocker 3, H. E. J. Smith (cond.) 4

NAILSEA, SOM. — On Sept. 9th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): C. Kortright 1, L. Derrick 2, D. Willis 3, D. Floyd (cond.) 4, W. Neath 5, L. Childs 6.

NORTHAW, HERTS.—On Sept 7th, 1,272 Kent T.B. Minor: J. Carter 1, Valerie Maynard 2, N. Clarke 3, Jill Carter 4, G. Austin 5, B. Greenwood (cond.) 6. First in method for 1 and 2. A farewell and weddding compliment to Ann Leaver and Erik Davison, who have left for Devon.

NORTON, HERTS. — On Sept. 11th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: D. L. Gullick (cond.) 1, R. H. Vigor 2, G. T. Horrett 3, Margaret Roden 4, P. C. Worthington (first Surprise Major "inside") 5, A. R. Agg 6, M. R. Worthington 7, J. S. Dear 8.

ODELL, BEDS.—On Aug. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Jennifer Wildman (first attempt) 1, J. Piron (first "inside") 2, Margaret J. Lovell 3, R. L. Piron 4, A. J. Collings (cond.) 5, P. Collings (Plymouth; first attempt) 6.

OTTERSHAW, SURREY.—On Aug. 24th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. S. Holmes 1, R. L. Pashley 2, I. Taylor 3, J. M. Wainton (first Minor "inside") 4, C. D. Collin 5, P. V. W. Feast (first Minor as cond.) 6.

PADBURY, BUCKS.—On Sept. 5th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: F. Case 1, T. E. Roberts 2, R. A. Vickers 3, C. Gough 4, G. W. Holland (cond.) 5, F. Pateman 6. A birthday compliment to T. E. Roberts.

POLESWORTH, WARKS.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): S. Allsopp 1, M. Quinby 2, M. Allsopp 3, D. Hiorns 4, R. Knight (first attempt as cond.) 5, T. Oxford (first quarter attempt) 6. First in all methods except Grandsire for all the band. A compliment to the tenor ringer and all who had helped the band.

PONTYPRIDD, GLAM.—On Sept. 7th, 1,288 Plain Bob Triples: E. J. Evans 1, D. Evans 2, G. E. Kerley 3, J. Clatworthy (cond.) 4, D. L. Kerley 5, D. W. Kerley 6, W. H. Harford 7, L. Darch 8. Rung to commemorate the centenary of the church.

REWE, DEVON.—On Sept. 10th. 1 260 Grandsire Doubles: L. H. Wheller 1, R. Trickey (cond.) 2, W. J. Ransom 3, H. Ransom 4, W. Ware 5, J. Bellamy 6.

RIPLEY, DERBYS.—On Sept. 2nd, 1,344 Plain Bob Triples: B. Dye 1, Thelma E. Staples 2, C. Davis 3, B. Jones 4, S. Marshall 5, D. Chambers 6, E. Martin (first as cond.) 7, D. J. Walters 8. First in method for all.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On Sept. 8th, 1,280 Belfast Surprise Major: M. Turner 1, Iris M. E. Lemare 2, Patricia North 3, I. North 4, N. Donovan 5, A. Beaumont 6, S. Armeston (cond.) 7, R. E. Price 8.

ROTHWELL, YORKS.—On Sept. 9th, 1,280 Kent T.B. Major: P. Massam (cond.) 1, Valerie M. Gill 2, D. Hudson 3, R. Brown 4, Patricia North 5, G. Hudson 6, G. Cox 7, I. North 8. A wedding compliment to Ian North and Patricia Lockwood.

SAWLEY, DERBYS.—On July 28th, 1,264 Pl. Bob Major: Veronica Belfitt (first Major) 1, Mrs. Sheila Marshall 2, Mrs. Nita Marshall 3, Mrs. Cynthia Charter 4, W. Barwell 5, J. Harvey 6, D. J. Marshall 7, A. Humphrey (cond.) 8.

SNITTERFIELD, WARKS.—On Aug. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. A. Sheasby 1, G. Pluckrose 2, D. R. Randall 3, J. Evans 4, E. C. G. Higgs 5, P C. Randall (cond.) 6.

SOMERTON, SOM.—On Sept. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: V. J. Farthing 1, H. E. G. Jeanes 2, Miss S. Allen 3, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 4, J. Cornelius 5, M Eastment 6. For the wedding of Mr. C. H. Cross and Miss G. A. Beer.

SOUTH NORMANTON, DERBYS.—On Sept. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Mewes (first attempt) 1, K. Hemm 2, B. A. Jones 3, Mrs. M. Brown 4, B. Dye 5, E. Martin (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to Margaret Jones.

SOUTH WINGFIELD, DERBYS.—On Aug. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. Moore (first attempt) 1, M. P. Phipps 2, Marjorie Phipps 3, P. Rose 4, D. Hird 5, J. D. Arkwell (cond.) 6. Rung by six members of the Sunday service band of Chesterfield Parish Church as a birthday compliment to ringer of 1.

STAPLETON, BRISTOL. — On Sept. 7th 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Sutherland 1, R. Tutton 2, M. Griffiths 3, J. Boulter 4, W. Willans (cond.) 5, E. Edwards 6.

STOKE-BY-CLARE, SUFFOLK. — On Aug. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: I. Ellingham 1, Joyce Perry 2, P. Mayle 3, F. Gilbert 4, J. Mayle (first as cond.) 5, W. Perry 6.

SUTTON-IN-HOLDERNESS, YORKS. — On July 25th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Maris C. Stephenson 1, Iris E. Piper 2, Clive Temperton 3, Linda Sherwood 4, C. R. Robinson 5, R. Ducker (cond.) 6. For St. James' Day Evensong. Also on Sept. 12th, 720 Norwich and 576 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Sally J. Ducker (first quarter) 1, J. Gibson 2, Gwynneth C. Ducker 3, Linda Sherwood 4, Maris C. Stephenson 5, R. Ducker (cond.) 6. For dedication festival Evensong.

TRING, HERTS.—On July 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Anne Reed (first quarter) 1, Theresa Wright 2, C. J. Badrick 3, Elizabeth M. Emmett 4, R. G. Ouston (cond.) 5, P. Brentnall 6.

WALPOLE ST. PETER, NORFOLK.—On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. R. Taylor 1, M. P. Taylor (first "inside") 2, B. H. Taylor 3, H. C. Taylor 4, E. J. Taylor (cond.) 5, H. R. Taylor 6.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On Aug. 31st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Linda West (first Major) 1, Laura M. Grindrod (50th quarter) 2, June Whitcher 3, L. C. Tibbetts (first Major "inside") 4, P. W. Dickinson 5, M. Wareing 6, D. Hawkins 7, J. E. Murfitt (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

WHITCHURCH, GLAM. — On July 30th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: P. W. Thomas 1, R. J. Hall 2, R. C. Lucas 3, M. J. Pryor 4, W. H. Harford 5, P. S. Bennett (cond.) 6.

WHITNEY-ON-WYE, HEREFORDS. — On Aug. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Alison M. Savagar 1, C. A. Lewis 2, L. Mainwaring 3, J. F. I. Turney 4, F. R. Harris (cond.) 5.

WOODSTON, HUNTS.—On Aug. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor Mary Brighton 1, Rose Davey 2, R. Brighton 3, A. J. Davey 4, R. Rogers 5, L. Brighton (first Minor as cond.) 6. For Evensong. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Rev. H. T. W. Nesbitt, former rector.

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THORINGTON, ESSEX.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Margery Tawn (first quarter) 1, Eileen Button 2, A. G. Button 3, G. N. Orman 4, A. R. Andrews (cond.) 5, E. E. Davey 6. For Matins.

WAREHAM, DORSET.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Betty Christopher 1, M. C. N. Brown (first Grandsire "inside") 2, M. J. Dew 3, P. R. Keough 4, C. T. Brown (cond.) 5, P. J. N. Brown 6. For Evensong, on the front six.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFS.—At All Saints' Church, on Sept. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. R. Still (first on eight) 1, Sandra Spooner 2, N. Hadley 3, Christine J. Turner 4, M. G. Turner (cond.) 5, F. Pickering 6, J. R. Cotterill 7, R. Bond 8. A compliment to Sandra Spooner and Paul Bailey on their engagement, and a birthday compliment to Ernest Parish.

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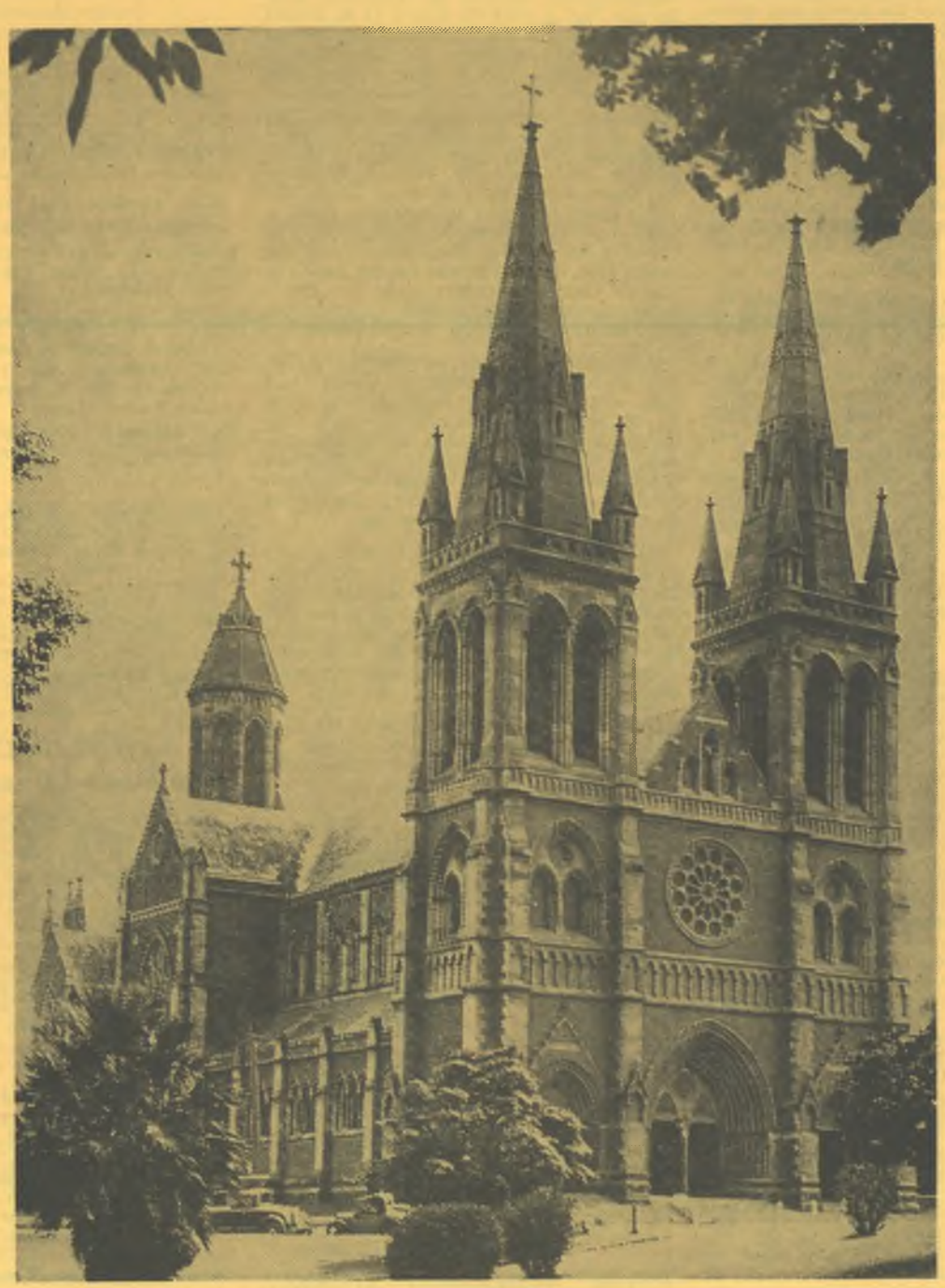

St. Peter's Cathedral, Adelaide, South Australia

OUR COVER PICTURE

St. Peter's Cathedral, Adelaide, South Australia

By W. B. PITCHER

THE foundation stone of St. Peter's Cathedral, Adelaide, was laid on June 29th, 1869. It is fitting that the first Australian tower to appear on the cover of "The Ringing World" should do so in 1969, just a century later. The architecture is of the Gothic Revival period based on the plans of William Butterfield. Like many such buildings of the 19th century it took some time to complete, and the towers and spires were not dedicated until 1902.

It is the left-hand tower that holds the bells. Here, surrounded by his seven brothers, hangs Great Frederick, a fine bell of 41¼ cwt. in C. Although bells are usually referred to in the feminine gender, the sole inscription, on the tenor, insists that these bells are masculine:

ME FRATRESQVE MEOS AD LAVDEM PATRIS ET FILII ET SPIRITVS SANCTUS DONVM DEDIT FREDERICKVS ALLEN LAKEMAN + AD MCMXLI

(Frederick Allen Lakeman gave me and my brothers to the praise of the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost. 1941)

Mr. Lakeman was a warden at the Cathedral for many years and on his death in 1941 his will revealed a bequest of £10,000 to provide St. Peter's with bells. The war interfered with placing the order and it is not quite clear how such a heavy eight came to be ordered, but in 1946 John Taylor and Co. cast the 7½ ton octave at Loughborough. They were dedicated, and first rung by a team of Sydney ringers, on the patronal festival, June 29th, 1947, when the late Rt. Rev. B. P. Robin, then Bishop of Adelaide, performed the ceremony. The weights are:—

Treble: 7 cwt. 1 lb.
2: 7 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.
3: 9 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb.
4: 12 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.
5: 16 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.
6: 20 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.
7: 27 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.
Tenor: 41 cwt. 1 qr.

They are hung in two tiers in a very solid tower in a typical 5-3 split.

SOCIETY FORMED

The St. Peter's Cathedral Bellringers' Society was formed on December 22nd. 1946, and the band trained on the six at St. Andrew's, Walkerville (a nearby suburb), until the dedication the following June. The establishment of change-ringing progressed slowly and the first quarter peal, of Doubles, was rung on April 25th, 1950. The band suffered many changes and it was not until the late 1950s that a regular team capable of ringing good changes to eight bells was available. It is a matter of pride that the first peal was rung by the Sunday service band. A good 5,040 of Grandsire Triples was rung in 3 hours and 32 minutes on February 20th, 1963, in honour of a visit of Queen Elizabeth II. It was conducted by Enid Roberts, who on that occasion became the first woman ringer to call a peal in Australia.

Soon afterwards, on March 24th, 1963, the first peal of Major (5,040 Plain Bob) was rung in 3 hours and 36 minutes, when George Pipe, who conducted it, became the first ringer to turn the 41 cwt. tenor in to a peal.

ENGLISH VISITORS

When the first party of travelling English ringers came to Australia in 1934 on the Great Adventure the only bells available in Adelaide were those at St. Andrew's, Walkerville, but in 1965 the octave at St. Peter's was one of the major attractions for the ringers visiting Australia and New Zealand on Great Adventure II. During their visit Pat Cannon turned the tenor in twice to peals. On September 12th, 1965, the first peal of Surprise on the bells was rung—Cambridge Major, in 3 hours and 41 minutes, conducted by Wilfred Williams. Pat Cannon had the honour of calling the 100th tower bell peal in Australia when, a week later, on September 19th, 1965, he called a 5,056 Plain Bob Major from the tenor. The only other peal on the bells was one of Grandsire Triples, called by Philip Gray, on March 28th, 1965, to mark the visit of the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Although by English standards we ring few peals, quite a number of quarters are rung and they have nearly all been rung by the teams that have kept the bells ringing twice a Sunday for services. The present band, of 13, regularly ring Stedman Triples and Bob Major and have almost reached the point of adding Cambridge Surprise Major to the repertoire.

Since 1948 the members of the Society have taken part each year in the Anzac Day ceremonies. The bells are rung half-muffled during the march which culminates at the Cross of Sacrifice in the gardens below the Cathedral. After the brief commemorative service the bells are rung open, often to a quarter.

Two annual general meetings of the Australian and New Zealand Association of Bellringers have been held in Adelaide, one in 1963 and the other in 1968.

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ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD

The Master Leaving the Diocese

On September 13th the quarterly meeting of the St. David's Diocesan Guild was held at Tenby. Ringing commenced at 2.30 p.m. and continued until the service at 4 p.m., which was conducted by the Rector (Rev. L. Bowen). The organist was Mr. W. Gwyn Thomas, of Tenby.

An excellent tea was served in the Church House by Mrs. Jenkins (wife of Harry Jenkins, tower captain) and her band of helpers. These ladies were afterwards warmly thanked by Mr. M. E. Lewis, of St. Florence, on behalf of the Guild.

The Rector presided at the business meeting, when regret was expressed at losing the Master, Rev. R. W. Thomas, who is leaving the diocese. It is understood, however, that he is prepared to continue in office until the next A.G.M. and will do his best to be present at the meetings until then. The best wishes of the Guild go with him and his wife and family to their new parish at Newport, Monmouthshire.

After the meeting ringing (from rounds to Double Norwich) was resumed until 8.30 p.m.

THE NATION'S GIFT TO AUSTRALIA

A SMALL but representative gathering met at the Loughborough Bell Foundry during the morning of September 13th to see the newly-cast bells of the Canberra carillon assembled in their steel framework and now ready for an official inspection by representatives of the British and Australian Governments. The carillon will be erected in a white tower, 160 feet high, on Aspen Island, situated in the Central Basin of the man-made Lake Burley Griffin, on the shores of which are the Parliament buildings and the Australian War Memorial. The Lake stretches for seven miles, has a shoreline of 22 miles and an area of 1,740 acres.

The visit was arranged through the kindness of Mr. Paul Taylor, who personally conducted the party around the foundry. Although the carillon was the main attraction there was much of absorbing interest in the remaining area of the works, where many bells, newly cast or retuned, and bell fittings gave evidence of the industry and system of this busy firm.

One requirement of the specification for the Canberra carillon is that the frame containing the bells must not exceed 27 feet in height, length or depth, so within this cube is a remarkable arrangement of 53 bells, the smallest a mere 20 lb. in weight, with note B, and the largest a relative monster of just over 6 tons, with note F sharp. On this tenor bell is the main inscription, indicating that the carillon was presented by Britain to the City of Canberra in commemoration of the golden jubilee of the founding of the National Capital of Australia.

There are two separate claviers assembled, each within a specially selected natural seasoned oak cabinet, and both will be operated by using hands and feet. They are really identical to the extent of the spacing of bars and pedals and action, but one is a practice clavier producing its own muffled notes. Provision has been made for the middle three octaves of the carillon to be automatic, on which it is understood will be played the Westminster chimes each quarter-hour.

Before the end of our inspection it was quite evident there was a feeling of sadness and disappointment that a ring of bells could not have been incorporated in this unique project, and we still wonder whether such a ring could not be provided and hung below the carillon. But to those of us who know the abilities of the St. John-the-Baptist Church, Canberra, bellringing band we realised the next best thing for the change-ringing fraternity would be to listen to Col. John Watch and his colleagues demonstrate their system of ringing the changes.

For the visitors the rest of the day was spent in a very short ring on the ten bells in the foundry campanile—in between attempts for a record length of Major—a ring on the ten bells at Loughborough Parish Church and accepting a kind invitation to join in ringing with the Loughborough District of the Leicester Diocesan Guild at Oaks-in-Charnwood and Shepshed. Among the party, who wish to extend thanks to all who helped us and welcomed us, were one "single" Australian, one emigrant at present here on leave, one returned emigrant, five members of the Great Adventure II tour and other guests. T. J. L.

Primate Rededicates Bells at Appledore, Kent

THE Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Michael Ramsey, paid Romney Marsh his second visit in five months when he came to rehallow the eight bells, clock bell and sanctus at SS. Peter and Paul Church, Appledore, on September 14th.

The tower of Appledore Church dates from the late 12th century and is perhaps the oldest part of this fine and unusual church which, though it now overlooks the Royal Military Canal, was formerly beside the sea before that part of the Marsh was reclaimed. This is recorded in the fact that the present clock bell, cast by the London Founders' Guild c. 1450, is dedicated to St. Nicholas, and in that there is also a window to him; he was the patron saint of sailors. The tower was remodelled with later windows in the 14th century.

Until 1900 the church possessed a ring of six bells with a tenor of about 15 cwt., the oldest being the third, c. 1450, London, the tenor by Joseph Hatch, 1620, and the rest from John Hodson, 1685. The tenor was reported in 1887 as being cracked, and a photograph of the old bells in the tower shows this bell with a chunk out of its lip: this apparently occurred, so we are told, one Christmas Eve when three drunken ringers made a bet that they could set it up in three pulls! The old bells were inscribed as follows:—

Treble.—IOHN HODSON MAD MEE 1685 IO HR CHVRCH WARDNS

FRANCIS DRAYTON VICAR

Second.—IOHN HODSON MADE MEE 1685 IO HR CHVRCH WARDNS

Third.—Sancte Nicola Ora Pro Nbis (Three founders' stamps)

Fourth.—IOHN HODSON MADE MEE 1685 IOHN OWEN HENRY RICHARDSON CHVRCH WARDNS

Fifth.—IOHN HODSON MADE MEE 1685. IOHN OWEN HENRY RICHARDSON CHVRCH W

Tenor.—IOSEPHVS HATCH ME FECIT (H) 1620

Sanctus:—Uninscribed.

NEW RING OF EIGHT

In 1900, when things were probably much as Hodson had last left them in 1685, it was decided to replace the heavy ring of six with a lighter ring of eight. The then Vicar very laudably made successful efforts to preserve the pre-Reformation third bell, and this was kept at the church as a clock bell, the sanctus also being untouched. The other bells and the old framework were removed and from the metal of Nos. 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6 a new ring of eight with a tenor of 12 cwt. 15 lb. in G was cast by Messrs. J. Warner and Sons, of the Cripplegate Foundry: they are good examples of their workmanship. Unfortunately no effort was made to reproduce the five old inscriptions and the bells are historically a rather uninteresting Doncaster-headed ring; the front six bear only their founders' name, while the seventh records that Mr. Thomas Chennell donated £100 and Mrs. Thomas Boon £50; the tenor bears the name of the Vicar, Rev. Clifford Berney Hall, M.A., and his churchwardens, Mr. J. G. Wright and Mr. E. B. Terry.

The bells were inspected by the writer in 1967, and he recommended that they be rehung with new gudgeons, bearings and pulleys and reconditioned clappers and wheels. He also discovered that the old third, now the clock bell, required turning and its cast-in crown staple drilling out, while the sanctus bell and its "Heath Robinson" frame were quite unsafe, and this little bell required all new fittings and framework. The work was carried out by the Whitechapel Foundry, the bell frame being cleaned and painted by many members of the Ashford District. The work was completed in July of this year, and so came the great day of the Primate's visit on September 14th.

THE SERVICE

The packed church looked beautiful, with a fine array of silver on the altar. The congregation included some from the Methodist Chapel, who had postponed their harvest festival service to be there and whose minister was in the Archbishop's procession.

The Archbishop for his sermon took a text from Galatians vi, 14: "God forbid that I should glory, save in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ." That evening afforded him two special joys: first, that he was with them in a lovely church, the restoration of whose bells reflected both the dedication of those ringers who had given time and talent to the repairs, and in the skill of the Whitechapel Bell Foundry, under whose supervision the work was so well carried out. Secondly—and here the Archbishop spoke with obvious emotion—the presence of the Methodist local church showed how determined Anglicans and Methodists were to work together locally for Christian unity. "We greet you with our hearts," said His Grace.

Beside the St. Nicholas window in the church here was one with the motto (in Latin) "In the Cross is safety". This was because the Cross humbles human pride, and it is humility which brings us all to the Cross and so to God's great glory. The bells summon us to worship this great and glorious God; and in the changes they all work, as should ringers, together in fellowship. This is what Christianity is and means—working together, one family: ringers, Anglicans and Methodists: a family with no room for pride but glorifying in the Cross of their Lord.

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TO WESSEX WITH WILFRED

By the Rev. GILES C. GALLEY and "APAC"

ON Wilfred Williams' tours everything is well organised to the nth degree—not only the peal towers, transport and accommodation, but also who rings what, and which bell. There is no argument, and none is necessary. Everybody likes it that way and it is probably the secret of why most of the ringing achieves such a high standard. Our leader (unlike one member of the party) is a man of few words, but his choice of words and his personality combine to bring out the best from everyone. Wales has more than one prince!

This year's choice of countryside was also a hit. Dorset in particular is a land of pretty villages with pretty names in delightful rolling countryside.

This year's party was the same as last year's, except for the return of Clifford Barron after an absence of 14 years! This "speed king" from Birmingham replaced David Rothera, who was conserving his resources for his impending marriage to Susan Jenkins. However, we were glad to have David and Susan with us for the first week-end.

A GOOD START

To start a peal tour on a ring of bells like Ditcheat's (Taylor's best) helped to put everyone in a good mood. The main party, who had converged on the Dolphin at Wincanton with the customary convivial greetings the night before, were now joined by Ralph Edwards, who brought Tudor Edwards and Giles Galley (How's your Irreverence?) from Bristol, and a good peal of the same name was rung in the brisk time of 3 h. 7 m. Wilfred celebrated his 64th birthday (two days late) on the 24 cwt. tenor, when most people of that age are satisfied with moving the lawn (slowly) for exercise! A cautionary rhyme for Pat Cannon's benefit was displayed in the tower: "Ears open—eyes wide—feet together — TONGUE TIED." But he didn't But he didn't finish reading it.

A good lunch, a drive past Queen Camel (happy memories) and we were in Yeovil to greet Peter Border, the man of iron, to complete the party. We were met by Mr. Trevor Marks and Gordon Rendell, and the bells soon settled to a good peal of London Royal, with Peter treating the two-ton tenor as though it were one ton! Meanwhile the Air Commodore (Stan Mason), the Hot Air Commodore (alias the Big Gun) and one or two others went to Lyng to ring on the new six dedicated that afternoon (see "R.W.", page 578).

From Somerset to Dorset. On the Saturday night we arrived at our first H.Q.—the Greyhound, Bridport, and soon discovered that we were in good hands with the management there. It was also handy for an early morning dip. A lovely Sunday morning awaited us and we drove to Axminster (Devon), where Mr. J. Board kindly allowed us to ring for an hour before service on the fine "old style" Mears eight of 1898 vintage (tenor 25 cwt.). A sermon on straightforwardness by the Vicar, a good lunch-break in Axminster, and we were all set for two peal attempts in the afternoon. Unfortunately, owing to a misunderstanding, we were not allowed to ring a peal at East Budleigh. So we rang for half-an-hour, had tea in Sidmouth and then, with the kind co-operation of the Vicar of Sidbury, we rang on the full-throated eight there. No. 2 band meanwhile rang a successful peal of Rutland at Withycombe Raleigh (near Exmouth). All met up again for beer and scrumpy at East Budleigh (birthplace of Raleigh).

LISTEN, WATCH AND LEARN

Bridport has a good Mears eight, but the eight who attempted a peal of London there were obviously not on form. Perhaps as a punishment for his contribution to the breakdown, our great stamp collector got left behind (by mistake) while the others went over to Lyme Regis. The successful band had been ringing Bristol on the beautiful little Taylor eight there with Cuthbert Powell. After a phone call to the hotel, Stan and the Chaplain left the Pilot Boat and came back to collect the wanderer and then proceeded along leafy lanes to Ottery St. Mary to listen to (and watch) the peal of London which was engaging the rapt attention of the many tourists who seem to visit this grand church, modelled on Exeter Cathedral, where you ring on the ground floor under the south transeptal tower in full view. A good peal was scored, with no interruptions!

After a demonstration of bar skittles by Mr. T-Ball we all went over to Whitchurch Canonicorum for the fortnightly evening practice and to meet George S. Morris and many other local enthusiasts. This was in a sense a limbering-up for our peal there the following morning, which turned out to be a good one, albeit slow and stately. The back bells here were cast by Purdue. They make a very satisfying eight.

EVIDENCE AVAILABLE

If any reader cares to satisfy himself of the quality of our ringing on this tour, he should see Bob Dennis, John Gipson or Stan Mason, all of whom brought their tape-recorders, each of the same make, each producing the same evidence — and tape-recorders reveal everything!

Thorncombe village can take some finding, but as W. W. says: "What do you need a map for?". There's no village pub, but one local inhabitant had found her remedy for that, even if she couldn't find the remedy for her dislike of bells, but there is a good eight, augmented from a heavy five in 1963. Introduced to Mr. Farley, the local captain, Cliff was thought to be a member of the Barron Bell Trust (who made a donation here)! We lost 8-spliced after 2½ hours.

We soon forgot our failure when Peter Border and others entertained us with their attempt to blow the coaching horns at the Birdsmoorgate Inn (after a demonstration by the landlord). Pat promised drinks all round to bribe us to visit the heaviest six in Dorset. Powerstock is also one of the prettiest villages in Dorset. Mr. Sykes, tower captain, kindly gave us permission to ring. Pat nearly cancelled the drinks when he found himself kept off the tenor!

A BIG DAY

A good peal of Lincolnshire at Bradpole on the Wednesday morning enabled Melvyn Hiller (of the local band) to score his first College Youths peal, and he rang very creditably. We finished in time to hear the first team bringing round a jolly good peal of London at the imposing tower of Beaminster, with Ralph Edwards doing his stuff on the tenor. George Pipe joined us for this peal — just to keep an eye on his father?

After lunch we went off to tackle Sherborne, with the heaviest eight in the world. Three of us had already rung the tenor to Surprise Major, and stood out. With Peter Border on the tenor we rang Bristol in 3 h. 47 m. (fastest of Surprise there). These bells go well, but the tenor is over-clappered, with the result that inside the ringing chamber the noise is terrific, nothing short of a series of explosions. However, a good peal was rung and enjoyed by several people outside, including Tom Setter and other Dorset worthies (and talent!) who joined us for a drink later. A footnote to today: at the Greyhound, Beaminster, the landlady came from Surrey. She asked Cannon: "Do you know the Old Gun in Dorking?".

Thursday found us at Cattistock, where the bells were burnt out in 1941 and are now a beautiful Mears eight (1950). Bristol was rung. The Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth is the ringing Vicar and met us after the peal, as did Arthur Scott (of Maiden Newton) beforehand, with a local ringer. Stan Mason and Giles Galley, followed later by John Gipson and company, went down to Abbotsbury to inspect the Swannery, which is a fascinating place.

At Dorchester we were met by Mr. R. H. Duke, captain of the ringers, beside whom even Peter looked small! Peter's rope came untucked after a while, but with skilful handling he prevented it coming right out and we scored London on this Warner eight.

We then moved into our second H.Q.—the Crown at Blandford Forum, where they had a very sweet receptionist called Miss Williams. At Wincanton someone asked: "Which is the big 'un?". Wilfred's quick reply caused a laugh, as did the early 19th century charity board, which showed that the churchwardens were G. Baker and J. George! At a Barronial pace (2 h. 36 m.!) Watford was scored. This was too fast to get the best out of these bells some of us felt.

TWELVE INTO TWO and the sum: TWO HUNDRED

After lunch at the Dolphin we appeared to be short of transport and Wilfred had to do a shuttle service for Pat's benefit. Meanwhile with a good, steady beat, a peal of Cambridge was rung on the fine old style eight at Milborne Port (Somerset). Real transport problems now arose. Cliff Barron left us and Stan Mason went to fetch his wife from home and we were left with two cars to take 12 ringers. Fortunately Peter's estate car has ample room for seven so we reached home intact.

On Saturday morning a first-class peal of Yorkshire was rung at Wareham. Everything is perfect here: good acoustics, circle and ventilation. The bells were rehung and retuned in 1959 by Taylor's and the tenor is by Warner's.

We had curry for lunch to warm us up for the grand Taylor eight at Kingston, near Corfe Castle. Wilfred rang the tenor and a good peal was rung. It was the 200th peal rung on Wilfred's tours since they began in 1953 (an average of 11¼ peals a year). Jim Pipe was delighted with the day's work, as he has proved that once

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WESSEX TOUR—continued

again he is fit enough to ring two peals in a day and hopes to be "up on the box" soon.

The local at Kingston offered farmhouse wines in addition to the usual beverages for restoring the tissues. Win (Mason) was with us now, having arrived with Stan in good time before the peal. Two non-pealers visited Stourpaine for practice (five: one bell cracked) and met Mr. Cross, tower captain of Blandford, who kindly arranged for us all to ring at Blandford for the 9.15 a.m. service on Sunday—which we duly did before our breakfast! The church is a delightful miniature version of St. Philip's, Birmingham.

Some then went to ring at Cranborne and we all arrived in good time for lunch at Southampton. We were sorry to miss Rev. Ken Felstead and not to ring on his bells. We were equally sorry that we failed to do justice to the bells of St. Mary's, where we lost London Royal. After strolling around the docks and parks and cafés we rang for Evensong and returned to Blandford. Passengers in one of the cars had a hair-raising experience on the way home when their driver failed to make places in 5-6 and ran through! Which reminds us that we should record our thanks to all our drivers for safe and comfortable driving (with the odd exception) in grand style. Stan's Sunbeam Rapier and Ralph's Austin 3-litre were much admired.

THE LAST COURSE

Wimborne Minster bells were not available, but on Bank Holiday Monday we rang a splendid peal at Wimborne St. Giles. It was St. Giles's Day, appropriately enough, and a less saintly Giles was in the band. George Thoday made a masterly job of calling 8-spliced, as did Wilfred of ringing the tenor. Cannon didn't know spliced could sound so good. (Wareham was his idea of Heaven on Earth — an 8-spliced band in front of him ringing a good peal in a simple method on tip-top bells.) Wimborne St. Giles Church was rebuilt by the Shaftesbury family (after being burnt out) in 1910. The bells are good (Llewellyn and James, with two trebles added in 1928 by Taylor). An amusing visit to the great house nearby, home of the tenth Earl of Shaftesbury, whose father, the ninth earl, was a member of the College Youths and attended the tercentenary dinner, was enjoyed by those not ringing. The bells sounded beautiful from there and it was fitting that this peal was rung for the Ancient Society and that the treasurer of the A.S.C.Y. should be inspecting the ninth earl's painting during the peal.

Downton (8, 22 cwt.) bells are a good old style ring, but after an hour-and-a-half of London a shift appeared. Our tenor man was not sorry. Our bellhanger discovered afterwards that the tenor clapper was badly out of adjustment, which explained its falseness. He promised to come back and put it right.

Once again our tour was over: 16 peals were scored—out of 20 attempted. Everyone enjoyed themselves, including Leslie Barry, who didn't ring a peal this year but made up for it in other ways. We have not mentioned Ken Hesketh, but he did distinguish himself in one or two belfries in one way or another! "Oh! Hesketh!" Our very grateful thanks to all incumbents and local tower captains. And last but not least, our thanks to Wilfred for his usual efficient management of the whole tour.

Master Marries Secretary

Christopher Osenton and Phyllis Chidwick, captain and secretary respectively, at Halling, Kent, pictured with their ringers after their wedding on August 9th at the church they serve so faithfully. The service was fully choral with Holy Communion and the bride was attended by three bridesmaids. The honeymoon was spent in North Devon.

Primate at Appledore—continued

After the address the procession moved to the tower, where the Archbishop dedicated the bells and handed the rope of the tenor to the Vicar (Rev. A. N. B. Towse), charging him to take care that they be ever and only used in God's service. The Archbishop pronounced the Benediction after the moving moment in which the bells rang out.

There followed general ringing, during which a buffet was running at the back of the church, the Archbishop meeting all and sundry and often seen autographing the souvenir service sheets, or in the company of Mrs. Ramsey speaking with all who passed by. This was not a big restoration, and the most comprehensive item was the complete refitting and hanging of the sanctus bell, made possible by a legacy from Mrs. Maud Haynes, a parishioner who died in 1968 D. C.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Rochester District

Fifty members and friends visited the country parish of Borden on September 6th for a by-meeting. The 22 cwt. eight were rung to rounds and Grandsire Triples before a wedding. The service was taken by the Rev. W. Davies, the organ being played by a member, Miss Joan Lynas, and the lesson read by the District Chairman, Rev. S. M. Evans. Tea was taken in the nearby hall before returning to the tower. Despite two broken ropes ringing in the evening ranged from rounds to Cambridge, Double Norwich, etc. It is a pity that the go of these bells is deteriorating but it is still possible to obtain reasonable striking by careful, hard work as was illustrated by the final touch—Stedman Triples.

L. M.

SITTINGBOURNE OUTING TO HERTS

A party of 50 ringers and friends spent the late Summer Bank Holiday visiting towers in Hertfordshire. Leaving Sittingbourne at 7.30 a.m., the coach travelled through London arriving at Elstree after a break for coffee. The 6½ cwt. six were soon being rung to a variety of methods.

Bushey was the next stop where we were met by Mr. C. Woolley. After lunch Aldenham was visited: unfortunately the clapper of the 7th had broken the previous day. However, Minor was rung with the tenor covering and also some "three-cornered" Triples.

Other towers visited were Oxhey, King's Langley, Bushey Heath and Edgware.

L. M.

KIMPTON CUP COMPETITION

A staccato report. Sept. 6th. Venue Kimpton, Herts (6 bells). Entries: 3. Test piece: 360 changes, own choice of method. Judge: well-known ringer and philatelist Pat Cannon — who as well as judging the ringing picked up a bargain in stamps on his way here. Results: Kimpton, Bob Doubles, 1st (132 faults): Tewin, Grandsire, 2nd (140); Benington, Bob Doubles, 3rd (153). 85-year-old Harry Shire rang in the Tewin band. Well done, Harry!

Pat's comments: "Very close result. Kimpton bells difficult to strike. Most faults treble and tenor ringers. The excellent beat of the Kimpton tenor ringer, a lady, just gave Kimpton the lead."

Presentation of the cup to John Cull by Rev. Robert Meredith, Vicar of Kimpton.

Future of the competition: Hope to hold the 1970 event in May, to coincide with Kimpton May Day festivities. J. G. C.

LETTERS

BILSTON BELLS

Dear Sir,—Could any of your readers inform me as to the whereabouts of the bell-founding records of the firm of James Barwell Ltd., of Birmingham? They are not at the aforementioned foundry.

This information is required in order that the correct weights of the bells of St. Leonard's Church, Bilston, cast by the above-mentioned firm in 1909, may be determined.—Yours faithfully,

CHRISTOPHER J. BENNETT.
6, Owen Road,
Bilston, Staffs.

DOUBLES RECORD—CONGRATULATIONS

Dear Sir,—As conductor of the previous record peal of Doubles, may I offer my congratulations to Mr. Jackson and the band that rang a peal in 223 methods/variations at Barton Stacey recently. As several of our arrangements were made illegal soon after they were rung it is, as it were, a relief that our peal can and has been overtaken, especially as the later peal is of greater complexity. It will be interesting to see where the limit comes, if it has not already been reached.—Yours faithfully,

RICHARD UNDERWOOD.
Manorbier, Pembs.

COMPOSITION WANTED

Dear Sir,—May I ask through the columns of "The Ringing World" whether anyone can supply a composition which will go to all b, d, e falseness and also a composition which will go to all b, d, o falseness, both for Group B methods?

There appear to be no such compositions in Wratten's Collection or among any of the "general purpose" compositions which have been published in "The Ringing World" in recent years.—Yours faithfully,

KEITH J. WALPOLE.
Wheathampstead, Herts.

DELIGHT MAJOR METHODS

Dear Sir,—I have never seen published a list of Delight Major methods which have been rung to peals.

If any person has this information I should be grateful for details of the names and place notations.—Yours faithfully,

KEITH J. WALPOLE.
Liverpool.

Note.—There is a Records Committee for this purpose.—Ed.

BELLS HELP RESTORATION FUND

Dear Sir,—The Flower Festival at St. Michael and All Angels' Church, Puriton, Somerset, proved to be a great success, especially to the ringers who rang a sponsored peal to cover the cost of advertisements, flowers, etc. There was a profit of £106 18s. 1d. to this three-day event. Visiting ringers came from Sussex, Notts, Herts and the more local towers in the Bridgwater district.

Praise is due to the local band for serving teas and refreshments, cutting grass and tidying up the churchyard. In the evening the church was floodlit, believed to be for the first time. Thank you all, bellringers far and near, for making this splendid result, which will go towards the restoration of the church.—Yours faithfully,

L. PIPE, Tower Captain.
Puriton.

TUTOR'S HANDBOOK Part 2

A Tutor's Handbook, Part 2 "Elementary Change-ringing," slipped unobtrusively on to the list of Central Council publications on the back page of "The Ringing World" of September 19th.

Written by Mr. Norman Chaddock, formerly of Rotherham and now at Market Weighton, East Yorks, it will be reviewed shortly by Canon A. G. G. Thurlow.

HOSTELS IN THE HIGHLAND

FOLLOWING a successful tour of Eire last year, Richard Youdale decided to organise one to Scotland in the first week of September, inviting rather more than less of the same company. As cars are permissible at Youth Hostels in Scotland, this was the obvious form of accommodation.

While the organiser remained on Tyneside for the "weekend" peal, most of the party reached the most northerly outpost of English ringing (Bamburgh) for a peal of Plain Bob Major. This was Andrew's first peal, and rung despite the churchwarden climbing through the belfry window and down the stairs halfway through. He made up for this intrusion by very kindly inviting us to drinks afterwards.

Two more members were outside Edinburgh Y.H., and without waiting for two out of three carloads, which had got "lost", they went to St. Cuthbert's for a short ring, where they were joined by two Richards straight from Waverley. The kirk was visited again on Sunday morning when we rang with the local band. Because the ringing was being recorded at Leith, it was therefore not what it might have been, but we were able to do better at the Episcopal Cathedral, where Cambridge Royal was rung on the old-fashioned ten.

ANOTHER INVERARAY PEAL

After being woken up at Glasgow by Peter, who had driven overnight, we struck further heights by ringing a course of London Royal at the Cathedral. Glasgow was left for Paisley, although we had to wait an hour on the grass outside before we could ring there. Supper that evening was eaten on the pier at Inveraray in readiness for the peal attempt the next day. Although Royal had been suggested, Stedman Caters was decided upon—a composition being chosen "for its ability to survive crises". Fortunately it did not need this, although during the last hour everyone became tenser, with a corresponding drop in the standard of ringing, fearing that a rope might break. That of the eighth had broken while it was being pulled up, and repair of this was only part of the large amount of work put in by Rowan, Clarke and Bill, the last two staking pints on the ropes they had provided to make the peal possible. Everyone was impressed with the bells, and the peal was enjoyed by all (of our party at any rate) inside and outside the tower.

That night was spent at Glen Nevis, and after our man from Taylors had had to be discouraged from climbing the Ben, which, as most of the other higher mountains, was covered in mist, a variety of routes was taken to Inverness. Some "grabbed" the ski-lift at Aviemore, while others continued up the Spey valley to Nairn. On arrival at Alltsaigh advantage was taken of the considerable proximity of Loch Ness. Fortunately only John was bitten by the monster, although Dale tried to catch it on his rod, and by breakfast the next morning all except three of the girls had taken the plunge—with one bikini to go round four, discretion (or modesty) was the better part of valour.

John gave us a route to Dundee round the Devil's Elbow, with stops for coffee and lunch, forgetting that he drives faster than most. However, we all arrived to ring at the Old Steeple and St. Paul's Cathedral. The evening was spent ringing handbells or playing bridge.

WINCHESTER MAN AT FETTES

After crossing the Tay and Forth Bridges we were greeted by the headmaster at Fettes College. It was a change to ring on the tiny five after the heavy bells, and we were able to get on to the roof to watch the bells. To those who had learnt at the other school with bells in the chapel it was especially interesting.

We had to do a few repairs to the clock chimes before ringing at Dunblane, and then joined the Alloa ringers for their practice, spending the night in the seventeenth-century hostel at Stirling. Two Richards and Katharine had to be put on the "Flying Scotsman", as the other Richard was staying in Edinburgh for the Festival and completely upsetting the transport arrangements, but the remainder were able to ring at Ripon and Knaresborough on the way south before reaching Nottingham where Stedman Cinques was to be attempted the next day.

Thanks must go to Richard Youdale for the apparently perfect organisation, to the priests and local ringers for letting us ring, to the drivers for getting us there, to Chris for managing the catering, to Mrs. Inglis for putting us all up afterwards.

Anon.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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Ringing & Conducting Standard Methods

By ROBERT B. SMITH

PART III CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE

(Continued from page 704)

(b) **CONDUCTING**

WHEN I dealt with the conducting of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob I pointed out that if the method had been studied properly when learning to ring it then the step to conducting was not a very great one. That statement is true when dealing with more complicated methods (e.g., Cambridge Surprise), but it should also be appreciated that with such methods there is more to be committed to memory because the rules for ringing the method are not so obvious. By practising a method at every opportunity one becomes familiar with the way in which certain bells are encountered during ringing and features of a method, not immediately apparent from the figures, become important signposts both for ringing and conducting the method.

An example of such a feature, not immediately obvious from the figures of Cambridge Surprise, is that the bell coursing next-but-one in front of the bell in question makes places up in the next position above that bell, i.e., in Cambridge Maximus the 11th makes places up in 5-6 when the 7th (coursing next-but-one behind) makes places in 3-4 up. If the 7th bell tries to move further up than 3-4 he will be in the way of the 11th and may be informed (in no uncertain terms, generally) where he should be. An experienced ringer, therefore, rings Treble Bob until such time that one of the rules indicates otherwise, e.g., the ringer of the 7th would know to stop for 5-6 places up, if he could see the 11th ringing 7-8 places up. I will say more about such practical rules at a later time, but we must now consider again what are the basic responsibilities of the conductor.

1. To call the bobs (and/or singles) in the correct places.

2. To correct mistakes before they become too serious for ringing to continue.

Let us now consider how the above aims can be achieved when ringing a simple touch of Cambridge Surprise which is applicable on six or more bells. There are only two places in Cambridge Surprise Minor at which the tenor will not be affected by a bob and these occur when it is about to become a 5ths place bell (called the WRONG) or when it is about to become a 6ths place bell (called the HOME). The effects of calls being made at these positions are **exactly** the same as they are for Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, because each of these methods is a regular method. (A regular method produces Plain Bob lead ends; an irregular method produces non-Plain Bob lead ends.) If a bob is called at the home position the bell which would have made 2nds and then ring the second half of the slow work runs out to become a 3rds place bell at the lead end and naturally proceeds to the full back work. The bell which would have dodged 3-4 down to become a 4ths place bell runs in to 2nds place and then rings the second half of the slow work. The remaining bell affected by the bob makes 4ths instead of dodging 3-4 up to become a 4ths place bell at the lead end and follows this by ringing 3-4 places down. The net effect on this bell is that 3rds and 4ths are made alternately from meeting the treble in 3-4 up to meeting the treble in 3-4 down.

I have made particular mention of how the bob affects the bells concerned as a number of people have requested that I should do this. The most important thing to realise is that a bob only alters **one row**, and it is the position that the bells fall in at the lead end that determines what they subsequently do. If when learning any method all the starting points of all the bells are memorised (and I suggest in the natural sequence in which they occur), it does not matter whether the bob is made in 4ths, 6ths, 8ths or 10ths position. This makes method ringing much easier, as one knows what position one should be in at the lead end should a trip occur. It is also imperative that one does this if or when one reaches the stage of ringing Spliced Surprise, so why not do it at the start?

To return to our original theme, we have noted which bells have been affected by a bob at home: those in 2nds, 3rds and 4ths positions, the same as for Plain Bob and Treble Bob and the coursing order of these bells becomes 243 instead of 324 in exactly the same way. It follows, therefore, that any touch of Plain Bob or Treble Bob will come round if called to Cambridge Surprise: **it does not follow that they will be true to Cambridge Surprise**, for the following reasons.*

(i) The lead ends produced by the methods follow a different sequence, i.e., leads may be repeated in their entirety.

(ii) The nature of the rows (considered in my earlier article on Plain Bob) may occur in such a way as to produce false rows in two leads, which would appear to be completely different, from inspection of their lead ends (or heads if you prefer).

Above, we defined the basic responsibilities of the conductor, and we can now assess how far we have gone to fulfilling these.

The calling positions are given the same names as for Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and although the leads occur in a different order there is nothing new to remember here. The transposition of coursing orders is again exactly as for Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob; we should remember that this serves the dual purpose of checking that the bells are working correctly in relation to each other and also as a guide to the stage which has been reached in the calling of a touch or a peal composition. The problem of correcting mistakes is partly resolved by knowing the coursing order but some additional guides are required for use when the coursing order apparently disappears below the treble. I will deal with such guides on 6, 8, 10 and 12 bells separately, although some of the tips apply on all numbers.

* Touches of the method are given in the Ringers' Notebook and Diary.

(To be continued)

WATFORD DISTRICT TRY A MYSTERY OUTING

As the outcome of a joking suggestion, a party of ringers from the Watford District set out one lovely summer afternoon on a mystery outing.

Secrets had been well kept, and there was much fun as the coach sped past towers which were guessed to be certs when the general direction had unfolded.

With so many young ringers on board, the element of surprise was not lacking when the first stop turned out to be High Wycombe, where several had their first experience of twelve bells, albeit only rounds but worth while; their elders essayed Stedman Cinques which went so far, and Cambridge Royal which went a little further—however, a most enjoyable visit.

At Cookham, a very agreeable spot, especially on such a day, the bells went well to a variety of methods, while tea at the nearby "Copper Kettle" went equally well.

Doubling back on his tracks, Donald, our driver, dispelled all ideas of other riverside churches, as after a mile or two this road was forsaken for a devious route to West Wycombe.

This remarkable tower, on its lofty eminence, dominating the landscape, has a curious open arched upper stage surmounted by a golden ball; it has an atmosphere of its own, no doubt heightened by the close proximity of a mausoleum (the writer was once up there as a thunderstorm appoached and will never forget it).

Passing more likely towers we eventually pulled up at Harefield, as pretty a country church as one could wish for, where the pleasant light six installed only a few years ago provided a new tower for several of the party.

Ten minutes' drive to the final tower, Denham, where the heavy eight were soon going to a well-struck course of Yorkshire. A pleasant half-hour or so was passed in one or other of the several fine old hostelries this village boasts. With only ten miles to go, home was reached at an earlier hour than usual.

Many thanks to all who met us and were so helpful with arrangements. R. G. B.

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PURBECK YOUTHS ON SUMMER TOUR

SWINDON, WILTS.—At 5, Cowley Walk, on Aug. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. D. Bellamy 1-2, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 3-4, T. F. Collins 5-6. First "in hand" 1-2, 5-6.

EDINGTON PRIORY, WILTS. — On Aug. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Sandra L. Claughton 1, Mary E. Elmes 2, J. W. Blackwood 3, D. Wilson 4, G. W. Elmes 5, T F. Collins (cond.) 6, G. E. Bonham 7, J. N. Longridge 8, R. N. Marlow 9, L. F. Cobb 10.

CURRIDGE, OXON. — On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. D. Bellamy 1-2, G. E. Bonham (first "in hand") 3-4, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 5-6.

KINGHAM, OXON.—On Sept. 1st, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: Ruth A. Blackwood 1, Mary E. Elmes 2, G. W. Elmes 3, R. D. Bellamy 4, J. W. Blackwood 5, G. E. Bonham 6, T. F. Collins 7, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 8.

THREE QUARTERS IN A DAY
Sunday, September 14th

SAPCOTE, LEICS. — 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Alison Butterfield 1, Mrs. M. E. Brown 2, B. L. Burrows (cond.) 3, R. W. Smith 4, L. Watkins 5, J. Watkins 6. For Holy Communion. Also 1,440 London Surprise Minor: N. W. Harvey 1, L. Watkins 2, J. Watkins 3, B. L. Burrows 4, B. P. Morris 5, M. E. Brown (cond.) 6. For Matins. Also 1,440 York Surprise Minor Alison Butterfield 1, N. W. Harvey 2, L. Watkins 3, B. L. Burrows 4, J. Watkins 5, M. E. Brown (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Rung on Sapcote Wake Sunday by the regular Sunday service band.

ALDWICK, SUSSEX.—On June 28th, 1,272 Minimus (three methods): M. L. Leclere (first quarter) 1, C. Renyard (first quarter) 2, Ruth E. Halford 3, G. F. Durrant (first as cond.) 4. Rung at the wedding of Judy Boyt and Andrew Howard.

ALTON, HANTS.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss C. Law (first in method) 1, Miss A. Biddlecombe 2, E. Hedger 3, G. Noakes 4, A. Kersey (first Triples in method) 5, R. Finch 6, R. Corke (cond.) 7, A. Bone 8.

ASH PRIORS, SOM.—On March 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Stone 1, F. Pike 2, R. Bartlett 3, T. Hancock 4, R. A. Cross (cond.) 5, A. Cross 6. Also on Aug. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Durbin (first quarter) 1, Mrs Ann Durbin 2, Frances Gadd 3, F. J. Morris 4, R. A. Cross (cond.) 5, L. T. Hancock 6. Also on Sept. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Kingscote 1, Miss F. M. Gadd 2, Mrs. Durbin 3, R. A. Cross 4, A W. Knight (first as cond.) 5, M. Durbin 6. A birthday compliment to Miss Sheila Arscott.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.—On Sept. 14th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Jacqueline Wolfe (first on eight) 1, Felicity Hamilton 2, Gillian Laver 3, Elizabeth Gibbs 4, J. V. A. Stedman 5, G. Bromley 6, T. Skilton 7, J. A. Laver (first as cond.) 8. For Evensong.

BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.—At the Church of All Saints, on Sept. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Lynette M. Holbrook 1, M. S. Holbrook 2, Mrs. G. Brown 3, J. Weaver 4, R. J. Crocker 5, H. E. J. Smith (cond.) 6

BATTERSEA, LONDON.—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Carole A. Fosbury 1, Margaret A. Robinson 2, Deborah Bishop 3, D. R. Tipler 4, R. J. Cooles 5, A. S. Bishop (cond.) 6 For Evensong.

BINSTED, HANTS.—On Sept. 6th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: S. Eyre (first in method) 1, R. Reed (first "inside" Minor) 2, E. Hedger (first Minor) 3, Miss K. Fox 4, D. Fox 5, R. Corke (cond.) 6.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret Tabor 1, P. Warboys 2, L. Luck 3, K. Westwood 4, W. Hunt (cond.) 5, A. Richardson 6, R. Walker 7, D. Hutley 8. For Evensong, and a farewell compliment to Margaret Tabor.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.—On Sept. 14th, 1,280 Spliced Surprise Major (five methods): Jennifer M. Millbank 1, Josephine A. Quilter 2, A. R. Syder 3, Jennifer M. Syder 4, K. W. Brown 5, R. J. Lindsell 6, P. G. Brown (first 5-spliced as cond.) 7, A. Wiffen 8. For Harvest Festival. First 5-spliced for 4, 5, 6 and 8.

BRAY, CO. WICKLOW.—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: H. J. F. Hynes (first quarter) 1, C. A. Lewis (cond.) 2, Mrs. G. E. Lewis 3, A. R. MacKenzie 4, R. Corson 5, J. Shields 6. A compliment to the Archbishop-elect of Dublin, Rt. Rev. A. A. Buchanan, Bishop of Clogher.

QUARTER PEALS

BRISTOL.—At the Church of SS. Philip and Jacob, on July 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sheila Dennis (first on eight) 1, Susan Moore 2, Heather A. Kippin 3, R. C. Kippin 4, B. G. North (cond.) 5, R. J. Bowden 6, D. J. Orledge 7, B. Martin 8.

CHELSFIELD, KENT.—On Sept. 14th, 1,320 Pl. Bob Doubles: D. A. Bourner 1, Mary R. W. Salmon 2 Felicity M. R. Mussell (cond.) 3, Mrs. A. Blatcher 4, A. C. Chandler 5. For Ringers' Sunday.

CHIGWELL, ESSEX.—On Sept. 14th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Leslie C. Tibbitts 1, Maureen J Carruthers 2, L. C. Hanney 3, D. A. Tovell 4, P. W. Dickinson 5, J. E. Murfitt (firs: Surprise as cond.) 6. For Evensong.

CHIGWELL HOUSE, ESSEX.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. C. Hanney 1-2, J. A. Acres 3-4, Maureen J. Carruthers (cond.) 5-6

CREWKERNE, SOM.—On Sept. 13th, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: M. A. Arscott (first Surprise Major) 1, G. W. Elmes 2, M. Hiller 3, K. E. Beale 4, D. Ellery 5, R. Haines 6, W. T. Perrins 7, T. F. Collins (cond.) 8. First quarter of Bristol 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8.

CRIMPLESHAM, NORFOLK. — On Aug. 13th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Christine Hudson (aged 13) 1, B Sayers (14) 2, M. Mann 3, V. Bowen 4, E. H. Mastin (cond.) 5. First attempt 1 and 2.

CROUGHTON, NORTHANTS. — On Sept. 15th 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss D. J. Tilsbury 1, M. W. Coleman 2, A. W. Ivings 3, W. Ivings 4, C. C. Clarke (cond.) 5. Rung for the Dahlia Festival and Son et Lumière.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On Sept. 7th, at St. John's Church, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: K. Taber (cond.) 1, D. Brown 2, E. Razzell 3, F. E. Mitchell 4, G. Fisher 5, N. Brown 6, I. M. Parry 7, N. Steere 8, A. Brown 9, P. Humphries 10. A compliment to Glenda and Alfred Lott, married on September 6th; also to Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Mitchell on the occasion of their 48th wedding anniversary.

DRAYTON PARSLOW, BUCKS.—On Sept. 13th 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: June Sinfield 1, Marion Addy 2, Hilary Aslett 3, J. W. Sinfield (cond.) 4, P. Aslett 5, W Sear 6. A welcome to Rev. J. P. Drake as Vicar of Stewkley and priest-in-charge of Drayton Parslow.

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DURWESTON, DORSET. — On June 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. J. Corry 1, Susan M. Corry 2, A. J. Paulley 3, A. B. Corry 4, T. G. Bleathman (cond.) 5, M. J. Corry 6 Rung as a birthday compliment to the third ringer. Also on June 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Tapper (first quarter) 1, B. R. Jeans 2, T. G. Bleathman (cond.) 3, Susan M. Corry 4, A. J. Paulley 5, Mr. Tibbey (first quarter) 6

GNOSALL, STAFFS. — On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): Sheila Moulton 1, Valerie Keay 2, G. S. Keay 3, D. Cooper 4, I. Friend (cond.) 5, J W. Dyke 6. Rung by the local band as a welcome to Rev. C. Jenkins, whose induction took place earlier this week.

EASTHAMPSTEAD, BERKS.—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Smith 1, Joan A. Rance 2, A. J. N. Rance 3, Violet Castle 4, Sylvia Randle (first in method) 5, S. G. Scott 6, B. C. Castle (cond.) 7, F. J. E. Hicks 8 Rung to mark the birth of Helen Elizabeth Purnell, daughter of Bob and Christine, of Melksham, on August 30th.

EDMONTON, MIDDX.—On Sept. 14th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Beryl Platt 1, C. Edwards 2, T. Wheeler 3, D. Dorrington (first as cond.) 4, Jacquie Hedges 5, Trudy Newcombe 6, T. G. Hawkins 7, D. Langdon 8. For Evensong. A wedding compliment to Sidney Pursey and Brenda Sprake, married this day.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—At St. Nicolas' Church, on Sept. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Pauline H. C. Powell 1, Carol A. Carter 2, Jacqueline N. Rawlings 3, C. J. Tickner 4, M. M. Powell (cond.) 5, Janet K. D. Hoskin 6. For Evensong, and to welcome Fr B Goldsmith, his wife and daughter.

GUISBOROUGH, N. YORKS. — On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Lynnette Banwell 1, M. E. Livesey (first quarter) 2, Barbara J. Smith 3, Marion Stalker (first quarter) 4, L. Franks 5, R. D. Crighton (first as cond.) 6. To commemorate the 800th anniversary of Guisborough Priory.

HAWKLEY, HANTS.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Pl. Bob and Grandsire Double: Maureen Tipper 1, R. Tipper 2, Karin Hatherly (first in two methods) 3, K. Tipper 4, D. Hatherly (cond.) 5, R. Cross 6. For Family Communion.

HEALEY, LANCS.—On Sept. 10th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Gillian G. Tompsett 1, J. D. Watkin (first quarter) 2, K. P. Tompsett 3, Hilary M. Sager 4, J. C. Sager 5, M. H. Tompsett (cond.) 6.

HEMPSTEAD, ESSEX.—On Sept 13th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: H. Moore 1, M. Hunter 2, S. Sudbury 3, J. Green 4, P. Perkins 5, R. Threadgold (cond.) 6.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Aug. 24th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Pamela M. E. Middleton 1 K. Mary Lambert (first Major "inside") 2, J. N. Lambert 3, D. R. Bartholomew 4, F. E. Cruttenden 5, D. A. Cruttenden 6, J. R. Norris 7, P. D. Hepburn (first Major as cond.) 8. First Major 1, 6. Rung on St. Bartholomew's Day as a 22nd wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Lambert.

HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHANTS. — On Sept 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Pentelow 2, Miss J Pentelow 3, A. G. Wilson 4, J. Godman (first attempt) 5, A. J. Wilson (cond.) 6, J. Rising 7, C. Pentelow 8. A farewell to 2, 4 and 7, who shortly leave to take up further studies.

HISTON, CAMBS.—On Sept. 13th, 1,264 Pl. Bob Major: H. C. Foster 1, H. J. F. Muncey 2, Kathleen A. Jordan 3, Valerie Jamson 4, Carol E. Brown 5, E. B. Brown (cond.) 6, W. Muncey 7, C. A. Gooding 8. A 21st birthday compliment to ringer of 4, and also to commemorate the wedding of Rosemary E. Jenkins and John Taylor.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS. — On Sept. 16th, 1,250 Rutland Surprise Major: P. Newton 1, R. Newton (first in method) 2, D. Cornwall 3, R. Biggs 4, G. Massey (cond.) 5, A. Newton (first in method) 6, D. Knox 7, S. Bailey 8. Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Massey; also as a farewell to D. Knox, who is leaving the district for Felixstowe.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.—On July 20th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: K. Mary Lambert (first Major) 1, J. N. Lambert 2, H. W. Brown 3, Maureen E. Kirkcaldy 4, J. Kirkcaldy 5, S. W. Brown 6, P. D. Hepburn 7, J. R. Norris (cond.) 8. Rung to mark the birth of Siobhan on July 17th, 1969, daughter of Bernard and Sheila Harfield, both local ringers.

KENT SCHOOL, CONNECTICUT, U.S.A. (The North American Guild).—On May 17th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: F. E. Roberts 1, Ruth M. Horwood 2, M. C. Faulkes 3, W. H. Jackson 4, J. Owen 5, D. R. Ingram 6, D. M. Sawyer 7, G. Davies (cond.) 8. Rung during New England Ringing Week-end.

OBITUARY

MR. GEORGE GODARD

Plymouth has lost a ringer who has given outstanding service by the death of Mr. George Godard, at his home at Roborough, on September 8th, aged 80. He had lived in the same house since he was 10. Always cheerful, he was held in the highest respect in the village.

It was in the mid-1920s that Mr. Godard, through a colleague at H.M. Dockyard, Devonport, where he served for nearly 40 years, became interested in change ringing, having learned to handle a bell at Bickleigh some 65 years ago. He became proficient in the four standard methods, and at the end of the Second War he, with Mrs. Godard, his second wife, became members of Emmanuel, Plymouth. It is here that his death will be deeply felt.

The funeral service took place at Bickleigh on September 13th, at a church he had served as sidesman and a member of the P.C.C. over the years. Muffled touches were rung on the six bells before and after the service by ringers from Bickleigh, Emmanuel, Plympton and Tavistock.

At practice at Emmanuel on September 11th the bells were rung half-muffled, and the Vicar, the Rev. Roy Harris, came into the belfry and conducted a short memorial service as a token of our deep respect for his widow, son and daughter-in-law.

H. H. T.

MR. ROBERT TAYLOR

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Robert (Bob) Taylor, of Standish, Lancs, on September 11th, aged 85 years. For many years he was treble man for raising and lowering the bells. He had rung about 10 peals, nearly all with the local band.

The bells were rung before and after the funeral service on September 13th.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

Northern Branch

A very successful annual meeting was held at Kingswinford on September 20th, some 60 members being present. The choral service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. N. Lewis, and the tea was very kindly provided by the Kingswinford ringers.

Officers elected for the ensuing year were: Ringing Master, Mr. M. P. Tobin; Secretary, M. D. Fellows; Central Committee Representative, Mrs. M. I. Brown. The new Branch Committee consists of the above officers and Messrs. C. F. Jukes, C. Skidmore, B. C. Ashford, Dr. D. N. Layton and C. W. Cooper. Tributes were paid by the Association Master, the General Secretary and several other members to the retiring Secretary, Mr. B. C. Ashford, who has completed 30 years in office.

Matters dealt with at the meeting were the Striking Competition and Courses of Instruction. Members were asked to give their full support to these ventures, details of which will be published in due course. The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Thomas's, Stourbridge, on January 17th.

M. D. F.

CORRECTION

David Bennett was the ringer of the second in the peal of Lyme Surprise Major at Walkden on August 11th and not Dennis McCormick as submitted (page 712).

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

The first-ever striking competition for the whole of the Guild was held on September 6th at Branston. Here there is a fine 9 cwt. ring of six (plain bearings), undamaged by the fire which swept through the church some four years ago.

Two teams had been invited from each of the six Branches, but as Barton-on-Humber ringers failed to turn up only 11 took part — Swineshead, Belton, Burton Stather, Algarkirk, Saxilby, Stamford, Grantham, Lincoln (St. Giles'), Lincoln Cathedral, Donington and Spalding. The test piece was 240 changes.

After ringing a service was held and a tea organised by the ringers' wives and young lady ringers from Grantham. Following this the Master of the Guild, Mr. Jack Bray, first of all thanked everyone for arranging and taking part in the event, and went on to introduce the two judges—Mr. Wilfrid Moreton, of Wakefield, and Mr. Roland Cook, of Asfordby.

The judges commented on each team's performance—how this team had rung too fast to accurately place their bells, another seemed too slow and one unfortunate team managed to lose a lead. The final result was: Grantham 36 faults, Lincoln Cathedral 45, St. Giles' 48, Saxilby 52, Algarkirk 54, Stamford 78, Swineshead 85, Belton 95 and Spalding 113.

The Master then presented the brand new trophy — a handsome cup given by Mr. John Freeman — to the captain of the Grantham band, together with a framed certificate, hand-written by Mr. Vaughan Evan, finally thanking the judges for the manner in which they had fulfilled their task.

It was felt that the three youngsters in the Algarkirk team, one of whom had been ringing for less than a year, should be highly commended, and also that the next contest should come later in the year in order not to conflict with harvest time.

D. A. F.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Canterbury District

The summer practice meeting held at Ringwould and Deal was characterised by those who, having noted August 9th in their diaries, proceeded to forget about it. Though attendance was low, at the two remarkably similar towers—built in the late 17th century and both housing Whitechapel sixes of mainly Golden Jubilee vintage—some very fair ringing up to Cambridge Minor was achieved and glorious sunshine enjoyed. It was perhaps fortunate that the grand Warner eight at Walmer had to withdraw at the 11th hour.

The District learned with regret that the meeting scheduled for September 13th at Lyminge had to be transferred owing to the famous Saxon church and the lovely eight having been severely damaged by fire the previous week. However, largely due to the yeoman services of Dick and Mrs. Grey, the by-meeting was in fact held at Dover for the first time for several years.

The meeting was held and tea kindly provided in the church hall by the Dover band, and a small but appreciative gathering was presided over by Mr. B. J. Luck. New members from Elham were elected. It was noted that the Annual Dinner would be on September 27th, tickets being available from the Secretary.

After renewed thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Grey, this by-meeting was in fact held at to the Norman tower. The eight bells, all by Samuel Knight, 1724, were kept going with varying degrees of success and one could almost have wished that at least one of the three sixes Dover has lost in the years 1790–1951 was available to relieve the crush and the heat! Many thanks, Dover, and we hope that the new Church Centre at Aycliffe to which we were privileged to contribute will prosper. D. L. C.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Purbeck Youths during their summer tour rang six peals.

Organised by Mr. Martin Cass, ringers from Blackmoor visited the Isle of Wight on September 13th. Ringing during this enjoyable day was at Arreton, Godshill, Whitwell and Ryde.

The ringers of St. John's Church, Peterborough, are very pleased to announce the splendid recovery George Bush has made from a serious illness. He has now been discharged from Peterborough Hospital.

The Master of the St. David's Diocesan Guild (Rev. Russen W. Thomas) is leaving his parish of St. Florence to take up that of St. Julian's, Newport, which has only two bells. A farewell peal was rung at St. Florence on September 15th.

The peal of Havant, rung at Pakefield on September 13th, was Katharine M. Thorley's 50th peal. Aged 13, her first peal was rung less than two years ago. All her ringing career has been spent in the "wilds" —as a learner in Rutland and for the past year-and-a-half in a remote part of Suffolk.

Mr. J. B. Hallifax, the sole surviving member of the Lincoln Guild, which was established 70 years ago, was present at the quarterly meeting of the Elloe Deaneries Branch at Moulton on September 20th. He was brought to the meeting by his nephew, Mr. B. Tyrrell. Moulton has a ringing Vicar in Mr. Carey, and his address was based on the inscriptions on the bells.

It was 59 years ago that Mr. G. H. Harding rang his last quarter of Doubles. He conducted one on September 13th at Southbroom, Devizes.

From Yardley, Birmingham, we hear that two first pealers — Catherine Ticquet and Kevin Park — gave trip-free performances of Bob Minor on September 11th. Congratulations!

Eight Surprise Major peals were scored during a peal week in the North East, starting on August 16th. Conductors were Michael Maughan (5), James W. Belshaw (2), Stephen C. Wells (1).

A week of Sussex University Society's tour of Ireland was spent in Ulster. Despite certain restrictions on movement, ringing took place in the two trouble centres—Londonderry and Belfast. Five quarter peals were scored. More later.

Congratulations to Mr. John A. Acres on ringing his first quarter for over two years—1,260 Plain Bob Minor "in hand". Owing to a disability he cannot now participate in ringing as much as he would like but still maintains a lively interest.

Woodston, Peterborough, ringers are very sorry to say farewell to Janet and Robin Rogers. Their stay of one year has been much shorter than hoped. In this time they have been a great help at all stages of the local band's progress. Thanks, Robin and Janet.

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SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

North Dorset Branch

A hearty welcome was extended to the Branch on September 13th by the Rector of Childe Okeford, Rev. W. R. Taylor, who is himself a ringer. Mr. Taylor was assisted at the service by Rev. R. A. Wells (Branch vice-chairman) and Rev. R. N. Longridge (Guild Master). During the service a touch was rung on handbells by Susan Corry, Christopher Longridge and Martin Corry.

A generous tea was provided by ladies of the parish and served to 35 members and friends. All the local arrangements were in the hands of Mr. Leslie Ridout.

The Branch chairman being abroad, the meeting was presided over by Rev. R. A. Wells. He referred to the death in July of the Guild president, Mr. W. C. West, and several members testified to Mr. West's work for ringing and said how much he would be missed.

Mr. E. Chant reported on the recent Branch outing to the Isle of Wight and thanked Mr. W. C. Shute for organising it. Mr. Shute gave details of the striking competition heats, to be held at Okeford Fitzpaine on September 27th. Four teams have entered from North Dorset.

Ringing took place during the afternoon and evening at Childe Okeford and also at Okeford Fitzpaine, where a fête was in progress.

HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Northern District

The Northern District held its monthly meeting at Cottered and Ardeley on September 6th. The good attendance included the Canterbury and the majority of the North Herts contingent of the Universities Association who rounded off its tour week there.

A variety of Doubles methods was rung on the heavy five at Cottered and then everyone proceeded to the picturesque village of Ardeley where methods up to Durham and Norwich were attempted. Suitable refreshment was found in the Jolly Waggoner afterwards and ringing reverted to the verbal. M. M. R.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

The autumn meeting of the Bridgnorth Branch took place on September 6th. Ringing in the afternoon was at Highley and in the evening at the neighbouring village of Chelmarsh. The service at Highley Church was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. J. Britton) and tea followed at a local hostelry. Ringing was under the direction of Mr. Alan Jones, Branch Ringing Master, and an encouraging feature of the meeting was the number of young ringers who attended.

J. B.

25 YEARS GAP SINCE LAST DUNSTER DEANERY VISIT

It is believed to be 25 years since the Dunster Deanery met at St. Audries and the meeting on September 13th was warmly welcomed. This five-bell ring had a reputation for noise, but now that a false ceiling has been provided the bells sound "very good, indeed." The delicious tea that followed the service left some feeling a little somnolent.

At the business meeting the draft rules were discussed and Deanery and learners' practices were arranged, including one monthly on ten bells. This should prove a golden opportunity for those who feel a little overawed by the thought of ten bells.

Commander Tyndale Biscoe was congratulated on his Treble Place Bob Doubles methods which have been regularly rung at one tower this summer. We then trooped back to the tower and rang various methods until it was, unhappily, time to stop.

P. T.

A NAME TO WATCH

A ringer at St. Stephen's, St. Albans, has had an unfortunate run of luck recently, having lost six attempts for his first peal. These have included attempts for peals in eleven and seven methods, one of which being seven Surprise Minor. Broken ropes caused the failure of two of the most promising efforts.

On September 12th, however, he received some consolation by the success of his first quarter as conductor, his second quarter altogether. Although this is by no means a unique record, such progress within one year of first starting to handle a bell is surely remarkable. There would appear to be every indication that a regular name in the peal columns in future years will be that of Steven Chandler.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Perhaps the most memorable part of the L.C.A. September meeting was the tea provided for us in the Bishopsgate Church Hall by Jack Euston and his band of ladies. It provided that "local" touch which is all too rarely a part of the London ringing scene.

At the business meeting five new members were elected and one rule alteration made. (Peal booking fees from September 13th raised from 6d. to 1/- per member.)

The standard of ringing was not good, but at Bishopsgate we had difficult bells to contend with and at Shoreditch it was obvious that several people were not used to ringing on 12.

Our thanks to incumbents, tower captains and the ladies for the tea. M. R. W.

EPITAPHS THAT OFFENDED A BISHOP

Mr. Gordon W. Rendell, of Montacute, Somerset, writes: For some time now I have been trying to ascertain the following facts and at last have been successful. I now forward them to you for publication if at any time you have space and think they would be of interest to "Ringing World" readers.

These following epitaphs appear on three tombstones in Montacute churchyard. Many years ago the headstones were placed facing the south wall of the churchyard because their inscriptions offended the Bishop of that time, and it was the Rev. C. F. Powys, 1885-1918, who had them turned around to be made readable. Although badly eroded some of the verses are still decipherable. The first is to a huntsman, John Scott, in the employment of the Phelips family of Montacute House circa late 18th century.

"Here lies John Scott, it was his lot
A huntsman long to be.
He ate no meat, he was no cheat,
But liked his can to see.
Frolick and free in mirth and glee,
He ran his destined race,
And in the field to few did yield
The foremost of the chase.
And now, for wot, he has paid his scot
And here is run to ground."

The second is to an old nurse who died December 3rd, 1788.

"Here lies an old nurse, no better no worse,
Hannah Mitchell the name that she bore.
Her years as were numbered made more than a hundred
When death put an end to the score.
Full thirty eight years she lived as appears,
At one place, with conduct approved.
The children she bred, the people all said,
She nourished, she cherished, she loved."

The third is to a doctor and one would presume he was a contemporary of the other two; the epitaphs might even have been composed by the same poet.

"Here lies the Doctor, and o'er his head
May the earth lie as light as a feather;
And if not over warm will do him no harm,
Who n'er valued the wind or the weather.
He's no longer in view, but to give him his due,
Though not born or bred in a college,
Death n'er drove to earth a man of more worth
More science or practical knowledge.
Isaac Rogers his name, and who else can claim
From the Yeo to the Avon is sounded.
At his musical voice Eye Wood would rejoice,
Drivile Long Wood its echo resounded."

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
KEYNSHAM, Som.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Mon., Sept. 1, 1969, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's one-part. Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

Kay Whittaker	Treble	David A. Burt	5
George J. Hawkins	2	*Reginald M. Virgin	6
Julian E. Newman	3	Alan F. Lee	7
Thomas W. Harris	4	Robin L. Coles	Tenor

Conducted by George J. Hawkins.
* First peal of Triples.

HEATHFIELD, Som.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Fri., Sept. 5, 1969, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being four extents of Plain Bob, and 30 extents and four 240's of Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt.

Raymond F. Arscott	Treble	Frank Morris	3
Adrian F. Arscott	2	*Tom Hancock	4
Mervyn A. Arscott	Tenor		

Conducted by Raymond F. Arscott.
* First peal in two methods.
Rung on the 24th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Beveridge, Heathfield Lodge, and birthday greetings to the ringer of the third.

BALTONSBOROUGH, Som.—At the Church of St. Dunstan.
On Sat., Sept. 6, 1969, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr.

*Charles P. Wainwright	Treble	Sheila Y. Jenkins	4
Martin J. Whiteley	2	Michael G. Bartlett	5
Christopher R. Jenkins	3	Gwilym Salmon	Tenor

Conducted by Gwilym Salmon.
* First peal of Minor.
Rung as a compliment to Sherryl Dunkerton and Richaard Davis following their wedding.

CHURCHILL, Som.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Sept. 6, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten six-score each of St. Simon and St. Martin and 11 each of Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

Henry Button	Treble	Leonard Derrick	4
Marjorie Legg	2	Sidney Smith	5
George Prescott	3	*Cecil Mogford	Tenor

Conducted by George Prescott.
* Has now "circled the tower" to peals.
Rung in memoriam E. J. Avery.

LITTON, Som.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Tues., Sept. 9, 1969, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents in eight methods: (1) Lightfoot, (2) York, (3) Durham, (4) London, (5) Wells, (6) Cambridge, (7) Beverley and Surfleet. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb.

Julian E. Newman	Treble	David J. Orledge	4
George W. Massey	2	Raymond E. J. Baker	5
Peter J. W. Hardwick	3	David G. Massey	Tenor

Conducted by David G. Massey.
First peal of Surprise on the bells and fastest peal on the bells. Rung for the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
CREWE, Cheshire.—At Christ Church.
On Sat., Aug. 30, 1969, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 20 cwt.

William F. Gibbons	Treble	Roland W. Morant	6
A. Doreen Edwards	2	John R. Scott	7
Frank R. Morton	3	Ivor R. Nichols	8
*Stephen H. Carter	4	Geoffrey A. Edwards	9
Wilfred Kerr	5	†Frederick S. Sutton	Tenor

Composed by J. H. Fielden. Conducted by Ivor R. Nichols.
* First peal on ten bells. † Has now "circled the tower" to peals.

BOWDON, Cheshire.—At the Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
On Sat., Aug. 23, 1969, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 6 lb. in E.

Ronald F. Andrew	Treble	Basil Jones	5
Derek F. Yates	2	William H. Dowse	6
Alan J. Brown	3	M. Jack Pryor	7
C. Kenneth Lewis	4	Bernard F. L. Groves	Tenor

Composed by William Barton. Conducted by Basil Jones.
Rung for the christening of Robert William Smith, which took place at Marple on August 24th, 1969, and as a wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. John Gander, who were married on August 23rd, 1969.

FRODSHAM, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.
On Wed., Sept. 3, 1969, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr.

Oswald Claybrook	Treble	*Geoffrey C. Sparling	5
John R. Bibby	2	Robert Peers	6
*H. Lyndon Hatfield	3	Keith Walpole	7
John E. Bibby	4	Walter Allman	Tenor

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by Walter Allman.
* First peal in the method.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
STONELEIGH, Warwicks.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Wed., July 30, 1969, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in 81 methods: (1) Selston, College Bob III, Carburton, Nuthall, Stapleford, Eagle, Kilvington, Columbia, West Drayton, Alverton, Shireoaks, Studley, North Wheatley, Snitterfield, West Markham, Ossington, Sturton-le-Steeple and Stoneleigh (18 methods), (2) Averham, Screveton, Armstrong, Barton-in-Fabis, Bathley, Aldrin, Clayworth, Burton Joyce, Collins, Babworth, Brough, Redding, Flawborough, Car-Colston, Apollo, Bunney, Bothamsall and Tranquillity (18 methods), (3) Luton, Shilton, Arley, Westminster, Ripley, Harbury, Broomfield, Church Lawford, Bilton, Allendale, Rhyl, Whichford, Fyfield, Wolford, Claverdon, Fryerning, Thorne and Napton-on-the-Hill (18 methods), (4) Wandsworth, Beighton, Pentonville, Redcar, Soho, Pattiswick, Brixton, Appleby, Waterloo, Terling, Holloway and Hatfield (12 methods), (5) Beverley, Hexham, Surfleet, Durham, York and Berwick, (6) Cambridge, Norfolk, Keston, Hull, Primrose, Bourne and Ipswich, (7) London and Wells, with 129 changes of method and a plain lead of each method included.
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in G.

David R. Randall	Treble	Peter H. Mackie (2)	4
Anthony J. Cox (1)	2	Peter C. Randall (5)	5
Stephen F. Royal (3)	3	Geoffrey W. Randall (4, 6 and 7)	Tenor

Jointly conducted by all the "inside" ringers.
The figures in parentheses indicate the extents called by each ringer.
The greatest number of methods rung in a peal of Surprise Minor.

College Bob III:	—56—14—56—36—12—5.	2nds.	42635.
Eagle:	—56—14—56—36.12—12.5.	2nds.	42635.
Columbia:	—56—14—56—1236—12—5.	2nds.	42635.
Studley:	—56—14—56—36—34—5.	2nds.	42635.
Snitterfield:	—56—14—56—1236—34—5.	2nds.	42635.
Stoneleigh:	—56—14—56—36.12—34.5.	2nds.	42635.

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THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
HENLEY-IN-ARDEN, Warwicks.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Mon., Aug. 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 15 cwt.

Raymon A. Sheasby	Treble	E. C. Gareth Higgs	4
Jonathon Evans	2	George Pluckrose	5
David R. Randall	3	Peter C. Randall	Tenor

Conducted by Peter C. Randall.

HARBURY, Warwicks.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Tues., Aug. 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in four methods, viz.: (1 and 2) Cambridge Surprise, (3 and 4) Kent T.B., (5) St. Clement's Bob, (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 lb. in G.

*Alison M. Hill	Treble	E. C. Gareth Higgs	4
Raymon A. Sheasby	2	Peter C. Randall	5
Anthony J. Cox	3	John F. Thorne	Tenor

Conducted by Peter C. Randall.
* First peal.

GRENDON, Warwicks.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Wed., Aug. 27, 1969, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods, viz.: (1) Oxford T.B., (2) Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet Surprise, (3) Plain Bob, (4) Kent T.B., (5) St. Clement's Bob and Plain Bob, (6) Cambridge Surprise, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in G.

Jonathon Evans	Treble	R. Joy Pluckrose	4
George Pluckrose	2	Peter C. Randall	5
Raymon A. Sheasby	3	Geoffrey W. Randall	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey W. Randall.

KENILWORTH, Warwicks.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Aug. 30, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Kent and Oxford T.B., (3) St. Clement's and Double Oxford, (4) Thelwall and Childwall, (5) Plain Bob, (6) Cambridge Surprise, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. 22 lb. in F sharp.

John K. Foot	Treble	Peter C. Randall	4
Geoffrey W. Randall	2	Ernest J. Gower	5
Anthony J. Cox	3	Ian C. Maycock	Tenor

Conducted by Ian C. Maycock.
Rung with the best wishes of the band to Mark Robottom and Susan Fletcher immediately prior to their wedding.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
TAXAL, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sat., Aug. 30, 1969, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being two 2,160's and a 720 with no 6-5's at backstroke.
Tenor 11 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

*Richard Fletcher	Treble	†John D. Cooper	4
Susan E. Davis	2	A. Colin Banton	5
†Susan E. Banton	3	†Christopher J. Groome	Tenor

Composed by Rev. E. Bankes James. Conducted by A. Colin Banton.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First of Cambridge Surprise Minor.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
MORETONHAMPSTEAD, Devon.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Aug. 2, 1969, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, comprising 1,312 Bristol, 1,280 each of London, Cambridge and Superlative, with 112 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 15 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

Edgar R. Rapley	Treble	Stanley G. Ponting	5
Joan Beresford	2	Peter M. Wilkinson	6
Michael H. O'Callaghan	3	Nicholas J. Davies	7
Norman Summerhayes	4	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman Conducted by Dennis Beresford.

SALTASH, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Stephen.
On Sat., Sept. 13, 1969, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in E.

Peter L. Bill	Treble	Stephen G. Peirce	4
Alan N. Frost	2	George E. Mudge	5
John F. Steere	3	D. Roy Bould	Tenor

Conducted by D. Roy Bould.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
CAMBRIDGE.—At the Church of St. Andrew the Great.
On Mon., Sept. 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in G

John G. Gipson	Treble	Allen Twyman	5
Kenneth J. Hesketh	2	Geoffrey Pearson	6
Susan Rothera	3	Donald F. Murfet	7
Richard J. Harrison	4	Philip J. Rothera	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Philip J. Rothera.
Rung with the best wishes of the band to Alan and Jenny Scholfield, who are moving from Cambridge to Cheshire.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, Hunts.—At the Church of St. Margaret
On Sat., Aug. 9, 1969, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 14 cwt. in G sharp.

Thomas J. Lock	Treble	Henry C. Foster	4
A. Pattie Clapham	2	John H. Bluff	5
Paul E. Wells	3	Harold S. Peacock	Tenor

Conducted by Harold S. Peacock.

HUNTINGDON, Hunts.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Thurs., Sept. 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Consisting of four extents of Cambridge Surprise and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in G sharp.

Jane K. A. Hough	Treble	T. Raymond Garrett	4
J. Richard Hough	2	John H. Bluff	5
David Prescott	3	Harold S. Peacock	Tenor

Conducted by Harold S. Peacock.
Rung half-muffled in memory of the Rev. T. W. Nesbitt, Rector of this parish since 1964, tragically drowned while on holiday in Malta on August 28th, 1969. R.I.P.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
BRISTOL.—At Christ Church with St. Ewen.
On Sat., Sept. 6, 1969, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

*Philip George	Treble	Philip H. D. Jones	6
David MacKay	2	Raymond E. J. Baker	7
Roy W. Rice	3	Peter J. England	8
Peter J. W. Hardwick	4	Edward J. Chivers	9
Walter S. Rice	5	David G. Massey	Tenor

Composed by William Pye. Conducted by David G. Massey.
* First peal on ten bells.

STOW-ON-THE-WOLD, Glos.—At the Church of St. Edward.
On Mon., Sept. 1, 1969, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 27¼ cwt.

Alan Ewins	Treble	John J. Webb	5
Joyce Gardner	2	Geoffrey R. Gardner	6
Leonard C. Dowdeswell	3	Brian W. Hall	7
Christopher M. Povey	4	Paul Clifford	Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker. Conducted by Geoffrey R. Gardner.
Rung as a farewell to Angela and Peter Newing on their departure to Tibberton and Taynton.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
ALDERMASTON, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Wed., Aug. 27, 1969, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5184 HUNGERFORD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

*Stanley G. Ponting	Treble	Alan D. Flood	5
Reginald W. Rex	2	†W. John Couperthwaite	6
†Beryl R. Simpson	3	*Michael J. Church	7
Richard Green	4	Geoffrey K. Dodd	Tenor

Composed by Harry Poyner. Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.
* 25th peal together. † 25th peal together. First peal in the method for the Guild and by all the band except the ringer of the treble.

HAWLEY, Hampshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Sept. 6, 1969, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 AMSTERDAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 7 lb. in E.

*Eunice A. Lewis	Treble	Alan D. Elsmore	5
Donald N. Jennings	2	Peter J. Munday	6
Felicity S. Hamilton	3	†Michael J. Church	7
Beryl R. Simpson	4	Frank W. Lewis	Tenor

Composed by Simon Humphrey Conducted by Michael J. Church.
* 25th peal for the Guild. † 50th for the Guild. First in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild.

CRANLEIGH, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Sept. 13, 1969, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in F.

Alan D. Elsmore	Treble	*Martin J. Kirk	5
*Carolyn Tubbs	2	*Dudley P. Elsmore	6
*Edward J. Futcher	3	E. John Wells	7
*John A. Collier	4	†A. Patrick Cannon	Tenor

Composed by J. Platt. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
* First peal of Oxford T.B. † 600th peal as conductor.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
STAUNTON-ON-WYE, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Thurs., Aug. 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 11 lb. in G.

John W. Hope	Treble	Austin T. Wingate	4
Colin A. Lewis	2	Norman R. Mattingley	5
Frederick R. Harris	3	John F. I. Turney	Tenor

Conducted by John F. I. Turney.
First peal of Surprise as conductor.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
FRINDSBURY, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Fri., Aug 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's 12-part. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

*Graham H. Terris	Treble	George Philpott	5
Gordon K. Terris	2	Leonard Crouch	6
Phyllis R. Osenton	3	Christopher T. Osenton	7
Trevor A. Cross	4	Brian R. Trill	Tenor

Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.
* First peal on eight bells.
Rung in memoriam Rev. Canon Elliot Mitchell.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
HALEWOOD, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Tues., Aug. 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in G.

Richard G. Latham	Treble	John H. Wilton	5
Nigel P. A. Goulding	2	Edwin C. Birkett	6
James Dunbavin	3	John R. Ridley	7
Martin E. Snape	4	Graham K. Austin	Tenor

Composed by John R. Pritchard. Conducted by John R. Ridley.
Rung half-muffled in memory of Terence M. FitzGerald, a member of the Liverpool Branch, who died on Sunday, July 20th, 1969.

NEWHEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.
On Wed., Sept. 3, 1969, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 4 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in D flat.

Derek Butterworth	Treble	David Howarth	5
F. John Nelson	2	Richard J. Parker	6
Michael Platt	3	Richard S. Starkie	7
Keith Thomsett	4	Neil Bennett	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Derek Butterworth.

PENDLEBURY, Lancashire.—At Christ Chuch.
On Sun., Sept. 7, 1969, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
12-part (7th obs.). Tenor 12½ cwt.

Roy Jolley	Treble	David Makin-Taylor	5
Thomas Hobson	2	Joseph Thornley	6
R. Keith Lister	3	John Ashcroft	7
John Illingworth	4	*Alan Forrester	Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker. Conducted by John Ashcroft.
* First peal.
Rung on the eve of the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and 75 years after the first peal on the bells by the local band.

CROSTHWAITE, Westmorland.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Sept. 6, 1969, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being four extents of Single Oxford and three of Plain Bob.
Tenor 10¾ cwt.

*Doreen Maclean	Treble	Thomas F. Metcalfe	4
Nicholas M. Newby	2	‡Alan Capstick	5
†Hugh F. Pettifer	3	Kevin M. Price	Tenor

Conducted by Kevin M. Price.
* First peal of Minor in two methods. † First in two methods.
‡ Has "circled the tower" to peals.
Rung to celebrate the wedding this day of Diana Rosalyn Barrett (daughter of the Vicar) to Graham Frederick Atkins.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Tues., Aug. 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5008 SINGLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

Frank Chambers	Treble	Arthur E. Rowley	5
*B. Stedman Payne	2	*Alec R. Jones	6
Rev. M. C. C. Melville	3	G. Ronald Edwards	7
Ronald D. Hughes	4	Roland Beniston	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roland Beniston.
* First peal in the method

COSSINGTON, Leicestershire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sun., Sept. 7, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents, six callings. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in F sharp

B. Stedman Payne	Treble	J. Richard Perkins	3
*Hilary F. Watson-Walker	2	Roger N. Scholes	4
Clive J. Mobbs	Tenor		

Composed by J. Richard Perkins.
* First peal of Doubles. First of Grandsire as conductor.
Rung before Evensong on the occasion of the Cossington Village Festival.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
SCOTHERN, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Germain.
On Sat., Aug. 16, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt.

G. Angus Dixon	Treble	*Walter S. Smith	4
David Bee	2	Charles V. Cade	5
Peter Burton	3	Aidan Hopkins	Tenor

Conducted by G. Angus Dixon.
* 50th peal.
Rung to celebrate the Patronal Festival.

HORBLING, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Aug. 30, 1969, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr.

*David Fensom	Treble	Harold Barsley	4
*Michael Belcher	2	J. Henry Taylor	5
William B. Dawson	3	Philip H. Reynolds	Tenor

Conducted by Philip H. Reynolds.
* First peal.

BARROWBY, Lincs.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Tues., Sept. 2, 1969, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Comprising seven extents in the following six methods: (1) Reverse Canterbury, (2) Oxford T.B., (3) Kent T.B., (4) St. Clement's, (5) Single Oxford, (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in G.

Gordon K. Green	Treble	David A. Godfrey	4
Vaughan P. Evans	2	Roland W. Morant	5
Peter A. Slight	3	Frank R. Morton	Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. H. V. Evans.

HORBLING, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Wed. Sept. 3, 1969, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MINOR
Comprising seven extents in the following 12 methods: (1) Single and Double Court, (2) Double Oxford and Thelwall, (3) St. Clement's, Childwall and Buxton, (4) Single Oxford and Plain Bob, (5) Rev. Canterbury, (6) Kent T.B., (7) Oxford T.B.

Gordon K. Green	Treble	Vaughan P. Evans	4
David A. Godfrey	2	Denis A. Frith	5
Roland W. Morant	3	Frank R. Morton	Tenor

Conducted by Denis A. Frith. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in B flat

HOUGH-ON-THE-HILL, Lincs.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Wed., Sept. 3, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED DOUBLES
Comprising 42 extents in 14 methods—Stedman, All Saints', Rev. St. Bartholomew, St. Simon, St. Martin, St. Osmund, Eynesbury, St. Nicholas, Winchendon, St. Remigius, Huntley, Grandsire, Plain Bob, Rev. Canterbury—and 78 variations. Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.

*David A. Godfrey	Treble	†Roland W. Morant	4
Vaughan P. Evans	2	Peter A. Slight	5
*†Frank R. Morton	3	*Gordon K. Green	Tenor

Conducted by Peter A. Slight.
* First peal in 92 Doubles. † 25th together. 25th as conductor.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss P. Mary (Microbe) Cheesewright.

SEMPRINGHAM, Lincs.—At the Abbey Church of St. Andrew.
On Thurs., Sept. 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MINOR
Comprising seven extents in 16 methods: (1) Single and Double Court, (2) Double Oxford, Thelwall and Pinehurst, (3) St. Clement's, Childwall and Buxton, (4) St. Nicholas, Heatherslade and Gower, (5) Oxford and Kent T.B., (6) Single Oxford and Plain Bob, (7) Rev. Canterbury.

Gordon K. Green	Treble	David A. Godfrey	4
Vaughan P. Evans	2	Frank R. Morton	5
Roland W. Morant	3	Denis A. Frith	Tenor

Conducted by Denis A. Frith.
Most Minor methods by all the band except the conductor. First peal of 16-Minor as conductor. Tenor 7 cwt. 23 lb. in G sharp.

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THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
ALBURGH, Norfolk.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Fri., Sept. 5, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in G.

J. Barry Pickup	Treble	Frederick C. Gunton	5
Edwin R. Goate	2	David Ralls	6
Norman P. J. Cossey	3	J. Ian Margetts	7
Thomas J. Brock	4	Rev. Peter N. Bond	Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Edwin R. Goate.
Rung during the church Flower Festival.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
APPLETON, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Laurence
On Sat., Aug. 30, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E.

*Sylvia M. White	Treble	Norman H. Leslie	6
Edwin Drewitt	2	John W. T. Hibbert	7
†Stephen K. Thompson	3	Dennis A. Leslie	8
‡Vivian J. White	4	Brian R. White	9
Frank White	5	Francis A. White	Tenor

Composed by Albert M. Tyler. Conducted by Brian R. White.
* First peal. † First of Caters. ‡ First "inside."
Rung as a wedding compliment to Caroline Drewitt and Peter Hamp, and Angela Purbrick and Peter Watts.

READING, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Sat., Sept. 6, 1969, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 ST. GILES SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 21 lb.

*Howard E. J. Smith	Treble	*Michael Hatchett	5
Alan R. Pink	2	*Frank W. Lewis	6
William Birmingham	3	*Geoffrey K. Dodd	7
*Ronald K. Russ	4	*J. Keith Ward	Tenor

Composed by Harold G. Cashmore. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.
Rung for the Feast of St. Giles.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
DAVENTRY, Northants.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Sun., Aug. 31, 1969, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5031 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 19 cwt

Ronald G. Beck	Treble	S. Arthur Read	6
Eric Naylor	2	Gwilym Salmon	7
Graham C. Paul	3	Adrian P. Beck	8
Alan A. Paul	4	Edward J. Chivers	9
Philip H. D. Jones	5	Victor Savage	Tenor

Composed by J. E. Groves. Conducted by Gwilym Salmon.

EASTON NESTON, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., Sept. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb.

S. Arthur Read	Treble	Adrian P. Beck	5
Ronald G. Beck	2	Philip H. D. Jones	6
Gwilym Salmon	3	Eric Naylor	7
Victor Savage	4	Edward J. Chivers	Tenor

Composed by J. Topp. Conducted by Eric Naylor.

OUNDLE, Northants.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Mon., Sept. 1, 1969, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in D.

Alan J. Marks	Treble	Barry R. Care	5
John G. Mitchell	2	Edward C. Buckby	6
Richard J. Cowley	3	Peter M. Fleckney	7
J. Malcolm Tyler	4	Murray A. Coleman	Tenor

Composed by J. S. Wilde. Conducted by Murray A. Coleman.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Shelagh R. Collins and the Rev. Malcolm M. C. Melville, married at Bedford on August 9th, 1969.

YAXLEY, Hunts.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sun., June 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in F.

*J. Russell Charlton	Treble	John E. David	4
Alfred Waller	2	J. Malcolm Tyler	5
†John R. Riley	3	Raymond H. Daw	Tenor

Conducted by Raymond H. Daw.
* First peal. † First in seven methods.
Rung before Evensong on the Patronal Festival.

OLD FLETTON, Hunts.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Sat., July 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 21 extents each of Grandsire and Plain Bob.
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in A.

*Adrian J. Dolby	Treble	John E. David	3
†J. Russell Charlton	2	Roy W. Spencer	4
Raymond H. Daw	Tenor		

Conducted by Raymond H. Daw.
* First peal. † First "inside." Filrst of Doubles as conductor.
Rung for the Patronal Festival and as a diamond wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Hollowell (grandparents of Mrs. Wendy Daw)

GREAT GIDDING, Hunts.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Aug. 2, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 21 extents each of Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

Adrian J. Dolby	Treble	Robert J. Yeomans	3
*John R. Riley	2	John E. David	4
Raymond H. Daw	Tenor		

Conducted by Raymond H. Daw.
* First peal of Doubles. Believed to be the first peal on the bells.
Rung as a belated wedding compliment to Mr. D. F. Clack and Miss D. E. Yeomans, who were married at this church when the bells were unringable. Also a 40th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Yeomans (bride's parents).

STANGROUND, Hunts.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Aug. 9, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In three methods, being two extents each of Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B. and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

J. Russell Charlton	Treble	Bernard J. Branston	4
Frank E. Sismey	2	Frank T. Boyall	5
John R. Riley	3	Raymond H. Daw	Tenor

Conducted by Raymond H. Daw.
Rung as a wedding compliment to David Dolby (former chorister and server at this church) and Sandra Daniels.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
STRATTON, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sun., Aug. 3, 1969, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Washbrook's. Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in E flat.

Joan Beresford	Treble	Peter M. Wilkinson	5
Jane Foster	2	Michael H. O'Callaghan	6
Harry Stacey	3	Dennis Beresford	7
Norman Summerhayes	4	Stanley G. Ponting	Tenor

Conducted by Dennis Beresford.
Rung to mark the retirement this day of the Rev. L. W. Dodd, Vicar of this parish 1955–69.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
BROUGHTON, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Tues., Aug. 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

Stephen Yates	Treble	Richard J. Warrilow	5
Clive M. Smith	2	Ian Friend	6
Edward R. Fairbrother	3	Philip G. K. Davies	7
David G. J. Bates	4	Robert A. Partridge	Tenor

Conducted by Philip G. K. Davies.
First peal of Ashtead by all except the ringer of the 5th.

THE SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.
NOTTINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Peter with St. James.
On Sun., Sept. 7, 1969, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in E flat.

Philippa M. Tubbs	Treble	Jack L. Millhouse	7
Richard A. G. Inglis	2	Richard H. Youdale	8
Katharine J. Maundrell	3	Alan F. Scholfield	9
Rowan S. Bradley	4	Roland H. Cook	10
William T. Perrins	5	R. Kingsley Mason	11
Michael J. Church	6	S. Clarke Walters	Tenor

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Richard A. G. Inglis.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St Bartholomew, Edgbaston.
On Wed., Aug. 27, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 14 lb. in G.

John N. Lindon	Treble	James W. Belshaw	5
Maurice F. Edwards	2	Robert Edwards	6
A. Bryan Ellsmore	3	Bryan D. A. Woolley	7
Stephen W. Barton	4	J. Alan Ainsworth	Tenor

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

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew, Edgbaston.
On Wed., Sept. 3, 1969, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Eight-part. Tenor 10 cwt. 14 lb. in G.

John N. Lindon	Treble	David B. Flint	5
Maurice F. Edwards	2	Eric Spence	6
A. Bryan Ellsmore	3	J. Alan Ainsworth	7
Reginald H. Newton	4	Bryan D. A. Woolley	Tenor

Composed by Brian D. Price. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
HODNET, Salop.—At the Church of St. Luke.
On Mon., Sept. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5104 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 24 lb. in F.

Ernest F. Willcox	Treble	Ian Friend	5
S. Geoffrey Pick	2	Philip R. Johnson	6
Philip J. Evans	3	Richard C. Stevens	7
Alan M. Jones	4	Reginald H. Newton	Tenor

Composed by Simon Humphrey. Conducted by Richard C. Stevens.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Tues., July 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr 13 lb. in B.

J. Roderick N. Lebon	Treble	Peter L. R. Hayward	4
*Joan Carter	2	*Paul C. Selby	5
Andrew L. B. King	3	Trevor H. Kirkman	Tenor

Conducted by Andrew L. B King and Trevor H. Kirkman.
* First peal.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Wed., July 30, 1969, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

John Housden	Treble	Paul C. Selby	4
Pamela J. Clifton	2	Reginald J. Stretton	5
W. Gordon Marsh	3	Trevor H. Kirkman	Tenor

Conducted by Trevor H. Kirkman.

LOWDHAM, Notts.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Aug. 23, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 42 methods/variations, being one extent each of Winchendon Place Bob, St. Miles, St. Luke, St. John, Ryton, Plain Bob, Dedworth, Buttercup, Alvaston, Primrose, Tichborne, Violet, Windrush, Wollaston, Kennington, Seighford, April Day, Old, Rev. Canterbury, Broadwas, Cowslip, Honeysuckle, Marston, Old Swinford, Salwarpe, Wallflower, Wychbold, Southrepps, Little Aston, St. Columb, Clifford's Pleasure, Grandsire, Bluebell, Daffodil, St. Frideswide, Newborough, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Fortune, All Saints, Rushall and Marchington. Tenor 9 cwt. 14 lb. in G.

John R. Rigby	Treble	Richard J. Anthony	3
Pamela J. Clifton	2	*W. Gordon Marsh	4

H. Geoffrey Wells .. .. Tenor
Conducted by W. Gordon Marsh.
* 50th peal. Most methods by all the band and as conductor.
Rung as a compliment to Pamela J. Clifton, who has passed eight subjects in her G.C.E "O" levels.

LOWDHAM, Notts.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Tues., Aug. 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being eight extents each of Old, Seighford, Kennington, April Day and ten extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 14 lb. in G.

Patricia M. Hayward	Treble	John R. Rigby	3
Phillip K. Wilde	2	H. Geoffrey Wells	4

John R. Anthony .. .. Tenor
Conducted by H. Geoffrey Wells.
Rung as a birthday compliment to David W. Flower.

BABWORTH, Notts.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Wed., Aug. 27, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three extents of Oxford Bob and four of Plain Bob.
Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in A flat.

*Diana M. Mounsey	Treble	Raymond G. Fanthorpe	4
Harry Poyner	2	Philip Rogers	5
Paul N. Mounsey	3	†Bryan Birkett	Tenor

Conducted by Paul N. Mounsey.
* First peal (aged 13). † Has now "circled the tower" to peals.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. J. W. Hurst, the tower captain at Ordsall, and his wife to mark their 40th wedding anniversary.

RETFORD, Notts.—At the Church of St. Michael the Archangel.
On Mon., Sept. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents containing 186 calls, all singles.
Tenor 9 cwt. 6 lb. in A flat.

Harold Archer	Treble	John A. Coates	4
Bryan Birkett	2	Paul N. Mounsey	5
Harold Denman	3	Philip Rogers	Tenor

Conducted by Philip Rogers.

BINGHAM, Notts.—At the Church of St. Mary and All Saints.
On Wed., Aug. 27, 1969, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being six extents each of All Saints, Rushall, Marchington, Rev. Canterbury, Little Aston, Southrepps and St. Columb.
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 27 b. in F.

Patricia M. Hayward	Treble	H. Geoffrey Wells	4
Ruth Blackshaw	2	Maurice W. Harrison	5
Pamela J. Clifton	3	W. Gordon Marsh	Tenor

Conducted by Pamela J. Clifton.
Conductor's 25th peal and most methods as conductor.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. John Comer, churchwarden at this church.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile
On Wed., Aug. 27, 1969, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
In 11 methods: (1) Dionis Court Bob, (2) Dunkirk Court, (3) Bilborough Court Bob, Carrington Imperial Court Bob, (4) Whitemoor Court Bob, Radford Imperial Court Bob, Keighton Court, (5) Sherwood Court, (6) Sutton Passeys Court, Wollaton Court, (7) Ledbury Court. Tenor 6½ cwt. in B.

C. Richard Daft	Treble	Denis A. Frith	4
Peter A. Slight	2	Simon Humphrey	5
William L. Exton	3	George A. Dawson	Tenor

Conducted by Simon Humphrey.
The naming of the 99 Plain Minor methods has now been completed

Dionis Court Bob:	36.14—36.14.56.	4ths.	45362.
Dunkirk Court:	36.14—16—16.	4ths.	46325
Bilborough Court Bob:	—1456—16—56.	4ths.	45362.
Carrington Imperial Court Bob:	—1456—16.34.56.	4ths.	45362
Whitemoor Court Bob:	56.14—16—56.	4ths.	45362.
Radford Imperial Court Bob:	56.14—16.34.56.	4ths.	45362
Keighton Court:	56.14—16—36.	4ths.	46325
Sherwood Court:	56.14—1236—16.	4ths.	62534
Sutton Passeys Court:	—1456—1236—16.	4ths.	62534.
Wollaton Court:	—16—1236—16.	4ths.	62534.
Ledbury Court:	—14—16—36	4ths.	45362.

2nds place bobs used throughout.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
GLASTONBURY, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Benedict.
On Thurs., Aug. 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Comprising one extent each of Beverley Surprise, Double Court Bob, Oxford T.B., Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's College Bob, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 39 lb. in F sharp.

Rosemary E. White	Treble	Stephen J. Bedford	4
Richard A. Hunt	2	J. Barry Pickup	5
Norman P. J. Cossey	3	Trevor N. J. Bailey	Tenor

Conducted by J. Barry Pickup.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
FAIRWARP, Sussex.—At Christ Church.
On Sat., July 12, 1969, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
A PEAL OF 5152 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15¼ cwt.

Frank H. Hicks	Treble	John Pladdys	5
Valerie J. Howard	2	Richard Hayes	6
Judith M. Corby	3	Tony Lewis	7
Derek Slater	4	John A. Howard	Tenor

Composed by Simon A B. Wigg. Conducted by John A. Howard.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.
SWANSEA.—At 148, Chemical Road, Morriston.
On Mon., July 28, 1969, in 2 Hours.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor size 14 in D.

Lawrence C. Hanney	1–2	Maureen J. Carruthers	3–4
J Arthur Hoare (cond.)	5–6		

Rung to celebrate the engagement of Maureen J. Carruthers and Lawrence C. Hanney, and also to mark the departure from the district of Lawrence C. Hanney.

THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.
EDGBASTON, Birmingham.—In Discussion Room 2, The Students' Union.
On Sat., June 14, 1969, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5000 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR
In six methods, including Plain Bob, Double Bob, Gainsborough Little Bob, Wellington Little Court, Little Bob, St. Clement's College, with 148 changes of method.
Traditional. Tenor size 11 in G.

John S. Hopwood	1–2	Robert M. Chambers	5–6
Christopher I. Rowson	3–4	*Peter G. Holden	7–8

Composed by Geoffrey Dodds, Richard J. Parker, James R. White and Christopher I. Rowson Conducted by Christopher I. Rowson.
* First peal of Spliced Major on handbells.

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DORRINGTON—MOORBY.—The engagement is announced between Richard Bryan Dorrington, of Bilston, Staffordshire, and Bryony Pamela Heather Moorby, of Kingston upon Thames, Surrey. 7820

QUARTLEY—HOAR.—The engagement is announced between Charles P. Quartley and Jennifer M. Hoar, both of Trowbridge, Wilts. 7846

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ASHFORD.—The address of Michael and Felicity is now Barley Mow, Moor Monkton, York, YO5 8JA. Telephone: Rufforth 384. 7830

BOSWORTH, P.—Bos has inflicted himself on London again where his term-time address is Commonwealth Hall, Cartwright Gardens, W.C.1. Tel.: 01-387 4967 (Room 4-30). 7822

GIBSON.—Stewart and Pearl now live at 42, Townsend Crescent, Morpeth, Northumberland. Friends and ringers will be welcomed. 7810

HATFIELD.—The address of Lyndon (Henry) and Dianne is now 23, Beaumont Rise, Fareham, Hants. Tel.: Fareham 81862. All ringing friends welcome. 7837

KNOX.—The address of Dennis, Sybil and family is now 40, Princes Road, Felixstowe, Suffolk. Tel. No. Felixstowe 6544. 7854

ONGLEY.—The address of Anne and Bernard is c/o 85, Withers Avenue, Orford, Warrington, Lancs. Tel. Warrington 35857 7841

SKILTON.—Tony's term-time address is: Christ Church College, Canterbury, Kent. 7852

PERSONAL

"And all thy children shall be taught of the Lord, and great shall be the peace of thy children."—Isaiah liv., 13.

Mr. Martin L. Howe is still living at 83, College Road. His copy was returned to this office because of the stencil becoming worn. It is regretted that this was not detected at the time.

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BATH UNIVERSITY SOCIETY welcomes all ringers coming up this term. Please contact Peter J. W. Hardwick, Room IW.4035, for information of our activities.

LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY welcomes all freshers. The first practice of term will be from 6–7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 10th, at St. Francis Xavier's. Ringing for the Freshers' Service at the Cathedral 6–7 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 12th. 7844

RINGERS coming up to University College, Cardiff, this term, are invited to join in the ringing at Llandaff Cathedral: Sunday, 10.15–11, 2.30–3.30, 5.30–6; P.N., Tuesday, 7.15–9. 7708

THE UNIVERSITY OF LEICESTER SOCIETY welcomes all freshers. Meet us at the Freshers Bazaar or at St. Mary-de-Castro's (Leicester) at 7.30 p.m., Monday, Oct. 6th. If you'd like further information please write to Ann H. Whaley, Ornsby Hill House, Lanchester, Durham 7700

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY is pleased to welcome all freshers. First practice of term at St. Michael-on-the-Mount's, Friday, Oct. 3rd, at 5 p.m. 7811

MISCELLANEOUS

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Striking competition. This will be held at Holy Trinity, Morecambe, on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Names for tea to me by Wednesday, Oct. 8th.—F. Reynolds, 38, Windsor Avenue, Whitefield, Manchester, M25 6BA. 7706

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Saturday, Oct. 11th, Half-day ringing school at Barrow-on-Humber, 1.30 to 8 p.m. Details from C. A. Harrison, Greetwell Crossroads, Kirton Lindsey. Phone: Scawby 295 7748

LLANDAFF CATHEDRAL.—From Sunday, Oct. 5th, Cathedral Evensong will begin at 4 p.m. Therefore ringing from that date will be from 3–4 p.m. 7853

ST. THOMAS'S CHURCH, STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—Dedication of restored and augmented ring of ten bells by the Lord Bishop of Worcester on Sunday, Oct. 19th, 6.30 p.m. Ringing after the service. All welcome. All enquiries re the bells to M. D. Fellows, Tower Sec., 14, Western Road, Stourbridge. 7786

WANTED.—An odd bell out of an old set, 4½" dia., approx. Damaged at base or marked will do.—Webster, 27, Conway Drive, Wrexham, Denbighshire. 7812

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ANNUAL DINNER AND DANCE
In the Shire Hall, Chelmsford
On Saturday, October 18th
6.15 for 6.45 p.m. Tickets 30/-.
S.a.e. to P. J. Eves, 8, Lordship Road, by Wednesday, October 15th 7723

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL DINNER DANCE
Saturday, October 25th, at 7.30 p.m.
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Guests: The Mayor and Mayoress of Chester, Alderman and Mrs. R. E. France-Hayhurst, and the Lord Bishop of Chester (the Rt. Rev. G. A. Ellison, D.D.) and Mrs. Ellison. 7535

Informal dress.

All Saints', Gainsborough, Lincs.
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October 3rd, 4th and 5th
Bells (8, tenor 19-1-23) available on Saturday, Oct. 4th, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. All visitors welcome. Bands may book times by writing to Mr. C. H. Baker, 29, Tennyson Street, Gainsborough. 7818

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Cambridgeshire
Dedication of the new treble bell
Sunday, October 12th
at 3 o'clock.
Ringing for all afterwards.
Tea available. 7816

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Saturday, October 18th

At 7 p.m.

Tarry's Banqueting Rooms, Harpole Turn, Harpole.

Tickets, £1 10s. each and c.w.o., to be obtained from E. Billings, 61, Melville Street, Northampton, by Wednesday, October 8th. 7709

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

332ND ANNIVERSARY DINNER

November 1st, 1969

The 332nd Anniversary Dinner will be held on Saturday, November 1st, 1969 (6 for 6.30 p.m.), at Walbrook Restaurant (Cotillion Room entrance), Bucklersbury House, Walbrook, London, E.C., the Master, Mr. A. N. Stubbs, in the chair. Reception room and bar open at 5.30 p.m

Tickets (35/-) from hon. secretary

Remittances to be made payable to the Society.

Ringing arrangements will be published later.—J. G. A. Prior, Hon. Sec., 21a, Fieldhouse Road, London, S.W.12. 7648

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL DINNER

Saturday, October 25th

at 6.15 for 6.30 p.m.

The Trinity Ballroom, Worcester

Tickets (18/6) from Branch secretaries and general secretary by Oct. 21st.

All Saints', 4–5.30 p.m.

St. Swithun's, 5–6 p.m.

D. Beacham, Gen. Sec., The Lea, Hallow, Worcester. 7856

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PRACTICE MEETINGS

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting, Kirdford (6), Saturday, Oct. 11th Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Evening ringing 6–8.30. Please notify for tea R Wake, 28, Keynor Estate, Sidlesham, Chichester. 7860

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Christchurch and Southampton District.—Practice meeting, Fawley, Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 5 Tea 5.30 p.m. in Church Hall Lymington bells (8) in evening. Names for tea to Mr. L. V. Smith, 10, Springfield Grove, Holbury, Southampton, SO4 1LL, by previous Wednesday.—Gilian W. Davis, Dis. Sec 7840

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

CHIPPING NORTON AREA RINGING FESTIVAL

Saturday, October 11th, 1969

FESTIVAL SERVICE, Ascott-under-Wychwood, 4 p.m.

Preacher: The BISHOP OF DORCHESTER.

All visitors welcome.

RINGING ARRANGEMENTS:

9.30–11.00	Hook Norton (8)	3.30	Service Ringing
10.00–11.30	Chipping Norton (8)	4.00	FESTIVAL SERVICE
10.30–12.00	Enstone (6)	5.00–6.30	Ascott-under-Wychwood (6)
11.00–12.30	Charlbury (6)	6.00–7.30	Churchill (6)
11.30– 1.30	Spelsbury (6)	6.30–8.00	Kingham (8)
12.30– 2.00	Chadlington (6)	7.00–8.30	Little Compton (5)
1.00– 2.30	Leafield (6)	7.30–9.00	Great Rollright (6)
1.30– 3.00	Burford (8)	7.30–9.00	Hook Norton (8)
2.00– 3.30	Shipton-under-Wychwood (8)	7.30–9.00	Chipping Norton (8)
2.30– 3.30	Ascott-under-Wychwood (6)		

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MEETINGS

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Archdeaconry.—Monthly meeting at Napton-on-the-Hill, Saturday Oct. 4th Bells (6) 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by more ringing. Also Priors Marston (6) 2.15–3.15 p m Everyone welcome.—H. A. M. 7785

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Darlington, Saturday, Oct. 4th. Ringing: St. John's, 2–3.30; St. Cuthbert's, 3–4 and in evening; Holy Trinity, 4–4.30 and in evening. Service 4.30 at Holy Trinity and tea 5.15 in Holy Trinity Hall. Business to follow tea. Names for tea to Mr. R. Park, 38, Swaledale Avenue, Darlington (Tel. 68108). 7779

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Evening meeting, Isleham, Saturday, Oct. 4th. Bells (6) 6.30–8.30 p.m. Please support the Harvest Flower Festival at Willingham 7778

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting, Thorpe-le-Soken (6), Oct. 4th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. Downs, Church Cottage, Thorpe-le-Soken. 7769

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Meeting and contest, Ripponden, on Saturday, Oct. 4th. Draw 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. Linfoot, The Mount, Wistions Lane, Elland.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting at St. Ippolyts (6), Saturday, Oct. 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Cups of tea provided. Offley (6), 6.30–8.30 p.m.—Mrs. C. A. Agg, Dis. Sec. 7787

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Annual business meeting at Edenbridge (8), Oct. 4th, Ringing from 2.30, followed by service, tea and meeting. 7726

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Monthly meeting, Oct. 4th, at St. Michael's, Blackburn. Ringing 2.30–5 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Business meeting follows. Further ringing at Holy Trinity, Darwen, 6–8.30 p.m. Visitors welcome.—Maurice Hill, Branch Sec. 7836

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—**Change of venue.** Meeting, Bourne, Saturday, Oct. 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Hartley, Hereward Café, South Street, Bourne, Lincs.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 7789

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—South West District.—Business meeting and ringing, Ruislip, Saturday, Oct. 4th, 6–8.30 p.m. Harefield not available.—M. J. Palmer. 7842

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

The Autumn General Meeting will be held at Witney on Saturday, Oct. 4th, at 2.30 p.m., in the Masonic Hall, Witney. There is parking accommodation behind the Hall Tea will be 5s. per person. Names for tea, together with remittance and s.a.e., to Miss D. J. Pollard, 49, Foxborough Road, Radley, Abingdon, Berks. not later than Wednesday, Oct. 1st

2.30 p.m. Meeting in the Masonic Hall, Witney.
4.30 p.m. Tea.
6.00 p.m. Service in St. Mary's Church, Witney.

Ringing arrangements.—These will be sent with the tea tickets or on receipt of s.a.e. to Miss D J Pollard. 7781

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Calne Branch.—Meeting, Heddington, Saturday, Oct. 4th. Names for tea to Mr. D. Hacker, Down View, Heddington, Calne, Wilts. 7815

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Eastrington, Saturday, Oct. 4th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea (mod. charge) 5 p.m. Names please, to Mrs. J. Bradshaw, High Street, Eastrington, Goole.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 7848

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, East Retford (10), Saturday, Oct. 4th. Ringing 3-4.30 p.m. and after tea and Evensong till 8 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. H. Poyner, The Old Vicarage, Sturton-le-Steeple, Retford.—R. Fletcher, Hon. Sec. 7793

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—**(Correction)** Annual Goose Fair meeting on Saturday, Oct. 4th. St. Mary's (10), 3 p.m.. St. Peter's (12), 6 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—S. Adams. 7551

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Meeting, Lower Beeding, Saturday, Oct. 4th. (Not Parkfield or Coleman's Hatch.) Ringing 3 p.m Tea 4.30. Service 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. J. Osbon, 79, Blount Avenue, East Grinstead. Tel.: 23815.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD — Andover District. — Saturday, Oct. 4th, quarterly meeting. Upper Clatford (6). 2.30 p.m. Goodworth Clatford available after tea. Names for tea to Mr. B. Pickford, 8, Murray Close, Andover, Hants. District striking competition at Goodworth Clatford. Draw 2 p.m. 7703

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Branch practice on Monday, Oct. 6th, Bampton (8), 7.30 p.m.—E. Venn, Branch Sec 7783

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting, Oct. 7th, at the Lord Raglan, St. Martin's-le-Grand, E.C., at 8.15 p.m. Practices: Oct. 7th, St. Paul's Cathedral: Oct. 14th, St. Mary-le-Bow; Oct. 21st, St. Andrew's, Holborn; Oct. 28th, Southwark Cathedral; all at 6.30 p.m.—J. G. A Prior. 7832

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Annual dinner, County Hotel, Taunton, October 11th, 7 p.m. Tickets 22/6 from R. F. Arscott, 25, Greenbrook Terrace, Taunton, before Oct. 6th. S.a.e., please. Ringing at Holy Trinity 5.30-6, Wilton 5.30-6.30. 7710

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District — Meeting, Northill (6), 3-4.45 p.m. Biggleswade (8), evening, Saturday, Oct. 11th. Own arrangements for tea. Business meeting, Biggleswade belfry, 6 p.m., followed by ringing. 7858

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Oct 11th, North Cave (6), 2.30-4 p.m. Service, tea and meeting at North Ferriby (6). Bells 4.30-5 p.m. and after meeting. Names for tea to Mr. W. B. Chapman, 7, Corby Park, North Ferriby, by previous Wednesday 7845

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting, Worplesdon, Saturday, **Oct. 11th**. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Notifications for tea to Mr. J. Collier, Crimscote, Fox Corner, Worplesdon, by previous Wednesday, please.—S. J. Tate-Mitchell, Dis. Sec. 7829

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Annual District meeting, All Saints', Maidstone, Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Meeting 6 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. T. Cullingworth, 45, Holtye Crescent, Maidstone. 7834

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Ashford District.—Annual District meeting, Ashford, Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea only for those who notify Miss M. Jones, 30, Park Road, Ashford (Tel. 25388), by Thursday, Oct. 9th. Result of "Tidy Tower" competition to be announced.—A. P. S. B 7825

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District. — The annual District meeting will be held on Oct. 11th at St. Dunstan's, Canterbury. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Parish Hall. All names for tea to Mr. D. C. Chatfield, 104, Shipman Avenue, Canterbury, by previous Wednesday. Ringing arrangements: Canterbury — St. Dunstan's, 2.30-4.15 p.m.: St. Stephen's, 2.45-3.45 p.m.; in evening after meeting at Canterbury Cathedral. 7858

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Half-yearly meeting, Ulverston, Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30 p.m. Meeting after tea in the Parish Hall Names for tea to Mr. V. Martin, 21, Oubas Hill, Ulverston.—T. F. Metcalfe 7798

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. — Meeting, Milnrow, Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m Please make own arrangements for tea.—G. Cheetham. 7827

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Ilston-on-the-Hill, Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 7849

LEICESTER GUILD.—Melton District.—Evening meeting at Somerby (6), on Oct. 11th (week-end Festival of Flowers and Music). Ringing 6-8.30 p.m., followed by a hot supper at a reasonable charge.—S. N. Hall, Dis. Sec. 7814

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION. — Monmouth Branch.—Meeting at Blaenavon, Oct. 11th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m Tea and business. Names, please, as soon as possible.—J. S. King, The Cedar Tiles, High Beech Lane, Chepstow, Mon. 7796

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, Oct 11th, St. James', Clerkenwell Green, 4-5 p.m.; St Giles', Cripplegate, 6.30-8 p.m. No business. Own tea. Nearest tubes Farringdon Street and Moorgate.—M. R. W., Sec. 7823

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Monthly practice meeting for Western Deaneries at Honingham, Saturday, Oct. 11th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Bring picnic teas 7847

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Annual general meeting, Newbury, Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to R. Pike, 30, Kingsbridge Road, Newbury. 7859

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Flore (6), Saturday, Oct. 11th. Names for tea important to Mr. R. Fonge, 16, The Avenue, Flore, by Monday previous.—I. Webb 7843

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.—Quarterly meeting and striking competition at King's Norton (10) on Oct 11th. Competition ringing at 15.00 prompt Service 17.15 Tea for those who notify R. J. Tibbetts, 54, Sandringham Road, Birmingham, 22B (Phone: 021-356 4509), by previous Wednesday 7822

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Meeting, Wellington (8), Saturday, Oct. 11th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Ringing in evening to approx. 8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. Archer, 8, Morville Drive, Wellington, Salop, by Wednesday, Oct. 8th. Methods: Beginners, Plain Bob Major; brighter ones, Cambridge Surprise Major. 7835

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Meeting, East Bridgford, Oct. 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to W. L. Exton, St. Ouens, Whatton, by Wednesday previous. 7826

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—A.G.M. at Elveden (8), Saturday, Oct 11th. Bells 2.30-9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting follows Names for tea, **please**, to Mrs. J Paul, 45, London Road, Elveden, Brandon, Suffolk.—A. F. Ballam, Dis. Sec. 7800

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Banstead, Oct. 11th. Tea and meeting 4.30 p.m. Service 6. Tea for first 35 who notify Mr. H. N. Pitstow, Saffron, High Street, Banstead, by previous Wednesday. No name, no tea. Ringing arrangements: Mortlake, 10-10.45; Barnes, St. Mary, Lambeth, 10.30-11.15; Battersea, 11 a.m.-12 noon; Thames Ditton, Wimbledon, 1.30-2.15; Beddington, 1.45-2.30; Christ Church, Mitcham, 2-2.45; St. Martin's, Epsom, 2.30-3.15; Banstead, 3-4.30 and 6.30-8 p.m. — N. Thomson, Asst. Dis. Sec. 7850

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

QUARTERLY MEETING

Saturday, October 11th

Clapham Park (8), 3-4.30 p.m.
Tea at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting

Evening ringing to be announced.

Names for tea to J. S. Barnes, 56, Leamington Avenue, Orpington, Kent, BR6 9QB.

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WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Alton and Petersfield District. — Quarterly meeting, Chawton, Oct. 11th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in Village Hall. Bells in the evening until 7 p.m. Numbers for tea, please, by Oct. 6th.—C. E. Bassett, 85, Brook Lane, Warsash. Tel. Lockheath 2404. 7833

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. — Southern Branch.—Annual meeting, Bredons Norton, Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells (6) 3-4.30 p.m., followed by service, tea and business. Further ringing afterwards. Overbury (6) available from 6.45-8.30 p.m. Names for tea to A. C Berry, 25, Priest Lane, Pershore. 7771

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting, Sawston (8), on the **third** Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Short business meeting, more ringing.—J. S. 7817

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Eastington (6), Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (2/6 per head) 5 p.m. Stonehouse also available after tea. Names and money for tea (no money or name, **no tea**) to P. Screen, 22, Springfield, Hardwicke, Gloucester, GL2 6PX, by Tues., 14th, please. 7851

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire District.—Meeting, Horncastle, Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. H. Bennett, Cemetery Lodge, Horncastle, Lincs. — A. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding. 7855

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Annual District meeting, Northfleet, Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to R. Thompson, 4, Springhead Road, Northfleet, by previous Wednesday.—T. Barton. 7839

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY. — Evening practice meeting at Great Barr, near Walsall, Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells (6) available 6.30 p.m. All welcome.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 7764

LATE NOTICE

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—The October meeting will be held at Thurnby on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 Tea 5 p.m. in the Memorial Hall. Names for tea, please, to Mr. J. Pawley, 8, Anthony Drive, Thurnby, by Wednesday previous. Humberstone bells open for ringing from 2.30 to 3.15 p.m 7861

WHITNEY-ON-WYE, HEREFORDS. — On Aug. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): F. C. Turner (first quarter) 1, M. M. Turner 2, C. A. Lewis (cond.) 3, T. Bounds 4, J. Hope 5.

WHITSTONE, CORNWALL.—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Sangwin 1, Mrs. M. A. Large 2, R. A. Large 3, H. Stacey 4, H. Trewin 5, W. J. V. Conduct (cond.) 6. To celebrate the first birthday of Jonathan Noel Large.

WHITTLESFORD, CAMBS.—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. A. Currell (first Minor) 1, R. Collins 2, F. Harper 3, Marion Kemp 4, Jean Sanderson 5, B. J. Couzens (cond.) 6. To celebrate the birthday of ringer of 1.

KINGSTON UPON THAMES, SURREY.—On Aug. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Katharine Salvage 1, Lesley A. Hawes 2, Ann V. Salvage 3, J. P. Hull 4 C. D. Collin (cond.) 5, B. J. Stone 6. For Evensong. Also on Aug. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ann V. Salvage 1, J. P. Hull 2, Lesley A. Hawes 3, Katharine Salvage 4, C. D. Collin 5, M. J. Green 6, B. J. Stone (cond.) 7, P. T. Selwood 8. For Evensong, and as a farewell to Rev. George Farmer on leaving for Heston Middx; also a farewell to Kay and Colin Tee on their departure from the Druid's Head, Kingston.

LINCOLN.—On Aug. 10th, at the Church of St. Mary-le-Wigford, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: I. M Minns 1, Dianne Davis (first "Inside") 2, Vivienne West 3, J. Parkin (cond.) 4. For the flower festival in aid of the Muhiple Sclerosis Society. Also on Aug. 30th, 1,272 Plain, Reverse and Double Bob Minimus: Pam Franklin 1, I. M. Minns 2, Susan Faull 3, J. Parkin (cond.) 4. Also on Sept. 7th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: Lyn Avery 1, Dianne Davis 2, A. W. Froggatt 3, J. Parkin (cond.) 4. For the Patronal Festival.

LITTLE HOUGHTON, NORTHANTS.—On Aug. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): E. Hastings 1, A. J. Henman 2, C. E. Stanton 3, L. Battison 4, R. Henman (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. F. Robinson, former ringer of this parish.

MIDDLETON STONEY, OXON.—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: H. E. Clifton 1, C. W. J. East 2, R. J. Corker 3, R. J. Harris (first quarter) 4, C H. Kinch (cond.) 5, G. R. James 6.

NEWCHURCH, KENT. — On Aug. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): W. Beeching 1, Mrs. Wratten 2, Judith Brooks 3, Elizabeth Todd (cond.) 4, R. Offen 5, L. Beeching 6. Also on Aug. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (seven methods): R. P. Brotherston 1, M. J. Taylor 2, B. G. Butcher 3, H. P. Yates 4, Elizabeth Todd (cond.) 5, L. W. Beeching 6. A compliment to Ann Barber and Alan Berry, married the previous day at Folkestone.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS. — On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): R. Le Marechal 1, Linda V. Cull 2, J. P. Colliss (cond.) 3, R. S. Parratt 4, D. R. Fallick 5, I. M. McCallion (first quarter) 6. Rung on the front six.

OKEFORD FITZPAINE, DORSET.—On July 31st, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Susan M. Corry 1, Ben Ridout 2, Bert Ridout 3, Bob Ridout 4, M. J. Corry 5, T. G. Bleathman (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. W. C. West, president of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

OTTERSHAW, SURREY.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Sally Holmes 1, R. L. Pashly 2, J. M. Warinton 3, P. V. W. Feast ("circled the tower" as cond.) 4, J. P. Ladd 5, A. Tanner 6. First Stedman Doubles for all the band. Rung for Evensong. Also on Sept. 16th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: J. M. Warinton 1-2, P. V. W. Feast (cond.) 3-4. First of Minimus on handbells.

RAYNE, ESSEX.—On Sept. 13th 1,272 Kent T.B. Minor: S. Sudbury 1, J. Green 2, M. Hunter 3, R. Threadgold 4, H. Moore 5, R. Lindsell (cond.) 6. First in method 1, 2, 3 and 4.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At St. Stephen's Church, on Sept. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Valerie Urban 1. K. J. Darvill 2, Rosemary Urban 3, R. K. Bickerton 4, A. Ewer 5, S. D. Chandler (first as cond. and of Minor) 6. For the Flower Festival.

SHELFORD, NOTTS.—On June 1st, 1,260 Doubles: A Lazzerini 1, F. Bradley 2, Mrs. D. Bradley 3, D. Lazzerini 4, B. Mills (cond.) 5. Also on June 29th, 1,379 Minster Doubles: Same band. Also on July 20th, 1,260 Doubles (Rev. Canterbury and Grandsire): R. Mills 1, A. Lazzerini 2, Mrs. C. Mills 3, D. Lazzerini 4, B. Mills (cond.) 5. Also on Aug. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods): R. Mills 1, Mrs. C. Mills 2, F. Bradley 3, D. Lazzerini 4, B. Mills (cond.) 5. Also on Sept. 7th, 1,260 St. Owen Place: A. Lazzerini 1, B. Mills (cond.) 2, Mrs. D. Bradley 3, F. Bradley 4, D. Lazzerini 5. All for Evensong.

SOUTHBROOM, Devizes, WILTS.—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. J. Sampson 1, G. H. Harding (cond.) 2, E. R. Gotham 3, E. E. Frampton 4, E. H. Nash 5, T. J. Setter 6. First quarter of Doubles rung by the conductor for 59 years.

STAFFORD.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: K. Daniels (first in method) 1, Ruth Fairbrother 2, R. B. Partridge 3, E. Fairbrother 4, Robert J. Warrilow 5, A. E. Garbett 6, R. J. Warrilow (cond.) 7, J. Evans 8. For Evensong on Battle of Britain Sunday.

QUARTER PEALS

STAPLEHURST, KENT. — On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Crawley 1, Miss B. Tomlin 2, Miss J. Gilder (cond.) 3, Miss F. Tomlin 4, T. Chainey 5, B. Mitchell 6. Rung in honour of Mr. B. Mitchell's (captain) 70th birthday. First quarter by a local band since World War II.

STOKE POGES, BUCKS. — On Sept. 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Bro. C. W. Denyer (Wm. Cobbett 7914) 1, Bro. T. G. Bannister (Hillingdon 3174) 2, W. Bro. A. D. Barker, L.G.R. (St. Clement Danes 1351) (cond.) 3, W. Bro. F. G. Baldwin (Reading 2090) 4, W. Bro. W. H. Coles (Hillingdon 3174) 5, Bro. E. R. Gotham (Hillingdon 3174) 6, Bro. H. P. Reed (Sir Bevis 5072) 7, Bro. P. S. Venn (Sursum Corda 6367) 8. In memoriam the Earl of Scarbrough on the day of the memorial service at St. Paul's Cathedral.

UPHAM, HANTS.—On Sept. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Shirley Bremner 1, Mrs. E. W. Colley 2, J. Hallett 3, E. W. Colley (cond.) 4, R. E. V. Cockle 5, Jacqueline Miles 6. Rung as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Annels. Mr. Annels is churchwarden at Upham.

TOTTERNHOE, BEDS. — On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, St. Simon's and Grandsire): F. J. Cook 1, June Sinfield 2, R. J. Scott 3, P. Aslett 4, J. W. Sinfield (cond.) 5, W. F. Gladman 6. For the Patronal Festival.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On Sept. 14th, 1,253 Grandsire Cinques: Linda West (first Cinques) 1, Glynis E. Perry 2, Susan F. Thomas 3, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 4, Laura Grindrod 5, June Whitcher 6, R. Burberry 7, G. Walker 8, R. J. Chapman 9, H. H. N. Duncan 10, J. Murfitt 11, M. C. Austin 12. For Matins.

WARBLETON, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Gillian Eldridge (first Minor) 1, Janet Blake 2, P. Pope 3, Christine Baldock 4, G. Beeney 5, A. Baldock (25th Minor as cond.) 6. Rung in honour of the birth of a son (Michael David) to David and Sybil McLean.

WARMINSTER, WILTS. — On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. C. Shepherd 1, Rosalind Payne 2, V. Bull 3, Rev. R. Keeley 4, L. Hawkins 5, E. E. Norris (cond.) 6, N. Knee 7, P. Roynon 8. Rung for Evensong at the Festival of Bells, and as a compliment to ringer of 4, who preached the sermon.

WHITTLESFORD, CAMBS. — On Sept. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. York-Moore (first quarter) 1, F. Harper 2, R. Collins 3, Marion Kemp 4, Jean Sanderson 5, B. J. Couzens (cond.) 6.

PRINCIPLES OF INSTRUCTION

Bell Handling and Control

By "The College"

(Collated by A. York-Bramble)

(Continued from page 759)

(4) Drills and Exercises. Over 60 of these have been developed and applied successfully. The **drills** are movements carried out with a "dead" rope, "D", i.e., bell in lowered position, or even independently of a rope; while **exercises** are mainly on a "live" rope, i.e., with bell raised. In the list that follows all exercises prior to No. 52 are "silenced", and all "live" ones are indicated by "L/ ". "L/S" means live but silenced, and "L/O" means live but open. Limited space here prevents detailed description of each and every drill and exercise—this is given in "Manual I" referred to previously; but here, in some cases, the title together with outline description is sufficient to enable a competent and experienced ringer to interpret the reference, and introduce the work, checked by the list of faults mentioned later.

Ex. or Drill	Title and Description	Character
1.	Making rope-tie.	—D
2.	Chiming to get "bell-feel".	—D
3.	Taking position at rope. (See "Preliminaries".)	—D
4.	Taking Stance. (See "Preliminaries".)	—D
5.	"Lower" hand thumb-clutch of rope-end, and retention test.	—D
6.	Lower hand grip of sally, with rope-end.	—D
7.	"Upper" hand grips, rope-end and sally.	—D
8.	Grips contact.	—D
9.	Upper hand **immediate** transfer of grip.	—D
10.	The reach-up. (Arms straight and heels up.)	—D
11.	Safety release drill. (Instructor retrieving released rope.)	—D
12.	"Balance and set" drill (hand)*.	—D
13.	"Balance and set" drill (back).	—D
	*(Bell—lowered—just pulled out of vertical hang.)	
	(For 13, rope-end held up by tutor on chair.)	
14.	"Hand-ring drill." (For promoting dead-vertical pull. Hands make ring round rope hanging vertically. Full-up-and-down arm movement; slow, then fast, with no rope disturbance.)	—D
15.	Back-stroke pull. (Tutor on chair to hold up rope.)	—D
16.	Back-stroke rise. (Keep a little weight on, for taut rope.)	—D
17.	Handstroke pull and release. (Use dummy rope-end.)	—D
18.	Backstroke pull and handstroke rise. (Catch. For this use old rope cut off about 4 feet above sally. Mark sally catch-point with white elastic "serviette ring". Instructor operates from chair.)	
19.	Complete stroke-cycle. (Drills 15 to 18 all in.) (Instructor working rope from chair.)	
	Note.—Drills 15 to 19 are particularly useful for nervous pupils. The real benefit is that all rope movement can be simulated in absolute safety, and as slowly as desired. Able pupils proceed from 14 to 20 direct.	
20.	(L/S) Backstroke pull and backstroke rise. (Instructor catching sally and pulling off.)	L/S
21.	Handstroke pull and release. (Pupil using dummy rope-end and instructor the real rope-end, and catching sally.)	L/S
22.	Add handstroke-catch to Exercise 21.	L/S
23.	Pupil takes real rope-end and performs complete cycle of the four strokes.	L/S
24.	Hunting by rhythmic hand-clapping. (See New Feature No. 7 elsewhere. Concept of Hunting.)	
25.	Ex. 24 with pupils calling bell positions.	
26.	Rhythmic hunting on handbells. (Single-hand.)	
27.	Bell Control practice, introducing effects of drills 3 to 10 inclusive; also 14, by full use of arm-joints, i.e., shoulder, elbow and wrist, promoting dead-vertical rise and fall of rope.	L/S
28.	Bell balancing at hand.	L/S
29.	Bell balancing at back	L/S
30.	Bell setting from balance, hand and back.	L/S

(To be continued)

COMPOSITIONS

SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR
720 in 8 methods
By R. D. BAILEY

23456

45236 KBQ
42356 NPHPKCC
35426 KBKCC | A
34256 IBKCC | A
23456 A

K=King Edward
B=Bourne
Q=Queen Mary
N=Norfolk
P=Primrose
H=Hull
C=Cambridge
I=Ipswich

720 in 11 methods
By M. S. BRUCE

23456

52436 LXOXB
34256 XXLXB
Twice repeated.

L=Linden
O=Westminster, Allendale, or Fryerning
B=Bamborough
X=Broomfield, Fyfield, Luton, Rhyl, Ripley, or Thorne

720 in 9 methods
By M. S. BRUCE

23456

24536 EXYOX
42356 EEEOE
Twice repeated.

E=Eastwood
Y=York
O=Beverley or Surfleet
X=Appleby, Beighton, Redcar, Hatfield, Pattiswick, or Terling

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23456

54326 OXNXX
42356 OXSXN
Twice repeated.

O=Chester or Munden
N=Netherwood
S=Sandiacre
X=Chester-le-Street, Sleaford, Grantham, Bangor, Orsett, or Upshire

720 in 9 methods
By M. S. BRUCE

23456

52436 CLOXC
34256 LCLXX
Twice repeated.

C=Coldstream
L=Gainsborough
O=Lincoln
X=Purleigh, Quendon, Bakewell, Minehead, Retford, or Spalding

720 in 6 methods
By M. S. BRUCE

23456

25346 LBXBX
34256 XWXBX
Twice repeated.

L=Langleybury
B=Brentford
W=Wooler
X=a, b, or c

a: 34—36.14—12—36—12—3 6ths
b: 34—36.14—12—36.12—12.3 6ths
c: 34—36.14—12—1236—12—3 6ths

N.B.—Alternative names for some of the methods:—
Luton—(College Bob V)
Rhyl—(Redding Bob)
Lincoln—(Old Lincoln)
Gainsborough—(Lincoln)

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ST. PETER'S CHURCH, NORTHAMPTON

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OUR COVER PICTURE

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, NORTHAMPTON

By Major A. G. SMITH

THE Parish Church of St. Peter, Northampton, is one of the most perfect and beautiful specimens of Late Norman architecture to be found in England. Originally the boundaries of the parish were also those of the Saxon town of Hamtune, from which the present town developed. Subsequently it was very much the "Castle Church" until the Castle was demolished after the Restoration. In mediæval times a very much larger parish was attached to it, and the Churches of St. John Baptist, Kingsthorpe, and of St. Michael, Upton, were built as Chapels of Ease.

The first Norman Earl of Northampton was Simon de St. Liz, who founded the Priory of St. Andrew; he is also credited with the foundation of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Northampton, as a thank-offering for his safe return from the Crusades. He died some time between 1111 and 1113 and was succeeded by his son, Simon II (died 1153), who founded the Abbeys of Sawtrey and Delapre and liberally endowed Croyland, and it is to Simon II that we almost certainly owe the fine Norman church which we now see. His son, Simon III, the last Earl of the line, died childless in 1184.

The church itself is a monument to the fusion of Anglo-Saxon and Norman craftsmanship. The richly-decorated capitals of the arcades, which run the whole length of the interior on both sides, continue the style and spirit of the cover to Ragener's reliquary, which is a late Saxon stone coffin lid and stands near the entrance to the chancel.

SIR GILBERT SCOTT'S CONTRIBUTION

The sanctuary is modern work built on the ancient foundations and in accordance with the features found during Sir Gilbert Scott's restoration of 1851–52. Before the restoration of the east wall, itself a product of a restoration of the time of Charles I, it coincided with the position of the present altar rails. The reredos of carved oak (1879), 15th century German Gothic in style, received four additional figures in 1914 as a memorial to Rev. E. N. Toms (Rector, 1873–1906). A mural tablet commemorates Rev. R. M. Serjeantson (Rector, 1906–16), a distinguished local historian. The only remains of the original Norman structure are the nave and chancel arcades and part of the clerestory above them. Their excellent preservation is largely due to their having been thickly covered in limestone for centuries. Miss A. E. Baker, sister of George Baker, the county historian, removed the accumulation of many coats before the 1851 restoration.

The tower arch at the west end of the church is one of the most striking features. It was obviously reconstructed when the tower was rebuilt in the reign of Charles I. In 1607 the tower was in ruins and the whole church in a state of grievous disrepair. The tower at its rebuilding was moved ten feet further east. This accounts for the mutilation of the westernmost bay of the nave. The tower was restored in 1960 at a cost of £2,000.

The richly decorative arch on the west face of the tower is the head of the old west doorway, the several orders of which have been rebuilt in one plane. The triple round buttresses at the angles are thought to be unique in England; similar ones are to be found in French Norman building, as at St. Remi, Rheims and Aulnay.

THE BELLS

The eight bells have the following inscriptions cast on them:—

Treble.—Peace and Good Neighbourhood 1734.

2.—Prosperity to this Parish.

3.—Fear God, Honour the King 1734.

4.—1734.

5.—Ab. Rudhal of Gloucester cast us all 1734.

6.—Prosperity to the Church of England 1734.

7.—Sir Arthur Hesilrige Baronet and Nicholas Battim Ald. Churchwarden 1734.

Tenor.—The gift of Sir Arthur Hesilrige Baronet 1734.

In the early 18th century there were only four bells. In 1734 they were recast and four extra bells added.

The bells were rehung in 1893 by Grose and Norman, Northampton.

In 1928 the bells were retuned and hung by Gillett and Johnston.

The following peals were rung at St. Peter's, as recorded:—

June 15th, 1739: 5,040 Bob Major (cond. Benjamin Annable) in 3 hrs 12 mins.

May 22nd, 1897: 5,040 Grandsire Triples in 3 hrs 8 mins.

May 26th, 1913: 5,040 Grandsire Triples in 3 hrs 18 mins.

Nov. 4th, 1935: 5,040 Grandsire Triples in 3 hrs.

July 22nd, 1939: 5,040 Bob Major (cond. Tom Tebbutt) in 2 hrs 58 mins.

RESTORATION PROGRAMME

Needless to say, every few years there needs to be further restorations: in 1951 the whole of the south roof was restored with Collyweston slates and in 1965 the north roof was similarly dealt with. During 1969–70 we are called upon to have all the interior roof woodwark treated against death watch beetles, and all other woodwork, and complete new wiring and lighting system; the decoration of the walls above the carved stonework and along the aisles; also to have the clock mechanically worked to save daily hand-winding. The exterior walls, especially the pillars of the tower, are sadly in need of restoration by modern methods. The total cost of what needs to be done at this time will be about £6,000. We have over £2,500 towards this, but earnestly seek the help from lovers of St. Peter's and its beautiful architecture.

Donations will be gratefully received and acknowledged by the Rector, the Ven. B. R. Marsh (Archdeacon of Northampton), 11, The Drive, Northampton.

The cover picture clearly shows the sad state of the tower stonework.

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NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION

The half-yearly meeting of the North Wales Association was held at St. David's, Bangor, on September 6th, with representatives from nine towers being present. The service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. Elwyn Roberts) and the lesson read by the president (Rev. Arthur L. Cooke).

In his address the Vicar welcomed the members and recalled how a former vicar of St. David's, Rev. T. Lewis Jones, an accomplished ringer, gathered a proficient band of ringers by obtaining jobs for them on the railway at Bangor. They included W. T. Peglar, A. E. Peglar, J. H. Midwinter, W. Crane and others who rang many peals for the Association.

At the business meeting the president congratulated the members who took part in the ringing for the Investiture of Prince Charles as Prince of Wales.

A small committee was elected to revise the rule relating to the constitution of the Association, as the qualification for life membership it was suggested should be more clearly defined.

The Rev. Ivor Rees expressed thanks to the women members of St. David's for the excellent tea provided.

LINCOLN GUILD'S 70th ANNIVERSARY

There are five-yearly intervals between the dinners of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, and the 70th anniversary of the formation of the Guild was celebrated in a manner worthy of the occasion at Moor Lodge Hotel, Branston, on September 27th. Under the genial chairmanship of the Master, Mr. Jack Bray, a record attendance of 170 had an evening of enjoyment, during which the charm of Lincolnshire was extolled by speakers who loved the county and its people.

Dignity was added by the presence of the mace of the Central Council, the formidable shillelagh presented by the Irish Association. This denoted the presence of the President of the Council, Mr. John Freeman. As one without honour in his own country John sat modestly at the top table listening to the brilliance of his clerical brother: his speeches and wit are for other ears.

The theme of the evening was redundant churches and their bells. Canon P. B. G. Binnall suggested surveys and recording where the bells were on a diocesan level. With this Mr. Vernon Bottomley, the Council's general secretary, agreed: his response on a national appeal had not been encouraging. The evening was admirably organised by Mr. J. Millhouse, Guild secretary, who postponed joining Mr. G. E. Fearn's peal party in Devon to give personal attention to the occasion.

The chairman in his welcome said it seemed incredible that the last dinner was five years ago—time went so quickly—and to think that there would be another five years before the next dinner was really frightening.

After apologising for the absence of the Bishop and the Dean, he said most of them would recall that at each of the previous dinners the President of the Central Council had attended. They had Mr. Lewis, Mr. Sharpe and Canon Thurlow. This year they also had the President, but he was "one of us. We have not had to send him a complimentary ticket. I am delighted to take this opportunity on behalf of everybody in the Guild to congratulate John on his appointment. You must work with a man closely for a long time to know his ability: I have worked with him and I know that he will be a worthy president of the Council. I want to assure him of our loyalty and to wish him well."

ONE FOUNDER MEMBER

The Master expressed regret that they had not a founder member with them. They had only one founder member—John B. Hallifax—and he could assure them that he was with them very much in spirit, and at the age of 95 read "The Ringing World" through from cover to cover. He asked the secretary to send him a letter of good wishes from the company present.

He had received a letter from the president of the Hertfordshire County Association, Mr. Walter Ayre, who was still proud to be called a Lincolnshire man, although he had lived in Hertfordshire for over 50 years. Walter did a great deal of work for the Central Council as convener of the Peals Analysis Committee. He asked the secretary to send him their good wishes.

Mr. John Freeman's name was not on the toast list but his brother, Rev. P. M. Freeman, of Scunthorpe, was entrusted with proposing "The Diocese of Lincoln". He revealed a great love for the county and refuted those who regarded Lincolnshire as flat and uninteresting by telling of the many times he and his brother had run up the steep hill to Lincoln Cathedral on a Sunday morning only to find the door of the tower closed at 10 a.m. and they were debarred from ringing.

A LAW JAMES MEMORY

As a boy, when people came to their house they were not allowed to meet them. The visitors were in the front room while they were in the back. He could still picture the Rev. H. Law James sitting on a chair in the bay window. To many meetings in those days he went on the carrier of his father's bicycle. One of the things he would always remember was while at Messingham he watched the sun setting behind Manton Church, where Canon Binnall's father was rector.

The response was from the Sub-Dean of Lincoln, Canon P. G. B. Binnall, who confessed that although he was not a practical ringer he was enormously interested in bells. He had had many talks with Mr. Ranald Clouston, who had been making a survey of bells in the county. Thomas North did not succeed in examining all the bells in the county: there were difficulties about those in bell-cotes and working through supernumaries. It seemed to him that the Lincoln Diocesan Guild could well undertake to bring Thomas North's monumental work up to date, and this could well be done by forming small voluntary committees to undertake different parts of the county.

OLD BELL COPIED

Another thing which all of them must be most careful about was in regard to bells hanging in steeples of churches that had become redundant. A register should be prepared in the diocese of all these bells and a record of where they now were. In the small church at Clixby, near Caister, there was a large bell-cote. The bell could only be seen through field glasses and because it was long-waisted it seemed to him to be an old bell. It was removed to the Cathedral workshop where it was thought to be of the 12th century. Mr. Ranald Clouston examined it and came to the conclusion that it belonged to the 17th or 18th century. It was cast by a local bellfounder and all he had to go on was a copy of a 12th century bell, and he made it accordingly.

Concluding, Canon Binnall thanked all who "pulled a bell", whether they rang changes or not. It was a service to the glory of God and they owed them an enormous debt.

Bells in redundant churches was also mentioned by Mr. Vernon Bottomley in proposing "The Lincoln Diocesan Guild". He said redundant bells was a matter that was likely to concern them more and more, and Canon Binnall had suggested a record being made in the diocese.

Mr. Bottomley said he did attempt a register of redundant bells. He had letters from two churchwardens accusing him of trying to "pinch" the bells and a vicar also took exception. He had come to the conclusion that in attempting to do this on a national basis was wrong and it would be better on a diocesan basis.

A MORAL QUESTION

There was a moral question about bells in these churches. These had been provided by people in the past and they had a duty to see that the use of those bells continued. He thought the use of those bells could best be continued in the locality. He thought that each Diocesan Association should seek representation on the Diocesan Advisory Committee to make certain that bells were to be continued to be used for the purpose for which they were provided and not become a bonus to the scrap merchants.

Mr. Raymond F. Smith, the Guild librarian, replied. He mentioned the progress of the Guild by its festival and striking competitions and the promotion of one-day schools. He thought that the presence of such a large gathering at the dinner was an indication of the fine spirit that prevailed. He particularly welcomed the presence of Mr. Ken Crofts and his two sons, and mentioned the handbell peals he had rung with Ken and the Freemans.

The toast of "The Guests" was wittily presented by Mr. A. R. Heppenstall. He mentioned Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Randalls, former members from Wales, a group from the Southwell Diocesan Guild, Miss Iris Lemare, who frequently made the journey from Yorkshire to attend their practices, Mr. Bridges, from Derby, Canon and Mrs. Binnall, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Bottomley and Mr. Tom White.

Mrs. G. H. Randalls, who replied, said her speech presented an opportunity for the ladies to have the last word. Their visit gave them an opportunity to meet many old friends at the Minster the previous evening. She first came to Lincoln in 1948 and again in 1953, when they remained there for 13 happy years. The Lincolnshire welcome was always sincere. She recalled the Rev. H. Law James coming to her father's house and Mr. Rupert Richardson, who was always a perfect host, and also the late Mr. Freeman, another perfect host. The Lincoln Guild was very fortunate in having such good men in the past, and those at the head today were nobly carrying on the tradition of the past.

Before concluding the evening the chairman thanked Mr. White for his services to the Exercise as editor and said he would like to endorse the tribute paid to him by Mr. Wilson in "The Ringing World".

Mr. White suitably replied, stating that for the next three months he would be with Mr. Denyer to help and advise him if necessary.

During the evening a touch of Stedman Caters was rung by A. R. Heppenstall 1-2, John Freeman 3-4, Richard Inglis 5-6, G. E. Fiern 7-8, A. S. Hudson 9-10.

PEAL AND QUARTER PEAL CARDS

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THE BELLS OF INVERARAY

IT all began at Easter this year when John and his father, Norman Chaddock, spent two days working on this glorious ring of ten bells, prior to a peal attempt by East Riding and Rotherham ringers. Reports of previous visiting peal bands have referred to deteriorating conditions in the tower although the bells themselves are in excellent condition.

Following the peal, Elsie and Norman Chaddock were fortunate in having the opportunity of discussing the tower and bells with Mrs. Anne Noble, who is now secretary to the church vestry at Inveraray. Arising from this talk and subsequent correspondence Mr. A. Clayton, of Messrs. John Taylor and Co., made a voluntary detailed inspection of the tower and bells when on holiday in Scotland in July.

As Rick Dirksen, Ringing Master of Washington Cathedral, U.S.A., with his wife, Elizabeth, were attending the Edinburgh Festival following a brief stay with Elsie and Norman at Market Weighton, it was thought opportune and appropriate to arrange a peal for him at Inveraray, en route to Edinburgh, and to do further maintenance work in the tower and assist Mrs. Noble in stimulating interest locally in the bells and tower.

Mrs. Noble, whose husband, Michael, is M.P. for Argyll, is determined to bring about measures to arrest further deterioration in the tower and to make good past damage, so that the bells will be available to all ringers, to give pleasure to local inhabitants and visitors to Inveraray.

It was with this background that the band for Rick Dirksen's first peal of Royal (his first blows of Cambridge Royal) gradually assembled prior to the peal on Saturday, August 23rd.

Ron Ducker and John Chaddock started maintenance work on the bells on Thursday morning, assisted by Maris Stephenson and Mrs. Noble herself. It is interesting to note that the 7th bell is named "Maris", which means "from the sea", and during the visit Maris had the pleasure of ringing "Maris".

Rick Dirksen and Norman Chaddock joined them on Friday, when Mrs. Noble made time to be introduced to the rudiments of bell control, including raising, balancing and setting one of the lighter bells.

By mid-Saturday morning the rest of the band (Rod Pipe, Ian Campbell, Wilf Moreton, John Gilbert and Ian Holland) had all arrived safely.

TALK TO SCHOOLCHILDREN

Whilst Ron, John and Maris continued their good work in the tower throughout Friday, Mrs. Noble had a busy day bringing local clergy of all denominations, church officials and townspeople to the tower to see the bells and to hear about the problems involved. In the afternoon Norman Chaddock gave a talk to the senior boys and girls in Inveraray School; Ron, John, Elsie, Maris and Rick assisted with handbell demonstrations. The boys and girls were split into two parties and conducted round the tower and bells. Mrs. Noble had invited local people to come and see the bells rung in the evening and the hour devoted to this was most profitable. All this was part of Mrs. Noble's plan to create local interest in the tower and bells and secure the co-operation of the townspeople and clergy in future plans for preserving the tower and bells.

Tasks completed included checking and tightening nuts on bells and fittings, greasing clappers and slides, lubricating dingles and pulleys, making and fitting new rope guides through the two concrete floors for the back four bells. The 8th pulley was warped and cracked and had to be dismantled and planed. The bearings were repacked with geoleum grease. The boarding-up of broken and missing windows in the ringers' room was replaced and made good. Much pigeon dirt was removed from the bell chamber and the rooms and staircase generally swept out.

After the peal the whole band, together with Gill Pipe, Elsie and Libby Dirksen, were guests for an evening meal with Mr. and Mrs. Noble. Other guests included the Bishop of Argyll, formerly from the East Riding of Yorkshire and with a brief personal experience of bellringing. During the evening Mrs. Noble, the Bishop and Norman retired for further discussions as to how the future of Inveraray bells could be secured. It is indeed fortunate that Mrs. Noble is so keen to ensure this.

As a very small token of appreciation for the tremendous hospitality shown by the hosts, the band presented a ringer's car badge to Mrs. Noble and a ringer's tie to Mr. Noble.

In due course there will be further news about the future of Inveraray bells and tower and how interested ringers can help to secure the future of these lovely bells.

NOTE ON THE CONDITION OF THE BELLS AND TOWER

The basic problem and cause of past decay is the ease with which adverse weather affects the tower. (Inveraray has over 100 inches of rain annually.)

The tower has four large louvres filled only with stone fretwork, so that vast quantities of water can enter the tower with the following effects:

(1) All floors are, at times, waterlogged.

(2) The floor in the ringing room is rotting and becoming unsafe.

(3) Interior stonework and concrete floors are being adversely affected.

(4) The bell frame is corroding in parts.

(5) The wooden rope guides through the concrete floor are rotting.

(6) Fittings connected with the chiming apparatus are badly corroded and unserviceable.

If and when measures to keep out water are taken, sound control can be effected at the same time, thus making the bells more frequently available to visitors. N. C.

Dedication of Seasalter Bells

A BRILLIANT, sunny day was the great day of St. Alphege's, Seasalter. Just before mid-day the third bell high in the tower rang out at the hand of the Bishop of Dover as he solemnly set apart the new ring of six bells which were featured in this journal on September 12th.

And what a crowd was there! The 400-strong congregation far from filled the great church, but it was a pleasure to see all manner of people — the regulars, the representatives from Tottington in Norfolk who had given us their old bells, tired but obviously very happy after the 5½-hour journey; the members of the Cawley family who have given the new treble; Bill Hughes, from Whitechapel, obviously overjoyed with the loveliness of this little ring; Alan Berry, Bert Luck, Derek Chatfield, John Keeler, representing the Association; Ranald Clouston, from the Council for the Care of Churches; the representatives from All Saints', Whitstable. Almost a polyglot company, but very pleased to be there.

Matins followed a fairly normal course, being conducted by the Vicar (Rev. R. D. d'Esterre Meredith), and the special and appropriate lesson from Numbers X was read by the reader of St. Alphege's and captain of the ringers, Mr. David L. Cawley. The hallowing of the bells was preceded by an impressive procession of donors, ringers, choir, clergy and finally the Bishop himself (Rt. Rev. Anthony P. Tremlett, M.A.) in his dazzling scarlet chimere. As he dedicated the bells the church building was complete, 125 years after its first stone was laid.

The Bishop in his sermon alluded to the Battle Area from which the bells had come, and mentioned that he had been stationed there when the villagers were evicted. That was a great sacrifice, but it had probably saved many lives. He spoke of Matthew, whose day it was, and alluded to the appropriateness of remembering that Matthew had answered a call. And when he had answered it Jesus took him and his gifts and his failure, just as he was, just what he offered. The result was Matthew's gospel, and when they heard the bells let them remember that.

After the singing of the Ringers' Hymn the Bishop pronounced the Blessing. A guard of honour received him at the door, while overhead the first touch on the newly-dedicated bells (108 Bob Minor) was rung by D. L. Cawley 1, Miss D. E. Austin 2, W. A. Hughes 3, R. C. Offen 4, Miss J. Steed 5, J. B. Keeler 6. Over 100 visitors enjoyed the bells during the day: only two stays were broken; the bells much approved by those who rang them, as well as the appointments of the ringing chamber (including a mounted bell wheel from the former treble of St. Margaret's, Canterbury, doing duty as a coathanger), even if it was rather hot inside the tower. It was good that a Seasalter band was able to ring them in call-changes for Evensong. We shall be glad to welcome visitors at Sunday ringing times (9.30–10, 6–6.30) and at the Tuesday practice. Visiting teams are requested to bear a little with the fact that this is a new ring in a heavily-populated area—no peals yet, certainly — and they may be refused permission until we have good public relations. D. L. C.

Cambridge University Guild in County Durham

THIS year members of the Guild travelled north to County Durham for the annual week. Arranged by Henry Fielden, it was based at Lumley Castle, the seat of the Earl of Scarbrough. In spite of such an imposing venue, two stalwarts still chose to stay under canvas: luckily the weather was not unduly unkind.

During the passage north a peal attempt for London was lost (traditionally?) at SS. Mary and Alkeda, Middleham, on Saturday. As the party were arriving, ringing had been arranged at Bamburgh (I wonder if its claim as the most northerly ringable tower is of significance?) and at Embleton, where a certain Mini refused to move any further (the trouble was ably fixed by the A.A. in two days!). That evening a quick but thorough recce established the Lampton Arms as worthy of patronage. A team of sword dancers from Durham University, raising money to travel to Jugoslavia, were given a mixed reception, a pursuit which seemed more energetic than ringing a certain seventh encountered later in the week.

PEAL SUCCESSES

Monday morning found the party travelling south to St. Cuthbert's, Darlington, where we were grateful to be allowed to use the churchyard as a car park. Ringing ranged from Little Bob to Spliced Surprise before we moved on to Stockton-on-Tees. At the Parish Church Yorkshire Royal was rung prior to an attempt for a peal in the method at St. Oswald's, Hartlepool, that afternoon.

In between the ringing at St. Cuthbert's, Ormesby, and St. Aidan's, Hartlepool, where the first invisible stay was encountered, the opportunity was taken to listen to a few courses of the peal which was duly scored. After ringing at All Saints', Stranton, the bands joined forces at St. Michael and All Angels', Houghton-le-Spring, before returning to Lumley Castle. Later that evening the real reason for the week emerged as dominoes were discovered at the L.A.

After attending Corporate Communion at St. Cuthbert's, Chester-le-Street, on Tuesday morning, eight hardy ringers were left at 9.30 a.m. to ring a peal of London whilst the others visited Durham Cathedral at a more leisurely hour; unfortunately ringing ceased prematurely owing to the demise of the fifth rope. A measure of the ringing can be gauged as 8-spliced was rung there at a time when only 21 people in total were on the week.

During the afternoon a peal of Yorkshire was rung at St. Mary's, Staindrop, by a band who had been careful to hide their identity at lunch, as this was taken directly opposite the tower. Meantime the London band, having been successful, joined the "five" and proceeded to ring 8-spliced at St. Brandon's, Brancepeth, followed by St. Andrew's, Bishop Auckland, and St. Mary-the-Virgin's, Barnard Castle.

A BIG DAY

Having a 12 and two tens on the programme for Wednesday, there were no tower bell peal attempts and the assembled company moved off to All Saints', Gosforth, where the Course of the Week was rung, being London Surprise Royal No. 3, backed up by Double Norwich Caters and Cambridge. Our attention was then turned to the heavy eight at St. Stephen's, Low Elswick, where memories were tested as Glasgow was called for and rung. After lunch the bells of Newcastle Cathedral rang out to Cambridge Maximus and Stedman Cinques—the light second was not used!

The opportunity was taken at St. Stephen's, Roker, before ringing Spliced Surprise Royal, to examine the pre-Raphaelite architecture, surely one of the best examples of its type. After mending another case of the reverse Indian rope trick we returned to the Castle via Holy Trinity—a test of any navigator's skill even though we were assured it was "just over the bridge". That evening, after what must have been the shortest Guild week business meeting, timed at 34 minutes, a peal of Bob Royal rung "in hand" was added to the total.

Fortified by the success of the week so far, a band set off with high hopes of ringing a peal of 4-spliced on the octave at St. Paul's, Whitley Bay; however this was not to be, it being stood after an hour's ringing. After lunch at Morpeth, Glasgow restored shattered confidences at the Watch Tower. All Saints', Rothbury, where the clear tone enabled some good striking, and Hexham Abbey rounded off the day. Thursday was not to be our lucky day for peals as Stedman Triples "in hand" refused to go after two attempts both lasting an hour.

The final day's ringing started at All Saints', Lanchester, the second six of the week, before moving on to Christ Church, Consett, for the final touch of spliced. This was followed by lunch, also by now traditionally at a chop suey house. We then travelled to St. Margaret's, Tanfield, to speed the final peal attempt on its way, the method being Stedman Triples. After hearing the first few courses of what was to be a successful peal the remainder retraced their steps to Blackhill and St. Cuthbert's, deep in the heart of Allendale. The final visit to the L.A. was made after dinner to drink pints of Scotch and to ring handbells before retiring to the Castle for the last time.

Saturday morning saw Guild members moving off in all directions. A band was off to ring Bob Major at Bamburgh and then on to Inveraray, suitably laden with ropes. Among those who had rung in the week were D. Barton, R. S. Bradley, W. T. Cook, J. B. Cooke, K. J. Darvill, J. H. Fielden, A. Friskney, F. E. Haynes, J. B. T. Humphrey, C. M. P. Johnson, Miss Susan Jackson, J. R. N. Lebon, A. S. Marland, V. Nutton, M. J. Pickup, W. J. Ridgman, C. H. Rogers, B. D. Threlfall, S. C. Walters, J. B. Williamson, A. T. Winter, R. H. Youdale and R. L. Underwood. Our grateful thanks go to Henry Fielden for a most enjoyable week, and we look forward to meeting again next year in Kent.

"THE CORRESPONDENT."

TRURO BRANCH FESTIVAL ENDS IN A BARBECUE

The autumn festival of the Truro Branch was held at St. Kea on September 20th and was attended by 70 ringers. The service was conducted by Rev. Peter J. Larkin, Mr. Anthony J. Davidson read the lesson and Mr. Lance Foy played the organ. An excellent tea was served in the very pleasant grounds of the Vicarage.

At the business meeting the secretary was asked to write to Mr. A. F. Burley, who had left the area to take up a teaching post in Birmingham, expressing sincere thanks for the work as treasurer for the Branch.

The following officers were elected: Rev. J. R. Jose (chairman), Miss Barbara J. Duck (secretary/treasurer) and Mr. A. Locke (auditor). Crantock was proposed for the spring festival on April 18th, and the president (Mr. Alan Carveth) proposed the vote of thanks.

After ringing at the following towers—St. Clement, St. Gluvias, St. Euny, Kenwyn and Perran-ar-Worthal — some ringers returned to the Vicarage for a barbecue—a great success. B. J. D.

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LADIES' GUILD

A meeting of the Central District of the Ladies' Guild was held on August 30th at Willesden. The ringing preceding the service took place between weddings. Mr. and Mrs. F. Collins, from Hampshire, and several other visitors were welcomed.

At the business meeting Mrs. Savory gave a brief résumé of the A.G.M. in Manchester. Two new members were elected—Mrs. Sorley and Mrs. Wright, the latter being re-elected to the Guild.

Discussion followed on the forthcoming ringing week-end in the Ringwood area on March 14th/15th, 1970.

Votes of thanks were conveyed to Rev. G. Oakley for the use of the bells and conducting the service, Mr. Derek Cullen for playing the organ, Mrs. Lankester and Miss Ware for preparing tea, and to the gentlemen for ably performing their traditional task of washing-up.

Next District meeting on November 30th.

Letters to the Editor

ALBURGH AND RINGING

Dear Sir,—I note with interest the article written by Rev. P. Bond regarding Alburgh bells. The main reason these bells are silent is due to the fact that there have been no ringers in Alburgh and the declining of the Redenhall band who used to ring there very often for Sunday service and had a regular practice night there.

As one of the Redenhall band I admire Mr. Bond for his efforts to get the bells going again, but in his article he says the Rector will welcome bands for peals and outings but does not mention Sunday service ringing, which I think should come first. I am willing to make one for service ringing, if it is only once a month, but there are seven more ropes to be manned so, South Norfolk and East Norfolk Branches, what about it?

Also the volunteers to learn. This is another problem as I have found at Redenhall. I have several young people, very keen, who can ring call-changes very well but through the lack of help cannot get any further. Unless help is forthcoming (and I see the same problem at Alburgh) this will not get our Association new members. It is up to the officials and the committees of the South and East Norfolk Branches to make an all-out effort to try and help to solve these problems.—Yours truly,

W. J. FLATT.

Harleston.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

The Guild striking competition was held at Stoneleigh (an easy-going 10-cwt. six) on September 20th, with 13 teams taking part from nine different towers in the diocese. The competition was ably judged by Mr. F. W. Hancock and Mr. E. C. Garrett from the Diocese of Peterborough and Mr. W. A. Stote from Coventry.

The standard of ringing varied widely, the winning teams being so close that it was not possible to distinguish between the first and second places. Consequently it was impossible to present the certificates as these had been prepared for first and second place, the results requiring two first place ones. The presentation will be made at the meeting at Salford Priors on October 18th.

The winning teams were Allesley and St. Nicholas', Warwick, each with 12 points, followed closely by Kenilworth "A" team with 14½ points. Other teams: Dunchurch, 29, Kenilworth "B" 32½, Rugby 34, Chilvers Coton 38½, Newbold 40, Harbury "A" 48, Warwick "B" 69, Alveston 70, Harbury "B" 80 and Harbury "C" 113.

An excellent tea was enjoyed by about 70 ringers at St. Nicholas' Church Hall, Warwick, provided by the ringers of St. Nicholas' and St. Mary's. The President, Mr. J. L. Garner-Hayward, expressed his pleasure at the success of the occasion, to the extent that he proposed that the Guild would pay for the tea from Guild funds, thus making it free to all those taking part.

H.M.W.

METHOD NOMENCLATURE

Dear Sir,—Mr. Fidler's recollections are largely correct, but he does not appear to be in full possession of the facts.

The methods first appeared, unnamed, in the Central Council Collection of 1907.

In "The Ringing World" of May 26th, 1922, appears the report of the Council's Analysis Committee under the names of Messrs. E. W. Carpenter, A. T. Beeston and George Williams.

This gives (inter alia):—

Names of Unnamed Minor Methods
Treble Bob Methods—Flowers
16 Shamrock, 17 Bluebell, 20 Daffodil, 21 Fuchsia, 22 Foxglove, 23 Hyacinth, 24 Marigold, 27 Dahlia, 28 Geranium.

The first 720s of these methods were rung at Norbury, as follows: Shamrock, June 3rd, 1923; Bluebell, June 3rd, 1923; Daffodil, June 7th, 1923; Fuchsia, June 21st, 1923; Foxglove June 28th, 1923; Hyacinth, July 15th, 1923; Marigold, July 5th, 1923; Dahlia, July 8th, 1923; Geranium, July 8th, 1923. A busy two months.

A peal was rung at Norbury consisting of seven 720s (not spliced) of Shamrock, Bluebell, Daffodil, Foxglove, Marigold, Dahlia and Geranium on May 8th, 1924. The report of this peal certainly sent the balloon up, although the names had appeared without comment two years before.

Fuchsia and Hyacinth had to wait until 1957 to be rung to peals: Fuchsia at Offley, Hertfordshire, as Chiltern, and Hyacinth at Edgware, Middlesex, as Mendip.

None of the flower methods were rung in the 35-method peal, although eight of the methods rung in that peal were renamed. That, however, was a different rumpus.

I am not clear what Mr. Fidler means when he says the 35-method peal was "neutralised". This was, and remains, a landmark in the history of ringing, and would be had the whole of the names been changed. It is also a lasting and fitting testimony to the greatness of the late James Fernley as tower captain and conductor of the Norbury band, who also influenced the Chester Guild band of the 1930s, again based at Norbury, who, in friendly competition with the Lincolnshire band, raised the number of methods rung to a peal to heights greater than was dreamt possible in 1924.—Yours faithfully,

ARTHUR WHITING.

Burnage, Manchester.

A YORKSHIRE ANGLE

Dear Sir,—I have been interested in the correspondence on the nomenclature of Minor methods and in particular the letter of Mr. J. P. Fidler in which he discusses the flower names given by the Norbury band.

The first edition of "Minor Methods" published by the C.C. in 1907 was a careless and slipshod presentation. Not only did those responsible for its compilation fail to take the trouble to discover the names of many of the methods that had previously been named but some of those they named were wrongly named. For instance, only one of the 28 4ths place Delight methods was named, and that wrongly, and of the 39 3rds place Delight methods three were given names, two wrongly! Mistakes were also made in Treble Bob and Surprise methods.

Apparently the attitude was then as it was in 1928, as mentioned by Mr. Fidler, namely, that 6-bell ringers were "looked down on". Fortunately this attitude has practically died out and we have people of the calibre of Mr. Cyril Wratten studying and classifying Minor methods, something that gives me, personally, the greatest satisfaction.

The old Wath-on-Dearne band always stuck to the old names and in 1927, when they rang 197 720s in 194 methods, they went completely through the old collection of Treble Bob, 3rd and 4ths place Delights and Surprise methods (except Superlative), together with many irregular methods.

Daffodil, Fuchsia, Foxglove, Marigold and Hyacinth appear in succession with Bluebell close by and the "irregular" Primrose, Tulip and Snowdrop not far away. There was talk of ringing a "flower" peal in seven 720s, each one a flower. I wonder if one was ever rung? None appears in the collection of Arthur Gill's peals.

In between their "record" in 1927 and ours at Felkirk in 1929, when we rang 253 720s all in different methods, the 1928 list of names was approved and we at Felkirk worked to this. We were comparatively new to the field of method ringing and could not fully understand the resentment of the old Wath band to the names that had been foisted on them.

In the years following Dan Smith and I rang a great deal with the Wath band, particularly with A. Panther, A. Gill and A. Nash, so we had to get used to the old names to which they were accustomed, thereby developing a bilingual flavour to our jargon.

I am sure that Mr. Fidler will be interested to learn that when we started method splicing at Felkirk we each purchased a copy of his book on the subject, which subsequently became our splicing "bible".

I notice on page 749 a request for the names of several Minor methods. I suggest that the first be called Rubbish T.B. Minor. Some of the other deserve similar titles.—Yours sincerely,

HAROLD CHANT.

Ryhill, Wakefield.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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TOUR IN TROUBLED ULSTER

SUSSEX University Guild's summer tour in Ireland included the second week mainly in troubled Ulster. Ringing took place at Belfast and Londonderry. Travelling was undertaken by minibus.

The tour started on August 15th, and the ringing in Dublin the Sunday following included a touch of Erin Cinques with Charles Reede for a special service at St. Patrick's Cathedral. At the end of the fortnight's tour St. Patrick's was revisited, when a touch of 9-spliced (eight Surprise and Stedman) was rung—a measure of the progress achieved during the tour.

The only disappointment of the first week was that the builders had arrived ahead of schedule at St. Mary's Cathedral, Limerick, preventing ringing there. However, Mr. Benson allowed an extended stay at Mount St. Alphonsus Church, where a quarter peal was enjoyed on the fine bells there.

Travelling north-eastwards, we crossed the border and reached Belfast. Here we stayed the week-end in War Memorial—a large hostel run by the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. The cell-like rooms were more than compensated by excellent breakfasts, porridge and kippers being available on the menu—a welcome change.

WARTIME LOOK

Between service ringing in Belfast we were able to see some of the troubled areas. Although now much quieter, evidence of broken windows was widespread and many shops and public houses were boarded-up. This was characteristic of many towns in the north, giving them a wartime look. The west of the city had the worst damage, including rows of burnt-out houses. Most striking perhaps were the grim barricades of scrap and wrecked cars. Large numbers of soldiers maintained the uneasy peace.

Our second week was spent mainly in Ulster. A quarter peal was rung at Ballymena, but at Coleraine the need to replace a broken rope shortened the ringing. Then followed a visit to the Giant's Causeway. The sunny weather of the first week had changed and the sea was rough, enhancing the splendour of this curious landmark.

We were a little apprehensive about the next stop. Crossing the River Fogle into Londonderry, it was disconcerting to see Army machine-gunners guarding the bridge approaches. Our guest house was next door to the B-Specials' barracks and only a few hundred yards from Bogside. But the only unrest that night was when Peter caused a commotion looking for his pyjamas.

Before ringing at St. Columb's the next morning we had hoped to walk round the historic city walls, but the section overlooking Bogside was patrolled by the Army and out of bounds. The Cathedral stands in the centre of the old city and possesses a demanding Gillett ten. Only by seeing for oneself and talking to people from all over Ireland is it possible to appreciate the strong emotions behind recent events.

Our departure from Derry was delayed by Carol, who set off without her trousers! That day we toured Donegal and visited the Beltany Stone Circle. The following evening we rang at St. Macartan's Cathedral, Enniskillen, at the end of a lazy day by Upper Lough Erne. On Thursday two quarter peals were arranged. At Lurgan two bells crossed over in Yorkshire, but a successful attempt for Bristol at Hillsborough was much enjoyed.

A romantic drive through the Mountains of Mourne brought us to the coastal town of Kilkeel for the night. Heading back to Dublin we stopped to view the fine example of a neolithic passage tomb at Newgrange and also explored the less-popular tomb at Louth with the aid of candles. Dorothy and Jonathan, of the Trinity Guild, joined the party at Drogheda and took us to an excellent pub in Clondalkin, where we feasted on chicken-in-the-rough. Our friends from Trinity College were good company and we much appreciated their hospitality.

A smooth sea passage preceded a far-from-smooth passage through the Customs at Holyhead. There our baggage was searched with embarrassing thoroughness, in strong contrast to the brief formalities of Irish Customs.

We were perhaps too tired to fully appreciate some of the best scenery in Wales as we drove south from Anglesey to stay the night at Sue's in Porthcawl. Sunday service ringing at Newton Nottage, Llandaff Cathedral and St. Mary's, Marlborough, featured in the last stage of a memorable holiday.

We are very grateful to Mr. Fred Dukes and the Irish Association for much help in organising this tour. A friendly welcome greeted us everywhere. T. G. W.

SUSSEX UNIVERSITY TOUR

ARKLOW, WICKLOW.—On Aug. 18th, at Butler House, Main Street, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: M. S. Loveday 1-2, Susan E. M. Davis (first Major "in hand") 3-4, R. J. Talbot 5-6, R. H. Newton (first "in hand" as cond.) 7-8.

LIMERICK, CO. LIMERICK.—At the Church of Mount St. Alphonsus, on Aug. 22nd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: M. S. Loveday 1, P. H. Mackie 2, Marion Kemp 3, Susan E. M. Davis 4, B. J. Read 5, Carol Martin 6, T. G. Williams 7, R. J. Talbot 8, R. H. Newton (cond.) 9, R. I. West 10. An engagement compliment to Marion.

BALLYMENA, ANTRIM. — On Aug. 25th, 1,344 4-Spliced Surprise Major (C, Y, Li, R): Carol Martin 1, R. J. Talbot 2, Susan E. M. Davis 3, M. S. Loveday 4, T. G. Williams 5, B. J. Read 6, R. H. Newton (first spliced as cond.) 7, P. H. Mackie 8. First Spliced Surprise for 3, 4, 5 and 6.

HILLSBOROUGH, DOWN.—On Aug. 28th, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: Carol Martin 1, R. J. Talbot 2, Susan E. M. Davis 3, M. S. Loveday 4, T. G Williams 5, B. J. Read 6 P. H. Mackie 7, R. H. Newton (cond.) 8. First of Bristol for 3, 4, 5 and 6.

NEWTON NOTTAGE, GLAM. — On Aug. 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. S. Loveday 1, Susan E. M. Davis 2, Sue M. Hopkin (first Stedman) 3, Carol Martin 4, T. G. Williams 5, R. I. West 6, R. J. Talbot (cond.) 7, R. H. Newton 8. Rung for Matins.

POTOMAC ENGLISH HANDBELL RINGERS' TOUR

WE have received an 8-page document giving the highlights of the 1969 European concert tour of the Potomac English Handbell Ringers of Washington, D.C., and which has been previously mentioned in this journal. The group consists of 14 young people between the ages of 14 and 19 years of age, with 100 handbells, who entertain as a non-profit educational team and whose director and bell master is Miss Nancy Poore Tufts, of 12001 River View Road, Washington, D.C. Among the many activities enjoyed by the group during the tour, which started on June 18th from Dallas Airport, were concerts in Holland at Gouda, Bergen and Madurodam, and at the American Cultural Centre in Paris.

On June 26th the party arrived in England, where they had a very interesting and exciting time, being fêted, dined and wined at many civic receptions and visiting places of cultural, educational and historical interest. A visit to the Whitechapel Bell Foundry was of particular significance as this is where the bells which the team use were cast, and the employees at the foundry were entertained to a concert by the visitors.

The next few days were spent sightseeing before the tourists moved on to Oxford, where private and public performances were given, the latter in the Town Hall. The venue then switched to Llandaff, in South Wales, many beauty spots and places of especial interest being visited en route. On July 1st a concert in Llandaff Cathedral was very well received and a similar concert was given next day at Bromsberrow, Gloucester.

America's Independence Day (July 4th) found the party giving a concert in the Town Hall at Chester before travelling on to Cumberland to perform, with the Crosthwaite Handbell Ringers, in a joint concert at Keswick, the proceeds from which were given to the Rotary Club's fund for the aged.

Still travelling northwards, the party arrived at Edinburgh on July 6th, where the last of the concerts was given in the Walpole Hall and which, in spite of the stormy night, was well attended. The pleasures of shopping and coach trips to the delightful mountains and lochs in Scotland were enjoyed to the full and on July 9th, after returning to London by plane, the party left for home, which they reached at 4.45 p.m.

During the tour many gifts were exchanged and many friendships made, and the fact that so many civic dignitaries and other influential people attended the concerts will have tremendously good publicity for bellringing, whether "in hand" or in tower.

CORRECTION

Peal Byron Surprise Major at Harrow-on-the-Hill (page 734). Time taken 3 hours and 7 minutes. The Tipler reference B58/M.

The peal at Pendlebury (page 773) was rung on the Eve of the Nativity of the B.V.M. and not the Visitation as submitted.

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BASLOW, DERBYS.—On Sept. 7th, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (720 Kent, 720 Oxford): T. Wylie 1, S. Davis 2, W. Hawksworth 3, A. Norton 4, A. Queen (first cond. Minor) 5, G. Newman 6.

BENINGTON, HERTS.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Pl. Bob and Grandsire Doubles: J. Clark (first quarter) 1, Brenda J. Harris 2, Margaret M. Roden 3, M. R. Worthington (cond.) 4, P. C. Worthington 5, A. E. Jones 6. Rung on the eve of the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Warby. Congratulations!

BLANDFORD FORUM, DORSET.—On Aug. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Kathlene Andrews 1, Susan Corry 2, C. J. Corry 3, B. R. Jeans 4, M. J. Corry (cond.) 5, R. Jeans 6.

BRADING, I.O.W.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Janice Squibb 1, K. Squibb 2, A. Russell 3, S. Penfold 4, T. F. East (cond.) 5, E. Duff 6, S. Duff 8. For Evensong. Birthday compliments to Ann Duff (a local ringer) and to ringer of 3. A welcome to Paul John, son of Ann and Edwin Duff. A 44th wedding anniversary compliment to the conductor and his wife.

BRINKLOW, WARKS.—On Aug. 2nd, 1,680 Doubles (three methods): Susan Bagshaw 1, R. Joy Pluckrose 2, B. Elliott 3, D. W. Mountford 4, G. Pluckrose (cond.) 5.

BROMPTON REGIS, SOM.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. E. G. Jeanes 1, Mrs. B. Bindon 2, R. F. Arscott 3, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 4, Rev. C. J. B. Marshall 5. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Ann Williams, second cousin of the third ringer.

CALVERTON, NOTTS.—On July 4th, 1,296 Lindisfarne Minimus: Hilary F. Watson-Walker 1, J. C. Allen (first quarter) 2, C. J. Mobbs 3, R. N. Scholes (first Minimus as cond.) 4. First Minimus for all except conductor. First quarter in the principle: Lindisfarne Minimus 34.14.12.14.34 x.

CHEDDAR, SOM.—On Sept. 16th, 1,472 Tavistock Surprise Major: P. Bridle 1, Heather A. Kippin 2, Diana M. Bridle 3, R. W. Rice 4, W. S. Rice 5, P. J. England 6, S. Brown 7, R. C. Kippin (cond.) 8. A wedding compliment to Jill Binning and Richard Pavey.

CHILCOMPTON, SOM.—On Sept. 18th, 1,440 Childwall and Thelwall Bob Minor: R. G. Beck (cond.) 1, E. J. Chivers 2, S. Brown 3, E. T. Lee 4, A. E. Cox 5, P. J. England 6.

CHISELDON, WILTS.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain, Grandsire): C. Purser (first quarter) 1, Miss A. Toomer 2, Miss J. Purser 3, Miss M. Bowman 4, F. G. Cook (cond.) 5, D. Herring 6. For Patronal Festival.

CHOLSEY, BERKS.—On Sept. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Eve Hodgson 1, P. J. Dye 2, Rosemary Morris 3, K. W. Johnson 4, W. J. Irving (cond.) 5, R. Hancock 6. Rung as a thanksgiving for Paul Dye, who had recently returned home from hospital.

EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.—On July 27th, 1,280 Pl. Bob Major: J. D. Weaver 1, Felicity A. Benford 2, Valerie Howard 3, Evelyn M. Hicks 4, J. A. Howard 5, L. R. H. Smith 6, M. P. Howard 7, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 8. To celebrate the birth of Margaret, daughter of Jim and Louise Smith.

FRENSHAM, SURREY.—On Sept. 17th, 1,320 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): Mrs. G. Haytree 1, Mrs. C. J. Beadle 2, C. J. Beadle 3, D. W. Shepheard 4, R. Collins (cond.) 5, R. G. Townsend-Rose (first quarter) 6. To welcome the new Vicar.

FULBECK, LINCS.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. King 1, S. Mitchell (first "inside") 2, M. Mitchell 3, W. King 4, H. Cloxton (cond.) 5, C. Hencher 6. For Evensong.

GLASGOW.—At St. Mary's Cathedral, on Sept. 7th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss F. Winderam 1, Mrs. J. Preston (first attempt "inside") 2, Miss J. Cleeve 3, R. M. Preston 4, T. C. Winderam 5, P. T. Fisher 6, D. M. Graham-Service 7, M. J. Pink (cond.) 8.

GODSHILL, I.O.W.—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Gill 1, A. D. Evans 2, B. Castle 3, D. Cooper 4, M. Cass (cond.) 5, G. Cane 6. A birthday compliment to Peter Mills.

GOOSTREY, CHESHIRE.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. C. Hall 1, Mrs. J. Hall 2, E. H. Jones 3, Mrs. H. Horn 4, W. F. Gibbons (cond.) 5, P. W. Horn 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. H. O. Baker, secretary of the Chester Diocesan Guild. Also on Sept. 21st, 1,320 Oxford T.B. Minor: A. C. Hall 1, Mrs. J. Hall 2, E. H. Jones 3, F. H. Bennett 4, D. L. Hall 5, W. F. Gibbons (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

QUARTER PEALS

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Ainger 1, G. Bainbridge 2, S. A. Waters 3, T. M. C. Lysons (first in method) 4, Jane Foster 5, H. Carter 6, P. M. Wilkinson (cond.) 7, G. Smith 8. For the 87th birthday of Dr. D. P. Spencer-Phillips.

GREAT HORWOOD, BUCKS.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Bull 1, F. G. Edmans 2, J. Hall 3, H. France 4, P. Aslett 5, A. H. Wood (cond.) 6. To mark the wedding of Mr. R. F. Germans (son of the tower captain), a ringer.

GRENDON, WARKS.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: A. A. Parsons 1, Lin Cooper (first quarter) 2, E. J. Dicken 3, K. G. Parker 4, Sheila Parsons 5, N. W. Attaway (cond.) 6.

HATFIELD, HERTS.—On Sept. 14th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: E. Edmondson (cond.) 1, B. J. W. Foley 2, D. J. Smith 3, Claire Higby 4, A. M. S. Stracey 5, D. C. Price 6, E. G. Bennett 7, S. Huckle 8. First Major 3, 5. A farewell to Rev. Mark West, Curate at Hatfield Church; also to congratulate the ringer of 3 on gaining a place at Loughborough University.

HASELBURY BRYAN, DORSET.—On Sept. 9th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Kathlene Andrews 1, Susan M. Corry 2, A. J. Paulley 3, C. J. Corry 4, C. F. Longridge (cond.) 5, M. J. Corry 6. First in more than two methods for 2, 3 and 4.

HORRINGER, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Marion Potter (first attempt) 1, A. F. Ballam 2, Amanda M. Richmond 3, Sally E. V. Potter 4, B. E. Whiting (cond.) 5, C. R. Nunn 6.

IWERNE COURTNEY, DORSET.—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. W. Dennis 1, G. Eagle 2, E. Chant 3, R. H. S. Jeans 4, A. E. Woods (cond.) 5, A. Martin 6. In memoriam Mr. W. C. West, late president of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

KELSALE, SUFFOLK.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret Adams 1, S. J. Bedford 2, A. Knights 3, P. S. Bedford 4, V. B. Bedford 5, E. G. Pearce 6, C. W. Pipe (cond.) 7, A. H. Archer 8. A birthday compliment to Leslie Ludbrook, ringer for over 50 years and tower Master locally.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On Sept. 17th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: G. Annas (first Caters) 1, Judith Robinson 2, Gillian Laver 3, Pauline Smith 4, Margaret James 5, A. H. Smith 6, P. Ford 7, D. Robinson 8, A. J. Smith (cond.) 9, J. Laver 10. For the visit of Princess Margaret to the opening of the Thorndyke Theatre.

LEYLAND, LANCS.—At St. James' Church, on Sept. 7th, 1,260 Minor (Kent T.B., Plain Bob): S. Ferneley 1, D. G. Lawson 2, J. Nelson (cond.) 3, L. Walmsley 4, G. Mee 5, D. E. Marsden 6. For Evensong, and a birthday compliment to ringer of 1.

LEYLAND, LANCS.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Sept. 18th, 1,269 Grandsire Caters: L. Walmsley 1, C. Crosthwaite (cond.) 2, J. Dilworth 3, John Dilworth 4, G. Cunliffe 5, J. Nixon 6, G. K. Austin 7, J. Brown 8, J. Ellison 9, H. Robinson 10.

LISS, HANTS.—On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Celia Down (first quarter) 1, Mary Sutcliffe 2, K. Sansom 3, D. Fox 4, D. M. Hughes (cond.) 5, Kathleen Fox 6.

LONDON, W.C.—At St. Clement Danes', on Sept. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Dr. S. Aldridge 1, Miss E. Spry 2, Miss R. Cheesman 3, Miss S. Davis 4, J. Cheesman 5, A. M. Stacey 6, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 7, A. Fulwell 8. First "inside" for 2 and 3. For Matins. Also on Sept. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. V. Gant 1, Joan M. Peacock 2, A. Weall 3, F. C. Richardson 4, C. E. Wright 5, C. C. M. Pain 6, J. W. Stephenson (cond.) 7, P. Over 8. Rung for the service of commemoration and thanksgiving on Battle of Britain Sunday.

LONGWOOD, YORKS.—On Sept. 14th, 1,440 Burton and Rochester Treble Bob Minor: A. Lunn 1, S. Williams 2, S. Lunn 3, D. Williams 4, B. Ellis 5, I. Roberts (cond.) 6. Also on Sept. 21st, 1,320 Wath and Pontefract Delight Minor, by the same band. Both rung for Evensong. Also on Sept. 20th 1,272 combined Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor: F. Linfoot 1, S. Williams 2, Ann Barmby 3, A. Naylor 4, B. Ellis 5, I. Roberts (cond.) 6. A wedding compliment to John and Carole Wilks.

LOWDHAM, NOTTS.—On Sept. 14th, 1,320 Doubles (11 methods): G. P. Butler (first quarter) 1, P. R. Wild 2, J. R. Anthony 3, P. L. R. Hayward 4, H. G. Wells (cond.) 5. For the Patronal Festival.

MARKSBURY, SOM.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): H. J. Coombs 1, R. Perry 2, A. J. Coombs (cond.) 3, P. J. Devrell 4, P. Blacker 5, N. J. Osmond 6. For the service of thanksgiving to mark the silver jubilee as a priest of the Vicar of Marksbury.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: M. Foulds 1, A. McFall 2, P. Broadbent 3, R. F. Andrew 4, B. S. B. Kear 5, S. I. Bamforth (cond.) 6.

MELDRETH, CAMBS.—On Sept. 17th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: F. Harper 1, Pat Hurworth (first Major and first "inside") 2, Marion Kemp 3, B. Pearson 4, Jean Sanderson 5, J. H. Negus 6, J. Gipson 7, B. J. Couzens (first Major as cond.) 8.

MIDDLETON, LANCS.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. Kathleen Miller 1, J. Spencer 2, Jacqueline Duffield (first quarter) 3, A. Smethurst 4, L. Miller 5, F. Reynolds (cond.) 6. An engagement compliment to Miss Susan Leonard and Anthony Smethurst.

MILBORNE ST. ANDREW, DORSET.—On Sept. 4th, 1,259 Grandsire Doubles: J. N. Longridge (cond.) 1, Susan M. Corry 2, C. J. Corry 3, M. J. Corry 4, C. F. Longridge 5. First Grandsire 2, 3 and 4.

MILDENHALL, WILTS.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Tricia Mundy 1, P. D. Naylor 2, Margaret Bowman 3, Ann Toomer 4, T. R. Jones (first as cond.) 5, M. H. Jackson 6. First in three methods by 1, 2 and 6. Rung by pupils of Marlborough Grammar School, Wilts. Also on Sept. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): D. Herring 1, T. R. Jones 2, A. G. Keen (cond.) 3, Ann Toomer 4, Margaret Bowman 5, C. Barnes 6. For Harvest Festival.

MILTON REGIS, KENT.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Wendy R. Austin 1, I. E. Clark 2, G. Wood 3, F. J. Dadson 4, L. Mitchell (cond.) 5, L. W. Wraight 6. First Stedman Doubles for all the band. Rung at Battle of Britain Week-end in gratitude to "The Few", as a farewell to Rev. Peter Lloyd, Vicar, who is leaving for Cambridgeshire, and as birthday compliments to Julian P. Mitchell and Bridget T. Leworthy.

MILVERTON, SOM.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Bellamy 1, Mrs. P. M. Bellamy 2, R. Coleman 3, C. Barnes 4, J. M. M. Blanch 5, R. F. Arscott (cond.) 6, R. Tricky 7, W. H. Ware 8. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. Tricky on their wedding anniversary.

MINSTER-IN-SHEPPEY, KENT.—On Aug. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (three m/v): Ann Bryant 1, Jane Bryant (first as cond.) 2, Mira Ford 3, P. D. J. Beal 4, D. P. Leworthy 5, Jill C. Singleton 6. For Choral Communion, as a farewell to Mr. W. B. Reeves, Verger. Also on Sept. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (11 m/v): Ann Bryant 1, Mira Ford 2, Jane Bryant 3, Marianne Leworthy 4, D. P. Leworthy (cond.) 5, Jill C. Singleton 6. A silver wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. Singleton (parents of Jill). Also on Sept. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (six m/v): Susan Goodwin 1, Glynis Poppleton 2, Mira Ford 3, Marianne Leworthy (cond.) 4, D. P. Leworthy 5, Caroline Embleton 6. For Matins, as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Lynda Morris. Also on Sept. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (11 m/v): Ann Bryant 1, Glynis Poppleton 2, Mira Ford 3, Marianne Leworthy 4, D. P. Leworthy (cond.) 5, Joan Exeter 6. A birthday compliment to Mrs. E. J. Leworthy.

NORTON, HERTS.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Jane Martin (first Triples) 1, T. Groom (first Triples) 2, R. Pettitt 3, R. Agg 4, J. S. Dear 5, R. V. Webb 6, P. Mehew (cond.) 7, K. Webb (first Triples) 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Canon John H. Bailey (aged 90), a former Vicar who was instrumental in augmenting the ring of three to the present ring of eight and is remembered with affection and gratitude. The funeral was at Norton earlier in the afternoon.

PONTYPRIDD, GLAM.—On Sept. 7th, 1,288 Plain Bob Triples: E. J. Evans 1, D. Evans 2, G. E. Kerley 3, J. Clatworthy (cond.) 4, Desmond Kerley 5, David Kerley 6, W. H. Harford 7, L. Darch 8. Rung to celebrate the centenary of the church.

REEPHAM, NORFOLK.—On Sept. 6th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: P. Kelly 1, W. Ford 2, E. Durrant 3, J. Smith (cond.) 4, W. West 5, N. Fenn 6. For the wedding of Roy Smith (member of the band) to Miss June Westwood.

RINGSTEAD, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Christine Yeomans 1, D. Attley (cond.) 2, L. Hallifax 3, P. Curtis 4, A. Marks 5, J. Althorpe 6. First quarter 1, 6. First in three methods by all. For Festal Evensong.

OBITUARY

MR. F. G. KINCHIN

It was with great sorrow that Mickleton, Gloucestershire, received the news of the sudden death of Mr. Frederick G. Kinchin, universally known and loved as "Roger". He died after an evening in his garden on September 5th, aged 61.

A self-taught ringer in boyhood, he became a master of the art, and for more years than any of us can remember was the captain of our tower. He loved to teach the young, which he did with infinite patience and kindliness; and there were two young people, a boy and a girl, under his instruction when he died. Nothing pleased him better than to be tending his chiming tower clock and eight bells, and when I came as Vicar in 1952, and set in motion the repair of the clock and the rehanging, recasting and retuning of the bells, I earned his undying friendship. Without a word to me, he arranged a peal for my birthday, which incidentally was his own as well.

Sunday morning was the highlight of his week, faintly dimmed if ringers failed to appear, but "Come on, we'll make some sort of music" he would say. He had so many friends among neighbouring ringers and so great was their affection for him that he could always contrive a full team for special occasions.

It delighted him to welcome ringers' outings and requests for peals, and I was always asked whether I had noticed this or that about the quality of their ringing. For with true humility he credited me, an ignoramus, with the expert ear that he himself possessed. On Sunday evenings he was often the only ringer. He never let me down: "We must let them know we're in business" he would say, and taking three bells would chime them perfectly, hand and foot. He took one Sunday afternoon off a year, to go to Bristol,—yes, to ring with a friend there!

His good works were not confined to the bell tower. He gardened for our widows and the needy (and the Vicarage); he swept our village chimneys; shaved and trimmed hair for the old men, tuned and tinkered our machinery into life, and for years was church stoker, sexton and handyman. His neat churchyard was his pride. He loved the soil, and to give pleasure with gifts of his produce. He expected little, and often nothing, in the way of reward or remuneration for anything that he did—his one relaxation, a nightly abstemious drink with his friends at the Kings Arms. It was his joy to live at full stretch exercising his many self-acquired skills and talents, and even when warned by ill health in latter years he refused to surrender more than a very few of his kindly activities.

May I conclude with some words from my appreciation of him in our parish magazine: "Our Lord spoke of the first stages of life in the World-to-come as being with Him 'in Paradise'. Paradise is an eastern word for garden. We can be quite certain that Fred will be at home in such surroundings, who never ceased to praise God in his devoted love and care for the good earth and its fruits. Nor will he ever forget his friends, nor fail to welcome us gaily home with a wave and the equivalent of a ring of bells when our time comes. May we be worthy of his welcome, and not forget to do our part in prayer for him." Our deep sympathy goes to Vera, his wife, and Roger, his son.

E.H.

MR. B. THOMPSON

For some years Master of the Mancroft company, Norwich, Mr. B. Thompson has died. On September 17th, the day he was cremated, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung as a tribute by G. Sparks 1, E. G. Shorting 2, M. Tooke 3, M. Cubitt 4, T. E. Spight 5, G. Sayer (cond.) 6, C. Bird 7, H. W. Barrett 8.

MR. JOHN NELSON

An in memoriam peal for Mr. John Glover Nelson was rung at St. James' Church, Leyland, Lancs, on September 21st. Mr. Nelson was a ringer at this tower for 50 years and churchwarden for 16 years. His son, Mr. John Nelson, conducted the peal.

CHURCH UNITY AND TEENAGERS

Dear Sir,

I recently returned from holiday with the depressing thought that, once again, it was time to remove six or seven sacks of sticks and dirt from the bell chamber, clean the ringing chamber and sweep the stairs. I was delighted, however, to find that the jobs had been done! In my absence, six of our ringers, assisted by two friends, had made everything spick and span.

Readers may think that this is a commonplace story, but those six ringers were all teenagers and active members of the Church; furthermore, two of them were Roman Catholics, two were Methodists and two were Church of England.

B. GREASLEY

Ringing Master, Breadsall, Derbys.

NATIONAL POLICE GUILD

The National Police Guild had a most successful A.G.M. at Worcester on September 27th with 21 members attending and 39 with guests and friends at the lunch at the Talbot Hotel. Principal guests were Rev. H. L. and Mrs. Davies, Mr. J. B. Florintine (assistant Chief Constable, West Mercia Constabulary) and Mr. David Beacham (general secretary to the Worcestershire and Districts Association).

The meeting was held at the main Magistrates' Court by permission of the Chief Constable (Mr. J. A. Willison). Guild subscriptions will be raised to 5/- a year from January 1st, 1970; the next A.G.M. will be held at Kettering on Sept. 26th, 1970.

TAUNTON BRANCH MEETING

The Taunton Branch's quarterly meeting at Ashbrittle in September was poorly attended, only 18 members being present. The Rector (Rev. E. Heathcote) welcomed them warmly and used the new Guild office for the Service.

The Rev. M. Odlum, Branch chairman, presided at the business meeting, when suggested alterations to the rules were discussed. New members were elected from Sampford Arundel and Walton.

Next meeting, Milverton, October 25th, and Branch A.G.M., Wellington, January 27th (both subject to approval).

Grateful thanks to the Rector, the organist (Mr. Wotton) and the ladies for a delicious tea were voiced by Mr. A. H. Reed, the secretary.

KNOTTY ASH DELIGHT

Dear Sir,—The above method was first rung as Basford Delight on July 18th, 1964, at Basford, Notts.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM.

London, W.

BELFRY GOSSIP

For enquiries about Rochford, Essex, bells write to the Rector or Philip Bedford, 150, Eastwood Old Road, Leigh-on-Sea.

Conducted by David P. Hilling, a peal of Albanian Surprise Maximus was rung at Trowbridge on September 13th.

With a peal of Triples at North Stoneham on September 2nd, Mr. F. E. Collins has completed the Erin family from Triples to Cinques.

A peal of 16,128 Superlative Surprise Major was rung at the Bell Foundry Campanile, Loughborough, on September 13th, conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

About 40 people from Whatton, Notts, went to see their two new trebles cast by Messrs. John Taylor at Loughborough. It is hoped to have the eight bells ringing by Christmas.

For the striking competition in connection with the Dorset ringing festival at Blandford on October 25th Durweston A qualified to represent North Dorset at the preliminary heat held at Okeford Fitzpaine on September 27th. Two other teams competed.

The 5th Plymouth Boys' Brigade Company have had their handbells stolen—a bitter blow as 60 awards have been gained in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, each boy being able to ring them. Will any readers with a set not in use please write to K. J. Banfield, 22, St. Martin's Avenue, Peverell, Plymouth.

Warsop, Notts, has had its two new trebles cast by John Taylor and Co.

We are indebted to Mr. John L. Stanier for the beautiful picture of Adelaide Cathedral which we published in our last issue.

Wrexham's good company of ringers has none between 20 and 65. There are four in the veteran class.

The Standing Committee of the Central Council will be meeting on November 29th at the Winstanley Arms, Leicester, which is about half-a-mile from the M1.

Mr. F. I. Hairs is convalescing at Surfleet after an operation for strangulated hernia. He was present at the Lincoln Guild 70th anniversary dinner on September 27th.

A new ringing Society has found its way to our columns—the Society of New Forest Youths. A peal of Doubles was rung on September 6th as a farewell to Canon C. R. Macbeth, for 17 years Vicar of Brockenhurst.

Stephen Francis Davrill, on the day before he left to attend a teachers' training college at Coventry, rang his first quarter at SS. Michael and Paul's Church, Bath. His brother, Peter, conducted.

The quarter at Mildenhall, Wilts, on September 20th, by pupils of Marlborough Grammar School, was the first to be rung by the school. The average age was 15. Eighteen ringers now attend the school, ten being change-ringers.

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DAVID ROTHERA'S WEDDING

On September 6th, the wedding took place between David Edmund Rothera and Susan Joan Jenkins. David, a solicitor with Essex County Council, and junior steward of the Ancient Society of College Youths, is well known to "R.W." readers as the leading peal ringer for the past two years. Susan, a teacher, is a graduate of Bristol University, while David took his degree at Cambridge.

The choice of Harrow Weald church for the wedding was very appropriate, it being on the pleasant light octave that Susan learnt to ring, and later that David, together with his best man, Jonathan Porter, learnt to ring Surprise.

On the wedding morning an attempt for a peal of Bristol Surprise Major by the A.S.C.Y. at Harrow Weald was stopped around the halfway stage, one of the band being taken ill.

The little church was well filled for the service by guests from ringing and other circles. Susan's dress, made by herself, was of Italian satin, trimmed with lace daisies, and she was attended by the Vicar's daughter, Fiona Bond, dressed in crimson.

At the reception, held at the Thatched Barn, Potter's Bar, a course of Grandsire Caters was well rung in hand by Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Woolley, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Hardy and Mr. M. L. J. Jordan. One of the ladies present was persuaded to try the swimming pool, and a very fine day was concluded as the happy couple set off to Austria for their honeymoon with our best wishes for future happiness.

O'D.

BELLRINGING FEAT

"A great change-ringing feat has been accomplished on the Mottram (Cheshire) church bells, which is claimed as a record for the whole country. A team consisting of five Mottram ringers, two from Oldham, and one from Ashton, has set up this new record by ringing 16,800 changes in 9 hours 40 minutes. On the same bells 29 years ago eight Ashton ringers surpassed all previous records by ringing 16,608 changes in 9 hours 48 minutes. In this, the latest record feat, the ringing began at 6.30 in the morning and lasted until 4.10 in the afternoon, the ropes never for a moment having been let go.

Refreshments in the shape of dry toasted cake soaked in meat extract, pieces of meat fresh from the gravy and juicy fruit were placed in the men's mouths at intervals. The feeding process required skill, for every 'change' involved mental reckoning on the ringer's part. The feeding process was undertaken by a Stalybridge ringer, who would take up a piece of food and pitch it forward: there would be a movement of the ringer's head, like a dog catching a bone, and the morsel disappeared."

Extract from "Home Words", Sept., 1912.

S. HOLT.

BOYNE HILL DIAMOND WEDDING

The peal of Bob Major rung at All Saints', Boyne Hill, on September 20th was the 100th on the bells and was rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Lister on the occasion of their diamond wedding. Mr. Lister, who is 88 years old, served in the choir at All Saints' for 60 years; he has always taken a keen interest in ringing and is a life member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. Two of his sons are ringers: Bryan rings at St. Mary's, Geoffrey at All Saints', Boyne Hill. Mr. Lister's grandson, Robert, is a ringer at Stoke Poges.

Among the many messages of congratulation was a telegram from Her Majesty the Queen and greetings from the members of Boyne Hill band.

ST. MARY-DE-LODE BELLS RING AGAIN

The bells of St. Mary-de-Lode, Gloucester, were rung on September 7th, after being silent for a number of years. The silence had been due to the bad state of the masonry in the tower, which dates from the 12th century. It cost in the region of £2,000 to repair the tower and another £3,000 is still needed to complete the restoration of the church building.

The bells were rung for Evensong by an invited band from Barnwood, Hempsted and Churchdown, the general secretary representing the G. & B. Association. In the tower during the ringing were a number of young men of the parish who are being taught by the Barnwood ringers, who have a rota for the purpose. If these young people make the kind of progress that is expected of learners at Barnwood it will not be long before the bells are being rung by a band attached to the church.

BACK FROM CANADA

The Slough, Bucks, bellringers are pleased to welcome home from Canada Mr. David Ward, after two years' residence there, during which time he had no opportunity to ring but time to find himself a wife. He has lost none of his old touch and "opened his account" with a quarter of Yorkshire S. Major for Slough Parish Church's dedication festival service. He has taken up a teaching post in Slough, where he hopes to remain if he can find suitable accommodation.

ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL, LIMERICK

Due to major repair work (including the replacement of the existing roof) being carried out to the Cathedral bell tower, all ringing has been suspended since mid-August, and it is expected to be late October or early November before ringing activity will be resumed.

We were sorry that many cross-Channel ringers were disappointed at not being able to ring at the Cathedral while visiting Limerick.

G. H. E.

SUMMER MEETING OF SOCIETY OF PURBECK YOUTHS

NORTH Wiltshire and Oxfordshire provided the venue for the summer meeting of the Society this year, which was held over the Bank Holiday weekend.

On Thursday afternoon an advance party rang a peal of Minor, in ten methods, on the heavy six at Purton before moving on to stay with Lewis and Elizabeth Cobb, who were hosts for the weekend. Four more ringers arrived during the evening, albeit belatedly, after a circular tour of Swindon New Town's complex road network.

On Friday morning, "4 Spliced" was lost, after two hours at Stratton St. Margaret, due to a broken rope; one peal of Spliced too many here, presumably! However, in the afternoon Lincolnshire was scored at St. Mark's, Swindon, after persuading the builders to leave the parapet, David Wilson conducting his first of Surprise.

Saturday was the most successful day of the meeting with a peal of Rutland at Highworth in the morning and Cambridge at Bampton in the afternoon, where Ron Marlow, Jeff and Sandra Claughton joined the party. A delay was caused at Bampton by the chiming apparatus, which required some discouragement before the bells could be raised, though afterwards it had its revenge by chiming "Home Sweet Home" for each hour of the peal.

Stedman Caters was attempted at Edington on Sunday afternoon, but the fully muffled bells proved difficult to hear and the peal was lost in a trip after about an hour. A quarter peal of Plain Bob Royal was rung, with the bells "open", before attending Evensong at the Priory.

We travelled further afield on Monday to ring a good peal of Yorkshire on the glorious eight at Burford in the morning, and then on to Kingham in the afternoon for Double Norwich, which had it been successful would probably have been the quickest peal on the bells in an estimated 2 hours and 20 mins. However, the speed of the conductor's body exceeded that of his mind and a bob was missed in the second part of a well known composition. A quarter peal of Superlative was then rung at a pace more suited to the ringers and the bells.

The "Tuesday Workers" left for home on Monday evening, but a hard core, with the help of Maurice New, of Swindon, brought round a peal of Surprise Minor at Preshute on Tuesday morning. Our thanks to him.

In addition to the tower bell ringing, three quarter peals were rung on handbells over the weekend in places as diverse as a road "lay-by" and Lewis and Elizabeth's living room.

We are all very grateful to Lewis & Elizabeth Cobb for providing excellent accommodation (hoping that their home is back to normal now), and for making the ringing arrangements for the meeting.

MARSHMAN.

JOHN KETTERINGHAM'S RINGING TOUR

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
CRESWELL, Derbys.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Sat., Aug. 23, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

Timothy Wylie	Treble	Rev. Frederick Ross	5
Linda D. Shaw	2	Robin A. Grant	6
Robert M. Chambers	3	John R. Ketteringham	7
Keith J. Walpole	4	Geoffrey Bridges	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Ketteringham. Conducted by Geoffrey Bridges.
Rung as a compliment to Anthony R. Carter and Christine M. Leslie, married at St. Albans Cathedral this day

BOLSOVER, Derbys.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Lawrence.
On Sat., Aug. 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Humphrey's. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in G.

John R. Ketteringham	Treble	Peter G. Holden	5
Geoffrey Bridges	2	Robert M. Chambers	6
Timothy G. Pett	3	Rev. Frederick Ross	7
Keith J. Walpole	4	Christopher I. Rowson	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Christopher I. Rowson.
Rung as a compliment to Christopher P. Starbuck and Jennie Brown, married at St. Mary's Church. Lewisham, this day.

DERBY, Derbys.—In the ringing chamber of the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sun., Aug. 24, 1969, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 11 in G.

Keith J. Walpole	1–2	Christopher I. Rowson	5–6
Geoffrey Bridges	3–4	*John R. Ketteringham	7–8

Arranged and Conducted by Christopher I. Rowson.
* First peal on eight handbells.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Mon., Aug. 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 CHRISTCHURCH SURPRISE MAJOR
Washbrook's variation. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

*Arthur Hall	Treble	*Peter G. Holden	5
John R. Ketteringham	2	*Robin A. Grant	6
*Rev. Frederick Ross	3	Robert E. Hardy	7
*Keith J. Walpole	4	*Geoffrey Bridges	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Robert E. Hardy.
* First peal in the method. First of Major in the method by all the band.

MOUNTSORREL, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Mon., Aug. 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 27 lb. in G sharp.

*Christopher I. Rowson	Treble	Denis R. Carlisle	5
†Alan H. Long	2	Peter G. Holden	6
Norman F. Edwards	3	Keith J. Walpole	7
Robin A. Grant	4	‡Arthur F. Hall	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Keith J. Walpole.
* Completes Maximus to Major in the method † First peal of Surprise. ‡ First of Surprise "inside."

LEICESTER, Leics.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Martin.
On Mon., Aug. 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb

John R. Ketteringham	Treble	John E. Harrold	5
Geoffrey Bridges	2	Robert E. Hardy	6
Katherine S. Hardy	3	Timothy G. Pett	7
*Burley P. Morris	4	Andrew W. R. Wilby	Tenor

Composed by Chris. P. Starbuck Conducted by Timothy G. Pett.
* 100th peal for the Association.

MELBOURNE, Derbys.—At the Church of SS. Michael and Mary.
On Tues., Aug. 26, 1969, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5104 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

Christopher I. Rowson	Treble	Peter G. Holden	5
John R. Ketteringham	2	Robin A. Grant	6
Arthur F. Hall	3	Rev. Frederick Ross	7
Keith J. Walpole	4	Geoffrey Bridges	Tenor

Composed by Simon Humphrey. Conducted by Geoffrey Bridges.

SHEPSHED, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Botolph.
On Tues., Aug. 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in F

Susan E. Davis	Treble	Timothy Wylie	5
Katherine S. Hardy	2	*Peter G. Holden	6
*Robin A. Grant	3	Robert E. Hardy	7
*Alan H. Long	4	Rev. Frederick Ross	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Robert E. Hardy.
* First peal in the method.

DARLEY DALE, Derbys.—At the Church of St. Helen.
On Wed., Aug. 27, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 LATHKILL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in F.

Susan E. Davis	Treble	Robin A. Grant	5
John R. Ketteringham	2	Peter G. Holden	6
Keith J. Walpole	3	Geoffrey Bridges	7
Rev. Frederick Ross	4	Christopher I. Rowson	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman Conducted by Geoffrey Bridges.
First peal in the method.

LATHKILL SURPRISE MAJOR
—38—14—1258—16—14—38—123 4—78 B. f.c.h. b, d, o.

DERBY, Derbys.—At St. Osmund's House, London Road.
On Thurs., Aug. 28, 1969, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 11 in G.

Geoffrey Bridges	1–2	Keith J. Walpole	5–6
Christopher I. Rowson	3–4	John R. Ketteringham	7–8

Arranged and Conducted by Christopher I. Rowson.

DERBY, Derbys.—At St Osmund's House, London Road.
On Thurs., Aug. 28, 1969, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
28-course block. Tenor size 16 in B flat.

*Katherine S. Hardy	1–2	Christopher I. Rowson	5–6
Keith J. Walpole	3–4	*Geoffrey Bridges	7–8

*Robert E. Hardy 9–10
Arranged and Conducted by Christopher I. Rowson.
* First peal on ten handbells.

THE OAKS-IN-CHARNWOOD, Leics.—At the Church of St. James the Apostle.
On Thurs., Aug. 28, 1969, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 10 cwt 1 qr. 12 lb. in G sharp.

John R. Ketteringham	Treble	Arthur F. Hall	4
*J. Charles West	2	Peter G. Holden	5
Alan H. Long	3	Robin A. Grant	Tenor

Conducted by Robin A. Grant.
* First peal "inside." First as conductor.

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KETTERINGHAM TOUR—continued.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Fri., Aug. 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

Christopher I. Rowson	Treble	*Peter G. Holden	6
John R. Ketteringham	2	Robert E. Hardy	7
Rev. Frederick Ross	3	Norman F. Edwards	8
Keith J. Walpole	4	Geoffrey Bridges	9
Katherine S. Hardy	5	†Robin A. Grant	Tenor

Composed by C. K. Lewis. Conducted by Robert E. Hardy.
* 100th peal. † First of Royal.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
M1, Leicestershire.—On the Grass Verge.
On Mon., Aug. 25, 1969, in 1 Hour and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor size 12 in F.
Peter G. Holden .. .. .. 1-2 | Christopher I. Rowson (cond.) 3-4
Keith J. Walpole 5-6

THE CANAL, DERBY, Derbys.—Under London Road Bridge.
On Sat., Aug. 30, 1969, in 1 Hour and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven slightly different extents. Tenor size 12 in F.
Peter G. Holden .. .. .. 1-2 | Christopher I. Rowson (cond.) 3-4
Keith J. Walpole 5-6
Believed to be the first peal on a canal.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
BILLINGBOROUGH, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Mon., Sept. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in A flat.

Alan H. Long	Treble	Robin A. Grant	5
*Michael Rigby	2	Peter G. Holden	6
Edwin T. Chapman	3	Dennis A. Frith	7
Arthur F. Hall	4	Andrew W. R. Wilby	Tenor

Composed by C. K. Lewis. Conducted by Andrew W. R. Wilby.
* First peal of Major "inside."

EDENHAM, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Mon., Sept. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 FORDCOMBE SURPRISE MAJOR
Humphrey's. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in F.

Alan H. Long	Treble	Robin A. Grant	5
Peter G. Holden	2	Geoffrey Bridges	6
Dennis A. Frith	3	Christopher I. Rowson	7
Keith J. Walpole	4	Andrew W. R. Wilby	Tenor

Arranged by Chris. I. Rowson. Conducted by Andrew W. R. Wilby.
First peal in the method by all the band.

EDENHAM, Lincolnshire.—At "The Retreat."
On Mon., Sept. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5000 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR
In ten methods, being 3,520 changes of Plain Bob, 512 Double Bob, 336 Little Bob, 192 Gainsborough Little Bob, 96 St. Clement's College Bob, 96 Lansdowne Little, 96 Crayford College, 72 Wellington Little, 48 Crayford Little and 32 Reverse, with 208 changes of method.
Tenor size 13 in E.
Geoffrey Bridges .. .. .. 1-2 | Keith J. Walpole 5-6
Christopher I. Rowson .. 3-4 | Andrew W. R. Wilby 7-8
Arranged and Conducted by Christopher I. Rowson.

WILLOUGHBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Helen.
On Wed., Sept. 3, 1969, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of Kent T.B., one extent of St. Clement's College Bob and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb. in A.

Alan H. Long	Treble	Norman F. Edwards	4
*J. Charles West	2	Arthur F. Hall	5
*Michael Rigby	3	Peter G. Holden	Tenor

Conducted by Peter G. Holden.
* Most methods to a peal.

ALFORD, Lincolnshire.—At Resthaven, Chapel Street.
On Thurs., Sept. 4, 1969, in 1 Hour and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor size 15 in C.
*John R. Ketteringham .. 1-2 | Geoffrey Bridges (cond.) .. 3-4
Peter G. Holden 5-6
* 100th peal for the Lincolnshire Diocesan Guild.

ALFORD, Lincolnshire.—At Resthaven, Chapel Street.
On Fri., Sept. 5, 1969, in 1 Hour and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Double Bob and six of Plain Bob.
Tenor size 15 in C.
John R. Ketteringham .. 1-2 | Geoffrey Bridges (cond.) .. 3-4
*Peter G. Holden 5-6
* Most methods to a peal "in hand."

SURFLEET, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Laurence.
On Sat., Sept. 6, 1969, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Norman F. Edwards	Treble	*Robin A. Grant	5
John R. Ketteringham	2	*Alan H. Long	6
Derek G. Astridge	3	Frank Reed	7
Geoffrey Bridges	4	Christopher I. Rowson	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Christopher I. Rowson.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb. in F.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD WEEK, 1969

HARTLEPOOL, Durham.—At the Church of St. Oswald.
On Mon., Aug. 25, 1969, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in E flat.

V. Nutton (Selwyn)	Treble	W. T. Cook (Jesus)	6
M. Susan Jackson (Girton)	2	C. M. P. Johnson (Selwyn)	7
J. H. Fielden (St. Cath's)	3	C. H. Rogers (Emmanuel)	8
*D. Barton (Selwyn)	4	R. H. Youdale (Emmanuel)	9
K. J. Darvill (St. Cath's)	5	B. D. Threlfall (Trinity)	Tenor

Composed by W. E. Critchley. Conducted by Vivian Nutton.
* First peal of Royal. First on ten bells as conductor.

STAINDROP, Durham.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Tues., Aug. 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

D. Barton (Selwyn)	Treble	J. B. Cooke (Queens')	5
R. S. Bradley (Clare)	2	R. L. Underwood (P'house)	6
J. R. N. Lebon (Selwyn)	3	*S. C. Walters (Pembroke)	7
W. T. Cook (Jesus)	4	K. J. Darvill (St. Cath's)	Tenor

Composed by M. S. Bruce. Conducted by R. L. Underwood.
* 50th peal with the Guild. Tenor 15 cwt. 21 lb. in F.

CHESTER-LE-STREET, Durham.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Cuthbert.
On Tues., Aug. 26, 1969, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

R. H. Youdale (Emmanuel)	Treble	B. D. Threlfall (Trinity)	5
M. Susan Jackson (Girton)	2	C. M. P. Johnson (Selwyn)	6
F. E. Haynes (St. Cath's)	3	C. H. Rogers (Emmanuel)	7
A. T. Winter (Christ's)	4	J. H. Fielden (St. Cath's)	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by J. Henry Fielden.

CHESTER LE STREET.—At Lumley Castle.
On Wed., Aug. 27, 1969, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
K. J. Darvill (St. Cath's) .. 1-2 | A. T. Winter (Christ's) .. 5-6
R. S. Bradley (Clare) .. 3-4 | R. H. Youdale (Emmanuel) 7-8
R. L. Underwood (P'house) 9-10
Arranged and Conducted by K. J. Darvill.
Rung as a compliment to Miss J. C Wittick and C. M. Tuckett, members of the Guild, who were married the previous Friday at St. Bene't's, Cambridge.

TANFIELD, Durham.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Fri., Aug. 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Thurstans' 5-part (No. 1). Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

K. J. Darvill (St. Cath's)	Treble	W. T. Cook (Jesus)	5
S. C. Walters (Pembroke)	2	F. E. Haynes (St. Cath's)	6
V. Nutton (Selwyn)	3	R. H. Youdale (Emmanuel)	7
R. S. Bradley (Clare)	4	C. A. Friskney (Emmanuel)	Tenor

Conducted by K. J. Darvill.

OTHER TOWER BELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
DARESBURY, Cheshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Aug. 30, 1969, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

*David A. Godfrey	Treble	George H. Randles	5
†Valerie Jamson	2	Michael Thomson	6
Norah M. Randles	3	Christopher J. Jones	7
Harold Worrall	4	*Harry W. Howard	Tenor

Composed by W. Nicolls. Conducted by Harry W. Howard.
* 50th peal together. † First of Kent Major.
Rung with the best wishes of the band to Cynthia Mary Woods, ringer at this church, and Ralph T. Taylor, who were married at this church before the peal. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in E.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
BALDERTON, Notts.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Sat., Aug. 30, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 8 cwt 24 lb. in G sharp.

Beryl N. Reed	Treble	Keith C. Vernon	5
F. William Midwinter	2	Colin W. Reed	6
James W. Raithby	3	Derek J. Tysoe	7
*Paul F. Curtis	4	Paul Raithby	Tenor

Composed by A. J. Corrigan. Conducted by Colin W. Reed.
* First peal in the method and first of Triples. The tenor ringer has now "circled the tower" to peals and is the first male to do so.
Rung during the Flower Festival at St. Gilestide.

HOLME PIERREPONT, Notts.—At the Church of St. Edmund.
On Fri., July 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED TREBLE BOB MINOR

Comprising 198 methods in the following seven extents (1) Spalding, Retford, Minehead, Dronfield, Purleigh, Quendon, Lincoln, Coldstream, Redbourne, Euston, Archway, Bloomsbury, Kenwood, St. Pancras, Highbury, Scarrington, Stoke Bardolph, Aslockton, Woodborough, Syerston and Cotham Surprise, Beeston, Melandra, Leasowe, Peveril, Tollesbury, Middlesex, Besthorpe, Shelton and Hawksworth Delight (30 methods), (2) Staveley, Selby, March, Boston, East Bridgford, North Muskham, Wath, Carisbrooke, Hitcham, Papplewick, Thoroton, Scrooby, Bole, Wellow, Thorpe, Walesby, Askham and East Leake Delight, Caythorpe, Perlthorpe, Hockerton, Kigull, Wigsley, Thorney, Winkburn, Maplebeck, Eakring, Willoughby-on-the-Wolds, Gedling and Granby Surprise (30 methods), (3) Skipton, Chepstow, Fotheringay, Balmoral, Danbury, Hatherop, Staythorpe, Upton and Oxton Delight, Bilsthorpe, Halloughton, Smithfield, Bleasby, Calverton, Epperston, Cromwell, Kneeton, Flintham, Lambley, Darlton, Weston, Littleborough, Edingley, Halam, Habblesthorpe, Gonalston, Hoveringham, Wakefield, Monsal and Stanwell Surprise (30 methods), (4) Knutsford, Rostherne, Bogedone, Wilmslow, Stisted, Pebmarsh, Whatton-in-the-Vale, Staines, Orston, Gunthorpe, Thurgaton, Kirton, Egmanton, Boughton, Ollerton, Ompton, Kneesall and Kersall Delight, Hatfield, Redcar, Appleby, Beighton, Pattiswick, Terling, Holloway, Pentonville, Brixton, Wandsworth, Soho and Waterloo Surprise (30 methods), (5) Edwinstowe, Cuckney, Cotgrave, Collingham, Everton, Laxton, Misson, Mansfield-Woodhouse, Ravenshead, Sturton-le-Steeple, Stapleford, Shireoaks, Selston, Kilvington, North Wheatley, Nuthall, Alverton, Ossington, Owthorpe, Normanton-on-the-Wolds, Plumtree, Keyworth, Stanton-on-the-Wolds, Bevercotes, Carburton, West Drayton and West Markham Surprise, Cropwell, Butler, Tithby and Tollerton Delight (30 methods), (6) Thorne, Ripley, Rhyl, Luton Broomfield, Fyfield, Bunney, Barton-in-Fabis, Babworth, Averham, Clayworth, Flawborough, Westminster, Allendale, Fryerning, Bathley, Brough, Bothamsall, Screveton, Burton-Joyce and Car-Colston Surprise, Holbeck, Clipston, Blidworth, Newstead, Linby, Brinsley, London Delight, Hadfield and Holme Pierrepont Delight (30 methods), (7) College Exercise, Ockley, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk, London Scholars, Capel, Kingston, Sandal, South Kirkby, Barnsley and Snowdrop Treble Bob, Pilsey, Blythe, Staverton, Nostel, Neath, Finchampstead and Warsop Delight (18 methods), with 210 changes of method Tenor 11 cwt. 3 lb. in G sharp.

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

Conducted by R. Brian Mills.

Greatest number of methods yet rung to a peal. All extents by Simon Humphrey.

Scarrington:	36—36.14—56—36—12—36.	l.h. 12.	54632.
Stoke Bardolph:	36—36.14—56—36.12—12.36.	l.h. 12.	54632.
Aslockton:	36—36.14—56—1236—12—36.	l.h. 12.	54632.
Woodborough:	36—36.14.56—12.36.12—12.56.	l.h. 12.	56342.
Syerston:	36—36.14.56—12.36—34—56.	l.h. 12.	56342.
Cotham:	36—36.14.56—12.36—12—56.	l.h. 12.	56342.
Besthorpe:	36—34.16—56—36—12—36.	l.h. 12.	56342.
Shelton:	36—34.16—56—36.12—12.36.	l.h. 12.	56342.
Hawksworth:	36—34.16—56—1236—12—36.	l.h. 12.:	56342.
Caythorpe:	34—36.14—56—36.12—34.56.	l.h. 16.	34625.
Perlthorpe	34—36.14—56—36.12—12.56.	l.h. 16.	34625.
Hockerton:	34—36.14—56—36—34—56.	l.h. 16.	34625.
Kigull:	34—36.14—56—36—12—56.	l.h. 16.	34625.
Wigsley:	34—36.14—56—1236—12—56.	l.h. 16.	34625.
Thorney:	34—36.14—56—1236—34—56.	l.h. 16.	34625.
Winkburn:	34—36.14.56—12.36.12—12.56.	l.h. 16.	34625.
Maplebeck:	34—36.14.56—12.36—34—56.	l.h. 16.	34625.
Eakring	34—36.14.56—12.36—12—56	l.h. 16.	34625.

HOLME PIERREPONT, Notts.—At the Church of St. Edmund.
On Sat., Sept. 6, 1969, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents each of Grandsire, Newborough, All Saints, Rushall, Marchington, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Fortune, Rev. Canterbury, Southrepps, Little Aston, Clifford's Pleasure, three extents St. Columb, Plain Bob, Kennington, Seighford, April Day, Old.
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr.

Peter Hayward	Treble	Ruth Blackshaw	3
*Pamela Clifton	2	*W. Gordon Marsh	4

Maurice W. Harrison .. Tenor
Conducted by Ruth Blackshaw.
* 25th peal together.
Rung with congratulations to Joan M. Wood and John D. Green, married at St. Edmund's prior to the peal.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
BILSTON, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Leonard.
On Fri., Sept 5, 1969, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10½ cwt. (approx.) in F sharp.

*Sylvia J. Hodister	Treble	David J. Bates	5
Christopher J. Bennett	2	Richard B. Dorrington	6
Alan J. Fletcher	3	Philip G. K. Davies	7
Remi M. Hodister	4	Stephen Yates	Tenor

Composed by C. Charge. Conducted by Philip G. K. Davies.
* First peal on eight bells.
Rung by the Sunday service band to welcome the new Vicar, the Rev. Frank Powell, Mrs. Powell and their family.

BREWOOD, Staffs.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Chad.
On Sat., Sept. 6, 1969, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5104 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in D.

Stanley W. Illidge	Treble	Leslie F. Smith	5
Gillian B. Smith	2	Philip R. Johnson	6
*Graham S. Keay	3	Ian Friend	7
Barnabas G. Key	4	David R. Hawksworth	Tenor

Composed by Simon Humphrey. Conducted by Ian Friend.
* First peal of Major.
Rung in memoriam Roger L. Hawksworth.

TETTENHALL, Staffs.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., Sept. 13, 1969, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Hilary F. Pardoe	Treble	*Kevin Taber	5
Nigel Thomson	2	Keith G. Game	6
Philip R. Johnson	3	Philip G. K. Davies	7
Juliet S. Stoy	4	Raymond J. Talbot	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton Conducted by Philip G. K. Davies.
* First peal of Surprise.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Elizabeth Timmins and Richard Stevens, married here this day. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in F sharp.

SWYNNERTON, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Fri., Sept. 12, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Double Oxford and St. Clement's and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in A.

William H. Watkin	Treble	Robert A. Partridge	4
Ruth A. E. Fairbrother	2	Frank Beech	5
Jennifer Beech	3	Edward R. Fairbrother	Tenor

Conducted by Robert A. Partridge.
Rung as 21st birthday compliments to Michael Cope and Ruth A. E. Fairbrother

BLITHFIELD, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Leonard.
On Tues., Sept. 16, 1969, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. (C.C. Nos. 1, 2 and 21.)

Cyril T. Collins	Treble	Leslie E. Monk	4
Margaret L. Ellwood	2	Brian Harris	5
*Martin W. Barrett	3	Clive M. Smith	Tenor

Conducted by Clive M. Smith
* First peal. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in A.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
WILBY, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sun., Sept. 7, 1969, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 8 lb. in F.

*Leslie P. Brain	Treble	Vernon B. Bedford	5
*Robert J. Southgate	2	Adrian Knights	6
J. Martin Thorley	3	†Stephen J. Bedford	7
Michael J. Howes	4	Howard W. Egglestone	Tenor

Composed by Michael S. Bruce. Conducted by Howard W. Egglestone.
* First peal of Surprise Major. † First of Yorkshire.

FRAMSDEN, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Wed., Sept. 10, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Muriel R. Page	Treble	*Adrian Knights	5
Gilbert R. Goodship	2	Philip G. Erith	6
*Vernon B. Bedford	3	Cecil W. Pipe	7
Ernest G. Pearce	4	*Stephen J. Bedford	Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Cecil W. Pipe.
* First peal of Kent. Tenor 16 cwt. in E.

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THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

PAKEFIELD, Suffolk.—At the Church of All Saints and St. Margaret. On Sat., Sept. 13, 1969, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 HAVANT SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in G.

Mrs. Alan G. Payne	Treble	J. Barry Pickup	5
Katharine M. Thorley	2	Leslie G. Brett	6
Muriel R. Page	3	Alan G. Payne	7
Frank C. J. Arnold	4	J. Martin Thorley	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

Rung in memoriam Benjamin S. Thompson.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

PUTNEY, London, S.W.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin. On Sun., Aug. 31, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Julie S. Armstrong	Treble	*Nigel Thomson	5
Alan D. Flood	2	Michael J. Uphill	6
Shirley M. Drew	3	John Pladdys	7
Norman Summerhayes	4	Geoffrey R. Drew	Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Geoffrey R. Drew.

* First peal in the method. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F.

CITY OF LONDON, E.C.—At the Church of St. Olave, Hart Street. On Thurs., Sept. 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

J. Charles West	Treble	*Peter G. Holden	5
John R. Ketteringham	2	Robin A. Grant	6
Lesley Warwick	3	Roy D. Mills	7
*Maureen J. Carruthers	4	Frank Reed	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by John R. Ketteringham.

* 25th peal together. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in G.

CITY OF LONDON, E.C.—At the Church of St. Vedast, Foster Lane. On Wed., Sept. 17, 1969, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven differently called extents. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in F.

Alan D. Flood	Treble	Michael J. Uphill	4
Kenneth J. Rider	2	Geoffrey D. Armitage	5
John Pladdys	3	Keith G. Game	Tenor

Conducted by John Pladdys.

Rung with the good wishes of the band to the ringer of the 5th, who is shortly leaving the country.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WITHYHAM, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels. On Sun., Sept. 14, 1969, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 9 lb. in E.

Robert N. Harris	Treble	John A. Howard	5
D. Paul Smith	2	Edward J. Jenner	6
Valerie J. Howard	3	*Ernest J. Ladd	7
Frank H. Hicks	4	*John W. Smith	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Ernest J. Ladd.

* 25th peal together.

Rung as first birthday compliments to Jonathan Noel Large, grandson of the conductor, and Peter Robert Jeffrey.

WESTHAM, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin. On Fri., Sept. 5, 1969, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Kent T.B., one extent each of Single Oxford Bob, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure and Grandsire and two extents of Plain Bob.

*Kathleen S. Fuller	Treble	†Robert J. Fuller	4
Christine M. Baldock	2	Thomas M. Barlow	5
†D. Roy Fuller	3	Alan R. Baldock	Tenor

Conducted by Alan R. Baldock.

* First peal of Minor. † First in five methods.

Rung with best wishes to Kathleen Fuller and Mervyn Kerswell on the eve of their marriage. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in G.

SEDLESCOMBE, Sussex.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist. On Sat., Sept. 13, 1969, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 REVERSE CANTERBURY PLEASURE BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

*David J. Woodward	Treble	George Beeney	4
Paul Fox	2	Thomas M. Barlow	5
*Geoffrey D. Welch	3	†Alan R. Baldock	Tenor

Conducted by Alan R. Baldock.

* First peal of Minor. † 100th peal. First peal of Reverse Canterbury Minor by all the band, on the bells and for the Association.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

CARBIS BAY, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Anta and All Saints. On Mon., Aug. 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5055 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. in G sharp.

Joan Beresford	Treble	Edgar R. Rapley	6
Susan J. Newman	2	Peter M. Wilkinson	7
Jane Foster	3	Norman Summerhayes	8
Claudia A. Critchley	4	Dennis Beresford	9
G. William Critchley	5	Nicholas J. Davies	Tenor

Composed by James W. Washbrook. Conducted by Dennis Beresford.

KEA, Cornwall.—At the Church of All Hallows On Tues., Aug. 5, 1969, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in G

Michael H. O'Callaghan	Treble	Stanley G. Ponting	5
Edgar R. Rapley	2	Nicholas J. Davies	6
Claudia A. Critchley	3	G. William Critchley	7
Kenneth Newman	4	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Dennis Beresford.

PROBUS, Cornwall.—At the Church of SS. Probus and Grace. On Thurs., Aug. 7, 1969, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In eight methods, comprising 768 each of Bristol, London and Rutland, and 576 each of Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 144 changes of method.

Tenor 20 cwt. 11 lb. in E flat.

*Joan Beresford	Treble	Norman Summerhayes	5
Edgar R. Rapley	2	Michael H. O'Callaghan	6
Peter M. Wilkinson	3	Nicholas J. Davies	7
*†Stanley G. Ponting	4	†Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Dennis Beresford

* 50th peal together. † 50th peal together.

ST. STEPHEN-IN-BRANNELL, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Stephen.

On Sat., Aug. 9, 1969, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in F sharp.

Joan Beresford	Treble	Stanley G. Ponting	5
Jane Foster	2	Peter M. Wilkinson	6
Edgar R. Rapley	3	Nicholas J. Davies	7
Kenneth Newman	4	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed by Simon Humphrey. Conducted by Dennis Beresford.

PERRAN-AR-WORTHAL, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Piran. On Thurs., Sept. 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being three methods—Rev. Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire—and five variations. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in G.

*David J. Escott	Treble	John J. George	4
†Robert Peel Pearce	2	W. Reginald Curtis	5
†Timothy J. Bell	3	T. Roy Hart	Tenor

Conducted by Timothy J. Bell.

* First peal attempt. † 25th peal together.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

INVERARAY, Argyll.—At the Church of All Saints. On Tues., Sept. 2, 1969, in 3 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 41 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in C.

Katharine J. Maundrell	Treble	Gareth H. Jones	6
Richard A. G. Inglis	2	Rowan S. Bradley	7
Richard L. Underwood	3	Richard H. Youdale	8
William T. Perrins	4	S. Clarke Walters	9
Dale Barton	5	John F. M. Maybrey	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Richard A. G. Inglis.

KINGSCLERE, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Mary. On Mon., Aug. 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 15 cwt.

*Peter Watts	Treble	Bradley Murduck	5
Philip Murduck	2	Robert G. Crocker	6
David Goss	3	Geoffrey K. Dodd	7
Peter Furness	4	†Peter Stamp	Tenor

Composed by J. Groves. Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † First peal.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Ian Balding and Miss Emma Hastings-Bass, married this day at St. Mary's Church, Kingsclere.

HIGHCLERE, Hants.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels. On Fri., Aug. 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

*Bernard Doe	Treble	*William Furness	5
David Goss	2	Peter Furness	6
Michael J. Goss	3	Philip G. Taylor	7
Robert G. Crocker	4	Geoffrey K. Dodd	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

* First peal of Major. First of Major by the local Sunday service band.

Rung to welcome the Rev. T. Lewis and Mrs. Lewis back from a two-month exchange visit to America, also as a wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Turley. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb.

BAMBURGH, Northumberland.—At the Church of St. Aidan. On Sat., Aug. 30, 1969, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb. in F.

Philippa M. Tubbs	Treble	Richard L. Underwood	5
Alan T. Winter	2	Dale Barton	6
*Andrew S. Marland	3	William T. Perrins	7
J. Roderick N. Lebon	4	Rowan S. Bradley	Tenor

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Richard Underwood.

* First peal.

Rung on the eve of the 1,318th anniversary of St. Aidan's death.

NORTH STONEHAM, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Nicolas.
On Mon., Sept. 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In ten methods, comprising 576 each of Ashtead, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire, 448 Bristol and 384 London, Rutland and Uxbridge, with 130 changes of method.
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in G.

Anthony J. Mason	Treble	Robert E. J. Dennis	5
Katharine J. Maundrell	2	Richard H. Youdale	6
Thomas H. Francis	3	Charles H. Kippin	7
Derek C. Jackson	4	David J. Forder	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by David J. Forder.
Most Major methods for the Guild by a resident band. First peal of 10-Spliced Surprise Major by all except ringers of 3, 5 and 6.

UPHAM, Hampshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Aug. 30, 1969, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 25 methods—Huntspill Bob, New Bob, St. Vedast Bob, Blaisdon Bob, Blackburn Place, Westminster II Bob, Dragon Place, St. Hilary Bob, Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas Bob, Huntley Bob, St. Remigius Bob, St. Martin Bob, St. Simon Bob, Eynesbury Bob, St. Osmund Bob, Plain Bob, Rev. Canterbury Place Shipway Place, All Saints Place, Rev. St. Bartholomew Bob, Rev. St. Sebastian Bob, Grandsire Bob, Newark Place, Antelope Place—and 126 variations. Tenor 8 cwt.

Flora M. Stocker	Treble	Anthony A. Nunn	4
Faith Riley	2	Derek C. Jackson	5
Catherine A. Roberts	3	Walter J. Stubbington	Tenor

Conducted by Derek C. Jackson.
First peal in 151 methods/variations for the Guild.

ELLISFIELD, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Martin.
On Mon., Sept. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 2,520 changes each of Grandsire and Plain Bob.
Twelve callings. Tenor 9 cwt.

*Richard J. Wilson	Treble	R. Christine Hassell	3
*Alan Hoar	2	Lynette M. Holbrook	4
Howard E. J. Smith	Tenor		

Conducted by Howard E. J. Smith.
* First peal.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
EVESHAM, Worcestershire.—At The Bell Tower.
On Sat., Sept. 6, 1969, in 3 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

*Heather A. Kippin	Treble	Geoffrey J. Hemming	7
†Jean F. Woolford	2	Roger Baldwin	8
Joan Beresford	3	John R. Pratchett	9
Claudia A. Critchley	4	Robert C. Kippin	10
S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	5	James A. D. Woolford	11
G. William Critchley	6	John R. Mayne	Tenor

Conducted by John R. Mayne.
* First peal of Maximus. † First of Surprise Maximus.
Rung as a wedding compliment to David Rothera and Susan Jenkins. Tenor 35 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in C sharp.

NEATH, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Thomas.
On Sat., June 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 13 methods in the following extents: (1) London Surprise, (2) Cambridge, Beverley, (3) Cambridge, Surfleet, (4) Double Oxford, Thelwall, Pinehurst, (5) St. Clement's, Childwall, Buxton, (6) Single Oxford, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 8 lb. in B flat.

Rev. G. Stickland	Treble	David G. Franklin	4
*Alwyn R. Lewis	2	Arthur C. Berry	5
Geoffrey R. Drew	3	John Clements	Tenor

Conducted by John Clements.
* Most methods to a peal.

LEIGH, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Edburga.
On Sat., June 28, 1969, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

Thomas W. Lewis	Treble	David G. Franklin	4
Christina M. Bouldin	2	John Clements	5
Leslie F. Smith	3	Reginald W. Rowe	Tenor

Conducted by John Clements.
Rung as a farewell to Christina Bouldin, who is moving to Maidstone, Kent.

LEIGH, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Edburga.
On Sat., Aug 9, 1969, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being one Morris's 240 and 40 extents (10 callings).
Tenor 17¼ cwt. in E.

*C. Edwin Brooks	Treble	Thomas W. Lewis	4
Reginald W. Rowe	2	John Clements	5
Reginald Woodyatt	3	Cecil Deakin	Tenor

Conducted by John Clements.
* First peal.
Rung as 21st birthday compliments to Christina Bouldin and David Franklin. Also a birthday compliment to Thomas W. Lewis.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
HUDDERSFIELD, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sun., Aug. 31, 1969, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 23 cwt 1 qr. 2 lb. in E flat.

Margaret Warford	Treble	J. Henry Fielden	6
Jeanne E. Bottomley	2	David Smith	7
Vernon Bottomley	3	Wilfrid F. Moreton	8
Robert Cater	4	Frederick A. Munday	9
Ronald R. Warford	5	Trevor Tarbatt	Tenor

Composed by R. Baldwin Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.

BEVERLEY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., Sept. 1, 1969, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 34¼ cwt.

Iris Piper	Treble	Ian Booth	6
J. Henry Fielden	2	Peter Church	7
John R. Leary	3	Roderick Horton	8
Maris C. Stephenson	4	John N. D. Chaddock	9
Vivian Nutton	5	Ronald Ducker	Tenor

Composed by W. E. Critchley. Conducted by J. N. D. Chaddock.

OSSETT, Yorks.—At the Church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity.
On Tues., Sept. 2, 1969, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 27 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in D.

*George D. Johnson	Treble	Wilfrid F. Moreton	6
Gail Cater	2	David Lockwood	7
Alan Clifton	3	Ian North	8
Patricia North	4	Robin Brown	9
†Robert Cater	5	Douglas Barker	Tenor

Composed by A. Tyler. Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.
* First peal on ten bells. † 25th peal.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Patricia and Ian North, married at this church the previous Saturday.

SALTBURN, Yorkshire.—At The "Expo" Belfry.
On Thurs., July 24, 1969, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 4 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in E.

Trevor Tarbatt	Treble	R. Anne Johnson	5
Patricia Lockwood	2	Ronald Ducker	6
Maris C. Stephenson	3	Alan Clifton	7
Ian North	4	Wilfrid F. Moreton	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.

BIRSTWITH, Yorks.—At the Church of St. James the Apostle.
On Sat., Aug. 16, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Philip Charlesworth	Treble	R. Anne Johnson	5
Elizabeth Johnson	2	*Robert Cater	6
Ruth Richardson	3	David S. Johnson	7
*Gail Cater	4	Wilfrid F. Moreton	Tenor

Composed by C. W Roberts. Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.
* First peal of Yorkshire. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G.

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Mon., Aug. 18, 1969, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 HINTON SURPRISE MAJOR

Christopher J. Easton	Treble	David Featherstone	5
Robert H. Jordan	2	Frank D. Mack	6
Peter H. Gardner	3	Ronald R. Warford	7
W. Eric Critchley	4	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Association. Tenor 17 cwt. 4 lb. in F.

GUISELEY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Oswald.
On Sat., Aug. 23, 1969, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. in F.

William Dixon	Treble	*John Hopwood	5
Iris M. E. Lemare	2	*Alec Beaumont	6
*Patricia Lockwood	3	*Alan Clifton	7
*Ian North	4	Stuart Armeson	Tenor

Composed by George Baker. Conducted by Stuart Armeson.
* First peal of Glasgow.

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Mon., Aug. 25, 1969, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 13 methods, comprising 448 Bristol and 384 each of Ashtead, Cambridge, Cassiobury, Cray, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Uxbridge and Yorkshire, with 122 changes of method. Tenor 17 cwt. 4 lb. in F.

Graham J. Jones	Treble	*Gerald Parsons	5
*Robert H. Jordan	2	*Ronald J. Snack	6
W. Eric Critchley	3	*Ronald R. Warford	7
*David Featherstone	4	*C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed by N. Smith. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal of 13-Spliced Surprise Major.

NOTICES

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ENGAGEMENT

BYRNE — EMMETT. — The engagement is announced between Francis, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Byrne, of Woking, and Elizabeth, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Emmett, of Stanmore. 7894

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGES

PALMER—COPAS.—The marriage between Patricia and Michael will take place at St. John's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, Oct. 11th, at 12.30 p.m. All friends welcome. 7873

GODDEN—RATHBONE.—The marriage of Richard and Wendy will take place at St. Mary's Church, Little Baddow, on Saturday, Oct. 11th at 2 p.m All friends welcome at the church. Future address will be 27, Lewis Drive, Chelmsford. 7902

RETURN THANKS

BAKER.—Mrs L. Baker and family wish sincerely to thank ringers and friends for the messages of sympathy received, and the kindness shown, in their recent sad bereavement. 7863

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

MOVLEY.—The address of Christopher and Jane is now 9, Coverdale Way, Langley Lane, Baildon, Yorks. All friends welcome. 7876

READING. — Paul's address is now 17, Birch Lane, Longsight, Manchester, 13. Telephone 061-224 0188. 7901

PERSONAL

"And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover a multitude of sins."—I Peter iv, 8.

PUBLICATIONS

IMPROVED and extended: The "Red Rose" series of Christmas Music for Handbell Ringers—ten well-known tunes for six ringers with 16 handbells, suitable for use indoors or out. Post free 10s. 6d., from T. Ogden, 119, Smallbrook Road, Shaw, Oldham, Lancashire. 7882

"RINGING TOWERS." — Because of devaluation and increased postal charges the annual subscription to "Ringing Towers," the Australian and New Zealand quarterly, is increased from 5s. to 6s to subscribers in the U.K Subscriptions should be sent to Tom Lock, 57, Holloways Lane, North Mymms, Hatfield, Herts

HANDBELLS WANTED

HANDBELLS.—5th Plymouth Boys' Brigade urgently require a set of handbells to replace set stolen from them at end of last session. Ring Plymouth 73863 or write to 22, St. Martin's Avenue, Peverell, Plymouth. 7883

UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCEMENT

BATH UNIVERSITY SOCIETY welcomes all ringers coming up this term. Please contact Peter J. W. Hardwick, Room IW.4035, for information of our activities.

MISCELLANEOUS

LLANDAFF CATHEDRAL. — From Sunday, Oct. 5th, Cathedral Evensong will begin at 4 p.m. Therefore ringing from that date will be from 3–4 p.m 7853

ST. THOMAS'S CHURCH, STOURBRIDGE, WORCS — Dedication of restored and augmented ring of ten bells by the Lord Bishop of Worcester on Sunday, Oct. 19th, 6.30 p.m. Ringing after the service All welcome. All enquiries re the bells to M. D. Fellows, Tower Sec., 14, Western Road, Stourbridge. 7786

SNOWDON DINNER.—Merchant Taylors' Hall, York, Oct. 25th. Towers available: Escrick, 2–3 p.m.; Tadcaster, 2–3; Thirsk, 2–3; Pocklington, 2–3; Acomb, 2.30–3.30; Huntington, 2–3.30; York Minster, 2–3.55, 4.45–5.45. Service, York Minster, 4 p.m. Parking in Dean's Park, York, for cars with Y.A.C.R. stickers. Tickets (27s. 6d.) from H. Walker, 1, Flavian Grove, York (s.a.e., please). 7862

ESSEX ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL DINNER AND DANCE
In the Shire Hall, Chelmsford
On Saturday, October 18th
6.15 for 6.45 p.m. Tickets 30/-.
S.a.e. to P. J. Eves, 8, Lordship Road, Writtle, by Wednesday, Oct. 15th. 7723

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL DINNER DANCE
Saturday, October 25th, at 7.30 p.m.
Victoria Hotel, Preston.
Tickets (27/6) from C. Crossthwaite, 14, Southern Avenue, Frenchwood, Preston. 7705

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ALL SAINTS', HASLINGFIELD
Cambridgeshire
Dedication of the new treble bell
Sunday, October 12th
at 3 o'clock.
Ringing for all afterwards.
Tea available.
7816

NETHER WINCHENDON, BUCKS
RECITAL
By Launton Handbell Ringers
Conducted by F. Sharpe, Esq., F.S.A.
In Church
On Friday, October 17th, at 8 p.m.
7895

DEDICATION
MEOLE BRACE PARISH CHURCH
Shrewsbury
On Sunday, October 12th, at 11 a.m.
By the Lord Bishop of Lichfield
A ring of bells augmented to six by the gift of Major R. and Miss M. Deeds. Bells NOT yet hung.
A meeting of the Shropshire Association will be held at this tower on Saturday, November 8th, at 3 p.m. See later announcement. 7896

ADVANCE NOTICE
SOUTHERN UNIVERSITIES MEETING in Guildford Area
On Saturday, November 8th.
Full details will be sent to University secretaries. — T. G. Williams, Sussex University, c/o 217a, Preston Road, Brighton, BN1 6SA. 7889

DORSET RINGING FESTIVAL
Saturday, October 25th
BLANDFORD PARISH CHURCH
Striking competition 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Corn Exchange 5.15 p.m. Open ringing afterwards. All Dorset ringers welcome. 7885

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION DINNER
King Alfred, King's Way, Hove.
Saturday, October 18th, 7 for 7.30 p.m.
Ringing arrangements:
Holy Trinity, Hurstpierpont (8), 3 to 5 p.m.; St. Peter's, Brighton (10), 5.30 to 6.30 p.m.
7877

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL DINNER
Saturday, October 25th
at 6.15 for 6.30 p.m.
The Trinity Ballroom, Worcester
Tickets (18/6) from Branch secretaries and general secretary by Oct. 21st.
All Saints', 4–5.30 p.m.
St. Swithun's, 5–6 p.m.
D. Beacham, Gen. Sec., The Lea, Hallow, Worcester. 7856

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS
QUARTERLY MEETING
Saturday, October 11th
Clapham Park (8), 3–4.30 p.m.
Tea in Clapham Park Church Hall, followed by business meeting.
Evening ringing, St. Leonard's, Streatham (8), 6.30–8 p.m.
Names for tea to J S. Barnes, 56, Leamington Avenue, Orpington, Kent, BR6 9QB.
7797

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS
332ND ANNIVERSARY DINNER
November 1st, 1969
The 332nd Anniversary Dinner will be held on Saturday, November 1st, 1969 (6 for 6.30 p.m.), at Walbrook Restaurant (Cotillion Room entrance), Bucklersbury House, Walbrook, London, E.C., the Master, Mr. A. N. Stubbs, in the chair. Reception room and bar open at 5.30 p.m
Tickets (35/-) from hon. secretary
Remittances to be made payable to the Society.
Ringing arrangements will be published later.—J. G. A. Prior, Hon. Sec., 21a, Fieldhouse Road, London, S.W.12.
7648

OUR HISTORY

The Jubilee issue of "The Ringing World" (March 24th, 1961) gives an historical survey of the journal and details of those who had taken it for 50 years. Printed on art paper. Price 1s. 6d., from "The Ringing World" Office, c/o Seven Corners Press, Onslow Street, Guildford.

DORCHESTER, DORSET

St. Peter's Society of Change Ringers

RINGERS' FESTIVAL SUNDAY

October 12th

RINGING:

7.30–8 a.m.
10.15–11 a.m.
2.30–5 p.m.

EVERYONE WELCOME

7867

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Final of the Striking Competition at Norton Subcourse on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Teams to meet 2 p.m.

Service 4.30. Tea 5.30 p.m., followed by results and entertainment by the Henley (Suffolk) and Norton Subcourse Handbell Teams.

Haddiscoe (5) available 2–4.15 p.m.

Numbers for tea to Mr. N. P. J. Cossey, Low Road, Norton Subcourse, Norwich, NOR 26W.—N.C. 7838

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

South West Branch

To celebrate the 50th anniversary of the formation of the Branch a meeting will be held at Petertavy on Saturday, Nov. 8th, followed by a celebration dinner at the Lewtrenchard Hotel, Lewdown. The programme will be as follows:

Ringing 2.30 p.m.
Guild Office 4.30 p.m.
Dinner 8 for 8.30 p.m.

Tickets for dinner are 30/- and may be obtained from the Branch secretary (cash with order). Bookings by the last week in October, please. All ringing friends and families welcome.—R. A. Southwood, St. Keyne, 11, Sydney Close, Plympton. Phone: Plymouth 36891. 7831

PRACTICE MEETINGS

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Mid-week meeting, Romford, Tuesday, Oct. 14th. Ringing 7.30–9 p.m. **This is a learners' practice.** 7869

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—South West District.—Surprise Major practice, Hampton, Thursday, Oct. 16th. Visit to Christ Church, Ealing, on Tuesday, Oct. 21st. Practice at St. Mary's, Staines, on Friday, Oct. 31st. All 7.45 to 9 p.m.—M. J. Palmer. 7893

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Surprise Major practice, Oct. 11th, St. Giles', Northampton, 7.30–9 p.m. 7880

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South East District.—A District practice meeting will be held at Offton, near Ipswich (6), on Tuesday, Oct. 14th, 7.30–9 p.m. All welcome.—W. L. 7903

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—12-bell practice, St. John's, Croydon, Tuesday, Oct. 21st, 7.45 p.m.—E. Godfrey, Hon. Sec. 7828

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting Kirdford (6), Saturday, Oct. 11th Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Evening ringing 6–8.30. Please notify for tea R Wake 28, Keynor Estate, Sidlesham, Chichester. 7860

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Christchurch and Southampton District.—Practice meeting, Fawley, Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 5 Tea 5.30 p.m. in Church Hall Lymington bells (8) in evening. Names for tea to Mr. L. V. Smith, 10, Springfield Grove, Holbury, Southampton, SO4 1LL.—Gilian W. Davis, Dis. Sec. 7840

MEETINGS

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—East Devon Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Hemyock, Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea to Mr. L. Hart, Hazeldine, Hemyock. Tel. 265.—R. C. Woodley, Hon. Sec. 7865

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Chipping Sodbury (6), Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Meeting 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to 1, Hesterville Villas, Purton, Berkeley. 7872

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting, Worplesdon, Saturday, **Oct. 11th.** Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Notifications for tea to Mr. J. Collier, Crimscote, Fox Corner, Worplesdon, please.—S. J. Tate-Mitchell, Dis. Sec. 7829

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Apsley End (6), Oct. 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to A. V. Good, 44, Belmont Road, Hemel Hempstead.—R. Shepperd. 7891

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Annual District meeting, All Saints', Maidstone, Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Meeting 6 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. T. Cullingworth, 45, Holtye Crescent, Maidstone. 7834

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Annual District meeting, Ashford, Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea only for those who notify Miss M. Jones, 30, Park Road, Ashford (Tel. 25388). Result of "Tidy Tower" competition to be announced.—A. P. S. B. 7825

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The annual District meeting will be held on Oct 11th at St. Dunstan's, Canterbury. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m in Parish Hall. All names for tea to Mr. D. C. Chatfield, 104, Shipman Avenue, Canterbury, Ringing arrangements: Canterbury—St. Dunstan's, 2.30–4.15 p.m.; St Stephen's, 2.45–3.45 p.m.; in evening after meeting at Canterbury Cathedral. 7858

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting, St. Thomas', St. Helens, on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. H. Hurst, 107, Peter Street, St. Helens, (Tel.: St. Helens 23329). Everyone welcome.—G. K. A. 7866

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, Oct 11th, St. James', Clerkenwell Green, 4–5 p.m.; St Giles', Cripplegate, 6.30–8 p.m. No business. Own tea. Nearest tubes Farringdon Street and Moorgate.—M. R. W., Sec. 7823

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Annual general meeting, Newbury, Saturday, Oct. 11th Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m Names for tea to R. Pike, 30, Kingsbridge Road Newbury 7859

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Evening meeting, Weekley (6), Saturday, Oct. 11th, 7–9 p.m All welcome. 7875

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.—Quarterly meeting and striking competition at King's Norton (10) on Oct 11th. Competition ringing at 15.00 prompt Service 17.15 Tea for those who notify R. J. Tibbetts, 54, Sandringham Road, Birmingham, 22B ('Phone: 021-356 4509). 7822

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Meeting, East Bridgford, Oct. 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to W. L Exton, St. Ouens Whatton. 7826

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Banstead, Oct. 11th. Tea and meeting 4 30 p.m. Service 6. Tea for first 35 who notify Mr. H. N. Pitstow, Saffron, High Street, Banstead. No name, no tea. Ringing arrangements: Mortlake, 10–10.45; Barnes, St. Mary, Lambeth, 10.30–11.15; Battersea, 11 a.m.–12 noon; Thames Ditton, Wimbledon, 1.30–2.15; Beddington, 1.45–2.30; Christ Church, Mitcham, 2–2.45; St. Martin's, Epsom, 2.30–3.15; Banstead, 3–4.30 and 6.30–8 p.m.—N. Thomson, Asst. Dis. Sec. 7850

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Annual meeting, Bredons Norton, Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells (6) 3–4.30 p.m. followed by service, tea and business Further ringing afterwards. Overbury (6) available from 6.45–8.30 p.m. Names for tea to A. C Berry, 25, Priest Lane, Pershore. 7771

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

CHIPPING NORTON AREA RINGING FESTIVAL

Saturday, October 11th, 1969

FESTIVAL SERVICE, Ascott-under-Wychwood, 4 p.m.

Preacher: The BISHOP OF DORCHESTER.

All visitors welcome.

RINGING ARRANGEMENTS:

9.30–11.00	Hook Norton (8)	3.30	Service Ringing
10.00–11.30	Chipping Norton (8)	4.00	FESTIVAL SERVICE
10.30–12.00	Enstone (6)	5.00–6.30	Ascott-under-Wychwood (6)
11.00–12.30	Charlbury (6)	6.00–7.30	Churchill (6)
11.30– 1.30	Spelsbury (6)	6.30–8.00	Kingham (8)
12.30– 2.00	Chadlington (6)	7.00–8.30	Little Compton (5)
1.00– 2.30	Leafield (6)	7.30–9.00	Great Rollright (6)
1.30– 3.00	Burford (8)	7.30–9.00	Hook Norton (8)
2.00– 3.30	Shipton-under-Wychwood (8)	7.30–9.00	Chipping Norton (8)
2.30– 3.30	Ascott-under-Wychwood (6)		

REFRESHMENTS: SPELSBURY 11.30 to 1.30. Tea, coffee, squash.
Bring your own food—or write for light lunch.
ASCOTT-UNDER-WYCHWOOD, 5 to 6.30 Cafeteria.

Special Toilet Arrangements at Spelsbury and Ascott-under-Wychwood.
Public Conveniences at Chipping Norton and Burford.

Further particulars and lunch bookings:—
P. R. Coveney, Saddlers, Kingham, Oxford. Tel.: Kingham 472.

7755

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Practice meeting, Skipton (8), Saturday, Oct. 11th, 6.30–8.30 p.m. Methods: Yorkshire and Cambridge Major. All welcome.—Maurice Thurmott, Ringing Master. 7881

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath and Frome Branches.—The joint meeting will be held at Chilcompton on Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m Tea and business meetings to follow. Names for tea, please.—A. Lee and E. Chivers, Branch Secs. 7890

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Branch.—Practice meeting, Tickenham (6), Oct. 18th. Bells available 6 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec 7900

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The Association striking contest will be held at Harrold on Saturday, Oct. 18th. Practice from 3 p.m. Draw 3.45. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea and general ringing. Names or numbers for tea, please. to A. J. Collings, 19, Meadway, Harrold. Tel. No.: Harrold 522. 7886

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Nantwich, Oct. 18th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. **Most important:** names for tea by Oct. 15th.—W. Kerr, 107, Moreton Road, Crewe. 7870

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Salford Priors on Saturday, Oct. 18th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 and tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Oct. 15th, please. Bidford-on-Avon bells available from 6.30 until 8.30 p.m. — H. M Windsor, 5, Park Lane, Harbury, Leamington Spa (Harbury 504). 7868

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting, Sawston (8), on the **third** Saturday, Oct. 18th Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Short business meeting, more ringing.—J. S. 7817

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Huntingdon District —Meeting, Great Gransden, Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special methods: Carlisle Surprise and Single Court.—M. J. Dyer, Dis Sec. 7888

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Crimplesham, Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Everyone welcome.—D A. Feek, Dis. Sec. 7899

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Meeting, Kempsford (6), Saturday, Oct. 18th, 5.30–8.30 p.m. —J. Pearse, Branch Sec. 7887

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Forest Branch.—Meeting, Redmarley (6), Oct. 18th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Prout, Redmarley, Glos. 7879

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District. — Meeting, Welwyn (8), Oct. 18th. Bells 3 p.m. **Business 4.30 p.m.**, followed by tea and service. Names, please, to Mrs. M. A. Coburn, 3, Lea Road, Harpenden (Tel.: 4621).—R E. Hardy, Dis. Sec. 7871

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Annual District meeting, Northfleet, Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to R. Thompson, 4, Springhead Road, Northfleet, by previous Wednesday.—T. Barton 7839

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire District.—Meeting, Horncastle, Saturday, Oct 18th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. H. Bennett, Cemetery Lodge, Horncastle, Lincs. — A. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding. 7855

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch. — Quarterly meeting, St. Michael and All Angels', Ashton-under-Lyne, Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells (12) from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea. Business meeting in the tower 6 p.m., followed by further ringing in the evening. Good attendance, please. All welcome.—A. Ward, Branch Sec. 7813

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting, Brownedge (Bamber Bridge) St. Mary, Saturday, Oct. 18th. Please note change from normal date. Bells (8) available 2.30–6 p.m., followed by cups of tea and business meeting. No evening ringing. Special method: Pudsey Surprise Major. All ringers very welcome.—D. G. Lawson, Branch Sec. 7819

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—Meeting, Helmshore (Musbury) (8), Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m. Everybody welcome.—H. Parkinson, Branch Sec. 7864

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly general meeting, Oct. 18th. Bells: Whetstone, 10–11 a.m.; Blaby, 11–11.45 a.m.; Countesthorpe, 11.45 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.; Oadby, 2–2.45; Knighton, 2.45–3.30; Aylestone, 3.30–4.50. Service. Tea in Parish Hall 5 p.m., meeting to follow. Bells available in evening. Names for tea to A. J. Poynor, Hon. Gen. Sec., 20, Kirkland Road, Leicester, LE3 2JP (Phone: 823117), not later than Oct. 15th. 7874

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Evening meeting, St. Margaret's, Westminster, Saturday, Oct. 18th. Ringing from 6.30 to 8.30 p.m.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 7892

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch. — Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 18th, Pewsey, 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. H. L. Rouse, 11, Bassett Down, near Wroughton, near Swindon, Wilts. by Tuesday, 14th. 7884

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY. — Evening practice meeting at Great Barr, near Walsall, Saturday, Oct. 18th Bells (6) available 6.30 p.m. All welcome.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 7764

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Sept. 6, 1969, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 4 lb. in F.

Ronald H. Dove	Treble	David Featherstone	5
Graham J. Jones	2	C. Barrie Dove	6
*Maris C. Stephenson	3	John N. D. Chaddock	7
David Baker	4	Ronald Ducker	Tenor

Composed by N. Smith. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* 50th peal.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Christopher Movley and Jane Colley, married at Knaresborough earlier in the day.

FYLINGDALES, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Stephen.
On Tues., Sept. 9, 1969, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5104 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in G.

Maurice Hillary	Treble	Peter H. Gardner	5
*Ronald Crabtree	2	M. F. Digby Burton	6
Paul Norman	3	Ronald R. Warford	7
R. Malcolm Harker	4	David Featherstone	Tenor

Composed by C. Barrie Dove. Conducted by David Featherstone.
* 25th peal of first of Plain Bob.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

ECCLESFIELD, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Sept. 13, 1969, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.
A PEAL OF 5152 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in F.

Malcolm S. Turner	Treble	Alec Beaumont	5
*Gail Cater	2	Alan Clifton	6
Iris M. E. Lemare	3	Ian North	7
Patricia North	4	Stuart Armeson	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Stuart Armeson.
* 25th peal.

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew, Holbeck.
On Sat., Sept. 13, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 MELBOURNE SURPRISE MAJOR

Ronald Crabtree	Treble	Robert H. Jordan	5
Iris M. E. Lemare	2	Peter H. Gardner	6
W. Eric Critchley	3	David Featherstone	7
Christopher J. Easton	4	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Parker. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Association. Tenor 12 cwt. 22 lb. in G.

LEEDS, Yorks.—At the Church of St. Matthew, Chapel Allerton.
On Tues., Sept. 2, 1969, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In nine methods, being (1) London, (2) Wells, (3) York, (4) Durham, (5) Norwich, (6) Ipswich, (7) Surfleet, Beverley and Cambridge.
Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in B flat.

Janet R. Jurica	Treble	*Robert H. Jordan	4
*Christopher N. Grandidge	2	C. Barrie Dove	5
*David Baker	3	Christopher J. Easton	Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal of nine-Surprise Minor.

BLYTHE, Notts.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Martin.
On Thurs., Sept. 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents—two Cambridge Surprise, one Kent T.B. and four Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in F.

P. William Brett	Treble	Stephen W. Barton	4
*Joyce J. Barton	2	Roger A. Smith	5
John R. Whitham	3	Frederick J. Jackson	Tenor

Conducted by Frederick J. Jackson.
* First peal of Minor in three methods.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
MARPLE, Cheshire.—At 6, Ashwood Crescent.
On Thurs., Sept. 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAXIMUS
In six methods, being 1,440 each of Ealing and Wembley, 768 Rochester, 576 each of Cambridge and Yorkshire and 288 of Lincolnshire, with 99 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

Alan McFall	1–2	Robert B. Smith	7–8
Neil Bennett	3–4	J. David Atkinson	9–10
Bernard F L. Groves	5–6	Gerald Moorhouse	11–12

Composed and Conducted by Robert B. Smith.
300th peal as conductor. This is the greatest number of methods to be rung to a peal of Surprise Maximus on handbells.

AUDLEM, Cheshire.—At Churchfields.
On Sat., Sept. 6, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 7200 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being ten different extents. Tenor size 18 in G.

Geoffrey A. Edwards	1–2	John R. Scott	3–4
Frank R. Morton (cond.)	5–6		

Longest length by all the band.

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By G. EDMANDS

CLUES

ACROSS

1. Unexpected kind of ringing (8).
5. A geometrical curve (6).
10. Every ringer should have this (3, 7, 5).
11. Competitor (7).
12. Less distant (6).
14. An Oxfordshire town (8).
16. Mermaid (5).
19. Not a liability (5).
21. Where pens and dies may be found (8).
24. A tap or a valve (6).
26. A book may be this if worn (7).
28. To whom bellringers owe a great deal (4, 6, 3, 2).
29. More than one is needed to play a game (6).
30. A Kentish village (8).

DOWN

1. Piece of furniture (6).
2. Astronauts have to make these (9).
3. Sounds as though the entrance is twisted (7).
4. One must take this to fire (5).
6. Medicines or cosmetics (7).
7. Are in a motor-car (5).
8. Surprise ringers have often done this (3, 5).
9. See 25 down.
13. Poetry and music (4).
15. A period of twelve hours (4).
17. Blew the bugle twice (9).
18. Seen on many a tea-table (3, 2, 3).
20. An office for the dead (7)
22. To comprehend (7).
23. To be contiguous (6).
25 and 9 down. Not to his conclusion (2, 3, 3).
26. Right-hand one (5).
27. A kind of tooth (3).

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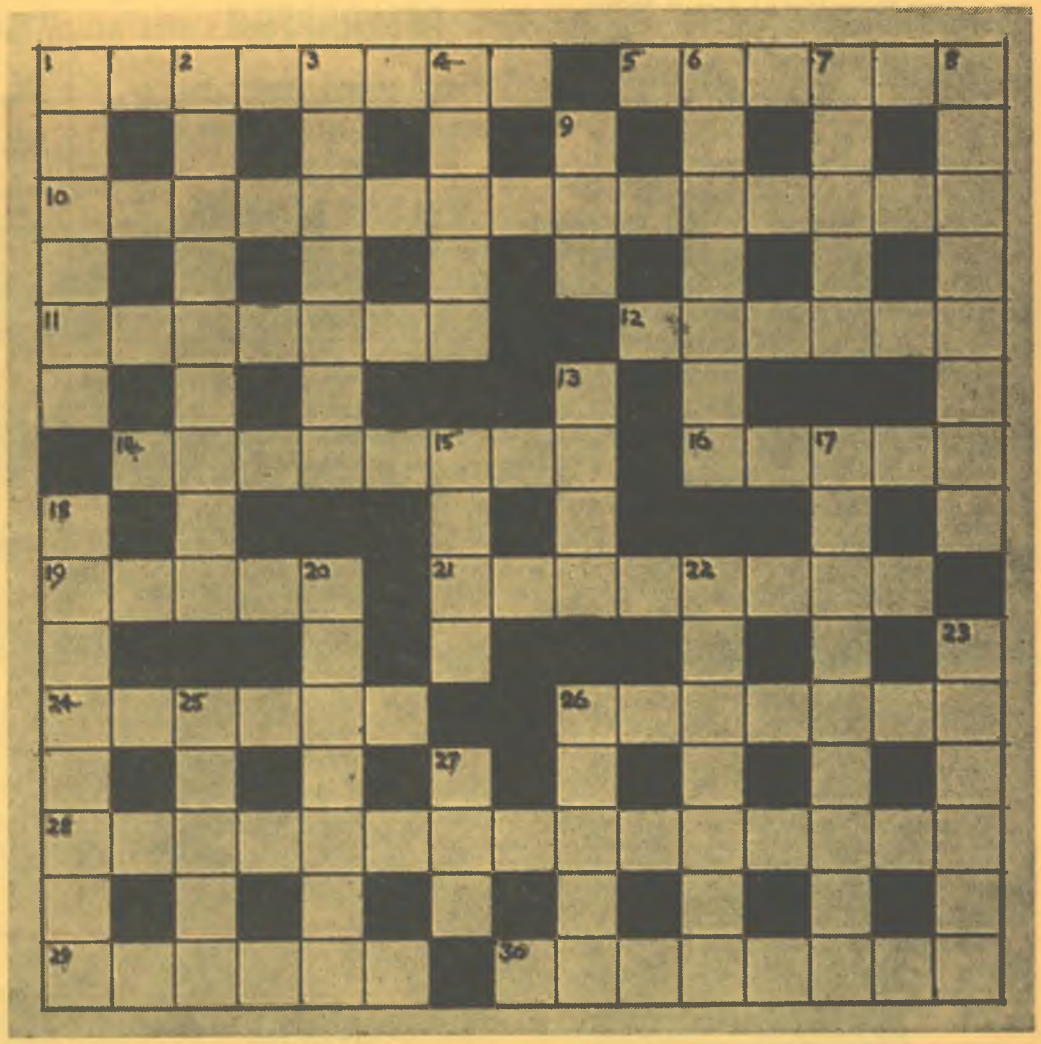

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QUARTER PEALS

ROCHFORD, ESSEX.—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Lynn Woodcock (first away from cover) 1, P. Bedford (cond.) 2, Sylvia Bedford 3, P. Sloman 4, E. Lucas (first away from cover) 5. A farewell tribute to the tower Master (E. Lucas), who is leaving the district.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At the Cathedral, on Aug. 17th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Christine M Leslie 1, Helen Dodds (first Cambridge) 2, R. E. Hardy 3, M. D. Frost 4, Mrs. K. S. Hardy 5, A R. Carter 6, G. Penney (cond.) 7, R. F. Ewer 8. For Evensong. Also on Sept. 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. C. M. Carter 1, Elizabeth M. Barber 2, R. F. Ewer 3, Mrs. K. S. Hardy 4, W. Little 5, R. E. Hardy 6, G. Penney (cond.) 7, A. R. Carter 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. S. C. Maylott. Also on Sept. 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. C. M. Carter 1, M. D. Frost 2, R. F. Ewer 3, Mrs. K. S. Hardy 4, W. Little 5, A. R. Carter 6, G. Penney (cond.) 7, R. E. Hardy 8. A 77th birthday compliment to Mr. W. Little.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.—On Sept. 7th, 1,264 Pl. Bob Major: G. Kenward 1, Joan Hayward 2, Wendy Austin 3, K. Clarke 4, F. Dadson 5, J. Clarke 6. L. Mitchell 7, B. Jemmett (cond.) 8.

STANDISH, LANCS.—On Sept. 15th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor (6 and 8 covering): W. O. Farrimond 1, A. H. Oakes 2, F. Bentham 3, J. Crikett (first quarter) 4, H. Grounds 5, K. Darbyshire 6, J. W. Horner (cond.) 7, G. Snape 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. Robert Taylor, aged 85 years, a member of the local band for over 50 years.

STOKE ABBOTT, DORSET.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods): I. L. Andrews 1, Helen Haines 2, D. B. Ellery 3, R. Haines 4, M. J. Hiller (50th as cond.) 5. First in 11 methods for all the band.

STOTFOLD, BEDS.—On July 6th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Jane Martin (first quarter) 1, T Groom 2, R. V. Webb 3, K. Webb 4, P. Mehew (cond.) 5, T. Coxall (first quarter) 6. At Evensong to welcome Rev. F. Augustine Smartt, Rector of Grenada, West Indies, guest preacher. Also on July 13th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Elisabeth Upchurch (first quarter) 1, Jane Martin (first "inside") 2, P. Mehew (cond.) 3, T. Groom 4, R. V. Webb 5, T. Coxall 6. Also on July 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jane Martin (first of Minor) 1, M. Major 2, K. Webb 3, P. Mehew (cond.) 4 P. Jewell 5, R. V. Webb 6. Also on Sept. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. V. Webb (cond.) 1, Jane Martin (first Minor "inside") 2, K. Webb 3, T. Groom 4, D. Saunderson 5, P. Mehew 6. For Harvest Festival Evensong, and a welcome to the two Methodist Churches and their new Minister, the Rev. David Woodward.

TAMWORTH, STAFFS.—On Sept. 17th, 1,440 Pl. Bob Minor: Lin Cooper 1, E. J. Dicken 2, Sheila Parsons 3, A. A. Parsons 4, K. G. Parker 5, N. W. Attaway (cond.) 6.

WOODBOROUGH, NOTTS.—On July 13th, 1,320 Minimus (five methods): D. W. Flower 1, Patricia M. Hayward 2, P. L. R. Hayward 3, H. G. Wells 4. Most methods on the bells. Also on Sept. 6th, 1,320 Minimus (11 methods): Lynne Hoskins 1, Patricia M Hayward 2, D. W. Flower 3, P. L. R. Hayward 4. A wedding compliment to David R. Mellows and Dianne Oliver. Most Minimus methods by all and on the bells. Also on Sept. 14th, 1,320 Minimus (16 methods): Patricia M. Hayward 1, H. G. Wells 2, D. W. Flower 3, P. L. R. Hayward 4. Most Minimus methods by all the band, and on the bells.

WOODHOUSE EAVES, LEICS. — On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. H. Sunderland 1, Cherrill L. Everard 2, J. R. Perkins 3, B. S. Payne 4, R. N. Scholes 5, C. J. Mobbs (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to Miss Mary Barry, of Birstall.

WOODSTON, HUNTS.—On Sept. 7th, 1,272 London Surprise Minor: Gwen Roffe 1, Janet I. Rogers 2, J. Roffe 3, R. Brighton 4, L. Brighton 5, R Rogers (cond.) 6. First of London 4, 5. For morning service, and a farewell to Janet and Robin Rogers, leaving for Norwich.

WORLE, SOM. — On Aug. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Lewis 1, Miss M. Legg 2, J. Lambard 3, J. Coombs 4, G. Prescott (cond.) 5, G. Kingdon 6.

YARCOMBE, DEVON.—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Bob Minor: T. Travers (first Minor) 1, Mrs. G. Webb 2, A. Crabb 3, D. Salter 4, C. Webb 5, W. Webb (cond.) 6.

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QUARTER PEALS

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Sept. 21st, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Kathryn Bone 1, A. Hobbs (first Surprise "inside") 2, Louise Powell 3, I. Wiltshire 4, Wendy Wallace (cond.) 5, E. G. H. Godfrey 6. For Evensong.

BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.—At All Saints' Church, on Sept. 22nd, 1,272 Minimus "in hand" (5 m/v): Lynette M. Holbrook 1-2, H. E. J. Smith (cond.) 3-4. Rung as an engagement compliment to Miss R. Taylor.

BATH, SOM.—At the Church of SS. Michael with Paul, on Sept. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. J. Hawkins 1, B. Sarll 2, A. Adams 3, J. G. Hobbs 4, P. J. Devrell (cond.) 5, S. F. Devrell (first quarter) 6. A farewell to the 6th ringer, who leaves Bath to begin teacher training at Coventry.

BLACKMOOR, HANTS. — On Sept. 20th (St Matthew's Eve), 1,440 Pl. Bob Minor: G. Cane 1, A. Gill 2, Mary Sutcliffe (25th quarter this year) 3, M. Cass (25th quarter) 4, D. Cooper 5, R. Corke (cond.) 6. First Minor 1, 2, 5. Rung for the Patronal Festival (St. Matthew's Day) in the centenary year of the foundation of the church and the installation of the bells.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX. — At the Church of St. Peter, on Sept. 21st, 1,296 Grandsire Caters: Margaret R. Chapman 1, A. P. Fester 2, Sue M. Hopkin 3, A. W. Bond 4, Caroline Mackie 5, M. S. Loveday 6, R. A. Birch 7, D. R. Cox (first Grandsire) 8, R. I. Vaughn 9, T. G. Williams 10. First on ten 1 and 3.

CAVENDISH, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 20th, 1,296 Minor (Cambridge, Kent T.B.): J. Connell (first T.B.) 1, Miss E. Campbell 2, A. Little 3, C. Gillingham 4, G. Jones 5, R. Threadgold (cond.) 6.

CHURCHSTOKE, MONTGOM. — On Sept. 21st, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: A. Savagar 1, M. P. Eisel (first quarter attempt) 2, V. Edge 3, J. F. I. Turney 4, J. C. Eisel (cond.) 5. For Churchstoke Flower Festival.

DARRINGTON, YORKS. — On Sept. 21st, 1,440 T.B. (Oxford, Kent): G. Johnson 1, Margaret White 2, R. Cater (cond.) 3, Gail Cater (bride's sister) 4, Patricia North 5, I. North 6. With wedding compliments to Lynn Blackburn and Dennis Davies, married at Castleford the previous day.

FARNHAM, SURREY. — On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Blencowe 1, Miss D. A. Wood 2, Miss J. M. Collins 3, Miss R. A. Collins 4, S. Meadows 5, E. J. Futcher (cond.) 6, A. D. Elsmore 7, M. Blencowe 8. To welcome Christopher Coney, ordained Deacon earlier this day at Esher.

FINCHLEY, LONDON.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sept. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. Bevan 1, J. Payton 2, P. Foote 3, R. Tompsett 4, M. Carter 5, A. Butler (cond.) 6. A wedding compliment to local ringers Ian Campbell and Wendy Ferguson.

HEXHAM, NORTHUMB. — On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. H. Hewett 1, W. Tyson 2, K. W. Cheeseman 3, K. Arthur (cond.) 4, T. Sewell 5, M. Poppleston 6, D. A. Bayles 7, S. Dixon 8. Rung for Evensong at the opening of the Hexham Abbey Festival, 1969.

HOLFORD, SOM. — On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: W. J. Smith (cond.) 1, Miss B. Jarvis 2, B. Dennett 3, L. Lyddon 4, J. Aldridge 5. A wedding compliment to Geoffrey Marchant and Eleanor Kent, married this day at Woolavington.

INGRAVE, ESSEX.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Bagshaw 1, Sylvia Bedford 2, F. Porter (first "inside") 3, P. Bedford (cond.) 4, G. Bacon 5. To congratulate Christine and Mitchell on their engagement.

LANGDON HILLS, ESSEX.—On Sept. 21st, 1,280 Doubles (six methods): W. White 1, A. Gibbs 2, G. Mason 3, K. Lucas 4, G. Lucas (cond.) 5. Most methods 2 and 3.

LINCOLN.—At St. Giles' Church, on Sept. 22nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Parkin 1, Julie Radley 2, Kathleen Fox 3, Gillian Radley 4, M. I. Minns 5, A. C. A. Hopkins 6, D. Phillipson (cond.) 7, C. J. Sharp 8. A teenage band (average age 17). A farewell compliment to Julie Radley, who is leaving for Norwich, and to C. J. Sharp, who is leaving for Newcastle.

NEWTON FERRERS, DEVON.—On Sept. 22nd, 2,160 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. F. Steere 1, A. N. Frost 2, S. Peirce 3, D. R. Bould 4, P. L. Bill (first Surprise as cond.) 5, N. Mallett 6.

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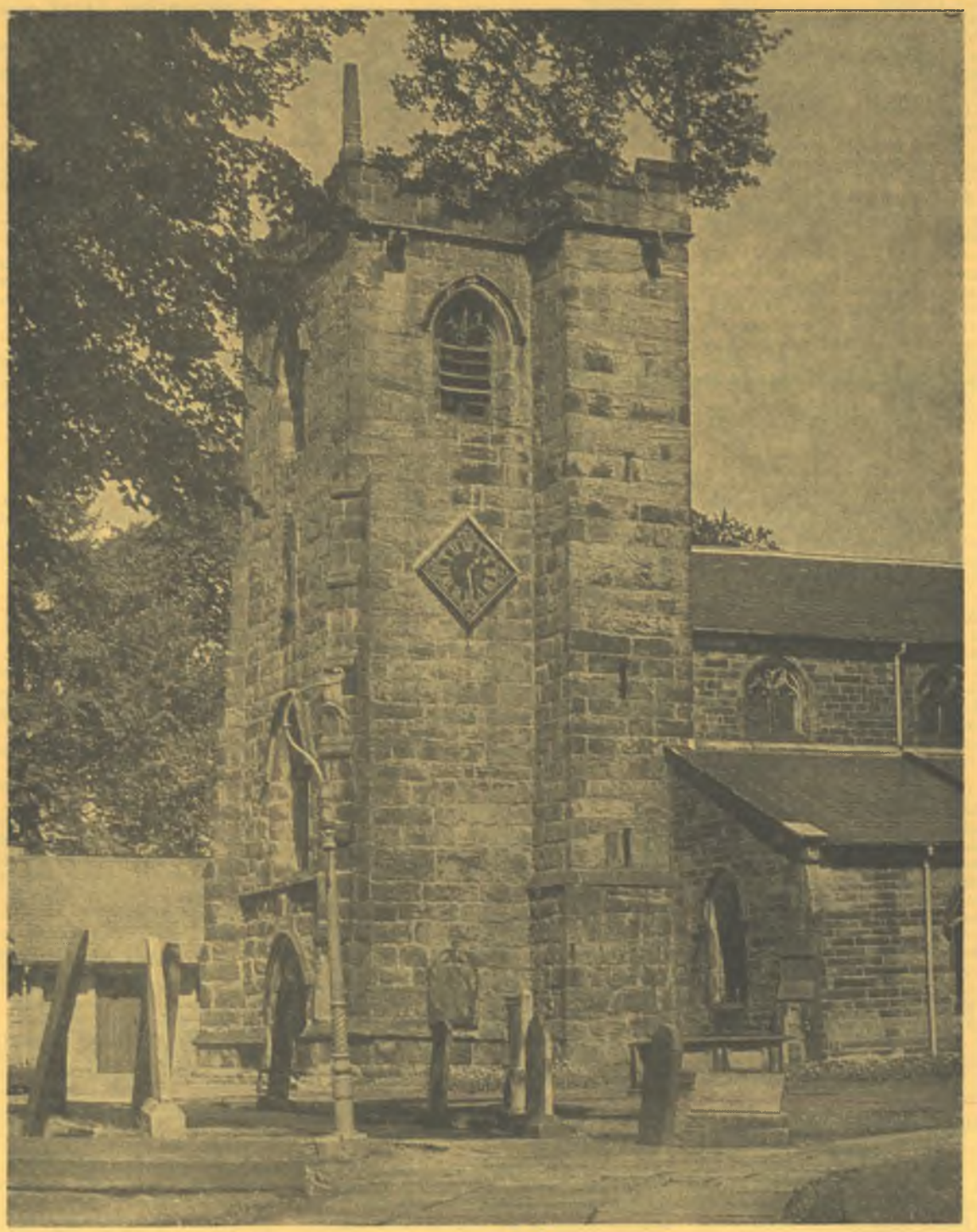

THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PENWORTHAM, LANCS.

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OUR COVER PICTURE

St. Mary's Church, Penwortham, Lancs.

"Penwortham seemed to me more than half a mile from Preston; and there goeth the Ribble; standing in respect of the town of the further side of the Ribble, the which there divided the diocese of Chester from the Diocese.

"Penwortham is a Parish Church and cell to Evesham Abbey, and standeth in Chester Diocese."

Thus John Leland, in 1536, describes the township, which is now in the comparatively new Diocese of Blackburn. According to the 17th century writer Kuerden there was a church as early as 644. The Domesday Survey of 1086 mentions a castle but no church; however, in 1291 Penwortham Church was valued at £20. Its position on a hill overlooking the river had disadvantages, as a report of 1607 points out: "The Churche of Penwortham doth stand upon a verie sandie and unsound ground and nigh the rivir bank."

The nave was completely rebuilt in 1855 to the design of E. G. Paley, but chancel and tower are 14th century. The chancel contains some mediæval glass, of which the most interesting fragment is an heraldic representation of the Trinity. In the nave are two 16th century helmets and a small 17th century font which was restored to the church in 1906.

The site of the small Benedictine Priory, founded c. 1140, is about 300 yards south-west of the church. It was a small cell or "obedience" of Evesham and housed two or three monks, including the Prior or "Custos". It was used as a place to banish monks who had made the mother house too hot for them: men like Prior Roger Norris, an embezzler, pompous, a drunkard and a glutton; or Prior Hawkesbury, who in 1536 was accused of incontinence.

The steep, bush-covered mound to the north of the church constitutes the remains of the castle. On top of this there seems to have been a stone pavement and a wooden stockade. It guarded the road to the old ferry which ran down a deep gully still visible today.

1552–1712

The first mention of any bells in the tower is in the Inventory of Church Goods of 1552, which refers to "thre bells . . . ij sackryng bells . . . belonging to the Church at Penwortham." "Sackryng bells" have since vanished from churches all over England, and the following extract, from the parish registers, gives an example of the ways by which they filtered away:

"Mem. Wee ye Churchwardens of this pish of Penwortha for ye yeare 1636 did at ye request of our Minister bestow upon him a little sacring bell weighing a pond and one half together with a broken old brass clap for a bell with two or three pieces of such like metal worth 3s. 4d. because he did for ye said yeare attend ye church clock without putting ye parish to any charges . . ."

THE RUDHALL FIVE

While the 17th century saw the disappearance of the two little bells there was by 1712 an extra bell in the tower. However, the bells were in a sorry state, "one or more of the Cannons of the treble being broke & the third bell being broke or Craiked". The churchwardens therefore approached "Abraham Rudhall of Gloster" with a view to recasting the old bells into a five of equal weight—allowing 4% wastage in melting—at his "founding house in Preston". For this, and for hanging the bells in a new frame for six with new fittings, together with a year's guarantee against a bell cracking in normal use, they were to pay £60. Six shillings per year was to extend this guarantee for the life of the bellfounder.

FAME

Thus Penwortham gained what was to be acknowledged as an exemplary ring of bells. A local poet of 1821 praised them thus:

"The last smile of evening, through twilight display'd,
Still spreads the soft light o'er the west;
And the tempest of noon through the forest that played
Is sunk on the billows to rest;
Yet its sighs still are heard; —and a far sweeter note
Comes borne on the breeze as it swells
O'er the wave, through the valley, its whisperings float,
'Tis the music of Penwortham Bells."

Perhaps such verse was referred to by the author A. Hewittson in 1871 when he wrote: "Many of our local poets have sung the praises of the bells, but the verses of none have equalled the charm of the original articles." As late as 1916 the antiquarian T. H. Myres called them "the sweetest peal of six bells in Lancashire".

REPAIRS AND AUGMENTATIONS

A treble, by Taylor, was added in 1858, making a six. The frame was replaced in 1879 by a local contractor, J. Walmesly, but by 1890 the new treble was cracked and the Rudhall five were badly worn. Proposals to quarter turn or to recast were considered. The latter was rejected as too expensive and in 1891 the Whitechapel Foundry recast the treble and adjusted the other bells.

At the time of the celebrations in 1912 in connection with the bicentenary of the bells the third was reported to have a circular crack in its crown, and only two of the other bells were perfect. The parish was keen to press for renovation and the addition of two trebles, but by 1926, when they were able to ask the bellfounders to make their reports, a very black picture confronted them. The frame needed strengthening, the fittings were old-fashioned and decayed and, apart from the third, which was cracked, not one of the bells was in tune with the others or even itself.

With much care the bellfounder's bill was kept down to £300. Two new bells were cast, the third of the six recast, the rest of the bells retuned so that at least their strike and hum notes were correct, and the octave hung at one level in the modified and reconstructed frame. Most of the cost of this restoration was met by the local Freemasons, 150 of whom attended the service of rededication in full Masonic Craft regalia.

These repairs enabled the bells to be used fully, but after a quarter of a century of regular Sunday service and practice ringing and 28 peals it became obvious that the remaining four Rudhall bells were very near the end of their useful life. Accordingly, the whole octave was recast in 1965, and the church in Penwortham may be proud to have a ring of eight bells in every way worthy of the tradition established by the mellow Rudhall five. As in 1926, the cost of the venture was reduced by the generosity of a local haulier, C. Miller, who undertook to transport the bells between tower and foundry.

In recent years the local ringers have themselves made minor improvements in the belfry, including the fixing of grease nipples to the clapper bushes and pulley blocks, and the installation of sound control, following the kind advice of Mr. Hughes, of the Whitechapel Foundry.

HIGH STANDARDS

From an early date a high standard of ringing has been expected at Penwortham Church. Rules were set down in 1607 and 1608 to the effect that ringers were to ring the last peal for the 9 o'clock service at 8.30; anyone absent from this would forfeit his wages. And, they emphasised, "noe disordered ringing by children or others be done." The ringers have always been paid a salary. In 1934 four ringers were paid £1 10s. 6d. p.a. each; today about ten ringers receive a similar amount each.

Change-ringing came to Penwortham in 1877; the first peal was rung in 1901 by a band from the Preston Branch of the Lancashire Association, including Mr. J. R. Taylor, a well-known local ringer.

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RING OUT THE OLD—RING IN THE NEW

WHEN, on New Year's Eve, we have this line in our minds, we do not expect that January 1st will really be any different from December 1st, except maybe the weather will get worse. What we do expect, however, is that one year hence life will be a little different from what it was one year ago, and that five and ten years hence it will differ even more from five and ten years ago. We all hope that the change will be for the better, though no doubt many of us will assume that it cannot be.

Likewise the present change in the occupation of the Editorial Chair will make little immediate alteration, but certain differences will inevitably become apparent in due time. That those changes will be for the better will be my earnest endeavour, but I shall depend largely upon you, my readers and contributors.

To follow in the footsteps of the three previous Editors of "The Ringing World" is at once an honour, a privilege and a challenge. John Goldsmith and Tom White, both professional journalists, carried out their duties with all the skill (and more devotion) that one could expect from such men, whilst "Jim" Trollope's ability as a writer was apparent in many spheres. As a practical printer and average bellringer, the fourth Editor, now about to take up his duties, realises only too well his limitations in the field of writing, and appeals to ringers and interested persons alike to help in every way possible to enable our journal to be the effective organ which is so essential for the good of the Exercise. That is, to be at once interesting and appealing to the reader and uphold the traditions of its founder, while recognising changing techniques necessary to obtain a modern layout, conducive with economical printing methods.

A paper consisting mainly of small type reading matter and columns of names cannot appeal to the mass, nor does the reader enjoy the relaxation which should come from easy reading. An unopened journal is of no value to the recipient, and many ringing chambers can boast a pile of "Ringing Worlds" in neat and clean condition, which have probably never been given more than a cursory glance before being put on top of the previous issue, to remain there until covered by the following issue.

It is common knowledge that a daily newspaper is opened, scanned, read and cast aside, while many weekly journals, especially women's magazines, are hoarded for future reference, or passed on in piles to friends and relatives. Is the time now ripe for us to redesign our paper as a tabloid, with newspaper layout? Should there be more illustrations and photographs, more items of general interest, rather than just reports of meetings and outings? And can we afford this? Living as we do in a world of change and economic pressure it is essential for survival to increase the circulation of "The Ringing World", which can only be accomplished with **YOUR** help.

The committee responsible to the Central Council for the publication of "The Ringing World" is aware of the necessity to make the paper as appealing as possible to its readers. If we are to give wider coverage and greater variety of articles it will be necessary to condense peal reports, which at present take up a large part of the space and are also the expensive part of the typesetting costs.

Before any major changes are made every idea and suggestion will be thoroughly considered, but printing costs are the major stumbling block. With a new wage agreement at present being negotiated, some economies in this field will have to be considered. Nevertheless it is you, the reader, who will prove our efforts worthwhile, or otherwise. You can assist, if you will, by sending in promptly peals, quarter peals and meeting reports, and by forwarding snippets and cuttings appertaining to bells, bellringers and bellringing which you think might interest others, for anything and everything is of interest to someone somewhere. We do not promise to report everything *in extenso* but we will try to print part of it at some period, in the hope that it will prove interesting.

And so we step out into the unknown. To the past, our grateful thanks. To the present, an urgent appeal for patience, tolerance and continued support. To the future, assured success by increased circulation, accomplished only with your help and co-operation. C. W. D.

MR. C. W. WOOLLEY'S 50 YEARS AS A PEAL RINGER

"THE Ringing World" of September 26th, 1919, records that "at the age of 12 years 9 months, C. W. Woolley, son of the Vicar of Long Stanton, a pupil of the Rev. E. Bankes James, has rung his first peal. This was 5-6 to a 5,040 of Bob Minor. There are only two or three who have been younger when they have rung their first peal."

It was rung at the Vicarage by W. H. J. Hooton (first peal of Minor and first as conductor) 1-2, J. B. Woolley (first "in hand") 3-4, C. W. Woolley 5-6, with Rev. H. B. Woolley as umpire. Of the band, Wilfrid H. J. Hooton was to become a distinguished ringer and conductor, particularly on handbells, and Central Council librarian for many years; John Woolley, Chris's elder brother, rang a hundred or more peals before going abroad a few years later—he is now in Australia—but has added a few more during visits to England, the last probably being one of Oxford Treble Bob on handbells in 1955; and Chris has become one of the best known and best liked members of the Exercise, as well as one of its most gifted exponents.

In the 50 years that have elapsed since the peal at Long Stanton he has added more than 960 others, almost equally divided between tower- and handbells. The range and quality of them is astonishing. Some come readily to mind: Cambridge Major at Long Stanton for his first tower bell peal in April, 1921, conducted by the redoubtable William Pye; peals in numerous new Surprise Major methods with Harold Cashmore's band in the six or seven years before World War II, and in the standard Surprise Major methods on handbells both singly and spliced during the same period. The latter were the first of their kind, and the quality of the ringing, which happily has been recorded, may have been equalled but could never be excelled.

Later with this and other gifted handbell bands he was to work up to Spliced Surprise in heaven knows how many methods and become the first to achieve 100 Surprise peals "in hand". In the process he rang London Minor, Major and Royal on handbells before doing so in the tower—a unique performance. In a different vein, I believe he rang 8-1 to a peal of Bob Major for the Cambridge University Guild, the others ringing 2-3, 4-5 and 6-7! He took part in the then record peal of Stedman Cinques, 12,663 at Oxford in 1946, and in what is still the longest of Double Norwich on handbells, 13,664 in 1948. More recently he has been in the first peals on 16 bells.

As a conductor he is superb, even if (not unreasonably) he is now content to leave most of this to others. His response to a remark made in jest some 30 years ago that "when Chris Woolley rings Stedman on handbells he sits on the edge of his chair and his knees knock together" was to call from 3-4 his first handbell peal in that method, rung as a compliment to the gentleman concerned! The writer has cause to be grateful to him for many handbell peals, especially during the early years of the war.

An attempt was made to commemorate Chris's 50 years of peal ringing, but the occasion was too much for the band. The failure was greatly regretted—but as all concerned had known one another for at least a quarter of a century it provided an opportunity for nostalgic recollections, aided and abetted by vintage gramophone records.

E. A. B.

SOLIHULL VETERAN CELEBRATES AGAIN

Since William H. Leeson's 80th birthday a few years ago it has become a custom for the ringers at St. Alphege's to mark his special days with a quarter peal.

Thursday, September 25th, was no exception, and the band met to honour the oldest active ringing member of the St. Martin's Guild on his 84th birthday. It was fitting of the respect shown to William that the band should include the Master of St. Martin's Guild, Miss Muriel Reay, and the brothers Henry and George Fearn.

Although Solihull now boasts a 12-bell ring, it was William's express wish that Grandsire Caters should be rung, and a successful quarter of 1,259 Grandsire Caters was brought round in 50 minutes, the band standing as follows: W. H. Leeson 1, Muriel Reay 2, Verona C. Naylor 3, R. J. Cann 4, E. J. Cole 5, H. H. Fearn 6, T. J. Warner (cond.) 7, E. T. Lloyd 8, G. E. Fearn 9, A. Crabtree 10.

Afterwards the band adjourned to the St. John's Hotel, where they were joined by William's special guests, Mrs. B. Thomas and Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Rhodes. During the proceedings a short speech was made by the Ringing Master at Solihull, Mr. T. J. Warner, to which William responded. He cut a special birthday cake and the friendly chit-chat that ensued was often interspersed with some of William's stories, told in his own inimitable way.

"Still going strong. . . ." These words certainly sum up William's zest for ringing and his unrivalled service to St. Alphege's. He already has his sights set on his 90th and 100th birthdays. R. J. C.

EXPLORING YORKSHIRE WITH U.A.

A VERY extensive selection of towers, ranging from an almost unringable five to the magnificent 12 of York Minster, was visited by the Universities Association when visiting Yorkshire early in September.

With headquarters at The Limes, Heworth, York, a hall of residence for students of St. John's Teacher Training College, all three Ridings were accessible and places visited ranged from Goole, Yorkshire's only West Riding port, to Scalby, where the small church nestles amidst the hills in one of the North Riding's prettiest villages.

The company was as diverse as the range of towers—two newly-married couples, Rev. and Mrs. Malcolm Melville and Mr. and Mrs. Michael Mulvey; the complete six of the Speed family; the four of the Dodds family and the three ladies of the Ranken family. The youngest member was lively Katharine Clouston, aged nine, and the oldest octogenarian Uncle Harry Miles.

Excellent arrangements at the towers had been made by Wilfrid Moreton, who with his wife and family were able to join the party on one or two days. The unobtrusive, efficient service of the hostel staff added greatly to our comfort and was much appreciated.

A great variety of spare-time interests was displayed by the company: in the evenings bridge, chess and scrabble were played and crosswords were solved: one member of the party pursued the rôle of composer, preparing a score for some rather unorthodox instruments. Inevitably the handbells came into play and inevitably adjournments were made to the Shoulder of Mutton, where it is alleged that a Yorkshire member raised his glass to an advertisement portrait of the redoubtable Brian Close.

MISSING TAIL-ENDERS

Searchers for the traditional Yorkshire tail-ends found them at Easingwold, the first tower of Saturday; they were not again encountered during the week. The fine ten at Ripon were greatly enjoyed, despite the legacy of a broken stay, left with adequate warning by visitors earlier in the day. One member was delighted to show, with justifiable pride, the treasures of the Cathedral with which he has a connection going back to the time of his baptism.

Sunday saw the company dispersed to various towers, some to ring on what may be Yorkshire's finest eight at Howden, where a minute grammar school forms part of the church. Others rang at the Minster, at Acomb and at Huntington, and in the pleasant afternoon conditions the seaside towers of Fylingdales and Whitby.

On Monday evening vice-president Denis Bayles ably presided over an unusual annual general meeting, when the number of ties in the voting on various matters implied a degree of mischievous collusion.

UNSCRUPULOUS DEAN

Tuesday provided an interesting variety of towers as we travelled eastwards. Escrick (8) produced a broken rope, and Hemingbrough, with its noble spire, provided some good Minor ringing. A previously broken stay was encountered at Eastrington. In the days of clerical pluralities an unscrupulous Dean of Ripon, who was also Archdeacon of the East Riding, sold the bell of one of the hospital chapels in Ripon to Eastrington Church and with the proceeds replenished his wine cellar. To conceal his misdeed he substituted a wooden bell, which is still to be seen, unhung, in the old Chapel of St. Mary Magdalene at Ripon.

Goole Church stands almost within the docks of the thriving port: here local ringers and curate extended a welcome and shared in the ringing. At Thorne ringing time was restricted because of a funeral conducted by a very competent deaconess. The day's activities ended with two contrasted rings —the merry, light six at Carlton and the melodious ten at Selby Abbey, where we made our contribution to the multifarious activities which have marked the 900th anniversary of the founding of the Abbey. After supper we were able to join the Minster ringers in a practice.

CASTLE HOWARD

The first tower on Wednesday was at Hovingham, approached by the great park of Castle Howard. This pretty village has provided within recent times a royal bride and a Yorkshire county cricket captain from the famous Worsley family. The Hall with its riding school (used now as a concert hall), the church and the locally famous cricket ground are grouped together in charming proximity.

Norton, the East Riding part of Malton, has one of the best Taylor eights in Yorkshire; the passing of sleek-groomed thoroughbreds during our ringing time indicated that we were in the Newmarket of the North. Lunch was taken at Wykeham, where a little local knowledge enabled us to add the five in a lychgate steeple to our bag of towers and to stimulate interest in our art when a surprised local ringer appeared.

The eight at Scarborough were rung muffled because of a funeral; the curtailment of ringing time permitted of visits to Ann Bronte's grave and the nearby castle. The charm of Scalby village and the immaculate condition of the church and churchyard left a happy impression of this comparatively recent 6-bell tower. On the return journey Pickering was visited; the remarkable mediæval murals aroused much interest; ringing was made difficult by the abnormally low level of the sallies.

Thursday was spent in the wolds of the East Riding, beginning with three sixes at Nunburnholme, Market Weighton and Walkington, where our hon. secretary added to the tidiness of the church precincts by enrolling willing helpers to weed the churchyard flower beds. It is impossible to overpraise the glory of Beverley, with its two splendid rings of ten in two wonderful churches. Adequate time was allowed for ringing and the exploration of these ecclesiastical masterpieces. Perhaps the most interested member of our party was nine-year-old Katherine Clouston, who already shares her father's interest in things ecclesiastical and seems also to have inherited an enquiring mind. Pocklington was the last call of the day: the church is full of interesting features.

IN THE WEST RIDING

Friday was a West Riding day, calling first at Tadcaster, where the chief industry is that which provides ringers with a moderate beverage and the State with immoderate taxation. Then to Kirk Deighton, with a useful six within earshot of the busy A1. Parking difficulties were encountered in Harrogate, where the town's only ring is situated in the heart of a business and shopping area. Before lunch a visit was made to the almost unringable five at Nidd, where some of the ropes are of remarkable proportions, probably of considerable age and local manufacture.

The reply to a question about the state of the bells was somewhat amusing. An affirmative answer to the question "Have all the bells got stays?" was followed by an afterthought—"but there's no slider on the treble." Standing high on a Nidderdale hillside, Birstwith Church commands a magnificent view and possesses a most pleasant Taylor light eight. By contrast the six at Beckwithshaw are rather large for the small tower they occupy and to which access was eventually obtained after a diligent search for the key.

The historic town of Knaresborough was the last call of the day. Good use is now being made by a keen local band of this fine eight, unfortunately silent for many years because of an unringable incumbent!

Younger members of the party were interested in the finely-restored tombs in the Slingsby Chapel with their illuminated coats-of-arms. Was it a coincidence that this chapel provided a storage place for ladders?

During the week a succession of competent Ringing Masters provided ample ringing opportunities for all tastes and degrees of ability; it is interesting to note that York Surprise Minor, Major and Royal were rung during the week.

It was a very happy week. E. H.

PENWORTHAM—continued

The successful bicentenary celebrations in 1912 renewed the spirit of the belfry. On November 28th, 1912, was formed "The Penwortham St. Mary Association of Change Ringers" to promote change-ringing. In 1914 the first annual tour was held, the ringers making their journey by train, waggonette and foot. A date touch was also rung that year.

Celebrations also marked the 225th and 250th anniversaries in 1937 and 1962. Present at the latter was Mr. W. E. Loxam, whose father-in-law, Mr. W. Bennett, rang at the time of the installation of the new treble in 1858. His son-in-law, Mr. R. Price, was tower captain in 1962, having taken over that office in 1949.

THE BELLS

The 4th and 5th hang in a cast iron extension to the oak frame of 1879, as it was reassembled and reinforced with oak posts and iron tie-bars in 1926, in which hang the other bells. The headstocks, of box-section iron, the ball-bearings and the clappers all date from 1926, having been renovated in 1965.

Each bell is inscribed on its lower waist:

RECAST
19 O 65

with the Whitechapel trademark in the middle of the date. The number of each bell is marked by a number of dots impressed in the crown.

On all the bells the old inscriptions were reproduced in the 1965 recasting. Before 1965 the weight of the tenor was given as 7 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. It is now 8 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in A.

(For bell inscriptions see page 806)

My Year's Study in Ringland—I Mean England

By JOAN P. HUTCHINSON

AH, doesn't England seem more peaceful these days? No more clashing bells, enraged oaths from ringing chambers, and at least one less shrill American accent. All thanks go to some loyal ringers who came and personally made sure that I boarded the Q.E.2. and who were prepared to push the boat out if necessary ... And I couldn't even jump off and swim ashore since my beautiful handbells were being held safely in the hold until we were 24 hours away.

So now as I sit sadly and alone at home, ringing extents of Minimus, four in hand, receiving my "Ringing World" only seven weeks late, I try to console myself by thinking back over all the wonderful ringing experiences I've had this year. I was in England 336 days, I rang 173 times in 84 different towers. Thus what I really want to do now is to say thank you so very, very much to everyone who always made me so welcome in the various towers, who patiently and helpfully instructed me and who made my year so much fun.

And I'd especially like to thank everyone at the Whitechapel Bell Foundry for all they taught me about handbells, all the London ringers who helped me through the first fire-y month, and, of course, all the Warwickshire ringers, especially those at Allesley and St. Nicholas', Warwick, where I practised most regularly. It's probably easier to be polite and helpful to an inexperienced ringer with a foreign accent when you know she's going to move on the next day, but to have to endure me week in and week out, why that's another question! And what's more, some of the Warwickshire ringers even comprised such a "stonewall" band that twice they were able to ring around me for three hours and then to congratulate me on ringing a peal.

My ringing history goes back about three years, however, for while studying at Smith College in the U.S.A. I first learned to ring changes on handbells from a maths professor who had got interested in handbell ringing and who had then also learned to ring tower bells while in England. I always had an itch to find out more about tower ringing and then in the fall of 1967 I was able to join some people in Hingham, Mass., who had just fixed up their old bells and who were trying to learn to ring them. Several of us would travel the 50m. south from Boston twice a week to struggle with awkward bells in a swaying tower, and the three British ringers in the area helped as much as possible with a towerful of beginners. Still we made some progress, and even more in the spring when the peal was put in at Smith College, a mere 100m. west of Boston.

Thus when I left for England I felt confident about ringing rounds and a plain course of Bob Doubles although I hadn't a clue about striking as we usually practised with the clappers tied, fully muffled or occasionally half-muffled—in America we don't have your nice excuse for noise, "But you knew there would be bells when you moved next to the church." One of my missions this year in England seems to have been to explain change ringing to non-ringers, English and foreign alike. As I delivered one such explanation to a group of Americans outside Newcastle Cathedral while a peal was being rung, one commented, "Imagine allowing such a noise in New York City!"

BACK AT SQUARE ONE

I arrived in England fully confident to face any bell since I had experience with both heavy, awkward bells and light, well-ringing ones and was eager to discover "Rope-Sight." One of my first evenings in England I went along with the Whitechapel Foundry band for their practice at St. Lawrence Jewry. What lovely, bright sallies and new ropes they had! I pulled off the third for rounds and, horrors, it seemed as if I was ringing a piece of spagetti, for I had no idea what my bell was doing and a horrible noise was issuing forth above. So very discouraged, I decided that I was back at square one, unable even to control the bell enough to ring rounds. None the less afterwards someone asked me if I was free Saturday for some ringing. "Sure." "Good, then we've got a wedding on." "A what? Oh dear!" I was assured that the bride and bridegroom wouldn't be worrying about the details, but would like six bells ringing out. So I joined in to make a joyful noise and even managed a few changes. Most of the year I was plagued by the problem of knowing methods like Bob Minor and Major, Grandsire Doubles and Triples quite well from handbells, yet not having the ability to ring them properly in the tower. This was quite frustrating and well-meaning friends often asked how I could possibly manage two handbells but then, well, have such difficulty with only one bell in the tower!

As I arrived in England late August, I had over a month before my course at the University of Warwick began. At the beginning of the summer I had passed through London and had visited the Whitechapel Bell Foundry. I had been discussing with Mr. William Hughes the distressing fact that no women were working actually in the Foundry. He offered to hire me as a sort of queen to sit on a throne and to command everyone about. I replied that this sounded like a fine idea. But afterwards it was suggested to me that I might think of the idea more seriously, for often there were odd, relatively unskilled jobs to be done in the handbell shop. Well, during the summer I thought and as I wanted to fit in a bit of ringing before I went up to Warwick, and as I knew some ringers in London, that city seemed a good place to be. For several months I had a set of eight handbells on order from the Whitechapel Foundry, having saved my pennies hard over the last years, and working at the Foundry would be a great way to learn more about the handbells.

IN THE FOUNDRY

Thus September saw me clad in blue jeans and a workshirt, diving into the art of making handbells. To my surprise and excitement I found myself out in the back Foundry and was allowed to learn how to build up the sand moulds and to cast the bells. Thus in my first fortnight I came to appreciate the delicate art of building each mould by hand, of pouring the beautiful yet elusive molten metal, and of holding my breath as we'd open up the boxes, clean off the bells and give them their first test tap for tone.

Then no sooner had I begun to be a bit of a help, no longer forgetting vital steps or dropping heavy boxes, I was moved up to the handbell shop to learn about the cutting and tuning process. There I battled with the ghosts of the original cutter's bench, struggling with my unsteady hand to produce the smooth, golden cuts which the others did so easily. I was especially excited, although anxious, when I discovered that I was working on my own two trebles! Of course, I never knew for sure what the kindly elves were up to in the shop after I left in the evening, but the trebles are certainly those that I worked on.

I had a wonderful time working at the Foundry and would especially like to thank Mr. William and Mr. Douglas Hughes for allowing me to learn so much. I hope I've left a lot of friends there although at times I feel I may have cramped their style: that is, there was some suggestion made to curb over colourful language in my presence, a needless precaution really since many expressions, delivered in a quick cockney accent, were incomprehensible to me. I remember one day when we had just knocked open a box of freshly cast handbells. They had cooled only enough to turn the grey colour of the sand and were hard to see. One chap accidentally leaned over, putting his whole weight on to a hot, hidden bell. He looked up right at me, cried "Oh!" and ran from the room!

WITH THE BORDERS

My ringing improved greatly while in London. Just about every evening I attended a local practice, on weekends went to ringing meetings, and I really appreciated everyone's help, especially that of Mr. William Theobald who very helpfully found out about local ringing and who was always nearby to "kick me in the ankle" when I went wrong. Bill was also able to put me in touch with some ringers near Coventry. It seems that there was a ringer named Peter Border in the area who might be able to help—and help he certainly did! For proof, see "The Ringing World" for both my peals with myself on the second and this well-known light (?) bell ringer on the treble!

The Borders soon acquainted me with most of the local ringers and towers and arranged as well for some handbell ringing on Fridays so that once a fortnight a group of us got together and gave my new bells a good breaking in. Although my express purpose for being in England was to study maths, I found as much time as I could to ring in the Coventry area. I thoroughly enjoyed the ringing and learning so much more about the Exercise, but I must say that the tremendous hospitality and friendliness shown to me by ringers really made my year so outstanding.

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Letters to the Editor

LITTLE OAKLEY CHURCH

Dear Sir,—Although not far from the main Harwich to Clacton road, the Little Oakley church, whose bells were stolen, is rather isolated on the far side of a field, standing amongst a number of trees and perhaps 100 yards from a farm. It is still in use, probably at least once a Sunday, even if the tower door had not been opened for 17 years (as stated in reports).

The tower was presumably much higher: the bell chamber appears to have been taken down and the tower is now "roofed" with corrugated iron sheeting just above church roof level, and the bells were left on the first floor of the tower (now the only floor).

At the time of my visit to the church some five or six years ago two of the bells lay on the floor cracked and broken, the other two hung "dead" on a solitary beam, one of these two being badly cracked and useless. There was no frame or fittings of any kind and I do not remember any ropes or even a chiming hammer—altogether a sorry state of affairs. These conditions made it a simple matter to take the bells: it only needed to roll them to the window. —Yours faithfully,

U. W. WILDNEY.

Kirkby-le-Soken, Essex.

PROTECTION OF BELLS

Dear Sir,—I share with Mr. Rigby ("R.W.", Sept. 26th), as I am sure we all do, great concern that bells have now become subject to theft, by what must be some organised gang, and one hopes that the police are doing all they can to catch the culprits. However, I am not at all happy with Mr. Rigby's suggestions and not at all happy that he should have mentioned a place by name as an easy job for the criminals—they may take his advice.

If church plate is stored away at a bank and bells are stored at a foundry, where they do not properly belong and cannot easily be seen, they might just as well have been stolen. Local churchpeople are bound to trust visitors to some extent, for a church barricaded against theft and vandalism is not likely to retain its essential atmosphere of welcome and of being the centre of a community which has existed for centuries and which allows membership to all.

By all means lock churches at night, and if they are remote during the day too (provided the key is readily available to bona-fide visitors), and possibly stall bell thefts by putting strong bars across the inside of louvres, but do not take away the treasures of a particular building in order to prevent a thief who would do the same, free of charge!—Yours faithfully.

RICHARD JONES.

London, S.W.

WIMBORNE BELLS

Dear Sir,—In the article "To Wessex with Wilfred" it states that the bells at Wimborne St. Giles are a good "Llewellyn and James" six with two Taylor trebles. I don't think Messrs. John Taylor will agree with this for as far as I know they are a Taylor eight—six 1910, two trebles 1928.—Yours, etc.,

W. DAY.

Cranborne, Dorset.

"MR. RUSTY SURPRISE"

Dear Sir,—It is a pity that in order to support his opinion of "Mr. Rusty Surprise" Mr. Kenneth Arthur has found it necessary to refer to a minor matter in a Central Council meeting of over five years ago. It is even more of a pity since in doing so Mr. Arthur has reminded us how ill-founded were his claims of that time that the "new morality" would lead to the absurd naming of methods. It is questionable whether the name "Beatles Surprise", had such been invented, could have been attributed to the "new morality", but it is surely impossible for any reasonable person to doubt the impeccable moral standards of Mr. Rusty, Zebedee, Florence and Dougal.

Perhaps ringing is a serious branch of the arts and perhaps it is not; however, it is certain that its claim to be considered seriously will be harmed more by trivial squabbles of this nature than by any "rash" of humorously-named methods.—Yours faithfully,

C. C. MONSON.

Bromsgrove, Worcs.

PENWORTHAM BELLS INSCRIPTIONS

The inscriptions, weights and notes of the bells are as follows:

1.—Shoulder: M & S LONDON. Waist: REV: T. J. CUNNINGHAM. GAVE THIS BELL IN MEMORY OF HIS BELOVED WIFE ADA CUNNINGHAM 1926. 2-3-21 in A.

2.—Shoulder: M & S LONDON. Waist: LIEUT:COL. J. Y. FOSTER GAVE THIS BELL IN MEMORY OF HIS BELOVED WIFE ELISABETH STEUAT FOSTER 1926. 3-0-10 in G sharp.

3.—Shoulder: TAYLOR AND SON LOBOR 1858. Waist: RECAST BY MEARS & STAINBANK LONDON AT MARY RAWSTONES COST 1891. 3-1-23 in F sharp.

4.—Shoulder: GOD SAVE QUEEN ANN A (bell) R 1712. 4-0-12 in E.

5.—Shoulder: PROSPERITY TO THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND 1712. Waist: THIS BELL WAS RECAST AT THE COST OF W. S. RAWKINS ESQ. IN MEMORY OF HIS MOTHER ELIZA REGENT RAWKINS 1926. 4-3-16 in D.

6.—Shoulder: ABR: RUDHALL CAST US ALL ANNO DOM 1712. 5-0-9 in C sharp.

7.—Shoulder: RALPH LOXAM MINISTER A (bell) R 1712. (Ralph Loxam moved on to North Meols, but was buried at Penwortham in 1726.) 6-3-5 in B.

8.—Shoulder: WM: SLATER EVAN MAUDSLEY WM FARINGTON WM BICKERSTEFF WARDENS 1712. On waist, below Whitechapel trademark: MEARS, LONDON. 8-2-6 in A.

My Year in Ringland (continued)

GOING PLACES

I was taken to many interesting places such as Farmer Jarvis' Home Farm, to the Appleton dinner, to the dedication of the two trebles at Solihull and I think it's wonderful how much ringers all seem to enjoy themselves so much at meetings, outings, dinners, and parties! I celebrated New Year's Eve properly for the first time, that is, by ringing out the old year and ringing in the new if a bit unsteadily after a great party. The party must have looked like a bit of a failure to the neighbours, however, for we all left at 11.30! We went on some terrific outings and I enjoyed the experiences of ringing on such varied bells even if it meant learning to ring around organs, to handle the Loughborough Foundry bells gently, and to pull with all my muscles in Somerset, but then in the latter county I found the local cider to be a very good thirst quencher after all my exertions.

After I finished the year at Warwick, my father came over, as he says, "to make sure I came home"! He was very good about my mania and spent many an evening waiting patiently in a hotel while I was off in the blue ringing bells. We made a short trip to Scandinavia, but then returned to England, making our way from Newcastle to Brighton, and from Kent to Dorset. Our travel plans were very simple: we'd decide on a general direction each day, I'd have a look at Dove, and wherever there was a convenient practice we'd spend the night. All the ringers were super to me and without exception would welcome me very warmly, often to my embarrassment tailoring the evening's ringing to my abilities. I would highly recommend this as a great way to travel through the country and good practice in ringing different bells. For instance one day I rang on the Expo belfry in Yorkshire and the next day at York Minster!

So now I'm back home with many happy memories, sad that there aren't more opportunities to ring here, but not resigned to the situation. I'm living in Philadelphia now and just today have been talking with people at Christ Church where a ring of eight has hung derelict for 200 years. We have got bells ringing at Smith College so why not Philadelphia?

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The Biggleswade District's elimination round of the Association's striking competition was held at Southill on September 12th, the judges being Messrs. A. E. Rushton and R. Agg. This year Stotford beat Henlow by three points, while Maulden, last year's winner, came third. The next three places were: 4 Clifton, 5 All Stars, 6 Biggleswade.

The evening ringing was at Old Walden.

BECCLES, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 28th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss P. Watt 1, E. R. Goate (cond.) 2, N. P. J. Cossey 3, A. H. Roberts 4, W. S. Girling 5, R. W. Bickers 6, F. W. Gunton 7, J. I. Margetts 8. For Patronal Festival.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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THE RAVING RINGERS GO NORTH

Fifteen Ravers recently set off northwards from Deddington, Oxford. The Upper Tees Valley was much photographed before arriving at Barnard Castle, where the tour's ringing commenced.

On Saturday ringing started on the very pleasant eight at Darlington, followed by the delightful ten at Stockton-on-Tees.

Lunch at Seaton Carew was, in contrast to the Irish tour last year, the only picnic lunch of the tour. Smoke and fumes might be eating away at the stonework of St. Oswald's, West Hartlepool, but the bells haven't suffered, and the eight at St. Aidan's provoked good ringing, too. On in pouring rain to Durham; everyone agreed that ringers at the Cathedral have to be both fit and devoted to climb those stairs every Sunday.

The tower at Chester-le-Street is unusual but the bells are marvellous. The early 20th century Church of St. Andrew, Roker, the last tower of the day, is worth a visit for its bold and imaginative styling, and here we elected Michael Church as our second Ringing Master.

Sunday was spent in and around Newcastle, and ringing at the Cathedral was followed by St. Stephen's, Elswick, with a heavy and beautiful-sounding eight. The minibus ringers made a rapid tour to Hadrian's Wall and Hexham before lunch.

We inspected the 17 bells at SS. James and Basil, Fenham, before we made good use of the eight hung for ringing. A late start on the six at Blaydon was followed by ringing at Gosforth and an evening on the town in Newcastle. Monday started wet, and got wetter. Tynemouth resounded to Erin and Grandsire Caters and at Whitley Bay a broken stay preceded ringing at Cramlington on a noisy and heavy six. The first secular tower of the tour was the Watch Tower at Morpeth, and Ken Lawson's recommendation secured, at very short notice, Bamburgh. Over the border to Edinburgh: and although taking different routes all three carloads arrived at Leith at about the same time.

Tuesday started cloudy but brightened as the day progressed, and so did the ringing. The diminutive five at Fettes College responded best to an expert Doubles band, while the photographers clambered out on the roof to shoot bells, tower and pinnacles. From the lightest five in the world to the heavy ten at the Cathedral was too much of a contrast, for nothing seemed to go well: it was the ringers, not the bells. After lunch the superb eight at St. Cuthbert's went well. Onwards to the Forth Bridges and Alloa there was some fast and erratic ringing. While one party went to Stirling for an inspection of the four there, the remainder assisted the Alloa ringers with their practice.

Left to right, back row and seated on coach.
Chris Venn, Maurice New, Ray Vickers, Michael Church, Peter Tombs, David Brown.
Left to right, standing:
Patricia Copas, Michael Palmer, Carol New, Gillian Brearly, Barry Saunders, Alan Flood.
Left to right, front:
Ron Russ, Chris Clarke, Tony Fortin.

[Photographer: Walter Knight.

The High Kirk at Dunblane provided a grand start to Wednesday. Dundee provided a challenge and Ron Russ, who knew that the Old Steeple bells after going to Whitechapel were back in the tower, also knew that the authorities who permit ringing would not be meeting until well after our visit. After a visit to the Lord Provost permission was granted. At the Cathedral some tied bells delayed our start and some found the bells heavy-going.

Loch Lomond saw the last of the Highlands as we headed into Glasgow. Some good ringing at the Cathedral before lunch, then to St. James', Paisley, before heading south to Carlisle, where our guests at the Cathedral (with its unusual, melodious bells) were Ann Godfrey, from Itchingfield, and Ellis Thomas and his wife, from Cowbridge.

On Saturday morning we visited the interesting market town of Penrith, with its nice eight, before descending into the seething mass of holidaymakers that is the Lake District during the high season. Then to St. Kentigerne, Crosthwaite and Bowness, where we were joined by Mr. Greenacre, of King's Lynn. The charming slate-built church at Langdale was followed by the fine eight at Hawkshead, the Rev. R. Lindsay and tower captain Joe Whalley joining in some really sparkling ringing. The last tower of the day was Ambleside, and here Ann Godfrey joined us again — quite by chance!

Our last night was spent at Kendal, and many enjoyed a convivial evening, paying tribute, in their various ways, to the organisers, ringing masters and drivers. Service ringing at Holy Trinity, Kendal, preceded our journey home in torrential rain, which persisted all the way to the Midlands.

The 1969 tour was nearly at an end, but we remember with thanks those people who made the tour so memorable—incumbents and authorities who so willingly allowed us to ring, tower representatives who made us so welcome, our organisers, Peter Tombs, and Ron Russ and Michael Church (Ringing Masters) and, not least, the indefatigable Chris Clarke. We all look forward to the reunion at Guildford on January 2nd–4th.

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ALFRISTON, SUSSEX. — On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Betty Percy 1, C. Percy 2, Susan Percy 3, R. Percy 4, Janet Percy (cond.) 5, P. Wincup (first quarter) 6. For the annual village fair.

ASH, SURREY. — On Aug. 30th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Sheila M. Cragg (first quarter) 1, Jennifer M. Sharpe 2, Marilyn A. Reay 3, Angele J. Smart 4, P. G. Smart (cond.) 5, R. C. Backhurst (first quarter) 6. —On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Sheila M. Cragg 1, Marilyn A. Reay 2 Jennifer M Sharpe 3, R. C. Backhurst (first "inside") 4, P. G. Smart (cond.) 5, Angele J. Smart 6. — On Sept. 6th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Sandra C. Press (first quarter) 1, Jennifer M. Sharpe 2, Angele J. Smart 3, Marilyn A. Reay 4, P. G. Smart (cond.) 5, R. C. Backhurst 6. A wedding compliment to Angele Hawes and Rev. Andrew Tuck (one-time ringers at St. Peter's).

ATCHAM, SALOP.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): S. W. Illidge 1, Daphne Appleby 2, S. G. Pick (cond.) 3 N. R I. White 4, P. R Johnson 5.

BARKINGSIDE, ESSEX. — On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mary Wilkinson 1, Barbara Shaw 2, Susan Turcan 3, Christine Morton 4, Jillian Turcan 5, Valerie Jones 6, D. Ellisdon (cond.) 7, M. Hollis 8. To commemorate the Battle of Britain.

BARRINGTON, SOM. — On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. C. Drayton 1, J. Cornelius (cond.) 2, Mrs B. Dean 3, Roy Welch 4, R. J. Dean 5, Reg Welch 6. For Harvest Festival.

BENHALL, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 21st, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Peters 1, J Pilgrim 2, S. Bedford 3, A. Knights 4, P. Bedford (cond.) 5, R. Peters 6. R. and M. Peters (father and son) first quarter.

BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX. — On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S Hardy 1, W R. Chandler 2, Miss C Hardy 3, Miss S. Bird 4, R. J Brown (cond.) 5, Miss B. Fisher 6. For Harvest Festival.

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—On Aug. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): W. Gibbins 1, H. Preece 2, W. T. Petty (cond.) 3, G. Evans 4, D Bryant 5, S. King 6, E. T. Hiddins 7, G. McGowan 8.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (6 and 8 covering): J. Edmunds 1, E. T. Hiddins 3, W. T. Petty (cond.) 4, D. Bryant 5, G. Evans 6, R. J. Mayle 7 B. Thurman (first quarter) 8. A compliment to Mr. G. H. Sparkes 40 years organist at St. Illtyd's. —On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): W. Gibbins 1, E T. Hiddins 2, W. T. Petty (cond.) 3, H. Preece 4, D Bryant 5, E. Richards (first quarter) 6, R. J Mayle 7 G. Evans 8. For Harvest Festival.

BROUGHTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCS.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Preston 1, P. Humphrey 2, N. M. Newby 3, W. J. Couperthwaite 4, M. Poppleston 5, T. F. Metcalfe 6, K. M Price (cond.) 7, C. R. Daft 8.

BURMARSH, KENT. — On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Doubles: B. Mercer (first quarter) 1, Mrs. M. Watts 2, Mrs. R. Wratten (cond.) 3, Miss A Rayner 4, R. P. Brotherston 5, T. Fagg 6. A compliment to Rev. J Slyfield on his ordination as priest in Canterbury Cathedral.

BUSHBURY, STAFFS.—On Sept. 18th, 1,440 Surfleet Surprise Minor: Diana White 1, Rosemary White 2, R. Riley 3, S. G. Pick 4, J. Humphreys 5, C. L. R. Bainham (cond.) 6 First in the method by all.

COTLEIGH, DEVON. — On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Travers (first quarter, aged 10) 1, W. Sparkes 2, D. Salter 3, T. Travers 4, W. Webb (cond.) 5, E. Snell 6

DOWNE, KENT.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Val Hayward 1, Julia Collinge 2, R. K. Long 3, P. R. Butler 4, K. Burgess 5, R. A. Grant (cond.) 6. Rung before the village reception to Robin Knox-Johnson after his voyage around the world.—On July 13th, 1,260 Single Oxford Bob Minor: K. Burgess 1, Jackie Allen 2, Val Hayward 3, A. H. Long 4, R. A. Grant 5, P. R. Butler (first in method as cond.) 6. First in method 1, 2, 3, 4. 5.—On July 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. H. Long 1, P. R Butler 2, P. Butler 3, Elizabeth Newbery (first "inside") 4, M. Hansford 5, R. A. Grant (cond.) 6.

DUNKERTON, SOM.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Rosemary Gooding 1, V. J. Bowring 2, T. Barrett 3, S. V. Milverton 4, S. C. Davis (first as cond.) 5, A. F. Butt 6. Birthday compliments to Mrs. Lucy Butt (91) and conductor.

EBRINGTON, GLOS. — On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): M. P. Taylor 1, Mrs. H. R. Taylor 2, C. R. Taylor 3, H. C. Taylor 4, E. J. Taylor (cond.) 5, B. H. Taylor 6. First in four methods for all. For the Flower and Music Festival. Also for the 22nd wedding anniversary of ringers of 2 and 5.

QUARTER PEALS

ELSTOW, BEDS.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,440 Minor (Single Oxford, Plain Bob): R. S. Wood 1, A. D. Norman 2, Rosemary Hartley 3, Kathleen Marriott 4, M. J. Marriott 5, A. H. Smith (cond.) 6. In honour of Robert Law, former ringer, ordained deacon in St. Albans Cathedral on September 21st.

FRANT, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Plain Bob, Grandsire): C. Percy 1, G. Catt 2, Janet Percy (cond.) 3, Betty Percy 4, R. Percy 5, A. Basset 6.

GREASLEY, NOTTS.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): P. Mary Beach 1, Margaret A. Eyre 2, D. Coulson 3, T. Ford 4, D. J. Beach (cond.) 5, Helen M. Simpson 6. An "Au revoir" to the 2nd ringer.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Barbara Hooks 1, P. Mary Beach 2, Helen M. Simpson 3, T Ford 4, D. Coulson 5, D. J. Beach (cond.) 6.

HASTINGS, SUSSEX.—At St. Clement's, on Sept. 17th, 1,280 London S. Major. Amette Bradbury 1, Christine Baldock 2, Janet Percy 3 Ann Smith 4, Betty Percy 5, T. Barlow 6, I. Smith 7, A. Baldock (cond.) 8.

HILLFARRANCE, SOM. — On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): J. Cornelius (cond.) 1, R. A. C. Cross 2, R. Coleman 3, K. E. Beale 4, M. A. Arscott 5, F. Mills 6.

HILLINGDON, MIDDX. — On Aug. 10th, 1,280 Double Norwich C.B Major: Claudia A. Critchley 1, R. K. Russ 2, Susan Davies 3, J. Walters 4, B. J. Read 5, A. R. G. Twinn 6, G. W. Critchley 7, M. J Palmer (cond.) 8 For Evensong. Also on Aug. 28th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Claudia A. Critchley 1, A. R. G. Twinn 2, C. J. Venn 3, J Walters 4, M. W. Seymour 5, R. K. Russ 6, W. H. Coles 7, M. J. Palmer (cond.) 8. For Harvest Festival.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.—At St. Margaret's, on Sept. 14th, 1,260 Minor (Cambridge, Plain Bob): R. J Munnings 1, A. J. Munnings 2, A. R. Bridges 3, J. Girt 4, R. W. Steward 5, J. W. Blythe (cond.) 6. A farewell to Rev. Frank Tanner on leaving the parish for Mansfield. Also on Sept. 28th, 1,440 Minor (Cambridge, Plain Bob): R. W. Steward 1, R. J. Munnings 2, A. R. Bridges 3, J. Girt 4, A. J. Munnings 5, J. W. Blythe (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival

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KEA, CORNWALL.—On Aug. 31st, 1,259 Grandsire Triples: Barbara J. Duck 1, R. P. Pearce 2, W. J. Marlow 3, A. Locke 4, F. M. Bowers 5, T. J. Bell 6, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 7, C. J. Dunstan 8. To mark the baptism of Simon George Larkin.

KENTISBEARE, DEVON. — On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Doubles: Mrs. L. Mears 1, R. H. J. Mears 2, Miss C. Gill 3, P. Board 4, C. W Tidwell (cond.) 5, R. J. Mears 6.

KENWYN, CORNWALL.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Janet S. Evans 1, T. J. Bell 2, A. J. Davidson 3, V. Mary Matthews 4, D. Jones 5, R. W. Humphries 6, A. Carveth (cond.) 7 R. P. Pearce 8. For Harvest Thanksgiving.

KINGSTON UPON THAMES, SURREY. — On Sept. 22nd, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: C. E. Bulleid 1, Katharine Salvage 2, Ann V. Salvage 3, B. J. Stone 4, C. D. Collin (cond.) 5, J. P. Hull 6. Half-muffled as a tribute to life and work of Grace Johnson, late Mayoress of Kingston, who was buried this day.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: 1, J. Whitear 1, Ann Salvage 2, Katharine Salvage 3, Lesley A. Hawes 4, J. P. Hull 5, D. M. Wilkins 6, B. J. Stone (cond.) 7, C. D. Collin 8. Rung prior to Michaelmas ordination service.

LEA, LINCS. — On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. P. Lunn (first quarter) 1, S. L. Green 2, Mrs. B. L Green (first "inside") 3, R. Thorne (first "inside") 4, T. A. Gilbert 5, G. L. A. Lunn (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

LEICESTER. — At the Cathedral Church of St. Martin, on Sept. 18th, 1,263 Stedman Caters. H. B. Bowley (cond.) 1, Mrs. P. J. Staniforth 2, Mrs. H. B. Bowley 3, Mrs. J. Hunting 4, J. Harold 5, A. Skinner 6 S. Burton 7, P. J. Staniforth 8, W. J. Root 9, R Stephenson 10. A compliment to Rev. D. M. Buxton, Precentor of the Cathedral on his induction as Rector of Ibstock.

LEIRE, LEICS.—On Aug. 20th, 1,260 Minor (Kent T.B., Plain Bob): J. A. W. Bayliss 1, K. P. Gilliver (cond.) 2, D. J. Simpson 3, N. W. Price 4, G. Johnson 5, W. Johnson 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Frank Dove, local ringer, on the evening of his funeral.

LITTLE HOUGHTON, NORTHANTS. — On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): E. Hastings 1, Anne Henman 2, C. E. Stanton 3, A. J. Henman 4, R. Henman (cond.) 5. Rung for the wedding of Miss Fern Bowler and Mr. Norman Hargreaves.

LONG SUTTON, LINCS.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): A. W. Townsend 1, P. G. Butler 2, G. R. Butler 3, P. W. Campling 4, G. H. Campling (cond.) 5, G. Hayward 6, M. Crowther 7, F. Markille 8. First quarter 6, 8. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. ("Dick") and Mrs. A. W. Townsend.

LYMPSTONE, DEVON. — On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): Anne Retter 1, D. Wills 2, Mrs. Q. Retter 3, G. Retter (cond.) 4, H. Crisp 5, R. Perry 6. For the wedding of Miss V. Mellish and Mr. F. Jones.

MAIDSTONE, KENT. — At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels, on Sept. 14th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Alison Levick 1, Rosemary Ellis 2, S. Garner 3, M. L. Howe 4, E. Jenner 5, S. A B Wigg (cond.) 6.

NAILSEA, SOM. — On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Bob Minor: L. Childs 1, Mrs. R. Short 2, E. Davey 3, C. Kortright 4, J. Lott 5, L. Derrick (cond.) 6. For the christening of Rachelle Dolphin.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARKS.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Anne Rigby 1, Carol A. Eveleigh (first "inside") 2, A. G. Eveleigh 3, P. M. Edgson 4, J. G. Edgson (cond.) 5, K. Rigby 6. For family service.

PILTON, SOM.—On Sept. 20th, 1,320 Doubles (30 m/v/s): Mrs. S. Y. Jenkins 1, Mrs. L. Parker 2, J. Cornelius (cond.) 3, Mrs. D. Crocker 4, R. Parker 5, C. Gratton 6. A birthday compliment to Mrs. D. Crocker.

PRESTEIGNE, RADS.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Gillian Sims 1, Dianne Hatfield 2, T. H. Bird 3, H. L. Hatfield (cond.) 4, B. Wakefield 5, F. H. Hatfield 6. First in method for all except 5. Rung for the silver wedding of the conductor's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Hatfield.

PUDDLETOWN, DORSET.—On Sept. 5th, 1,260 Doubles: R. J Mears 1, P. Board 2, C. W. Tidwell 3, R. H. J. Mears 4, E. H. Amey 5, J. T. Antell 6. Golden wedding compliments to Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Legg (grandparents of 1 and parents-in-law of 4) and Maj. and Mrs. Stringer.

OBITUARY

ERNEST J. COUSINS

Following a short illness Mr. Ernie Cousins died on September 12th. The funeral service was at Hilgay, Norfolk, on September 17th, followed by cremation. The church was filled to capacity, the whole village being represented by the organisations that he served so well.

The bells were rung half-muffled before and after the service by regular Monday night ringers, 12 of whom rang.

He was churchwarden and bellringer, member of the Parish Council, a school governor, a founder member of the Hilgay Division of St. John Ambulance Brigade and a committee member of Hilgay Good Companions Club.

An Appreciation

I am going to find it much harder to write this appreciation of a ringer whose life ended at 50 than of a ringer whose ringing career ended after 50 years.

For nearly 20 years Ernie had been a ringer at Hilgay Church, a service ringer in the full sense of the word, and through his enthusiasm a service band was maintained over this period. Although he rang several quarters he never attempted to ring a peal.

He was a Branch committee member of the Ely Diocesan Guild and attended monthly meetings over a wide area as often as possible. He will be greatly missed by all, especially the young ringers who have made such good progress at the Monday night practices.

A half-muffled quarter peal was rung.

E. H. M.

MR. JOHN T. LOCKE

Friends in the West Country will be sorry to learn of the death after a long illness of Mr. John T. Locke, of Drayton, Somerset, on October 1st, at the early age of 61.

Tom learned to ring at Langport and with the band there rang his first peal. He moved to Drayton and was tower captain for many years, and through his efforts a service band was maintained. A quiet and unassuming man, Tom was always ready to lend a hand, whether helping a learner or making up the number at one of the local towers. He was secretary of the Crewkerne Branch of the Bath and Wells for 21 years (only missing one meeting), retiring from this position when his health began to fail. As an appreciation of his service he was made a vice-chairman of the Branch. He rang 67 peals, all for the Bath and Wells Association.

The funeral service was held at Drayton on October 4th and his beloved bells were rung before and after the service by some of the 40 ringing friends who came to pay their last respects to such a great friend, who will be very sadly missed. J. C.

MR. THOMAS BEERE

Hertingfordbury, Herts, ringers are mourning the death of Mr. T. Beere, a promising young ringer, who met his death while mountaineering in Snowdonia.

A quarter peal of Grandsire Caters was attempted to his memory at All Saints' Church, Hertford, but unfortunately it turned out to be false as two bells had crossed over during the latter part.

STRIKING COMPETITIONS

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AND NORTH LEICESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The annual striking competition of the South Derbyshire and North Leicestershire Association was held at Aston-on-Trent on September 20th. Six teams competed, representing five towers and the judge was Mr. Denis R. Carlisle.

Although the competition had to compete with Derby playing at home to Spurs the teams put up a good fight to try to wrest the cup from the holders, Melbourne. By a very small margin, 2 points, this was managed so that the final result was as follows (possible 200): Alvaston 183 points, Melbourne 181, Stretton (A) 164, Stretton (B) 113, Breedon 108, Aston-on-Trent 91.

The contest covered a rise, touch and fall for both teams.

Unfortunately our judge was not able to be with us for tea but his remarks on giving the results to the secretary for announcement at the business meeting later were most encouraging.

After an excellent tea and short business meeting the trophy was presented to Alvaston by Rev. J. Tranter, Vicar B. R. C.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The Ely Diocesan Association held their annual striking competition at Wilburton on September 27th, with eight teams taking part. The judges, Mr. B. F. Sims and Mr. W. W. Cousins, announced their decision following tea, and St. Neots were declared the winners. Second place was taken by Fordham, All Saints', Huntingdon, third, with Haslingfield fourth. Other teams taking part were Bottisham, Downham Market, Chatteris and Whittlesford. This is the second year running that St. Neots have won the trophy. Thanks to all who had helped in the organisation were expressed by the general secretary and ringing continued until 8.30 p.m.

TAMAR VALLEY GUILD COMPETITIONS

A good start was made to Tamar Valley Guild of Ringers' first 6-bell striking competition at Bradworthy. The set piece consisted of raise, 60-on-thirds and lower. The standard, on the whole, was good as the teams taking part were all locals from N.W. Devon and N. Cornwall, not used to the intricacies of polished Devonshire competition ringing.

A shield for the best performance was given by Mr. G. Charlton and won by the Bridgerule "A" team with 73 faults. Runners-up were Stratton with 77¼, Poughill "A" 85¼, Marhamchurch "A" 87¼, Bridgerule "B" 102, Buckland Brewer 109¾, Poughill "B" 110¼, Littleham 119, Bradworthy 120, Marhamchurch "B" 139¾, Holsworthy "A" 140¼, Holsworthy "B" 147, Petersmarland "A" 157, Shebbear 160¼, Petersmarland "B" 196.

Judges were Messrs. A. J. Copp, N. Lock and J. Harris. A sumptuous tea was provided by the Bradworthy ladies and a short service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. H. T. Lingham-Lees). W. H. T.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD
West Dorset Branch

In the heart of the Marshwood Vale the West Dorset Branch held its quarterly meeting at Whitechurch Canonicorum on September 20th on this popular "eight", despite the long climb to the belfry. Seven towers were represented and some good ringing was enjoyed until the Guild service, which was conducted by the Vicar and Rural Dean, Rev. G. V. Syer. A good spread awaited us, kindly given by Mr. and Mrs. F. Knight, and served by them and lady helpers.

Next meeting, annual, Lyme Regis, on November 29th. Practice meetings: Broadwindsor, November 6th, and Thorncombe, December 10th. All subject to confirmation. J. D.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Len Stilwell is back from his six weeks' holiday in Canada, having had a "wonderful" time with ringing at Victoria and Vancouver.

A quarter of Flying Scotsman Doubles was rung at Staplegrove, Somerset, on September 24th, to mark the beginning of the "Flying Scotsman's" tour of America.

For two half-centuries as ringers, F. F. Godsmark and R. V. Johnson were honoured by a quarter peal at Cuckfield on September 28th.

The Marlborough Branch's outing on September 27th was to the Wincanton area, the company numbering 40. Ringing took place at Mere, Wincanton, South Cadbury, Bruton, Ditcheat, Doulting and Frome. Mr. George Newman was the organiser and Mr. A. Keen in charge of ringing.

As a special concession to the many visitors, the service at the South Wales District meeting of the Ladies' Guild at Llanelli on September 20th was taken by the Rev. David Jenkins in English. Eight new members were elected and a highlight was the handbell playing of five youngsters from Mr. Stan Rees' team. The varied programme of Welsh hymn tunes, songs and carols was beautifully played.

After almost five years in Melbourne, Australia, Andrew, Shirley and Robert Bolton are being transferred back to Tyneside.

Mr. Bernard Groves desires to correct the statement (page 729) that he is likely to be the next to ring 1,000 peals. He writes: "In fact there could be half-a-dozen before me."

Twenty-nine ringers and friends from Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Notts, visited six Derbyshire towers on a recent Saturday. Ringing took place at Staveley, Baslow, Eyam, Ashford, Darley Dale and South Wingfield.

Alfriston Bank Holiday fête raised £650 for repairs to the spire of this ancient Sussex church. Proceedings concluded with a quarter peal of Doubles rung from the chancel in full view of the many visitors.

Among the many private contributions being received for the T. W. White testimonial was one for £2 18s. Why this amount? The sender explained that this was one shilling for each year he had taken "The Ringing World". We commend this marvellous idea to our readers. For those who have not yet lived so long why not a unit amount for each of the 23 years' service we are trying to recognise,

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FIRST PEAL IN MALMESBURY ABBEY

All that remains of the 12th century Benedictine Abbey at Malmesbury are the nave and aisles. These now form the parish church of Malmesbury, the original parish church of St. Paul having long since disappeared, apart from its tower with its modern light eight bells.

On September 13th, at the invitation of Mr. Blacker and the local ringers, a band of handbell ringers met at the Abbey and rang a peal of Spliced Plain Major in the Lady Chapel as a golden wedding compliment to Rev. A. and Mrs. Beaghen. This was the first peal ever rung in the Abbey and attracted considerable attention from visitors. The bells themselves belonged at one time to the late Harry Withers, of Birmingham, and are now kept in the belfry of the detached tower of St. Paul's.

An attempt for a peal of Yorkshire on the tower bells in the afternoon was unfortunately unsuccessful. The band would nevertheless like to express their thanks to the Malmesbury ringers for their kindness and welcome.

"LLANGIBBY STEDMAN"

While ringing at Llangibby during the Gloucester Branch annual outing, the organiser, Mr. David Pobjoy, learned that he had become a father. A touch of Stedman Triples was being rung and this led to the suggestion that the baby should be called Llangibby Stedman. From the local paper it was learned that the proposition was rejected in favour of Ralph David. A promise was, however, extracted from the father that in about 10 or 11 years' time his son would be brought on an outing to show how much he could ring.

The outing was a great success and ringing took place at Usk, Llangibby and Caldicot and, after crossing the Severn, at Portishead, Clevedon and Backwell.

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"Quite splendid . . . will be well received." (Composer, writer, 1,000-pealer.)

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"Comprehensive and should be of great assistance to anyone who studies it . . . ." (Tutor, conductor, tower captain.)

"Quite ideal. I cannot think of any alterations which would improve it." (Senior council officer.)

SWANSEA WEDDING

Two members of St. Paul's Church band, Swansea, were married on Saturday, October 4th—Mr. John Hodgett (late captain of the tower) and Miss Christine Randall, who will continue her studies at London University. Amongst those present at the wedding and who rang the bells before and after the service were four past Masters of the Guild and also the present Master, Mr. Alwyn Lewis. The reception was held at the Gower Inn.

ANOTHER DEVON TOUR

Organised by Peter Screen, ten ringers from Haresfield, Glos, had a most enjoyable week in North Devon, starting on August 2nd. Ringing took place in some 20 towers, and among the thrills was the beach at Woolacombe, where we saw a most dangerous sea.

Probably the Grandsire Triples at Tawstock was the best ringing, but highlights were the Bob Minor at North Moulton and the Spliced Little and Plain Bob at Landkey. On the last evening the fine 16 cwt. eight at Braunton was memorable and the six at Heanton Punchardon difficult to control because of the height of the rope guides above the floor level. Thanks go to incumbents and tower captains. A. J.

JOINT MEETING IN WEST RIDING

The meeting of the Leeds and District Society on September 27th was held jointly with the Western District of the Yorkshire Association. Ringing was available on the light but odd-struck six at Woodlesford in the afternoon and on the lovely eight at nearby Rothwell in the evening.

Between 50 and 60 ringers sat down to tea in the Church Hall at Rothwell, after which brief business meetings of the two Societies were held.

Mr. Maurice Thurmott, the Ringing Master of the Western District, put forward several proposals for practice meetings to be held in that part of his District not covered by the Leeds Society. Saturday evening advanced practices and week-day practices giving help to specific towers were envisaged.

Mr. Ronald Warford, the Ringing Master of the Leeds Society, proposed new rules for his Society's annual striking contest, which will allow bands ringing call-changes and plain courses to enter.

Evening ringing, amid a crowded ringing chamber, was plentiful and varied. G. C.

A TRUE STORY

Conversation-piece in a newsagent's:

"Has my 'Ringing World' come in yet?"

"I dunno luv, I shall 'atto look; see now, that's a **boxing** paper, innit?"

QUEEN'S GUIDE MARRIED

A regular service ringer at St. Agatha's Church, Brightwell-cum-Sotwell, Berks, Miss Angela M. Ayres was married on September 6th to Mr. Arthur Jones, a bio-chemist, of Southampton. The bride, who is a Queen's Guide and leader of the Wallingford Ranger Service Unit, was dressed in a full-length dress of white satin trimmed with lace and carried gold roses, orchids and lilies-of-the-valley. A guard of honour was provided by the Wallingford Guide and Ranger Company, of which Miss Ayres is also a member. Our congratulations and best wishes are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Jones.

HERTFORDSHIRE PEAL WEEK

ALL PEALS RUNG FOR HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

NORTHCHURCH, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary. On Mon., Aug. 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 24 lb.

Terence J. Hester	Treble	Frank Reed	5
*Michael J. Mulvey	2	‡Kenneth R. Dunstan	6
Frances Mulvey	3	†D. Kay Adkins	7
†G. John Collett	4	Francis M. Byrne	Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.
* First peal "inside." † 25th together. ‡ 250th of Surprise.

GREAT BERKHAMSTED, Herts.—At the Church of St. Peter. On Mon., Aug. 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr 21 lb.

D. Kay Adkins	Treble	Frank Reed	5
*Elizabeth Emmett	2	*David Redfearn	6
Peter Heritage	3	Francis M. Byrne	7
Kenneth R. Dunstan	4	John R. Mayne	Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. Speed. Conducted by John R. Mayne.
* First peal in the method.

ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Michael. On Tues., Aug. 26, 1969, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in G.

G. John Collett	Treble	H. George Hart	5
Francis Kirk	2	Christopher W. Woolley	6
Frances Mulvey	3	D. Kay Adkins	7
Terence J. Hester	4	*Kenneth R. Dunstan	Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.
* 150th peal of Surprise Major.
Rung as a welcome home to the Rev. D. G. Harpur after his recent illness.

PINNER, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist. On Wed., Aug. 27, 1969, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5120 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt.

Ronald K. Russ	Treble	*Brian C. Watson	5
Alan R. Pink	2	*David Redfearn	6
*Elizabeth Emmett	3	Christopher W. Woolley	7
Peter Heritage	4	Kenneth R. Dunstan	Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. Speed. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* First peal in the method.

RICKMANSWORTH, Herts.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin. On Sat., Aug. 30, 1969, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 SOUTHWELL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 20 lb.

H. George Hart	Treble	*Brian W. Hall	5
Elsie K. Hart	2	*†David Redfearn	6
Alan R. Pink	3	*Peter Heritage	7
*†Elizabeth Emmett	4	*‡Kenneth R. Dunstan	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* First peal in the method. † 25th peal. ‡ 50th different Surprise Major peal.

A PEAL WEEK IN THE NORTH-EAST

ALL PEALS RUNG FOR
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE, Northumberland.—At the Church of SS. James and Basil, Fenham. On Sat., Aug. 16, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 10 lb. in F.

Rev. Nicholas Webb	Treble	Adrian Dempster	5
*Stephen C. Wells	2	James W. Belshaw	6
Robert W. Sherriff	3	Eric N. Harrison	7
Malcolm E. Johnson	4	Michael Maughan	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin Conducted by Michael Maughan.
* 50th peal.

BAMBURGH, Northumberland.—At the Church of St. Aidan. On Mon., Aug. 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5120 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb. in F.

Enid Lawson	Treble	Michael Maughan	5
Stephen C. Wells	2	Robert W. Sherriff	6
Adrian Dempster	3	Malcolm E. Johnson	7
Rev. Nicholas Webb	4	James W. Belshaw	Tenor

Composed by Noel J. Diserens. Conducted by James W. Belshaw.

STAINDROP, Co. Durham.—At the Church of St. Mary. On Tues., Aug. 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 21 lb. in F sharp.

Christine H. Telfer	Treble	Robert W. Sherriff	5
Enid Lawson	2	Malcolm E. Johnson	6
Stephen C. Wells	3	James W. Belshaw	7
Adrian Dempster	4	Michael Maughan	Tenor

Composed by Philip G. K. Davies. Conducted by Michael Maughan.

BISHOP AUCKLAND, Co. Durham.—At the Church of St. Andrew. On Tues., Aug. 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in G.

Enid Lawson	Treble	Stephen C. Wells	5
Christine H. Telfer	2	Robert W. Sherriff	6
Adrian Dempster	3	Michael Maughan	7
Malcolm E. Johnson	4	James W. Belshaw	Tenor

Composed by William Barton. Conducted by Michael Maughan.

ALLENDALE, Northumberland.—At the Church of St. Cuthbert. On Wed., Aug. 20, 1969, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 9 lb. in G.

Colin C. Monson	Treble	Robert W. Sherriff	5
Adrian Dempster	2	Malcolm E. Johnson	6
Rev. Nicholas Webb	3	James W. Balshaw	7
Stephen C. Wells	4	Michael Maughan	Tenor

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by Michael Maughan.

TANFIELD, Co. Durham.—A the Church of St. Margaret. On Wed., Aug. 20, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Traditional. Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

Michael Maughan	Treble	Malcolm E. Johnson	5
George S. Deas	2	Eric N. Harrison	6
Adrian Dempster	3	James Crowther	7
Robert W. Sherriff	4	James W. Belshaw	Tenor

Conducted by James W. Belshaw.

BRANCEPETH, Co. Durham.—At the Church of St. Brandon. On Thurs., Aug. 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in F sharp.

Ann Lawson	Treble	James W. Belshaw	5
Enid Lawson	2	Malcolm E. Johnson	6
Adrian Dempster	3	Stephen G. Wells	7
Robert W. Sherriff	4	Michael Maughan	Tenor

Composed by William Barton. Conducted by Stephen C. Wells.

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NORTH-EAST PEAL WEEK—continued.

CARLTON-IN-CLEVELAND, North Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Botolph.
On Fri., Aug. 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

Enid Lawson	Treble	Stephen G. Wells	5
Ann Lawson	2	Malcolm E. Johnson	6
Adrian Dempster	3	Michael Maughan	7
Robert W. Sherriff	4	James W. Belshaw	Tenor

Composed by J. S. Wilde. Conducted by Michael Maughan.

THE PURBECK YOUTHS' SUMMER TOUR

ALL PEALS RUNG FOR THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

PURTON, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., Aug. 28, 1969, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 10 methods in the following extents: (1) Double Court, (2) Single Oxford and Plain Bob, (3) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (4) Thelwall and Childwall. (5) Oxford T.B., (6) Kent T.B., (7) Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 20 cwt. 14 lb. in C sharp.

*John N. Longridge	Treble	*George E. Bonham	4
*David Wilson	2	*Timothy F. Collins	5
*Robert D. Bellamy	3	†William T. Perrins	Tenor

Conducted by William T. Perrins.
* Most methods to a peal. † Most Minor methods to a peal.

SWINDON, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Mark.
On Fri., Aug. 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt in F sharp.

Timothy F. Collins	Treble	Graham W. Elmes	5
Mary E. Elmes	2	Lewis F. Cobb	6
George E. Bonham	3	John N. Longridge	7
Robert D. Bellamy	4	David Wilson	Tenor

Composed by Simon Humphries. Conducted by David Wilson.
First peal of Surprise as conductor.
Rung as a compliment to the Rev. and Mrs. R. N. Longridge, parents of the ringer of the seventh and Master of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, on their wedding anniversary.

HIGHWORTH, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Aug. 30, 1969, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

David Wilson	Treble	George E. Bonham	5
Mary E. Elmes	2	Timothy F. Collins	6
Robert D. Bellamy	3	*Lewis F. Cobb	7
John W. Blackwood	4	Graham W. Elmes	Tenor

Composed by J. Reeves. Conducted by Graham W. Elmes.
* 125th peal. First in the method as conductor.

BAMPTON, Oxon.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Aug. 30, 1969, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

Sandra L. Claughton	Treble	Jeffrey L. Claughton	5
Lewis F. Cobb	2	John N. Longridge	6
Robert D. Bellamy	3	Timothy F. Collins	7
John W. Blackwood	4	Ronald M. Marlow	Tenor

Conducted by Timothy F. Collins.

BURFORD, Oxon.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Mon., Sept. 1, 1969, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt 3 qr. in E.

Ronald M. Marlow	Treble	Jeffrey L. Claughton	5
Mary E. Elmes	2	Graham W. Elmes	6
David Wilson	3	Timothy F. Collins	7
John W. Blackwood	4	Lewis F. Cobb	Tenor

Composed by Dennis Knox. Conducted by Lewis F. Cobb.

PRESHUTE (Marlborough), Wilts.—At the Church of St. George.
On Tues., Sept. 2, 1969, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In four methods, being one extent of London and two each of Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet. Tenor 9½ cwt. in A.

Lewis F. Cobb	Treble	Maurice A. New	4
*Mary E. Elmes	2	John N. Longridge	5
*Graham W. Elmes	3	Timothy F. Collins	Tenor

Conducted by Timothy F. Collins.
* 100th peal together.

OTHER TOWER BELL PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BISHOP'S LYDEARD, Som.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Sept. 13, 1969, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E flat.

Mary E. Elmes	Treble	*Raymond F. Arscott	5
Graham W. Elmes	2	John N. Longridge	6
William T. Perrins	3	Timothy F. Collins	7
*Keith E. Beale	4	Ronald N. Marlow	Tenor

Composed by Thomas B. Worsley. Conducted by William T. Perrins.
* First peal of Surprise First peal of Cambridge on the bells.

HASELBURY PLUCKNETT, Som.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Mon., Sept. 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr.

H. E. George Jeans	Treble	Derek S. Beaufoy	4
Trevor E. Marks	2	Albert W. Dyer	5
John Cornelius	3	William E. Turner	Tenor

Conducted by William E. Turner.
Rung for the wedding of Miss Patricia Tomalin and Mr. Dennis Cook.

BINEGAR, Somerset.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Wed., Sept. 17, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents, each called differently, with 5–6 the right way throughout. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in G sharp.

George W. Massey	Treble	*Brian Sarll	4
Glenda M. Beckett	2	*†Peter J. W. Hardwick	5
David J. Orledge	3	David G. Massey	Tenor

Conducted by David G. Massey.
* First peal in the method. † 25th peal.
Rung as a silver wedding anniversary compliment to George and Hilda Massey, of Frome, parents of the conductor.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WISTASTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Sept. 13, 1969, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In five methods: (1) Cambridge, (2) St. Clement's, (3) Oxford T.B., (4) Plain Bob, (5) Kent T.B., (6 and 7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb. in B.

*Frank R. Morton	Treble	David A. Godfrey	4
John Moore	2	John R. Scott	5
Geoffrey A. Edwards	3	Harry W. Howard	Tenor

Conducted by Harry W. Howard.
* Has now "circled the tower" to peals eight times.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Valerie Jamson, of Chester, who was 21 this day, also a birthday compliment to the wife of the ringer of the 2nd.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

BULKINGTON, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sat., Sept. 6, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb. in G.

R. Joy Pluckrose	Treble	John K. Foot	5
Paul Reading	2	Charles Quartley	6
Anthony J. Cox	3	Peter Randall	7
George Pluckrose	4	Frederick Shallcross	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Frederick Shallcross.

SHIRLEY, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Mon., Sept. 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in B flat.

Frederick Shallcross	Treble	Anthony J. Fox	5
R. David Baker	2	Charles P. Quartley	6
Hazel A. Mackenzie	3	Peter C. Randall	7
John F. Thorne	4	Geoffrey W. Randall	Tenor

Composed by Thomas B. Worsley. Conducted by Frederick Shallcross.
Rung to mark the birth of Philip Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Barry Smith, of Hollywood, Birmingham.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DUFFIELD, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Alkmund.
On Sat., Sept. 13, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CLIFTON SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.

Timothy Wylie	Treble	Brian A. Tomlinson	6
David W. Friend	2	Gordon A. Halls	7
Rev. Fred Ross	3	Denis R. Carlisle	8
Geoffrey Paul	4	Denis A. Frith	9
David W. Parkin	5	A. Colin Banton	Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Gordon A. Halls.

BASLOW, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Anne.
On Mon., Sept. 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents with no 6–5's at backstroke.
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in A sharp.

*Timothy Wylie	Treble	†Andrew R. Queen	4
†Susan E. Banton	2	†Graham A. Newman	5
†Susan E. Davis	3	A. Colin Banton	Tenor

Conducted by A. Colin Banton.
* First peal of London Surprise Minor. † First of London. First of Surprise on the bells.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CAMBRIDGE.—At the Church of St. Andrew the Great.
On Thurs., Aug. 28, 1969, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In eight methods, comprising 640 each of Bristol, Pudsey, Rutland, Yorkshire and Superlative, and 608 each of Cambridge, Lincolnshire and London, with 120 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.

		Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in G.	
James A. D. Woolford	Treble	*Allen Twyman	5
Donald F. Murfet	2	*James M. Hills	6
Hilary Muirhead	3	Alan F. Scholfield	7
Ronald J. Sharp	4	Derek E. Sibson	Tenor

Composed by Noel J. Diserens. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
* First peal of Spliced.
Rung as a farewell to Hilary Muirhead, moving to Bristol.

TRUMPINGTON, Cambs.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Michael.
On Tues., Sept. 16, 1969, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's No. 2. variation. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in G.

Frank E. Haynes	Treble	†John G. Gipson	5
*Allen Twyman	2	*Henry C. Foster	6
Donald F. Murfet	3	Kenneth J. Hesketh	7
Philip J. Rothera	4	Geoffrey Pearson	Tenor

Conducted by Kenneth J. Hesketh.
* First peal of Stedman Triples. † 350th peal.
Rung in honour of the birth of a son, Ellis, to John and Marian Morphet.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

WRITTLE, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Sept. 13, 1969, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5120 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in E.

Joe E. G. Roast	Treble	Peter J. Eves	5
Susan Rothera	2	*Keith W. Brown	6
Josephine A. Quilter	3	James L. Towler	7
*Richard J. Harrison	4	Peter G. Brown	Tenor

Composed by Maurice Hodgson. Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.
* First peal of Bristol.
Rung as a compliment to Joy Edwards, one of the local company, on the occasion of her 21st birthday.

GREAT DUNMOW, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Sept. 20, 1969, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5058 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E.

Keith W. Brown	Treble	Donald F. Murfet	5
Josephine A. Quilter	2	Kenneth J. Hesketh	6
Susan Rothera	3	Peter G. Brown	7
Robert J. Lindsell	4	Philip J. Rothera	Tenor

Composed by John H. Fielden. Conducted by Kenneth J. Hesketh.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

SHERE, Surrey.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sat., Sept. 13, 1969, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in E.

Douglas A. R. May	Treble	Charles W. Munday	5
Felicity S. Hamilton	2	Jeremy Cheeseman	6
Margaret James	3	Roy D. Mills	7
Andrew W. Sawyer	4	*Peter J. Munday	Tenor

Composed by H. J. Howlett. Conducted by Peter J. Munday.
* 25th peal for the Guild.
Rung as a farewell to David and Margaret James, leaving for Clevedon, Somerset.

ASHTEAD, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Mon., Sept. 15, 1969, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 HAVANT SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in F.

Jeffrey J. Bailey	Treble	Keith G. Game	5
Tony Skilton	2	Peter Henry	6
Jill M. May	3	Douglas A. R. May	7
Felicity S. Hamilton	4	A. Patrick Cannon	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Tony Skilton.
First peal in the method for all the band and for the Guild. First of Surprise as conductor. The conductor has now "circled the tower" to peals.
Rung as a farewell to the conductor on his departure to college.

CAPEL, Surrey.—At the Church of St. John.
On Mon., Sept. 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Oxford T.B., Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in A.

Elizabeth J. Gibbs	Treble	*Jeffrey J. Bailey	4
Jill M. May	2	Douglas A. R. May	5
Peter J. Munday	3	†Tony Skilton	Tenor

Conducted by Douglas A. R. May.
* First peal in seven methods. † 25th peal.

DUNSFOLD, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary and All Saints.
On Tues., Sept. 9, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Oxford T.B., Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in A flat.

Tony Skilton	Treble	†Felicity Hamilton	4
Jill M. May	2	Douglas A. R. May	5
*Carolyn Tubbs	3	David J. Tubbs	Tenor

Conducted by Douglas A. R. May.
* First peal in seven methods. † First of Minor "inside."
Rung as a welcome to the Rector's daughter and son-in-law on their return from Hong Kong.

OCKHAM, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary and All Saints.
On Sat., Sept. 13, 1969, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 18 extents of Plain Bob and 20 extents and two 240's of Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt.

Jill P. J. Edwardes	Treble	Jill M. May	3
*Lesley J. Smith	2	John A. Collier	4

Douglas A. R. May .. Tenor
Conducted by Douglas A. R. May.
* First peal.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. James the Apostle.
On Thurs., Sept. 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 IXWORTH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

Robert J. Moore	Treble	S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	5
David Redfearn	2	Martyn L. J. Jordan	6
John R. Southey	3	John R. Mayne	7
David A. Carpenter	4	Roger Baldwin	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Roger Baldwin.
First peal in the method.

IXWORTH SURPRISE MAJOR
A—38—14—58—36, 14—14, 38—16—18.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CITY OF LONDON.—At the Church of St. Michael, Cornhill.
On Sat., Sept. 13, 1969, in 3 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 42 cwt. 6 lb. in B.

Richard Hayes	Treble	*John A. Howard	7
Judith M. Corby	2	†Ian H. Oram	8
*Ann Jenner	3	Andrew J. Corby	9
Margaret E. Oram	4	D. Paul Smith	10
Edward F. P. Bryant	5	Stanley Jenner	11
Michael H. O'Callaghan	6	†Philip A. Corby	Tenor

Conducted by Stanley Jenner.
* First peal of Yorkshire Maximus. † 100th peal together. First of Maximus as conductor.

CITY OF LONDON.—At the Church of St. Olave, Hart Street.
On Mon., Sept. 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in G.

Percy J. Spice	Treble	D. Paul Smith	5
Ann Jenner	2	John Pladdys	6
*Margaret E. Oram	3	Ian H. Oram	7
Michael H. O'Callaghan	4	Stanley Jenner	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Stanley Jenner.
* 250th peal.
Rung with best wishes to Christopher M. Movley and Jane E. Celley, married at St John the Baptist's, Knaresborough, and George Fry and Carol D S. Spiller, married at St. Nicholas', Sevenoaks, both on September 6th, 1969.

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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

FOLKESTONE, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Eanswythe.
On Sun., Sept. 14, 1969, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's 12-part. Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in E flat.

Nicholas J. Davies	Treble	P. Charles Sinden	5
Anne Berry	2	Alan P. S. Berry	6
Brenda M. Davies	3	Donald H. Niblett	7
Colin J. E. Wyld	4	John F. Wellard	Tenor

Conducted by Donald H. Niblett.

Rung on the Patronal Festival of the church and as a wedding compliment to the ringers of the 2nd and 6th.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BOLTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of The Saviour.
On Sun., Sept. 14, 1969, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In ten methods, comprising 576 each of Ashtead, Bristol, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire, and 384 each of London, Rutland and Uxbridge, with 132 changes of method.
Tenor 20½ cwt.

Cyril Crossthwaite	Treble	John Illingworth	5
*James E. Andrews	2	Brian A. Tomlinson	6
Dennis H. McCormick	3	†David C. Makin-Taylor	7
Geoffrey Fothergill	4	John Ashcroft	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Cyril Crossthwaite.
* 50th peal of Surprise Major. † First of Spliced Surprise.

HOGHTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Wed., Sept. 17, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 KIRKLINGTON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 14 lb. in F.

Donald G. Lawson	Treble	Cyril Crossthwaite	5
Keith R. Lister	2	John Ashcroft	6
John Illingworth	3	*Geoffrey Fothergill	7
Dennis H. McCormick	4	James E. Andrews	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Geoffrey Fothergill.
* Completes alphabet in Surprise Major. First peal in method by all the band and for the Association.

(Preston Branch.)
PENWORTHAM, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sun., Sept. 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

*Steven Kelly	Treble	Phyllis Turner	4
Neil McCormick	2	John Ascroft	5
Rev. Kingsley C. Jones	3	Dennis H. McCormick	Tenor

Conducted by Dennis H McCormick.
* First peal attempt.

Rung by the Sunday service band for the laying of the foundation stone of the new church of St. Leonard, Penwortham, on this day.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LEICESTER.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Sept. 20, 1969, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Composition C.C.C. (1966) No. 10, varied.
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in A.

John Bramley	Treble	W. Ernest Rawson	5
Christine L. J. Mills	2	R. Brian Mills	6
G. Stedman Morris	3	David G. Massey	7
*Peter J. W. Hardwick	4	George W. Massey	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by George W. Massey.
* First peal of Rutland.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

ANCASTER, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Martin.
On Fri., Sept. 5, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in F.

James H. Musson	Treble	Walter Weston	3
Frederick W. Pinchbeck	2	Bryan Ward	4
Denis A. Frith			Tenor

Conducted by Denis A. Frith.

Rung half-muffled in memory of A. Edward Towns, ringer at Ancaster for 46 years.

ULCEBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Tues., Sept. 9, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 8 lb. in G sharp.

Mary Atkinson	Treble	Arthur Pashley	4
John Plant	2	Frank Kennington	5
Robert A. Gillies	3	John H. Parker	Tenor

Conducted by Arthur Pashley.

Rung in commemoration of the 25th anniversary of the ordination of the Vicar, the Rev. L. G. Standley.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LLANDAFF, Glam.—At the Cathedral Church of SS. Peter & Paul.
On Fri., Sept. 19, 1969, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. in E.

Donald G. Clift	Treble	Tudor P. Edwards	6
J. Michael Lakin	2	James Clatworthy	7
Mary Pryor	3	David S. Bishop	8
*Nevil James	4	Nicholas W. H. Simon	9
Royden Davies	5	Stephen Fenwick	Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Donald G. Clift.
* First peal of Stedman.

Rung in honour of Richard David Fenwick, ordained priest at Llandaff Cathedral on September 20th, 1969.

USK, Monmouthshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Fri., Sept. 12, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14½ cwt. in F sharp.

Donald G. Clift	Treble	David J. King	5
Jacqueline S. King	2	J. Michael Lakin	6
*Peter S. Bennett	3	Nicholas W. H. Simon	7
Alexander E. Marsh	4	Tudor P. Edwards	Tenor

Composed by M. S. Bruce. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.
* 300th peal.

Rung as a farewell to Alec and Molly Marsh, who are returning to their native Yorkshire. Also as a compliment to Mike Meadows and Wendy Watson, who were married on September 6th, 1969.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Tues., Sept. 9, 1969, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 GAINSBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

Arthur E. Rowley	Treble	Frank Chambers	5
B. Stedman Payne	2	Alec Jones	6
Ronald D. Hughes	3	G. Ronald Edwards	7
Joseph W. Cotton	4	Roland Beniston	Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by Roland Beniston.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

LONDON, E.—At the Church of St. Leonard, Shoreditch.
On Tues., Sept. 9, 1969, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 28 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in C.

Angela M. Wright	Treble	John R. Pratchett	7
Sheila M. Dobbie	2	†George W. Pipe	8
Joan Beresford	3	John S. Barnes	9
Howard W. Egglestone	4	Derek E. Sibson	10
James A. D. Woolford	5	Dennis Beresford	11
*Jonathan S. N. Porter	6	†John R. Mayne	Tenor

Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
* First peal of Maximus † First of Bristol Surprise Maximus.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Laurence.
On Sun., Sept. 14, 1969, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 23 cwt. 20 lb. in D.

Janet House	Treble	Brian Bladon	7
Roger Baldwin	2	Christopher H. Rogers	8
John R. Mayne	3	John N. Diserens	9
James A. D. Woolford	4	James R. Taylor	10
S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	5	David E. House	11
Helen M. Diserens	6	Noel J. Diserens	Tenor

Conducted by Noel J. Diserens.

WITNEY, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., Sept. 11, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YARDLEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.

Terence J. Hester	Treble	Peter Pearce	5
Alan R. Pink	2	Brian W. Hall	6
*Martin J. Turner	3	D. Kay Adkins	7
G. John Collett	4	Bertram J. Coggins	Tenor

Composed by E. W. Tipler. Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.
* First peal of Surprise Major. First in the method by all the band.

Rung for the Patronal Festival and for the centenary of the Witney Ringing Society.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

BANBURY, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Sept. 20, 1969, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 3 Version. Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb.

Stanley M. Ruddlesden	Treble	Malcolm J. V. Chown	6
W. Eric Critchley	2	Barry E. Saunders	7
*Beryl Cawser	3	Graham C. Paul	8
Patrick I. Chapman	4	Alan A. Paul	9
*J. Edward Cawser	5	Richard E. Price	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.
* 100th peal together.

LITTLE HOUGHTON, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Tues., Sept. 2, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 960 each of Kennington, Southrepps and Grandsire, and 1,080 each of Rev. Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

David J. Morgan	Treble	Colin E. Stanton	3
Barry R. Care	2	Christopher G. Chiplin	4
Raymond Henman	Tenor		

Conducted by Raymond Henman.
Rung to celebrate the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. Dunkley, of Little Houghton.

WADENHOE, Northants.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sun., Sept 14, 1969, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in G.

Cynthia E. Barnett	Treble	Roger N. Scholes	4
*J. Alan Ellis	2	Lionel Atton	5
*Sally K. Diamond	3	Christopher J. Groome	Tenor

Conducted by Christopher J. Groome.
* First peal "inside."

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

LONDON, E.—At the Church of St. Leonard, Shoreditch.
On Tues., Aug. 26, 1969, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 3 Version. Tenor 28 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in C.

John R. Pratchett	Treble	*Walter H. Dobbie	6
Ann Jenner	2	*Stanley G. Ponting	7
Joan Beresford	3	John S. Barnes	8
Sheila M. Dobbie	4	Derek E. Sibson	9
Edward F. P. Bryant	5	Stanley Jenner	Tenor

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
* First peal of London Surprise Royal.

LONDON, S.E.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Lewisham.
On Sat., Aug. 23, 1969, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 LEWISHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

George A. Dawson	Treble	Norman Summerhayes	5
Joan Beresford	2	John R. Pratchett	6
Simon Humphrey	3	Derek E. Sibson	7
Edward F. P. Bryant	4	Stanley Jenner	Tenor

Composed by Stanley Jenner. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
First peal in the method.
Rung as a compliment to Christopher P. Starbuck and Jennifer Brown immediately following their wedding at this church.

LEWISHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
—58—16—56—36—14—1258—34—38. I.e. 18 mx. c.p.s.

LONDON, E.—At the Church of St. Leonard, Shoreditch.
On Tues., Sept. 2, 1969, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 11 methods, comprising 576 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire, and 384 each of Ashtead, Cassiobury, Lincolnshire, London, Rutland and Uxbridge, with 126 changes of method. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in G.

R. Jean Henderson	Treble	Stanley G. Ponting	5
*M. Louise Slater	2	*Norman Summerhayes	6
Joan Beresford	3	John S. Barnes	7
*James M. Hills	4	Derek E. Sibson	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
* First peal of 11-Spliced Surprise Major.
Arranged and rung to mark the birth of a son, David Charles Irving, to the Rev. and Mrs. Richard Thomson.

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Ebbe with St. Peter le Bailey.
On Sun., Sept. 7, 1969, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in B flat.

R. Jean Henderson	Treble	Michael H. D. O'Callaghan	5
Angela M. Wright	2	Stanley G. Ponting	6
Joan Beresford	3	Frank T. Blagrove	7
Charles Coles	4	Derek E. Sibson	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
300th peal as conductor.

DITCHEAT, Som.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Sat., Sept. 13, 1969, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 4 lb. in E flat.

Joan Beresford	Treble	John S. Barnes	5
Jane Foster	2	Derek E. Sibson	6
David D. Smith	3	Peter Beresford	7
Peter M. Wilkinson	4	James A. D. Woolford	Tenor

Composed by Ian M. Holland. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.

THE ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.

ST. FLORENCE, Pembs.—At the Church of St. Florencius.
On Mon., Sept. 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In four methods, being one extent of Oxford T.B. and two each of Kent T.B., St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

John Prytherch	Treble	Rev. Russen W. Thomas	4
*Richard L. Underwood	2	Arthur F. Walters	5
Simon P. Rogers	3	Philip C. Rogers	Tenor

Conducted by Richard L. Underwood.
* Has "circled the tower" as conductor.
Rung with the best wishes of the band to the Rev. R. W. Thomas on his departure to St. Julian's, Newport.

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

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral of St. Philip.
On Thurs., Sept. 11, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

John N. Lindon	Treble	Norman J. Goodman	5
James W. Belshaw	2	Terry R. Hampton	6
Roderick W. Pipe	3	George E. Fearn	7
James Insley	4	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Peter Border.

YARDLEY, Birmingham.—At the Church of St. Edburgha.
On Sat., Sept. 13, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents in six different callings: 65's at backstroke in the first extent. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in F sharp.

*Catherine Ticquet	Treble	A. Harold Fitter	4
Lynda M. Deebank	2	†Richard J. W. Tibbetts	5
*Kevin Park, jun.	3	†James Belshaw	Tenor

Conducted by James Belshaw.
* First peal. † 50th peal together.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Thurs., Aug. 28, 1969, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents containing eight methods, viz.: Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, Childwall, Buxton and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B flat.

Pamela J. Clifton	Treble	Andrew L. B. King	4
Sheila M. Anthony	2	J. Richard Anthony	5
Elizabeth J. Dawson	3	George A. Dawson	Tenor

Conducted by George A. Dawson.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Elizabeth J. Dawson.

NORTH MUSKHAM, Notts.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.
On Thurs., Aug. 28, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents of 720. Tenor 13 cwt 1 qr. 13 lb.

Grace Burchnall	Treble	F. William Midwinter	4
Katharine Burchnall	2	Harold Stevenson	5
Margaret E. Snyder	3	*Harold Denman	Tenor

Conducted by Harold Denman.
* 100th peal as conductor (all Minor) and 300th peal of Minor.
Rung in memoriam George E. Foster, of Southwell, who died on August 8th, 1969, aged 63. This was one of his favourite towers and he rang in the first peal on the bells, on December 7th, 1928.

TROWELL, Notts.—At the Church of St. Helen.
On Sat., Sept. 6, 1969, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 ORIGINAL MINOR
Being seven identical extents, containing 532 bobs and 98 singles.
Tenor 9¼ cwt. in G sharp.

William L. Exton	Treble	Philip Jones	4
Peter Church	2	Simon Humphrey	5
Peter J. Kingscote	3	George A. Dawson	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Simon Humphrey.
Single Court was not rung. Believed to be the first peal of Original Minor.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society.)
SHEFFIELD, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary, Walkley
On Mon., Sept. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents, with 5–6 right way throughout.
Tenor 13 cwt. 11 lb. in A flat.

John D. Cooper	Treble	Geoffrey W. Pilkington	4
Susan E. Banton	2	Michael King	5
Richard Fletcher	3	A. Colin Banton	Tenor

Conducted by A. Colin Banton.
First peal on the bells (installed May, 1895.)
Rung to mark the centenary celebrations of the Consecration of this church.

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BIRTHS

CASTLEDINE.—On October 2nd, 1969, to Eileen and Richard, a daughter, Jaclyn Elizabeth, a sister for Andrew James. 7910

COBB.—On October 5th, 1969, to Don and Sally, of Waltham Abbey, a daughter, Helen Elizabeth, sister for Richard, Lucy and Andrew. 7925

GAY.—Phil and Sue Gay, of 3, Beech Croft, Madeley, Crewe, Cheshire, are happy to announce the arrival of Simon John on September 17th, 1969.

SULLIVAN.—On October 3rd, 1969, to Edna (née Poulter) and Barry, a son, Philip Graham, a brother for Stephen. 7920

MARRIAGE

CLARK—PETTITT.—On Sept. 3rd, 1969, at Elstow Abbey, Bedfordshire, Joseph William Clark to Miriam Florence Pettitt. Address: 1, Garnith Close, Kempston, Beds. 7942

IN MEMORIAM

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—A memorial service for the late Mr. Ben S. Thompson will be held at Pakefield on Saturday, Nov. 1st, at 7.30 p.m. Ringing before and after the service. 7911

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

BOLTON.—Andrew and Shirley can be contacted from Nov. 5th until further notice at c/o Oaklands West, Hexham Road, Throckley, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE15 9EB. 7914

BRADLEY.—Frank and Doreen now live at 15, Windsor Avenue, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Notts. Ringers and friends welcome. 7924

DAMERELL, R. M.—My address is now Department of Mathematics, Royal Holloway College, Englefield Green, Surrey. (On A30, three miles W.S.W. Staines; fine example of Victorian wedding cake architecture, worth seeing.) 7913

PHONE NUMBER

COX.—Brenda and Roy, of 42, Cedar Close, Durrington, Worthing, Sussex, wish all ringing friends to note that they are now on the 'phone. The number is Worthing 63761. 7912

PERSONAL

"O continue thy loving kindness unto them that know thee: and thy righteousness to the upright in heart."—Psalm xxxvi, 10.

Will Miss A. S. Woodhouse, of 7, Grantley Street, Grantham, Lincs, please contact the Editor as her copy of "The Ringing World" has been returned to this office marked "Not known".

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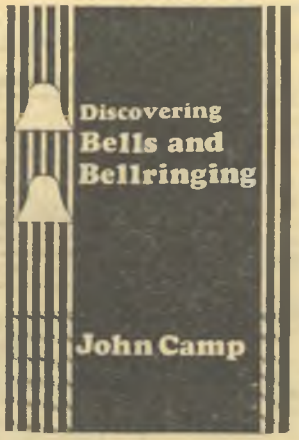

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BISHOP'S WALTHAM, HANTS.—Ringers' Sunday, Oct. 19th. Rehung bells available from 2.30–4.30. All ringers welcome. Enquiries to E. W. Colley, Lindum, Free Street, Bishop's Waltham. 7929

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Saturday, Oct. 25th, Half-day Ringing School to be held at St. Wulfram's C. of E. Secondary School, Grantham (1–9 p.m.). For details and enrolment form s.a.e. to V. P. Evans, 9, Dale Road, Grantham, Lincs.—F. G. Vickers, Branch Sec. 7948

LLANDAFF CATHEDRAL.—Peal applications should now be made through N. A. James, 120, Windway Road, Llandaff, or N. W. H. Simon, Llys Esgob, Llandaff, Cardiff, not to the Dean. 7950

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Dinner and dance, Saturday, Nov. 15th, at Beech Tree, Beaconsfield. Tickets (30/-) from J. Muller, 14, Southwood Road, Cookham, Maidenhead, Berks, by November 8th. 7935

SNOWDON DINNER.—Merchant Taylors' Hall, York, Oct. 25th. Towers available: Escrick, 2–3 p.m.; Tadcaster 2–3; Thirsk, 2–3; Pocklington, 2–3; Acomb, 2.30–3.30; Huntington, 2–3.30; York Minster, 2–3.55, 4.45–5.45. Service, York Minster, 4 p.m. Parking in Dean's Park, York, for cars with Y.A.C.R. stickers. Tickets (27s. 6d.) from H. Walker, 1, Flavian Grove, York (s.a.e., please) 7862

DORSET RINGING FESTIVAL

Saturday, October 25th

BLANDFORD PARISH CHURCH

Striking competition 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Corn Exchange 5.15 p.m. Open ringing afterwards. All Dorset ringers welcome. 7885

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION DINNER

King Alfred, King's Way, Hove.
Saturday, October 18th, 7 for 7.30 p.m.
Ringing arrangements:

Holy Trinity, Hurstpierpont (8), 3 to 5 p.m.; St. Peter's, Brighton (10), 5.30 to 6.30 p.m.

7877

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL DINNER

Saturday, October 25th

at 6.15 for 6.30 p.m.

The Trinity Ballroom, Worcester

Tickets (18/6) from Branch secretaries and general secretary by Oct. 21st.

All Saints', 4–5.30 p.m.

St. Swithun's, 5–6 p.m.

D. Beacham, Gen. Sec., The Lea, Hallow, Worcester. 7856

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

332ND ANNIVERSARY DINNER

November 1st, 1969

The 332nd Anniversary Dinner will be held on Saturday, November 1st, 1969 (6 for 6.30 p.m.), at Walbrook Restaurant (Cotillion Room entrance), Bucklersbury House, Walbrook, London, E.C., the Master, Mr. A. N. Stubbs, in the chair. Reception room and bar open at 5.30 p.m.

Tickets (35/-) from hon. secretary

Remittances to be made payable to the Society.

Ringing arrangements will be published later.—J. G. A. Prior, Hon. Sec., 21a, Fieldhouse Road, London, S.W.12. 7648

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL DINNER DANCE
Saturday, October 25th, at 7.30 p.m.
Victoria Hotel, Preston.
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October 25th
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The bells of ST. MARGARET'S, WHITNASH, WARWICK.
DEDICATION SERVICE
October 21st

We very much regret that owing to the limited seating capacity of our church the attendance for the Dedication Service will be by invitation only. However, the bells are being made available to visiting ringers on Saturday, December 6th, 3 to 8 p.m. Regular set weekly practice nights are not being arranged until a local band has been built up again.—P. A. Oram, Ringing Captain. 7944

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS
South West Branch

To celebrate the 50th anniversary of the formation of the Branch a meeting will be held at Petertavy on Saturday, Nov. 8th, followed by a celebration dinner at the Lewtrenchard Hotel, Lewdown. The programme will be as follows:

Ringing 2.30 p.m.
Guild Office 4.30 p.m.
Dinner 8 for 8.30 p.m.

Tickets for dinner are 30/- and may be obtained from the Branch secretary (cash with order). Bookings by the last week in October, please. All ringing friends and families welcome.—R. A. Southwood, St. Keyne, 11, Sydney Close, Plympton. Phone: Plymouth 36891. 7831

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PRACTICE MEETINGS

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Advanced practice, Aldershot (8), Tuesday, Oct. 21st, 7.30–9 p.m.—S. J. Tate-Mitchell, Dis Sec. 7930

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Surprise Major practice, Shalford, Thursday, Oct. 23rd, 7.45 p.m. Ealing, Rutland, Lincolnshire, Yorkshire.—F. W. Housden. 7923

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Monthly beginners' practice at Bilsborrow (8), Wednesday, Oct. 22nd, commencing promptly at 7.30 p.m. Rounds and call-changes to Bob Major and Grandsire Triples. Good attendance requested to ensure a successful meeting.—D. G. Lawson, Branch Sec. 7878

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Practice meeting, St. Peter's, Newton-le-Willows, Wednesday, Oct. 22nd. Learners 7.30–8.30, followed by advanced ringing up to Bristol. Visitors very welcome.—C. D'Aeth, Hon. Sec. 7928

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Evening practice, Usk, Friday, Oct 31st. Bells 7.30–9 p.m. Methods: Double Norwich, Cambridge, Yorkshire only.—J. S. King. 7939

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—12-bell practice, St John's, Croydon, Tuesday, Oct. 21st. 7.45 p.m.—E. Godfrey, Hon. Sec. 7828

MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath and Frome Branches.—The joint meeting will be held at Chilcompton on Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m Tea and business meetings to follow. Names for tea, please.—A. Lee and E. Chivers, Branch Secs. 7890

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Branch.—Practice meeting, Curry Rivel (8), Saturday, Oct. 18th, 7–9 p.m.—R. D. 7918

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Association striking contest will be held at Harrold on Saturday, Oct. 18th. Practice from 3 p.m. Draw 3.45. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea and general ringing Names or numbers for tea, please to A. J. Collings, 19, Meadway, Harrold. Tel. No.: Harrold 522. 7886

CHESTER GUILD.—Northwich Branch—Meeting, Hartford (6), Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Reg Worrall, 33, Riddings Lane. Special method: Belvedere Little Bob; 34.16.X.34, l.h. 135264. 7933

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Salford Priors on Saturday, Oct 18th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 and tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please. Bidford-on-Avon bells available from 6.30 until 8.30 p.m.—H. M. Windsor, 5, Park Lane, Harbury, Leamington Spa (Harbury 504). 7868

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting, Sawston (8), on the **third** Saturday, Oct 18th Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Short business meeting, more ringing.—J S 7817

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Huntingdon District.—Meeting, Great Gransden, Saturday, Oct 18th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special methods: Carlisle Surprise and Single Court.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 7888

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ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Crimplesham, Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Everyone welcome.—D. A. Feek, Dis. Sec. 7899

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Welwyn (8), Oct. 18th. Bells 3 p.m. **Business 4.30 p.m.**, followed by tea and service. Names, please, to Mrs. M. A. Coburn, 3, Lea Road, Harpenden (Tel.: 4621).—R. E. Hardy, Dis. Sec. 7871

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Annual District meeting, Northfleet, Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to R. Thompson, 4, Springhead Road, Northfleet.—T. Barton. 7839

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly general meeting, Oct. 18th. Bells: Whetstone, 10–11 a.m.; Blaby, 11–11.45 a.m.; Countesthorpe, 11.45 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.; Oadby, 2–2.45; Knighton, 2.45–3.30; Aylestone, 3.30–4.50. Service, Tea in Parish Hall 5 p.m., meeting to follow. Bells available in evening. Names for tea to A. J. Poynor, Hon. Gen. Sec., 20, Kirkland Road, Leicester, LE3 2JP (Phone: 823117). 7874

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Evening meeting, St. Margaret's, Westminster, Saturday, Oct. 18th. Ringing from 6.30 to 8.30 p.m.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 7892

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chiltern Branch.—Monthly practice, Aston Clinton, on Oct. 18th, 6.30–8 p.m. All welcome.—A. J. White. 7939

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Wimborne, Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells 3 p.m. and after meeting. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in Scout Hut. Names for tea to Mr. C. Bishop, Denhom, Wimborne Road West, Wimborne, by Wednesday, 14th. 7906

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Oct. 25th, Banwell (8), 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting.—M. Legg. 7946

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Quarterly meeting, North Cadbury, Oct. 25th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—L. McCreadie, Level Lane, Charlton Horethorne, Sherborne. 7937

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Quarterly meeting, Woburn, Saturday, Oct. 25th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business in Crypt 5 p.m. Advanced practice, Woburn, Nov. 5th. 7941

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Evening meeting, St. Peter's, Macclesfield (8), Saturday, Oct. 25th. Bells 6.30–9 p.m. 7932

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 25th, at Bawtry (6), 3–4.30 p.m., and Harworth (6), 6.30–9 p.m. Tea at Bawtry. Names to Mr. A. Jewitt, The Haven, 47, Sycamore Crescent, Bawtry, by Oct. 22nd. 7919

EAST DERBYS AND WEST NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Clay Cross (6), Saturday, Oct. 25th. Bells 3–8.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea following. Names for tea to D. Bunting, 25, Pilsley Road, Danesmoor, Chesterfield, by Tuesday, Oct. 21st. **No name, no tea.**—L. G. S., Treasurer. 7927

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Quarterly District meeting, Saturday, Oct. 25th, Ockley. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Ringing after the meeting will be at Capel. Names for tea to Mr. N. Carter, Hollington, Seamans Green, Capel, Dorking. 7943

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—Quarterly meeting, Holme-Lacy (8), Saturday, Oct. 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. E. Pannell, 12, The Cloisters, The Cathedral, Hereford, by Wednesday, Oct. 22nd. 7931

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Autumn meeting will be held at Kingsbury, Saturday, Oct. 25th. Bells, recently augmented to eight, available at 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. All welcome.—J. W. Cotton. 7904

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Annual District meeting, Saturday, Oct. 25th, SS. Peter and Paul's, Bromley. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss M. R. Andrews, 43, Wansunt Road, Bexley, by Wednesday, 22nd. 7951

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Oct. 25th, Hughenden. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea, please, by Wednesday, 22nd.—J. Muller, 14, Southwood Road, Cookham. 7936

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Autumn meeting at Northleigh, Saturday, Oct 25th. Stonesfield (6), 2.30–3.30 p.m.: Northleigh (6), 3–4. Service 4. Tea and business meeting from 4.30. Northleigh (6), 6–7.30; Combe (6), 7–8 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. D. Patching, 19, Common Close, Northleigh, Witney, Oxon, by Oct. 22nd.—E. R. Venn, Hon. Sec. 7949

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Central District.—A.G.M., Stonham Aspal (10), Saturday, Oct. 25th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. M. Page, Campanella, Pettaugh, Stowmarket. 7922

SUFFOLK GUILD (North East District) and NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (Eastern Branch).—Joint ringing meeting, Beccles, Saturday, Oct. 25th. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. W. Bickers, 6, Ballygate Street, Beccles, Suffolk, by Wednesday, Oct. 22nd.—T. N. J. B. 7907

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting, St. Faith's, Havant, Oct. 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.30 p.m. in Black Cat Café. Business meeting in church 6.15. Evening ringing till 9. Names for tea to Mr. H. M. Marshall, Springfield, Rectory Lane, Havant, **by previous Wednesday, please.** 7897

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting, Bobbingworth (6), Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by ringing at North Weald (6) from 6.30–8.45 p.m.—G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow. 7947

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting, Yateley, Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. in Village Hall. Numbers for tea to J. J. Hill, 67, Oakridge Road, Basingstoke, by Tuesday, Oct. 28th, please. 7917

LATE NOTICE

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Meeting, Broughton Astley, on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. Drury, Willowbrooke, Cosby Road, Broughton Astley, Leics—must be in by the Wednesday previous.—C. M. Wells, Dis. Sec. 7953

HANDBELL PEALS

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DARLEY DALE, Derbyshire.—At The Rectory.
On Fri., Sept. 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor size 11 in G.

*Ann M. Smith	1–2	Rev. R. D. St. John Smith	3–4
*Timothy Wylie	5–6		

Conducted by the Rev. R. D. St. John Smith.
* First peal "in hand."

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MALMESBURY, Wiltshire.—In the Lady Chapel of the Abbey.
On Sat., Sept. 13, 1969, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR
In six methods, comprising 2,752 Plain Bob, 832 Double Bob, 512 each of Reverse and Little Bob and 240 each of Wellington Little Court and Gainsborough Little Bob, with 271 changes of method.
Tenor size 15 in C

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

Arranged and Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ST. ALBANS, Herts.—At 23, Culver Road.
On Sun., Sept. 7, 1969, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

*Katherine S. Hardy	1–2	Kenneth J. Darvill	5–6
Gerald Penney	3–4	*Robert E. Hardy	7–8

Composed by J. Reeves. Conducted by Kenneth J. Darvill.
* First peal in the method on handbells. First in the method on handbells as conductor.

WATFORD, Herts.—At 15, Harford Drive.
On Mon., Sept. 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MAXIMUS
In six methods, comprising 1,200 each of Ealing and Newgate, 960 of York, 720 of Yorkshire and 480 each of Londinium and Wigston, with 89 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	1–2	Martyn L. J. Jordan	7–8
John R. Mayne	3–4	Julia A. Fellows	9–10
Roger Baldwin	5–6	Frank C. Price	11–12

Composed and Conducted by John R. Mayne.
First peal of Spliced Surprise Maximus in six methods by all the band and for the Association.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

FRINDSBURY, Kent.—At 12, Hever House Cypress Court.
On Wed., Sept. 3, 1969, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor size 15 in C.

Christopher T. Osenton	1–2	Frank J. Matthews	5–6
Trevor A. Cross	3–4	Edward J. Beer	7–8
Stuart Sandford	9–10		

Composed and Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.
Rung as a wedding compliment to the conductor and Phyllis R. Chidwick, and also to Allen P. S. Berry (general secretary of the Association) and Anne Barber.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Bettyfold.
On Fri., Sept. 5, 1969, in 1 Hour and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 ORIGINAL MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

Joseph Whalley	1–2	Mary W. Whalley	3–4
Kevin M. Price (cond.)	5–6		

First peal in the method by all the band.

PRINCIPLES OF INSTRUCTION

Bell Handling and Control

By "The College"
(Collated by A. York-Bramble)

(Continued from page 779)

Ex. or Drill	Title and/or Description	Character of Ex. or Drill
(4) Continued.		
31.	Pulling to a "nine-count" rhythm, to promote the open handstroke.	L/S
32.	Hand-clap place-making, by rhythm.	
33.	Hand-clap dodging up, by rhythm.	
34.	Hand-clap dodging down, by rhythm.	
35.	"Following." (Closely after instructor's slightly varied pull.)	L/S
36.	"Covering." (Closely after last rope-pull. "Static hunting.")	L/S
37.	"Leading." (With a gap after last rope-pull, and on opposite stroke.)	L/S
38.	Place-making, "right" and "wrong". (Only two bells needed.)	L/S
39.	Dodging at handstroke.	L/S
40.	Dodging at backstroke.	L/S
41.	Tone or note recognition. (Tapped handbells.)	
42.	Mental association of bell number with note.	
43.	Expanded covering. (Hunting up.) (4 bells.)	L/S
44.	Contracted covering. (Hunting down.) (4 bells.)	L/S
45.	Hunting both ways in sequence. (Exs. 43 and 44.)	L/S
46.	Hunting in "slow motion". (Handbells and pausing.)	L/S
Note.—Exs. 43, 44, 45 and 46 introduce "rope-sight", the hunting rules of which may now be given, and these exercises repeated, using it.		L/S
47.	Raising action. (Drill.) The sequence of movements is analysed and each given a number. Pupil acts, as instructor calls the numbers.	—D
48.	Lowering action. (Drill.) Numbers used, similarly as in Ex. 47. (Space precludes full details.)	—D
49.	The chiming finish and stop, after lowering.	—D
50.	Bell raising, independently.	L/S
51.	Bell lowering, independently.	L/S
52.	Bell raising and lowering "in peal" (2 bells).	L/S
53.	The pull-off routine, from Treble (3 calls)	L/O
54.	Ringing rounds on "inside" bells. (First "open".)	L/O
55.	Leading. ("Open" form of Ex. 37 above.)	L/O
56.	Bell-pause. (Acquiring sense of and rhythm.)	L/O
57.	Covering. ("Open" form of Ex. 36 above.)	L/O
58.	Place-making, hand and back. (38 above.)	L/O
59.	Dodging, hand and back. (Open form of 39 and 40.)	L/O
60.	Plain hunting, up and down, in 4-bell groups.	L/O
61.	Extended hunting range—6, 8, etc.	L/O

It is seen, from the foregoing, that this system of training in the beginnings of ringing, proceeding as far as the handling and the control of a bell in the fundamental elements of change-ringing, is carried out almost entirely on "silenced" bells; that it employs **drills for the handling** (dummy action) and **exercises for the control** (raised bells); that every manœuvre of change-ringing is practised in those **elements** before an attempt to ring any method is permitted; and that finally, specific training in listening and striking ("bell-pause") is undergone on handbells and open tower bells. As to the alternate way of learning bell-handling by attempting, from the outset, to raise the bell, the College does not recommend it, since it tends in many cases to introduce, and to make it more difficult to eradicate, some of the more common faults in bell-handling and, later, in bell control.

(To be continued)

QUARTER PEALS

PUTNEY, S.W.—On Sept. 21st, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: M. Burn 1, Julie Armstrong 2, Ruby Myllys 3, C. Harris 4, C. F. Mew 5, M. Uphill (cond.) 6. For St. Matthew's Day Evensong. Also on June 1st, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Ann Mew 1, Josephine Patterson 2, Julie Armstrong 3, A. R. Patterson 4, C. F. Mew (cond.) 5, M. J. Uphill 6. For Evensong.

RIPLEY, DERBYS.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,280 Kent T.B. Major: H. T. Rooke 1, B. Jones 2, I. Barlow 3, L. G. Smith 4, C. Davis 5, D. J. Walters 6, E. Martin 7, B. A. Richards (first as cond. in method) 8. First in method for 2, 4, 6, 7. For birthdays of B. A. Richards and Miss Margret Jones.

RIPPLE, WORCS.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Judith Spiers 1, R. Hill 2, B. Spiers (cond.) 3, F. Hawkes 4, P. Bennett 5, W. Gainey 6. Engagement and 21st birthday compliment to ringer of 2nd.

RODBOURNE CHENEY, WILTS.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Jane Humphries (first quarter) 1, W. B. Kynaston (cond.) 2, W. H. Trueman 3, H. Ball 4, B. Coleman (first Doubles) 5, F. Broughton 6. To wish Brian Coleman "Bon voyage" on joining the Royal Navy.

ROYSTON, YORKS.—On Sept. 19th, 1,320 Royston T.B.: D. Scargill 1, Gail Cater 2, H. Chant (cond.) 3, R. Cater 4, P. Carbutt 5, P. Charlesworth 6. Rung Cartwheel.

RYTON, SALOP.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): S. W. Illidge 1, Gillian Bosworth-Smith 2, P. Bryan 3, S. G. Pick (cond.) 4, P. R. Johnson 5. Rung to welcome Rev. Baguley to the parish.

SHIFNAL, SALOP.—On Aug. 30th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: J. Hicks 1, Mrs. E. M. Key 2, G. Bowen 3 B. G. Key (cond.) 4, I. Friend 5, L. Smith 6, A. W. Glazzard 7, P. J. Key 8. For Flower Festival.

SHREWSBURY, SHROPSHIRE.—At St. Chad's Church, on Sept. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: D. V. Smith 1, E. F. Willcox 2, Miss P. C. Stocken 3, F. H. Bennett 4, F. Leech 5, R. H. Newton 6, P. J. Evans (cond.) 7, A. E. G. Owen 8. For Battle of Britain Remembrance Service.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On Sept. 24th, 1,280 Yorkshire S. Major: W. D. Ward 1, S. Hare 2, Rosamund M. Brown 3, G. R. Shedden 4, W. R. Hare 5, W. Birmingham 6, F. R. Scott 7, D. P. Hilling (cond.) 8. Rung for Dedication Festival Sung Eucharist.

SOLIHULL, WARKS.—On Aug. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. E. Fearn 1, A. Crabtree 2, C. D. Baugh 3, P. L. D. Grove 4, T. J. Warner (cond.) 5, E. T. Lloyd 6, V. Green 7, E. J. Cole 8.

SOPLEY, HANTS.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (four meth./var.): D. Wilson 1, Janet Blackbourn 2, Flora Stocker (cond.) 3, Faith Riley 4, A. Nunn 5, B. J. Fry 6. Congratulations to the ringer of the 4th on her recent promotion.

STAFFORD.—On July 27th, 1,472 Rutland Surprise Major: K. Daniels 1, G. W. Stevens 2, Margaret A. Swain 3, Jennifer M. Beech 4, R. J. Warrilow 5, F. Beech 6, N. R. Holland 7, R. A. Partridge (cond.) 8. For Evensong.—On Aug. 31st, 1,313 Grandsire Caters: K. Daniels 1, Jennifer M. Beech 2, Ruth A. E. Fairbrother 3, E. R. Fairbrother 4, R. K. Mowforth 5, R. J. Warrilow 6, F. Beech (cond.) 7, A. E. Garbett 8, N. R. Holland 9, C. J. Evans 10. For Matins.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: F. Beech (cond.) 1, K. Daniels 2, Margaret A. Swain 3, Jennifer M. Beech 4, R. J. Warrilow 5, A. E. Garbett 6, N. R. Holland 7, C. J. Evans 8. For Evensong.

STAPLEGROVE, SOM.—On Sept. 24th, 1,320 Flying Scotsman Doubles: H. Thorne 1, A. H. Reed 2, J. Cornelius 3, M. A. Arscott 4, K. E. Beale (cond.) 5, M. R. Arscott 6. First quarter in the variation. To mark the beginning of "Flying Scotsman's" tour of America.

STITHIANS, CORNWALL.—On Sept. 19th, 1,320 Bluebell Doubles: Barbara J. Duck 1, Valerie C. Allen 2, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 3, D. Stephens 4, R. P. Pearce 5, C. J. Dunstan 6. For Harvest Festival.

STOKE BISHOP, BRISTOL.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Hilary Muirhead 1, Alison Brown 2, Rosemary Snawdon 3, R. Taylor (first "inside") 4, A. Crofts 5, P. Gray (cond.) 6. A farewell to Roy Taylor, going to Manchester University, and to Alan Crofts, going to Durham University. Also a welcome to the parish to Hilary Muirhead.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Margaret J. Read 1, M. J. Rose 2, F. Joan Muxlow 3, Jennifer M. Whittell 4, D. J. H. Barber 5, P. W. A. Muxlow 6, N. F. Whittell (cond.) 7, E. Edwards 8. First quarter 1, 8. For Evensong, and to welcome the new Curate, Rev. Robin Blackall. Also on July 12th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Jennifer M. Whittell 1, F. Joan Muxlow 2, H. D. Lister 3, P. W. A. Muxlow (first Major) 4, D. J. H. Barber 5, R. Rose 6, Rev. A. A. Muxlow 7, N. F. Whittell (cond.) 8. First together for 2, 4 and 7.

STRENSHAM, WORCS.—On Aug. 16th, 1,296 Rossendale S. Minor: F. Lawrence 1, M. Hawkes 2, B. Spiers 3, D. Price 4, J. Clements 5, P. S. Robertson (cond., 100th quarter) 6.

SUNBURY-ON-THAMES, MIDDX.—On Sept. 21st, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: A. J. Hampton 1, C. H. Rogers (cond.) 2, Patricia Rogers 3, Diane Pickett 4, D. Brock 5, R. Bettley-Cooke 6, D. G. Pickett 7, C. W. Longden 8.

SUTTON-CUM-LOUND, NOTTS.—On Sept. 12th, 1,338 Singles: T. Blythe (first quarter) 1, B. Birkett (cond.) 2, P. Blythe (first quarter) 3. First quarter on the bells.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Grace Burchnall 1, Katharine Burchnall 2, N. Moxon 3, G. Wells (first Stedman) 4, Eleanor Hall 5, H. Hawcroft 6, R. Beresford (cond.) 7, A. Wilson 8. For Harvest Festival.

TITCHFIELD, HANTS.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Whiteman 1, Mrs. C. Rolph (first of Minor) 2, Mrs. B. M. Hunt 3, W. F. J. Cope 4, N. George 5, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBS.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (back six): Jean West 1, Stephanie Boddy (first "inside") 2, W. Chandler 3, R. I. West (25th quarter) 4, I. Quinney 5, M. R. Kitson (first as cond.) 6. With best wishes to Stephanie Boddy, who is leaving Trumpington for Nottingham University.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, SOM.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Shirley Gord 1, J. Hobbs 2, Hilary Jacobs 3, Kay Whittaker (cond.) 4, J. H. Thompson 5, Teresa Nicholas 6, Anne Ringham 7, Valerie Thompson 8. Rung in memoriam Mr. D. Jacobs, father of Hilary.

WESTHAM, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss V. J. Murray 1, Gillian Eldridge 2, Christine Baldock (cond.) 3, Jane Mason 4, A. Baldock 5, R. Funnell 6. To welcome the Bishop of Chichester to Harvest Festival.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Ramsay 1, D. Woodward 2, Gillian Eldridge 3, A. Baldock 4, Jane Mason (cond.) 5, R. Funnell 6.

WEST MEON, HANTS.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): F. W. Sherfield 1, Janet Yeates 2, R. A. Stone 3, Mary White 4, K. G. Waller (cond.) 5, R. L. Ventham 6.

WEST PENNARD, SOM.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. L. Parker 1, Mrs. D. Crocker 2, J. Cornelius (cond., 50th quarter this year) 3, C. Gratton 4, R. Parker 5, M. White (first quarter) 6. Wedding compliment to Mr. J. Fox and Miss A. Griffin.

WIGGENHALL, NORFOLK.—At St. Mary Magdalen's, on Sept. 25th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: A. H. Bridges 1, W. W. Cousins (cond.) 2, R. Newson 3, P. J. Gagen 4, D. P. Gagen 5, C. Cousins 6. For Harvest Festival.

WIMBLEDON, S.W.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Margaret Wybrow 1, Rosamund Rawlings (cond.) 2, R. H. Budd (first "inside") 3, Caroline Bagworth 4, D. C. Budd 5, A. E. Bagworth 6.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. M. Swift 1, Maureen Cubitt 2, Carole Patey 3, T. Spight 4, G. H. Pullin 5, M. L. Howe 6, D. E. House (cond.) 7, H. Tooke 8. First of Stedman for 1 and 2.

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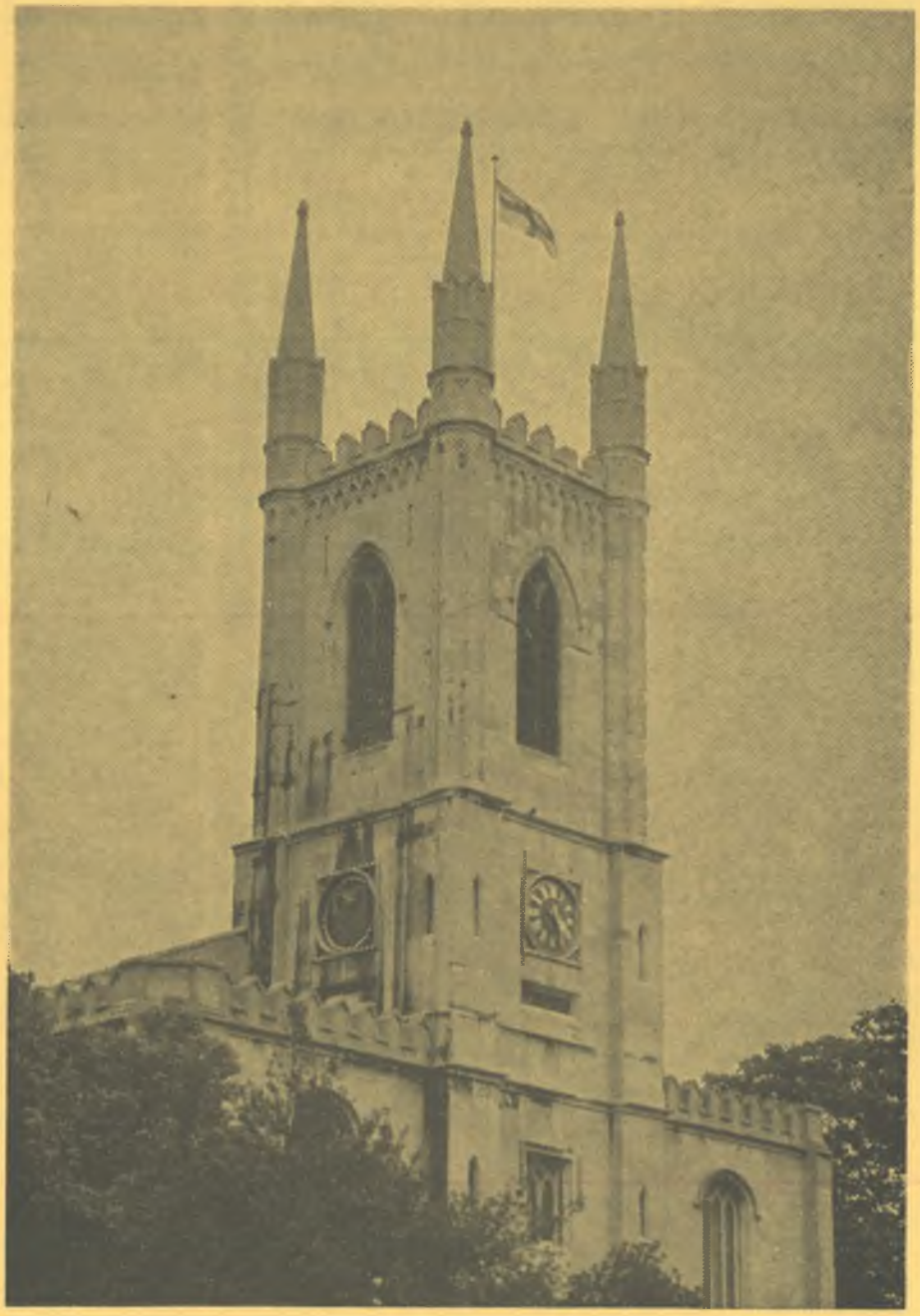

The Church of St. John-the-Baptist, Windsor

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OUR COVER PICTURE

Church of St. John-the-Baptist, Windsor

By WILLIAM BUTLER

THE Church of St. John-the-Baptist, Windsor, occupies a commanding position in the High Street, adjacent to the historic Guildhall built by Sir Christopher Wren and beneath the shadow of the "most romantique castle in the world". A church has stood on this site for nearly a thousand years; the whole area is steeped in history.

Records show that the first church was given, together with that from Old Windsor, to the Abbey of Waltham Holy Cross, Essex, in 1184 by Henry II. This church was almost completely destroyed by the three-month siege of Windsor Castle by King John's French and English opponents in 1216 and had to be rebuilt soon after.

The next church was "a vast structure, with at least eight gabled roofs". It had a central tower that supported a large turret which housed the bells and also the clock. In 1479 the church authorities sold this clock for 6s. 8d. to the Castle, and it was repaired so well that it kept going for the next 200 years! This was the church where Izaak Walton—the "Compleat Angler"—brought his son, William, to be christened in 1636. However, the church was neglected and by the mid-18th century only one service was held each Sunday, and this was only attended by the Mayor and Corporation and their personal friends. Most of the townsfolk worshipped at St. George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, where four services were held each Sunday. The "Windsor Guide" for 1793 describes the church thus: "The Parish Church is a spacious, antient, ill-built fabrick, the pews being so constructed and appropriated as to exclude the majority of the inhabitants from attending Divine Service."

Eventually it was found that the foundations and walls were unsafe, and the tower was taken down by Easter, 1816. "The Times" of August 17th, 1820, carried the news that the final demolition of the church had begun.

The present building was started on September 15th, 1820, and was completed in June, 1822, at a cost of £14,000. The diocesan architect in 1869 advised against any attempt to beautify it as he regarded it as a waste of money. Fortunately, others did not agree, and Teulon made some improvements to give the church its present appearance.

THE BELLS

The bells have had an interesting and chequered career. Their first mention can be found amongst the extracts that Ashmole fortunately made of the old churchwardens' accounts for 1583 before they were accidentally lost. This entry records the sum of £21 11s. 6d. being spent on repairing the steeple and bells. About this time there were five bells, for an entry in the accounts for 1673–74 reads: "Agreed with Mr. Darby. Bellfounder of Southwark for £50, of which he hath received one pound ffive shillings in payemente conditionally that he make of the ffive Bells sixe good and tuneable Bells: the ffive hinde being equall in the noates with the 5 that are now in being and to make a new fframe for the treble, to cast new brasses for all the Bells and to be at the chardge of taking them downe hanging them upp making good all the wheeles defraying all chardges of Iron worke and carpenters worke and to secure them for a year and a day."

Mr. F. Sharpe, in his excellent "Church Bells of Berkshire", notes that this founder was Michael Darby who although described as "of Southwarke" was actually an itinerant bellfounder. Further entries referring to the casting indicate that the bells were cast nearby.

These bells were only in use for the next 37 years, for in 1711 all the bells were recast into a ring of eight by Richard Phelps, of Whitechapel. All the expenses for this were paid by the Hon. Samuel Masham, who was colferer to Queen Anne. Nineteen years later the third and seventh were recast by Richard Phelps, and there are many records of these bells being rung until the tower was pulled down in 1816. The bells were stored whilst the new church was built and were then rehung in a new frame, strengthened with some of the old wood from the earlier one. The sixth, seventh and tenor were recast by Thomas Mears in 1822, who two years later recast the fourth. These are the present bells, a fine, melodious ring, all from the Whitechapel Foundry. The inscriptions are as follows:

Treble.—THE GIFT OF THE HONOURABLE SAMUEL MASHAM, ESQ: COFFERER TO QUEEN ANN 1711. 5-0-5.
Second.—RICHARD PHELPS MADE ME 1711. 5-0-16.
Third.—R. PHELPS FECIT 1730. 5-3-15.
Fourth.—T. MEARS OF LONDON FECIT 1824. 6-3-19.
Fifth.—JOHN ELDRIDGE RICHARD MORRIS CHRISTOPHER CLARK CHURCH WARDENS 1711. 7-2-20.
Sixth.—T. MEARS OF LONDON FECIT 1822. 9-3-9.
Seventh.—MESSRS THOS. PHIPPS HY. COOMES & THOS. BIGG CHURCH WARDENS 1730. RECAST BY T. MEARS OF LONDON 1822.
I AND MY SEVEN SISTERS HERE WERE GIVEN BY THE COFFERER WHOSE NAME IF YOU DESIRE TO KNOW
MY ELDEST SISTER WILL IT SHOW. 13-0-19.
Tenor.—THE GIFT OF SAMUEL MASHAM, ESQ. COFFERER TO HER MAJESTY QUEEN ANN IN THE YEAR 1711. ALEXR. STAPLES THOS. BRYER RICHD HOPE CHURCH WARDENS NEW CAST 1822 THOS ADAMS THOS. JENNER WM. LEGH. CHURCH WARDENS T. MEARS OF LONDON FECIT. 17-2-11.

The frame was restored, the bells tuned and rehung in 1930 by Mears and Stainbank. The record book of "The Established Society of Ringers of New Windsor" dates from 1787 and was obviously continued from an earlier book. Although originally established to ring at the Castle and at St. John's, the Society split into two after an angry disagreement in 1813, never to merge again. The fascinating story of these ringers is worthy of a complete article. In 1715 one of them was called as a witness in the alleged "rigged" general election in Windsor. The next year the ringers were locked out of the Castle ringing chamber by order of the Lieut. Governor for not ringing when ordered! In 1824 one of the ringers was killed by one of the recently-rehung bells. The story of these and other interesting aspects of ringing at Windsor must wait till a more suitable time.

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ST. ALBANS DISTRICT DAY OUT

The outing on September 27th got off to a flying start although the organiser, who had insisted on us all being at the Blacksmiths at 8 a.m., arrived ten minutes late. The first tower was Magdalen College, Oxford, and ringing here included Spliced Surprise Royal. A conducted tour of Oxford followed and we eventually arrived at New College and kept the bells going to a variety of methods. At our next tower, St. Martin and All Saints', having a good light eight, a course of Glasgow was successfully brought round. Lunch followed and there was just time for a quick drink before boarding the boat at Folly Bridge for a pleasant trip down the Thames to Abingdon, which we reached in good time to ring on the six at St. Nicholas' Church. The final tower of the day was at West Wycombe. Unfortunately we arrived here in the dark and as no one was very sure of the way to the church, which is perched on the top of a very steep hill, we left the coach and scrambled up the grassy slope. In spite of the climb we managed some reasonable ringing. After a stop for refreshments we arrived back at St. Albans, with half-an-hour to closing time, after a very enjoyable day. K. S. H.

TOLERANCE BETWEEN YOUNG AND OLD

AN APPEAL TO THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Mr. D. Paul Smith, at the annual dinner of the Kent County Association held at the New Hackwood Hotel, Bromley, on September 27th, called attention to the apparent antagonism which existed between the older and younger generation of ringers. Tolerance between the generations would help strengthen the Association.

Mr. E. A. Barnett, the Association chairman, presided over a company of 98 ringers and guests, and after the loyal toast he welcomed the company to the Lewisham District. He gave a special welcome to Mrs. Mitchell who, until her recent move to Sussex, had been an active Kent ringer, and her late husband was general secretary of the Association.

In proposing the toast of "The Church" Mr. D. Paul Smith spoke of their good fortune in having as guests Canon D. M. Oldaker, of Sidcup, and the Rev. Bryan Isaac, of Cudham, both of whom were staunch supporters of ringers and most generous in their attitude towards ringing activities in the district. Following on these remarks, Mr. Smith warned ringers of the danger of allowing selfishness to creep in where peal ringing was concerned. Many clergy willingly allowed peals to be rung, sometimes at short notice, yet they were unable to get their bells rung for services. Ringers were reminded that service ringing was their prime function.

Introducing the next speaker the chairman said that there was a belief in his family that the chairman's grandfather had, through a chance conversation with a stranger, been instrumental in having the original five bells at Cudham augmented to the present ten.

FOUR "THANK YOUS"

In his response the Rev. Bryan Isaac said he had four "thank yous" to make to Kent ringers. The first was for keeping Cudham's bells ringing for services as there was no local band. The second was for ringing for pleasure: under this heading he included ringing for weddings, at meetings and at practices. The third "thank you" was for ringing for honour, for muffled peals, tolling passing bells and marking great occasions by special ringing. The final thanks were for regular service ringing and calling the people to worship, also for all that ringers did for the Church in this respect.

The entertainment which then followed was given by the Mackman brothers, of Chilworth in Surrey, who demonstrated their expertise in tune ringing. Their programme of favourite and well-tried tunes, some of which required ten and 12 bells for their performance, proved to be very popular.

Mr. R. B. Meadows, past Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, in his speech proposing the toast of "The Association" gave words of encouragement to the officers of the Association. He reminded them that the future of an Association lay with its officers and not with the absentee members who were too busy to attend meetings because they were away either peal ringing or on an outing tower grabbing.

Before inviting Mr. A. S. P. Berry, general secretary of the K.C.A.C.R., to reply the chairman offered congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Berry on their recent marriage.

Prefacing his reply, Mr. Berry said that according to reports of other annual dinners he had concluded that the general secretary usually said little of importance—a remark which provoked much laughter, as the previous general secretary was one of the guests. Mr. Berry then thanked Mr. P. A. Corby very sincerely for all he had done for the Association in his term of office as general secretary. In recognition of these services he had been made a vice-president. Mr. Berry mentioned the deaths of two vice-presidents during the year — Mr. J. Willis, of Folkestone, and Mr. A. G. Hill, of Christ Church, Erith, and of the forms their memorials were to take.

Personal thanks were extended to Mr. W. Hughes, of the Whitechapel Foundry, for his willing co-operation in the work of restoring several rings of bells in the county.

After the final speeches given by Mr. T. Lewis and responded to by Canon Oldaker, the chairman concluded the formal part of the evening by thanking Miss Mary Andrews, Lewisham District secretary, and her committee for making all the arrangements for a very enjoyable evening. P. M. F.

UNIVERSITY OF WALES SOCIETY'S SUMMER TOUR

THIS year's tour—in Derbyshire, Notts and Lincolnshire—started at Breadsall on August 18th, some 21 members and non-members attending during the week. Encouraging was the attendance of past members; to be deplored was that the Colleges at Swansea, Bangor and Cardiff were not represented.

Ringing was of a reasonable standard at Breadsall, although there was an occasional shout from Margaret of "Mind your striking!". Horsley and Belper followed, the incumbent at the latter tower being a past student at St. David's, Lampeter. There was a traditional Chinese meal at Matlock before going to our temporary lodgings at Bakewell, where unfortunately we were unable to ring.

Tuesday was a long day with a circular tour of the Peak District, starting at Tideswell. With relief we left Wormhill without causing damage, even though a number of stays were missing. Fairfield, Hayfield and Hope were in the afternoon's programme. Visitors congregated to watch our efforts at Eyam and Tim Wylie met us at Baslow.

Wednesday brought us into the industrial area, Ashover, Old Whittington, Dronfield, Eckington, Staveley and Bolsover. At the last-mentioned tower members unable to stay the full week rang a quarter peal of Stedman Triples. Evening ringing was at North Wingfield and there was a tasty supper at Bakewell Church Hall.

Thursday was a day of misfortunes, starting at South Normanton, where we had difficulty with the second. At Kirkby-in-Ashfield we could not get into the church; at Mansfield a touch of Yorkshire came to an abrupt end when the rope of the fourth broke, which was a poor way to repay the Vicar and the young ladies for a marvellous buffet lunch. London and Warsop were rung at Warsop, but Worksop bells were found difficult to handle. We were impressed by the local turn-out for practice at Retford, where Cambridge Royal and Stedman Caters were rung successfully.

Friday's first tower was East Drayton, followed by Tuxford and Sutton-on-Trent, where we were met by the Misses Burchnall. Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Bob Royal were rung at Newark and then we travelled to Barnby-in-the-Willows and Ossington (the cupboard chamber). It was here we were given a barrel organ and played out of church to the hymn tune "Breathe on me, breath of God".

Saturday started in the Gainsborough area with the business meeting in Dunholme Church vestry. A change of programme brought us to Lincoln Cathedral, the climax of the tour. Unfortunately we did not ring any Maximus, but were content with Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Cambridge Major. At St. Giles', Lincoln, we rang some Triples methods and there was a quick ring at Saxilby.

The last day began for some of us at the celebration of the Eucharist at Retford, while for others it was ringing at Blyth, where another quarter peal was rung. The last lap was at Everton, where after ringing we were entertained to coffee at the Vicarage. The tour had been most beneficial and thoroughly enjoyed by all. Thanks go to Margaret and Sue for their help and guidance and to incumbents and those who met us.

Next meeting, October 25th, in the Swansea area. Details through college secretaries. D. J. M.

OUR HISTORY

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ILCHESTER BRANCH OUTING

The Ilchester Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association held its autumn half-day outing on September 27th. The weather was perfect, as were the excellent "sixes" of Buckland St. Mary, Yarcombe, Up Ottery, Corfe (where a first-rate "high tea" was enjoyed at the local inn), Pitminster and Trull. The Ringing Master, Mr. Gordon Rendell, organised the trip.

On October 4th the Branch visited the pleasant, tuneful, heavy five (tenor 20 cwt.) at High Ham. The evening was enjoyed and a variety of methods rung, including St. Andrew's Bob. (High Ham Church is dedicated to St. Andrew.)

November meetings: 1st, Preston Plucknett, 7–9 p.m.; 22nd, Langport (with H.C.), 6–9 p.m.

TOM LOCK'S PEAL WEEK IN ESSEX

The true spirit of fellowship was well exemplified by the fourth day of this tour, when the organiser had no reason to waver from his usual imperturbable ease. In short, we had the East Anglian Bank Holiday traffic problems to contend with, we had the success of seven-out-of-seven but soon to be only eight-out-of-11 peals attempted, and most unfortunately we had a ringing couple arrive to join the party on the Bank Holiday evening but to be told of a family bereavement which naturally caused their immediate departure. We had come to do our best when ringing and to enjoy each other's company during the off duty periods and this was achieved.

The first band to meet and open the week's programme duly assembled at Rayleigh and enabled Win Keys to conduct her first peal of Cambridge S. Major. The remainder travelled to the county town, Chelmsford, where the Cathedral is identified by its well-proportioned flint and stone-dressed tower, on which rests a tall, slender spire. It is dedicated in part to St. Cedd, he being the Saxon bishop who built the first churches in Essex. The resulting peal of Yorkshire S. Maximus was made possible through the generosity of Jim Towler and others, who had received permission to use the bells before tour arrangements were made.

Headquarters were in Chelmsford, and after assisting in Sunday service ringing in nearby towers a band sought out Prittlewell, where a 5,000 of London S. Royal was accomplished. We had the pleasure of being met by the Rev. A. F. Ridley, who at Evensong preached a farewell sermon before his departure to Paulerspury, Northamptonshire.

On the Bank Holiday one band ventured to the ancient Roman stronghold of Colchester, but their efforts in bringing round Spliced S. in four methods prevented them giving much lasting thought to their forbears. Another band went to the village of Ardleigh, with its 15th century tower, in which hangs a bell cast in the years that followed Agincourt, and an extent of Yorkshire S. Major was rung. Later in the day a band met at Great Holland, with its solid red brick tower which is all that remains of the old church. Here Spliced S. in six methods was completed on the eight bells which were placed in the tower by the Barron Bell Trust Fund in memory of its founder, Miss Emma Barron, who died on March 1st, 1930. The other band met at Bishop's Stortford and rang a peal of Yorkshire S. Royal, employing singles at four-and-a-half.

On Tuesday two London S. Major bands went to the towers of Great Dunmow and Harlow; the one at the former church stayed the required 24 courses, but the other stood the bells after 90 minutes due to a shift course. Later at Thaxted Spliced S. in four methods was lost after two hours due to a miscall, and at Epping Yorkshire S. was also lost after two hours due to a rope breaking. Later some of the party were passing through High Ongar and, being called by the sound of bells, were welcomed for the weekly practice.

On Wednesday an attempt to ring Rutland S. at Finchingfield was halted after over one hour owing to indisposition of one of the band. This, however, enabled us to see more of "the prettiest village in Essex" with its large green open spaces on the banks of a river, its houses and cottages of attractive charm and its church with Norman doorways and arches standing high on the hilltop. Hatfield Broad Oak was also visited during the morning, where an extent of Rutland S. was completed without mishap. Following some regrouping of the bands, one attempt for Lincolnshire S. was made at Halstead, but was lost 70 minutes later. Here the 600-year-old church has a 19th century tower, which replaces one that fell and in which is an early 15th century bell and an earthenware pot used since 1658 for the refreshment of the bell-ringers. The other attempt, for Essex S., was made at Harlow Common and was successful.

The next morning over the county boundary, northwards into Suffolk, where the ten bells at Grundisburgh were set going to Yorkshire S. This was the third peal of Royal during the week and each had been comfortably brought round in under three hours, but at no time was the rhythm of the ringing ever in question. At Ufford Rutland S. was lost after only one hour. The afternoon's calls at Kirby-le-Soken (Spliced S. in four methods) and at Great Bentley (Bristol S.) upheld the traditions of the touring party. Through the thoughtful anticipation of Philip Mehew and the local ringers we spent a very pleasant evening really "in the cage" at East Bergholt. Philip had rung on these bells before, and after he had joined the local ringers in a demonstration an invitation was extended and three volunteers acquitted themselves well.

On Friday one band left early to get to Sawbridgeworth, Hertfordshire, to record a peal of Cambridge S., whilst a second band had a shorter journey to Danbury, to the church that stands on the summit of a hill 365 feet high, its spire being a landmark for miles around. Here the conductor made all the bells do all the work of four methods spliced. Later in the day at Goldhanger London S. was attempted, but was lost after one-and-a-half hours owing to a shift course. During the evening the bells at All Saints', Maldon, were rung to the same composition as at Danbury: the church has an unusual mid-13th century triangular tower.

On Saturday the journey was made to Tollesbury, where a peal of Yorkshire S. was rung. The fifth bell of this ring is dated 1604 and was cast by Miles Graye I. The final peal attempt at Waltham Abbey was Cambridge S. Maximus. The ringing never settled down and after about half-an-hour was stopped.

To sum up a thoroughly enjoyable week's tour, we found nothing flat and everything interesting. We thank all incumbents, tower captains and correspondents for the privileges which were afforded us.

T. J. L.

Pipe's Pilgrims Tour Kent

This year it was Kent. It had taken us 20 years to make up our minds to visit the lovely Garden of England, and we had been told the majority of the bells were rough and odd-struck and our first sample soon proved that was no overstatement.

Maybe it was good experience for when we came upon such fine bells and easy "go" like those at Frittenden, Salehurst, Fairwarp, Brighton (St. Nicolas'), Sevenoaks, Tonbridge and Wadhurst, it was like a ray of sunshine. But Pipe's Pilgrims tours were never intended for mere tower collecting. We go to enjoy England's delightful countryside; its churches, each one different in structure; for good food and, above all, social companionship.

The Pipes, Arnie Pearce, Vernon Bedford, Alan Munnings and Bob and Joyce Lester were the first to board the coach. At Colchester John and Neil Avis and Bernard Fairhead joined us. At the London pick-up spot, St. Paul's car park, we met Dan Dawson-Taylor, the four Lauds, Ian North, Harold (Vic) Frost, Juliet Stoy, Keith Game, Dorothea Robotham, Dan Godfrey, Tom Clark, Hugh Faulkner, Norman and Elsie Bagworth, Bert and Marion Kynaston.

By permission of Michael Chilcott we climbed the steps to the vast ringing room of St. Paul's Cathedral and heard Stedman Cinques rung for the 10.30 a.m. service, and then on to Gravesend for lunch. Swanscombe, our first tower, was followed by Gravesend and Cliff-at-Hoo (nice old bells).

The Castle Hotel at Tunbridge Wells was home for the six nights' stay and everyone was happy and comfortable.

Monday gave us Benenden, Biddenden, Headcorn, Frittenden, Goudhurst, Horsmonden and Wadhurst, and on Tuesday we visited Brightling, Hailsham, Uckfield, Buxted and Rotherfield.

Wednesday saw us at Hawkhurst, Hastings (three towers), Battle and Salehurst and next day at Fairwarp, Fletching, Brighton (St. Nicolas'), Hurstpierpoint, Bolney and Cuckfield.

Turner's Hill, Crawley, Bletchingley, Sevenoaks, Tonbridge and Speldhurst were Friday's venues, and Saturday, our last day, was spent at Sittingbourne, Rainham, Chatham and Frindsbury.

Space does not permit more details of the splendid churches we visited nor all the grand people we met and to whom we tender our sincere thanks.

It was extremely kind of Phil, Lucille, Andrew and Judith Corby all to turn out to meet and ring with us on their fine new bells, which we greatly enjoyed.

So ended another jolly week.

A PILGRIM.

PEAL AND QUARTER PEAL CARDS

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Comment

THROWING DOWN THE GAUNTLET

Amidst the amazing spate of peals that has resulted in "The Ringing World" having some 150 peals in hand when we went to press with our last issue it is refreshing to find that one ringer has sufficient courage to announce that a peal be rang in during a tour when 22 peals were claimed was not of the standard required by the Central Council's definition of a true peal.

The ringer in question, Mr. Christopher I. Rowson, had previously written to the Editor asking him not to publish a peal of Plain Bob Major rung at Melbourne, Derbyshire, because it was not in his opinion a true peal. The Editor is not the arbiter as to what constitutes a true peal: that responsibility rests with the Central Council, working through the Peals Analysis Committee and in some cases the Records Committee. Until a peal is published its authenticity cannot be challenged publicly.

The next step is for Mr. Rowson to write to the Convener of the Peals Analysis Committee and the secretary of the Derby Diocesan Association, submitting details of his claim that the peal was not in accordance with the Decisions of the Council. It is customary when an Association receives such a challenge to a peal to refer it to a committee or officers of the Association, and the conclusion reached reported to the Peals Analysis Committee. Piquancy is added to the situation by the general secretary of the Derby Diocesan Association being a member of the peal band!

We feel that when individual members take a pride in their peals and courageously come forward and announce their opinion to the detriment of their own peal total the outcome will be a higher standard. Looking ahead, the day might come when the principle of umpires checking record length peals might well be universally accepted by peal ringers.

SUFFOLK GUILD

About 40 members and friends attended the September meeting of the South and East District at Clopton.

Many subjects were discussed at the business meeting. Mr. G. W. Pipe spoke on silent bells. Where these occurred he felt that members should tell the P.C.C.s that bells should not be left to decay. Very often a little job could save a heavy expense later.

Mr. Pipe also appealed to members keen on peal ringing to raise the peal fee to 1/6. "The Ringing World" consisted of almost half of peals or quarter peals and help to the finances in this way would enable the journal to remain solvent.

FABIAN STEDMAN COMPETITION

COLIN J. E. WYLD

Owing to circumstances beyond our control we have not been able to publish before details of the entries of the winner and joint seconds in this competition, but now give the place notations of Mr. Colin J. E. Wyld (one of the second prize winners), conceived when he was 16 years of age, and also some biographical details.

Colin was born in 1950 at Wye, near Ashford, Kent, and learnt to ring under his father in 1963, scoring his first peal (one of Minor in two methods) in 1965. He has rung many more since, up to Spliced Surprise Major. He gained four G.C.E. "A" levels from the Simon Langton Grammar School and is now at Oxford University completing his studies.

WITHERSDANE

A Principle for even numbers of Bells
By C. J. E. Wyld

Place Notations:

Major
36.1458—36.18—18.36—1458.36.18

Royal
38.1470—38.10—10.38—1470.38.10

Maximus
30.149T—30.IT—IT.30—149T.30.IT

Major. False Courses: 12354–678 are fixed.

Royal: None 67890 are fixed.

Maximus: None 67890ET are fixed.

For Royal and Maximus it is only necessary to fix back three.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION

Puriton was the host on October 4th for the autumn meeting of the Bridgwater Branch, and when ringing started at 3 p.m. the bells had already been warmed up by the locals who had been ringing for a wedding. The church, including the ringing chamber, was decorated for harvest festival, and some 38 ringers attended the service conducted by Rev. A. Beck. An interesting address was given concerning the importance of order with regard to ringing, and two harvest hymns were then rung on handbells by the Polden Handbell Ringers, based in the village. At the school tea had been prepared, and was used for the meeting, at which a vote of thanks to the Vicar, to Mr. Dyke (organist), the choir, Mr. Pope and to Mrs. Bawden for preparing the tea was passed. The silent towers committee asked for support for Monday practices at Shapwick and Moorlynch to help train bands, and it was noted that two of the committee had taught a band at Chedzoy who were ringing for service next day. Five new members were elected — four from Ashcott and Mrs. Beck (the Vicar's wife), from Puriton. A proposal that the Association A.G.M. should return to Easter Monday would be pursued at the meeting in 1970. Elly and Geoff Marchant were thanked for organising the outing, which had been a great success.

Ringing continued until 9 p.m., various methods being rung. Practices for the next quarter: Woolavington (November 19th) and Wembdon (December 3rd).

Chew Deanery Branch

The September quarterly meeting at Chew gave the Branch an opportunity of thanking the Vicar (Rev. C. M. Luxmoore Bell) for his help and encouragement to the Branch. He has received preferment to Butleigh.

A splendid tea, prepared by Mrs. Bishop and helpers, followed the service, and the Vicar presided at the business meeting in the unavoidable absence of the chairman. Mr. B. Fry was elected a non-resident life member.

The new rules, due to operate in 1971, were briefly explained by the general secretary, who gave an assurance that they would be circulated in good time for discussion before the 1970 A.G.M. at Bath.

Mr. Horseman outlined arrangements for the inter Branch striking competition on November 8th in the Bridgwater area. He also spoke of the death of Mr. A. R. Saye, a very faithful Sunday service ringer at Portbury, who came to Somerset from Calne.

In conclusion, the secretary was asked to convey thanks to Mr. T. W. White, the "R.W." retiring editor, and to wish him a long and happy retirement.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Marlborough Branch

There was an excellent attendance at Aldbourne on September 20th, when the Marlborough Branch met for its monthly get-together. Besides Branch members visitors were present from Swindon, Southampton, Wroughton, Rodbourne Cheney and Chippenham.

Some good touches in a variety of methods were rung, under the direction of Mr. A. Keen (Ringing Master), until the Guild service, which was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. P. Chapman), who gave an address based on the history of the bells. Tea, prepared and served by Mrs. R. Jones and Mrs. G. Newman, was served on the Vicarage lawn.

At the business meeting the chairman (Mr. G. Newman) presided and gave details of the Branch outing on September 27th. Ringing was then resumed at St. Michael's, with its majestic tower and tuneful ring of eight. W.A.E.

LETTERS

FINDING RINGERS FOR ALBURGH BELLS

Dear Sir,—I was delighted to learn from Mr. Flatt's letter that local interest in Alburgh bells has been stirred up by our recent efforts in this direction, as this is just what I hoped might happen. Perhaps I could point out, however, that apart from the fact that there is no local band at Alburgh, the Rector was under the impression that the tower and fittings of the bells were not in a sufficiently safe condition to allow ringing to take place at all. When approaches were made to him by myself, on behalf of a number of keen ringers from the area, to allow a check over of the condition of the bells, tower movement, etc., he was delighted to allow this, and equally delighted, I know, to learn that the bells could be safely rung—after several hours of work by these same keen ringers.

Our successful peal attempt and the "open ringing day" on the occasion of the Church Flower Festival did indeed arouse great interest in the village—it is rather a pity that more Southern Branch members were not able to come along on the open day—as did the ringing for the concluding Evensong of the Festival.

In the penultimate paragraph of my article on Alburgh bells, I did in fact express the hope that regular service ringing there might soon be possible—quite obviously, this must be the first aim. But it is far from easy for visiting ringers to be there on Sundays, as their first loyalty must be to their own towers; my mention of peal attempts and outing parties was made because the more frequently a previously silent ring (silent for some 17 years) can be rung, the more local interest in the bells will be aroused.

The problem of training new local bands from scratch is always very difficult, unless there are one or two experienced change ringers nearby who are able to undertake the training, and I can fully appreciate the difficulties which Mr. Flatt mentions . . . but it CAN be done. In our own Branch, through the hard work of Mr. K. L. Brown and others, regular ringing has restarted at Blofield and Ludham, and ringers are now being trained for Ranworth—all of these were silent or nearly silent towers. I know I speak for all of us in the Eastern Branch when I say that we will do all we can to help at Alburgh—I have already offered to Mr. Close to come to Alburgh to talk to any potential recruits for the tower—but most ringers are, of course, already committed to Sunday ringing at their own towers. As priest-in-charge of a church with only one bell, Sunday ringing is normally impossible for me.

I do hope very much that it will be possible to arrange at least monthly service ringing at Alburgh and, as I say, I am sure that we shall give every possible support to Mr. Flatt that we can—let us hope that Sunday ringing at more frequent intervals may be possible, and that a local band for Alburgh can be started; it is much to be hoped, too, that the Southern Branch of the Association, in whose area both Alburgh and Redenhall towers are situated, will also rally round to help—we already have far too many silent and unringable towers in Norfolk.—Yours sincerely.

PETER N. BOND, Chairman,
Eastern Branch, Norwich Diocesan Assoc.

"NO PEAL" SAYS RINGER

Dear Sir,—I must protest about the report on page 791 of a peal at Melbourne, Derbyshire, on August 20th. As I explained in a letter to your predecessor shortly after this date, no peal was rung, "within the Central Council's definition of the term." The ringing was in any case of far too low a standard, and I cannot have my name associated with any attempt to dignify this shameful performance with the name of a peal.—Yours faithfully,

CHRISTOPHER I. ROWSON.

Maidenhead.

(Note.—See "Comment".—Ed.)

WANTS KILIFI MEETING

Dear Sir,—I was interested to read about recent visits to Kilifi. I was there in May and felt sorry that so little could be done to help. If all ringers in East Africa will contact me I shall act as co-ordinator in trying to arrange a meeting at Kilifi to do some ringing (perhaps only a quarter peal in that heat) and teaching.

Also if anyone is near enough to Iganga, or is passing through and would like to do some handbell ringing, he would be more than welcome.—Yours faithfully,

L. BOUMPHREY.

Bishop Willis College,
P.O. Box 150, Iganga, Uganda.

RHODESIAN RINGER'S APPRECIATION

Dear Sir,—I have just returned home after spending three months in Britain on holiday, during which time I was able to ring on 21 occasions in various parts of the country. I should like to express my very sincere thanks to all the ringers I met for their help and friendliness—coming from a country with just two towers and a total of less than 20 active ringers you can imagine what an unforgettable experience it was.

Everywhere I went I was made most welcome and there was no reluctance, even on the part of the most experienced ringers, to ring the simple methods for my benefit. Due to their efforts I have learnt to ring a new method, revived a forgotten one and increased my rope-sight from six bells to eight, all of which should now help to improve the standard of ringing in my home tower.

I should like to offer a special word of appreciation to the ringers of Silverdale (Lancs) and Windsor Parish Church, where I was able to take part in quarter peals during their practice times.—Yours sincerely,

FRANCES PELLATT.

Rhodesian Guild of Bellringers,
Salisbury.

METHOD NOMENCLATURE

Dear Sir,—During the debate on the "Floral" Minor names at the Central Council meeting at Hereford in 1928, one of the Chester Guild's representatives, Mr. Elwell, caused some amusement by remarking that this dead horse had been flogged more than any other dead horse he had ever met. The extraordinary thing about it was that each time it was flogged it managed to gallop half-way up the hill before it dropped again.

My colleague, Mr. Arthur Whiting, seems keen to whip poor old Daisy into a trot once again. And after 40 years of apparently false security too.

There would seem to be only one possible ground for reviving these names: that the Norbury band that had first used them refused to acknowledge the Council's right to rename them. There was some discussion at the Hereford meeting as to whether the Council did in fact have such a right, and John S. Goldsmith (who had moved the motion) suggested that as the names had originally been allocated, not by the Norbury band, but by a committee of the Council, then the Council did. The Council giveth, the Council taketh away . . .

Be that as it may, the motion was passed by 40 votes to 19. And on September 21st, 1928, "The Ringing World" published a letter signed by James Fernley "for the Norbury company," in which he wrote that "in the interests of ringing we have decided to abide loyally by the terms of the resolution, and to accept the new designations in the future."

Sir, could the horsewhip now be laid quietly to rest beside this particular dead horse?—Yours faithfully,

CYRIL A. WRATTEN.

Charlton Kings, Glos.

METHOD NOMENCLATURE

Dear Sir,—I accept Mr. Whiting's proof that the "1922 Analysis Committee" gave the "Flower" names to nine methods. I must confess I did not know they had done so. The reason why I said the "35 Method Peal" was "neutralised" was on account of the attitude of many six-bell ringers of that period; they were of the same opinion as myself that by altering the names of methods future ringers could well ask, "What methods did the Norbury men ring?" They did not wish to ring peals which in later years could be questioned.

Harold Chant's mention of Wath-on-Dearne brought back some happy memories: ringing with Arthur Panther, Arthur Gill and Albert Nash who, with his crippled hands, could handle a bell with the best. That band could strike and I should imagine that as far as striking went Harold will agree they set a pattern for his, and Dan Smith's, very high standard. It is nice to know the Felkirk men used "Method Splicing." Many said it was not even suitable for "Army Form blank."—Yours faithfully,

JOHN P. FIDLER.

Bow, Devon.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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Trevor Bailey's Somerset Tour

Based in the West Country, proceedings commenced on the evening of August 15th at the Swan and Castle Hotel, Buckingham, where participants converged, and the pattern for the week was set by half of the party having a meal in the Old Gaol! Ringing first took place on the following morning on the fine heavy eight at Buckingham Parish Church, and we then journeyed westwards through the holiday traffic to Wincanton, some of the more enterprising spirits managing to get a pull at Christ Church, Swindon, en route. At Wincanton the party was further augmented by Rosemary Spicer and Michael Worthington and we settled to enjoy a very pleasant Gillett and Johnston octave, after which we investigated the potency of the local cider.

The next morning we were permitted to ring on the ten at Evercreech at the conclusion of morning service, and here we were joined by Mr. Harry Sanger. After a visit to the King Charles we joined the local ringers at Wells Cathedral to ring for Evensong. The remainder of the afternoon was spent on a visit to the famous Wookey Hole Caves, and the spectacular Cheddar Gorge, that other marvel of the Mendips, was viewed in brilliant sunshine before evening ringing on the eight at Cheddar.

The following day was the busiest of the week, four towers being visited. We began at Chewton Mendip before moving on to Wrington, Mr. W. H. Kingcott meeting us and joining in for some Cambridge Royal. At Congresbury some difficulty was experienced in getting the tenor up right side but once this was accomplished the usual repertoire was rung on this fine-toned, heavy ring, and our final tower of the day was at Yatton. Most of the party then adjourned to Bristol for a meal and some ten-pin bowling.

Tuesday's ringing began on the six at Brent Knoll and we were grateful for being able to ring here at short notice. Lunch was taken in Bridgwater before heading for Dunster, where we found the brand new eight, and soon made our way to Minehead for ringing on the light ten. The following day was the traditional free day, and this included paddling from Minehead beach before viewing the site of the Battle of Sedgemoor near Weston Zoyland. Others visited King Alfred's Fort at Burrow Bridge and an indomitable few conquered Glastonbury Tor with its fine view of Somerset and neighbouring counties. In the evening we joined in the practice at St. Cuthbert's, Wells, the bells being fully muffled because of local complaints.

Thursday was peal day, but first we set off to sample the heavy six at West Pennard. A peal in seven methods was successfully rung at St. Benedict's, Glastonbury, and the evening's entertainment took the form of a skittles match. A delightful ride through the narrow lanes of Mid-Somerset brought us to Queen Camel next morning and further heavy bells awaited us at Sherborne Abbey in the afternoon. A social evening was spent in Sherborne before the last full day of the tour, which began with the long drive to Marlborough. Another long drive was to Witney and later a few attended the practice at Appleton, whilst the remainder tried their skill at punting on the Cherwell. At our hotel we presented Trevor Bailey with a small token of our gratitude for arranging the tour before finally parting at mid-day on Sunday at Bladon, where we had made a pilgrimage to Sir Winston Churchill's grave. Our thanks to all who made bells available, and we look forward to the reunion in the winter. J. B. P.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The meeting of the St. Albans District was held at St. Paul's Walden and King's Walden on September 20th. A slow start was made at St. Paul's Walden, on an anti-clockwise six, in the afternoon, but a good touch was rung before the service, conducted by the Vicar, Rev. T. Lewis Lloyd. Tea, prepared by the ladies of the local band, was served in the "local" close to the church. During the business meeting the secretary gave details of the 1970 ringing course and details of an assisted practice scheme at Radlett, starting on October 1st, were given. A collection taken for the V.B.F. realised £1 13s. 7d. Evening ringing followed on the six at King's Walden, some finding the long draught difficult.

Next meeting, Welwyn, October 18th. Next special practice, St. Paul's Walden, October 30th.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

The autumn festival of the Penzance Branch was held at Tuckingmill on October 11th and was attended by some 60 ringers. The service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. J. F. Edwards), after which a delicious tea was provided by the ladies, to whom appreciation was shown.

At the A.G.M. a minute's silence was observed to the memory of Miss Wintle, formerly of Mullion, who died earlier this year and who had been a ringer for many years. Congratulations were offered to Mr. A. H. Hitchens, of Ludgvan, on his appointment as a magistrate, and the next festival was provisionally arranged for April 25th, 1970, at Lelant. Ringing also took place at Camborne, Crowan and Gwinear. M. C.

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Reuben Clench, expressed his delight at the large number of ringers present and thanked the Vicar for his warm welcome to Blaenavon and also for so expertly directing the business of the meeting. Replying, the Vicar said he had enjoyed the meeting immensely and hoped that Blaenavon would be visited again in the not-too-distant future.

Mention was made of the next meeting, to be held at Chepstow on January 10th, 1970. J. S. K.

A RECORD—FOR THREE DAYS!

The friendly rivalry that exists between two well-known handbell teams at Marple and Watford has delighted the Exercise for some time, and their efforts to outdo one another have culminated in one record made on the Monday by one team being broken on the Thursday by the other!

Mr. John R. Mayne successfully conducted his Watford handbell team on October 6th in a peal of Spliced Surprise Maximus in EIGHT methods, to create a new record on handbells—a record which existed for just three days, for the Marple team, under their conductor, Mr. Robert B. Smith, ousted Watford by ringing one in TEN methods on the following Thursday!

At the time of going to press we have not heard the date of the new attempt at Watford to regain the rosette, but everyone will eagerly await such an event. Ringers everywhere will join with us in extending hearty congratulations to both teams on their outstanding achievements.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The Monmouth Branch held a very enjoyable meeting at St. Peter's, Blaenavon, on October 11th, when the eight bells were well used from early afternoon by a gathering of "all sorts and conditions" of ringers, numbering between 60 and 70! The new Vicar of Blaenavon (Rev. R. C. Wright) conducted the service, assisted by the curate (Rev. R. Courage). Miss Elaine Davage, a Blaenavon ringer, read the lesson and Mr. Gordon Jones, in one of his many rôles, played the organ, which produced singing that had a quality of hearty enthusiasm! Tea was served in the Church School by Mrs. Wright and helpers and they were thanked by Mr. Alan Paton, and Mr. Brian Neale expressed the thanks of the gathering to Mr. Gordon Jones for his encouraging music.

The business was short and ably conducted by the Vicar in the chair, and new members were again numerous, including both the Vicar and the curate of Blaenavon, together with Mr. Eric Robinson. From Bassaleg came Mr. Richard Cox, Mr. Christopher Jones and Mr. Raymond Barnes; from Caerleon Miss Gillian Steele, Miss Georgina Douglas and Miss Jane Williams; from Usk (at last!) Miss Gillian Clench; from Mitcheldean Mr. Ralph Davies and Master Rowland Smith; and finally Rev. R. N. Thomas, Vicar of St. Julian's, Newport. Thus history was made in two parts, the Vicar and curate of the parish being elected to membership together and three clerical gentlemen made members at one meeting!

Mr. Brian Neal was congratulated on his fine work in producing a band of ringers at Marshfield and the Branch Master, Mr.

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LONG LENGTH

CAVENDISH, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 27th, 1,800 Plain Bob Minor: A. F. Ballam 1, Amanda M. Richmond 2, G. R. Nunn 3, R. D. Hart 4, W. A. Perry 5, B. E. Whiting (cond.) 6. A peal attempt called round.

ADDINGTON, SURREY. — On Sept. 28th, 1,320 Ipswich Surprise Minor: Kathryn Bone 1, A. Hobbs 2, E. G. H. Godfrey 3, Louise Powell 4, Wendy Wallace (cond.) 5, I. Wiltshire 6. An engagement compliment to Robin Grant and Kathie Murrells.

ALREWAS, STAFFS.—On Sept 14th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: J. Dolman 1, Margaret Boam 2, Julia Sanders 3, Margaret Ellwood 4, Lucy Smith 5, F. Boam 6, C. Collins (cond.) 7, L. Monk 8. Rung to mark the birth of a son, Christopher John, on Aug. 2nd, to John and Margery Dolman.

ALWALTON, HUNTS. — On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): A. K. Oliver 1, G. F. Oliver 2, G. Davis 3, F. E. Sismey 4, J. D. Cooper (first as cond.) 5. For Harvest Festival.

ASFORDBY, LEICS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles: J. H. Cook 1, H. Clayton 2, H. T. Bonshor 3, R. Looker 4, C. E. Cooper (cond.) 5, K. J. Panter 6. Rung as a compliment to Mrs. L. Cox on her 80th birthday.

BADGEWORTH, GLOS. — On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Minor (Kent, Plain Bob): Miss H. Taylor 1, Miss V. Willard 2, C. Burridge 3, M. Maggs 4, E. Taylor 5, W. A. Farmer (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

BARTON ST. DAVID, SOM.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: V. Holman (first quarter) 1, Miss S. A. Mayell 2, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 3, A. J. Callow 4, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 5, W. A. Prescott 6. For Harvest Festival.

BATTERSEA, LONDON.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Susan D. A. Trousdale 1, Carole A. Fosbury (first "inside") 2, Margaret A. Robinson 3, R. J. Cooles 4, D. R. Tipler (first as cond.) 5, D. Woodward 6.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sue Lee 1, Gwendolyn Reeves 2, Dorothy Fletcher 3, Belinda Wood 4, Kathleen Fletcher 5, D. Francis 6, D. Wood (first as cond.) 7, R. Lee 8. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. Peter J. Nott, instituted and inducted as Rector of St. Mary and All Saints', Beaconsfield, by the Bishop of Buckingham on September 12th.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Sept. 28th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Kathleen E. Chilcott 1, A. G. Clark 2, Jean L. Kimber 3, Juliet S. Stoy 4, R. J. Cook 5, D. G. Spittle 6, F. D. Jennings 7, R. J. Talbot (cond.) 8. For Harvest Festival.

BEDFORD. — On Sept. 28th, at St. Paul's, 1,331 Grandsire Caters: J. Piron 1, Linda Fleming 2, Avril Ivin 3, Kathleen Marriott 4, R. J. Sharp 5, G. F. Amor 6, R. L. Piron 7, M. J. Marriott (comp. and cond.) 8, S. J. Ivin 9, K. H. Fleming 10. For Harvest Festival and to welcome the new Vicar, Canon Robert Brown.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—On Sept. 26th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: D. Hutley 1, P. Warboys 2, K. Westwood 3, P. Glazebrook 4, L. Luck 5, A. Richardson 6, R. Walker 7, W. Hunt (cond.) 8. For Flower Festival.

BISHOP'S WALTHAM, HANTS. — On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. Bremner 1, Mrs. E. W. Colley 2, Miss B. J. Daysh 3, E. W. Colley (cond.) 4, R. E. V. Cockle 5, Miss J. Miles 6, C. Parsons 7, G. Bladon 8. In memoriam Walter Linter, Ringing Master at Bishop's Waltham from 1936 to 1969

BISHOPSTOKE, HANTS. — On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods, 7, 6, 8 covering): Anna Tobias 1, Pip E. Menniss 2, R. Le Marechal (cond.) 3, T. J. Frodsham 4, J. P. Colliss 5, Ruth J. Alderson 6, A. L. Guille 7, B. C. Taylor 8. For Harvest Festival.

BOCKING, ESSEX.—On Oct. 4th, 2,520 Bob Minor (tenor covering): G. Dodd 1, G. Saunders 2, Mrs. H. Moore 3, P. Dodd 4, H. Moore 5, R. Suckling (cond.) 6, R. Fuller 8. For the 974th Dedication Festival. The ringing was sponsored for the Church Restoration Fund. Longest touch by ringers of 1, 2, 4 and 8.

BRANT BROUGHTON, LINCS.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. M. Heath (first quarter) 1, Miss E. M. Rolfe (first quarter) 2, K. C. Vernon 3, F. Derry 4, D. E. Kirton (cond.) 5, F. G. Hooper 6. Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Rolfe.

BRAUGHING, HERTS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. S. Kent 1, D. Prime 2, D. Hutley 3, P. J. Glazebrook 4, L. Luck 5, W. Hunt (cond.) 6. Rung for "Old Man's" Day.

QUARTER PEALS

BRIGHTON.—At St. Peter's, on Sept. 30, 1,264 Pl. Bob Major: Susan Hopkin 1, P. D. Hepburn 2, Susan E. M. Davis 3, R. A. Birch 4, T. G. Williams 5, B. J. Read (cond.) 6, M. S. Loveday 7, D. R. Cox 8. Rung by Sussex University Guild for Brighton Colleges Service.

CANTERBURY, KENT. — At the Cathedral, on Sept. 28th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: L. Huckstepp 1, D. G. Mitchell 2, J. Hedgcock 3, D. H. Niblett (cond.) 4, T. H. Holmes 5, R. J. Elliott 6, C. J. E. Wyld 7, D. J. Carr 8.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.—On Sept. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Janet S. Evans 1, A. J. Davidson 2, T. J. Bell 3, J. J. George 4, A. Locke 5, W. R. Curtis 6, F. M. Bowers (cond.) 7, R. P. Pearce 8.

CARDIFF, GLAM.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. J. Hannington 1, P. Thomas (first Stedman Triples) 2, Mary Pryor 3, D. Cornell (first Stedman Triples) 4, N. Simon (cond.) 5, G. Walker 6, T. Yeomans 7, J. Pryor 8. For Harvest Festival.

COMPTON DANDO, SOM.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): Sue Riley 1, J. Riley 2, B. Goodliffe 3, Helen Kirkpatrick 4, M. Horseman (cond.) 5, R. Haskins 6.

COTTINGHAM, YORKS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,264 Pl. Bob Major: Gillian Styles (first quarter) 1, Mrs. J. Pybus 2, J. I. Booth 3, D. Garner 4, G. Pybus 5, A. Spivey 6, C. C. Brown 7, N. Pailing (cond.) 8. For Harvest Festival.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: R. V. Johnson 1, Miss R. Stevens 2, E. Packham 3, J. E. Herbecq 4, G. Ford 5, S. Allen 6, F. F. Godsmark (cond.) 7, C. Hudson 8. To celebrate the completion of 50 years as ringers by F. F. Godsmark and R. V. Johnson.

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DEDDINGTON, OXON.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: J. Pratley 1, Miss B. Ivings 2, A. W. Ivings 3, M. Coleman 4, W. Ivings 5, C. C. Clarke (cond.) 6. Rung to mark the official opening of the new classroom at Deddington C. of E. Primary School. Also on Sept. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Miss D. Butlin 1, W. J. Cowley 2, Miss B. Ivings 3, W. Minnear 4, C. C. Clarke 5, M. Coleman 6, A. W. Ivings (cond.) 7, W. Ivings 8. Rung for Harvest Festival.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—At St. Saviour's Church, on Sept. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: I. N. Clark 1, Miss J. M. Neal 2, G. Welch 3, H. Reynolds (cond.) 4, P. Fox 5, T. Barlow 6.

EAST TYTHERLEY, HANTS. — On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: I. M. McCallion (first of Triples) 1, Linda V. Cull 2, R. Le Marachel 3, R. S. Parratt 4, J. P. Colliss 5, I. H. Trueman 6, D. R. Fallick (first Triples as cond.) 7, M. K. Waldron 8. First in method 2, 3 and 4.

EBRINGTON, GLOS.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: R. Jones 1, C. Povey 2, J. Edgson (cond.) 3, W. Bunnell 4, V. Bedford 5, M. Fiander 6.

EWELME, OXON.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Miss H. Winfield (first quarter) 1, F. Godden 2, Miss K. Tuckwell (first quarter) 3, R. Baker 4, R. Tuckwell (cond.) 5, N. Elkington 6. Rung for Harvest Festival and as a farewell to Rev. K. St. C. Thomas, who is retiring.

FELKIRK, YORKS.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,320 Felkirk T.B. Minor: P. Carbutt 1, Gail Cater (bridegroom's sister) 2, H. Chant (cond.) 3, R. Cater 4, P. J. Charlesworth 5, T. Tarbatt 6. A compliment to Averil Wood and George Blackburn, married in Minneapolis, U.S.A., the same day.

FINCHLEY, MIDDX.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. F. Warren 1, Dorothea M. Robotham 2, A. H. Richardson 3, Ruth M. Foreman 4, R. G. Bateman 5, M. Carter 6, B. C. Watson (cond.) 7, G. M. Pearce 8. Rung jointly by Finchley and Hendon bands as a compliment to Wendy Ferguson and Ian Campbell, married at Hendon the previous day.

FOLKESTONE, KENT. — On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss V. M. Dye 1, Mrs. R. Wratten 2, Mrs. A. Berry 3, B. L. Marks 4, Miss R. J. Sinden 5, L. Mannering 6, A. P. S. Berry (cond.) 7, J. F. Wellard 8. Half-muffled in memoriam Miss M. V. Godderidge, of the local band

GEDLING, NOTTS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Dawson 1, J. R. Rigby 2, S. Rippon 3, P. Wild 4, Susan M. O'Neill 5, J. R. Anthony (cond.) 6.

GREAT BUDWORTH, CHESHIRE.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Kate Mackenzie (first attempt) 1, M. Heighton (first "inside") 2, R. W. Worrall 3, Betty Lowe 4, J. Hallett (cond.) 5, D. Lowe 6.

GREAT NESS, SALOP.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor. S. W. Illidge 1, N. R. I. White 2, S. G. Pick 3, L. D. K. Roberts 4, M. J. A. Orman 5, P. R. Johnson (cond.) 6. An acknowledgment of Ven. S. D. Austerberry's ten years in the parish.

GROBY, LEICS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Catherine Spurr 1, T. Isom 2, Susan Wright 3, T. Gardner 4, P. Blackman (cond.) 5, Joyce Wright 6. First for 1, 3, 6. For Harvest Festival.

HARLOW, ESSEX.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. Hutley 1, J. Collins 2, C. Moore 3, F. Whitby 4, R. Prime 5, E. Elliott 6, R. Walker 7, W. Hunt (cond.) 8. For Harvest Festival.

HAWLEY, HANTS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Janet I. Jennings 1, D. N. Jennings 2, Judy E. Couperthwaite 3, Dorothy L. Brookman 4, W. J. Couperthwaite 5, A. K. Brookman 6, A. D. Leach (cond.) 7, L. Boyles 8. For Harvest Festival.

HEATHFIELD, SOM.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. A. Arscott 1, K. E. Beale 2, A. W. Knight 3, R. A. C. Cross 4, J. Cornelius (cond.) 5.

KINGSNORTH, KENT.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Miss P. M. Court 1, P. Richardson 2, J. A. Hemsley 3, P. Staples (cond.) 4, A. P. S. Berry 5.

KINGSTON, DORSET. — On July 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Piron 1, R. H. Youdale 2, M. J. Dew 3, Katharine J. Maundrell 4, Betty A. Christopher 5, R. L. Piron 6, T. F. Collins (cond.) 7, G. W. Elmes 8.

KIRK DEIGHTON, YORKS.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): Brenda Grainger (first quarter) 1, W. Scheerer 2, C. Sutcliffe 3, H. Winter 4, C. Maxfield (cond.) 5, P. Hunter (first quarter) 6.

OBITUARY

MR. B. S. THOMPSON

The Norwich Diocesan Association has lost one of its oldest members by the death, on September 11th, of Benjamin S. Thompson at the age of 85. Born at Kelsale in Suffolk he learned to ring at an early age, with his three brothers, under the tuition of their father. His work as a railway clerk soon took him further afield and he became well-known in ringing circles in Essex and London, ringing quite a lot with the famous Pye brothers, and also at Birmingham and Norwich. Then in the First World War he served in France in the Rifle Brigade, attaining the rank of Captain, and suffered from severe gas-poisoning.

After the war he returned to railway service in Norwich and was one of the band of enthusiastic ringers who, under the leadership of the late George H. Cross, revived ringing in Norfolk in the 1920's, and became Master at St. Peter Mancroft 1935-36. Then ill-health, as a result of his war injuries, caused his early retirement and curtailment of ringing activities, but his enthusiasm never flagged and he attended meetings whenever possible.

For the last fifteen years he resided at Lowestoft and, although failing sight became another handicap, he remained very cheerful, and often attended practices there and was taking part in ringing only a few days prior to his rather sudden death from heart failure. He was very fond of reminiscing of his early ringing days and of the old ringers he knew, and his tales and company will be much missed by all who knew him. His ringing papers and records were lost in the Norwich "blitz" but he reckoned that he had rung about 400 peals in all.

His cremation at Gorleston was attended by representatives from neighbouring towers, and handbells were rung at the committal.

E.R.G.

MR. C. ERNEST SMITH

A contemporary of the late Alfred H. Pulling and Oliver Sippetts, Mr. C. E. Smith, of 94, Busbridge Lane, Godalming, died in Milford Chest Hospital on October 6th at the age of 65. Ernie was, in his heyday, a prolific peal ringer and had rung well over 500 before business commitments curtailed this activity. For a short period he was Ringing Master of the Guildford District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild and a member of the committee. The bells of Godalming Parish Church were rung half-muffled on the day of the funeral.

CORRECTIONS

The peal at Bolsover reported on page 791 was rung on August 23rd and the ringer of the 3rd was Timothy Wylie.

The handbell peal at Derby on August 30th was rung in not on the canal—the canal being dry at the time!

The handbell peal rung on the M1 on August 25th was also reported on page 738.

The peal of Lincolnshire S. Major rung at Putney and published on page 794 consisted of 5,088 changes and not 5,040 as published. This was, incidentally, the 175th peal on the bells.

STRIKING COMPETITIONS

ANDOVER DISTRICT

The Andover District held its annual striking competition at Goodworth Clatford on October 4th. Mr. Reg Rex, of Thatcham, the judge, in his comments stressed the need for good treble and tenor ringers.

Winners.—Aird Cup (change-ringing): Highclere, second Andover, five competing. Fred Gosling Cup (rounds): Upper Clatford, six competing.

A service held in Goodworth Clatford Church was conducted by the Vicar and the splendid tea was provided by Mrs. Richardson and Clatford Young Wives.

The business meeting was opened by the chairman asking members to stand in memory of the late Fred Gosling, a respected member. On a happier note the chairman informed the meeting that Mrs. Dobson, of Longparish, was celebrating her 44th wedding anniversary and Mr. Jack Wimlett, of Andover, his 33rd wedding anniversary.

M. G.

BATH DISTRICT

Ten teams entered for this year's striking competition held at Marksbury (6) on October 4th. Judges were the "Chew Branch Twins"—Michael Horseman and John Brain. The two teams entered by St. Michael with St. Paul's finished first and second, with Bath Abbey third and Corston fourth.

The Vicar (Rev. W. C. Mason) conducted a short service and presented the Branch shield. For the excellent tea in Corston Village Hall we thank Mrs. Parfrey.

A. F. L.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Bernard Grove is moving from Marple to Reading at the end of October and will be a big loss to ringing at Marple. Bernard's latest feat is ringing in a peal of 10-Spliced Surprise Maximus "in hand" (a record number).

In memory of Mr. H. O. Baker, who died suddenly on September 14th, a half-muffled peal of Minor was rung at Davenham, Cheshire, on the 22nd. Mr. Baker was outstanding as hon. secretary and treasurer of the Chester Diocesan Guild.

A similar peal on September 27th was completed at Pebmarsh, Essex, as a memorial to Mr. Frank Claydon, who at 88 was a life member of the Essex Association, which he joined in 1907. He died on September 25th. The band which rang the peal are grateful to Mr. George Trendle for his help in preparation for the peal.

Mrs. Agnes Muncaster, of Hawkshead, Lancs, recently celebrated her 100th birthday, and in honour of the occasion a peal of Plain Bob Major was rung at the local tower on September 28th, the eve of St. Michael's Day, St. Michael being the patron saint of the church.

A quarter of Plain Bob Minor was rung at the wedding of Miss Margaret Utting and Mr. Michael Utton at Kessingland, Suffolk, on September 13th. It was rung by an all-local band, with congratulations to Desmond and Philip Harrold on taking part and ringing their first quarter at first attempt.

The golden wedding celebrations of Mr. and Mrs. Trevor Marks were enlivened by a peal of Bob Major at South Petherton, Som, on September 23rd, and the next day at Hindley, Lancs, the captain of the local company and his wife (Mr. and Mrs. J. Halsall) were similarly honoured by one of Grandsire Triples.

Recently Mr. W. Butler took a party of Thatcham, Berks, ringers up to Loughborough to see their two new trebles cast. It proved to be a most interesting day out and one which all enjoyed. On the way home they called at Launton, had a ring on the bells and a trip around Mr. Sharpe's "den", which has now been enlarged to accommodate the Central Council library. "I don't know how he finds time for all his work!" quotes Mr. Butler.

A dual purpose for ringing the peal of Yorkshire at Westhoughton, Lancs, on September 27th, was the 18th birthday of the conductor, Mr. J. E. Andrews, and the fact that he is now a student at London University.

Wedding peals were rung on September 3rd at Elstow, Beds, for Miss M. Pettitt and Mr. J. Clarke; on September 20th at Southampton for Roger Heyworth and Adrienne Gibson (married at Epsom); and on September 27th at Hawkley, Hants, for Mr. and Mrs. B. Holliday.

Handbells and bell ropes were an unusual feature of the decorations outside the church porch when Penny Miller and Clive Kessell, both local ringers, were married at St. Giles' Church, West Bridgford, Nottingham, earlier this year. The decorations were arranged by Mr. Wilfred Ratcliffe, the tower keeper.

The bells at Ludham, Norfolk, were rung for the Harvest Festival service on October 5th for the first time for many years. The company—R. Osborne 1, Mrs. J. Clarke 2, D. Mattocks 3, N. Boldy 4, N. Gower (captain) 5—is thought to be the first local company to include a lady ringing on this heavy five.

Fifty years as a ringer at Chatteris, Mr. William Seekings' service was marked by his friends with a peal of Minor, rung at March, Cambs, on September 13th, and the ringing friends of Mr. H. S. Cooper, of Hindley, Lancs, rang one of Grandsire Triples to mark a similar record on September 24th.

The Rev. and Mrs. Alan Beck, who recently moved from Crookham, near Aldershot, and where Mrs. Beck took an active ringing interest in the area, were welcomed to Puriton, Somerset, on August 2nd by a peal of Doubles. The church in their new living is to be restored and efforts are being made to raise funds for that purpose.

Seven towers were visited by Twerton-on-Avon (Bath) ringers on their annual outing, held in glorious weather on September 20th. These were Norton, Ombersley, Hartlebury, Kidderminster, Hallow, Powick and Upton-on-Severn, and the organiser is grateful to the incumbents and ringers at these churches for their consideration.

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COCKCROFT SOCIETY IN SCOTLAND

A visit to the Edinburgh Festival was an added attraction to the participants in the tour to Scotland at the end of August, organised by Mr. Harry Wells and others, for the Cockcroft Society (the employees of the U.K.A.E.A. establishments) who recently formed an Association (see "R.W.", page 601). A minibus and private cars conveyed the ringers and others to a caravan site on the banks of Loch Leven, Kinross, and found the Scottish Highlands, its towns (and shopping), castles and lochs most interesting and refreshing. Certain difficulties were experienced in obtaining permission (and keys) at some of the towers before the actual organised part of the tour commenced, but generally all was satisfactory.

The towers where ringing took place included St. Cuthbert's Church and St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh: St. James', Leith; Alloa, Dunblane Cathedral, St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral and the Old Steeple, Dundee: Fettes College and St. Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow. Two thousand miles were traversed and a good deal of Scottish history digested. There was a wealth of good company, some good ringing on fine bells and kindness and good humour abounded, all of which enhanced the success of the tour and the certainty of a similar function next year.

A WORTHWHILE EFFORT

The "First Peal Week" of the Suffolk Guild, which took place from September 20th–27th, was organised with one object in view: to get as many "firsts" in as possible; and as can be seen from the footnotes under the 13 peals recorded the aim was very successful. Congratulations to all concerned.

DOUBLE EVENT RECOGNISED

Two days after taking up his duty as editor of this journal Mr. C. W. Denyer was installed as Worshipful Master of the Wm. Cobbett Lodge of Freemasons at Farnham, Surrey. To mark the occasion and in honour of his appointment to this ringing office a peal attempt was made at Aldershot by eight brother Masons, culled from a wide area. Unfortunately this was not successful, but a quarter was brought home and later the team, together with many other ringing Freemasons, took part in the ceremony of installation, followed by an excellent repast. The Master's song, sung by Bro. Harold Cole, was accompanied by piano and handbells. Altogether a most convivial evening.

MR. FRANK CLAYDON

News has just been received of the death, on September 26th, of Mr. Frank Claydon, of Earls Colne, Essex, at the age of 88, and whose funeral took place on October 1st. A full report and an appreciation will appear in our next issue.

PETERBOROUGH ST. MARY'S IN SHAKESPEARE COUNTRY

"We'll go to Shakespeare country for our annual whole day outing," said the Ringing Master. "It will do you all good to have a two-and-a-half-hour's drive before starting at the first tower at 9.30 a.m." Alarm and despair all round and wild talk of buying alarm clocks, etc. Then reprieve at the last moment when we were refused permission at the first tower—so we hope Holy Trinity, Stratford-on-Avon, don't feel they spoiled our outing by delaying for several weeks their reply to our request for the bells; nor were we upset to get a refusal signed by the tower secretary the day after permission to ring had been granted by the priest-in-charge. No tears were shed when our request for clarification of the position brought no response—we were too relieved at the prospect of an extra hour in bed. It was not very helpful though.

We began September 27th at "Drunken Bideford", a nice church set in a pretty spot on the banks of the Avon. We hope none of the villagers had indulged in an evening's drinking, as practised by Shakespeare and his companions, for our ringing would not have helped a sore head at all. In fact our senior ringer threatened to go home if we didn't improve. Happily our next tower, at Great Hampton, was without doubt the best of the day and we really enjoyed ourselves.

Every member of our party of 25 had a good lunch at Evesham before visiting the bell tower, where we amazed ourselves by ringing a plain course of Plain Bob Royal. No one was surprised when we managed to raise the tenor wrong side, and then could not set it. From Evesham to a nice eight at Hinton-on-the-Green and then the sixes at Ashton-under-Hill and Ashchurch, where we picnicked under the "conker" trees.

Our last tower was Tewkesbury Abbey, where we managed to fall the back ten very nicely. During the day we rang a wide variety of methods, under the capable guidance of Ann Smith and Frank Sismey, and our thanks to all incumbents and especially to those local ringers who met us and made us so welcome.

THIS YEAR'S GRANTLEY HALL COURSE

The tenth annual week-end residential course in bellringing at the West Riding Adult College, Grantley Hall, Ripon, will be held from November 14th–16th.

The lecturers—Mr. F. Sharpe, Mr. Wilfrid Moreton, Mr. Nolan Golden and Mr. Norman Chaddock—will offer a wide range of topics. Tutorials will cater for students' personal needs. Parallel elementary and advanced lectures are planned and special attention will be given to teaching aspects along the lines of the new Tutor's Handbook. Handbells and local towers will be used for practical sessions. N. C.

MR. T. T. YEOMANS' 200 PEALS

Mr. T. T. Yeomans, of Canton, Cardiff, has rung his 200th peal, all having been rung for the Llandaff and Monmouth Association. Details:—

Grandsire: Cinques 1, Caters 24, Triples 51, Doubles 6.

Stedman: Caters 14, Triples 16, Doubles 1. Erin Caters 1.

Little Bob Royal 1, Plain Bob Royal 8, Little Bob Major 3, Plain Bob Major 34, Plain Bob Minor 6.

Double Norwich Court Bob Major 16, Kent Treble Bob Major 3, Cambridge Surprise Major 1, Yorkshire Surprise Major 5, Quedgeley Surprise Major 1, St. Clement's College Bob Triples 1, Oxford Bob Triples 2, Kent Treble Bob Minor 1, Minor in three methods 3, Doubles in two methods 1.

Total 200.

TOM BEVAN'S BIRTHDAY

The quarter peal rung at St. Stephen's, Hampstead, on October 11th, coincided with the birthday of Mr Tom Bevan, and the band wish to associate the quarter with this occasion. After ringing the band were entertained to a lavish tea, provided by Tom and Daisy, who had previously warned the ringers "No quarter, no tea"; however, the outcome was never in doubt. Birthday greetings and good wishes were expressed with the hope of seeing them both around for many years to come, and thanks were extended to Miss Julie Armstrong who, owing to the indisposition of one of the original band, was "roped in" at the last minute.

"OUR CHURCH BELLS—WHY AND HOW WE RING THEM"

The best possible way to advertise your hobby is to get out amongst people and talk about it to them. This is just what is being done by the Christchurch Branch of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild. On Thursday, October 23rd, and continuing again a week later, Mr. Arthur V. Davis, captain of the Priory company, visited St. Thomas's Parish Hall, Lymington, to lecture and demonstrate on church bellringing. He was assisted by other ringers (no doubt his family being included!) and Christchurch Girl Guides proved their abilities on handbells.

PIPE'S PILGRIMS

Pilgrims? How got they that title? Well, at Glastonbury in 1950 one or two were waiting in the lounge of the George Hotel for the visitors to arrive. When the coach drew up someone exclaimed: "What's this lot?" and a local wag loudly replied: "Oh, another lot of pilgrims."

MR. TOM LOCK'S PEAL TOUR

THE FOLLOWING PEALS WERE RUNG FOR THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

RAYLEIGH, Essex.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Aug. 30, 1969, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in F.

Eric Edmondson	Treble	Edgar R. Rapley	5
Alick Cutler	2	John W. Stephenson	6
Ruth M. Foreman	3	E. Winifred Keys	7
Ronald J. Sharp	4	Frank H. Hicks	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by E. Winifred Keys.
First peal in the method as conductor.

CHELMSFORD, Essex.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Mary the Virgin, St. Peter and St. Cedd.
On Sat., Aug. 30, 1969, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5042 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 34 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in C sharp.

Yvonne A. Murray	Treble	Thomas J. Lock	7
Susan Rothera	2	Gerald Penney	8
Joe E. G. Roast	3	Stuart Armeson	9
James L. Towler	4	Neil Donovan	10
W. Eric Critchley	5	Richard E. Price	11
R. Kingsley Mason	6	Philip Mehew	Tenor

Arranged by P. Border. Conducted by Gerald Penney.

PRITTLEWELL, Essex.—At the Church of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
On Sun., Aug. 31, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in E.

Eric Edmondson	Treble	Thomas J. Lock	6
W. Eric Critchley	2	Stuart Armeson	7
Ruth M. Foreman	3	Philip Mehew	8
Gerald Penney	4	R. Kingsley Mason	9
Neil Donovan	5	Richard E. Price	Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe. Conducted by Richard E. Price.
Rung as a farewell and with best wishes to the Rev. A. F. Ridley, senior curate, before moving to Paulerspury, Towcester, Northants.

COLCHESTER, Essex.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Mon., Sept. 1, 1969, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, comprising 1,856 of Cambridge, 1,344 Superlative, 992 London and 832 Bristol, with 105 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.
Tenor 21 cwt. 17 lb. in E flat.

Neil Donovan	Treble	Gerald Penney	5
Edgar R. Rapley	2	Philip Mehew	6
*Ronald J. Sharp	3	Stuart Armeson	7
W. Eric Critchley	4	Richard E. Price	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Diserens. Conducted by Stuart Armeson.
* 50th peal of Spliced Surprise Major.

ARDLEIGH, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin
On Mon., Sept. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb. in F sharp.

Frank H. Hicks	Treble	Eric Edmondson	5
Alick Cutler	2	R. Kingsley Mason	6
Ruth M. Foreman	3	Gordon A. Halls	7
E. Winifred Keys	4	Rev. Fred Ross	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow Conducted by Gordon A. Halls.

GREAT HOLLAND, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Mon., Sept. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In six methods, comprising 1,600 each of London and Rutland, 640 each of Cambridge and Superlative and 320 each of Bristol and Yorkshire, with 125 changes of method. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

E. Winifred Keys	Treble	Neil Donovan	5
Eric Edmondson	2	Stuart Armeson	6
Gerald Penney	3	Richard E. Price	7
W. Eric Critchley	4	Thomas J. Lock	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, Herts.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Mon., Sept. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 18 cwt.

Edgar R. Rapley	Treble	Robert L. Piron	6
Yvonne A. Murray	2	Rev. Fred Ross	7
Frank H. Hicks	3	R. Kingsley Mason	8
Ronald J. Sharp	4	James L. Towler	9
Gordon A. Halls	5	Philip Mehew	Tenor

Composed by C. I. Rowson. Conducted by Philip Mehew.

GREAT DUNMOW, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Tues., Sept. 2, 1969, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E.

Eric Edmondson	Treble	*Gerald Penney	5
Ruth M. Foreman	2	Thomas J. Lock	6
Edgar R. Rapley	3	Richard E. Price	7
Frank H. Hicks	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by W. E. Critchley. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
* 450th peal.

HATFIELD BROAD OAK, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Wed., Sept 3, 1969, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. in E.

Eric Edmondson	Treble	George E. Fearn	5
E. Winifred Keys	2	Stuart Armeson	6
Frank H. Hicks	3	Gordon A. Halls	7
Ronald J. Sharp	4	Richard E. Price	Tenor

Composed by G. Baker. Conducted by Gordon A. Halls.

HARLOW COMMON, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Wed., Sept 3, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 ESSEX SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb. in G.

R. Kingsley Mason	Treble	Neil Donovan	5
W. Eric Critchley	2	Gerald Penney	6
Edgar R. Rapley	3	Stuart Armeson	7
Thomas J. Lock	4	Richard E. Price	Tenor

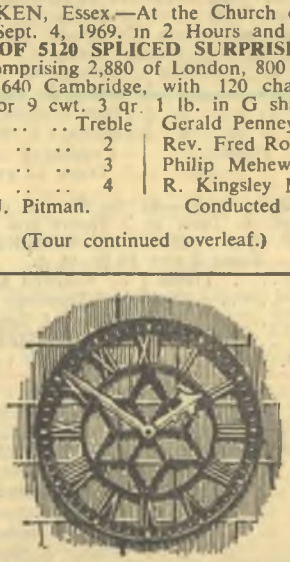
Composed and Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.
First peal in the method by all the band except the ringer of the fourth.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, Essex.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Thurs., Sept. 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, comprising 2,880 of London, 800 each of Bristol and Superlative and 640 Cambridge, with 120 changes of method.
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in G sharp.

Stuart Armeson	Treble	Gerald Penney	5
Neil Donovan	2	Rev. Fred Ross	6
W. Eric Critchley	3	Philip Mehew	7
Ronald J. Sharp	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Gerald Penney.

(Tour continued overleaf.)



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MR. TOM LOCK'S PEAL TOUR —continued.

GREAT BENTLEY, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin. On Thurs., Sept. 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 27 lb. in A flat.

Eric Edmondson	Treble	Cecil W. Pipe	5
Edgar R. Rapley	2	George E. Fearn	6
Frank H. Hicks	3	Gordon A. Halls	7
Thomas J. Lock	4	Richard E. Price	Tenor

Composed by W. E. Critchley. Conducted by Gordon A. Halls.

SAWBRIDGEWORTH, Herts.—At the Church of Great St. Mary. On Fri., Sept. 5, 1969, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation of Middleton's. Tenor 23 cwt. in D.

George E. Fearn	Treble	Eric Edmondson	5
E. Winifred Keys	2	Stuart Armeson	6
Ronald J. Sharp	3	Richard E. Price	7
Thomas J. Lock	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Conducted by Thomas J. Lock.

DANBURY, Essex.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist. On Fri., Sept. 5, 1969, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, comprising 1,568 of Cambridge 1,312 Bristol, 1,280 London and 992 Superlative, with 108 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

Frank H. Hicks	Treble	Gordon A. Halls	5
Gerald Penney	2	Neil Donovan	6
W. Eric Critchley	3	Rev. Fred Ross	7
Edgar R. Rapley	4	Philip Mehew	Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.

MALDON, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints. On Fri., Sept. 5, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, comprising 1,568 of Cambridge, 1,312 Bristol, 1,280 London and 992 Superlative, with 108 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.

Cecil W. Pipe	Treble	*George W. Pipe	5
Joe E. G. Roast	2	James L. Towler	6
Ronald J. Sharp	3	Stuart Armeson	7
E. Winifred Keys	4	Richard E. Price	Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Stuart Armeson.
* 400th peal. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in F.

TOLLESBURY, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary. On Sat., Sept. 6, 1969, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 18 lb. in A.

Alick Cutler	Treble	E. Winifred Keys	5
Edgar R. Rapley	2	Neil Donovan	6
Ronald J. Sharp	3	Thomas J. Lock	7
Eric Edmondson	4	Frank H. Hicks	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Frank H. Hicks.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

GRUNDISBURGH, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin. On Thurs., Sept. 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Richard E. Price	Treble	*Neil Donovan	6
W. Eric Critchley	2	Eric Edmondson	7
Ruth M. Foreman	3	Stuart Armeson	8
Gordon A. Halls	4	Gerald Penney	9
Cecil W. Pipe	5	Philip Mehew	Tenor

Arranged by S. Armeson. Conducted by Gerald Penney.
* 250th peal Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

OTHER TOWER BELL PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

OXFORD.—At the Cathedral Church of Christ. On Sat., Sept 27, 1969, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5009 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 30 cwt. in C sharp.

Roger F. Overington	Treble	David P. Hilling	7
David E. Parsons	2	John H. Napper	8
Albert M. Tyler	3	Brian R. White	9
William T. Cook	4	James Phillips	10
Edward R. Venn	5	Alan R. Fatterson	11
John W. T. Hibbert	6	John Chilcott	Tenor

Composed by Michael V. Chilcott. Conducted by Brian R. White.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SOUTH PETHERTON, Som.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul. On Tues., Sept. 23, 1969, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Raymond P. Selway	Treble	*John Cornelius	5
Gilbert W. Rendell	2	Frederick T. Sandy	6
Trevor E. Marks	3	Albert W. Dyer	7
Derek S. Beaufoy	4	William E. Turner	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by William E. Turner.
* First peal of Major. Tenor 23 cwt. in D.

WILTON, Taunton, Somerset.—At the Church of St. George. On Sat., Sept. 20, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr.

Leslie H. Arscott	Treble	Mervyn A. Arscott	5
Adrian F. Arscott	2	Arthur H. Reed	6
Brenda M. Bindon	3	Keith E. Beale	7
Alan Pendlebury	4	Raymond F. Arscott	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Raymond F. Arscott.
First peal of Little Bob by all the band and on the bells.
Rung as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Lawrence, married at this church on September 20th, 1919, where Stan has been a regular chorister for many years.

PURITON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels. On Sat., Aug. 2, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 14 extents each of Plain Bob, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure and Grandsire. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

*Mrs. J. Broom	Treble	Graham Nabb	4
Ronald D. Short	2	Michael J. Stone	5
D. Keith Lane	3	E. J. Louis Pope	Tenor

Conducted by Michael J. Stone.
* First peal.
Rung in aid of the church restoration and as a welcome to the Rev. A. and Mrs. Beck.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ELSTOW, Beds.—At the Abbey Church of SS. Mary and Helena. On Wed., Sept. 3, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three extents each of Plain Bob and Single Oxford and one of Plain Bob and Single Oxford. Tenor 8 cwt.

Simon T. Perry	Treble	Robert Wood	4
Michael Down	2	Martin Major	5
Philip Jewell	3	Alan D. Norman	Tenor

Conducted by Alan D. Norman.

THE BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.
(Yorkshire Association.)

BEVERLEY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary. On Sat., Sept. 27, 1969, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 34¼ cwt. in C sharp.

Elizabeth Ewan	Treble	John Brook	5
Stephen Thompson	2	Ronald Ducker	6
John R. Leary	3	Ian G. Campbell	7
Peter Church	4	John N. D. Chaddock	Tenor

Conducted by John N. D. Chaddock.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CONGLETON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Peter. On Sat., Sept. 27, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In three methods, being 1,728 each of Cambridge and Yorkshire and 1,600 of Superlative, with 107 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb.

Derek F. Yates	Treble	Ian M. Holland	5
Norman Sherratt	2	Harold Dowler	6
Raymond J. Ballard	3	Paul J. Atkins	7
*Roy Worrall	4	Ivor R. Nichols	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton Arranged by Norman Smith.
Conducted by Ivor R. Nichols.
* Has "circled the tower" to peals.

TUSHINGHAM, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Chad. On Sun., Sept. 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
(1) St. Clement's, Childwall and Buxton, (3) Oxford T.B., (5) Kent T.B., (2, 4, 6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in G sharp.

Gordon K. Green	Treble	John R. Scott	4
Harry W. Howard	2	Frank R. Morton	5
Edward V. Rodenhurst	3	Roland W. Morant	Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to David Allman, of Nantwich.

DAVENHAM, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid. On Mon., Sept. 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of St. Clement's and two each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

Ashley C. P. Pugh	Treble	John G. Hallett	4
David A. Godfrey	2	Stuart W. Bracegirdle	5
John Moore	3	Harry W. Howard	Tenor

Conducted by Harry W. Howard.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Henry O. Baker, secretary and treasurer of the Chester Diocesan Guild, who died suddenly on September 14th, 1969.

WISTASTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., Sept. 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being one extent each of St. Simon, St. Martin, St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place, Rev. Canterbury, Plain Bob, Grandsire, Rev. St. Bartholomew and Newborough, one extent each of 26 variations and one extent each of seven spliced variations. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb. in B.

Gordon K. Green	Treble	*Frank R. Morton	4
Roland W. Morant	2	Frederick S. Sutton	5
John E. Brough	3	Michael J. Crawley	Tenor

Conducted by John E. Brough.
* 300th peal for the Guild and 50th peal on the bells.
Rung fully muffled in memoriam Henry O. Baker, honorary secretary and treasurer of the Chester Diocesan Guild.

HARTFORD, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Sept. 27, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 11 methods: (1) Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, (2) Double Oxford, Thelwall and Pinehurst, (3) St Clement's, Childwall and Buxton, (4) Oxford T.B., (5) Single Oxford and Plain Bob, (6) Kent T.B., (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 20 lb. in G.

Gordon K. Green	Treble	Harry W. Howard	4
David A. Godfrey	2	*Geoffrey A. Edwards	5
Roland W. Morant	3	Frank R. Morton	Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.
* First peal in 11 Minor methods.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

PACKWOOD, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Mon., Sept. 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, being 1,440 Yorkshire, 1,280 Cambridge and Lincolnshire and 1,120 Rutland, with 69 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.
Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in B flat.

*Derek H. Walters	Treble	*John F. Thorne	5
*R. David Baker	2	Peter C. Randall	6
*Hazel A. Mackenzie	3	John K. Foot	7
Frederick Shallcross	4	Geoffrey W. Randall	Tenor

Proposed by Philip G. K Davies. Conducted by Frederick Shallcross.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major.
Rung to mark the retirement of the Bishop of Birmingham, the Rt. Rev. J. L. Wilson, this parish forming part of the Diocese. Also as a farewell to Peter C. Randall, leaving for Bristol University.

WOOTTON WAWEN, Warwicks.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Wed., Sept. 10, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 17 methods, viz: (1) London and Wells Surprise, (2) Durham, Beverley, York and Surfleet Surprise, (3) Double Oxford, Thelwall, Pinehurst, St. Clement's, Childwall and Buxton Bob, (4) Single Oxford and Plain Bob, (5) Kent and Oxford T.B., (6) Cambridge Surprise, (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in F sharp.

*Peter C. Randall	Treble	Stephen F. Royal	4
Raymon A. Sheasby	2	Anthony J. Cox	5
Paul Reading	3	Charles P. Quartley	Tenor

Conducted by Peter C. Randall.
* Has "circled the tower" to peals.

CLIFFORD CHAMBERS, Warwicks.—At the Church of St. Helen.
On Wed., Sept. 17, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 22 methods, viz.: (1) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley T.B., (2) London and Wells Surprise, (3) Durham, Beverley, York and Surfleet Surprise, (4) Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise, (5) Kent and Oxford T.B., (6) Double Oxford, Thelwall, Pinehurst, St. Clement's, Childwall and Buxton Bob, (7) Single Oxford and Plain Bob.

David R. Randall	Treble	Stephen F. Royal	4
Hugh J. Baker	2	John F. Thorne	5
Paul Reading	3	Peter C. Randall	Tenor

Conducted by Peter C. Randall. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in A.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

LEWTRENCHARD, Devon.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Sept. 27, 1969, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

John C. Mitchelmore	Treble	John F. Steere	4
George E. Mudge	2	Alan N. Frost	5
Stephen G. Peirce	3	D. Roy Bould	Tenor

Conducted by D. Roy Bould.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
HEXHAM, Northumberland.—At the Abbey Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Aug. 30, 1969, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt.

Stephen Yates	Treble	Michael J. Platt	5
Christine L. J. Mills	2	R. Brian Mills	6
Kenneth R. Davenport	3	Denis Mottershead	7
Raymond J. Ballard	4	Philip G. K. Davies	Tenor

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Denis Mottershead.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

HOLYWELL, Hunts.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Sept. 13, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being a 2,160 and four different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 32 lb. in G.

Richard P. Turnill	Treble	Alan M. Barber	4
*Georgina C. M. Carter	2	Geoffrey A. Lucas	5
Brian B. Hullah	3	George E. Thoday	Tenor

Conducted by Alan M. Barber.
* First peal of Surprise.

MARCH, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of St. Wendreda.
On Sat., Sept 13, 1969, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Norwich, Ipswich, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B and three extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in E.

*Roger W. Edgley	Treble	William Seekings	4
Wilfred Young	2	Donald F. Murfet	5
Trevor A. Bevis	3	Harold S. Peacock	Tenor

Conducted by Harold S. Peacock.
* First peal in five methods.

STRETHAM, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Mon., Sept. 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Cambridge Surprise, two extents of Kent T.B., one extent of St. Clement's Bob and two extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in G.

Donald F. Murfet	Treble	Harold J. Hazell	4
David Prescott	2	Donald S. Peacock	5
Roger J. Palmer	3	George E. Bonham	Tenor

Conducted by Roger J. Palmer.
Rung with memories of the "Battle of Britain."

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

SAFFRON WALDEN, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Sept. 20, 1969, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in D.

Philip N. Tubbs	Treble	Michael J. Church	7
James A. D. Woolford	2	John Hartless	8
Brian D. Threlfall	3	Michael J. Best	9
John R. Pratchett	4	Richard H. Youdale	10
Gwilym Salmon	5	Edward J. Chivers	11
Frank L. Harris	6	Robert C. Kippin	Tenor

Composed by J. Carter. Conducted by Frank L. Harris.

DANBURY, Essex.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Sept. 20, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising 768 London and Rutland, 640 Bristol and 576 each of Cambridge, Superlative, Pudsey, Lincolnshire and Yorkshire, with 142 changes of method. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in A flat.

Philip J. Rothera	Treble	†James L. Towler	5
*Keith W. Brown	2	Joe E. G. Roast	6
Josephine A. Quilter	3	Peter G. Brown	7
Donald F. Murfet	4	Kenneth J. Hesketh	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.
* First peal of 8-spliced. † 350th peal.

PEBMARSH, Essex.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Sept. 27, 1969, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. in B flat.

R. Threadgold	Treble	C. H. Gillingham	4
A. R. Syder	2	C. J. Barker	5
*Susan Burdon	3	R. J. Lindsell	Tenor

Conducted by R. J. Lindsell.
* First peal "inside."

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WONERSH, Surrey.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Sept. 13, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, comprising 1,312 of Bristol and 1,280 each of Cambridge, London and Superlative, with 112 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in G.

Norman Summerhayes	Treble	Alan D. Elsmore	5
Beryl R. Simpson	2	Peter J. Munday	6
Reginald W. Rex	3	Michael J. Church	7
Rowan S. Bradley	4	Geoffrey K. Dodd	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Michael J. Church.

HAWKLEY, Hampshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sun., Sept. 14, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 13 methods, comprising 448 of Bristol and 384 each of Ashtead, Cambridge, Cassiobury, Cray, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Uxbridge and Yorkshire, with 124 changes of method.
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in A.

Donald N. Jennings	Treble	Stanley G. Ponting	5
Beryl R. Simpson	2	Peter J. Munday	6
Alan D. Elsmore	3	Michael J. Church	7
Rowan S. Bradley	4	Tom Page	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Michael J. Church.
Greatest number of methods rung to a peal of Spliced Surprise Major by all the band and for the Guild.

ALDERMASTON, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Wed., Sept 17, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In ten methods, comprising 576 each of Ashtead, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire, 448 of Bristol and 384 each of London, Rutland and Uxbridge, with 130 changes of method.
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in G.

Reginald W. Rex	Treble	Stanley G. Ponting	5
Rowan S. Bradley	2	Norman Summerhayes	6
Richard Green	3	Michael J. Church	7
Beryl R. Simpson	4	*Geoffrey K. Dodd	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Michael J. Church.
* First peal in 10-spliced.

GUILDFORD, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Nicolas.
On Fri., Sept. 19, 1969, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in E.

Felicity S. Hamilton	Treble	Rowan S. Bradley	5
Peter J. Munday	2	John N. Diserens	6
Beryl R. Simpson	3	*Michael J. Church	7
Alan D. Flood	4	A. Patrick Cannon	Tenor

Composed by Arthur Craven. Conducted by Michael J. Church.
* 100th peal.

HAWKLEY, Hampshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Sept. 27, 1969, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in A.

*Marilyn A. Reay	Treble	Jeffrey P. Ladd	5
Louise A. M. Evans	2	Anthony K. Fortin	6
Alan D. Elsmore	3	Peter J. Munday	7
Donald N. Jennings	4	W. John Couperthwaite	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by W. John Couperthwaite.
* First peal of Treble Bob. First of Surprise as conductor.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BENINGTON, Herts.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Sept. 27, 1969, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 JAFFRAY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

G. William Critchley	Treble	David A. Carpenter	5
Claudia A. Critchley	2	Christopher W. Woolley	6
Alick Cutler	3	Michael P. Moreton	7
Michael R. Worthington	4	Jack S. Dear	Tenor

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley. Conducted by G. William Critchley.
First peal in the method by all the band.

OXHEY, Herts.—At the Church of St. Matthew.
On Sat., Sept. 27, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in A.

*Martin T. Howard	Treble	Frank Reed	5
S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	2	Roger I. Kendrick	6
Peter J. W. Hardwick	3	David G. Massey	7
George W. Massey	4	John R. Mayne	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by John R. Mayne.
* First peal.
Rung in the Octave of the Patronal Festival and for the Harvest Festival.

EDLESBOROUGH, Bucks.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Sept. 13, 1969, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being one extent each of Wells, Norwich, York, London, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

*Christine M. Carter	Treble	†Anthony R. Carter	4
†Roy K. Williams	2	†John E. Ewer	5
Robert E. Hardy	3	Gerald Penney	Tenor

Conducted by Gerald Penney.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First of seven-Surprise.
Rung with best wishes to Marion Perry and Graham Ridgway, married this day at St. Albans Cathedral. Also to Anne Widger and Richard Porter, married this day at Kimpton.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CITY OF LONDON.—At the Church of St. Giles, Cripplegate.
On Sat., Sept. 27, 1969, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5000 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 34 cwt. 6 lb. in C sharp.

Richard Hayes	Treble	Kenneth J. Rider	7
*Beryl R. Simpson	2	*†John Pladdys	8
Ann M. Tubbs	3	John A. Howard	9
Ann Jenner	4	Richard H. Youdale	10
Michael J. Uphill	5	Stanley Jenner	11
Michael J. Church	6	Tony Lewis	Tenor

Composed by John Chilcott. Conducted by Stanley Jenner.
* First peal of Stedman Cinques. † Has now rung peals of Stedman from Doubles to Cinques. First of Stedman Cinques as conductor.

EAST MALLING, Kent.—At the Church of St. James the Great.
On Sat., Aug. 23, 1969, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent Cambridge Surprise, two Kent Treble Bob and four Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in G.

Martin L. Howe	Treble	Peter F. T. Smith	4
Stephen P. Garner	2	Thomas Cullingworth	5
*Stuart Taylor	3	Colin A. Tester	Tenor

Conducted by Colin A. Tester.
* First peal. First on the bells since rehanging.

MINSTER-IN-SHEPPEY, Kent.—At the Abbey Church of SS. Mary and Sexburga.
On Sun., Sept. 14, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 16 methods/variations, being 360 changes each of Grandsire, Rev. Canterbury, Plain Bob (methods), Kennington, Old, St.Columb, Southrepps (variations), Clifford's Pleasure, April Day, Seighford, Little Aston, May Day, Royston (spliced compositions) and 120 changes each of Bluebell, Daffodil and Newborough (variations).
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in G.

Ann Bryant	Treble	Marianne Leworthy	4
Mira Ford	2	David P. Leworthy	5
Jane Bryant	3	*Joan Exeter	Tenor

Conducted by David P. Leworthy.
* First peal.
Rung as a farewell to the Rev. Ralph D. Wain (Vicar for the last nine years) on his last Sunday in the parish.

MAIDSTONE, Kent.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., Sept. 20, 1969, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In three methods, being two extents of Cambridge Surprise, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8¾ cwt. in A flat.

*Alison M. Levick	Treble	Martin L. Howe	4
*Rosemary Ellis	2	Thomas Cullingworth	5
Geoffrey Pearson	3	Peter S. Muchlinski	Tenor

Conducted by Peter S. Muchlinski.
* First peal.

PETHAM, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Sept. 20, 1969, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. in B flat.

John B. Keeler	Treble	Dawn V. Petts	4
Leonard G. Huckstep	2	†William H. S. Seward	5
*Peter S. Philpott	3	Cyril W. J. Beeching	Tenor

Conducted by John B. Keeler.
* First peal "inside." † First peal.
Rung with the band's best wishes to Miss Dawn V. Petts, who is leaving to attend Teachers' Training College in Worcester.

ALDINGTON, Kent.—At the Church of St. Martin.
On Mon., Sept. 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Kent Treble Bob and six different extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in F sharp.

Michael J. Taylor	Treble	Brian G. Butcher	4
James Hedgcock	2	Colin J. E. Wyld	5
Elizabeth A. Todd	3	Philip R. Staples	Tenor

Conducted by Colin J. E. Wyld.
First peal as conductor.
Rung for the ordination on September 21st of the Rev. R. Frank, son of the Rector of Aldington.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

NEWCHURCH, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.
On Wed., Sept. 17, 1969, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 4 cwt. 45 lb. in C sharp.

F. John Nelson	Treble	Margaret P. Booth	5
Neil Bennett	2	Michael J. Platt	6
Michael Tompsett	3	Derek Butterworth	7
David W. Howarth	4	Michael D. Fishwick	Tenor

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Neil Bennett.

HINDLEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Wed., Sept. 24, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Thurstans' five-part. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr.

Albert Greenhalgh	Treble	James E. Andrews	5
Norman Tompkins	2	John Ashcroft	6
Frederick W. Brownlow	3	R. Keith Lister	7
Harry S. Cooper	4	John F. Wood	Tenor

Conducted by John Ashcroft.

WESTHOUGHTON, Lancs.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.
On Sat., Sept. 27, 1969, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb. in F sharp.

Keith P. Tompsett	Treble	David W. Howarth	5
Geoffrey Fothergill	2	Michael D. Fishwick	6
Neil T. E. Burnett	3	Richard S. Starkie	7
Michael H. Tompsett	4	*James E. Andrews	Tenor

Composed by Simon Humphrey. Conducted by James E. Andrews.
* Has "circled the tower."

HAWKSHEAD, Lancs.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sun., Sept. 28, 1969, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in G sharp.

Joseph Whalley	Treble	John Bagnall	5
James E. Dickinson	2	Nicholas M. Newby	6
Alan Capstick	3	Kevin M. Price	7
Stanley Walmsley	4	Thomas F. Metcalfe	Tenor

Composed by Geoffrey Dodds.
Conducted by Kevin M. Price and Thomas F. Metcalfe.
(alternate parts).

LEYLAND, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sun., Sept. 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three extents of Kent T.B. and four extents of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.

John Nelson	Treble	Stanley Anderton	4
Lawrence Walmsley	2	David L. Marsden	5
John D. Nixon	3	James E. Sumner	Tenor

Conducted by John Nelson.
Rung in memoriam John Glover Nelson, father of the conductor, a ringer at this tower for 50 years and a churchwarden for 16 years.

MILNTHORPE, Westmorland.—At the Church of St. Thomas.
On Sat., Sept. 27, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 ORIGINAL MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 14 lb. in G.

Mary W. Whalley	Treble	Alan Capstick	4
W. Stephen Walker	2	Kenneth J. Foster	5
Joseph Whalley	3	Kevin M. Price	Tenor

Conducted by Kevin M. Price.
First peal of Original on tower bells by all the band.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Thurs., Sept. 11, 1969, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 3 version. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

*G. Ronald Edwards	Treble	*K. Paul Gilliver	6
*David F. Moore	2	*Martin Green	7
*†Christine L. J. Mills	3	Richard A. G. Inglis	8
*John M. Jelley	4	Roland H. Cook	9
*Monica M. Jelley	5	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
* First peal of London Surprise Royal † 100th peal.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Sept. 20, 1969, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 3 version. Tenor 30 cwt. 2 qr. in D flat.

Peter J. Staniforth	Treble	*Roland H. Cook	6
Martin Green	2	Bernard F. L. Groves	7
Neil Bennett	3	John H. Fielden	8
Rupert A. Clarke	4	R. Kingsley Mason	9
David F. Moore	5	Robert B. Smith	Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe. Conducted by Neil Bennett.
* 325th peal.

EDENHAM, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., Sept. 13, 1969, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in F.

*Owen Homewood	Treble	R. Brian Mills	5
Christine L. J. Mills	2	K. Paul Gilliver	6
†Peter A. Slight	3	Roland H. Cook	7
Martin Green	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by William Barton. Conducted by Roland H. Cook.
* First peal on eight bells. † First of Lincolnshire Surprise Major.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Thurs., Sept. 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

Rupert A. Clarke	Treble	Martin Green	5
Christine L. J. Mills	2	R. Brian Mills	6
David F. Moore	3	G. Ronald Edwards	7
Roland H. Cook	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Roland H. Cook.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Fri., Sept. 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

*Cherrill L. Everard	Treble	Frank Chambers	5
Clive J. Mobbs	2	E. Guy Slater	6
Hazel J. Nichols	3	B. Stedman Payne	7
Rupert A. Clarke	4	G. Ronald Edwards	Tenor

Composed by J. E. Burton. Conducted by B. Stedman Payne.
* First peal of Major.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Mon., Sept. 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

Christine L. J. Mills	Treble	Martin Green	5
Roland H. Cook	2	R. Brian Mills	6
David F. Moore	3	G. Ronald Edwards	7
Garry W. Mason	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by C. I. Rowson. Conducted by Roland H. Cook.

COPT OAK, Leics.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Sept. 27, 1969, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three 720's Cambridge and one each of Plain Bob, St. Clement's, Kent T.B. and Oxford T.B. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.

Hazel J. Nichols	Treble	Guy Slater	4
Ann Gardner	2	Raymond H. Martin	5
John Hunt	3	Edward W. Martin	Tenor

Conducted by Edward W. Martin.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWPORT, Mon.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Woolos.
On Sat., Sept. 27, 1969, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in E flat.

Donald G. Clift	Treble	Alan D. Flood	7
Nicholas W. H. Simon	2	Richard L. Underwood	8
M. Susan Jackson	3	Rowan S. Bradley	9
David J. Llewellyn	4	Ellis N. Thomas	10
Alan T. Winter	5	S. Clarke Walters	11
Gareth H. Jones	6	Paul A. Williams	Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Donald G. Clift.
* 200th peal for the Association.

ABERAVON, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Sept. 20, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in F.

William T. Petty	Treble	*Thomas T. Yeomans	5
Susan Harber	2	Trevor M. Roderick	6
William J. Thomas	3	Gwyn I. Lewis	7
Edmund J. Morris	4	Alwyn R. Lewis	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Alwyn R. Lewis.

ST. BRIDE'S MAJOR, Glam.—At the Church of St. Bridget.
On Sat., Sept. 27, 1969, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being four 240's and 34 extents. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

*Michael J. Clarke	Treble	Nigel V. Hill	4
Peter G. Mayle	2	Raymond J. Mayle	5
William T. Petty	3	Graham A. Evans	Tenor

Conducted by William T. Petty.
* First peal (aged 14 years).

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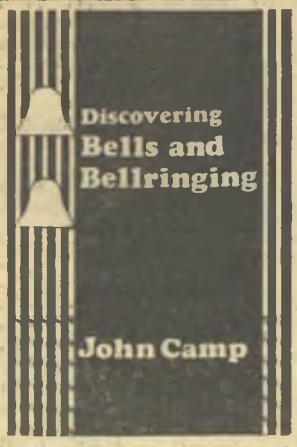

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11.30–12.30 St. Bartholomew's, Smithfield (5).
2.00– 3.00 St. Botolph's, Aldgate (8).
2.30– 3.30 St. James', Clerkenwell (8).
3.00–4.00 St. Giles', Cripplegate (12).
3.30– 4.30 St. Michael's, Cornhill (12).
4.00– 5.00 St. Lawrence Jewry (8).
4.30– 5.30 St. Mary-le-Bow (12).

J. G. A. P. 7976

PRACTICE MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Practice meetings at Luxborough (5) on Saturday, Oct. 25th, at 7 p.m., and at Brushford (6) on Saturday, Nov. 8th, at 6 p.m.—E. R. T. B. 7966

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Branch.—Practice meetings: Nov 1st, St. James's, Preston Plucknett (6, 11 cwt.), 7–9 p.m.; Nov. 22nd, All Saints', Langport (6, 15 cwt.), 6–9 p.m.; incorporating Holy Communion.—M. M. L. 7940

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Mottram District.—There will be no practices at St. Michael's Church from Wednesday, Oct. 22nd, until further notice, owing to lack of ringers. —Susan Brocklehurst. 7992

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Quarterly District meeting was on Oct. 18th and not 25th as published. Intermediate practice at Christ Church, Epsom, on Wednesday, Oct. 29th, 8–9.15 p.m. 7985

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Surprise practice, Benington, Tuesday, Oct. 28th, from 7.30–9 p.m.—Mrs. C. A. Agg, Dis. Sec. 7978

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION. — Monmouth Branch. — Evening practice, Usk, Friday, Oct 31st. Bells 7.30–9 p.m. Methods: Double Norwich, Cambridge, Yorkshire only.—J. S. King. 7939

MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Quarterly meeting, North Cadbury, Oct. 25th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—L. McCreadie, Level Lane, Charlton Horethorne, Sherborne. 7937

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch. — Evening meeting. St. Peter's, Macclesfield (8), Saturday, Oct. 25th Bells 6.30–9 p.m. 7932

EAST DERBYS AND WEST NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Clay Cross (6), Saturday, Oct. 25th. Bells 3–8.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea following. Names for tea to D. Bunting, 25, Pilsley Road, Danesmoor, Chesterfield. **No name, no tea.**—L. G. S., Treasurer. 7927

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch.—Meeting, Sacred Heart Church, Talbot Square, Blackpool, on Saturday Oct. 25th. Bells (8) from 4–6 p.m. 7958

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Autumn meeting will be held at Kingsbury, Saturday, Oct. 25th. Bells, recently augmented to eight, available at 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. All welcome.—J. W. Cotton. 7904

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — East Berks and South Bucks Branch. — Oct. 25th, Hughenden. Bells available 3 p.m Tea 5 p.m. —J. Muller, 14, Southwood Road, Cookham. 7936

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Autumn meeting at Northleigh, Saturday, Oct 25th Stonesfield (6), 2.30–3.30 p.m.: Northleigh (6), 3–4. Service 4. Tea and business meeting from 4.30. Northleigh (6), 6–7.30: Combe (6), 7–8 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. D. Patching, 19, Common Close, Northleigh, Witney, Oxon.—E. R. Venn, Hon. Sec. 7949

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Central District. — A.G.M., Stonham Aspal (10). Saturday, Oct. 25th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. M. Page, Campanella, Pettaugh, Stowmarket. 7922

SUFFOLK GUILD (North East District) and NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (Eastern Branch). — Joint ringing meeting, Beccles, Saturday, Oct. 25th. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. W. Bickers, 6, Ballygate Street, Beccles, Suffolk 7907

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting, St. Faith's, Havant, Oct. 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.30 p.m. in Black Cat Café. Business meeting in church 6.15. Evening ringing till 9. 7897

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—Meeting, Saturday, Nov. 1st. St. Peter's, Bedford, bells (8) 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Own arrangements. Further ringing after tea. 7980

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—Meeting, Stretton (6), Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. Witter, 9, Hillside Road, Appleton, near Warrington, by Monday, Oct. 27th. **No name, no tea!** — J. Moore, Hon. Sec. 7957

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Archdeaconry.—Monthly meeting, Studley, on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells (6) 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. More ringing after tea. Names for tea, please, to Mr. J. Perkins, 46, Toms Town, Studley.—H. A. M. 7977

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting, Bobbingworth (6), Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells 3 p.m Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by ringing at North Weald (6) from 6.30–8.45 p.m.—G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow. 7947

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — S.E. District. — Meeting, Boreham, Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. All welcome.—R. J. Harrison, Dis. Sec. 7968

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Joint meeting, Bridgnorth Branch of Hereford Guild and SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION to be held at Much Wenlock on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Ringing in the evening until approx. 8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss Valerie Edge, 10, The Crescent, Much Wenlock, Salop, by Wednesday before. 7986

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Evening meeting, Saturday, Nov. 1st: Gravenhurst (5), 5.30–6.30 p.m.; Meppershall (5), 6.30–7.30; Pirton (5), 7.30–8.30 p.m.—Mrs. C. A. Agg, Dis. Sec. 7979

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Watford District) and MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (N. and E. District).—Joint meeting, St. John's, Stanmore, on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and further ringing.—G. W. Seaman and E. H. Kilby, Dis. Secs. 7973

LADIES' GUILD.—Kent Branch.—Meeting, St. Mary's, Bexley, Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss M. Andrews, 43, Wansunt Road, Bexley, by Oct. 29th. Foot's Cray bells available 6.30–8 p.m.—R. Wratten. 7970

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Meeting, Heversham, Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells available 2.30–7.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. P. Handley, Craketrees, Whinfell, Kendal. 7971

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Meeting, Collingham (8). Nov. 1st. Annual striking contest in afternoon, general ringing in evening. Names for tea to Mrs. Gail Cater, 12, Longlands Road, Towngate, Ossett, by previous Wednesday. 7945

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District. — Meeting, Kirby Muxloe, Nov. 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Hall, followed by business meeting. Names for tea, please, to Mr. F. L. Achurch, 6, Glenfield Lane, Kirby Muxloe, Leicester (Tel.: Kirby Muxloe 3479). Fancy methods, St. Chrysostom and Cassington.—Ron Hughes. 7967

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION. — Joint meeting with CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Crewe Branch) at Newcastle-under-Lyme on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Ringing at 3 p.m. Annual committee meeting 3.30. Service 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. T. L. Walley, 49, High Street, Wolstanton, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffs, by previous Wednesday. 7955

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. —The annual striking contest at Dore (8) on Nov. 1st. Draw at 3 o'clock. Rules obtainable from the secretary at 34, Dransfield Road, Sheffield, S10 5RN. Cups of tea only. Open ringing in the evening. Names of teams by previous Wednesday.—R. Fletcher, Hon. Sec. 7983

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Isle of Wight District. — Quarterly meeting, Ryde, Nov. 1st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow.—Anne M. Guy, Hon. Sec. 7974

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Basingstoke District. — Quarterly meeting, Yateley, Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. in Village Hall. Numbers for tea to J. J. Hill, 67, Oakridge Road, Basingstoke, by Tuesday, Oct. 28th, please. 7917

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Eastern District) and SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. —Joint meeting, Thorne, Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Bells after tea to 8.30 p.m. Names, please, to Mr. T. Leask, Gainford Road, Moorends, near Doncaster, before Oct. 29th.—R. Ducker, L. M. Woodhead, Secs. 7964

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting on Saturday, Nov. 8th, at Limpsfield Chart, 2.30–4.30 p.m. Tea 5. Service at Oxted 6, with ringing until 8.30 p.m. Names for tea to B. E. Jeffrey, 36, Manor House Gardens, Edenbridge, Kent, by Nov. 6th. 7938

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — S.W. District. — Meeting, Leyton, Saturday, Nov. 8th. Ringing 3–4.30 p.m. Service, tea and business. Further ringing in evening till 8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. Hazleton, 60, Thornhill Road, E.10. 7989

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Quarterly ringing meeting, Pendoylan, Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and very short business meeting. All ringers and friends welcome.—Iolo Davies, The Grammar School, Cowbridge. 7987

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Meeting, Saturday, Nov. 8th, at Meole Brace, Shrewsbury (new six). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Ringing in the evening until approx. 8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. H. Bennett, 37, Upper Road, Meole Brace, Shrewsbury, by Wednesday, Nov. 5th. No name, no tea. 7988

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Please note that the date of the nomination meeting, due to be held at Yorktown, has been changed to Nov. 29th.—S. J. Tate-Mitchell, Dis. Sec. 7969

BATH, SOM.—At the Church of SS. Michael with Paul, on Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss H. M. Mitchell 1, Miss C. J. Mitchell 2, P. J. Devrell 3, P. J. W. Hardwick 4, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 5, A. Swatton 6, D. C. Hawkins 7, B. Sarll 8. For Harvest Festival and the ancient custom of the attendance of the Mayor and Corporation.

CUDHAM, KENT.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Frankland (first quarter) 1, Jane Reynolds 2, P. J. Spice 3, C. J. Mundy 4, J. W. Smith 5, D. P. Smith (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

DEAN PRIOR, DEVON.—On Oct. 5th, 1,440 T.B. Minor (720 each of Cambridge and Kent): H. F. Myers 1, J. C. Mitchelmore 2, S. C. Peirce 3, A. N. Frost 4, G. E. Mudge 5, D. R. Bould (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Rose Davies 1, J. D. Weaver (first "inside") 2, Valerie Howard 3, M. P. Howard 4, J. A. Howard 5, A. J. Hart 6, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 7, D. J. Hoad 8. Rung for Harvest Festival.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Miss R. A. Collins 1, A. D. Elsmore 2, Miss J. M. Collins 3, P. J. Rowe 4, E. J. Futcher 5, J. A. Collier 6, R. Collins (cond.) 7, E. Oliver 8. For Harvest Thanksgiving. First quarter in the method by all.

LECKHAMPTON, GLOS. — On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. P. Taylor 1, B. H. Taylor 2, A. C. Newman 3, Clare Taylor 4, T. Stephens 5, E. J. Taylor 6, H. Read (cond.) 7, R. Webb 8. First of Triples 1 and 2. Rung for the Dedication Festival.

PETERSFIELD, HANTS. — On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Maureen Tipper 1, K. Sansom 2, M. Harbord 3, D. Hatherly 4, R. Tipper 5, K. Tipper 6, B. Walton (cond.) 7, A. Betsworth 8. For Harvest Thanksgiving. A compliment to Valerie Rushforth and Stanley Gunn on their engagement.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS. — At the Cathedral, on Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. J. Fry 1, Jennifer L. Quaife 2, Edna Jones 3, Jean Berriman 4, C. G. Bryant 5, W. Willans (arr. and cond.) 6, A. Hicks 7, A. Hoodless 8. Rung for Harvest Festival

SAXILBY, LINCS. — On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Colleen East 1, Mrs. G. East 2, M. L. Mann 3, J. M. Blaikie (cond.) 4, H. W. Cox 5, H. Burrell 6. For the christening of Gregory David, son of Peter and Janet Herbert.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

GRUNDISBURGH, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Mon., Sept. 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

*Adrian P. Knights	Treble	*Rev. Lawrence Pizzey ..	6
Cecil W. Pipe	2	Sylvia R. E. Pipe	7
Roger L. K. Whittell ..	3	*Vernon Bedford	8
*Michael J. Howes	4	*Stephen J. Bedford	9
*J. Martin Thorley	5	†George W. Pipe	Tenor

Composed by John R. Mayne. Conducted by George W. Pipe.
* First peal of London Royal. † 300th peal for Suffolk Guild.
Rung in memoriam Garnham A. Blaxcell (1953).

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

THAKEHAM, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., Sept. 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different 720's Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in A.

*J. Duncan Weaver	Treble	Edgar R. Rapley	4
Charles B. Skinner	2	E. Winifred Keys	5
†Felicity A. Benford	3	Frank H. Hicks	Tenor

Conducted by Frank H. Hicks.
* First peal, first attempt. † First of Minor.

BOSHAM, Sussex.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Sept. 20, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different 720's. Tenor 13 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

*Christopher Renyard ..	Treble	E. Winifred Keys	4
Patrick M. Wills	2	Philip Stevens	5
†Ruth E. Halford	3	Frank H. Hicks	Tenor

Conducted by Frank H. Hicks.
* First peal attempt. † First of Minor.
Rung for the Harvest Festival.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

LLANGEFELACH, Glam.—At the Church of SS. David and Cyfelach.
On Wed., Sept. 24, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINIMUS
Being 105 extents each of Grandsire and Plain Bob.

Marilyn E. Evans	Treble	Gillian B. Armstrong ..	3
John T. Williams	2	Paul Mainwaring	Tenor

First peal on the bells and first of Minimus for all the band. First of Minimus in two methods in Wales.
Rung in memoriam Will Dobbins.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

SOUTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Sept. 20, 1969, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5000 RUTLAND SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in E flat.

Lewis F. Cobb	Treble	Timothy F. Collins	6
Robert E. J. Dennis	2	Rowan S. Bradley	7
Mary E. Elmes	3	William T. Perrins	8
Katharine J. Maundrell	4	George E. Evenden	9
Graham W. Elmes	5	Ronald N. Marlow	Tenor

Conducted by Robert E. J. Dennis.
First peal of Rutland Surprise Royal by all the band.

NORTH STONEHAM, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Mon., Sept. 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 ERIN TRIPLES

Graham W. Elmes	Treble	Ross G. W. Robertson ..	5
*Mary E. Elmes	2	Frederick E. Collins ..	6
Katharine J. Maundrell ..	3	*William T. Perrins	7
David Wilson	4	Timothy F. Collins ..	Tenor

Composed by Joseph W. Parker. Conducted by William T. Perrins.
* 50th peal together.
First peal of Erin Triples by all the band and for the Guild. Mr. F. E. Collins has now completed the Erin family from Triples to Cinques. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in G.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HANDSWORTH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Sept. 27, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

John J. L. Gilbert	Treble	Geoffrey W. Pilkington ..	5
David J. Kelly	2	†David Williams	6
Judith J. Gilbert	3	Cyril Rusby	7
*Alan Bower	4	John E. Turley	Tenor

Composed by J. E. Burton. Conducted by John J. L. Gilbert.
* First peal. † First on eight bells.

HEPTONSTALL, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.
On Sat., Sept. 27, 1969, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Frederick A. Munday ..	Treble	Ian North	5
Giles C. Galley	2	Trevor Tarbatt	6
Patricia North	3	David Smith	7
Arthur Rogers	4	J. Henry Fielden	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by David Smith.
First peal as conductor. Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in E.

DRIGHLINGTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Paul.
On Mon., Sept. 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 20 methods, comprising 384 each of Cambridge, Lindum, London, Pudsey, Superlative and Uxbridge, 256 of Bristol and 192 each of Ashtead, Cassiobury, Cornwall, Cray, Glasgow, Higher Walton, Ipswich, Lincolnshire, Jersey, Ospringe, Radcliffe, Rutland and Yorkshire, with 142 changes of method. Tenor 14 cwt. 16 lb. in F.

Peter H. Gardner	Treble	Gerald Parsons	5
Robert H. Jordan	2	Ronald J. Snack	6
W. Eric Critchley	3	Ronald R. Warford ..	7
David Featherstone ..	4	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed by N. Smith. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
First peal of 20-Spliced Surprise Major by all the band.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

AUDLEM, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. James the Great.
On Thurs., Sept. 18, 1969, in 1 Hour and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor size 18 in G.

Geoffrey A. Edwards ..	1–2	John R. Scott	3–4
Frank R. Morton (cond.) ..	5–6		

Rung in memoriam Henry O. Baker, honorary secretary and treasurer of the Chester Diocesan Guild.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

FRINDSBURY, Kent.—At 12, Hever House, Cypress Court.
On Wed., Sept. 17, 1969, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Trevor A. Cross	1–2	Christopher T. Osenton ..	5–6
Edward J. Beer	3–4	Peter S. Muchlinski	7–8

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Trevor A. Cross.
The conductor's 600th peal.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

NEWHEY, Lancashire.—At 15, Piethorne Close.
On Thurs., Sept. 11, 1969, in 2 Hours.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor size 16 in B.

*Michael Fishwick	1–2	*Michael J. Platt	3–4
†Derek Butterworth (cond.)	5–6		

* First peal on handbells. † Completes Plain Bob from Minor to Maximus "in hand." First on handbells as conductor.

HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Bettyfold.
On Fri., Sept. 12, 1969, in 2 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of St. Clement's College and Original and five of Plain Bob Tenor size 15 in C.

Joseph Whalley	1–2	*W. John Couperthwaite ..	3–4
Kevin M. Price (cond.) ..	5–6		

* First peal in three methods "in hand."

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LONDON, W.—At 73, Mill Hill Road, Acton.
On Wed., Sept. 17, 1969, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 19 in F

Jennifer Dunning	1–2	Len Goodall	5–6
Alan R. Patterson	3–4	Stephen P. Darvill	7–8

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Len Goodall.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

BOURNEMOUTH, Hants.—At Bourneheath, Stourcliffe Avenue, Southbourne
On Tues., Sept 16, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's 12-part (7th obs.). Tenor size 15 in C.

*Ivan J. M. Saunders ..	1–2	Arthur V. Davis (cond.) ..	5–6
†William T. Perrins	3–4	‡Rosemary Shearing	7–8

* First handbell peal † First of Triples "in hand." ‡ First on eight bells.

BASINGSTOKE, Hants.—In the Belfry of All Saints' Church
On Sat., Sept. 13, 1969, in 1 Hour and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINIMUS
Tenor size 5 in E.

Lynette M. Holbrook	1–2	Howard E. J. Smith (cond.)	3–4

First handbell peal by both ringers. First of Minimus "in hand" for the Guild.
Rung as birthday compliments to the brother of the treble ringer and the mother of the conductor.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WAKEFIELD, Yorkshire.—At Lyndhurst, Copley Lane, Robin Hood.
On Sun., Sept. 14, 1969, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 17 in A.

*Stella M. Brown	1–2	†Robin Brown	5–6
†Patricia North	3–4	†Ian North	7–8

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Ian North.
* First peal. † First of Major "in hand."

KNUTSFORD, CHESHIRE.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss H. Skinner 1, Miss J. Green 2, G. Green 3, N. Davies 4, C. J. Jones 5, R. G. Green (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam H. O. Baker, for many years secretary of the Chester Diocesan Guild.

LECKHAMPTON, GLOS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,264 Bob Major: A. C. Newman 1, I. M. Manby 2, H. R. Taylor 3, C. R. Taylor 4, H. C. Taylor 5, H. Read 6, T. Stephens 7, E. J. Taylor (first as cond. in the method) 8. For Harvest Festival.

LEIGH, WORCS.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. E. Brookes 1, R. J. M. Grosvenor 2, A. Morgan 3, L. F. Smith 4, J. E. Whittall (cond.) 5, C. H. Deakin 6 A farewell to Reginald Rowe, who recently moved to Bristol.

LEWISHAM, S.E.—On Sept. 14th, 1,250 Yorkshire Surprise Major: R. Overington 1, R. Jane Cotton 2, G. A. Duke (first as cond.) 3, Jennie Starbuck 4, R. Grant 5, D. G. H. Hollis 6, D. Gebbett 7, C. P. Starbuck 8.

LILLESHALL, SHROPSHIRE. — On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Talbott 1, W. Reynolds (cond.) 2, Miss M. Fearn 3, B. Cotton 4, E. Lane 5, D. Cartwright 6. First by 1, 3, 4, 5. A compliment to Miss M. Fearn, leaving for university.

LINCOLN.—On Sept. 29th, 1,282 Cambridge Surprise Royal: D. Phillipson 1, Miss J. Freeman (first quarter) 2, H. Lowman 3, J. Freeman (cond.) 4, W. Tomlinson 5, P. C. Pitchford 6, C. J. Sharp 7, J. Walden 8, P. A. Sharp 9, G. R. Parker 10.

LINSLADE, BEDS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. J. Frost 1, H. B. Whitney 2, W. Insley 3, R. Gaylor 4, P. G. Williams 5, J. Vickers 6, A. W. Jeffs (cond.) 7, Miss R. Dudley 8. For Harvest Festival; also in honour of 50 years' service by the ringer of the third.

LONDON, W.C.—At St. Clement Danes', on Sept. 28th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: C. Wright (cond.) 1, Jillian Turcan 2, Susan Turcan 3, D. Wright 4, Valerie Jones 5, Mary Wilkinson 6, S. Halliwell 7, D. Ellisdon 8, D. Hewitt 9, M. Hollis 10.

LONGBRIDGE DEVERILL, WILTS. — On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Heather Jones (first quarter) 1, Ann Baggs 2, Kathryn Jones 3, Mrs. R. Jones 4, R. F. Jones (cond.) 5, M. Few (first quarter) 6. For Harvest Festival.

MABE, CORNWALL.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: F. M. Bowers (cond.) 1, R. P. Pearce 2, Janet S. Evans (first "inside") 3, A. P. Smith 4, A. J. Davidson 5, Kathryne R. Pearce 6.

MADRON, CORNWALL.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Diane Carter (first on eight) 1, A. J. Davidson 2, J. J. George 3, G. W. Taysom 4, A. P. Smith 5, W. R. Curtis 6, F. M. Bowers (cond.) 7, J. W. S. Troon 8. Rung as a compliment to the Guild president on his nautical achievement.

MARCH, CAMBS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Pauline Hilliard 1, R. Lee 2, M. Goakes 3, W. Moore 4, P. H. Langton 5, T. A. Bevis (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICS. — On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Karen French 1, O. Homewood 2, Mrs. D. Day 3, R. Preston 4, R. Looker 5, J. Day 6, R. Manton (cond.) 7, W. Holmes 8. For Harvest Festival.

MORETON, ESSEX.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Deborah Knewstub 1, Barbara Shaw 2, Mary Wilkinson 3, D. Gower 4, D. Ellisdon (cond.) 5, M. Hollis 6. For Harvest Festival.

NETTLEHAM, LINCS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Bob Minor: R. Wilson 1, M. Sinden 2, S. Sinden 3, M. Minns 4, W. Booth 5, G. Parker (cond.) 6.

NEWCASTLE, STAFFS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,280 Pl. Bob Major: Sharon Moore (first Major) 1, Patricia Mills 2, I. J. Midgley 3, R. Mitchel 4, G. A. Moore 5, R. S. Anderson (cond.) 6, C. S. Ryles 7, T. L. Walley 8. For Harvest Festival.

NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS, LANCS.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: L. Mackreth 1, E. A. Flint 2, F. Hayes 3, R. Dorling 4, D. C. Makin-Taylor 5, D. J. Bennett (cond.) 6, K. Edwards 7, D. Burgess 8. Rung for the 25th anniversary of the Rector's ordination.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.—On Sept. 30th, 1,440 Minor (Cambridge S. and Kent T.B.): D. Wilson 1, T. F. Collins (cond.) 2, Frances J. N. Brown 3, Claire E. N. Brown 4, Mary E. Elmes 5, Katharine J. Maundrell 6. Rung on the front six. A compliment to Katharine J. Maundrell on her 18th birthday.

NUNBURNHOLME, E. YORKS. — On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent T.B., 540 Plain Bob): R. East 1, D. Smith 2, I. Peacock 3, Mrs. Elsie Chaddock 4, A. Kneeshaw 5, N. Chaddock (cond.) 6. First with T.B. by 1, 2, 3, 5. For Harvest Festival.

QUARTER PEALS

OTTERSHAW, SURREY.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Anne Lees 1, P. Hart 2, C. D. Collin 3, J. M. Warinton 4, P. V. W. Feast 5. A birthday compliment to the ringers of 1 and 2. Conducted by P. Feast and C. Collin. Also on Oct. 1st, 1,320 Minimus (four methods): A. Tanner 1, J. P. Ladd (cond.) 2, J. M. Warinton 3, P. V. W. Feast 4. First Minimus for all the band on tower bells. Rung as a farewell tribute to Mr. T. W. White on retirement as Editor of "The Ringing World". Also on Oct. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): Sally Holmes 1, J. P. Ladd (cond.) 2, I. F. Taylor 3, P. V. W. Feast 4, J. M. Warinton 5, A. Tanner 6. First quarter in five methods for all the band. Rung for Harvest Festival.

PORTSEA, HANTS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: L. D. Duguid 1, Mrs. C. Rolph 2, Mrs. B. M. Hunt 3, W. F. J. Cope 4, A. F. W. Burbidge 5, J. F. A. Rolph 6, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 7, M. Siddorn 8. For Harvest Festival.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS. — On Sept. 29th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: Miss J. L. Quaife 1, Mrs. B. M. Hunt 2, Miss B. J. Daysh 3, W. F. J. Cope 4, L. D. Duguid 5, A. F. W. Burbidge 6, A. A. J. Buswell 7, P. Page 8, J. H. Hunt (first Stedman Caters as cond.) 9, J. F. A. Rolph (first on ten bells) 10. First Stedman Caters for 2, 3, 5 and 6.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX. — On Oct. 1st, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: P. Giles (first of Caters) 1, G. Bacon 2, P. Sadler 3, Mrs. S. Bedford 4, Mrs. J. Hallett (first of Caters "inside") 5, S. Halliwell 6, P. Bedford 7, B. Sadler 8, M. Hallett (cond.) 9, G. Eve 10. A welcome to Matthew James Sloman, born September 21st.

QUORN, LEICS.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Pauline I. Rankin (first quarter) 1, Frances A. Pegg 2, Janet E. Lord (first "inside") 3, J. C. Allen 4, B. S. Payne (cond.) 5, J. R. Perkins 6.

RADLEY, BERKS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,280 Plain Bob Doubles: A. K. P. Poole (cond.) 1, Margaret S. Allen 2, Margaret Hockham 3, Susan A. Alexander 4, Daphne J. Pollard 5, P. Dianna Jones 6. Thanksgiving for the life of Miss Vera Alston, of this parish; also a farewell to the conductor on leaving the parish.

ROMSEY, HANTS.—At the Abbey, on Sept. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Barbara Mitchell 1, M. L. Northway 2, H. J. Page 3, R. S. Parratt (first Triples "inside") 4, D. R. Fallick 5, K. J. Jacobs 6, I. H. Trueman (cond.) 7, P. S. Gale 8.

SHABBINGTON, BUCKS.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. D. Tyler 1, Christine Baker 2, G. J. Tyler 3, E. F. Putt (first quarter) 4, R. T. Corker (first as cond.) 5, Hazel Baker (first quarter) 6.

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP, SOM.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): E. Rice 1, J. Cornelius (cond., "circled the tower" to quarters) 2, F. Welch 3, A. Drayton 4, A. Rowswell 5, L. Pond 6, R. Welch 7, G. Glyde 8. For the wedding of Mr. D. Stockford and Miss S. Cornelius. Also on Oct. 5th, 1,320 Shepton Beauchamp Doubles: A. F. Arscott 1, K. E. Beale (cond.) 2, J. Cornelius (200th quarter) 3, M. A. Arscott 4, R. F. Arscott 5, M. R. Arscott 6. First quarter in the variation. For Patronal and Harvest Festivals, and as a 51st wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Arscott.

SHRUB END, COLCHESTER. — On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Brunt 1, A. Wright 2, D. Whent 3, H. Millatt (cond.) 4, D. Cobb 5, P. Schafle 6. For Harvest Festival.

SOUTHPORT, LANCS.—At Emmanuel Church, on Sept. 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Marion Glover 1, J. Lunham 2, Jacky Holmes 3, Celia D'aeth 4, R. Guy 5, R. Kenrick 6, D. R. Jones (cond.) 7, B. J. Glover 8. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Jack Fuller and Cynthia Snape. Also on Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Doreen Elliott 1, Marion Glover 2, J. Elliott 3, Celia D'aeth (first as cond.) 4, R. Guy 5, M. E. Snape 6, R. Kenrick 7, B. J. Glover 8. For Harvest Thanksgiving; also as a wedding compliment to Elisabeth Whitfeld (sister of the conductor) and Leslie Short, to be married at St. Mary's, Battle, on October 11th.

STAGSDEN, BEDS.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: M. J. Marriott 1, C. M. Orme 2, R. L. Piron 3, M. Major 4, A. D. Norman 5, A. H. Smith (cond.) 6. Rung for Harvest Festival.

STOKE DAMEREL, PLYMOUTH.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): D. R. Bould 1, A. N. Frost 2, J. F. Steere 3, D. G. Pearce 4, J. C. Mitchelmore (cond.) 5, E. J. Cann 6. For Harvest Festival.

STOKE GOLDING, LEICS.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Minor (Single Oxford, Plain Bob): F. Hill 1, R. Joy Pluckrose 2, J. Evans 3, G. Pluckrose 4, R. A. Gilliver 5, K. P. Gilliver (cond.) 6. Rung for the 25th anniversary of the ordination of the Vicar, Rev. H. A. Moncur.

TENDRING, ESSEX.—On Sept. 6th, 1,260 Minor (Oxford T.B., Plain Bob): E. Button 1, R. Orman 2, G. Button 3, N. Orman 4, E. Davey 5, A. Andrews (cond.) 6. Also on Sept. 27th, 1,260 Minor (Cambridge, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Plain Bob): E. Button 1, R. Orman 2, G. Button 3, E. Davey 4, K. Whittell 5, A. Andrews (cond.) 6. Also on Oct. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Brazier 1, E. Button 2, G. Button 3, N. Orman 4, E. Davey 5, A. Andrews (cond.) 6.

TIRLEY, GLOS.—On Sept. 26th, 1,320 Stamford Surprise Minor: S. B. Bell 1, D. Price 2, M. Hawkes 3, B. Spiers 4, J. Clements 5, P. Robertson (cond.) 6. First in method by all the band. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. George Barnfield, a respected villager, whose funeral took place earlier this day.

TOTNES, DEVON.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Geraldine French (first quarter) 1, Helen M. Julius (first Triples) 2, Mrs. M. M. Godley 3, Rosemary M. Julius (first Triples) 4, R. F. Shepherd 5, R. J. Edden 6, J. L. Read (first Triples as cond.) 7, S. G. French 8.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT. — On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. King (first of Grandsire Triples) 1, R. D. Divall 2, Jane Osbon (first Grandsire Triples) 3, R. Jean Osbon 4, C. Bassett 5, J. E. Warner 6, E. J. Ladd (cond.) 7, I. Cochrane 8. A 70th birthday compliment to B. V. Collison.

TYTHERINGTON, GLOS.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. E. Bell 1, Mrs. D. A. Chapman 2, E. G. Mould 3, C. Bell 4, D. A. Chapman (cond.) 5, S. Poole 6.

UPPER WESTON, Bath, SOM. — On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): N. V. Wiltshire 1, Mrs. E. Pothecary 2, P. J. Devrell (cond. half) 3, B. Sarll 4, R. L. Coles (cond. half) 5, Miss R. Loader (first quarter) 6, G. Pothecary 7, M. Wiltshire 8. For baptism of Julia Ann and Robin Mark Wiltshire; also for Miss J. Brain, local ringer, attaining Queen's Guild Award.

WAREHAM, DORSET.—On June 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Sara E. Elmes (first on eight) 1, Frances J. N. Brown (first in method) 2, Claire E. N. Brown (first in method) 3, Mary E. Elmes 4, G. W. Elmes 5, R. G. W. Robertson 6, T. F. Collins (cond.) 7, P. R. Keough 8.

WARWICK. — On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss C. Dolphin 1, Mrs. D. Randall 2, Miss P. Adams 3, P. Border 4, E. Gower (cond.) 5, D. Randall 6, R. Randall 7, J. L. Garner-Hayward 8. Rung for Evensong, and a farewell to Peter Randall on going to university.

WESTERLEIGH, GLOS. — On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Clark 1, J. Ferris 2, A. Dando 3, Margaret Wilcox 4, H. T. Ferris (cond.) 5, B. Angell 6. For Harvest Festival, and for the 50th wedding anniversary of John Ferris and silver wedding of Herbert T. and Anne Ferris.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Sept. 21st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: K. Gamm (first quarter peal) 1, Jacqueline Allen 2, L. W. G. Skinner 3, W. A. Hollamby 4, S. Gay (first as cond.) 5, J. E. Cannell 6.

WHEATLEY, OXON.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: K. E. White 1, I. M. M. O'Reilly (first "inside") 2, Brenda Arnott 3, C. Smith (cond.) 4, L. R. Porter 5, C. Sparling (first quarter) 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. Sparling on the birth of a daughter.

WHITCHURCH, DEVON.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: D. R. Bould 1, A. N. Frost 2, G. E. Mudge 3, J. F. Steere 4, S. G. Pierce 5, J. C. Mitchelmore (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

WILBURTON, CAMBS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,320 Cambridge Minor: F. Sharp 1, G. Markwell 2, W Youngs 3, D. Murfet (cond.) 4, W. Seekings 5, A. Yarrow 6. For Harvest Festival.

WIVELSFIELD, SUSSEX. — On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Peckham 1, A. Plaster 2, E. Everest (cond.) 3, D. Smith 4, C. Robinson 5, P. Stone 6. Rung for the marriage of Wendy Everest and Roger Peckham.

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54632			—	New. Wig.
23645	—	—	—	Eal. Yorks. New.
42635		—		Yk. Lond.
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42635		—		Wig. Eal.
63425		—	—	New. Yorks. Leath.
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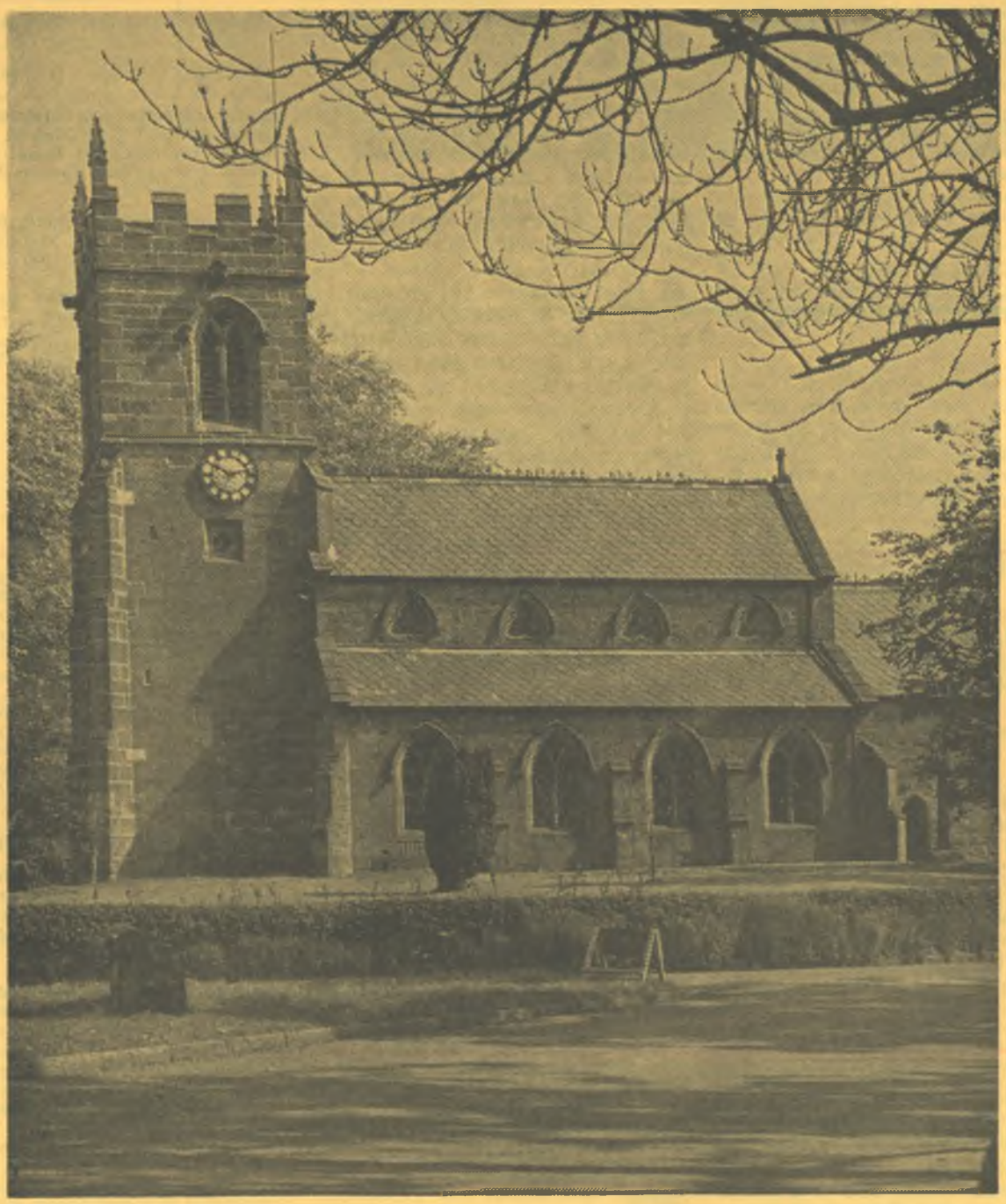

St. Chad's Church, Norton-in-Hales, Salop

OUR COVER PICTURE

St. Chad's Church, Norton-in-Hales, Salop

THE Church of St. Chad, Norton-in-Hales, was built during Norman times and consisted of chancel, nave and west tower (*circa* 1080). In the 13th century the chancel was rebuilt, but the windows were not inserted until the 16th century. With the advent of the Rev. Frederick Silver as Rector in the mid-19th century much restoration work was carried out, and there is a window to his memory in the north wall. This depicts, in the two side lights, our Lord's description of the last judgment (St. Matthew xxv.): "I was hungry and ye gave me meat: I was naked and ye clothed me", and the centre light shows the healing of the impotent man at the Pool of Bethesda: "Rise, take up thy bed and walk." This window is a fitting tribute to a very charitable man who died in 1884. Parishioners of Norton-in-Hales have much to be grateful for in the life and work of Mr. Silver, for the church as we see it today owes much to his energy and generosity.

The memorial tomb on the south side of the main entrance is of fine alabaster. It commemorates Sir Rowland Cotton, of Alkington, in Tudor armour with Stuart collar, and his wife, Frances, daughter of Sir Francis Needham, of Shavington, clasping her infant daughter, who died on November 23rd, 1606. Among the many other memorial tablets is one to the Rev. Josiah Martin Cullimore, Rector from 1936–1940, who gave the handsome and dignified Communion rails. The text on the wall tablet inside the rails says: "He was a good man" (Acts xi., 24) and which tells its own story.

Among other furnishings admired by visitors to the church are the pews with their beautifully-carved bench ends, and each bears the motto of Oxford University: *Dominus Illuminatio Mea.* The holy table is new, given by Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Loader, whilst the oak panelling at the east end was given by the churchwardens of 1960, Mr. F. Crewe and Mr. C. W. Swire.

THE BELLS

In 1553 there were, it seems, at "Norton-in-Halis" three great bells and one sanctus bell, but in 1742 and 1752 there were only three bells. In 1864 two of these were recast and in 1867 another was recast and two more added. The sixth bell, by Hugh Watts, of Leicester (*circa* 1610), is inscribed with the Gothic letters of the alphabet. Two additional bells and a clock were given in 1868 by the late Martin Harcourt Griffin, Esq., in memory of his father, Alfred Griffin, Esq., whilst the carillon was added in Mr. Silver's incumbency and was supplied by Messrs. Thwaites and Reed, of London. The complicated mechanism for this carillon has been and still is a source of admiration and wonder. Until the recent restoration it played at the hours of 3, 6, 9 and 12 each morning and evening, and the tunes were: "We love the place, O God", "Home, sweet home" and the Scottish air "There's nae luck about the hoos". The bells, recently sent to John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, to be retuned, are now fitted in a modern frame. The old ring of eight were in two tiers, the treble and tenor being over the others, but since restoration the treble, 2nd, 3rd and 7th are above. Because of this the tunes cannot be played, but it is hoped it can be rectified as funds permit. The parishioners and friends of Norton-in-Hales have given generously to meet these expenses but much more is needed before work on the tower can be finished and the carillon playing again. Donations will be gratefully received and acknowledged.

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"EREWASH" RINGERS IN PEAK DISTRICT

On September 20th ringers and friends from the Nottinghamshire–Derbyshire border towers of Greasley, Eastwood and Heanor sallied forth into the Peak District on their long-awaited outing. Apart from an early chill the weather promised well and soon we were rising above the morning mist and into the old world village of Crich. On the pleasant ring of eight was set the pattern for the day: an opening touch, following the raise in peal, plenty of rounds and call-changes for our many youngsters and beginners, a short touch or course, and then after more rounds the final touch and lower in peal.

Down through the mist again and up country to Eyam, where the six little bells were a joy to ring. Doubles to begin with and a touch of Cambridge before leaving, this time with the bells still poised, awaiting the local company to ring for the wedding to which guests were arriving. A picnic lunch within a mile of Tideswell, our next tower, before our coach arrived on time outside the "Cathedral of the Peak".

After two ground floor rings, the 78 steps to the ringing chamber were a change. A course of Plain Bob Major preceded a good lower and half-an-hour later we were entering the picturesque little village of Ashford-in-the-Water. During the raising of the light, modern six we were struck by the amazing sweetness of tone within the church.

High tea and a pause in Bakewell before heading for our last ring of the day at Darley Dale. Here we were joined by members of the local company. Touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob rounded off the day's ringing and we headed for home via the illuminations of Matlock Bath.

Thanks to all the good people we visited and thanks to all our ringers for their co-operation, in view of the number of beginners to be catered for. The towers of Greasley, Eastwood and Heanor have become closely linked during recent years and this first "Erewash ringers" outing could well become an annual event. D. J. B.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Ringing took place on the six at St. Ippolyts on October 4th, prior to the quarterly meeting of the Northern District, held in the school. Mr. A. R. Agg was in the chair and one new member was elected—Brian Willett, from Baldock.

The meeting was informed that Thursdays had been chosen to train a new band at Royston, where there are a dozen recruits.

Michael Worthington resigned his post as assistant Ringing Master as he is leaving the district and Ian Panton was elected to fill the breach.

Thanks were given to the St. Ippolyts ringers for providing the tea and for the use of the bells, and the company then proceeded to Great Offley, where a variety of methods was rung on the heavy six.

M. M. R.

CROOME TROPHY COMPETITION

WELL over 120 ringers gathered at South Cerney on September 27th for the Gloucester and Bristol Association's second annual ringing competition for Sunday service bands. It was a perfect afternoon and from two o'clock onwards groups of ringers sat or stood in the autumnal sunshine listening intently as one by one the bands, representing eleven of the Association's twelve branches, made their way into the tower to ring their 240 changes.

By the luck of the draw Hardwicke (Stroud branch) were the first to ring, and their Grandsire Doubles enabled those listening to hear the bells properly for the first time. Mr. Frederick Sharpe, safely isolated in the dining room of the Vicarage, began his long task of judging. Unfortunately the Rev. Roger O. Fry had been prevented at the last moment from joining him.

Then followed Malmesbury Abbey (Chippenham branch) ringing Stedman Doubles. Bristol Cathedral, last year's winners, chose Cambridge Surprise Minor and it was obvious from the outset that they were strong contenders for the Croome Trophy again this year. In contrast the young band from Rodbourne Cheney (Swindon branch) rang plain courses of Grandsire Doubles, and we then heard some good Kent Treble Bob Minor, rung by Cheltenham parish church ringers, and some promising Grandsire Doubles by Thornbury (Bristol Rural branch). Unfortunately this went to pieces in the second 120 and the band did not readily recover.

Two less experienced bands followed—Stone (Wotton branch) ringing plain courses of Grandsire Doubles and Mitcheldean (Forest branch) who achieved a good pace with their Grandsire. St. Mary de Crypt (Gloucester) chose Single Oxford Minor and well struck Grandsire Doubles by Cirencester and Tewkesbury brought the competition ringing to a close.

COTSWOLD HOSPITALITY

During the afternoon, tea had been served at Atkyns Manor, the home of Mrs. J. E. Fenton, with true Cotswold hospitality. Relays of ringers sat down in the ancient panelled dining room and hall to enjoy a ham and salad meal.

Before the results were declared the Vicar of South Cerney (the Rev. Dr. P. Stacey-Lewis) conducted evensong, at which the lesson was read by Miss E. M. Bliss, the association chairman. The Rev. T. P. Hearn, rector of Stratton, chose as his text, 'I will not offer burnt offerings to the Lord my God which have cost me nothing.' He told the story of David and Araunah and then went on to say: "There is only one way in which we can show that we do not want to offer our service to God on the cheap, and that is by being regular and punctual members of our Sunday service ringing band, even sometimes at personal inconvenience, and, through practice and effort, making our standard of ringing the very best we can. It is here that the Croome ringing trophy has an important part to play."

Mr. H. B. Schofield (Tewkesbury Abbey) receives the Croome Trophy from Mr. W. F. Scudamore (Ringing Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Association). Also in the picture are Miss E. M. Bliss (Association chairman), Mr. F. Sharpe (judge) and Mr. A. Paton (Mitcheldean), who received the Ringing Master's Clapper.

[By courtesy of the "Wilts and Gloucestershire Standard".

Speaking of Will Croome, he said: "It did not matter to Will Croome whether the building was a great cathedral or a simple village church. To him both were for the glory of God and both merited care and attention..... So it is in keeping with the character of the man that the ringing trophy which bears his name is not intended to foster the ringing of complicated methods but to encourage *good* ringing. Its purpose is to improve the standard of the ringing which calls Christians to worship whether in village church or city cathedral."

ADJUDICATOR'S COMMENT

Immediately after the service Miss Bliss thanked all those who had contributed to the success of the day and then introduced Mr. Sharpe with the eagerly awaited results. Commenting on the ringing of each band in turn Mr. Sharpe gave the number of faults incurred. In order of ringing these were as follows:—Hardwicke 78; Malmesbury 54; Bristol Cathedral 36 (the winners?); Rodbourne Cheney 96; Cheltenham Parish Church 48 (Bristol still leading); Thornbury 80; Stone 154; Mitcheldean 70; St. Mary de Crypt 36 (a tie!); Cirencester 60—and then the surprise result—Tewkesbury 32!

The Association ringing master, Mr. W. F. Scudamore, presented the Croome trophy to Mr. H. B. Schofield, who also received a miniature bell rope given by Mr. Peter Minchin. The ringing master's clapper for "a good attempt" was awarded to Mitcheldean. And so the second ringing competition for Sunday service bands came to an end and ringers, young and old, experienced and less experienced, left South Cerney to ring at Watermoor and Daglingworth, before making their various ways home.

M. B.

CHELTENHAM WEEK-END COURSE

From elementary change-ringing to Spliced Minor in two days. Maybe it was only in theory but that was the scope offered at a week-end course organised by the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association at Cheltenham between October 10th–12th.

About 30 ringers arrived on Friday evening to eat the first of many meals, and then we heard the Rev. J. G. M. Scott talking about bells and their history; this included an animated description of pit founding, and the model made by Mr. Scott fascinated his audience.

Saturday began with a talk by Mr. W. G. Wilson on basic method construction, during which we began to believe that ringing Hereward Bob or Double Oxford could be as simple as ringing Plain Bob, but one look at the diary soon disillusioned us. The rest of the morning's lectures included elementary change-ringing, conducting, belfry maintenance, rope splicing and the popular handbell ringing given by Mr. W. J. Moreton. During this last talk we gained the fundamental ideas and every break during the rest of the course was punctuated by small groups practising.

The afternoon was devoted mostly to "listening"; we held our own "striking competition", when we all judged recordings. We had a chance to practise what we had learnt when we rang at St. Mary's church. The week-end offered various opportunities for discussion; this centred around the position of young ringers in the band and Guild. As most course members were young a biased view was expressed, but we hope that, at the end, things were in better perspective

Sunday started with Communion and continued with more talks, including elementary composition, Stedman and Spliced Minor. Soon it came to teatime and we returned to our native towers a little wiser, we hope, but with plenty of work still to do, having been shown just the start. We would like to thank all concerned with the organising and running of the course. A. M. B.

Associate Membership Plan for Y.A.

The September general meeting of the Yorkshire Association was centred on Bradford. This diocese is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year so the Cathedral was an appropriate choice of venue.

During the day towers open for ringing were Dewsbury, Batley, Liversedge, Cleckheaton, Birstall, Bradshaw, Queensbury, Denholme, Oxenhope, Keighley, Idle and Bradford Cathedral. There was a meeting of the general committee in the Cathedral Chapter at 3.30 p.m., and following the service at 4.15 p.m. approximately 100 people sat down to a ham salad tea in the Eastbrook Hall.

The president, Mr. V. Bottomley, was in the chair for the general business meeting, during which the Bell Repair Fund collection was taken, which amounted to £4 2s. Four new members were elected, viz.: David J. Kealey (St. Peter's, Leeds), Derek Hirst (Knaresborough), Charmian Dempster (Pudsey) and Sally J. Ducker (Sutton-on-Hull). A vote of thanks, moved by Miss A. Thompson, of Dewsbury, included the incumbents of the churches where the bells had been made available, the Cathedral authorities and the local ringers, especially Mr. and Mrs. M. Thurmott and Mr. F. Munday for the tea arrangements, and those members who had acted as Ringing Masters at the various towers.

The most important item on the agenda was the submission of the committee's proposed alterations to the Association's rules and standing orders. These alterations were to take into account the agreement reached in discussions between the Leeds and District Society and the Yorkshire Association regarding the future of the Western District of the Association. It had been agreed that the Leeds and District Society should become a Branch of the Yorkshire Association with an area based on most of the Society's existing coverage, the towers in this area being annexed from the present Western District. The new Branch would continue to run its own affairs within the general framework of the Association's rules and standing orders as they were proposed to be amended, the ultimate aim of this move being to cut down the duplication of officers, reduce the number of meetings and generally further ringing in the county. The most significant alteration was the proposed introduction of "Associate" membership at a lower level than the existing qualification of having rung a 720 or covered 1,260 changes.

The proposals were read out by the president and members were allowed to comment. After much discussion it was decided that the proposals should be circulated to all towers, voting on the alterations taking place at the general meeting on January 17th at Wakefield.

It was decided to make the maximum possible grant from the Bell Repair Fund to Calverley and to Sheffield Cathedral bell restorations. Following the meeting members dispersed to the various towers available for evening ringing. C. M. M.

RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD AT DARLINGTON

By a coincidence the autumn meeting at Darlington, on September 27th, was the anniversary of the first passenger train service, Shildon to Stockton (on September 27th, 1825). It was in the works canteen at Shildon that members had their lunch, and the works manager, Mr. Robinson, who was the guest, gave a full and interesting history of Shildon and mentioned the man who started it all, Mr. Timothy Hackworth.

The programme for the week-end included ringing at Stockton-on-Tees on Friday evening and a coach tour on Saturday via Heighington, Shildon, Bishop Auckland, Staindrop and St. Cuthbert's, Darlington. Tea was in St. Cuthbert's Church Hall and was followed by the business meeting. Mr. Jack N. Brown, in the chair, welcomed the members to Darlington and paid tribute to the memory of Mr. Steel, of York, who had died since the last meeting. The members stood in silent homage. Names of members apologising for non-attendance were then read.

It was decided to hold the A.G.M. at Guildford on April 25th, 1970, and a notice of motion given (proposed by Mr. E. Franklin) to the effect that two Eastern Regional Masters be elected at the 1970 A.G.M. One new member from Banwell was elected.

Mr. Jack Brown, the Master, expressed the satisfaction of all members with the arrangements made for the week-end. Thanks were expressed to Mr. Fred Hodgson, of Darlington, and the ladies who supplied and served the tea. In reply Mr. Hodgson said he was more than pleased that all had enjoyed the week-end at Darlington. Ringing continued at St. Cuthbert's during the evening. J. A. H.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD

This year's outing on October 11th set out from Tunbridge Wells at 8 a.m., picking up more members at Tonbridge and Maidstone. We arrived at the first tower at Ospringe (8, 17¼ cwt.), and next was the 16 cwt. six at Herne, with which some members experienced difficulty. After the lovely 8¼ cwt. eight at Birchington, and lunch in the "locals", the coach moved on to Quex Park (12, 15¼ cwt.). After carefully crossing two fields we came to a red brick building with a small tower and castellations, surrounded by a small wood. After some ringing, including Stedman Cinques and Grandsire Caters, the party moved on to Margate (8, 22¼ cwt.). Tea was taken at the Crown in Broad Street and two towers were visited in the evening—St. Nicholas-at-Wade (6, 19 cwt.) and Selling (8, 11 cwt.). After refreshment nearby the coach set off for home, reaching Tunbridge Wells at 11 p.m. Thanks were extended to Messrs. Bassett and Baker for their hard work in the organisation of the tour.

R. J. E.

SOUTH NORFOLK OUTING

Leaving Diss early on a recent Saturday, South Norfolk ringers and friends made Northamptonshire the venue for their annual outing, arriving at Raunds at 10.30 a.m. and ringing the eight bells for an hour. Rushden was the next call, with lunch following at the Victoria Hotel. During the afternoon ringing took place at Irthlingborough and Finedon. After tea Burton Latimer and Tichmarsh were visited and a call made at Huntingdon for supper. Before dispersing Mr. Cyril Pease thanked Mr. W. Flatt (Ringing Master at Redenhall) for once again arranging such a successful day.

A. G. H.

DEATH OF MR. H. O. BAKER

His Work for Chester Guild

His many friends were shocked and saddened by the news of the sudden death of Mr. Henry O. Baker. The funeral service was held in Chester Cathedral on Thursday, September 18th. The Dean conducted the service which was attended by many friends and ringers from all parts of the Diocese.

Those of us who were close to Harry knew that he had not been well, having suffered several mishaps during the past few months. From these he seemed to have recovered and had been ringing again shortly before his death.

Harry was a native of Bridgnorth and was taught to ring by the late Mr. J. Overton at St. Leonard's Church. He and his father rang there regularly and Harry, as a boy, sang in the choir. He rang his first peal when he was 15 years old at Chelmarsh in Shropshire.

Shortly after his marriage he came to live in Chester in 1946 and soon joined the band at St. Mary's within the Walls. He was closely associated with the Rev. J. Kingdon, the Vicar of St. Mary's, who became Secretary and Treasurer of the Chester Diocesan Guild. On the retirement of Mr. Kingdon in 1959, Harry was elected to the office of Guild Secretary.

Though he was very fond of ringing Stedman, Harry soon joined the Cheshire band which at that time were ringing Surprise and Spliced Surprise methods. This culminated in the ringing of the longest peal of Bristol Surprise Major, 21,600 changes, at St. Chad's, Over, in November, 1950. In this peal Harry rang the 3rd and always looked back on this great performance with satisfaction and pleasure. He also took part in many Cheshire ringing tours in all parts of the country and made many friends.

As Guild Secretary Harry was most painstaking and conscientious. The tremendous amount of preparation and work which he did were evident in the efficient organisation of the Guild Annual Meetings. When he was well enough he was never happier than when attending Branch meetings and ringing with his friends. His last task as Secretary of the Guild was to make arrangements for the Guild Annual Dinner on October 11th, at which the Bishop of Chester paid tribute to his work as Secretary of the Guild and expressed the feeling of loss which had been felt by the Guild at his sudden death.

During the past year he had been much concerned with the preliminary work for the proposed new ring of bells to be put in the bell tower at the Cathedral. He had been appointed Ringing Master at the Cathedral and had already begun to collect learners and ringers for the Cathedral band, giving them instruction in handbell ringing. We all regret that he was not allowed to see the completion of this work.

The wide circle of friends who have enjoyed the friendship and hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Baker over many years will join in expressing their deepest sympathy to his family in their very sad loss.

A. H. R.

The company (left to right in the photograph): James Bennett (82), Leonard E. Last (74), Gilbert R. Goodship (81), George R. Finch (79), J. C. Gordon Haggar (79), Charles J. Sedgley (83), Frederick J. Crapnell (88), George E. Symonds (94), Percy May (74), Willoughby E. Maulden (78), Harry Hall (79).

SUFFOLK VETERANS AT EYE

What has now become a traditional afternoon gathering each autumn for the Suffolk Veterans was this year held in the grand and historic Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Eye.

As guests of Claude Rush, Jim and George Pipe, some of our finest men and true spent another enjoyable half-day ringing and reminiscing. And what a tonic it was! A belfry with "atmosphere" is always conducive to refreshing the memory and there is no better place than Eye, with its 18th and 19th century peal boards, oak beams and all-round comfort. Somehow it is always an inspiration to read those names and picture the faces and styles: William Pye and John Souter, the Revs. Coleridge and Robinson, James Motts and the Days, Washbrook, the Pitstows and Hounslow with a host of others.

George Symonds opened proceedings with three courses of Grandsire Triples from Holt's Original (it is supposed to be easier at 94) and this was followed by Treble Bob and Stedman Triples on the old style eight. Then the photograph was taken for the "East Anglian Daily Times" and that ubiquitous journal the "Diss Express"!

Handbells were rung by four of our number in the Old People's Home in Eye and was followed by a splendid fish tea. Colour slides from Leonard Last's well-known collection rounded off another happy day and the youngsters (average age 81) left for home, all determined to make it next autumn! G. W. P.

NEW MINIMUS QUARTER

Woodborough Minimus: 12.14.34.14.12 x. Rung on September 8th at Woodborough, Notts, by Hilary F. Watson-Walker 1, J. C. Allen 2, C. J. Mobbs 3, R. N. Scholes (cond.) 4. This is the reverse of Lindisfarne.

REVIEW

A Tutor's Handbook Part 2

NORMAN CHADDOCK ON CHANGE-RINGING

It takes at least two to make a good learner—the learner himself and his tutor. And it is not good enough for the would-be tutor to be a competent ringer — he must also have the ability to teach. We are familiar, in many fields, with the learned person who, alas, cannot teach, and there is no inherent reason why ringing should not be littered with "would-be" teachers, as much as any other technique.

A "Tutor's Handbook", Part 2, "Elementary Change Ringing", recently issued, under authority of the Council, at 3/- should be able to do all that is humanly possible to convert the would-be tutor into a competent one. It is by Mr. Norman Chaddock and continues the scheme of training in "A Tutor's Handbook", Part 1, by Mr. Wilfrid Moreton. Note precisely for whom it is written—the tutor who wants to become a good tutor. It is not intended for the expert tutor, nor for the learner—who must, as ever, treasure and use his "Beginners' Handbook". But there will be few, even amongst learners and expert tutors, who will not find food for thought here.

The aim of the book is the training of the complete ringer who wishes to pursue the art along several interestingly varied paths at once. Learning to manage a tied bell, studying Plain Bob "in depth", using handbells as an aid to correct counting and striking, and watching and gradually sharing on open tower bells: all these should be in train at the same time, progress in each enriching the rest. All the time the learner is picking up terms and their definition, and principles on which he will in time develop to an advanced stage: thus, he views Stedman "from afar" even on the first page of Section I!

So plain hunting emerges as an interesting game. Ropesight can be largely picked up by watching others. Service ringing leads the pupil to see himself as sharing the life of the community. Each step in progress leads to others. Several factors help each other at each step in ensuring accurate striking, in gaining insights into Bob Minor, in which all sorts of exciting discoveries enrich the pattern and facilitate the achievement. Discovering the cyclical and the symmetrical nature, and other features of Bob Minor, shows the pupil how much he can deduce from how few data. Interest is being created, stimulated, varied, and the pupil is discovering latent powers within himself all the time.

An excellent book. But it's hopeless for the would-be tutor to think it is good enough just to keep a page ahead of his pupils. Here is a case, if ever there was one, for the book as a whole to be "marked, learned and inwardly digested", so that its contents come, as by instinct, at the proper time and in the proper order for individual cases as they come along.

Do not make the mistake of skipping the Introductory Notes and resolving "to glance at the Appendices when one gets time". The Appendices contain some of the most important features of the book and are merely put at the back as a convenient mode of reference. App. 6, for instance, "Safety in the Bell Tower", is probably quite the most important comprehensive list in print. App. 7, largely on human relationships, is a treasury of sound advice.

Whatever kind of tutor you are—successful or disappointed—you will find a treasure in this book.

GILBERT THURLOW.

Letters to the Editor

HOUSING BELL TREASURES

Dear Sir,—Reference to Mr. Jones' letter ("R.W.", Oct. 17th), my suggestion was put forward merely as a possible remedy to an insidious menace to our existence. I agree that it was not very politic of me to mention an "easy touch"—I had hoped that this journal would not be read by too many felons. In any case, I will observe a suitable period of austerity in atonement.

The fact is that many church towers are littered with cracked or damaged bells and fittings, often in a very dangerous condition, and I suspect that in many cases these "treasures" are little more than an embarrassment to the local church councils. Perhaps another solution to the problem may be to place derelict bells from churches where the chances are remote of restoration into local museums, where those with sufficient interest may view them under ideal conditions. Bristol has one such bell in its museum, though I cannot recall offhand its place of origin. One has merely to refer to page 47 of Frederick Sharpe's "The Church Bells of Herefordshire", Vol. I, to see in what esteem some of these "treasures" are held by local church authorities.

Very few visitors wish to do more than "look at" church plate and other treasures, and it may be that a series of illustrative photographs may serve to appease the natural inquisitiveness of visitors to most churches. At least many churches would still have some treasures left instead of what Little Oakley has—nothing.

A short item within my experience may serve to illustrate a peculiar attitude on the part of church authorities towards their property. A certain policeman on duty discovered a belfry door ajar due to a broken lock. The Vicar, upon being contacted, stated: "Oh! we know about that; we'll get it mended 'tomorrow'."

Bearing in mind that all crime requires opportunity, "tomorrow" may well be too late.—Yours faithfully,

PAUL J. RIGBY.

Bishopsworth, Bristol.

IDENTITY OF RINGERS WANTED

Dear Sir,—Quite recently I was pleased to hear an old record of the bells of St. Margaret's, Westminster, ringing Stedman and Grandsire Caters. This record was made by H.M.V. for playing at 78 r.p.m. Knowing some of the famous names who frequented that tower, could anyone tell me how the band stood?

Would it be too presumptuous to ask for the placings of the bands on the Saydisc record "Bells of Bristol", especially the superb Erin at St. Mary Redcliffe, and the bands on the record produced by Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd in "Sound of Bells"?—Yours faithfully,

JIM HEDGCOCK.

Folkestone, Kent.

MULTI-METHOD PEALS AND BACKLOG

Dear Sir,—The spate of multi-method peals, particularly of Minor and Doubles, appears to be causing great pressure on the space allocated to the publication of peals. Whilst not wishing to detract in any way from these performances, I would like to suggest that the individual method names, if more than, say, 14 in number, be passed to the Records and/or Peals Analysis Committees and a suitable summary printed (e.g., "128 methods and 64 variations" for Doubles, or "16 Surprise, 34 Treble Bob and 142 Plain" for Minor).

Two recent peals (pages 571 and 793) occupy space in which about eight normal peals could be fitted. Meanwhile the backlog of peals builds up in your office causing stale reading. If my suggestion were adopted it would be possible, with the co-operation of the committees, for anyone to obtain details. The extents, if new, are in any event often published.

As peals being published are on average about five weeks old is it not time to consider once again a new format?—Yours faithfully,

JILL M. MAY (Mrs.).

West Horsley,
Surrey.

PETERBOROUGH PEAL BOARD

Dear Sir,—Earlier this year we noticed an old peal board in Saint Mary's, Peterborough, belfry which commemorated the first peal rung for the old Peterborough and District Association. It was from this Association, I believe, that the present Peterborough Guild was later formed. When we noticed the peal was rung on September 25th, 1909, it was realised that the same date this year fell on a Thursday on practice night. We were therefore able to ring our anniversary peal on exactly the right date.

The original peal consisted of 3 extents Oxford Bob and 4 Plain, and took 2 hours 50 minutes to ring. Those taking part were Robert Rowell; George Jutson; William T. Johnson, John T. Jutson; John W. Jarvis; John B. Hallifax. The last named, who conducted the peal, must be an old man now and I believe he is living near Spalding, Lincs. It would be interesting to learn if any of the other ringers are still living—and perhaps still ringing!—Yours faithfully,

R. W. SPENCER.

Peterborough.

CORRECTIONS

South Derbyshire and North Leicestershire Association

We are asked to make the following corrections to the Association's striking competition (page 809): Maximum points 260; rise and fall not in competition; Rev. J. Tranter is Vicar of Aston-on-Trent.

The peal of Christchurch S.M. rung on John Ketteringham's tour (Loughborough Foundry, on August 25th) was 5,184 changes (page 791).

BATH & WELLS ASSOCIATION

Presentation at Cary Branch

The members of the Cary branch held their annual corporate Communion at All Saints', Castle Cary, on Friday evening, October 10th. The celebrant was the Vicar (Rev. P. Birkett), who was assisted by the Rural Dean (Preb. O. H. Skipwith), vice-chairman of the branch. Refreshments were served afterwards in the Church Room and a presentation of an electric convector heater was made to the branch chairman, Rev. G. S. Robinson, on the occasion of his forthcoming marriage. Mr. Robinson has been chairman of the branch for 15 years. The Rev. G. S. Robinson and his future bride, Miss Collier, expressed thanks for the splendid gift they had received.

Bridgwater Branch Striking Competition

The second annual competition was held on October 18th at Woolavington, six teams entering from five different towers, and all were members of Sunday service bands. The draw took place at 3 o'clock, after which the test pieces were rung. These consisted of a true 120 or the call-changes specified by the committee.

After the ringing tea was served in the school room and 45 ringers were present. The judges, Messrs. A. H. Reed and K. Beale, from Taunton, announced the results as follows: 1st Puriton "A" (16¼ faults), 2nd Cannington (20¼), 3rd Wembdon (35), 4th Puriton "B" (48), 5th Woolavington (50¾), 6th Ashcott (58¼).

The judges were thanked for their services by the chairman, and also all the bands and ringers taking part. Puriton were congratulated on winning the competition and on entering two teams. This was a superb effort, and credit is due to Mr. Louis Pope, tower captain, for the teams had only been ringing for two years.

Ringing continued until 8 o'clock and everyone enjoyed the function.

DORSET WANDERERS IN DEVON

For their half-yearly outing on October 4th Dorset Wanderers visited Devon, ringing at the following 12 towers: Honiton (St. Michael's), Buckerell, Talaton, Clyst Hydon, Poltimore, Brampford Speke, Upton Pyne, Shobrooke, Sanford, Poughill, Washford Pyne and Cheriton Fitzpaine. Stoke Canon had to be omitted from the day's plans because of difficulty in the "hunt the key" game.

Owners of Dove's who are 4-bell enthusiasts may like to record that the bells of Stockleigh English are unringable.

A large variety of methods was rung and there were no major mishaps during the day. Washford Pyne was very difficult to find and we were glad that there was a local tower captain who volunteered to act as guide.

It only remains to thank the captains and the clergy for making the day such a great success. We all look forward to the next run around.

A WANDERER.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
SEE BACK PAGE

Chipping Norton Branch Festival

IT all started when the Bishop of Dorchester (Rt. Rev. D. G. Loveday) told the chairman of the Chipping Norton branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild that he would come and preach at the autumn meeting at Ascott-under-Wychwood on October 11th. Our live-wire secretary, Peter Coveney, thought we ought to make it a special occasion and organise a festival, having all the towers in the branch open and available to ringers. There was general agreement, as well there might be, when we all knew that the work entailed would fall on Peter, though we knew too that he would have the skilled assistance of Marjorie, his wife.

So the arrangements went ahead. All the incumbents with ringable bells agreed that their towers should be open on the day; local ringers undertook to be in attendance and where necessary make up bands to ringing strength; details of the service were arranged with great care; the ladies at Spelsbury and Ascott volunteered to lay on food and drink for an unspecified number of visitors and the event was publicised.

From such enquiries as were received it seemed that some interest had been aroused but no one could hazard a guess as to the numbers likely to come along.

FROM A WIDE AREA

Came the day, and apart from some morning fog the weather was fine, and it was soon evident that we were to have full houses all day. Ringers from Oxfordshire and the adjoining counties turned up in force and there were visitors from as far afield as Nottinghamshire, Leicestershire, the Home Counties, East Anglia, Hampshire, Dorset, Herefordshire and Wiltshire. They were in parties of varying size, of all stages of ringing ability and all ages, and there were just about as many ladies as men.

The tower stewards had a busy time fitting everybody in and there were the usual problems of limited space in ringing chambers and narrow spiral stairs, but a notable feature of the occasion was the happy and friendly spirit which prevailed. The branch has no very heavy rings but the 14 towers provide a pleasant variety ranging from the fine 20¼ cwt. ring at Hook Norton to the unusual light five at Little Compton, and those enthusiasts who completed the full programme had a very satisfying day.

The interesting old church at Ascott-under-Wychwood filled up as the well-struck service touch of Cambridge preceded it, and before long every seat was filled. In spite of it being Saturday—the day for weddings—a good number of the deanery clergy were with us. There was no formal choir but a few known singers were grouped near the organ to make sure that the tempo set by Mrs. Badger, organist at the church, was kept up.

CHURCH SERVICE

The service opened with our own Ringers' Hymn to the tune "Belfry Praise", and as the first verse rolled out it was obvious that the congregation were singers as well as ringers and that they were "rarin' to go". In this and the rest of the service there was some fine congregational singing, and it must be a long time since the old church echoed to a sound of such volume and quality. The service was conducted by the Rev. P. G. Smith, chairman of the branch and Vicar of Leafield and Ascott. Lessons were read by Canon Elliot Wigg, Master of the Guild, and the Rev. A. C. Sparling, Rural Dean.

Opening his sermon, the Bishop said he thought the assembly would like something different from the sermons normally preached on such occasions, and he related the points of his sermon to historical, geographical and architectural features of the locality and the churches in the deanery.

After the service the bells were set going again and at least a hundred of the company made their way to the Tiddy Hall, where the ladies of the parish served a generous tea with their never-failing efficiency, cheerfulness and good humour. By then it was time for the evening part of the ringing programme to get under way, and this went on with sustained interest to the end.

All in all it was a memorable day for the branch, and full credit for the success of the venture must go to Peter Coveney, though he would be the first to acknowledge the good work of everyone else who contributed in any way, especially Mrs. Datson and the other ladies at Spelsbury who looked after the visitors at mid-day, the ladies at Ascott who laid on the tea, the incumbents, the organist, the tower captains, stewards and local ringers. A. W. L.

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Peals.—Blewbury 4s., Grimsby 4s., East Hagbourne 4s., Salehurst 4s., Newport 10s., Swansea 4s., Bishop's Stortford 4s., Portsmouth 7s. 6d., Bournemouth 2s.

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Quarter Peals.—Odcombe 3s., Wareham 3s., Whitechurch Canonicorum 4s., New Mills 3s., Caddington 3s., Skipton-in-Craven 7s. 6d., Ilkley 7s. 6d., Putney 4s., Eynesbury 4s., Whittlesford 3s., Litlington 3s., Bray 3s., Nantwich 2s., Aldenham 5s., Stone 5s., Lytchett Matravers 3s., Bradford 5s., Christchurch, N.Z. 5s., Hampstead 5s., Thakeham 5s., Ash Priors 3s., Wolstanton 4s., Loughton 7s. 6d., Penn 5s., South Cadbury 3s., Stevenage 2s. 6d., Harbury 6s., Ashtead 4s. 6d., Titchfield 2s. 6d., Jesmond 5s., Atcham 5s., Newton Hall 2s. 6d., Curry Rivel 4s., Ilton 3s., Chute Forest and others 5s., Croydon 4s., Apsley End 3s., Diss 3s., Attleborough 2s. 6d., Sutherton 5s., Lyng 5s., Newchurch (2) 6s., Thames Ditton 3s., Weston Turville 2s. 6d., Exhall 10s., Swindon Flower Festival (and peals) £1 16s. 6d., Braughing 4s., Thorley 3s., Sampford Brett 3s., Chewton Mendip 5s., Braintree 4s.

IRRESPONSIBLE CONDUCT REPORTED AT ASHFORD A.G.M.

When the Ashford District met at Ashford on October 11th for the annual meeting ringing commenced at 3 p.m. Following the service tea was served, and at the business meeting members stood in silence in memory of Miss M. V. Godderidge, for 30 years a member at Folkestone, and Mr. Alfred Daw, captain of Stone-in-Oxney.

The secretary's report and interim balance sheet were accepted by the members and the following were elected as officers: chairman, Mr. A. S. Phelips; hon. secretary, Mr. A. P. S. Berry; district representatives, Mr. D. C. Manger and Mr. H. Deacon. An innovation was the election of two Ringing Masters, viz., Mr. H. Deacon and Mr. J. A. Hemsley.

Mr. David Manger reported on the tidy tower competition and stated that some towers had made a serious effort during the year, others had continued normal routine of cleaning whilst some had made no effort at all. The results were as follows: 1st Biddenden, 2nd Wye, 3rd Woodchurch, highly commended: Cheriton, Folkestone, Hythe, Little Chart and Newington-next-Hythe.

The chairman expressed thanks on behalf of the district to those who had undertaken the task of inspecting, viz., John Hemsley, Bert Deacon, Richard Birch, Nicholas Davies, David Manger and Charles Sinden.

Details of the proposed football match and social with the Maidstone district, at Tenterden on November 29th, were announced, and Mr. Wilkinson reported that practices at Woodchurch would in future be by arrangement.

Mr. Beeching, of Newchurch, reported on a tower-grabbing excursion by persons unknown on Sunday, September 28th, who also called at Burmarsh and Ivychurch (where the 4th is cracked and had no rope). After putting a rope on they then rang all five. Such behaviour, he said, was selfish, thoughtless and irresponsible.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar, organist, and the ladies who provided such an excellent tea. Ringing continued until 9 p.m., under the direction of John Hemsley.

LADIES' GUILD AT BRISTOL

The half-yearly meeting of the Western District was held at Warmley, Bristol, on October 4th. Ringing in the afternoon was followed by a short service, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. George Parsons), after which some 30 to 40 members and friends sat down to tea in the Church Hall.

At the business meeting a welcome was extended to the following new members: the Misses Jane Scudamore, Sally-Ann Gifford, Marlene Cox, Yvonne Yeomans, Carol Lukins, S. Mayell and Mrs. M. Mayell.

It was decided to continue with evening practices, the next being at St. Andrew's, Chippenham, on Wednesday, November 19th, at 7.30 p.m. Thanks are due to the Guild members of Warmley and Mr. Ken Weeks for their help in providing tea. B. J.

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ADDINGTON, SURREY. — On Oct. 5th, 1,320 Norwich Surprise Minor: Kathryn Bone 1, A. Hobbs 2, E. G. H. Godfrey 3, Louise Powell 4, Amanda Powell (cond.) 5, I. Wiltshire 6. Also on Oct. 12th, 1,296 Annable's London Surprise Minor: E. G. H. Godfrey 1, A. Hobbs 2, Louise Powell 3, Penny Cocks 4, I. Wiltshire (cond.) 5, Wendy Wallace 6. Also on Oct. 12th, 1,260 Spliced Minor (four methods): Sheila Wilthew 1, A. Hobbs 2, Louise Powell 3, Wendy Wallace (cond.) 4, E. G. H. Godfrey 5, I. Wiltshire 6.

ALDERMASTON, BERKS.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: W. Butler (cond.) 1-2, Janet Livingston 3, P. Corderoy 4, D. Wilcox 5, D. Livingston 6. Also on Oct. 1st, 1,320 Spliced Minor (Rev. Cant., Plain Bob, Little Bob): D. Livingston 1, J. J. Hill 2, Janet Livingston 3, P. Corderoy 4, M. S. Holbrook 5, W. Butler (cond.) 6.

ALDRIDGE, STAFFS.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Cynthia Humphreys 1, M. Allery 2, R. Riley 3, Daphne Appleby 4, J. P. Burton 5, J. L. Humphreys (cond.) 6. Rung before the induction of Rev. J. D. Delight. Also on Sept. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (five meth./var.): Sharon McGonigle (first quarter) 1, R. Riley 2, M. Allery 3, Daphne Appleby 4, J. L. Humphreys (cond.) 5, Cynthia Humphreys 6. Rung after the induction service. Also on Sept. 28th, 1,296 Single Oxford Minor: J. P. Burton (75th quarter) 1, E. Hough 2, Cynthia Humphreys 3, Daphne Appleby 4, R. Riley 5, J. L. Humphreys (cond.) 6. Also on Oct. 2nd, 1,440 Kent T.B. Minor: Cynthia Humphreys 1, Rosemary White 2, R. Riley 3, Daphne Appleby (first quarter T.B. "inside") 4, J. L. Humphreys 5, J. P. Burton (first T.B. as cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival. A farewell to ringer of 5th who is going to Cambridge University.

ANGERSLEIGH, SOM.—On June 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Cornelius (now "circled tower" to quarters) 1, Miss M. J. Beale 2, W. D. Whatmore 3, M. A. Arscott 4, K. E. Beale (cond.) 5. Rung for the ordination as priest of Rev. Neville Swinburn, of Holy Trinity, Taunton.

BABBACOMBE, DEVON. — On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Katherine Head (first quarter) 1, A. J. Garbett 2, Valerie Stephens 3, W. Simmonds 4, S. Pierce 5, G. J. Roberts 6, D. J. Roberts (cond.) 7, A. Frost 8. Rung for the first Mass of Rev. Jackson Stevens, ordained priest in Exeter Cathedral the previous day.

BERKHAMSTED, HERTS.—On Sept. 20th, 1,568 Bristol Surprise Major: Elizabeth Forster 1, C. Forster (cond.) 2, G. T. Horritt (first in method) 3, G. Penney 4, M. D. Frost 5, A. R. Carter 6, A. W. R. Wilby 7, R. E. Hardy 8.

BEXLEY, KENT.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Pat M. Fox 1, Brenda Coode 2, K. Medhurst 3, E. J. Coode 4, Mary R. Andrews (cond.) 5, M. Fuller (first quarter) 6. Rung as a farewell to Rev. J. M. Cleaver; also as a compliment to Rev. L. G. Thorogood on the occasion of his ordination.

BLACKWELL, DERBY. — On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Doubles: A. Smithson (cond.) 1, E. A. Wilson 2, W. Steele 3, W. Riley 4, A. Wheeler 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. J. Boam, who donated the 6th bell in memory of her husband, a former ringer.

BLUNSDON, WILTS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: W. T. Trueman 1, Anne Ford 2, J. Vincent 3, D. Naylor 4, E. W. Ford (cond.) 5, W. J. Grubb 6. For Harvest Festival.

BRISTOL. — At St. Ambrose's Church, on Sept. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Goss 1, F. J. Sampson 2, T. Newlands 3, B. Martin 4, N. A. B. Dawson 5, D. J. Hunt 6, J. W. Collard (cond.) 7, F. R. Hussey 8. To mark the birth of Karen Fiona, daughter of John and Gill Hunt.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity, Horfield, on Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Sully (first quarter) 1, D. J. Walker 2, R. W. Sweet (cond.) 3, P. J. Kingscot 4, P. C. Randall 5. Rung for and as part of the Festival of Flowers and Music.

CHIPPING BARNET, HERTS.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Elizabeth Aubrey 1, Penney Coomber (first Triples "inside") 2, A. Price 3, R. Adcock 4, C. Ward 5, J. Witham 6, P. Cuckson (cond.) 7, P. Kimber 8. For the induction of Rev. B. Butler as Rector by the Bishop of St. Albans.

CHIPSTABLE, SOM.—On Sept. 19th, 1,380 Stedman Doubles: H. V. Young 1, H. Purchase 2, A. F. Arscott 3, K. E. Beale (cond.) 4, R. A. C. Cross 5, F. H. Mills 6.

QUARTER PEALS

CLIFTON, BEDS.—On Aug. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Mayes 1, A. Dilley 2, Audrey Alexander 3, S. Ashton 4, M. Major 5, J. Church 6, P. Tompkins (cond.) 7, E. Dilley 8. A farewell to the Rector (Rev. E. Hall) and Mrs. Hall, who left Clifton for Osmotherly, Yorkshire.

CLYST ST. GEORGE, DEVON. — On Aug. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): Louise Cockerton 1, A. R. Williams 2, Joan Hayward 3, J. Clarke 4, D. A. Wills (cond.) 5, Avril Back (first quarter) 6.

COOKHAM, BERKS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor, with treble leading and tenor covering: Miss M. Haines (first quarter) 1, Mrs. C. Eldridge 2, E. Eldridge 3, T. Tocock 4, Rev. R. Wallis 5, D. Hartley (first Minor) 6, J. Muller (cond.) 7, D. Rimmell 8. For Dedication Festival.

COSGROVE, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Judith Kingston 1, A. Haseldine 2, G. Kingston 3, R. Haseldine 4, E. Lambert (cond.) 5, Hazel Richardson 6. For Harvest Festival.

CROSTHWAITE, WESTMORLAND.—On Oct. 1st, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: R. S. Bridge 1, Doreen Maclean 2, Mary W. Whalley 3, Sheila H. Heaton 4, J. Whalley 5, K. M. Price (cond.) 6. For Mothers' Union service.

CUDHAM, KENT.—On Sept. 28th, 1,280 Rutland Surprise Major: C. J. Mundy (first on eight) 1, Jane Reynolds 2, P. A. Butler 3, M. F. Oakshett 4, M. H. O'Callaghan 5, R. G. Crosland 6, J. W. Smith 7, D. Paul Smith (cond.) 8. First of Rutland 2 and 3.

EARLS COLNE, ESSEX.—On Oct. 1st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: C. Barker 1, T. Bird 2, A. Syder 3, R. Linsell 4, R. Suckling (cond.) 5, F. Roper 6, A. Elliott 7, W. Arnold 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam F. Claydon, for many years a ringer at the local church.

EASTCHURCH, Sheppey, KENT.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. D. J. Beal 1, Joan A. Hayward 2, F. R. Searle 3, K. T. Clarke 4, J. M. Clarke 5, N. J. Chesson (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Sutton 1, B. E. Jeffrey (cond.) 2, E. C. Leigh 3, B. Pink 4, Pauline Sutton 5, H. Evans 6, E. J. Jenner 7, J. M. Hollyman 8. For Harvest Thanksgiving.

EGREMONT, CUMBERLAND.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. B. Gates 1, D. Sim (first quarter) 2, Mrs. M. Dodd 3, B. Street 4, C. F. Gates 5, H. Wilson (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

EYNESBURY, HUNTS.—On Sept. 10th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Minyon Prescott 1, M. Presland 2, D. Prescott 3, G. Bonham 4, R. Bellamy (cond.) 5, P. George 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. B. A. Peck.

FAWLEY, HANTS.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Linda Chamberlain 1, Mrs. D. H. Chamberlain 2, S. J. Chamberlain 3, Elizabeth A. Banks (cond.) 4, L. D. Smith 5, L. V. Smith 6. Rung for reading-in of new incumbent.

FULBECK, LINCS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: J. Bennett 1, Elaine Rolfe 2, S. Mitchell 3, F. Derry 4, M. Mitchell (first as cond.) 5, C. Hencher 6. For Harvest Festival.

GALMPTON, DEVON.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Rev. Paschal Dowling 1, Mrs. M. M. Godley 2, Helen M. Julius 3, Rosemary M. Julius 4, R. J. Edden 5, J. L. Read (cond.) 6. For the centenary of the church. First quarter on the bells.

HONITON-CLYST, DEVON.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Retter 1, Miss M. Retter 2, Mrs. R. C. Woodley 3, R. C. Woodley (cond.) 4, Mrs. G. E. Retter 5, J. Salway 6, G. E. Retter 7, A. J. Holway 8. Rung for the wedding of Miss Angela Holway and Mr. Eric Vareoe.

HOPTON, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 14th, 1,440 (Little Bob, Plain Bob, St. Clement's): A. W. Foreman 1, A. Cook 2, J. Mowle 3, A. G. Harrison 4, C. Pease 5, H. Fuller (cond.) 6. For Flower Festival.

HUNSLET, YORKS. — On Oct. 12th, 1,250 Yorkshire Surprise Major: G. J. Jones 1, Gillian R. Cleaver (first in method) 2, Elizabeth J. Campbell (first of Surprise Major) 3, L. F. Palmer 4, J. G. Rose 5, M. G. Dodson 6, J. P. Ottaway 7, C. Forster (cond.) 8. For Harvest Festival.

INVERNESS. — At St. Andrew's Cathedral, on Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Wheeler 1, Lois Martin 2, H. S. Glover 3, A. S. Watt 4, R. Wilson 5, M. Scholes 6, M. Peterson (cond.) 7, D. Graham-Service 8. To celebrate 100 years of public worship at the Cathedral.

KESSINGLAND, SUFFOLK. — 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. J. Brock 1, P. J. Harrold (first quarter) 2, E. A. Brock 3, D. J. Harrold (first quarter) 4, F. R. Wade 5, M. J. Parker (cond.) 6. Rung for the wedding of Margaret Utting and Michael Utton.

LLANDAFF, GLAM.—At the Cathedral, on Aug. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Anne Cooke 1, Mary Pryor 2, Ann Pilgrim 3, F. W. Corney 4, C. Ricketts 5, M. Pilgrim 6, D. S. Bishop 7, N. W. H. Simon (cond.) 8, P. A. Williams 9, S. Fenwick 10. Also on Sept. 21st, 1,259 Grandsire Triples: Lynne Parker 1, Felicity Cooke 2, D. G. Clift 3, N. W. H. Simon 4, N. A. James 5, C. Ricketts 6, S. Fenwick (cond.) 7, F. W. Corney 8. Rung to mark the priesting of Richard, brother of the conductor and also a ringer at this Cathedral.

LOCKING, SOM.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): P. Kelby 1, Marjorie Legg (cond.) 2, Yvonne Cridle 3, June Legg 4, J. Coombs 5, G. Kingdom 6. Also on Sept. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Allison Kelby 1, P. Kelby 2, Marjorie Legg (cond.) 3, June Legg 4, J. Coombs 5, H. Button 6. For Harvest Festival.

LONDON, S.E. — At St. Giles', Camberwell, on Sept. 28th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss K. Rooke (first on ten) 1, J. F. Smallwood 2, Mrs. C. Harbot 3, Miss F. Cannon 4, R. Cooles 5, J. Pladdys 6, J. Euston (cond.) 7, K. Rider 8, P. Bosworth 9, E. Peett 10. Rung prior to the ordination service by the Lord Bishop of Southwark, and birthday compliments to J. F. Smallwood and W. Shepherd.

LONG SUTTON, SOM.—On June 28th, 1,440 Minor (720 each of Double Bob and Single Oxford): M. R. Arscott 1, K. E. Beale (cond.) 2, A. H. Reed 3, J. Cornelius 4, M. A. Arscott 5, R. F. Arscott 6.

LOWDHAM, NOTTS. — On Sept. 21st, 1,320 Doubles (11 m/v): G. P. Butler (first quarter) 1, P. R. Wild 2, J. R. Anthony 3, P. L. R. Hayward 4, H. G. Wells 5. A compliment to Bob and Pat Grundy, of Laxton, on the birth of a son.

MARSTON, OXFORD.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. Pack 1, Miss A. Randall 2, M. Coxhead 3, R. Jones 4, L. Porter (cond.) 5. A wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. Porter. Also on Oct. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: K. Harrison (first quarter) 1, C. Smith 2, I. O'Reilly 3, R. Jones 4, L. Porter (cond.) 5. Also 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Buck (first quarter) 1, R. Jones (cond.) 2, S. Buck 3, M. Bolton 4, L. Porter 5. Believed to be the 300th on the bells. For Harvest Festival.

MARSTON BIGOTT, SOM.—On May 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Gifford 1, P. Wareham 2, G. Wareham 3, P. Salvidge 4, W. Mills (cond., aged 87) 5, D. Burry 6. An 80th birthday compliment to ringer of 1. Also on Sept. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Stride 1, P. Salvidge 2, G. Wareham 3, H. Haynes 4, P. Wareham (first as cond.) 5, D. Burry 6. Rung to celebrate the birth of a first grandchild for Mr. and Mrs. G. Wareham.

MAYFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Sara K. D. Woolley 1, Dorothea M. Robotham 2, A. J. Mason 3, B. R. M. Johnson 4, B. C. Watson 5, M. J. Eastman 6, J. R. Southey (cond.) 7, S. J. Crawley 8.

MONKSILVER, SOM.—On May 11th, 1,260 May Day Doubles: A. W. Knight 1, M. A. Arscott 2, J. Cornelius 3, R. A. C. Cross 4, K. E. Beale (cond.) 5. First in the spliced composition by all the band.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARKS. — On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Carol A. Eveleigh 1, W. C. Budd 2, P. M. Edgson 3, J. G. Edgson 4, C. M. Povey 5, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival, and a first wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Eveleigh.

ODCOMBE, SOM.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. T. C. Worledge (first away from tenor) 1, R. E. Guppy 2, Miss P. J. Stephens (first "inside") 3, D. J. Pollard 4, G. W. Rendell, jun. (cond.) 5, J. D. Gray (first quarter) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Arthur Sartin, of Odcombe.

QUEEN CAMEL, SOM.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. J. Reeves (cond.) 1, P. Reeves (first "inside") 2, T. J. Setter 3, A. Owens 4, H. J. Jones 5, H. Gaylard 6. For Harvest Festival.

OBITUARY

(See also page 844)

MR. FRANK CLAYDON

The parting of a treasured friend amongst ringers in North Essex occurred when Mr. Frank Claydon, at the age of 88, died on September 26th after only a few days in hospital. Frank was a true friend of all ringers. His immaculate handling of a bell and perfection in striking were admired by all. He started his ringing career at Earls Colne in 1908, under the guidance of his father, and was remarkably quick to understand the art by merely looking on. His ability to concentrate earned him the reputation of being the safest ringer to have in any peal—he seldom made any trips.

His kindly manner encouraged all beginners with whom he came into contact, and these were numerous. Until a year ago he was still helping beginners! A devoted churchman and regular attender at the Sunday services, his years of service at St. Andrew's, Earls Colne, numbered over 60

His peals numbered 416, of which 69 were London Surprise. He rang in the first peals of Spliced Surprise Major in North Essex, conducted by Lewis Wiffen in 1939, and also a number of first performances in new methods. His last peal of London Surprise was rung in his 81st year. He also rang a number of handbell peals on 1-2 with the late William Keeble, Kent—T.B. Major, Bob Major and Royal.

The funeral took place at Earls Colne on October 1st, conducted by the Vicar, Rev. A. S. J. Holden. Numerous friends and ringers gathered to pay their last respects. The Essex Association was represented by Miss Hilda G. Snowden, deputy Master; the Northern District by R. Threadgold, District secretary; with friends from Pebmarsh, Bocking, Braintree, Black Notley, Halstead, Colne Engaine, Great Tey, Ipswich; his own colleagues from Earls Colne, and lifelong friend Walter Arnold. The bells were rung half-muffled before and after the service.

May the memory of this kindly gentleman live in the hearts of all who love good ringing and may his example stand as a shining light to all struggling beginners.

H. G. S.

An Appreciation

Miss Hilda G. Snowden writes:—

Knowing Frank Claydon was a privilege for which I shall always thank God. He encouraged me in my early ringing career, as indeed he did all young ringers. He was a gentleman in every sense of the word—kindly, thoughtful and helpful, always willing to go anywhere, even at short notice, to further the art of change-ringing. His standard was an example for all to follow. He enjoyed good ringing and I shall always remember his kindly, smiling face, which was ever present when ringing. He cherished performances by young people he had helped — a view into his peal books reveals this. He never sought fame, but his name is embedded in the history of the Northern Division of the Essex Association, to which his life was dedicated.

His lifelong service to Earls Colne Parish Church is an example for all. May his soul rest in peace.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. J. Barker 1, Miss G. M. Barker 2, A. V. Good 3, D. J. Goodman 4, B. M. Barker (cond.) 5, F. M. Byrne 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Alfred G. Cook, for many years a ringer at the local tower and a life member of the Hertford County Association.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Canon Gilbert Thurlow unfortunately, after a visit abroad, contracted a slight touch of pneumonia. His activities have been limited by doctor's orders.

60 Years Married, and the diamond wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. Lister received special notice, for 5,040 changes of Plain Bob Major were rung in honour of the event by a band at Boyne Hill on September 20th. It was also the 100th peal on the bells.

At the age of 72, and his first quarter peal for over 30 years, Mr. Herbert Booth, of Bushbury, Staffs, rang the 2nd to Grandsire Doubles, whilst two young ladies, Carole Pursall and Yvonne Fellows, who had only been ringing for six months, rang the treble and tenor.

Schools and Education are very much in the news these days, and it is gratifying to record a peal of Bob Major rung at Hurstpierpoint, Sussex, marking the centenary of the C. of E. School there. To make it more noteworthy, it is believed to be the first peal for nearly 80 years rung by a local Sunday service band. Very well done!

At the Cathedral Campanile of St. David's, Pembroke, on October 11th, a peal rung by the Ancient Society of College Youths is believed to be the first peal by the Society in the county of Pembroke. A band of College Youths visited St. Stephen's, Llanstephan, Carmarthenshire, in January, 1876, and rang the first peal in Wales, but it would appear that this is the first time for the Society to make the pilgrimage to St. David's.

The Memorial Peal at West Clandon, Surrey, for the late Mr. George Grover, on September 26th, was scored at the third attempt, the two previous efforts having failed through "mechanical" bell failure in the bell chamber and not through any fault of the team. George was, as previously stated in the obituary columns, a tremendous worker for the Guildford Diocesan Guild, both as its secretary and Central Council representative.

OBITUARY

MR. BEN THOMPSON

An Appreciation

It was with great regret I read in the "R.W." of the death of Ben Thompson. I knew Ben very well and rang with him many times at Leytonstone: he was a grand chap and always ready for a joke.

There were two incidents I recall. One Saturday the Leytonstone band went to North Weald, and I was asked beforehand if I would get two gallons of beer. My father got it from the King's Head in two jars, which we put in two sacks to carry easily. Ben said: "I'll carry them." After about half-a-mile George Dawson took over, and it didn't take long before he said: "We must lighten the load." So we sat on the haycocks and did the job!

We lost sight of Ben for some time, but on a Rayleigh outing which I joined and wrote to him, he replied that he would meet us at Lowestoft after ringing at Yarmouth and Beccles. At Lowestoft there was a wedding and we were only able to ring a short touch. Ben said: "I'll make it up. I'll get Pakefield." Well, I saw something there that I'll never see again. I went into the church to see eight ringers kneeling on the floor—the new ropes had stretched considerably!

P. H. A.

Mr. David James has left Surrey for Clevedon, Somerset. He thanks the Ashtead ringers for their friendship and hospitality.

Mrs. E. M. Mitchell, who has recently completed 60 years as a ringer, scored her first quarter of Grandsire Caters at St. Peter's, Brighton, on October 5th.

St. Andrew's Cathedral, Inverness, has a new Ringing Master in the person of Mr. Tim Watt, of 2, Milltown Married Quarters, Lhanbryde, Elgin, and the weekly practice night, to which all visitors are welcome, is now Thursday.

We are receiving many enquiries regarding school projects on bellringing, and we recommend anyone needing help to read "Discovering Bells and Bellringing", by John Camp (price 4/6 post free). See advertisement on page 836.

The 1,300th Anniversary of St. Peter's Church, Barton-on-Humber, was marked by the ringing of a peal of Minor on August 6th, and no doubt other local activities took place to make this great record made known to the community.

Rutland Surprise Major was the method chosen for a peal at Maldon, Essex, to celebrate the wedding of Miss J. A. Quilter and Mr. P. G. Brown at Braintee on October 4th. It was also an opportunity for two pairs of the team to complete 50 peals together.

Two Peals on the same Bells and on the same day — one of London S. Royal and the other of London S. Major—were successfully brought round when the Feast of Title was honoured at the Church of the Holy Cross, Daventry, on September 13th. For the conductor of the first, Mr. Barrie Hendry, it was his 350th peal.

"They will think it a fiddle" was the comment made by Mr. Tom White when the new editor opened, checked, rechecked and announced the first correct solution to the crossword printed in the issue of Oct. 10th. The reason for his comment was that the winner had requested that the 10/- prize should be donated to the "Tom White Testimonial Fund"—a kindly thought for a worthy cause.

And as a follow-up: Have YOU sent YOUR personal contribution to the fund? If not, do it now—to Mrs. P. J. Staniforth, 150, Narborough Road South, Braunstone, Leics.

Twenty-five Peals, or quarter peals, rung together is, in our view, not of sufficient news value to warrant a footnote, unless of especial significance, and, similarly, somebody's birthday or wedding anniversary. It is usually after the ringing has been completed that it is discovered that someone, somewhere, has an anniversary and the footnote added accordingly. To help the finances of this paper why not use our "Personal" column: for 5/- you can send a message or greeting to any of your ringing friends.

The Quarter Peal Columns each week contain many names of ringers who are seldom, if ever, found in the peal reports, and their financial contributions are very welcome. In addition, what may appear as a report of little consequence is often a great personal triumph for young and old alike — a first at first attempt, or first as conductor. All very worthwhile, and the many quarters received during the Harvest Thanksgiving and Michaelmas period give emphasis to the belief that Sunday service ringers will always "have a go for a quarter".

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CHESTER GUILD'S SECOND HANDBELL DAY

Following last year's very successful day it was decided to hold a second handbell day at Marple on October 4th. Most of those who took part in last year's venture were able to attend again. The number of peal attempts was reduced from eight to four to give everyone more social time.

The first attempts were for Oxford Treble Bob Major at Woodville Drive and Oxford Treble Bob Royal at Ashwood Crescent. Both were successful, five members of the Wirral branch ringing their first peal in the method on handbells, acquitting themselves very well. All met at the Ring o' Bells at 12.45 for sandwiches and beer and a convivial time was spent.

At Ashwood Crescent two peals were attempted—Oxford Treble Bob Royal in the "belfry", which was successful, and Plain Bob Royal in another room, the latter being called round after 11 courses because the striking was not up to standard.

No evening peal attempts were arranged so there was more time to try more advanced ringing, but Oxford Treble Bob Maximus and Spliced Surprise Major proved a bit too much at the end of the day. Unfortunately the Wirral band has lost the services of Keith Walpole and the Marple band those of Bernard Groves.

THE NEW "EIGHT" AT RUDDINGTON

After a silence of nine months the bells are ringing out their message to the people of Ruddington, Notts. Messrs. John Taylor, of Loughborough, have done a wonderful job in recasting the bells and we now have a ring of eight which are much sweeter and more mellow in tone and can be rung without the laborious effort which the ringers had to make with the original bells.

As a result of two grants and a handsome donation we were able to preserve intact the oldest bell, now to be used as a priest's bell.

The service of dedication took place on Sunday, September 14th, at Evensong. We were glad to have Mr. Paul Taylor and Mr. Eric Fowler (who was in charge of the actual work) present on this historic occasion, and it seemed most fitting that the ringers themselves should lead the prayers and that our ringing master should read the lesson.

Members of the local band are to be congratulated on the hard work which has been put into this vast improvement.

There are some added inscriptions, viz.:

The 2nd.—In memory of Joseph Walton Horspool. Bellringer for over 50 years.

The 3rd.—This bell called St. Peter replaces the old third now used as a priest's bell.

The 4th.—Recast 1969 in memory of James Henry Streton, Vicar's warden 1949–1961.

All the rest have the old inscriptions with the Taylor shield, recast 1969.

S. A.

ARCHBISHOP IN BELFRY

New Romney belfry was visited by the Archbishop of Canterbury when he preached at the harvest festival. After saying the Ringers' Prayer and giving his blessing, His Grace asked to see some ringing. An excellent touch of Grandsire Triples was rung.

A major overhaul, costing £1,500, is needed for these bells, which last received attention in 1909. Financial help is invited.

SWINDON FLOWER FESTIVAL

Despite the very unsettled weather of the week-end Sept. 12th–15th, the Swindon Flower Festival was a great success with approximately 16,000 people visiting Christ Church, with queues at times of up to 300 yards in length. The ten bells played their part with two peals and five quarter peals during the festival. The total number of changes rung was 16,439, with 57 different ringers taking part, 13 of whom were members of the local band.

Thanks are accorded to Anita O'Brien and Peter Tombs, who stood in the first peal at a minute's notice.

Ringers from Rodbourne Cheney, Stratton St. Margaret, Oxford, Hillingdon, Worcester Cathedral, Frome, Southampton and Wareham took part, and we thank them for their assistance in making the festival a success. It is hoped that this will become an annual event.

E.

NORTH HANTS RINGERS GO TO HEREFORD

For their sixth outing North Hants ringers selected Hereford as their main objective, and a party of 12 had a wonderful day on Sunday, October 5th.

The programme opened at Gloucester, the arrangements here being made by Mr. Leslie Barry. The bells at St. Mary-de-Lode, the Cathedral and St. Mary-de-Crypt were rung for their respective services, and following morning service those at Ledbury Parish Church.

Lunch was taken at Hereford and Mr. Jones joined us at St. Nicholas', Hereford. Then followed the highlight of the day—an hour's ringing at the Cathedral, arranged by Mr. Austin Wingate. Other towers were All Saints', Hereford, for Cambridge and London: the detached campanile at Pembridge: Bodenham and Bromsberrow, where Rev. F. F. Rigby joined in a course of Cambridge. The long journey home was accompanied by happy memories of a most enjoyable day.

G. K. D.

UNIQUE CENTURY

Ringing 100 peals together is not considered a record today, but the Misses Grace and Katharine Burchnall are unique in that they are the first twins to have achieved a century, and in one tower—at Gamston, Sutton-on-Trent. The Exercise extends congratulations and wishes them continued success in the field of peal ringing.

SELWYN COLLEGE PEAL

On October 9th four resident members of Selwyn College, Cambridge, rang a handbell peal of Plain Bob Major, emulating a similar Selwyn band of 1952. This was the first peal rung in Cripps Court, a new extension to the college which was built during the bursarship of Dr. C. M. P. Johnson, the tenor ringer on this occasion. The other members of the band extend their valedictory congratulations to him, as in the new year he will cross the Cam to become the Bursar of St. John's College.

CROSSWORD No. 15

The first correct solution was received from Mr. K. Kirk, Willerby, Hull. He asks that the prize of 10s. be sent to the T. W. White Testimonial Fund. Solution:—

Across.—1 Surprise, 5 Spiral, 10 "The Ringing World", 11 Entrant, 12 Nearer, 14 Bicester, 16 Siren, 19 Asset, 21 Dispense, 24 Outlet, 26 Rebound, 28 John Taylor and Co., 29 Marble, 30 Benenden.

Down.—1 Settee, 2 Re-entries, 3 Reigate, 4 Sight, 6 Powders, 7 Rarer, 8 Led wrong, 9 End, 13 Arts, 15 Tide, 17 Resounded, 18 Jar of jam, 20 Trental, 22 Embrace, 23 Adjoin, 25 To her, 26 Rhone, 27 Eye.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

ST. ALBANS, Herts.—At the Cathedral and Abbey Church of St. Alban.
On Sat., Oct. 11, 1969, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in D.

Alan J. Frost	Treble	David P. Hilling	7
Brian Bladon	2	John Armstrong	8
James R. Taylor	3	David E. House	9
Andrew N. Stubbs	4	D. John Hunt	10
John Hill	5	Noel J. Diserens	11
John N. Diserens	6	Michael P. Moreton	Tenor

Composed by Peter Border. Conducted by David P. Hilling.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PORTISHEAD, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Oct. 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Tenor 15 cwt.

Heywood's.			
*Keith E. Beale	Treble	Peter J. England	5
*Mervyn A. Arscott	2	Sidney G. Smith	6
Marjorie Legg	3	George Prescott	7
*John Cornelius	4	*Mervyn R. Arscott	Tenor

Conducted by George Prescott.
* First peal of Stedman Triples.

NORTH BARROW, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Sept. 27, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 42 extents, four methods—Rev. Canterbury, Plain Bob, Grandsire, St. Bartholomew—six variations, four spliced.
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr 8 lb. in G.

Thomas W. Harris	Treble	*Peter J. Devrell	3
Kay Whittaker	2	Robin L. Coles	4
Alan F. Lee	Tenor		

Conducted by Alan F. Lee.
* 25th peal First peal on the bells, which have been a ring of five since 1926.

ASHWICK, Somerset.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sun., Oct. 5, 1969, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents, five different callings. Tenor 7 cwt.

Ronald G. Beck	Treble	Phillip H. D. Jones	4
*Judith E. Beck	2	Adrian P. Beck	5
Edward J. Chivers	3	Robert E. Beck	Tenor

Conducted by Adrian P. Beck.
* First peal at first attempt.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

EVERCREECH, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Oct. 4, 1969, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt. 17 lb. in E flat.

*Norah M. Randles	Treble	Michael Thomson	6
William T. Perrins	2	*George H. Randles	7
Christopher J. Jones	3	Ian Fleming	8
Barnabas G. Key	4	Frederick E. Collins	9
Desmond G. Mayell	5	Charles F. W. Eyre	Tenor

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.
* 350th peal together.

GRAPPENHALL, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.
On Sat., Sept. 20, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RADNOR SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt.

Sidney Hough	Treble	Michael J. Platt	5
Eric Roughley	2	Neil D. Lomas	6
F. John Nelson	3	Geoffrey R. Gardner	7
Timothy Wylie	4	Denis Mottershead	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by F. John Nelson.
First peal in the method for the Guild, on the bells and by all the band.
Rung in memoriam Henry O. Baker.

CHESTER.—At the Church of St. Mary-within-the-Walls.
On Sat., Oct. 4, 1969, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

John W. Griffiths	Treble	Dennis H. B. Millward	5
*Rachel Williams	2	†Frederick Kelly	6
Valerie Jamson	3	Harry W. Howard	7
Frederick R. Evans	4	Geoffrey Parting	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by John W. Griffiths.
* First peal "inside." † First peal.
Rung for the wedding of Miss Sara Ellison (daughter of the Bishop of Chester) and Mr. M. Stoner at Chester Cathedral the same day.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

WELLESBOURNE, Warwicks.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Sept 27, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in 29 methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge, Norfolk, Keston, Hull, Primrose, Bourne and Ipswich Surprise. (2 Beverley, Hexham, Surfleet, Durham, York and Berwick Surprise, (3) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley T.B., (4) London and Wells Surprise, (5) Kent and Oxford T.B., (6) Double Oxford, Thelwall, Pinehurst, St. Clement's, Childwall and Buxton Bob, (7) Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 24 lb. in G.

John K. Foot	Treble	John F. Thorne	4
Raymon A. Sheasby	2	Peter H. Mackie	5
Paul Reading	3	Peter C. Randall	Tenor

Conducted by Peter C. Randall.
Rung for the Harvest Festival.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BURTON-UPON-TRENT, Staffs.—At the Church of St. Paul.
On Sat., Sept. 27, 1969, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 28 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in D.

Gordon A. Halls	Treble	Burley P. Morris	6
Timothy Wylie	2	Clive A. Thrower	7
Brian A. Tomlinson	3	Denis R. Carlisle	8
Richard J. Warrilow	4	Rev. Frederick R. Ross	9
David W. Parkin	5	David W. Friend	Tenor

Conducted by David W. Friend.
Rung as a compliment to Stephen R. Haynes, of St. Paul's, on his coming-of-age.

DUFFIELD, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Alkmund.
On Sat., Sept. 27, 1969, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 17¼ cwt.

*Eric Roughley	Treble	Roland H. Cook	6
F. John Nelson	2	Geoffrey Gardner	7
†Kenneth R. Davenport	3	Neil D. Lomas	8
Stephen W. Barton	4	Bryan D. A. Woolley	9
Michael J. Platt	5	Denis Mottershead	Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Denis Mottershead.
* First peal of Royal. † First of Surprise Royal "inside."
Rung to mark the ordination as priest of the Rev. Michael J. Nelson at Derby Cathedral on September 21st, 1969.

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THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TRUMPINGTON, Cambs.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Michael.
On Tues., Sept. 30, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in G.

Donald F. Murfet	Treble	Philip J. Rothera	5
Allen Twyman	2	Peter G. Brown	6
*Martin R. Kitson	3	John G. Gipson	7
Frank E. Haynes	4	Kenneth J. Hesketh	Tenor

Composed by R. J. Parker. Conducted by Kenneth J. Hesketh.
* First peal of Major.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

MALDON, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Fri., Oct. 3 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in F sharp.

*Yvonne A. Murray	Treble	†Keith W. Brown	5
*Joe E. G. Roast	2	Peter S Bennett	6
David E. Rothera	3	†James L. Towler	7
Richard J. Harrison	4	Philip J. Rothera	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.
* 50th peal together. † 50th peal together.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Josephine A. Quilter and Peter G. Brown, married the following day at St. Michael's, Braintree

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WEST CLANDON, Surrey—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Fri., Sept. 26, 1969, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt in E.

Alan D. Elsmore	Treble	Stanley G. Ponting	5
Jill M May	2	Peter J. Munday	6
*Peter Henry	3	Douglas A. R. May	7
William S. Deason	4	A. Patrick Cannon	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton Conducted by Douglas A. R. May.
* First peal in the method. First on the bells since rehanging.
Rung in memoriam George L. Grover, captain of this tower for 20 years.

WITLEY, Surrey.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Oct 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in F sharp.

Edward J. Futcher	Treble	Stanley G. Ponting	5
Jill M May	2	Harold A. May	6
Felicity S. Hamilton	3	Douglas A. R. May	7
Alan D. Elsmore	4	Tom Page	Tenor

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by Douglas A. R. May.
First peal in the method as conductor.

COBHAM, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Fri., Sept. 20, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in G sharp.

Judith M. Collins	Treble	†Edward J. Futcher	4
*Jill M May	2	*Roy Collins	5
Martin J. Kirk	3	‡Douglas A. R. May	Tenor

Conducted by Douglas A R. May.
* 25th peal together. † First in seven methods. ‡ 100th peal.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BROMYARD, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Aug. 30, 1969, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

*Thomas Cooper	Treble	Norman R. Mattingley	5
†Valerie M. Edge	2	John F. I. Turney	6
Austin T. Wingate	3	John C. Eisel	7
Leslie Evans	4	George T Cousins	Tenor

Composed by A. J Corrigan Conducted by George T. Cousins.
* First peal in the method. † First of Major in the method. First in the method on the bells.

MARDEN, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Mon., Sept 1, 1969, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
In four methods, being one extent of Primrose Surprise, one extent of Cambridge Surprise, two extents of Oxford T.B and three extents of Kent T.B. Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr.

Peter Hughes	Treble	Austin T. Wingate	4
*Valerie M. Edge	2	John C. Eisel	5
John F. I. Turney	3	George T. Cousins	Tenor

Conducted by John C. Eisel.
* First peal of Treble Bob Minor. First of Treble Bob Minor on the bells

ASTON INGHAM, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Wed., Sept. 3, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
42 extents, 10 callings.

*Alison Savagar	Treble	*Elizabeth Wycherley	4
Heather McArthur	2	Valerie M. Edge	5
George T. Cousins	3	Peter Hughes	Tenor

Conducted by Valerie M. Edge and George T. Cousins.
* First peal. Tenor 5 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in B.

ST. WEONARDS, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Weonard.
On Fri., Sept. 5, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Double Oxford, one extent of St. Clement's and five extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

Michael V. Powell	Treble	Peter L. Wycherley	4
Peter Hughes	2	John C. Eisel	5
Valerie M. Edge	3	George T. Cousins	Tenor

Conducted by John C. Eisel.

BISHOP'S CASTLE, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Sept. 6, 1969, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Double Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

Heather McArthur	Treble	Austin T. Wingate	4
*Michael V. Powell	2	Adrian G. Semken	5
Peter J. Wycherley	3	Norman R. Mattingley	Tenor

Conducted by Norman R. Mattingley.
*First peal in seven Minor methods.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WALLINGTON, Herts.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., June 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In five methods, being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob and one extent each of St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in A flat.

*Rosemary Roden	Treble	Margaret Roden	4
Martin Major	2	Michael Worthington	5
Richard Castledine	3	Jack S. Dear	Tenor

Conducted by Richard Castledine.
* First peal.

ASTON, Herts.—At the Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
On Sat., Aug. 2, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford T.B. and Oxford Bob, Double Court, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in G.

Peter Worthington	Treble	Michael Worthington	4
*Rosemary Spicer	2	Richard Castledine	5
*Margaret Roden	3	Jack S. Dear	Tenor

Conducted by Richard Castledine.
* First peal in seven methods.
Rung as a compliment to Jill Woodward and Eric Horrell, married at The Lee Church on July 26th, 1969.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BIRCHINGTON-ON-SEA, Kent.—At The Waterloo Tower, Quex Park.
On Sat., Oct. 4, 1969, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Ian H. Oram	Treble	Simon A. B. Wigg	7
Trevor A. Cross	2	D. Paul Smith	8
Margaret E. Oram	3	Peter S. Muchlinski	9
Janet House	4	Martin L. Howe	10
Andrew J. Corby	5	Thomas Cullingworth	11
Robert W. Hinde	6	David E. House	Tenor

Conducted by David E. House. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. in F.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

ENDERBY, Leics.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Sept. 27, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

*Neil Harvey	Treble	Christopher M. Sturgess	5
*Robert Smith	2	†Andrew S. Hayden	6
†Tony R. Natt	3	K. Paul Gilliver	7
Brian L. Burrows	4	A. James Poynor	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Brian L. Burrows.
* First peal on eight bells. † First in the method.
Rung with the best wishes of the band to Tony R. Natt for a successful university career. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Sat., Oct. 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

K. Paul Gilliver	Treble	Francis Kirk	5
J. Edward Cawser	2	John J. Morris	6
Alfred Ballard	3	Robin A. Gilliver	7
Eileen J. Goodall	4	Brian L. Burrows	Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.

SAPCOTE, Leicestershire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Mon., Sept. 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Oxford T.B., two each of Kent T.B., Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in A flat.

Alison Butterfield	Treble	Burley P. Morris	4
*David M. Brown (aged 11)	2	Michael E. Brown	5
Neil W. Harvey	3	K. Paul Gilliver	Tenor

Conducted by Michael E. Brown.
* First peal "inside."
Rung for the Feast of St. Michael.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Wed., Aug. 6, 1969, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

Pamela A. Gill	Treble	Geoffrey Bromfield	4
*Helen M. Gill	2	Jack Bray	5
Robert T. Harrison	3	Michael W. Crowder	Tenor

Conducted by Michael W. Crowder.
* First peal "inside."
Rung to commemorate the 1,300th anniversary of the founding of this church.

KIRTON-IN-LINDSEY, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Oct. 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
In seven methods: Newdigate, Old Oxford and College Bob IV Delight, Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

John M. Blaikie	Treble	Melvyn A. Rose	4
Richard H. Hall	2	John F. Underwood	5
G. Leslie A. Lunn	3	George E. Feirn	Tenor

Conducted by George E. Feirn.
First peal on the bells since rehanging.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ISLEWORTH, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Thu s., Sept. 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 3 version. Tenor 16 cwt. 24 lb. in E.

Maureen J. Carruthers	Treble	Christopher H. Rogers	6
*Eric Edmondson	2	*†John R. Ketteringham	7
Frank T. Blagrove	3	Gerald Penney	8
*†Timothy G. Pett	4	Alan R. Patterson	9
*Anthony R. Carter	5	Harold W. Rogers	Tenor

Arranged by John R. Mayne. Conducted by Gerald Penney.
* First peal of London Royal. † 50th peal together.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Tues., Sept. 23, 1969, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

B. Stedman Payne	Treble	Shelagh R. Melville	6
Richard J. Clifton	2	Joseph W. Cotton	7
Ronald D. Hughes	3	Frank Chambers	8
Arthur E. Rowley	4	Roland Beniston	9
Rev. M. C. C. Melville	5	G. Ronald Edwards	Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Roland Beniston.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Tues., Sept. 30, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKTOWN SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

G. Ronald Edwards	Treble	Frank Chambers	5
Richard J. Clifton	2	Arthur E. Rowley	6
Ronald D. Hughes	3	B. Stedman Payne	7
Joseph W. Cotton	4	Roland Beniston	Tenor

Composed by Harry Poyner. Conducted by Roland Beniston.
First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild.

THE SOCIETY OF NEW FOREST YOUTHS.

BUTCOMBE, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Sept. 6, 1969, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 12 extents each April Day, Plain Bob, 18 Grandsire.

*John B. G. G. Clarke	Treble	Anthony A. Nunn	4
*Steven Baybut	2	William Willans	5
Barry J. Fry	3	*Raymond J. Tutton	Tenor

Conducted by William Willans.
* First peal.
Rung with best wishes to Canon C. R. Macbeth in his new parish after 17 years as Vicar of Brockenhurst. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb. in B.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

EAST DEREHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Fri., Sept. 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MAJOR
In two methods, being 3,600 Plain Bob and 1,440 Cambridge Surprise, with 90 changes of method. Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in E flat.

Peter Adcock	Treble	George P. Adams	5
Carole A. H. Patey	2	Kevin S. Hohl	6
David G. Adams	3	Martin Cubitt	7
David Cubitt	4	David E House	Tenor

Arranged by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by David E. House.
First peal of Major in these two methods by all except the conductor.

HOLME HALE, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Sept 20, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 14 cwt. in E.

*Samuel H. Waterfield	Treble	Thomas E. Spight	4
Henry Tooke	2	Anthony H. Roberts	5
Adrial Walton	3	Frank C. J. Arnold	Tenor

Conducted by Frank C. J. Arnold.
* Has "circled the tower."

NORTON SUBCOURSE, Norfolk.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Margaret.
On Sun., Sept. 28, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in G.

Norman P. J. Cossey	Treble	Thomas J. Brock	4
*David C. Ely	2	John M. Clarke	5
J. Barry Pickup	3	Michael J. Parker	Tenor

Conducted by J. Barry Pickup.
* First peal "inside."
Rung in memoriam Ben S. Thompson.

SOMERLEYTON, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sun., Oct. 5, 1969, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. in A.

David C. Ely	Treble	Thomas J. Brock	4
Norman P. J. Cossey	2	J. Barry Pickup	5
Michael J. Parker	3	Winston S. Girling	Tenor

Conducted by Winston S. Girling.
Rung for Harvest Festival and to mark the retirement after 16 years as Rector of Somerleyton of the Rev. C. W. Bean.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

TROWBRIDGE, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sat., Sept. 13, 1969, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 ALBANIAN SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in D.

Alan R. Patterson	Treble	Brian D. Threlfall	7
James R. Taylor	2	Brian Bladon	8
*Michael P. Moreton	3	Frank E. Darby	9
Janet House	4	David E. House	10
Andrew N. Stubbs	5	Robert C. Kippin	11
David P. Hilling	6	D. John Hunt	Tenor

Conducted by David P. Hilling.
* 50th peal of Surprise Maximus. First of Albanian Surprise Maximus by all.

MAIDENHEAD, Berks.—At the Church of All Saints, Boyne Hill.
On Sat., Sept. 20, 1969, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt 13 lb. in E.

Roland Biggs	Treble	Donald T. Young	5
Derek R. Livsey	2	Richard E. Dean	6
Doreen Young	3	Arthur Newton	7
Ernest E. Gosling	4	Robert H. Newton	Tenor

Arranged by C. I. Rowson. Conducted by Robert H. Newton.
100th peal on the bells.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Lister on their diamond wedding.

BRAY, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Sept. 27, 1969, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PUTNEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 26 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in D.

*Dianne Gazeley	Treble	*Ronald K. Russ	5
Alan R. Pink	2	William Birmingham	6
*William Butler	3	†Peter J. Heritage	7
*Walter G. Knight	4	*Frank T. Blagrove	Tenor

Composed by C. H Martin. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* First peal in the method. † First in the method "inside."
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HUGHENDEN, Bucks.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels. On Mon., Sept. 29 1969, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in F.

Robert H. Newton	Treble	Roland Biggs	5
*Anne E. Parr	2	Sydney M. Bailey	6
†Arthur Newton	3	David A. Cornwall	7
A. Reginald Blaby	4	Arthur W. Payne	Tenor

Composed by H. Hubbard, Conducted by David A. Cornwall.
* First peal, first attempt † 100th peal for the Guild.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

ADDERBURY, Oxon.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin
On Sat., Oct. 4, 1969, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 14 lb. in D.

*Jean Davis	Treble	Robert A. Reeves	5
*Diana Reeves	2	Barry J. Davis	6
*†Barry R. Care	3	Michael W. Coleman	7
*J. Malcolm Tyler	4	*†Murray A. Coleman	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Murray A. Coleman.
* First peal in the method. † 50th together.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

DAVENTRY, Northants.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Sat., Sept. 13, 1969, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5000 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
Beddington version. Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in E flat.

Christopher C. Stokes	Treble	Barry E. Saunders	6
Patrick I. Chapman	2	Roger W. Smith	7
Malcolm J. M. Chown	3	Alan J. Frost	8
Shirley E. Ruddlesden	4	Alan A. Paul	9
Graham C. Paul	5	*Barrie Hendry	Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by Barrie Hendry.
* 350th peal.

And later the same day on the same bells:—
In 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Barrie Hendry	Treble	Graham C. Paul	5
Roger W. Smith	2	Barry E. Saunders	6
Alan A. Paul	3	Alan J. Frost	7
Stanley M. Ruddlesden	4	Patrick I. Chapman	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin Conducted by Graham C. Paul.
Rung for the Feast of Title.

DAVENTRY, Northants.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Sat., Sept. 27, 1969, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 THIRSTON SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 18 cwt 3 qr. 9 lb. in E flat.

Stanley F. Webb	Treble	Stephen Ivin	6
Patrick I. Chapman	2	Thomas J. Lock	7
Barry E. Saunders	3	C. Michael Orme	8
Graham C. Paul	4	Alan A. Paul	9
Roger W. Smith	5	Richard F. B. Speed	Tenor

Conducted by Graham C. Paul.
First peal in the method.

THIRSTON SURPRISE ROYAL
—30—.14,—56—.36.14—14.50,—14—.50.14—14.50.
l.h. 12. 426385079. Bob 14.

DAVENTRY, Northants.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Fri., Oct. 3, 1969, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

Richard F. B. Speed	Treble	Stanley M. Ruddlesden	6
Barry E. Saunders	2	Vernon B. Bedford	7
Malcolm J. V. Chown	3	Burley P. Morris	8
Patrick I. Chapman	4	Alan A. Paul	9
Rev. Ernest G. Orland	5	Graham C. Paul	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Richard F. B. Speed.

PATTISHALL, Northants.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Sat., Sept. 13, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in G.

Alan A. Paul	Treble	Christopher C. Stokes	4
Graham C. Paul	2	Roger W. Smith	5
Barry E. Saunders	3	Alan J. Frost	Tenor

Conducted by Graham C. Paul.
150th peal as conductor.
Rung for the Feast of Title.

STAVERTON, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Sept. 13, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

Bridget Bates	Treble	Stanley M. Ruddlesden	4
Shirley E. Ruddlesden	2	Malcolm J. V. Chown	5
Patrick I. Chapman	3	Barrie Hendry	Tenor

Conducted by Barrie Hendry.

WEEKLEY, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Tues., Sept. 23, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in 11 methods: (1) Old Oxford Delight, (2) College Bob IV Delight, (3) Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet Surprise, (4) Oxford T.B., (5) Kent T.B., (6) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (7) Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 10 lb. in A flat.

*Elizabeth M. Tingle	Treble	Barry R. Care	4
David J. Morgan	2	Raymond Henman	5
Murray A Coleman	3	†J. Malcolm Tyler	Tenor

Conducted by J. Malcolm Tyler.
* First peal. † 50th peal
Rung as a farewell to the treble ringer upon her commencing studies at Manchester University.

DEENE, Northants.—At the Church of St Peter.
On Thurs., Sept. 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In 33 methods: (1) Double Oxford, Thelwall, Pinehurst, London, Lytham, Westlecot, St Clement's, Childwall, Buxton, College, Wavertree and Rodbourne (by H. Chant), (2) Cambridge, Beverley, Surfleet, (3) Oswald, Edinburgh, Kentish, (4) Old Oxford, College Bob IV, Willesden, Newdigate, (5) Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Capel, (6) Walsingham, Lammas, Fulmer and Olney Alliance, with Little Bob, (7) Single Oxford and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in G.

David J. Morgan	Treble	J. Malcolm Tyler	4
Raymond Henman	2	Barry R. Care	5
Stephen B. Bell	3	Murray A. Coleman	Tenor

Conducted by Murray A. Coleman.
Most methods to a peal by all.

BRAFIELD, Northants.—At the Church of St. Laurence.
On Fri., Sept. 26, 1969, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 7 lb

Christopher Chiplin	Treble	*†Raymond Henman	4
Barry R. Care	2	†David Morgan	5
Dorothy M. Stopps	3	Stephen B. Bell	Tenor

Conducted by Stephen B. Bell.
* 50th peal. † 25th peal together
Rung in memory of Ronald Russell, who rang his last peal on September 26th, 1968.

LEIGHTON BROMSWOLD, Hunts.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin
On Sat., Sept. 13, 1969, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being six extents of Grandsire, St. Martin, St. Simon, Plain Bob, St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place and Rev. Canterbury Pleasure.
Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

Peter M. Fleckney	Treble	Peter S. Abbott	3
Malcolm J. Tyler	2	Ray Daw	4
Stephen B. Bell	Tenor		

Conducted by Stephen B. Bell.

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

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew, Edgbaston.
On Wed., Sept. 10, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5000 SPLICED PLAIN AND LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Contains 3,920 Plain Bob and 1,080 Little Bob, with 250 changes of method. Tenor 10 cwt. 14 lb. in G.

James W. Belshaw	Treble	J. Alan Ainsworth	5
Joyce J. Barton	2	Stephen W. Barton	6
A. Bryan Ellsmore	3	John N. Lindon	7
Richard J. Tibbetts	4	Clifford A. Barron	Tenor

Composed by F. Nolan Golden. Conducted by Clifford A. Barron.

MUCH WENLOCK, Shropshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Sept. 20, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5022 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Speed's transposition of Humphrey's. Tenor 16 cwt. 8 lb. in E.

John N. Lindon	Treble	Richard J. Tibbetts	5
Arthur V. Pearson	2	*Ernest F. Willcox	6
Maurice F. Edwards	3	J. Alan Ainsworth	7
Stephen W. Barton	4	Clifford A. Barron	Tenor

Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.
* First peal in the method.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew, Edgbaston.
On Wed., Sept. 24, 1969, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 UXBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 14 lb. in G.

John N. Lindon	Treble	J. Alan Ainsworth	5
Bryan D. A. Woolley	2	Stephen W. Barton	6
A. Bryan Ellsmore	3	Roderick W. Pipe	7
Richard J. Tibbetts	4	Clifford A. Barron	Tenor

Composed by John R. Mayne. Conducted by Clifford A. Barron.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DURWESTON, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Fri., Sept. 5, 1969, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 12 lb. in F sharp:

John N. Longridge	Treble	Timothy G. Bleathman ..	4
Susan M. Corry	2	Christopher F. Longridge	5
*Alan R. Paulley	3	†Martin J. Corry	Tenor

Conducted by Martin J. Corry.
* First peal. † First peal as conductor.

HAMPRESTON, Dorset.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Tues., Sept. 9, 1969 in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Wells, London, Durham, York, Surfleet, Beverley and Cambridge. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

*David Wilson	Treble	‡Ross G. W. Robertson ..	4
*†Mary E. Elmes	2	*William T. Perrins	5
†Katharine J. Maundrell	3	*Timothy F. Collins	Tenor

Conducted by Timothy F. Collins.
* Most Surprise Minor methods to a peal. † 25th peal together. ‡ Most Surprise methods to a peal.
Rung as an 18th birthday compliment to Frances J. N. Brown, also as a welcome to Lucy Jane, daughter of Mary and David Cull, born on September 3rd.

COLLINGBOURNE KINGSTON, Wilts.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sun., Sept. 21, 1969, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 19 cwt. 11 lb. in E.

Graham W. Elmes	Treble	Raymond H. Daw ..	4
Mary E. Elmes	2	*†Timothy F. Collins ..	5
William T. Perrins	3	*Frederick E. Collins ..	Tenor

Conducted by Timothy F. Collins.
* 25th peal together. † 25th peal of Minor.
Rung as a 68th birthday compliment to Mr. Frederick E. Collins.

LYNEHAM, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St Michael and All Angels.
On Sun., Oct 5, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.

*Jack L. Iason	Treble	*Brian Evans (R.A.F.) ..	4
*Anthony J. Cox (R.A.F.)	2	†Ronald A. Wright (R.A.F.)	5
*†John D. Sankey	3	M. E. Stracey (R.A.F.)	Tenor

Conducted by Michael E. Stracey.
* First peal of Minor. † First of Plain Bob Minor.

LYTCHETT MATRAVERS, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Fri., Sept. 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Wells, London, Durham, York, Surfleet, Beverley and Cambridge.
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb in G flat.

*Frances J. N. Brown ..	Treble	‡David Wilson	4
Mary E. Elmes	2	Timothy F. Collins	5
†Graham W. Elmes	3	William T. Perrins	Tenor

Conducted by Timothy F. Collins.
* Most methods to a peal. † Most Surprise Minor methods to a peal. ‡ Most Surprise Minor methods "inside" to a peal.

MILBORNE ST. ANDREW, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Oct 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In three methods, being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise and Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

Mary E. Elmes	Treble	Ross G. W. Robertson ..	4
Frances J. N. Brown ..	2	Katharine J. Maundrell ..	5
David Wilson	3	Timothy F. Collins	Tenor

Conducted by Timothy F. Collins.
Rung as an 18th birthday compliment to Katharine J. Maundrell.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

STAFFORD.—At the Collegiate Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., Sept. 1, 1969, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

*Keith Daniels	Treble	Richard J. Warrilow	6
†Jennifer M. Beech	2	Frank Beech	7
*Ruth A. E. Fairbrother ..	3	Edward R. Fairbrother ..	8
*Margaret A. Swain	4	Neville R. Holland	9
Roy K. Mowforth	5	William H. Watkin	Tenor

Composed by Albert M. Tyler. Conducted by Frank Beech.
* First peal of Caters. † First in the method. First of Caters as conductor. Tenor 19 cwt. 11 lb. in E.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

NOTTINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Peter with St. James.
On Tues., Sept. 23, 1969, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Harold J. Dobbin	Treble	J. Richard Anthony ..	5
Susan M. O'Neill	2	*George A. Dawson	6
Sheila M. Anthony	3	Richard A. G. Inglis ..	7
John R. Leeming	4	William L. Exton	Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker. Conducted by Richard A. G. Inglis.
* 200th peal. Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb. in E flat.

STANFORD-ON-SOAR, Notts.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Wed., Oct. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in F.

Edward Willows	Treble	Trevor Kirkman	5
*Paul Selby	2	Neil Handley	6
*David Osbourne	3	Reginald J Stretton	7
†Arthur Newell	4	David Oliver	Tenor

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Reginald J. Stretton.
* First peal of Major. † First of Major "inside."

NORTH MUSKHAM, Notts.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.
On Sat., Sept. 13, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt 3 qr 13 lb. in F sharp.

Paul F. Curtis	Treble	†Graham J. Jones	4
*Elizabeth J. Campbell ..	2	Derek J. Tysoe	5
A. Pattie Clapham	3	‡Robert A. Beresford ..	Tenor

Conducted by Robert A. Beresford.
* First peal of Surprise. † First of Surprise Minor ‡ 75th peal and first as conductor.

BABWORTH, Notts.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Wed., Sept. 24, 1969, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB MINOR
Tenor 7 cwt 1 qr. 4 lb. in A.

Harold Archer	Treble	Chris M Wright	4
Harry Poyner	2	Philip Rogers	5
Harold Denman	3	Paul N. Mounsey	Tenor

Conducted by Paul N. Mounsey and Philip Rogers.

GAMSTON, Notts.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Oct. 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise, Kent, Killamarsh, Kingston, London Scholars', Sandal and Oxford Treble Bob.

Stephen W. Knights ..	Treble	John A. Coates	4
*Katharine Burchnall ..	2	Paul N. Mounsey	5
*Grace Burchnall	3	Harold Denman	Tenor

Conducted by Paul N. Mounsey.
* 100th peal in this tower, all rung together.
Rung for Harvest Festival. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in A flat.

WOODBOROUGH, Notts.—At the Church of St. Swithun.
On Sat., Aug. 30, 1969, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINIMUS

Being 90 extents Court, 50 Double Bob, 30 Rev. Court, 20 Rev. Bob and 20 Plain Bob.

*David W. Flower	Treble	‡Peter L. R. Hayward ..	3
†‡Patricia M. Hayward ..	2	§H. Geoffrey Wells	Tenor

Conducted by H Geoffrey Wells.
* First peal at first attempt. † First "inside." ‡ First of Minimus. § First of Minimus "inside."
Rung as birthday compliments to Patricia M. Hayward, Jennifer R. Lush, Jill Kirkham and Mrs. L. England

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

BUNGAY, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Sept. 27, 1969, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Harry B. Fuller	Treble	Anthony H. Roberts ..	5
Edwin R. Goate	2	Frank C. J. Arnold ..	6
*Albert G. Harrison	3	†Owen P. Claxton	7
Charles R. Catchpole ..	4	William Flatt	Tenor

Composed by G. Lindoll. Conducted by Edwin R. Goate.
* 200th peal. † First of Kent.
Rung as a wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs A. H. Roberts. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. in E.

GRUNDISBURGH, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Mon., Sept. 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

J. Martin Thorley	Treble	Sylvia R. E. Pipe	5
Katharine M. Thorley ..	2	Cecil W. Pipe	6
Muriel R. Page	3	Ernest G. Pearce	7
Leslie G. Brett	4	J. Barry Pickup	Tenor

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.
Rung as a compliment to Willoughby E. Maulden on the 60th anniversary of his first peal. Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HURSTPIERPOINT, Sussex.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Sept. 27, 1969, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in G.

*Maureen E. Kirkcaldy	Treble	Anthony M. Humphrey ..	5
*†John N. Lambert	2	Stanley W. Brown	6
Harry W. Brown	3	Peter D. Hepburn	7
*†James Kirkcaldy	4	John R. Norris	Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by John R. Norris.
* First peal attempt. † Old Boys of the School.
Rung to mark the centenary of the St. Lawrence Church of England School, Hurstpierpoint, by members of the local Sunday service band. Believed to be the first peal by an all-local band since 1890 and the first ever by a Hurstpierpoint band for the Association.

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BIRTH

WILLGRESS.—On Oct. 21st, 1969, to Freda (née Greaves) and Bevan, a daughter, Alison, Ian's little sister. 8023

DEATH

ROCK.—John D., died on Oct. 21st, 1969, at King's College Hospital, London. Tributes to his memory may be made by donations to the "King's College Hospital Liver Unit" and sent to the Rev. G. Lynch-Watson, 84, Higher Drive, Purley, Surrey. 8043

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

DOVE.—Ronald and Barrie now live at 41, Hookstone Way, Harrogate. Enquiries for Leeds Parish Church to Barrie and complaints for "Dove" to R. H. Telephone: Harrogate 86623. 7998

JAMES.—The address of David and Margaret is now 5, St. John's Road, Clevedon, Somerset. Phone: Clevedon 2351. Many thanks to the Ashtead area ringers for their friendship and hospitality. 7993

PERSONAL

"Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits."—Romans xii., 16.

HUGHENDEN, Bucks.—The tower secretary is now Robert H. Newton, 45, Guinions Road, High Wycombe, Bucks. 8020

UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCEMENT

LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—E.G.M. will be held on Friday, Nov. 14th, at S.F.X. after the practice (6–7 p.m.) Party Saturday evening. 7963

MISCELLANEOUS

FOR SALE.—Unbound volumes of "The Ringing World", 1941 and 1943 to 1949. 15/- per year, carriage extra. 8013

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—The new eight at Ruddington on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify S. Adams, 43, Dunblane Road, Ruddington, Nottingham, by Oct. 29th. No names, no tea. 7995

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—"Mystery Method" Bell Repair Fund Contest, Nov. 29th. Method set and judged by H. Chant. Half-an-hour to learn it; 72 practice; 360 test; 10/- donation to B.R.F. Teams wishing to enter must notify H. Poyner (address in Diary) by Nov. 22nd. Tower to be notified later. 8009

PRACTICE MEETINGS

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—South West District.—Practice, St. Mary's, Staines, Friday, Oct. 31st. Visit to Stanwell, Wednesday, Nov. 5th. Surprise Royal at Hillingdon, Monday, Nov. 10th. Visit to Chiswick on Wednesday, Nov. 19th. All at 7.45.—M. J. Palmer. 8046

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—Branch practice, Steeple Aston (6), Wednesday, Nov. 12th, 7.30 p.m.—C. F. Herbert. 8001

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Practice, Friday, Nov. 7th, Northleigh (6), 7.30 p.m. 8015

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—District practice, All Saints', Upham, Friday, Nov. 7th, 7.30–9 p.m. Methods: Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles. 7981

MEETINGS

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Meeting, Saturday, Nov. 1st. St. Peter's, Bedford, bells (8) 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Own arrangements. Further ringing after tea. 7980

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—St. Andrew's, Bebington, Nov. 1st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea provided free. Phone 051-652 5192.—Martin. 8044

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Archdeaconry.—Monthly meeting, Studley, on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells (6) 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. More ringing after tea. Names for tea please, to Mr. J. Perkins, 46, Toms Town, Studley.—H. A. M. 7977

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Monthly meeting, Cockermouth, on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.—Miss D. Gibson, Sec. 7994

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Ringing meeting, North Shields, Nov. 1st. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea 5. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. S. Hewitt, 34, Albury Park Road, Tynemouth, North Shields. 7996

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Monthly meeting, Chatteris, Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Further ringing until 8.30. 8026

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting, Bobbingworth (6), Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells 3 p.m Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by ringing at North Weald (6) from 6.30–8.45 p.m.—G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow. 7947

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. District.—Meeting, Boreham, Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting All welcome.—R J. Harrison, Dis. Sec. 7968

HALIFAX ARCHDEACONRY GUILD.—Next meeting, Nov. 1st, Lindley. Bells (8) 2.30–8.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. A. W. Bond, 51, Lidget Street, Lindley, Huddersfield. 7961

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Joint meeting, Bridgnorth Branch of Hereford Guild and SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION to be held at Much Wenlock on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Ringing in the evening until approx. 8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss Valerie Edge, 10, The Crescent, Much Wenlock, Salop. 7986

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Evening meeting, Saturday, Nov. 1st: Gravenhurst (5), 5.30–6.30 p.m.; Meppershall (5), 6.30–7.30; Pirton (5), 7.30–8.30 p.m.—Mrs. C. A. Agg, Dis. Sec. 7979

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Watford District) and MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (N. and E. District).—Joint meeting, St. John's, Stanmore, on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and further ringing.—G. W. Seaman and E. H. Kilby, Dis. Secs. 7973

LADIES' GUILD.—Kent Branch.—Meeting, St. Mary's, Bexley, Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss M. Andrews, 43, Wansunt Road, Bexley. Foot's Cray bells available 6.30–8 p.m.—R. Wratten. 7970

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Monthly meeting, Saturday, Nov. 1st, St. Leonard's, Padiham. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Further ringing at Burnley or again at Padiham to 8.30 p.m. Visitors welcome.—Maurice Hill, Branch Sec. 8029

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch.—Autumn meeting, Thame (8), Nov. 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to I. O'Reilly, 12, Ambrose Rise, Wheatley (Wheatley 8304), please. 7999

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting, Clipston, on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Evening meeting, 6 o'clock start. 8035

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The annual striking contest at Dore (8) on Nov. 1st. Draw at 3 o'clock. Rules obtainable from the secretary at 34, Dransfield Road, Sheffield, S10 5RN. Cups of tea only. Open ringing in the evening Names of teams by previous Wednesday.—R. Fletcher, Hon. Sec. 7983

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Bolney (8), Saturday, Nov. 1st. Ringing 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 in Vestry; bring own food and cup if drink wanted! Business meeting 5.15. Service 6 p.m. Ringing after service.—Jean Osbon, Div. Sec. 8048

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Ewhurst, Nov. 1st. Bells 3–4.30 and 6–8 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. Please note change of date and tower.—Christine Baldock, Div. Sec 7962

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Quarterly meeting, Ryde, Nov. 1st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow.—Anne M. Guy, Hon. Sec. 7974

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Eastern District) and SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Joint meeting, Thorne, Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Bells after tea to 8.30 p.m. Names, please, to Mr. T. Leask, Gainford Road, Moorends, near Doncaster.—R. Ducker, L. M. Woodhead, Secs. 7964

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting, St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station), Monday, Nov. 3rd, 7 p.m. 8021

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the Lord Raglan, St. Martin's-le-Grand, E.C., Nov. 4th, at 8.15 p.m. (Nomination of officers.) Practices: Nov. 4th and 11th, St Michael's, Cornhill; Nov. 18th, St. Lawrence Jewry; Nov. 25th, St. Giles', Cripplegate—all at 6.30 p.m.—J. G. A. Prior, 21a, Fieldhouse Road, London, S.W.12. 8022

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Meeting, Potton (6), Saturday, Nov. 8th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. Everyone made welcome.—K. Fleming, Dis. Sec. 8040

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Nov. 8th, Patrington (8). Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Bells afterwards until 9 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. H. Fewster, 65, Northside, Patrington, no later than previous Wednesday. 8027

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION and YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Northern District).—Joint meeting, Easingwold (8), Saturday, Nov. 8th. Meeting in church for informal discussion 2.30 p.m. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea (6/-) 4.30 p.m., Clarks Café. Names to Mr. E. Metcalfe, 14, Ingramgate, Thirsk, by Wednesday, Nov. 5th. Very important business meeting in church, 5.30.—Peter Wishart and Edward Hudson, Hon. Secs 8030

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Chesterfield District

MONTHLY MEETING

Saturday, November 8th

Bells available:—
Norton (8), 3.30–4.15.
Eckington (8), 5.30–6.30.
Staveley (8), 7–8.

Own tea arrangements at Eckington.—Malcolm Phipps, Sec. 8032

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Central District.—Meeting, Saturday, Nov. 8th, South Shields. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss E. Softley, 88, Mowbray Road, South Shields, Co. Durham, in good time, please. 8047

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting on Saturday, Nov. 8th, at Limpsfield Chart, 2.30–4.30 p.m. Tea 5. Service at Oxted 6, with ringing until 8.30 p.m. Names for tea to B. E. Jeffrey, 36, Manor House Gardens, Edenbridge, Kent, by Nov. 6th. 7938

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting, Ickleton (8). Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting (if necessary), followed by more ringing.—J. S. 8002

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — S.W. District. — Meeting, Leyton, Saturday, Nov. 8th. Ringing 3–4.30 p.m. Service, tea and business. Further ringing in evening till 8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. Hazleton, 60, Thornhill Road, E.10. 7989

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting, Greenstead Green (6), Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Gypps, 6, Crocklands, Greenstead Green, Halstead. 7960

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Meeting at Highworth (8), Nov. 8th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Cups of tea only available. 8016

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Nomination meeting at Old Woking on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea following for those who notify J. F. Soles, 123, Rydens Way, Old Woking, by previous Wednesday. 8042

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Saturday, Nov. 8th, St. Andrew's (8), Hertford, 3–4.30 p.m.; All Saints' (10), 6–8.30. Business meeting in tower 6.30 p.m. Regret tea own arrangements.—Peter M. S. Searles, Dis. Sec. 8049

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District. — Meeting, Berkhamsted (8), Nov. 8th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. D. Sennitt, 33, Curtis Way, Berkhamsted. 8012

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting on Saturday, Nov. 8th, Ulcombe (6). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea to C. A. Tester, 18, Maxwell Drive, Maidstone 8036

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A by-meeting of the District will be held on Nov. 8th at St. John's, Barham. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. All names for tea to Mr. R. Whibley, El Farhar, Derringstone, Barham, near Canterbury.—I. B. K. 8025

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. — Meeting, St. Bartholomew's, Rainhill, Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 5.15. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. R. G. Latham, Home Farm, Chapel Lane, Rainhill, Liverpool, L35 6NX. Telephone 051-426 4310. Instead of evening ringing there will be a film show. Everyone welcome.—G. K. A. 8045

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting Chorley St. Mary, Saturday, Nov. 8th Bells (8) 2.30–5 p.m., followed by business meeting. No refreshments, but cafés nearby. Evening ringing at Chorley St. Laurence (8) 6.30–8 p.m. Special method: Bristol Surprise Major. — D. G. Lawson, Branch Sec. 8010

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. — Meeting, Rochdale Parish Church, Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Evensong 4.30. Tea at the Queens Hotel, Milkstone Road, 5.15. Business 6 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Brierley, 129, Edenfield Road, Rochdale, by Wednesday, 5th. No name no tea. Ringing to follow meeting until 9 p.m. — G. Cheetham. 8005

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District. — The next meeting will be held at Sileby on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Rev. R. J. Hunting, The Vicarage, Sileby, not later than Nov. 5th. 8000

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Central Branch. — Evening meeting, Eagle, Saturday, Nov 8th. Bells (6) from 6 to 9 p.m. All welcome.—G. R. P. 8031

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Lindsey Branch. — Meeting, Waltham, Nov. 8th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss C. Molendo, 1, Dorothy Avenue, Waltham near Grimsby, by Nov. 4th. 7997

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Quarterly ringing meeting Pendoylan, Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and very short business meeting. All ringers and friends welcome.—Iolo Davies, The Grammar School, Cowbridge. 7987

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Staverton (6), on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Names for tea to Mrs. I. Webb, South View, Staverton, by Thursday previous. 8039

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Meeting, Saturday, Nov. 8th, at Meole Brace, Shrewsbury (new six). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Ringing in the evening until approx. 8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. H. Bennett, 37, Upper Road, Meole Brace, Shrewsbury, by Wednesday, Nov. 5th. No name, no tea. 7988

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Meeting Nov. 8th, Radcliffe-on-Trent. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to W. L. Exton, St. Ouens, Whatton, by Wednesday previous. 8028

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Next North Notts meeting at Ordsall on Saturday, Nov. 8th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Dis. Sec. by Thursday, 6th. 8008

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North East District.—Annual meeting, Bungay, Nov. 8th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. R. Pearce, 40, Southend Road, Bungay, Suffolk, by Wednesday, Nov. 5th.—T. N. J. B. 8041

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—Quarterly meeting, Westbourne, Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea in the Church Hall, followed by business meeting. Ringing in the evening. Please notify for tea to R. Wake, 28, Keynor Estate, Sidlesham, Chichester, Sussex 8019

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Branch.—Annual general meeting, Crewkerne, Nov. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.45. Business 5.15. Service 7, followed by ringing 7.30 p.m. Names for tea required. — R. J. Dean. 8017

DEVON GUILD.—N. and N.W. Branch.—Annual meeting at Westleigh, Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Bideford bells (8) after meeting, 7 p.m. Names for tea to R. Pearce, Buttsbeer Cross, Bridgerule, Holsworthy, by Monday, Nov. 10th. 8033

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting, Rochford (8), Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Further ringing after meeting. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. S. Bedford, 150, Eastwood Old Road, Leigh-on-Sea, Essex. 8003

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Stroud Branch.—Annual meeting at Haresfield (6), Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Hardwicke (6) also after tea. Names for tea to P. Screen, 22, Springfield, Hardwicke, Gloucester, GL2 6PX, or Tel. Hardwicke 547, by Tuesday, Nov. 11th. Strictly no name, no tea. 8004

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Yate (6), Nov. 15th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to G. Minors, 1, Hesterville Villas, Purton, Berkeley, Glos, by Nov. 12th. 8024

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Ashford District. — Meeting, Aldington Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea only for those who notify Mrs. A. Berry, 7, Church Road, Cheriton, Folkestone (Tel. 75651), by Wednesday, Nov. 12th. N.B. — Note change of venue. 8006

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Meeting, Long Sutton, on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to A. W. Townsend, 10, Roman Bank, Long Sutton, Lincs, by Tuesday previous. 7972

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Lindsey Branch.—Meeting, Belton, Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells afternoon and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify Miss J. Arrand, Anholme House, Churchtown, Belton, Doncaster. Special methods: Double Oxford and Charlwood Group. 8014

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Full meeting at St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. and during evening. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Committee members meet initially in nave at 2.55 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. C. T. Haynes, 42, Shobnall Street, Burton-on-Trent, Staffs, by Nov. 12th, latest, please.—C. M. S. Hon. Sec. 7765

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Keymer (6), Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing in the evening. Names for tea, please, to Mr. C. Robinson, 12a, The Close, Hassocks, Sussex, by previous Wednesday. 8018

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Please note that the date of the nomination meeting, due to be held at Yorktown, has been changed to Nov. **29th**.—S. J. Tate-Mitchell, Dis. Sec. 7969

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LATE NOTICES

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Saviour's Church, Bolton, on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells (8) 2.30–5 p.m., followed by short business meeting. Evening ringing at St. George's, Bolton (8), from 6.15 to 8.15 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea: cafés near. All welcome — R. K. Lister, Branch Sec. 8051

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Autumn meeting, Goring, on Nov. 8th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Evening ringing 7 to 9 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Tull, Chilton End, Gatehampton Road, Goring, by Nov. 3rd. 8050

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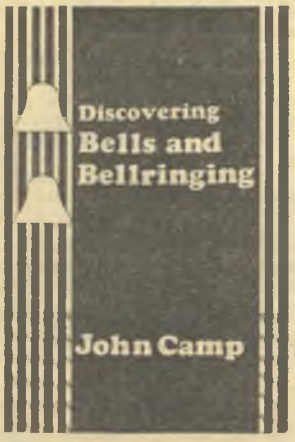

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CHEWTON MENDIP, SOM.—On Oct. 8th 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Kingsnorth 1, L. F. Derrick 2, Miss S. A. Mayell 3, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 4, H. Baber 5, C. Kortwright 6, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 7, F. W. Blatch 8. In memoriam Thomas J. Lock.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—At St. Saviour's Church, on Oct 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. Brook (first quarter) 1, Miss J. M. Neal 2, P. Fox 3, M. Jackson 4, T. M. Barlow (cond.) 5, R. Cater (first quarter) 6. For Harvest Festival.

HAMPSTEAD, LONDON. — At St. Stephen's Church, on Oct. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Elizabeth Bangham 1, Julie Armstrong 2, Wendy Campbell 3, I. L. C. Campbell 4, G. A. Parsons 5, M. J. Bangham 6, A. W. J. Butler (cond.) 7, E. J. Rowe 8. Rung for the centenary celebrations of St. Stephen's.

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NANTWICH, CHESHIRE.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. E. Haighton 1, S. Newton 2, D. Allman 3, J. E. Brough (cond.) 4, F. Barnard 5, E. J. Boffey 6, F. Barnard 7, T. S. Astbury 8. For Harvest Thanksgiving. Also birthday greetings to 1st ringer (17 years), 3rd ringer (21), 7th ringer (67) and for the birth of a second daughter to Mrs. Edna Peel, a local ringer.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On Oct. 12th, 1 260 Stedman Triples: Josephine Patterson 1, Julie Armstrong 2, A. R. Dyer 3, Elizabeth Bangham 4, M. J. Bangham 5, C. F. Mew (cond.) 6, A. R. Patterson 7, C. R. Harris 8. First Stedman Triples for 1 and 3.

REIGATE, SURREY.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Joan Hanning 1, A. T. Shelton 2, A. Streeter 3, W. E. Dunn 4, K. G. Game (cond.) 5, T. J. Jones 6, W. Inwood 7, M. Roberts (first quarter) 8. For Harvest Festival.

RUSHALL, STAFFS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,440 Kent T.B. Minor: D. Wilkes 1, Diana White 2, Rosemary White 3, J. Keddie 4, J. L. Humphreys (cond.) 5, J. P. Burton 6. Rung for the Patronal Festival.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At St. Stephen's Church, on Oct. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Carol Parkhurst 1, Valerie Urban (first quarter "inside") 2, Rosemary Urban 3, S. D. Chandler 4, A. Ewer 5, P. T. Dale (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival, and an "au revoir" to Rosemary Urban, leaving for Cardiff.

SAMPFORD ARUNDEL, SOM. — On May 23rd, 1,440 Minor (720 each of Single Oxford and Double Oxford): Mrs. B. M. Bindon 1, A. F. Arscott 2, Deborah Bishop 3, A. S. Bishop 4, M. A. Arscott 5, K. E. Beale (cond.) 6.

SHALFORD, ESSEX.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Doubles (six methods): H. Moore 1, J. Green 2, R. Threadgold (cond.) 3, P. Perkins 4, F. Roper 5. For Harvest Festival; also a compliment to Josephine Quilter and Peter Brown, married at Braintree this day.

SHIRLAND, DERBYS. — On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Doubles: A. Smithson (cond.) 1, E. A. Wilson 2, W. Riley 3, A. Tomlinson 4, A. Wheeler 5. For Flower Festival.

SKIPTON-IN-CRAVEN, YORKS. — On Oct. 5th, 1,344 Plain Bob Minor: R. Crabtree 1, I. J. Cox 2, A. Stott 3, G. Featherstone 4, M. Hillary 5, P. Norman 6, D. Featherstone (cond.) 7, R. M. Harker 8. A compliment to I. J. Cox on leaving for university.

STONE, WORCS.—On June 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Everard 1, M. D. Fellows 2, Freda Slater 3, J. Barker 4, M. P. Tobin (first as cond.) 5, M. J. Fellows 6. A welcome to Canon Gibson, and a compliment to Mr. A. C. Tobin and Miss M. Mulkerins on their engagement.

SUNBURY-ON-THAMES, MIDDX.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sue Attrill 1, A. G. Tyers 2, Mrs. Olive L. Rogers 3, C. H. Rogers 4, H. W. Rogers 5, A. Johnson 6, R. Bettley-Cooke (cond.) 7, B. S. Holdaway 8. For Harvest Festival.

TAUNTON, SOM. — At Holy Trinity Church, on Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss D. Mills 1, K. E. Beale (cond.) 2, Miss L. M. Dade 3, W. D. Whatmore 4, Miss M. J. Beale 5, A. K. Whatmore 6. For Harvest Festival.

THATCHAM, BERKS. — On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Bollands (first of Triples) 1, Mary Stone 2, R. C. Christopher 3, Jennifer Barker 4, W. Butler (cond.) 5, H. Kirk 6, A. D. Edens 7, A. C. Christopher 8.

THORNHILL, YORKS.—On Aug. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob: D. Scargill 1, Pam Lockwood 2, D. Lockwood (cond.) 3, G. Heeley (first quarter) 4, E. Arnott 5, H. Wood 6. Also on Sept. 10th, 1,320 T.B. Minor (720 Oxford, 600 Kent): D. Scargill (cond.) 1, D. Lockwood 2, F. Shaw 3, R. Pygott 4, E. Arnott 5, H. Wood 6.

TIBSHELF, DERBY.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: A. Smithson 1, E. A. Wilson 2, W. Riley 3, W. Steele 4, A. Tomlinson 5, A. Wheeler (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

TURRAMURRA, N.S.W.—At St. James' Church, on Oct. 5th, 1,260 Double Court Bob Minor: Margaret McEvoy 1, A. J. Goodyer 2, P. R. Goodyer 3, J. R. Rainsford 4, Margaret Goodyer (cond.) 5, K. P. Stacey 6. First quarter in the method for all, and in Australia.

TWYFORD, LEICS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,320 Pl. Bob Doubles: Susan Rex (first quarter 1, Karen French (first "inside") 2, R. Preston 3, A. French (first "inside") 4, O. Homewood (cond.) 5.

UPWEY, DORSET.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. D. Cull 1, C. H. Smart 2, A. J. Slade 3, Mrs. A. J. Slade 4, T. F. Collins 5, D. L. Cull (cond.) 6. Rung as a compliment to Mary and David Cull on the birth of a daughter (Lucy Jane) on September 3rd.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On Oct. 5th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Linda West 1, Leslie Tibbits (first Caters) 2, Susan Thomas 3, Liz C. Duncan 4, June Whitcher 5, D. Hawkins 6, M. C. Austin 7, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 8, J. E. Murfitt 9, M. B. Jefferyes 10. For Harvest Festival.

WELLESBOURNE, WARKS.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Mackie 1, M. Willcox 2, Caroline Mackie 3, Elizabeth Mackie 4, A. P. Fester (cond.) 5, J. Arisa 6.

QUARTER PEALS

WEST BRIDGFORD, NOTTS. — On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): Janet Crossland 1, Penny Kessell 2, Janet Thornton 3, R. Winstanley 4, P. Else (cond.) 5, C. Kessell 6. For the annual service of St. Giles' Church Fellowship, and to Miss Molly Whittaker, retiring after 21 years.

WESTMINSTER, S.W.—At St. Margaret's Church, on July 27th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: J. F. Smallwood 1, Mrs. C. Harbot 2, Mrs. E. Bagworth 3, W. Rawlings 4, N. Bagworth 5, W. Grainger 6, J. Euston (cond.) 7, A. Griffin 8, B. Mathews 9, E. Peett 10. For Patronal Festival. A welcome to Alan Griffin, from Bloxham.

WHITEFIELD, Manchester, LANCS. — On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Susan Barlow 1, J. E. Preston 2, J. Sherwood 3, S. Barnet 4, P. Dyson 5, G. O. Sanders 6, Rev. M. Holt (first as cond.) 7, G. Cunningham 8. First quarter for 1, 3 and 8. A farewell to Rev. M. Holt on his appointment as Vicar of St. John's, Bacup.

WHITTLESFORD, CAMBS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,320 Bob Doubles: M. Whitby (first quarter) 1, Pat Hurworth (first as cond.) 2, Sheila Hinton (first "inside") 3, R. Currell (first "inside") 4, I. Hinton (first "inside") 5, A. Kennedy 6. First Bob Doubles by the band. For Harvest Thanksgiving and dedication festival. Also on Oct. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. J. Whitby (first Minor) 1, F. Harper 2, R. Collins 3, J. Sanderson 4, M. Kemp 5, B. J. Couzens (cond.) 6.

WIVETON, NORFOLK.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. E. Smith 1, D. Copeman 2, K. Record 3, W. Ford 4, W. R. West 5, E. Durrant (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON. — On May 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: W. J. Harvey 1, D. A. Wills 2, H. L. Crisp 3, C. Barr 4, F. W. Williams 5, G. T. West 6, F. D. Mack (cond.) 7, A. E. Knight 8. Also on June 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Christine Tibby (first in method) 1, F. W. Williams 2, R. L. Horder 3, C. Barr 4, W. J. Harvey 5, F. D. Mack (cond.) 6, D. A. Wills 7, A. E. Knight 8. For St. Peter's Day. Also on July 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. N. Foster (first in method) 1, D. A. Wills 2, C. Barr 3, W. J. Harvey 4, F. W. Williams 5, H. L. Crisp 6, F. D. Mack (cond.) 7, L. E. Foster 8. Also on Aug. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. T. West 1, Mrs. Mary Mack 2, C. Barr 3, H. L. Crisp 4, F. D. Mack 5, R. L. Horder 6, D. A. Wills (cond.) 7, A. E. Knight 8. Also on Sept. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: D. A. Wills 1, G. Talbot 2, Mrs. Mary Mack 3, G. T. West 4, F. W. Williams 5, J. N. Foster (first in method) 6, F. D. Mack (cond.) 7, A. E. Knight 8. Also on Sept. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire; 4, 6, 8 covering): H. L. Crisp 1, G. Talbot 2, G. T. West 3, L. E. Foster 4, J. N. Foster 5, A. E. Knight 6, D. A. Wills (cond.) 7, W. J. Cook 8.

WOODBOROUGH, NOTTS.—On Sept. 21st, 1,272 Pl. Bob Minimus: Jennifer R. Lush 1, Patricia M. Hayward 2, D. W. Flower 3, P. L. R. Hayward (cond.) 4. Also on Sept. 28th, 1,272 Minimus (28 m/v): Patricia M. Hayward 1, P. L. R. Hayward 2, D. W. Flower 3, H. G. Wells 4. Most Minimus m/vs by all the band. Also on Sept 30th, 1,272 Minimus (52 methods): G. P. Butler 1, P. L. R. Hayward 2, D. W. Flower 3, H. G. Wells 4. Most Minimus methods by all the band, and for the Guild.

YEOVIL, SOM. — On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Reeves (first quarter) 1, R. Moore 2, T. E. Marks 3, D. Beaufoy 4, G. Gaylard 5, H. Gaylard 6, R. J. Fox (cond.) 7, T. J. Setter 8.

Principles of Instruction in Bell Handling and Control

By "The College" (Collated by A. York-Bramble)

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(5) Bell Balancing and close following. As soon as the pupil is safe enough to "go solo" it is waste of time to leave him to "practise ringing the bell", for this usually amounts to "the bell ringing the pupil", i.e., he just manages to keep it going. No! From this moment he perseveres until he achieves 80% "balanced" (i.e., bell on to the balance) strokes. Then he passes to "following" the instructor, who slightly varies his length of stroke and therefore rate of pull. (Still silenced.)

(6) **Control before rounds.** Insist on proficiency in the working of the previous feature (5); that is to say **before** the first bit of ringing (open) with others; for example as in rounds and call-changes.

(7) **New concept of "Hunting".** "Hunting is finding your strike-over bell for **'covering'**, at each stroke." Development of this concept makes out three forms, one "static" and two "mobile", preferably studied in this order:—

(a) Static. — The bell strikes more than once in the same position, as when ringing tenor-behind in an odd bell method, when the tenor is all the time hunting for the bell-to-strike-over, last. This form of hunting also includes lying behind, place-making and, in even-bell ringing, leading (i.e., no tenor to be followed).

(b) Mobile-expanded.—Here we are hunting while on the move, in this case hunting UP. It is "expanded" since the strike-interval (number of positions between two successive of a bell's strokes) is greater than in the static covering.

(c) Mobile-contracted.—Again, hunting while on the move, this time hunting DOWN. It is "contracted" since the strike-interval is less than in static covering.

ALL change-ringing consists of hunting in one of these three forms, and "rules" can be formulated for their application. In static covering one maintains a steady, rhythmic pull while hunting for the "last rope down", or the "bell coming in under you". In mobile-expanded hunting, i.e., hunting UP, we are looking for the rope immediately following our own, and we "cover" that bell with our next stroke. In mobile-contracted hunting. i.e., hunting DOWN, we "cut under" the bell we have just covered and cover the last of the remaining bells. The art of hunting is the more readily introduced by rhythmic beating or hand-clapping, by tutor and pupils, to mark the bell-positions, while they count aloud with emphasis on those bell-positions. This is the principle of learning to hunt, first, away from the bell-ropes. It gives good results. To bridge the gap between this rhythmic hunting and hunting on tower bells, handbells are used, single-handed. (Note.—A later development, called "Pupil-controlled Hunting Practice", is described in "The Ringing World" issues of March, 1968, under the title "Good Huntin'.")

(8) **Practise the elements of change-ringing before attempting any method ringing.**

There are four "elements":—

(a) "Following": (b) "Hunting", three kinds, as in feature (7) above: (c) "Place-making": (d) "Consequential Dodging".

All elements are practised on a small number of bells, say four, silenced at first, to a point when the pupil is seen to perform all the elements with his bell always under control. Then for the first time is he allowed to ring, with others, on an "open" bell. But see feature (9) following.

(To be continued)

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42635	2			X	2	2
34625		X			2	2
53246			—		2	2
23564	1			X	2	

Twice repeated.

A three-part peal with double bobs at W and H throughout; no 82s or 83s.

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(10 methods)

By ROBERT B. SMITH

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(52436)		—		N.P.
63425	—	—	—	H.Li.W.
26435		—		E.C.W.
(32465)		—		N.P.
46325		—	—	H.Li.W.
34625			—	E.C.W.
36245		—	2	E.C.W.R.
26543	—		3	N.Yk.R.R.
56342	—			N.Yk.
43265	—	—		N.Y.W.
64235		—		N.Y.W.
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By W. ERIC CRITCHLEY

5ths	I	H	O	23456
		X		42635
			—	26435
	—		—	34625
			—	46325
	—		—	23645
			—	36245
			—	62345
—		X		65324
			—	53624
	—		—	26354
—		X		24365
			—	43265
			—	32465

Repeat. 6ths place bob.

Rung at Harlow Common, Essex, on September 3rd, 1969.

5,152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

By TIMOTHY F. COLLINS

23456	W	M	H	
26435	—	—	2	
32465	—		3	
34625	—		2	
62345	—		—	
52346		S	3	
23645		S	2	
52436	—	2	3	
35426	—		3	
32456	—		3	(—, —, S)

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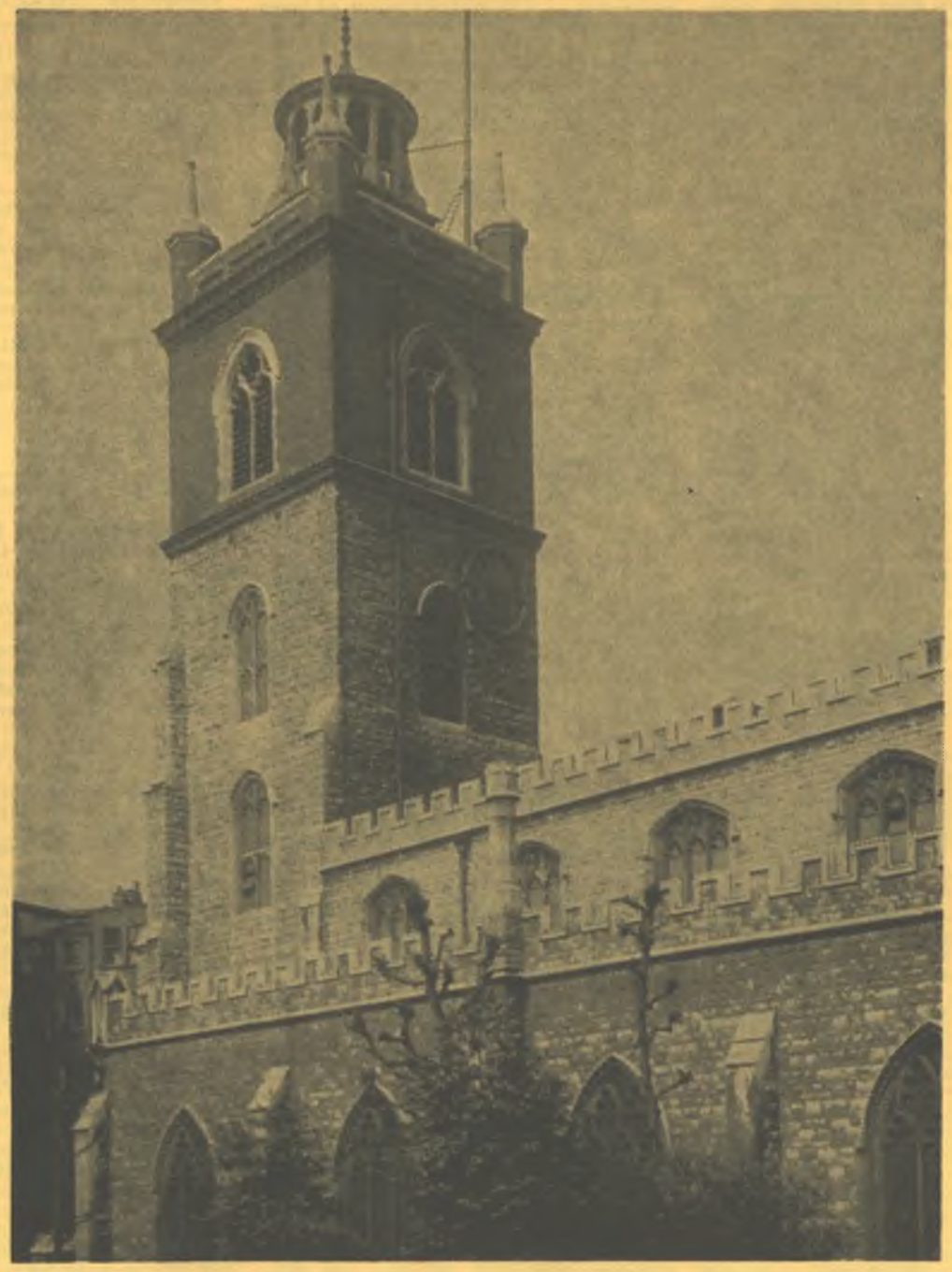

THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES, CRIPPLEGATE

OUR COVER PICTURE

"Brickbats and Tiles," Say the Bells of St. Giles'

By W. T. COOK, Librarian to the College Youths

DURING the night of August 24th–25th, 1940, the first German bombs of the Second World War fell on central London. One of these damaged the Church of St. Giles, Cripplegate. "The Ringing World", of August 30th, under the sub-heading "Another Vicissitude in Long History", reported that "the bomb, in addition to blowing off the front door of the church, wrecked the north-west wall and dislodged a high sandbag wall in front of one of the stained glass windows, which was shattered. Little damage was done inside the building. . . . It will be weeks, possibly months, before the ordinary church services can be resumed."

This was not the first time the church had suffered bomb damage. During the First World War a German bomb dropped close to it and the wall was slightly damaged. All this, however, was nothing compared with the devastation wrought in December, 1940, when the main body of the church was gutted during a fire raid, which also laid waste a large area surrounding the church. A wartime photograph shows a roofless nave and aisle arcadings, and gaping windows; and another photograph taken ten years after the end of the war shows the church standing almost in isolation amid a wide expanse of empty streets.

ANOMALOUS STATE OF AFFAIRS

Although the ring of 12 bells was destroyed by the fire, the tower itself suffered little damage. In 1953/4 a new ring of 12 bells was cast by Mears and Stainbank, with a tenor weighing 34 cwt. 6 lb. in C sharp, and hung in the tower. I believe the money for these bells came from the War Damage Commission, and for some years there existed the curious feature of a church which had been reroofed but was otherwise in a quite unusable state, with a brand new ring of 12 bells which could only be used in daytime as there was no electricity laid on! This anomalous state of affairs ended in 1960, when the church was taken over for use by the parishioners of St. Luke's, Old Street, their church having fallen into disrepair.

In the intervening years slow progress had been made in the restoration of St. Giles' — a progress hampered by lack of funds—so that by 1960 it was usable. Furnishings were moved in from St. Luke's and a few years later the two parishes were united. The work of restoration has now been almost completed, only the organ remaining to be rebuilt; work on this is in hand. The first peal on the new bells, 5,050 Stedman Cinques, was rung on February 13th, 1960, by a band of College Youths, and since then the ring of 12 has been one of the most popular in London for practices and peals, while ringing for Sunday services has been carried out regularly by some of the London Societies.

In the churchyard of St. Giles' stand the remains of a bastion of the Roman wall of London, dating from the 4th century A.D., but the earliest record of a church on the site relates to the one built by Alsane, Bishop of London, in 1030 and dedicated to St. Giles, a French hermit of the 6th or 8th century. This church was completed by Alfune in 1090. Nothing remains of that structure except, perhaps, part of the basement of the tower. It was replaced by a church in the Perpendicular style in the latter part of the 14th century, which was largely destroyed by fire in 1545.

The present building, which was built by general subscription of the parishioners, is a typical example of a medium-sized church of the English late mediæval type, such as can be found in any part of the country where trade was flourishing. In the words of Prof. Geoffrey Webb, "it reinforces the impression of slick professionalism as being characteristic of London buildings as shown in the details. The design is equally competent but entirely unoriginal, being by that time almost standardised in type, an aisled nave with slender arcades, a long clerestory and no structural division between the nave and chancel." It was in this church that Oliver Cromwell was married in 1620 and John Milton was buried in 1674.

Being on the outskirts of the city (the church's full name is "St. Giles without Cripplegate") it escaped damage in the Great Fire of 1666. In 1682 the upper part of the tower was taken down and in its place 15ft. of brickwork was built, surmounted by a cupola. The church also survived the big Cripplegate fire of 1897.

INVENTORY OF 1552

The earliest notice of the bells of St. Giles' is in the Inventory of 1552, which shows "fiyve bells greate and small". In 1580 William Lamb, who founded Lamb's Chapel in Monkwell Street, said in his will that "he gives £15 to the parish church of St. Giles, Cripplegate, to the Bells and Chimes". By 1648 there were in the tower "six bigger and lesser bells, and one Saints' Bell". The churchwardens' accounts show that in 1655 the "great bell" was "recast at Redding", at the famous Knight foundry, at a cost of £22 7s. 8d. The accounts also show a yearly payment of 5s. for ringing on November 5th and payment for ringing for other special occasions.

In 1665 some of the bells were "recast at St. Mary Cray by Mr. Hudson", and in 1668 two new bells were added to make the ring up to eight. "Mr. Hudson" is presumably Christopher Hodson, who is best known for casting Great Tom of Oxford, but who seems to have made a poor job of Cripplegate bells, as the sixth was "recast and made tunable to ring in peal" in 1683, the tenor in 1685 and the fifth in 1686. The last two were recast by William Wightman or Whiteman, who was apparently a successor of the Hodson family of founders.

FIRST PEAL 1726

Unfortunately there is no record of the augmentation of this ring of bells from eight to ten. The next notice we have of the bells is in the peal book of the College Youths (peal No. 6): "The Company rung on Thursday March 17th, 1726, a complete peal of 5094 Grandsire Caters, it being the first that was done in that Steeple." This peal was composed and conducted by Benjamin Annable, and there were two men on the tenor. The next peal, 6,012 Grandsire Caters, was rung by the City Scholars on November 23rd, 1732, this time with three men on the tenor. The "City Scholars", by the way, seems to have been the title under which members of the College Youths and the Union Scholars united for a "friendly peal" or so. This peal was recorded on a peal board in the belfry, which was destroyed in the fire of 1940. The only other recorded peal on these bells was Bob Royal, rung by the Eastern Scholars in 1752.

This ring of ten bells was rehung in 1742 and the wheels were repaired in 1758. In 1772 the eighth bell was found to be cracked, and it was ordered by the Vestry "that there be provided a new set of bells at the expense of the parish, and that Messrs. Pack and Chapman, bellfounders, be employed in casting the same." At the same time, "the windows in the bell loft were ordered to be boarded up as high as was necessary; and the lubber (louvre) boarding there to be taken down and replaced in a more horizontal position". This early reference to "sound control" is particularly interesting in view of the fact that the present ring of bells has been used as the subject of considerable experiments in that field.

It seems that only one peal was rung on this new ten — 5,200 Oxford T.B. Royal, rung by the College Youths in 1777. In 1783 the canon of the treble was found to be broken and the bell was recast, and the tenor was recast by Robert Patrick in 1787. (Patrick, who was originally a cheesemonger, married Thomas Lester's granddaughter and later went into partnership with Thomas Osborn in a bellfoundry at Downham Market, Norfolk. By 1784 he had set up a foundry at Whitechapel in

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Chester Cathedral Bells

BISHOP'S HOPES FOR NEW TWELVE

Speaking at the annual dinner of the Chester Diocesan Guild at the Mollington Banastre Hotel, Chester, on October 11th, the Bishop of Chester (Rt. Rev. G. A. Ellison) expressed a hope that a go-ahead for the new 12 bells for the Cathedral would soon be given. Towards the £300,000 needed for the Cathedral appeal, the sum of £230,000 had been received or promised.

An announcement was also made by the Master (Mr. Alex Martin) that Mr. C. Kenneth Lewis had rung his 1,000th peal, one of Spliced Surprise Major in 12 methods at Norbury, which he conducted.

The dinner, which was attended by a company of 150, started with a pleasing ceremony when bouquets were presented to the Mayoress (Mrs. France-Hayhurst) and to the Bishop for his wife, who regrettably was absent through sickness. Mrs. Baker, the widow of the late general secretary, also received a similar presentation. Mr. Alex Martin expressed the great pleasure of the company that Mrs. Baker had felt able to attend the dinner, as it was due to Mr. Baker's efforts that they were all gathered together that evening.

The first speech after dinner was from the Mayor who said, in proposing the toast of "The Church and State", that relations between Church and State in Chester were extremely good and it had been his pleasure to be associated with the appeal for £300,000 for Chester Cathedral.

The reply was from Rev. A. Stout, Vicar of Sutton, who had just returned from the U.S.A. He said the Church there was leading the way in many things; in particular in race relations. He felt that the State would do well to follow the Church in this country in the way that it had done in history.

There followed a touch of Spliced Surprise Maximus on handbells by six resident members of the Guild, namely A. McFall 1-2, N. Bennett 3-4, B. F. L. Groves 5-6, R. B. Smith 7-8, J. D. Atkinson 9-10, G. Moorhouse 11-12.

In proposing the toast of "The Guild" the Bishop said that it was good to see people who could make their own entertainment and exercise their minds and bodies in producing such beautiful music as they had just heard. He recalled the time when he had learned to ring, as a curate, on the bells of Sherborne Abbey, the heaviest ring of eight bells in the world. He felt even Mr. Taylor would agree that these bells were a magnificent ring of eight —by Mears. [Laughter.]

The Bishop continued that he looked forward to the day when a new ring of 12 bells would peal out from a new bell tower at the Cathedral. The old ring of ten had been removed to Taylor's, of Loughborough, and he hoped that the work would go ahead on the new 12 soon. Of the £300,000 appealed for earlier this year for the work on the Cathedral, over £230,000 had been raised or promised. He was grieved that Mr. Baker, who had worked so hard to see a ring of bells worthy of Chester Cathedral, had not lived to see the day when the bells would again be heard.

FLOURISHING

The Master of the Guild replied and, reflecting on the performances of the Guild and its members during the past year, said that judged on performances the Guild was flourishing. They had topped the list of peals rung during 1958, this being largely due to an increase in the number of handbell peals. He congratulated the handbell band at Marple on ringing peals of Surprise Maximus from two to ten methods and regretted that Bernard Groves would soon be departing to the south.

1,000 PEALS

On the previous Wednesday their peal secretary, Mr. C. K. Lewis, had rung his 1,000th peal; this was a peal of Spliced Surprise Major in 12 methods at Norbury, which he had conducted. Bernard and Bob were very close to 1,000, he believed.

Being top of the charts did not in itself imply that all was well with the Guild, particularly when the peal ringing tended to be concentrated in pockets. Other signs of life were apparent: monthly meetings in other areas were well supported and some previously silent towers had come to life. The Northwich branch were to be congratulated on the sensible arrangement they had made, which meant that Witton bells were now being rung again.

The fact that earlier in the year the branch officers were able to give a cheque for £1,000 to the Dean of Chester Cathedral towards the cost of the Cathedral bells was another sign of a lively interest. Perhaps the most significant feature in the raising of the £1,000 was by direct giving of 30s. per member of the Guild.

FUTURE?

What of the future? They should consider three things — reports, reorganisation and redundancy, to say nothing of Church unity. As committed Christians they should be deeply involved with the success or otherwise of the Church in meeting the challenge of the 20th century. This would depend ultimately not only on the quality of their leaders but on the support of a well-informed laity. If Church unity was achieved and buildings shared, how many of their lofty, cavernous, cold buildings (many of them housing their best bells) would be in use? They were certainly not economical units. If they became redundant what would happen to the bells? As church officers the bells were not their sole interest; they could not justify expenditure in view of wider calls. It would be up to ringers to do something, and some sacrifice would be necessary. They raised £1,000 for the Cathedral; a subscription of two guineas a year would enable the Guild to have £1,000 every year and refurbish a ring of bells. "Save a pint each week and you could afford a subscription of £5 5s.; think about it!"

In conclusion Mr. Martin thanked the Bishop for all his work in redrafting the rules; after all his work on Canon Law no doubt this was child's play. It would certainly make his job easier at the annual festival. Had the committee redrafted the rules there would have been much discussion and dissenters could now be excommunicated!

The speeches over, music and dancing continued until a late hour. R. B. S.

ST. GILES', CRIPPLEGATE—contd.

opposition to the more famous foundry.) This new tenor bell weighed 36 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

RINGERS' RHYMES

The bells were augmented to 12 in 1792, the two new trebles being cast by John Briant, of Hertford, who at the same time recast the third of the 12. Apart from "repairs and alterations" from time to time, the 12 bells remained as they were until 1940. The sixth to eleventh bells included in their inscriptions the usual sort of mottoes and rhymes, the most interesting perhaps being that on the eleventh:—

"Ye ringers all that prize
Your health and happiness,
Be sober, merry, wise,
And you'll the same possess."

The first peal on the 12 was one of 5,280 Grandsire Cinques, rung on February 22nd, 1799, by the College Youths in 3 hours 55 minutes. It was 45 years before another peal was scored in this tower, this time by the Cumberland Youths, who rang 5,016 Stedman Cinques on December 10th, 1844, in 3 hours 43 minutes. This was the first time that Cripplegate tenor had been rung single-handed to a peal. A notable peal on these bells was 7,524 Stedman Cinques, rung by the College Youths on January 6th, 1851, in 5 hours 24 minutes. This was at that time "the greatest number of Stedman Cinques".

Later peals on the bells include a peal of 5,019 Stedman Cinques rung by the Waterloo Society on November 23rd, 1912, by a band of 12 "Johns", and the only peal rung in the City of London for the jubilee of King George V.

Mention should be made of the chimes which were formerly fitted to the bells and which played tunes on them at certain hours of the day. The first mention of these is in February, 1753: "Mr. Thwaites having proposed to repair the chimes and add two new hammers, so that they may strike on ten bells, it is ordered to be done." In a work called "Curiosities of London", published perhaps in 1870, we read: "The Cripplegate chimes are the finest in London, they were constructed by a poor working man."

St. Giles' Church today is no longer surrounded by the emptiness of "bomb-sites"; the new Barbican scheme has surrounded it with towering blocks of offices and flats, with pedestrian walkways almost at the height of the bells. The tower, which once stood out prominently above the surrounding buildings, is now dwarfed; but the church looks forward confidently to its new rôle amid new parishioners, and it is hoped that the fine ring of 12 bells will be put to good use to proclaim the church's message to the new residents.

A BLEWBURY PEAL

The band that rang the peal of Stedman Triples at Blewbury, Berks, on October 11th, are grateful to Mary Wells for making up the team after Michael Bishop, of East Hagbourne (whose birthday peal it was), had to stand down because of his wife's indisposition. The peal enabled Claude Corderoy, the secretary of the N. Berks branch, to complete his third "circle" of the tower and the Rev. David Stoter to be the first cleric to take part in a peal since 1906, when the Revs. G. F. Coleridge (treble) and C. W. O. Jenkyn (5th) rang in the first peal on the bells (also Stedman), under the conductorship of Rev. F. E. Robinson (7th).

RECORD ATTENDANCE AT TRIENNIAL DINNER

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION'S HAPPY FUNCTION

A CHANGE of venue, at short notice, from Kingsbury to St. John's Wood did not deter the organisers of the triennial dinner of the Middlesex County Association on October 25th from achieving a record attendance (110). The convivial spirit and good humour of the company were much in evidence both before and during the excellent meal.

The Rev. G. C. Taylor, Vicar of St. Giles-in-the-Fields (president), was in the chair. He was accompanied by Mrs. Taylor and the principal guests, the Bishop of Willesden and Mrs. Leonard.

In proposing the toast of "The Church" Mr. J. Hill confessed that it was only the bellringing section of the Church with which he was well acquainted. He read a homily from a Carnegie technical journal on shoddiness versus excellence, and advised ringers generally to take this to heart. It was, at times, necessary to restrict recruits and make them keep within their capabilities. "Don't let them run before they can walk," added the speaker, "it will keep shoddiness at bay and excellence will be achieved."

In the shortest speech of the evening (two minutes) the president, speaking in humorous vein, told the company he had been instructed to keep his speech short, and sat down amidst much laughter. He was followed by Mr. Dennis Beresford, a past master of the Cumberland Youths, who proposed "The Association".

SYMPATHY

It was at the last dinner three years ago, he said, that that particular toast was proposed by Mr. John Rock, and the Exercise had heard with great sorrow of John's death a few days previously, at the early age of 40. He (the speaker) suggested that a letter of condolence be sent to Mrs. Rock, a suggestion which was immediately agreed.

Continuing, Mr. Beresford spoke of the great names in the history of the Association — William Pye, Armiger Trollope, Ernest Turner, Charles Coles and those of today — John Mayne and Tom Lock, the latter having scored his 1,000th peal since the last dinner. [Applause.] Alick Cutler, too, had made history by being the first man to ring 300 different Surprise methods, and there was George Hart, who had been made a vice-president for his wonderful service to the Association and ringing in general.

Mr. Beresford concluded with an appeal to members to help man the towers in the City of London on Sundays, where there were no ringers.

Reviewing the past three years, Mr. W. S. Deason (master), in replying, said that in spite of many doubts peal ringing for the Association had been maintained at over 50 per year. He congratulated Mr. Tom Lock on his 1,000 peals and said that 500 of these were for the Association, a very creditable performance. Of the 30-odd ringers who had completed 1,000 peals two were living in the Middlesex territory. Because of the mobility of ringers today the master stressed the importance of newcomers giving support to towers where young bands were being trained.

The retirement of Mr. T. W. White from the position of editor of "The Ringing World" was mentioned by the speaker, who expressed the good wishes of all present to him. "The Exercise only exists through the medium of 'The Ringing World'," said Mr. Deason, a statement which was loudly applauded.

In proposing "The Visitors" Mr. D. E. R. Knights welcomed the Bishop and his wife, Rev. D. Bond (Harrow Weald), Rev. F. G. Burton (Edmonton), Rev. G. C. Oakley (Willesden) and Preb. F. C. Tyler (Hillingdon). He punctuated his speech with many stories and anecdotes and continued by extending greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Price, Mr. Dennis Beresford, the Misses Beresford, Wilkinson and Wright, and Messrs. Duke, Foster and Summerhayes, and also mentioned Miss K. Higgins (Sheffield), Mr. G. Goodship (Grundisburgh) and Philip and Mary Jones (Midsomer Norton, Som) and Messrs. Tom White and Charles Denyer ("The Ringing World").

The Bishop responded with humour and paid tribute to the ringers for their work for the Church, and gave them God's blessing for the future.

Mr. Frank Price also replied and congratulated Mr. Percy Venn, of Hayes, who with his son and other members of the family had done tremendous work in the tower at Hayes (he had literally gutted it!) and had raised the sum of £4,000 for restoration work and the installation of a new ring of eight. An additional toast, that of "Our Hosts", was then drunk by the guests on the call of Mr. Price.

A team of 12 handbell ringers from Ealing, two of whom are Association members, entertained the company with a display of tune ringing, which was much appreciated.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

The 175th quarterly meeting was held at Salford Priors on October 18th and ringing could not start until 3.30 because of a memorial service. A refreshing address was given at the Guild service at 4.30 by the Rev. W. Watson, followed by a buffet tea in the Vicarage, enjoyed by the company of 50 present.

The members tood in silence in memory of Mrs. Billington (Nuneaton), Miss Godderidge (Chilvers Coton), Mr. G. Gardner (Allesley), Mr. J. Taylor (Cubbington) and Mrs. Hall (Leamington).

The president reported that the revision of the service form was in the hands of the Bishop and the Rev. C. Poole. It was announced that a football tournament had been replaced by ringing on the afternoon of the dinner, for which only six tickets were then unsold. Notice was given of a change of rules, for quarterly meetings to be held on the first Saturday in January and July and the third Saturday in October, the annual meeting remaining on the third Saturday in April.

Several members spoke of the work of Mr. T. W. White, retiring editor of "The Ringing World", and five guineas was voted to the "White Testimonial Fund",

Mr. H. G. Summers proposed alteration to Rule 15, making the conductor of a peal responsible for payment of the booking fee, and it was decided to consult on the matter, as the fee appeared to be inadequate.

Votes of thanks concluded the business and ringing continued at Salford Priors and Bidford-on-Avon.

BARKINGSIDE RINGERS AT SEASIDE

Last year Barkingside ringers found a good formula for their outing and so this year they again mixed ringing with a trip to the seaside. Hastings was chosen as the venue and proved to be an excellent base on a beautiful autumnal day, with our coffee stop at Tonbridge, where we enjoyed the quality and "go" of the bells to a variety of methods, with the final touch welcoming guests arriving for a wedding.

Bexhill was reached late, our progress being slowed by fog, which turned out to be caused by a Cortina burning oil. We endeavoured to make up for our late arrival and pitched in to Bob Major—only to find the fourth was muffled. However lunch was enjoyed on time, and in bright sunshine, on the beach. The sea proved so inviting that two of the girls had to go for a swim, to the amusement of local anglers who were highly amused to watch them drying off in the sun—(thank goodness for drip-dry clothes!)

The bells of St. Clement's and All Saints' were enjoyed during the afternoon, before a return to the beach for tea. Battle was our final call and probably the highlight of the day.

We finished our day in traditional style with a stop on the way home and another successful outing came to an end. Our thanks to the incumbents, to the ringers who met us and made us so welcome, and to the two organisers for arranging it.

(Chip)

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The October meeting of the Biggleswade District was held on the 11th at Northill (6), with Biggleswade (8) in the evening. Ringing got off to a brisk start, with Mr. C. D. Mann in charge. The Rev. C. E. Jones, of Northill, welcomed the ringers and commented on the large number of young people present.

At 4.45 p.m. the bells were lowered and later all met again at Biggleswade for the business meeting. There was some discussion on the forthcoming Christmas programme. The district secretary (Mr. K. Fleming) agreed to make enquiries as to the availability of a hall for a social. Mr. A. S. Smith, on behalf of Biggleswade, asked if the committee could consider moving the date of the district's striking competition to early summer. Ringing then continued, with Mr. C. Hardy, a district ringing master, in charge.

L. F.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Due perhaps to the counter-attraction of Marlborough Fair, only three towers in the branch were represented at the Marlborough branch meeting at Pewsey on Oct. 18th. Visitors from Swindon and district were thus warmly welcomed.

Mr. Fred Read (deputy R.M.) was in charge of ringing and the Guild service was conducted by Canon F. Browne. An excellent spread was provided by Mrs. Hoare, who was thanked, with others who had helped in the day's arrangements, by Mr. G. Newman (chairman).

FIRST PRIZE IN FABIAN STEDMAN COMPETITION

THE WINNER, ROGER BALDWIN, EXPLAINS

The following methods were submitted for the "Fabian Stedman" competition:—

1. 36, 18, 36, 18, 36—(1458)—1458—
   bob: 3458 instead of (1458).
2. 36, 18—18, 36—36, 18—18, 36, (18)
   bob: 16 instead of (18).
3. 36, 18, 36, 18, 36 (—)
   single: 78 instead of (—).
4. —1458—36, 18—36—18, 36—(1458)
   bob: 1456 instead of 1458.
5. 36—36, (18) bob: 16 instead of 18.
6. 36—36—36—36, (18)
   bob: 16 instead of (18).
7. 36—36, (18)—36—(18)
   bob: 16 instead of (18).
8. 36—36—36—36, (18)—36—36—36—(18)
   bob: 16 instead of (18).
9. —(18), 36—36—36, (18)
   bob: 16 instead of (18).
10. 36—36—36, (18), 36—36, (18)
    bob: 16 instead of (18).
11. 36, 18—36—36—(18)
    bob: 16 instead of (18).
12. 36—36, (18)—36—36—36—(18)
    bob: 16 instead of (18).
13. 36—36—36—36, (18), 36, (18)
    bob: 16 instead of (18).
14. 36—36—36—36, (18), 36—36—36, (18)
    bob: 16 instead of (18).
15. 36—36—36, (18)—36—36—(18)
    bob: 16 instead of (18).
16. 36—36—36—36, (18)—36—(18)
    bob: 16 instead of (18).
17. 36, (18)—(18) bob: 16 instead of (18).

These methods are all double and symmetrical, and some are based on two divisions as in Stedman, others on a single division. Peal compositions, including spliced "all the work", are readily available, using a system described below. Each method can be extended to higher numbers (there is often more than one extension), and where there is a recognisable slow work there is usually an extension which will preserve it, as in Duffield, but of course the extension will not then necessarily be double. Most of the methods are reasonably musical: the arguments put forward by Sir A. P. Heywood in favour of Duffield apply with equal force to many other double principles.

PROOF

The most severe problem in the design of any principle is proof and the subsequent search for a peal composition. The usual procedure is to write out a course of the method, comparing changes in which the fixed bells are in the same positions, hence obtaining a list of false course ends. These often lead to intractable problems in composition.

These problems are overcome in double methods by exploiting some elegant properties of the construction of the method, as follows: All the methods listed above are double in the sense that the work of the back four bells (in Major) in each change is a mirror image of the work of the front four bells. Whilst a bell is doing a particular piece of work there is another bell mimicking it at the opposite end of the change, and clearly it must be the same bell throughout the course. These bells will be called "image bells". In Major 1 and 8 are image bells, so are 2 and 7, 3 and 6, 4 and 5. During a course of the method image bells will always occupy image positions in the change, that is their position in the change relative to the centre point of the change must be the same, so that, for example, whilst one is leading the other will be lying.

Consider now two courses of a particular method which are false against each other, so that they have at least one change in common. The image bells of each course are defined uniquely by the bells occupying image positions in any change of the course. But the two courses have a common change and hence common image bells. Thus two courses can only be false against each other if they have the same image bells.

We are now in a position to deduce all possible false course ends of a double principle. We will restrict our attention to Major, although similar arguments apply to other numbers of bells. Suppose the 7, 8 are fixed, as usual in peals of Major. The false course ends of a method are the course ends of those courses false against the plain course and by virtue of the above discussion these courses must have the same image bells as the plain course. Thus the following are the only possible false course ends of a double principle.

12345678
12436578
12463578
12645378
12654378
12563478
12536478
12354678

COMPOSITION

Having deduced false course ends the next step is to investigate the selection of material for composition. The following points can be deduced from the false course ends.

(1) If only bobs are used and the 6, 7, 8 are fixed, then double methods have a clean proof scale. In practice many of the methods have a clean proof scale when singles are used, then giving 120 courses.

(2) The 90 courses with different image bells, and hence, provided that less than 90 courses constitute a peal and provided that suitable calls can be defined, double principles are always pealable. Since this requires a plain course in excess of 56 changes, this is a fairly weak restriction.

(3) The above reasoning applies equally to falseness between pairs of methods, so that two methods are false against each other only in courses with the same image bells. Thus there are 90 available courses, each of which at least in principle could be rung to a different method, so that in a peal composition each bell would do all the work of every method.

ORIGINALITY

No claim is made for the originality of any of the methods, although none has been rung to peals. This applies to all principles, since from the time of Fabian Stedman composers have been trying to design a principle for even numbers of bells. The properties of double principles I published in "The Ringing World" in April, 1962.

A GALA DAY FOR SUSSEX ASSOCIATION

SATURDAY, October 18th, was a gala day for Sussex County Association. The proceedings commenced with a peal of Grandsire Caters rung by the Association officers at the Church of St. Nicolas of Myra, Brighton, and conducted by the general secretary, Alan Baldock.

In the afternoon the towers of Holy Trinity, Hurstpierpoint (8) and St. Peter's, Brighton (10), were open for ringing, and at 7 p.m. members, friends and guests converged upon the King Alfred, Hove, for the annual dinner.

This year's dinner was, as always, a pleasant and informal gathering. The Master, Mr. R. V. Johnson, made a short speech of welcome to the guest of honour, Archdeacon Lancelot Mason, of Chichester (a vice-president), and to Rev. and Mrs. C. G. F. Chisholm, of The Good Shepherd, Dyke Road, Brighton, who together with Rev. and Mrs. D. Silcock, of Middleton-on-Sea, and the chief officers of the Association comprised the top table.

He then went on to thank the organising committee and friends who had been prevailed upon to come along and provide the entertainment. These were Rev. D. Silcock, folk and guitar; Miss Ann Cairns, a local ringer and teacher, 'cello; the Wareham Handbell Ringers, led by Mr. G. Francis and Gwen Sanders (soprano), David Sanders (bass) and Vernon Holt (tenor), who together with Mrs. Muriel Baine (piano) are all members of Southwick Operatic Society. A special vote of thanks was also accorded to Mrs. E. M. Mitchell for the assistance she had given with the entertainment arrangements in general.

In response, Archdeacon Mason, who was born within the precincts of Canterbury Cathedral and therefore, as he said, brought up with the sound of bells, expressed the wish that they would long remain part of England and the English way of life. He also recalled with pleasure his first ringing experiences in the Fens of Cambridgeshire and accordingly hoped that gatherings such as they were now enjoying would continue with undiminished gaiety in future years.

The total number attending the dinner was 156. A. E.

SUFFOLK GUILD

The N.W. District A.G.M. was held at Elveden on October 11th and had a satisfactory attendance. The service was conducted by Rev. C. R. Taylor, following which a company of 40 sat down to tea. Officers elected were: Chairman, Mr. A. Peachey; ringing master, Mr. D. O. Rowland; hon. secretary, Mr. A. F. Ballam; committee, Messrs. M. J. Rose and B. E. Whiting. Quarterly meetings are to be held at Mildenhall (January), Lakenheath (April), Rougham (July), Horringer (October, A.G.M.). Ringing continued after the business until 9 p.m.

TRURO GUILD

Fifty ringers were present at the Launceston branch autumn festival at Lewannick. At the business meeting the chairman (Rev. R. W. B. Sawle) welcomed the new Rector of Stoke Climsland. It is in his church the spring festival will be held.

Letters to the Editor

MELBOURNE PEAL

Dear Sir,—As a member of the band in the above peal, and one who has been ungraciously singled out in the editorial article "Comment", may I be allowed space to express my views?

Mr. C. I. Rowson says that this should be "no peal" because it was not rung "within the Central Council's definition of the term". I wonder if he would be kind enough to amplify this? As far as I know, the composition selected by the conductor was called correctly; there was never any necessity to "sort the bells out" from a mix-up, nor were any bells crossed over at any one point.

I am sure that all the band would agree with him, myself included, that the standard of ringing was below that which would have been expected from the band. But does this justify the call for "no peal"?

Have all Mr. Rowson's peals been of such a magnificent standard as to qualify him to criticise in such a high-flown manner?

Alas, this is not all. Was it necessary for the Editor of "The Ringing World" to have prejudged the whole issue? His self-contradictory article "Comment" on page 825 is not in keeping with what we have come to expect from this journal.

He says: "The Editor is not the arbiter of what constitutes a peal", and immediately proceeds to assume that all that Mr. Rowson has said is the only true account of what took place. Come, sir, we expect better things than this.

It is a pity, too, that the validity and quality of all the peals rung on that particular tour have been thrown in doubt. Again the Editor writes: ". . . during a tour when 22 peals were claimed . . .". Now, sir, do you expect your readers to assume from the careful phrasing of your sentence that the other 21 were doubtful? It would seem so. This would indeed be a pity.

I was able to ring in seven of those peals: the Melbourne peal was poor — this is acknowledged and was said so immediately the bells were stood—but the other six were very creditable indeed, in fact one of them, the peal of Superlative at Shepshed, was outstanding.

This is not all that could be said on the matter, nor do I suppose it will be, but I hope a fairer position has been given to those readers who are sufficiently interested.

I may add that as general secretary of the Association for which the peal was rung I have received no official notification of objection, nor has any other official of the Association. Until this has been done, with full reasons given, the Association must accept in good faith those peals accredited to it.—Yours faithfully,

FREDERICK ROSS,
Hon. Secretary,
Derby Diocesan Association.

NOTE.—We have not prejudged this peal. What we have done is to point out procedure to be adopted when a person feels that the prescribed standard was not reached. The general secretary of the Derby Diocesan Association rightly asks Mr. Rowson to substantiate his accusation. The onus is with Mr. Rowson and until he proves this to the satisfaction of the Derby Diocesan Association the Melbourne peal stands. We never suggested that there was any question concerning the authenticity of other peals rung during this tour, and as regards the Melbourne peal we are not the arbiter.—Ed.

GROSS ABUSE

Dear Sir,—Your "Comment" on page 825 of the "R.W." I consider to be a gross abuse of editorial privilege. No decision has yet been taken to accept or reject the Melbourne peal, and until each side has been afforded an opportunity to state its case I suggest, sir, that you confine yourself strictly to recording the facts.

Mr. Rowson may or may not have a valid argument and no doubt he will be grateful for your valuable advice on how to proceed with his objection; but to prejudge the issue and set him up as a model of virtue as you, sir, appear to have done, is of benefit to nobody. Under these circumstances the reference to the general secretary of the Derby Diocesan Association was also hardly appropriate.

I am led to express the hope that publication of your "Comment" does not indicate we are to expect a lowering in the high editorial standards previously enjoyed by the "R.W."—Yours faithfully,

ROBERT E. HARDY.

St. Albans, Herts.

MUSIC IN STEDMAN

Dear Sir,—In your article on page 747, dated Sept. 26th, 1969, by Michael Bruce, the opening remarks concerning internal music in Stedman Caters and Cinques are incorrect because they are so dogmatic.

It can be argued, for instance, that complete absence of little bells in combination "behind" and the lack of intermingling of large and small bells there which call for delicacy of striking mar the music of Mr. Bruce's new plan.

Appreciation of music is a personal matter, and arrangements which at first hearing appear discordant are often those which one comes to prize after some years of experience. To those who ring a lot of Stedman Caters and Cinques and also Cambridge Surprise, the internal music brought up by the rearrangement of coursing order becomes gradually as important as the conventional course end.

No, let us say that Mr. Bruce has shown again the almost unending versatility of Stedman's principle and with commendable ingenuity doubled the frequency of course ends, and leave the Exercise to judge in years to come whether or not this is what it wants.

I look forward to trying Mr. Bruce's peals, and am sure he, in common with most composers, would appreciate comment which will enable him to judge whether or not their work is popular. — Yours faithfully,

D. E. PARSONS.

Englefield Green, Surrey.

PETERBOROUGH ST. MARY'S IN SHAKESPEARE COUNTRY

Dear Sir, — May I as a ringer at Holy Trinity Church, Stratford-on-Avon, reply to the remarks made about us in Belfry Gossip last week.

Although holding **no** office I was involved as messenger boy between the priest-in-charge, churchwarden and tower captain, after a telephone call was received from the organiser. It is correct that permission was granted by the priest-in-charge, and in view of this our captain agreed to be at Holy Trinity to meet the ringers from Peterborough at 9.30 a.m. on Sept. 27th. On Sunday morning, 28th, I was informed in no uncertain manner that the captain **did** get up earlier than usual, **did** go to the church and get everything ready for the Peterborough ringers, who **did not** turn up.

Would the organiser of this outing **please** let me know:—

(1) When and to whom the original request was sent, and if and when he received a reply.

(2) To whom did he apply for clarification of the position after receiving a Yes and a No.

(3) The date of the letter from the tower secretary refusing permission.

With these details to hand we may be able to avoid any future outing organiser suffering the same frustration, caused by this utter incompetency for which I, and I am sure the majority of the Holy Trinity band, offer the Peterborough outing organiser, and indeed all his party, our most sincere apologies.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN L. FINDON.

Job's Close,
Pillerton-Priors,
Warwick.

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JOHN NICOLL
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Competition Brings Cleaner Belfries

CANTERBURY DISTRICT A.G.M.

THE annual district meeting was held for the first time in the splendid new church centre of St. Dunstan's, Canterbury. That this centre was formed from the buildings of the old St. Dunstan's School is due to the inspiration of the late Canon Alan L. Lawler, whose sudden death last May was a great blow to the entire district whose friend he had been, formerly as Vicar of Teynham, and latterly, since 1954, of St. Dunstan with Holy Cross, Canterbury. This was—apart from one year when we were exiled to St. Alphege—the first time he had not been with us and his absence, in the magnificent centre he created, was much felt.

The service which was in St. Dunstan's, was preceded by good ringing at that church (6) and St. Stephen's (8), and was conducted by the Rev. R. D. Trevor-Roper, assisted by Mr. D. L. Cawley, and a robed choir from several parishes. The meeting was presided over by Mr. B. J. Luck, supported by Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Barnett. The Secretary, Mr. John B. Keeler, in presenting his report was particularly glad to see how new ideas had caught on, not least the practice meetings and the tidy towers competition. He thanked his fellow-officers and committee members, and also others who had helped him in his first year in office. The District membership had now reached 169, with 25 juniors and nine associates. Particularly pleasing was the return of Elham tower with new ringers, and the hope of its bells being rehung in the not too distant future, and also that of Chislet, where the fourth is to be recast. The district rejoiced in the lightest six in the county—the new bells of St. Alphege, Seasalter. On the accounts side a balance of over £60 was reported in hand.

BETTER ATTENDANCES WANTED

The ringing master (Dr. D. H. Niblett) commented on the enthusiasm of individuals, but said that he had been rather disappointed with poor attendance at practice meetings (Note: Meetings are always on the second Saturday of each month, so book up to October 1970 now—DLC). The good attendance at the meeting that afternoon proved that there was no excuse. Methods had still to advance, but there was a definite improvement in striking. He would like to see a more representative entry for the striking competition, and wondered if members with ideas on this would communicate them, particularly regarding a suitable time of year. Of himself, he said, he enjoyed the job, but suggested a new ringing master should soon be elected. The Chairman complimented Dr. Niblett on what he had done.

The competition secretary (Mr. D. L. Cawley) endorsed Dr. Niblett's remarks on the striking competition, and congratulated St. Dunstan, Canterbury, on their narrow, but well-earned, defeat of Whitstable (All Saints). He was particularly grateful to the secretary and the Rev. E. Scholfield, for fixing Boughton when other arrangements collapsed. Of the tidy towers contest, he said it was not over yet, but had soon proved its worth, judging by the appearance "before and after" of many towers.

ELECTIONS

Officers were then returned or elected, namely:—chairman, Mr. B. J. Luck; secretary, Mr. J. B. Keeler; representatives, Mr. D. Chatfield, Mr. G. Grey (in place of Mr. E. T. Eades); ringing master, Dr. D. H. Niblett; "Ringing World" representative, Mr. D. Cawley; additions to committee: Messrs. E. T. Eades, L. F. Huckstep, and D. J. Carr.

Tributes to Mr. Eades' high standard of service to the District were paid by the chairman and by Mr. D. C. Chatfield. Mr. Carr was thanked for the excellent edition of the District Newsletter. New members were elected from Elham, Dover, Seasalter and Canterbury (Christ Church College, St. Stephen's), and Great Mongeham tower was returned into union. A motion from the Rochester District calling for consideration of a duplicated annual report was rejected, though it was felt that the general committee should investigate other methods of production, not necessarily by stencil duplication. A county striking championship for district winners was warmly welcomed, and the secretary was instructed to look into the matter of reviving a district social. He was also asked to find out the opinion of ringers in Sturry regarding the situation there.

It was further reported that the six bells of Elmsted, which were last rung about 1914, may ring again soon, the tower having been repaired. The band at Lynsted was also reviving. The collection was for St. Dunstan's bell fund, and the customary vote of thanks to the ladies, to the Rev. R. Trevor-Roper and the Rev. A. E. Pearce and all other helpers concluded the business.

Unfortunately the light six at St. Alphege were not available, so the ringing was at the Cathedral. We are grateful to the Cathedral Chapter and to the ringers for allowing the privilege of ringing the bells. Next meetings: November 8th, Barham (5) By-meeting, November 22nd; Committee (any representations may be made to Secretary or Representatives). December 13th, Whitstable, All Saints (6) an St. Alphege (6). D. L. C.

Work in Four Churches in the West Country is being carried out by Mr. Arthur Fidler, of Crediton, and includes hanging two bells at South Brewham, rehanging four at Bawdrip, new headstock on tenor, overhauling and fitting guards to bell chamber windows at Norton-sub-Hambdon and rehanging two bells at Melcombe Bingham.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

September 13th saw a successful and well-attended meeting of the Llandaff branch at Cadoxton (Neath), the home tower of the Lewis family, whose three generations — Mr. D. J. Lewis (hon. life member), Mr. G. I. Lewis and Mr. A. Lewis —were all present, together with Mr. H. Boyce (hon. life member), also of this tower. Ringing ranged from rounds to Surprise, in spite of a stay broken early on.

After the service, taken by the Vicar (Rev. J. J. Lloyd), a generous tea was served in the Church Hall, and it was gratifying to find that attendance at a Llandaff branch meeting had topped the 50 mark for the first time for several years. A number of new members were elected, including six junior recruits, to Mr. D. J. Godfrey's enthusiastic band at Coity.

Mr. Nevil James (Llandaff Cathedral) found ready support for a suggestion from the Cathedral ringers that bands from individual towers in the diocese be brought within the scope of ringing and worship at the Cathedral. Towers wishing to participate would be invited in turn to take over the ringing for a particular service—Sunday Evensong was proposed — and afterwards attend at worship, perhaps accompanied by others from their own parish. This suggestion has since been embodied in a circular sent to all towers in the branch area, with the approval of the Dean of Llandaff (Very Rev. G. L. Phillips). I. D.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The September meeting of the Eastern District was held at Little Munden (a light six), the fine weather enabling members and visitors alike to enjoy the view across the unspoilt countryside which surrounds the ancient little church. Ringing was followed by a short service, conducted by the Rev. R. Bennett, and members later enjoyed a splendid tea in the schoolroom prepared by the local ladies. Mr. E. Newnham, the District ringing master, welcomed Mr. Walter Ayre, the County President, who emphasised the need for more support within the District. Evening ringing continued until 8.30 p.m.

B.J.W.F.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

The Dorchester Branch held a quarterly meeting at Piddlehinton on October 4th. Members were welcomed by the Rector (Rev. C. H. Hampton), who conducted the Guild service, with Mr. G. Lord at the organ. The Branch chairman (Rev. J. L. Woods) gave the address. A buffet tea, provided in the school by the Ladies' Fellowship, was much appreciated and preceded a short business meeting. Ringing on the six bells was under the Branch Ringing Master, Mr. E. H. Amey.

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HALF PEAL

THORNHILL, YORKS.—On Oct. 8th, 2,520 Minor (Killamarsh, Kent and Oxford T.B. and P. Bob): F. Shaw 1, D Scargill (cond.) 2, D. Lockwood 3, R. Pygott 4, E. Arnott 5, H. Wood 6. A farewell to Rev. C. G. H. Spafford.

APSLEY END, HERTS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,440 Plain Minor: Miss J. Marshall (first quarter) 1, C. Valerie Mills 2, R. E. Sheppard 3, A. V. Good 4, K. Sheppard 5, F. M. Byrne (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival, and the engagement of F. M. Byrne and Miss E. M. Emmett.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.—On Oct. 12th, 1,256 Little Bob Major: Jacqueline Wolfe 1, Elizabeth Gibbs 2, Gillian Laver 3, Felicity Hamilton 4, G. Bromley 5, J. V. A. Stedman 6, J. A. Laver 7, T. Skilton (cond.) 8. First of Little 1, 6 First of Little Bob Major 2, 3, 5, 7.

ASTON CLINTON, BUCKS.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. J. Brunger 1, A. J. White 2, A. E. Hole 3, T. H. O. Lewis 4, E. J. Brunger 5, R. Woodruff (cond.) 6.

ATCHAM, SALOP.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Vivienne Bennett (first quarter) 1, A. E G. Owen 2, Patricia C. Stocken 3, M. Orman 4, E. F. Willcox (cond.) 5, D. Smith 6. For the Animal Festival Service.

ATTLEBOROUGH, NORFOLK. — On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. King 1, T. G. Boast 2, J. H. A. Mowle 3, A. G. Harrison 4, O. P. Claxton 5, H. B. Fuller (cond.) 6. For the wedding of Mr. M. S. Blackburn and Miss R. J. Watson.

AYLESFORD, KENT.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Taylor 1, M Pring 2, P Brandon 3, W. Linksted 4, J. Parker (cond.) 5, R. De Brett 6. For Harvest Festival.

BETHERSDEN, KENT.—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. E. Spree 1, Violet Ring 2, R. C Offen 3, E. J. Clifton 4, W. W. Ring (cond.) 5, M. W. Marshall 6. An 86th birthday compliment to Charles Marshall.

BLACKMOOR, HANTS. — On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (April Day, Rev. Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire): R. E. J. Gill 1, G. A. Cane 2, D. J. Cooper 3, M. E. Cass 4, Mary Sutcliffe (most meth./var. as cond.) 5, A. M. R. Gill 6. Most meth./var. for 1, 2 and 6. For Harvest Thanksgiving.

BRADFORD, YORKS.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Peter on Oct. 12th, 1,264 Bob Major: Patricia Green 1, Andrea Smith 2, Jane Thurmott 3, S. Rawson (first quarter) 4, M. J. Thurmott (cond.) 5, S. Green 6, S. R. Munday 7, F. A. Munday 8.

BRADFORD - ON - AVON, WILTS. — A: Christ Church, on Sept. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Dyer 1, Mrs. P. Land 2, C. Andrews 3, G. Land 4, P. Gaisford 5, F. Box 6, R. J. Purnell (cond.) 7, A York 8. A welcome to Helen Elizabeth Purnell, born August 30th.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.—On Sept. 29th, 1,344 Rutland Surprise Major: R. J. Lindsell 1, Miss J. Millbank 2, C. H. Gillingham 3, K. W. Brown 4, P. J. Rothera 5, A. R. Syder 6, C. Barker 7, P G. Brown (cond.) 8. For the 970th Patronal Festival. First in method 2, 3 and 7.

BRAMFORD, SUFFOLK. — On Sept. 7th, 1,260 St. Clement's and Plain Bob: B. R. C. Crouch 1, M. H. Whittell 2, A R. Walters 3, R. L. K. Whittell 4, A. J. Munnings 5, L. R Pizzey (cond.) 6. For Bramford Flower Festival. Also on Oct. 12th, 1,260 Minor (three methods): K. Dakin 1, R. J. Southgate 2, S. Christian 3 R W Lockwood 4, L. R. Pizzey (cond.) 5, R. L. K Whittell 6 For Harvest Festival.

BRAUGHING, HERTS. — On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Westwood (first Triples) 1, K Westwood 2, W. Hunt (cond.) 3, L. Luck 4, R. Walker 5, A. Richardson 6, R. Prime 7, P. Warboys 8.

BRAY, BERKS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Wenda Fowler 1, D. Young 2, Kathleen Horne 3, E. Gosling 4, T. Mitchell 5, Doreen Young (cond.) 6, D. Fowler 7, J. Norsworthy 8. For Patronal Festival.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At St. Peter's Church, on Oct. 5th, 1,296 Grandsire Caters: Miss C. McInnes 1, Mrs. E. M. Mitchell (first Grandsire Caters) 2, R. I. Vaughan (first Caters as cond.) 3, M. S. Loveday 4, Miss S. Hopkin 5, D. Cox 6, P. D. Hepburn 7, T. G. Williams 8, A. W Bond 9, Miss A. S. Evans 10. For Harvest Festival.

QUARTER PEALS

CADDINGTON, BEDS.—On Oct 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor. Miss D. Kingham (first quarter) 1, Mrs. M. A. Coburn 2, L. G. Coburn 3, Mrs. B. Redfearn 4, K. Lewin 5, D. Redfearn (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.—On Oct 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Janet S. Evans 1, R. P. Pearce (first as cond.) 2, Kathryne R. Pearce 3, A. Locke 4, A. J. Davidson 5, F. M. Bowers 6.

CHEWTON MENDIP, SOM.—On Sept. 5th, 1,376 Cambridge Surprise Major: R. G. Beck 1, J. D. Tarrant (first Surprise) 2, P. S. George (first Surprise) 3, E. J. Chivers 4, R. E. Beck 5, D. MacKay 6, P. H D. Jones (cond.) 7, D. J. Purnell 8.

CHIGWELL, ESSEX.—On Oct 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Elizabeth A. Dunlop (first quarter) 1, Leslie C. Tibbitts 2, Marion A. Cass 3, D. A. Tovell (cond.) 4, J. G. Murfitt 5, A. Crowson 6. For Harvest Festival. Also on October 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Leslie C. Tibbitts 1, P. D Austin (first "inside") 2, D. A. Tovell (cond.) 3, G. H. Walker 4, J. E. Murfitt 5, Marion A. Cass 6. Also on Oct. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. E. Murfitt (cond.) 1, Leslie C Tibbitts 2, P. D. Austin (first Plain Bob "inside") 3, Marion A. Cass 4, G. H. Walker 5, D. A. Tovell 6.

CHOLSEY, BERKS.—On Oct. 10th, 1,344 P. Bob Major: J. Brough 1, Ruth Money (first Major) 2, T. W. Palmer 3, R Morris 4, J. Money 5, Angela M. Jones (cond.) 6, J. Hodgson 7, W. Rich 8.

CHRISTCHURCH, NEW ZEALAND. — On Oct. 9th, at the Cathedral Church of All Saints, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. R. Hainsworth 1, R J. Stevens 2, A. T. Summerell 3, N. F. E. Reeve 4, Dr. R. J. Johnston (cond.) 5, J. H. G. Gardner 6. Rung to mark the bicentenary of the rediscovery of New Zealand by Captain James Cook.

CHUTE FOREST, WILTS. — On Aug. 9th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: L. R. Porter 1, C. Pack 2, P. L. Furness 3, P. G. Taylor 4, R. H. Jones 5, R. J. Crocker (cond.) 6.

COCKERMOUTH, CUMBERLAND.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jane Worthington (first quarter) 1, R. Wetenhall 2, P. Kay 3, N. Newby, jun. 4, S. Richardson (cond.) 5, D. Hunns 6. For Harvest Festival.

COLCHESTER (Shrub End), ESSEX. — On Oct. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Lamb 1, A. Gibbons (first Minor) 2, D. Cobb 3, D. Whent 4, H Millatt (cond.) 5, A. Wright 6. Also on Oct. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Martin 1, C. Baker 2, A. Gibbons 3, C. Andrews 4, A. Wright (first as cond.) 5, G. Lamb 6.

CROYDON, SURREY.—At St John-the-Baptist's Church, on Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Razzell 1, N. G. T. Steere (cond.) 2, N. Brown 3, F. E. Mitchell 4, K. Game 5, P. Humphries 6, A. Brown 7, K. Taber 8.

CURRY RIVEL, SOM.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs R. Dean 1, D. Beaufoy 2, F. Welch 3, I Farthing 4, R. Welch 5, R. Dean 6, W. E Turner (cond.) 7, A Dyer 8. Rung by members of the Ilchester and Crewkerne branches in appreciation of the services rendered by the late Mr. J T. Locke, of Drayton, secretary and ringing master of the Crewkerne branch for 21 years, who died the previous Wednesday.

DISS, NORFOLK.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Triples: Kathleen Tebble 1, F. C. Roper 2, A. Cook 3, C. Pease 4, C. R. Catchpole 5, M Rose 6, H B. Fuller (cond.) 7, R. King 8. For the Patronal Festival.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 12th, at St. Saviour's Church, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Doubles: P. Brook 1, Miss J. M. Neal 2, I. Rees 3, T. M. Barlow (cond.) 4, P Fox 5, I. Clarke 6. First quarter in the method by all except 4.

EASTHAMPSTEAD, BERKS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Susan E. Rance 1, Joan A. Rance 2, G. N. Scott 3, C. W Bailey 4, S. G. Scott 5, E N. Thomas (cond.) 6, A. J. N Rance 7, W. R. Churchill 8. A tribute to the work of Mr. T. W. White as Editor of "The Ringing World", with the band's best wishes for a long and happy retirement.

ELTHAM, KENT. — On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples P Shonk 1, P. Clarke 2, Mrs. Coode 3, E. J. Coode 4, K. Small 5, F. Hurrell 6, G. Clarke (cond.) 7, R. Boyce 8. For Harvest Festival.

EXHALL, Coventry, WARKS.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Ashby 1, H. Curtis 2, W. Ashby 3, T. E. Boneham 4, H. D. Harrison (cond.) 5, M. Elliott 6. First Grandsire 1, 3, 6. For Harvest Festival, and the visit of the Bishop of Coventry.

FECKENHAM, WORCS. — On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): A. Jones 1, Angela Styler 2, Jennie Newton 3, M. Leek 4, E. Styler (cond.) 5, D. Draper 6. For Harvest Festival.

FOXEARTH, ESSEX.—On Oct. 12th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: S. J. Twitchett 1, Mrs. W. G. Perry 2, J. H. Brett 3, W. G. Perry 4, R. Knights (first "inside") 5, P Mayle 6, J. P. Loveless 7, J. A. Mayle (first Major as cond.) 8.

GADDESBY, LEICS.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Mrs. B. Woodcock 1, Mrs. S. Hall 2, C. E. Cooper 3, H. T. Bonshor (cond.) 4, R. C. Tyler 5, G. M. Hall 6. Rung for Confirmation, conducted by Bishop Horstead.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK. — On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. J. Munnings 1, C. R. Lovett 2, J. Bennett 3, M. J. Howes (cond.) 4, S. R. E Pipe 5, G. R. Goodship 6, E. G. Pearce 7, S. E. Pipe 8. Rung for Harvest Festival

HAILSHAM, SUSSEX. — On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Miss A. Cerford 1, E. Breed 2, G. Beeney 3, Miss A. Bradbury 4, B. Stepney (cond.) 5, Miss J. Webster 6 First quarter 1, 6. In honour of the birth of a daughter for Mr. and Mrs. McClean, former ringers.

HARBURY, WARKS.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Sargent (first quarter) 1, Miss C. M. Couchman (first "inside") 2, Miss A. M. Hill 3, Miss V. J. Hill 4, C. E. Lawton 5, H. M. Windsor (cond.) 6. In honour of Rev. F. R. Mackley's 40th anniversary of ordination, and the rededication of the church organ: also a birthday compliment to P. Sargent.

HARWELL, BERKS.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. W. Dunsden 1, W. L. Gilks 2, H L. Bishop 3, L F. Cox 4, M. Bishop 5, W. Corderoy 6, R. B. Blond (cond.) 7, D. Bosley 8 Rung for the Didcot and District Council of Churches Annual United Service.

HEIGHINGTON, DURHAM.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss H. L Pool (first quarter) 1, P. H. Jackson (first quarter) 2, E. Jackson (cond.) 3, H. Kitching 4, J. Robinson 5, E. Pannell 6. For Patronal Festival

HESSLE, E. YORKS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Hessey 1, G. F. Gardiner 2, K. Gatman 3, R. R Horton (cond.) 4, R. H Sharp 5, J. C. Hope 6. First Grandsire 1, 2, 6. For Harvest Festival. Also on Oct. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J C Hope 1, G. F. Gardiner 2, A. Hessey 3, K. Gatman 4, R. H. Sharp 5, R. R. Horton (cond.) 6.

HUNTINGDON, HUNTS.—On Oct. 11th, at All Saints', 1,260 Doubles: H. Levens 1, H. S. Peacock 2, Jane K. A Hough 3, J. Binge 4, J. R. Hough (cond.) 5, A. T. Howes 6. To celebrate the dedication of the St. Barnabas' Church Centre, Oxmoor, by the Bishop of Ely.

KEWSTOKE, SOM.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Doubles: W. Blake 1, M. Legg 2, R. Hart 3, W. Hart 4, G. Prescott (cond.) 5, G. Kingdon 6 For Harvest Thanksgiving

HIGHCLERE, HANTS. — On Oct 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M Goss 1, G K. Dodd 2, C. Kendall 3, D. Goss 4, R J. Crocker (cond.) 5, P. L Furniss 6. Also on Sept. 14th, 1,282 Bob Minimus ("in hand"): R. J. Crocker 1-2, H. E. J. Smith (cond.) 3-4. A birthday compliment to the conductor's mother.

HORSELL, SURREY.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. P. Ladd 1, J. D. Mozley 2, E. R. Warner 3, J. M. Warinton (first as cond.) 4, P. V. W. Feast 5, R. Winkworth 6.

ILTON, SOM. — On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. R. Welch 1, Mrs. R. Dean 2, R. Welch 3 R. Dean (cond.) 4, R. Burns 5, R. Spiller 6. For Harvest Festival.

INGHAM, SUFFOLK. — On Oct. 12th 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): B. Wells 1, Mrs. E. M. Peachey 2, Miss S. E V. Potter 3, C. Nunn 4, A. F. Ballam (cond.) 5. For Harvest Thanksgiving.

JESMOND, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): Shelagh Graham 1, Sarah Dines 2, A. Craddock (cond.) 3, S. Pardoe 4, G. White 5, J. Pardoe 6. Also on Oct. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Wheeler 1, Sarah Dines 2, A Craddock 3, J. Pardoe 4, G. White (cond.) 5, S. Pardoe 6.

OBITUARY

MR. TITUS BARLOW

An in memoriam peal was rung at St. Mary's, Deane, Bolton, on October 22nd, for Titus Barlow, O.B.E., M.I.Mech.E., who attained one of the highest posts with the Atomic Energy Commission.

Titus Barlow was a life member of the Lancashire Association. As a boy he sang in the choir and as a bellringer he followed an illustrious father, who made his mark nationally. His many activities as an eminent engineer who travelled all over the world for his employers did not allow him to pursue campanology as keenly as he would have wished, but nevertheless he rang many peals and was noted for his good striking.

When Deane bells were recast and rehung in 1954 he and his family were most generous in providing money for the 3rd, 7th and tenor bells, in memory of their parents. He was able to ring in the first peal on the recast bells on February 11th, 1956.

One will always remember Titus Barlow for the thoroughness with which he tackled any job he had to do. Our sympathy goes out to his wife and sister, and we pray that God's blessing may be upon them in this difficult time. M. C.

MR. C. A. LAWRIE

A half-muffled quarter peal at Church Gresley, Derbyshire, on October 10th, was a fitting tribute to Mr. Claude A. Lawrie, headmaster of Swadlincote County Secondary School, who died on October 5th. Mr. Lawrie took a great interest in the bells when they were installed and organised a coach trip for some of his scholars at the recently-closed Castle Gresley C.S. School to see the new bells cast at Loughborough in July, 1968.

MR. A. R. SAYE

The late Mr. A. R. Saye, sometime of Calne, had been a regular Sunday service ringer at Clevedon (St. Andrew's) and not at Portbury as stated in the report of the Chew Deanery branch meeting (Oct. 24th). He had lived in Clevedon since leaving Wiltshire, but he often attended the weekly practice at Portbury.

He was buried with his wife in Clevedon churchyard and the bells were rung half-muffled on the day of his funeral.

MR. A. E. HOAD

Much sympathy is extended to the Hoad family, well known among ringers in Sussex, on the death of Mr. Albert Edward Hoad at the early age of 22. Grandson of the captain of a local tower, he was for a period a ringer, and he died as the result of an infection following a motorcycle accident. A quarter peal was rung as a mark of respect.

CORRECTIONS

The number of changes rung in the peal of Bristol Surprise Maximus at St. Laurence's, Reading, on September 14th was 5,280 (page 814 of the "R.W.").

In the report of the South and East District of the Suffolk Guild it was **Mr. C. W. Pipe** (and not Mr. G. W.) who spoke on peal fees, suggesting they should be raised to 1s. 6d. or even 2s. 6d. The error is regretted.

Striking Competitions

THE OSWY STREET

Only four teams competed this year at East Drayton—two (Roughtown and Barnsley) with closed leads and two (Warsop and East Retford) with open.

Mr. H. Chant was judge and some of the best "cartwheel" he had ever heard came from Roughtown (26 faults). Warsop, with Oxford Bob, had 58 faults, Barnsley 59 and East Retford 78.

The cup was presented by the acting chairman (Mr. D. W. Jack) to the Roughtown team, who now hold the trophy for the first time.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

The Lancashire Association striking competition was held in the Lancaster Branch at Holy Trinity, Morecambe, on October 11th, when 11 teams entered.

After tea, at which over 100 sat down, Mr. D. R. Jones, vice-president, introduced the general secretary, Mr. Frank Reynolds (judge), who declared Blackburn Cathedral, with 20 faults, the winners. St. James', Leyland (21 faults), were second and Christ Church, Todmorden (26), third.

Thanks were expressed to all who had contributed to the success of the competition, including the two other judges, Mrs. D. J. Handley and Mr. C. Crossthwaite.

It was suggested that the competition, because of its great appeal, should be held at a seaside resort in order that families might enjoy the resort whilst the ringing proceeds. A. W.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Do you remember that October sun and heat? It was just right for a striking competition, with all the too-ing and fro-ing, and listening and laughing. That was Norton Subcourse on October 11th. The 10 cwt. six, rehung in 1964 in their round tower, were kept going without delay by the eight competing bands. As an innovation for 1969, the Eastern and Northern branches had already held competitions to select one call-change and two "scientific" bands each, and these were joined by two from the Southern branch. Meanwhile, Haddiscoe and Raveningham, two more round towers, each with five bells, were open and were eagerly visited by those not under scrutiny at the time.

After the competition Rev. A. Glendining conducted shortened evensong. Mrs. Cossey and her helpers had laid their plans with expertise and the Thurlton School was filled with 70 ringers. Howard Egglestone gave the results in his usual fair and helpful manner. Wroxham won the call-change section with 58 faults and Kessingland came second with 94. The change-ringing section was won with a brisk 240 of Cambridge Surprise Minor by Mancroft, incurring 48 faults. Closely following were St. Giles', Norwich (54 faults), ringing Plain Bob Minor slowly and with very good leads. Then followed Diss with 75 faults, Lowestoft and South Norfolk (equal) and Pakefield.

The Norton and Henley handbell ringers entertained with tune ringing before general ringing in the round towers concluded a successful day. G. H. P.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. and Mrs. John Woods, of Lancaster, have been married for 50 years and 1,260 Yorkshire Surprise Major was rung at Scorton, Lancs, to mark the occasion.

Over 200 additional copies of "The Ringing World" were sold in the Penwortham, Lancs, area when, on October 17th, we illustrated its parish church of St. Mary. Other towns and villages please copy!

The 164th Anniversary of Trafalgar Day gave the Burton-on-Trent ringers the opportunity of special ringing—a date touch of 1,805 changes.

The peal of Evesham S. Maximus at Evesham completed the family for the two local ringers, Geoff and Gerald Hemming, and for Roger Savory. More unusually, perhaps, it completed the family for the bells also, the Major and Royal having previously been rung there.

A memorial peal for the late Mr. Titus Barlow, jun., on October 22nd at Deane, Lancs, included in the team Mr. T. W. Smith, who learned to ring changes in the 1920s when Titus Barlow, sen., another of his sons, and also T. B. Worsley were members of the local company.

You can assist the editorial staff by sending reports, etc., on separate sheets of paper and written on one side only. For quarter peals please give details in order and as set out in our printed columns each week, which otherwise necessitates retyping and possible errors.

Congratulations to Mr. J. E. Burles, of Barrow-in-Furness, who celebrated his 80th birthday recently. A quarter was rung following the failure of a peal attempt.

The Engagement of Miss Wendy Austin and Mr. F. J. Dadson was the reason for a quarter of Cambridge S. Minor at Sittingbourne, Kent, on October 13th.

At Shrub End, Colchester, youth predominates in the tower, as is evidenced by a recent quarter peal of Bob Doubles in which the participants were all under 18 and regular Sunday service ringers. It augurs well for the future.

University of Wales Society had a typically wet day for their autumn business meeting on October 25th, with 15 members present. Ringing took place at Neath, Sketty and finally St. Mary's, Swansea, where Evensong was said, and the president, Rt. Rev. J. Thomas (Bishop of Swansea and Brecon) gave an address and later took the chair for the meeting.

Following the recent item on quarter peals it is encouraging to report from Wadhurst, Sussex, two quarters of Minor (with cover) rung by local ringers — the first as such for 60 years. The "cover" was included because he is "one of the most regular attenders" (an excellent reason!). With the well-known enthusiasm and leadership of Mr. Chas. A. Bassett, the future attempt for a local peal of Bob Triples is purely a matter of time.

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FROM ONTARIO

Mr. Derek M. Sawyer, of 2842 Hollington Crescent, Clarkson, Ontario, writes to our retiring editor, Mr. T. W. White:—

"As this will probably be the last time I write to you as Editor of 'The Ringing World' may I add my small voice from this side of the Atlantic to the many letters you are surely going to receive.

"I have taken 'The Ringing World' every week since the age of 12 and have always found it to be an excellent weekly journal covering our rather specialised art. I must admit though I have appreciated 'The Ringing World' far more since I arrived on this side of the Atlantic as it gives me a weekly review of what all my old ringing friends across the country are up to, and together with our handbell ringing is some compensation for not having a ring of bells in our local church. (The nearest church to our house with bells is still Washington Cathedral, which is 500 miles away.)"

He adds: "It is refreshing to have a journal that is devoted to reading content and not advertising."

FROM ONE MARSH TO ANOTHER

Over 30 ringers from Pevensey Marsh area had an outing to the tranquillity of Romney Marsh on October 4th.

After half-muffled ringing at Salehurst because of a funeral, the "go" and tone of Tenterden bells seemed to be superb and one or two of the band got their heaviest tenor (27¼ cwt.). The recently rehung ring at Appledore was followed by the wooden campanile at Brookland, where those not ringing watched the middle and top sections of the tower turn in opposite directions. At New Romney the only stay-breaking for a long time took place, and there was good ringing at our last tower, Lydd. Thanks go to the organiser, Philip Brook, and to captains and incumbents.

ANOTHER NEWSLETTER

The Canterbury District of the K.C.A. has again produced a local newsletter, after worries as to its future, consequent on the departure of its excellent editors, Rod Glover and Keith Davis. Fortunately, Derek Carr stepped in at short notice to fill the gap. The result is the third newsletter this year, which adequately attains the standard of its predecessors. The district secretary manages a whole page, while a most interesting article appears on Washington Cathedral, by Wendy Palmer The editor contributes a helpful piece on method splicing, while Bert Luck delves into the Cathedral "log book", taking us back to 1802. Altogether a very good sixpennyworth, which may be had for that sum, plus 4d. postage, from Mr. B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury.

NEWINGTON BELLS AT FOUNDRY

The six bells of St. Mary's, Newington-next-Sittingbourne, have been removed by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. for very necessary repair work to be carried out. The bells are to be retuned and fitted with new wheel-rims, headstocks, pulley wheels, etc., and hung in new ball bearings at a cost approaching £1,000. This money has been very nearly raised by the local ringers who have been working for four years with this aim in view.

The last touch on the bells was rung on October 19th, when a quarter peal was attempted. Such was the condition of the bells the touch was terminated after 720 changes. The ringers were L. W. Wraight 1, Mrs H. V. Mitchell 2, E. A. Gilbert (captain) 3, F. J. Dadson 4, L. Gilbert 5, L. Mitchell (cond.) 6. The method was Plain Bob Minor.

L. M.

RINGING WEEK-END IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

Following a peal of Plain Bob Major on the Cathedral bells on October 11th a highly successful week-end was spent and included a party at the home of John Baldwin as well as considerable open ringing on Sunday afternoon. It provided a fine opportunity for the Washington ringers to talk with their northern brethren on the subject of chartering a North American Association, and considerable work is now in progress toward achieving that goal.

DORSET RINGING FESTIVAL

Some 65 bellringers from all parts of Dorset took part in the ringing festival at Blandford Parish Church on October 26th. This year it included a striking competition, as intended under the bequest of Samuel Francis Pond, a former citizen of Blandford and the benefactor of this festival. Four bands, one from each area of Dorset, rang in the finals of the competition. The winning order was: 1 Lady St. Mary's, Wareham; 2 St. Andrew's, Preston; 3 Holy Trinity, Bradpole; 4 St. Nicholas', Durweston. Each band received a certificate, presented by the Mayor of Blandford (Cclr. J. Trickett) who, with the Mayoress, the Town Clerk (Mr. C. K. Lavington) and other councillors, presided at tea in the Corn Exchange. The tea was provided by Mrs. Lane and members of the Women's Institute, who were specially thanked by the Mayor.

At the festival service in the Parish Church the Rector (Canon H. G. Goodall) preached the sermon and the service was conducted by Rev. R. N. Longridge.

The striking competition was judged by Mr. C. F. Andrews, of Melksham, assisted by Mr. F. Slatford and Mr. N. Knee. It was decided to hold the festival and competition on similar lines next year and a trophy, suitably designed for a bellringing competition, would be provided in accordance with the terms of the bequest.

CHARLTON KINGS PARTY IN WILTSHIRE

A prompt start was made on October 11th when 26 ringers and friends left Charlton Kings, Cheltenham, on their annual outing. The first tower was St. Andrew's, Chippenham, and early morning mist had obviously fogged some ringers' minds for mistakes were plentiful to begin with. A notice announcing *Nil Desperandum* in the belfry was, we were assured by the curate, sometimes a necessary reminder on practice nights. From Chippenham the party went to the heavy eight at Bradford-on-Avon, which were enjoyed by all for their easy going and superb tone. After a cross-country run, which took the party past the Westbury White Horse, the recast Taylor ten at Edington were the next bells to be tried. They went very well and were loud enough to impress upon us what a mistake often sounds like outside! Lunch was at Westbury and then a pleasant, sunny drive took us to Devizes and the enjoyable eight of St. John's. Stedman Triples went particularly well here, and the visit was of a nostalgic nature for two ringers, both of whom had some years previously lived temporarily in Devizes. An excellent tea at a local café sent us suitably refreshed to Malmesbury, where the detached tower provided another well-sounding eight. The final stop was at Fairford, Glos, well known for its stained glass windows. After some pleasant ringing everyone retired to the Bull, where supper had been booked, and a most pleasant social evening resulted.

J. C.

I.O.W. RINGERS' OUTING

Members of the I.O.W. District of the Winchester and Portsmouth D.G. visited Sussex for their annual outing this year and thoroughly enjoyed the tour arranged by Mr. T. F. East (ringing master). The coach was at Portsmouth to transport them to Chichester Cathedral where excellent ringing was accomplished in spite of long ropes affording difficulty to recruits. After ringing at Pulborough, a picnic lunch at Steyning was most welcome and the fine bells of St. Andrews much appreciated. A wedding at Shoreham enabled the non-ringers to admire the bride and the beautiful flowers, while the ringers were privileged to join the local band in the belfry. A sumptuous tea was waiting at Heene (Worthing) after ringing at St. Botolph's and the day ended with a memorable visit to the beautiful church of St. Nicholas at Arundel.

UPSIDE DOWN!

On enquiries being made, outside Grundisburgh Church recently, about the ringing there:—

"Oh yes, they ring here, but not like where I come from. We had two bells and rang by swinging them properly. Here they ring the bells upside-down."

THE SOMERSET YOKELS' PEAL WEEK

ALL PEALS RUNG FOR
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CARHAMPTON, Som.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist
On Mon. Aug. 11, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being four methods in seven extents: Two each of Oxford T.B., Plain Bob and Rev. Canterbury and one of Kent T.B.

Tenor 14 cwt. 22 lb. in G.

Frederick C. Arscott	Treble	John Cornelius	4
Keith E. Beale	2	Peter J. Kingscote	5
Adrian F. Arscott	3	Mervyn A. Arscott	Tenor

Conducted by Mervyn A. Arscott.
Most Minor methods as conductor.

TRULL, Somerset.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Tues., Aug. 12, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven methods in seven extents: Double Court, Cambridge S., Plain Bob, Kent T.B., Childwall, Grandsire and Rev. Canterbury.

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in E.

Mervyn A. Arscott	Treble	Peter J. Kingscote	4
Adrian F. Arscott	2	Keith E Beale	5
John Cornelius	3	Raymond F. Arscott	Tenor

Conducted by Raymond F. Arscott.
Most Minor methods on the bells.

EXFORD, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene
On Wed., Aug. 13, 1969, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 23 methods—Rugby S.C., Slapton S.C., Merton S.C., Longford S.C., Thornborough S.C., Hascombe S.C., St. Simon, St. Martin, St. Osmond, Rev. Union, Rev. St. Faith S.C., Rev. St. Julian, St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place, St. Remigius, Rev. Canterbury, All Saints, Minster Bob, Rev. St. Sebastian, Plain Bob, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Antelope and Grandsire—68 variations and 15 spliced compositions.

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in G.

Frederick C. Arscott	Treble	Keith E. Beale	4
Mervyn A. Arscott	2	Raymond F. Arscott	5
John Cornelius	3	Peter J. Kingscote	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by John Cornelius.
First peal in more than 100 methods/variations/spliced compositions by all the band and for the Association.

EXTON, Somerset.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Wed., Aug 13, 1969, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 11 methods in seven extents: Double Court, Cambridge S., Double Oxford and Thelwall, St. Clement's and Childwall, Kent and Oxford T.B., Grandsire, Plain Bob and Rev. Canterbury. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*Mervyn R. Arscott	Treble	Mervyn A. Arscott	4
Mrs. Brenda M. Bindon	2	†Peter J. Kingscote	5
*†John Cornelius	3	Keith E. Beale	Tenor

Conducted by Keith E. Beale.
* 25th peal together. † Most Minor methods to a peal.

MOREBATH, Devon.—At the Church of St. George.
On Thurs., Aug. 14, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being five methods in seven extents: Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Kent T.B., Rev. Canterbury and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb. in A flat.

Keith E. Beale	Treble	Raymond F. Arscott	4
*Frederick C. Arscott	2	John Cornelius	5
Mervyn A. Arscott	3	Peter J. Kingscote	Tenor

Conducted by Keith E. Beale.
* Most Minor methods to a peal.

BRUSHFORD, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Thurs., Aug. 14, 1969, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 11 methods in seven extents: Single Oxford, Cambridge S., Double Oxford and Thelwall, St. Clement's and Childwall, Kent and Oxford T.B., Grandsire, Plain Bob and Rev. Canterbury.

Tenor 6 cwt. 1 lb. in B.

Keith E. Beale	Treble	Peter J. Kingscote	4
Arthur H. Reed	2	Mervyn A. Arscott	5
John Cornelius	3	Raymond F. Arscott	Tenor

Conducted by Raymond F. Arscott.
Most Minor methods as conductor

HUISH CHAMPFLOWER, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Fri., Aug. 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three methods in seven extents: One each of Kent, Kent and Oxford combined and Oxford T.B., four of Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt. 8 lb

Mervyn R. Arscott	Treble	Peter J. Kingscote	4
*Mrs. M. Ann Durbin	2	Mervyn A. Arscott	5
John Cornelius	3	Keith E. Beale	Tenor

Conducted by Keith E. Beale.
* First peal, first attempt.

WATCHET, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Decuman.
On Sat., Aug. 16, 1969, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 52 methods—Stedman, Union Bob, Poyle S.C., St. Faith S.C., Runemede S.C., St. Julian, Colne S.C., Rev. St. Owen Place, Cambridgeshire S.C., Stedman S.C., Coxwell Place, St. Botolph, Rugby S.C., Slapton S.C., Merton S.C., Chesham S.C., Broughton S.C., Ockham S.C., Itchingfield S.C., Oakley S.C., Chipstead S.C., Longford S.C., Thornborough S.C., Hascombe S.C., Westminster II, St. Hilary, Dragon, Blackburn, New Bob, St. Vedast, Blaisdon, Huntspill, St. Simon, St. Osmond, Eynesbury, St. Martin, St. Nicholas, St. Remigius, Huntley, Winchendon, Rev. Union, Rev. St. Faith S.C., Rev. St. Julian, St. Owen Place, Rev. Canterbury, All Saints, Rev. St. Sebastian, Minster Bob, Plain Bob, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Antelope and Grandsire—75 variations and 14 spliced compositions.

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

Frederick C. Arscott	Treble	*Mervyn A. Arscott	4
Arthur H. Reed	2	Keith E. Beale	5
John Cornelius	3	Peter J. Kingscote	Tenor

Most methods, most methods and variations and most methods, variations and spliced compositions to a peal by all the band, on the bells and for the Association

Arranged and Conducted by Keith E. Beale.
* 50th peal for the Association.

WINSFORD, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Sat., Aug. 16, 1969, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven methods in seven extents: One each of St. Clement's and Childwall, Grandsire and Rev. Canterbury, two each of Kent and Oxford T.B., and Plain Bob.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

Gordon H. Baldam	Treble	Peter J. Kingscote	4
Mervyn A. Arscott	2	Rodney A. C. Cross	5
John Cornelius	3	Keith E. Beale	Tenor

Conducted by Keith E. Beale.

OTHER TOWER BELL PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
ST. DAVID'S, Pembrokeshire.—At the Cathedral Campanile.
On Sat., Oct. 11, 1969, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in D.

Trevor M. Roderick	Treble	David J. Llewellyn	5
Donald G. Clift	2	James Clatworthy	6
Nicholas W. H. Simon	3	Stephen Fenwick	7
John Chilcott	4	Tudor P. Edwards	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Nicholas W. H. Simon.

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THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CURRY MALLETT, Somerset.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Fri., May 9, 1969, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being ten methods in seven extents: Single Oxford, Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford T.B., St. Clement's and Childwall, Double Oxford and Thelwall, and Grandsire.
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in F.

Mervyn R. Arscott	Treble	Raymond F. Arscott	4
Arthur H. Reed	2	Mervyn A. Arscott	5
John Cornelius	3	Keith E. Beale	Tenor

Conducted by Keith E. Beale.
First peal in ten Minor methods by all the band.
Rung as a compliment to David C. Arscott and June M. Duffin, married at Sidmouth on May 10th, 1969.

EXFORD, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Sat., May 31, 1969, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being four extents and one 2,160. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in G

Mrs. Brenda M. Bindon	Treble	Raymond F. Arscott	4
*Mervyn R. Arscott	2	Mervyn A. Arscott	5
John Cornelius	3	Keith E. Beale	Tenor

Conducted by Keith E. Beale.
* First peal of Kent Treble Bob "inside."
Rung to mark the Lorna Doone centenary celebrations and the 79th, anniversary of the formation of the Association.

WEST BUCKLAND, Som.—At the Church of St. Mary the Blessed Virgin and the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., June 7, 1969, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven methods in seven extents: St. Clement's, Childwall, Plain Bob, Rev. Canterbury, Grandsire, Kent and Oxford T.B.
Tenor 14 cwt. 16 lb. in E.

Arthur H. Reed	Treble	Keith E. Beale	4
Mervyn A. Arscott	2	*Rodney A. C. Cross	5
Mrs. Brenda M. Bindon	3	Raymond R. Arscott	Tenor

Conducted by Keith E. Beale.
* Most Minor methods to a peal.

ASH PRIORS, Somerset.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Fri., June 20, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR AND DOUBLES
Being six Minor methods in four extents: St. Clement's and Childwall, Kent and Oxford T.B., Grandsire and Plain Bob, and three Doubles methods, 720 of each: Rev. Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire.
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr 17 lb. in G.

Mervyn R. Arscott	Treble	Keith E. Beale	4
Mrs. Brenda M. Bindon	2	Rodney A. C. Cross	5
John Cornelius	3	Mervyn A. Arscott	Tenor

Conducted by Keith E. Beale.
First peal in this arrangement by all the band, on the bells and for the Association.

CURRY MALLETT, Somerset.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Tues., July 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 12 methods—Stedman, Plain Bob, Rev. St. Bartholomew, All Saints, Minster Bob, Rev. St. Sebastian, Rev. Canterbury, Grandsire, St. Simon, St. Martin, Winchendon Place and St. Nicholas—16 variations and 12 spliced compositions Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in F.

Mervyn A. Arscott	Treble	John Cornelius	3
Adrian F. Arscott	2	Keith E. Beale	4

Raymond F. Arscott .. .. Tenor
Conducted by Keith E Beale.
Rung on the Duchy of Cornwall Estate for the investiture of Prince Charles as Prince of Wales, Duke of Cornwall.

CORFE, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Aug 2, 1969, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three methods in seven extents: One each of Kent T.B. and Rev. Canterbury and five of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 10 lb. in B.

Raymond F. Arscott	Treble	John Cornelius	4
Arthur H. Reed	2	Rodney A. C. Cross	5
Peter J. Kingscote	3	Mervyn A. Arscott	Tenor

Conducted by Mervyn A. Arscott.
First peal of Minor as conductor
Rung as a wedding compliment to Timothy S. Carter and Miss Jane M. Organ, married this day at St. Stephen's Church, Bristol.

BISHOP'S NYMPTON, Devon.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Aug. 9, 1969, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being six methods—Six extents of Grandsire, four each of Stedman, St. Simon, St. Martin, Rev. Canterbury, Plain Bob—two variations and two spliced compositions. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A flat.

*Peter J. Kingscote	Treble	†Mervyn A. Arscott	4
†John Cornelius	2	Keith E. Beale	5
Arthur H. Reed	3	‡Mervyn R. Arscott	Tenor

Conducted by Arthur H. Reed.
* First peal of Doubles. † 25th peal together. ‡ 50th peal, 50th for the Association. First peal on the bells.

THE BRISTOL SOCIETY.

BRISTOL.—At Christ Church with St. Ewen.
On Sat., Oct. 4, 1969, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 BRISTOL SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 23 cwt. (approx.).

*Anthony J. Cox	Treble	*Paul A. Williams	6
Michael J. Hobbs	2	*D. John Hunt	7
*Philip M J. Gray	3	*Patrick J. Bird	8
*Gordon W. Land	4	James R. Taylor	9
*Stephen Fenwick	5	*Bernard G. North	Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe. Conducted by D. John Hunt.
* First peal of Bristol Royal. First of Bristol Royal in Bristol.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire.—At Christ Church.
On Sat., Sept. 27, 1969, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

Ronald F. Andrew	Treble	Robert B. Smith	5
Michael Foulds	2	Gerald Moorhouse	6
Giles B. Thompson	3	Basil Jones	7
C. Kenneth Lewis	4	Alan F. Scholfield	Tenor

Composed by Richard J. Parker Conducted by Robert B. Smith.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Marjorie Jones.

ECCLESTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Blessed Virgin.
On Sat., Oct 11, 1969, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Charles F. Pocock	Treble	George H. Randles	5
Norah M. Randles	2	Walter Allman	6
Jack L Millhouse	3	Eric J. Gilbert	7
Robert Peers	4	Ralph G. Edwards	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
Rung in memoriam Henry O Baker, late hon. secretary of this Guild. Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in D.

IGHTFIELD, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Oct. 11, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of St. Clement's and two extents each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in G.

Geoffrey A. Edwards	Treble	A. Doreen Edwards	4
Victor Neal	2	Edward V. Rodenhurst	5
*Frank R. Morton	3	Harry W. Howard	Tenor

Conducted by Harry W. Howard.
* Has now "completed the circle" to peals at this tower.
Rung as a welcome return to the ringer of the 4th after being in hospital.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

SHIRLEY, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Mon., Oct. 6, 1969, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in B flat.

*Hazel A. Mackenzie	Treble	Frederick Shallcross	5
*Derek H. Walters	2	*John K. Foot	6
*R. David Baker	3	S. Clarke Walters	7
*John F. Thorne	4	Geoffrey W. Randall	Tenor

Composed by Anthony J. Cox. Conducted by Frederick Shallcross.
* First peal in the method.
Rung for the rededication of the reorientated church.

TANWORTH-IN-ARDEN, Warwicks.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Sat., Oct. 11, 1969, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr 5 lb. in F sharp.

John F. Thorne	Treble	†Derek A. Vowles	5
Paul S. Reading	2	F. Mark Robottom	6
Derek H Walters	3	Ian C. Maycock	7
*Lawrence P. Mackie	4	John K. Foot	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Ian C. Maycock.
* First peal of Major. † First peal.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

BIDEFORD, Devon.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Oct. 11, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's No. 2. Tenor 17 cwt.

Elisabeth A. G. Bowden	Treble	Allan Tubb	5
*Heather A. Kippin	2	Patrick J. Bird	6
Edward G. Mould	3	Robert C. Kippin	7
Richard J. Bowden	4	Frank D. Mack	Tenor

Conducted by Patrick J. Bird.
* First peal of Stedman Triples.

PLYMOUTH, St. Budeaux, Devon.—At the Church of St. Budeaux.
On Mon., Oct. 13, 1969, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents Kent T.B., Cambridge Surprise and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 25 lb. in G.

John F. Steere	Treble	John C. Mitchelmore	4
Stephen G. Peirce	2	Peter L. Bill	5
Alan N. Frost	3	D. Roy Bould	Tenor

Conducted by D. Roy Bould.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SALTBURN, Yorkshire.—At the "Expo" Belfry.
On Tues., July 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 4 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in E.

James W. Belshaw	Treble	Stephen C. Wells	5
Enid Lawson	2	Malcolm E. Johnson	6
Ann Lawson	3	Adrian Dempster	7
John E. Anderson	4	Michael Maughan	Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Michael Maughan.

STAINDROP, Co. Durham.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Sept. 27, 1969, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, being 3,200 London, 800 Cambridge, 800 Superlative and 320 Bristol, with 114 changes of method.
Tenor 15 cwt. 21 lb. in F sharp.

Ann Lawson	Treble	James Crowther	5
Kenneth Lawson	2	George S. Deas	6
Enid Lawson	3	Michael Maughan	7
*Stephen C. Wells	4	James W. Belshaw	Tenor

Composed by W. E. Critchley Conducted by Michael Maughan.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major.

BISHOP AUCKLAND, Co. Durham.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Oct. 11, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, being 3,200 London, 800 Superlative, 800 Cambridge and 320 Bristol, with 114 changes of method.
Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

Christine H. Telfer	Treble	Eric N. Harrison	5
*Adrian Dempster	2	James Crowther	6
*Andrew G. Craddock	3	Michael Maughan	7
*Malcolm E. Johnson	4	George S. Deas	Tenor

Composed by W. E. Critchley Conducted by Michael Maughan.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SWINDON, Wiltshire.—At Christ Church.
On Fri., Sept. 12, 1969, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 22 cwt. 9 lb. in E flat.

*Michael A. Sutton	Treble	§Peter Tombs	6
†Anita D. O'Brien	2	Anthony R. Peake	7
W. Bertram Kynaston	3	Lewis F. Cobb	8
Brian Bladon	4	Maurice A. New	9
‡Peter J. Heritage	5	Eric Sutton	Tenor

Composed by W Pye Conducted by Eric Sutton.
* First peal of Royal and of Surprise. † First on ten. ‡ First of Royal "inside." § First of Royal in the method. First in the method as conductor.
Rung for Swindon Flower Festival.

SWINDON, Wiltshire.—At Christ Church.
On Sun., Sept. 14, 1969, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Lewis F. Cobb	Treble	Timothy F. Collins	6
David J. Forder	2	Richard Green	7
Mary E. Elmes	3	Robert E. J. Dennis	8
*Graham W. Elmes	4	Richard H. Youdale	9
Maurice A. New	5	Thomas H. Francis	Tenor

Composed by C. W Roberts. Conducted by David J. Forder.
* 150th peal.
Rung for Swindon Flower Festival.

BRISTOL.—At the Cathedral Church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity.
On Sat., Sept. 20, 1969, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, comprising a quarter each of Cambridge, Yorkshire, Lincolnshire and Rutland, with 96 changes of method.
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 lb. in E flat.

James R. Taylor	Treble	Charles P. Quartley	5
Jennifer A. Dunning	2	Paul A. Williams	6
David A. Town	3	Andrew Howard	7
Stephen Fenwick	4	Christopher I. Rowson	Tenor

Conducted by Christopher I. Rowson.
Rung in association with the ordination of the Rev. Richard D. Fenwick as a priest at Llandaff Cathedral this day.

HANNINGTON, Wilts.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Oct. 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR
Seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in G.

Peter Tombs	Treble	†Cyril A. Wratten	4
*Anita D. O'Brien	2	‡Anthony R Peake	5
Brian Bladon	3	Howard W. Egglestone	Tenor

Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.
* First peal in the method. † First of London Minor. ‡ 200th peal of Surprise.

CASTLE EATON, Wilts.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin
On Sun., Oct. 5, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED TREBLE BOB MINOR
Comprising 79 methods in the following seven extents: (1) Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Ockley, Norbury, Sandal, London Scholars, Kingston, Capel, Snowdrop, Barnsley, South Kirkby, Staverton, Nostel, Finchampstead, Blythe, Pilsey, Neath, Warsop (18 methods by S. Humphrey), (2) Dronfield, Minehead, Retford, Spalding, Purleigh, Quendon, Combermere, Vale Royal, Crowland, St. Werburgh, Lincoln, Coldstream, Redbourn, (3) Bangor, Grantham, Sleaford, Chester-le-Street, Orsett, Upshire, Munden, Chester, Sandiacre, (4) Boston, March, Selby, Staveley, East Bridgford, North Muskham, Kentish, Edinburgh, Wath, Carisbrooke, Hitcham, (5) Luton, Rhyl, Ripley, Thorne, Broomfield, Fyfield, Old Oxford, College Bob IV, Willesden, Newdigate, Westminster Allendale, Fryerning, (6) York Delight, Queen Bess, Tankersley, Hoylandswaine, Hexham, Berwick, (7) Beighton, Appleby, Redcar, Hatfield, Pattiswick, Terling, Beverley, Surfleet, Bourne, with 135 changes of method and a plain lead of each included.
Tenor 7½ cwt

Anita D. O'Brien	Treble	Howard W. Egglestone	4
Cyril A. Wratten	2	Anthony R. Peake	5
Geoffrey R. Drew	3	Brian Bladon	Tenor

Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.
250th peal as conductor.
The greatest number of Treble Bob Minor methods to a peal for the Association, in the county and by all the band (except the conductor and treble ringer).

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

FAIRWARP, Sussex.—At Christ Church.
On Sat., Oct. 4, 1969, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 14 methods, comprising 448 of Bristol, 384 each of Ashtead, Cambridge, Cassiobury, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Uxbridge and Yorkshire, and 192 each of Cornwall and Cray, with 130 changes of method.
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. in F sharp.

Tom Page	Treble	Stanley G. Ponting	5
Beryl R. Simpson	2	W. John Couperthwaite	6
Alan D. Elsmore	3	Michael J. Church	7
Rowan S Bradley	4	Peter J. Munday	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith Conducted by Michael J. Church.
25th peal of Surprise Major as conductor Greatest number of methods rung to a peal of Spliced Surprise Major by all the band and for the Guild.
Rung as a welcome to the Rev. Mr. Cotton as Vicar of Fairwarp.

CHIDDINGFOLD, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Oct. 11, 1969, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 HAVANT SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt 2 qr. 26 lb. in F sharp

*Marilyn Reay	Treble	*Alan D. Elsmore	5
Jill M. May	2	*†Edward J. Futcher	6
Felicity S. Hamilton	3	Douglas A. R. May	7
*†Peter J. Rowe	4	†Peter J. Munday	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Douglas A. R May.
* First peal in the method. † First of Surprise "inside." 50th as conductor. First in the method as conductor.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ALDENHAM, Herts.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Oct. 11, 1969, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

*P. Susan J. Barnard	Treble	S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	5
†Anne E. Thompson	2	Leonard J. North	6
‡Irene M. Mayfield	3	John R. Southey	7
Robert J. Moore	4	Roger Baldwin	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard Conducted by John R. Southey.
* First peal. † First "inside" ‡ First of Major.

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

NEWHEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.
On Wed., Oct. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 4 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in C sharp.

Janet Lawson	Treble	*Margaret P. Booth	5
Neil Bennett	2	*Michael Tompsett	6
*Susan Davis	3	Michael Fishwick	7
David W. Howarth	4	Derek Butterworth	Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by Derek Butterworth.
* First peal in the method.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Kathryn Lawson.

STANDISH, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.
On Sat., Oct. 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

David Marsden	Treble	*John Nixon	5
Margaret Crossthwaite	2	†Stanley Anderson	6
Cyril Crossthwaite	3	Frank Stead	7
Richard Palmer	4	*Alan Gardner	Tenor

Composed by Donald G. Lawson. Conducted by Frank Stead.
* First peal in the method † First "inside." First in method as conductor. Composition now rung for the first time.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Thurs., Oct. 2, 1969, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 IRTHLINGBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr 13 lb. in B flat.

G. Ronald Edwards	Treble	David G. Wilford	5
Christine L. J. Mills	2	R. Brian Mills	6
Monica M. Jelley	3	Roland H. Cook	7
K. Paul Gilliver	4	John M. Jelley	Tenor

Composed by Harry Poyner. Conducted by John M. Jelley.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Tues., Oct. 7, 1969, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5008 SINGLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr 13 lb. in B flat.

Frank Chambers	Treble	*Derek P. Jones	5
Richard Clifton	2	*Alec R. Jones	6
*B. Stedman Payne	3	G. Ronald Edwards	7
Arthur E. Rowley	4	Roland Beniston	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roland Beniston.
* First peal in the method. First in the method for the Guild.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

LINCOLN.—In St. Hugh's Tower at the Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
On Fri., Sept 26, 1969, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in D.

John R. Ketteringham	Treble	*Phillip H. Reynolds	7
Iris M. E. Lemare	2	Geoffrey R. Parker	8
Jack L. Millhouse	3	George H. Randles	9
Norah M. Randles	4	[illegible]	[illegible]
Susan E. Smith	5	Richard A. G. Inglis	11
Geoffrey R. Bridges	6	John Walden	Tenor

Composed by Richard A. G. Inglis. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* First peal of Stedman Cinques.

GRIMSBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sat., Oct. 11, 1969, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. in E flat.

*Graham J. Parker	Treble	†Robert A. Gillies	5
Miss M. J. Longhurst	2	John H. Parker	6
†Stephen C. Hopkins	3	†David J. Kennington	7
Frank Kennington	4	Arthur Pashley	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Arthur Pashley.
* First peal. † First of Major.
Rung for the Festival of the Harvest of the Sea.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWPORT, Monmouthshire.—At the Cathedral of St. Woolos.
On Sat., Oct 11, 1969, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in E flat.

Thomas T. Yeomans	Treble	Andrew W. E. Bainham	6
David Pike	2	Jeffrey D. Hankin	7
David L. Phillips	3	Paul A Williams	8
Gill J. Colleypriest	4	Peter S. Bennett	9
Peter N. Chambers	5	Gordon R. E. Wilkinson	Tenor

Composed by A. M. Tyler. Conducted by Peter S. Bennett.
Rung as a compliment to the Very Rev. and Mrs. R. Ellis Evans for their silver wedding.

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

BEVERLEY, East Yorkshire.—At the Minster Church of St. John the Evangelist.
On Sat., July 26, 1969, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 41 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in C.

Maurice F. Edwards	Treble	David J. Purnell	6
John R. Insley	2	James W. Belshaw	7
Basil Jones	3	Roderick W. Pipe	8
Richard J. Tibbetts	4	J. Alan Ainsworth	9
Stephen W. Barton	5	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Peter Border.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral of St. Philip.
On Thurs., July 17, 1969, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

John N. Lindon	Treble	Maurice F. Edwards	5
Muriel Reay	2	George E. Fearn	6
Roderick W. Pipe	3	Norman J. Goodman	7
James W. Belshaw	4	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Peter Border.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

FRAMLINGHAM, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Wed., Sept 24, 1969, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in F.

Walter W. Miller	Treble	Ernest G. Pearce	5
Muriel R. Page	2	Michael J. Howes	6
J. Martin Thorley	3	Leslie G. Brett	7
Cecil W. Pipe	4	H. William Barrett	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.
Rung on the occasion of the visit of the Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich to Framlingham to bless the newly completed extension to Framlingham C. of E. Primary School.

TANNINGTON, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Ethelbert.
On Fri., Sept. 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in ten methods: (1) Beverley and Surfleet. (2) Thelwall and Childwall, (3) Cambridge. (4) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (5) Oxford T.B., (6) Kent T.B., (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 4 lb. in A flat

Leslie P. Brain	Treble	J. Martin Thorley	4
*Katharine M. Thorley	2	*Robert J. Southgate	5
*Margaret E. Egglestone	3	Howard W. Egglestone	Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.
* Most methods to a peal.
Rung to mark the centenary of Holy Trinity Church, Heworth, York, where the parents of the ringer of the second were married.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

CITY OF LONDON, E.C.—At the Church of St. Olave, Hart Street.
On Sun., July 13, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in G.

John R. Ketteringham	Treble	Brian C. Watson	5
Roy D. Mills	2	Frank B. Lufkin	6
Audrey W. Alexander	3	Alan Thirst	7
Andrew W. R. Wilby	4	Christopher I. Rowson	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Christopher I. Rowson.
Rung as a compliment to Timothy G. Pett and Gillian A. Richards, married at Claines, Worcestershire, the previous day.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WARNHAM, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Sat., July 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, comprising 1,344 each Yorkshire and Lincolnshire, 1,280 Cambridge and 1,236 Rutland, with 146 changes of method. 360-course block reduced. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in F.

Janet E. Blake	Treble	John A. Howard	5
Graham J. N. Colborne	2	David D. Smith	6
*Charlotte M. Harris	3	Robert H. Newton	7
Anthony H. Smith	4	Christopher I. Rowson	Tenor

Conducted by Christopher I. Rowson.
* First peal of spliced.

WESTBOURNE, Sussex.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Oct. 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

*Graham R. Hills	Treble	Henry C. Weaver	5
William F. J. Cope	2	Raymond P. Wood	6
Betty J. Daysh	3	*Roy M. Cox	7
Ernest Treagus	4	John H. Hunt	Tenor

Composed by Henry Hubbard. Conducted by John H. Hunt.
* First peal of Treble Bob.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

CARBIS BAY, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Anta and All Saints.
On Sat., Oct. 4. 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Washbrook's irregular six-part. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. in G sharp.

Harry Miles	Treble	*F. Malcolm Bowers	5
Canon A. S. Roberts	2	Timothy J. Bell	6
Geoffrey W. Taysom	3	Anthony J. Davidson	7
Anthony Locke	4	Robert Peel Pearce	Tenor

Conducted by Anthony J. Davidson.
* First peal of Stedman Triples. First of Stedman as conductor.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

TROWBRIDGE, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sat., Oct. 11. 1969, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS
Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in D.

Beryl R. Simpson	Treble	†Derek C. Jackson	7
Frank W. Lewis	2	†Anthony R. Carter	8
Alan D. Flood	3	Michael J. Uphill	9
Reginald W. Rex	4	Michael J. Church	10
*David G. Massey	5	‡Geoffrey K. Dodd	11
Rowan S. Bradley	6	A. Patrick Cannon	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.
* First peal on 12 bells and 150th peal. † First of T.B. Maximus. ‡ First of T.B. Maximus as conductor and completes the Kent family from Minor to Maximus as conductor.

HENFIELD, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Sept. 27, 1969, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in E.

David Wilson	Treble	Ross G. W. Robertson	5
Katharine J. Maundrell	2	*Ernest J. Ladd	6
Mary E. Elmes	3	Timothy F. Collins	7
William T. Perrins	4	Frederick E. Collins	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by William T. Perrins.
* 500th peal.

SOUTHAMPTON, Hampshire.—At the Church of the Ascension.
On Sat., Sept. 27, 1969, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 21 extents each of Grandsire and Plain Bob, called alternately.
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in G sharp.

Vande J. Crabb	Treble	Colin J. Butler	4
Heather J. Hinton	2	Dennis B. Brown	5
Stephen R. Smith	3	*Brendan J. Brophy	Tenor

Conducted by Dennis B. Brown (Grandsire) and Colin J. Butler (Plain Bob).
* First peal.
Rung as a farewell to the Rev. R. Parsons, a curate at this church, who left on September 24th, and to S. R. Smith, who has left for Oxford University. Also rung to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Brown on the birth of a son, Adrian, on September 10th, 1969.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

NORTON Malton, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter
On Sat., Oct. 4. 1969, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Jack Roach	Treble	Alan E. Hartley	5
Iris M. E. Lemare	2	Giles C. Galley	6
W. Eric Critchley	3	Tom M. Cox	7
A. W. Alan Leggett	4	Richard E. Price	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by W. Eric Critchley. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr

NON-ASSOCIATION

ICKLETON Cambs.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Sat., Sept. 20. 1969, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

James W. R. Quinney	Treble	R. Ian West	5
*Ian J. Quinney	2	Walter C. Chandler	6
Harold Muncey	3	Christopher R. F. Muncey	7
†A. David Lilley	4	Gordon Lilley	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by James W. R. Quinney.
* First peal. † First "inside."
Rung as a wedding compliment to Judy Cage and Eric Flitton, one of the local band. Also a 21st birthday compliment to Hilary Vipers, daughter of one of the local band. Tenor 18½ cwt

(Stamford Hill Society.)
LONDON.—At St. Ann's Church, Stamford Hill.
On Sat., Sept. 27. 1969, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Brian Bladon	Treble	Richard Hunt	5
John Weaver	2	*Steven Rowe	6
Ernest J. Rowe	3	Michael Medley	7
Malcolm Parry	4	Trevor N. Bailey	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Brian Bladon.
* First peal. 50th peal on the bells.
Rung as a farewell to the Rev. F. J. and Mrs. Finch on their retirement after 25 years at St. Ann's. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in A.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At 6, Ashwood Crescent.
On Thurs., Oct. 9, 1969, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MAXIMUS
In ten methods, being 1,152 of Wembley, 1,008 of Newgate, 432 each of Cambridge, Ealing, Rochester and Yorkshire and 288 of Hurdsfield, Lincolnshire, Pudsey and York, with 101 changes of method
Tenor size 15 in C.

Alan McFall	1–2	Robert B. Smith	7–8
Neil Bennett	3–4	J. David Atkinson	9–10
Bernard F. L. Groves	5–6	Gerald Moorhouse	11–12

Composed and Conducted by Robert B. Smith.
This is the greatest number of methods to be rung to a peal on 12 handbells and the greatest number of Surprise methods to be rung to a peal on handbells by all the band and for the Guild.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At 6, Ashwood Crescent.
On Sat., Oct. 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 15 in C.

*Keith J. Walpole	1–2	Robert B. Smith	5–6
*Eric J. Gilbert	3–4	*F. Leslie Coventry	7–8

Alan F. Scholfield 9–10
Composed by Alan F. Scholfield. Conducted by Robert B. Smith.
* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob on handbells.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At 6, Ashwood Crescent.
On Sat., Oct. 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5000 OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 15 in C.

Keith J. Walpole	1–2	*†Robert Peers	5–6
Bernard F. L. Groves	3–4	F. Leslie Coventry	7–8

*Charles F. Pocock 9–10
Composed by York Green. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal on handbells. † 50th peal.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At 6, Ashwood Crescent.
On Thurs., Sept. 11. 1969, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 15 in C.

J. David Atkinson	1–2	Bernard F. L. Groves	5–6
C. Kenneth Lewis	3–4	Alan F. Scholfield	7–8

John W. Gander 9–10
Composed by F. Bennett. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At Catesby, 71, Woodville Drive.
On Sat., Oct. 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Alan McFall	1–2	*Robert Peers	5–6
Bernard F. L. Groves	3–4	*Charles F. Pocock	7–8

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob on handbells.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WATFORD, Hertfordshire.—At 15, Harford Drive.
On Mon., Oct. 6, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MAXIMUS
In eight methods, comprising 960 of Newgate, 720 each of Ealing, Londinium and Yorkshire and 480 each of Leatherhead, Leicestershire, Wigston and York, with 99 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	1–2	Gerald Penney	7–8
John R. Mayne	3–4	Julia A. Fellows	9–10
Roger Baldwin	5–6	Frank C. Price	11–12

Composed and Conducted by John R. Mayne.
This is the first peal ever rung containing eight Surprise Maximus methods on handbells.

LEATHERHEAD SURPRISE MAXIMUS
f—5T—14—56—36.14—14.5T.14—14.5T.14—14.5T.14—14.5T.

HARPENDEN, Hertfordshire.—At 81, Overstone Road.
On Fri., Sept. 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 17 in A.

Katherine S. Hardy	1–2	Kenneth J. Darvill	5–6
Roger D. R. Brown	3–4	Robert E. Hardy	7–8

*Andrew W. R. Wilby .. 9–10
Composed by S. Humphrey. Conducted by Kenneth J. Darvill.
* First peal on ten handbells.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

COX GREEN, Maidenhead, Berks.—In The Garage, 80, Lambourne Road.
On Wed., July 30, 1969, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
360-course block reduced. Tenor size 15 in C.

Jonathan R. Rowson	1–2	Christopher I. Rowson (cond.)	5–6
Jennifer A. Dunning	3–4	Robert H. Newton	7–8

* First peal on handbells.

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BIRTH

AGG.—To Anne (née Muirhead) and Rex on October 24th, 1969, at North Herts Hospital, Hitchin, a son (Andrew Jonathan), a brother for Elizabeth, David and Philip. 8071

DEATH

ROCK.—John Denys, on October 21st, 1969, aged 40 years, in King's College Hospital, London; the husband of Jill and father of Crispin and Caroline. Donations in lieu of flowers, please, to King's College Hospital Liver Unit, c/o Rev. G. Lynch-Watson, St. Barnabas Vicarage, 84, Higher Drive, Purley, Surrey, CR2 4AG. 8058

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

CAMP.—The address of John and Virginia is now 140, Rutten Lane, Yarnton, Oxford. Telephone: Kidlington 3791. 8057

JAMES.—The address of David and Margaret is now 5, St. John's, Road, Clevedon, Somerset. Phone: Clevedon 2351. Many thanks to the Ashtead area ringers for their friendship and hospitality. 7993

SAVORY.—Roger, Elizabeth and family have now moved to Seaclose Cottage, Ashlett Road, Fawley, Southampton. Tel.: Fawley 587. 8076

PERSONAL

"But they which shall be accounted worthy to obtain that world and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry, nor are given in marriage: neither can they die any more, for they are equal unto the angels; and are the children of God being the children of the resurrection."—St. Luke xx. 35 and 36.

M T H.—Congratulations re first peal, also kind regards to P. J. W. H. from C. F. P. 8068

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SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—"Mystery Method" Bell Repair Fund Contest, Nov. 29th. Method set and judged by H. Chant. Half-an-hour to learn it; 72 practice; 360 test; 10/- donation to B.R.F. Teams wishing to enter must notify H. Poyner (address in Diary) by Nov. 22nd. Tower to be notified later. 8009

PRACTICE MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Branch.—Practice meeting, Chew Stoke (6), Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells available at 6 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Branch Sec. 8078

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilkeston District.—Surprise Major practice at West Hallam, Friday, Nov. 14th, 7.30–9 p.m. Special methods: Cambridge and Rutland. 8084

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Evening practice at Manchester Cathedral on Wednesday, Nov. 19th. Bells (10) from 7.15–9.15 p.m. Visitors welcome.—A. Ward, Branch Sec. 8062

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Monthly practice meeting for Western Deaneries at Mulbarton on Saturday, Nov. 8th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Bring own picnic tea. 8060

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chiltern Branch.—Monthly practice, Edlesborough, near Dunstable, Nov. 15th, 6.30–8 p.m. All welcome.—A. J. White. 8079

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Practice meeting, Horringer (8), on Friday, Nov. 7th. Bells from 7.30–9.30 p.m. Please note change of tower.—A. F. Ballam, Dis. Sec. 8075

MEETINGS

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION and YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Northern District).—Joint meeting, Easingwold (8), Saturday, Nov. 8th. Meeting in church for informal discussion 2.30 p.m. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea (6/-) 4.30 p.m., Clarks Café. Names to Mr. E. Metcalfe, 14, Ingramgate, Thirsk. Very important business meeting in church, 5.30.—Peter Wishart and Edward Hudson, Hon. Secs 8030

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Chesterfield District

MONTHLY MEETING

Saturday, November 8th

Bells available:—

Norton (8), 3.30–4.15.
Eckington (8), 5.30–6.30.
Staveley (8), 7–8.

Own tea arrangements at Eckington.—Malcolm Phipps, Sec. 8032

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting, Ickleton (8), Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting (if necessary), followed by more ringing.—J. S. 8002

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Meeting, Leyton, Saturday, Nov. 8th. Ringing 3–4.30 p.m. Service, tea and business. Further ringing in evening till 8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. Hazleton, 60, Thornhill Road, E.10. 7989

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting, Greenstead Green (6), Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Gypps, 6, Crocklands, Greenstead Green, Halstead. 7960

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—Annual general meeting, Tewkesbury Abbey (12), on Saturday, Nov. 8th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting after tea. Names for tea to D. E. Deakins, 47, Paddocks Lane, Cheltenham, as soon as possible. 8081

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Nomination meeting at Old Woking on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea following for those who notify J. F. Soles, 123, Rydens Way, Old Woking. 8042

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Colwall, on Nov. 8th. Service 4.30 p.m. at St. Crispin's Chapel. Names must be sent for tea to J. Ward, Woofields, Coddington Ledbury. 8056

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Saturday, Nov. 8th, St. Andrew's (8), Hertford, 3–4.30 p.m.; All Saints' (10), 6–8.30. Business meeting in tower 6.30 p.m. Regret tea own arrangements.—Peter M. S. Searles, Dis. Sec. 8049

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting, Berkhamsted (8), Nov. 8th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. D. Sennitt, 33, Curtis Way, Berkhamsted. 8012

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting on Saturday, Nov. 8th, Ulcombe (6). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea to C. A. Tester, 18, Maxwell Drive, Maidstone 8036

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A by-meeting of the District will be held on Nov. 8th at St. John's, Barham. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. All names for tea to Mr. R. Whibley, El Farhar, Derringstone, Barham, near Canterbury.—I. B. K. 8025

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting, Kirkby-in-Furness, Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. M. Newby, Low Beckside, Kirkby-in-Furness. **Please note change of tower.**—T. F. Metcalfe. 8061

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Branch.—Evening meeting, Eagle, Saturday, Nov 8th. Bells (6) from 6 to 9 p.m. All welcome.—G. R. P. 8031

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Quarterly ringing meeting Pendoylan, Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and very short business meeting. All ringers and friends welcome.—Iolo Davies, The Grammar School, Cowbridge. 7987

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—On Nov 8th, ringing at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, 3–4.30 p.m., followed by service, tea and business meeting. Evening ringing, St. John-at-Hackney (Mare Street), 7–8 p.m. Names for tea essential to M. R. Wycherley, 35d, Holland Park, W.11. 8054

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Autumn meeting, Goring, on Nov. 8th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Evening ringing 7 to 9 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Tull, Chilton End, Gatehampton Road, Goring. 8050

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Meeting, Nov. 8th, Burton Latimer (8), 3–5 p.m. All welcome. 8066

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Meeting Nov. 8th, Radcliffe-on-Trent. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to W. L. Exton, St. Ouens, Whatton. 8028

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North East District.—Annual meeting, Bungay, Nov. 8th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. R. Pearce, 40, Southend Road, Bungay, Suffolk.—T. N. J. B. 8041

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting, Westbourne, Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea in the Church Hall, followed by business meeting. Ringing in the evening. Please notify for tea to R. Wake, 28, Keynor Estate, Sidlesham, Chichester, Sussex 8019

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Meeting, Ashford (6), Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. I. Thorpe, Clematis, Greaves Lane, Ashford, Bakewell. Evening ringing at Great Longstone until 8 p.m.—T. Wylie, Dis. Sec. 8052

DEVON GUILD.—N. and N.W. Branch.—Annual meeting at Westleigh, Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Bideford bells (8) after meeting, 7 p.m. Names for tea to R. Pearce, Buttsbeer Cross, Bridgerule, Holsworthy, by Monday, Nov. 10th. 8033

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Huntingdon District.—Meeting at Godmanchester, Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special methods: Oxford Bob Triples and Superlative Surprise Major.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 8072

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting, Rochford (8), Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Further ringing after meeting. Names for tea please, to Mrs. S. Bedford, 150, Eastwood Old Road, Leigh-on-Sea, Essex. 8003

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Nov. 15th, Fairford (8). Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.30. Service 6 p.m. Names to Mr. W. Godwin, 12, Fairford Road, Quenington, by Nov. 13th.—J. Pearse, Branch Sec. 8063

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Nomination meeting at Shalford, Nov. 15th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Names for tea, please, to Mr. J. Horsman, 107, Tillingbourne Road, Shalford (Tel. Guildford 62121), by previous Tuesday. 8059

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Bishop's Stortford District.—Meeting, Albury (5), Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business 5.15 p.m. Much Hadham bells (8) in the evening. Names for tea to A. Kent, The Bourne, Clapgate, Albury, Much Hadham, Herts.—K. Westwood, Dis. Sec. 8080

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Barnet (8), on Nov. 15th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m Tea and meeting follow in Church Hall. Names for tea to R. F. Adcock, 102, Fitzjohn Avenue, Barnet (Tel. 01-449 2583).—R. E. Hardy, Dis. Sec. 8007

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting, Aldington. Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea only for those who notify Mrs. A. Berry, 7, Church Road, Cheriton, Folkestone (Tel. 75651), by Wednesday, Nov. 12th. N.B.—Note change of venue. 8006

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Monthly meeting, Saturday, Nov. 15th, at St. Thomas-à-Becket Church, Upholland (6), 3 p.m. Tea 5. Evening ringing till 8 p.m. Special method: Oxford Treble Bob. All very welcome. Names for tea to Graham Kellie, 13, College Road, Upholland.—C D'Aeth, Hon. Sec. 8073

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Evening meeting at Woodhouse Eaves (6), Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells available 7–9 p.m. All welcome.—Hilary F. Watson-Walker, Dis. Sec. 8065

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Meeting, Long Sutton, on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to A. W. Townsend, 10, Roman Bank, Long Sutton, Lincs, by Tuesday previous. 7972

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Lindsey Branch.—Meeting, Belton. Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells afternoon and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify Miss J Arrand, Anholme House, Churchtown, Belton, Doncaster. Special methods: Double Oxford and Charlwood Group. 8014

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Meetings will be held at Twyford on Nov. 15th at 6 p.m. and St. Paul's, Wokingham, on Dec. 13th at 6.30 p.m. 8064

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—A.G.M., Saturday, Nov. 15th, Marlborough (St. Mary's), 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. H. Rouse, 11, Bassett Down, Wroughton, near Swindon, Wilts, by Tuesday, 11th. 8070

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting Coddington. Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea to D. J. Tysoe, 2, Valley View, Coddington, Newark, Notts.—D. J. T. 8074

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Full meeting at St Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m and during evening. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Committee members meet initially in nave at 2.55 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. C. T. Haynes, 42, Shobnall Street, Burton-on-Trent, Staffs, by Nov. 12th, latest, please.—C. M. S. Hon. Sec. 7765

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—**Nomination** and quarterly District meeting, Saturday, Nov. 15th, Dorking. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Miss E. Clear, Murree, Lonsdale Road, Dorking, by Nov. 12th if possible.—K. G. Game, Dis. Sec. 8069

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Keymer (6), Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing in the evening. Names for tea, please, to Mr. C. Robinson, 12a, The Close, Hassocks, Sussex, by previous Wednesday. 8018

HILLINGDON JOINT MEETING (Oxford, Ladies' Guilds, London County, Middlesex Associations). Saturday, Nov. 22nd St. Andrew's, Uxbridge (8), 3–4 p.m.; St. John's, Hillingdon (10), from 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea, St. John's Hall. Social evening 8 p.m.—M. J. Palmer, 90, Ryefield Avenue, Hillingdon. 8082

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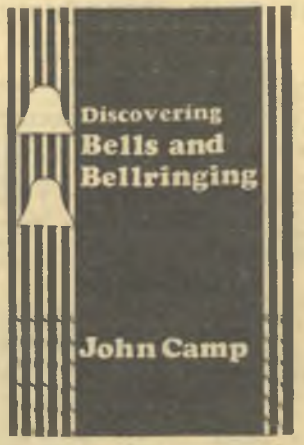

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LATE NOTICE

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Coventry Archdeaconry.—Monthly meeting, Exhall, Saturday, Nov. 22nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Evening ringing at Bedworth (8). Names for tea to R. Wiggins, 270, Wheelwright Lane, Exhall. Phone: Cov. 87640.—Ian Garvie, Dis. Sec. 8085

SCHOOL RINGERS AT RUGELEY

Rugeley, Staffs, bells (6) are difficult to handle and have a long draught. For the dedication service of Fair Oak Comprehensive School a band from the school rang rounds and call-changes on October 14th. They were Lesley Sheridan (14), Alan Sheridan (11), Gordon Yarnold (11), Jane Davis (14), Martin Barrett (14), N. J. Carter (15), Mr. L. Monk (Longdon), Mr. C. A. Brass (tower captain), Mrs. Jean Powell (member of staff who has returned to ringing after ten years' absence). Martin Barrett, who hopes to get a regular band from the school, writes that the team rang remarkably well for their age.

SUFFOLK GUILD'S FIRST PEAL WEEK

ALL PEALS RUNG FOR THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

GORLESTON-ON-SEA, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Andrew. On Sat., Sept. 20, 1969, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

Muriel R. Page	Treble	Neil V. Avis	5
*Stephen D. Pettman	2	Cecil W. Pipe	6
H. William Barfett	3	Ernest G. Pearce	7
Leslie G. Brett	4	Michael J. Howes	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Michael J. Howes.
* First peal (aged 13). First of Cambridge as conductor.

GREAT THURLOW, Suffolk.—At the Church of All Saints. On Sat., Sept. 20, 1969, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of Kent T.B., two of Oxford T.B. and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 lb. in F sharp

Ivor Ellingham	Treble	Peter Mayle	4
*Mrs. J. Perry	2	Samuel J. Twitchett	5
John A. Mayle	3	Walter Perry	Tenor

Conducted by Samuel J. Twitchett.
* First peal. All are pupils of the conductor.

ERISWELL, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Peter. On Sat. Sept. 20, 1969, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being ten extents each of St. Simon and St. Martin, 14 of Plain Bob and eight of Grandsire. Tenor 3 cwt. 16 lb. in D.

Arthur F. Ballam	Treble	Christopher R. Nunn	3
Brian E. Whiting	2	Sally E. V. Potter	4
		Alan G. Feaver	Tenor

Composed by Arthur F. Ballam.
First peal in four methods and of Doubles for ringers of 2, 3 and 4.

WORLINGWORTH, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary. On Sun., Sept. 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb. in G.

Muriel R. Page	Treble	Leslie G. Brett	5
Cecil W. Pipe	2	Ernest G. Pearce	6
Leonard E. Last	3	J. Martin Thorley	7
Walter W. Miller	4	J. Barry Pickup	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Muriel R. Page.
First touch in the method as conductor.

COPDOCK, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Peter. On Mon., Sept. 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

*Kelvin Dakin	Treble	Martin H. Whittell	4
*David P. F. Barber	2	Roger L. K. Whittell	5
Roy W. Lockwood	3	Robert J. Southgate	Tenor

Conducted by Robert J. Southgate.
* First peal. First of Minor as conductor.

HASKETON, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Andrew. On Mon., Sept. 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In five methods, being one extent of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., St. Clement's Bob and Double Oxford Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 lb. in A flat.

Elizabeth A. Bowyer	Treble	Laurence J. Parry	4
*Peter Archer	2	Roy C. Groom	5
Barbara Clift	3	Howard W. Egglestone	Tenor

Conducted by Howard W. Egglestone.
* Most methods to a peal "inside."

HORRINGER, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Leonard. On Mon., Sept. 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor 9 cwt. 3 lb. in A flat.

*Raymond G. Bumstead	Treble	†Arthur F. Ballam	4
†Brian E. Whiting	2	†Christopher R. Nunn	5
‡Amanda M. Richmond	3	*Felix J. Potter	Tenor

Conducted by Brian E. Whiting.
* First peal. † First of Plain Bob Doubles. ‡ First of Doubles. First as conductor. First of Doubles on the bells.

UFFORD, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin. On Mon., Sept. 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in F sharp.

Gilbert R. Goodship	Treble	Michael J. Howes	5
*Stephen D. Pettman	2	Ernest G. Pearce	6
Cecil W. Pipe	3	J. Martin Thorley	7
Muriel R. Page	4	Leslie G. Brett	Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Leslie G. Brett.
* First touch of Yorkshire.

HILLINGDON RINGERS MARRIED

In the presence of a large congregation at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, Hillingdon, on October 11th, the wedding took place of Miss Patricia Ann Copas and Mr. Michael John Palmer. Both are members of the local band, of which Patricia is secretary, whilst Michael is secretary of the South and West District of the Middlesex County Association. The ten bells were rung by the local band both before and after the ceremony.

The Rev. Michael Gabriel officiated and the bride, who was given away by her father, wore a dress which she made herself of rayon brocade in A-line style, with veil and train, with pearl headdress and pearl necklace. She was attended by Miss Suzanne Udall, a ringer at St. Mary's, Denham. The best man was the bridegroom's brother, Mr. John Palmer.

A reception was held at the Golden Lion Hotel, Hillingdon, during which handbells were rung by the bridegroom, Fred Goodfellow, Bill Coles and Robert Fardon. Congratulatory telegrams were received from the Middlesex Association and the Raving Ringers. The couple left for a honeymoon in the West Country in a car, highly decorated, and with clanging handbells!

It is over 40 years since there was a wedding between two of the local band. It was in 1927 when the present captain, Fred Goodfellow, married Grace Baker. Both Patricia and Michael were taught to ring at St. John's by Fred, who therefore accepts some responsibility for the marriage.

ASHBOCKING, Suffolk.—At the Church of All Saints. On Thurs., Sept. 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Oxford T.B., two of Kent T.B., two of St. Clement's Bob and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb. in A flat.

*Cheryl A. Lay	Treble	James P. F. W. Hollins	4
Robert J. Southgate	2	Roger L. K. Whittell	5
Roy W. Lockwood	3	Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzey	Tenor

Conducted by Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzey.
* First peal.

EUSTON, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Genevieve. On Fri., Sept. 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being eight extents each of Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, St. Simon and St. Martin, 12 of Plain Bob and six of Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

Arthur F. Ballam	Treble	Raymond D. Hart	3
*Sally E. V. Potter	2	*Brian E. Whiting	4
		Alan G. Feaver	Tenor

Conducted by Arthur F. Ballam.
* First peal in five methods.

WOOLPIT, Suffolk—At the Church of St. Mary. On Sat., Sept. 27, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt. in G sharp.

Neville F. Whittell	Treble	David J. H. Barber	4
Robert J. Southgate	2	*Peter W. A. Muxlow	5
Jennifer M. Whittell	3	Maurice J. Rose	Tenor

Conducted by Maurice J. Rose.
* First peal. First on the bells since rehanging.

KIBWORTH BEAUCHAMP, LEICS. — On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, P. Bob): L. Watts 1, T. Iliffe 2, S. Iliffe 3, Hazel J. Nichols 4, G. Slater (cond.) 5, A. Pilgrim 6. First quarter 1 and 6. For Harvest and Patronal Festivals.

LANCHESTER, DURHAM.—On Sept. 7th, 1,320 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: Miss C. Thompson 1, A. C. Walker 2, E. Carter (first "inside") 3, Miss A. H. Whaley 4, H. P. Thompson (cond.) 5, R. Whaley (first quarter) 6.

LITLINGTON, CAMBS.—On Oct. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Shirley M. Newman (first quarter) 1, F. Harper 2, J. Sanderson 3, M. Kemp 4, D. W. Newman 5, B. J. Couzens (cond.) 6.

LONDON, W.C.—At St. Clement Danes', on Oct. 12th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: A. Fulwell 1, Sylvia Trotter (first "inside" on ten) 2, Hilda Oatway 3, A. M. Stacey 4, C. A. Hughes 5, H. Falkner 6, P. Felton 7, R. Cadamy 8, W. F. Oatway (cond.) 9, N. Felton 10.

LONGPARISH, HANTS. — On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. R. Porter 1, D. Goss 2, M. Goss 3, A. Green 4, R. H. Jones 5, R. J. Crocker (cond.) 6.

LONG SUTTON, SOM. — On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Eastment 1, G. W. Rendell, jun. 2, H. E. G. Jeanes 3, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 4, Rev. C. J. B. Marshall 5, A. Hill 6. For Harvest Festival.

LOUGHTON, ESSEX.—On Aug. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Barham (first quarter) 1, Glynis E. Perry 2, Elisabeth Ottaway 3, F. W. Tomlin 4, R. E. Burberry 5, C. W. Ottaway 6, J. P. Ottaway (cond.) 7, C. A. Ottaway 8.

LYTCHETT MATRAVERS, DORSET. — On Oct. 10th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Mary E. Elmes 1, Judith A. Robertson 2, R. G. W. Robertson 3, P. R. Keough 4, G. W. Elmes 5, T. F. Collins (cond.) 6.

MONKEN HADLEY, HERTS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Platten 1, A. Price 2, T. Pink 3, M. Soper 4, C. Ward 5, W. Bradbrook 6, F. Mead (cond.) 7, C. King 8. For Harvest Festival. A wedding compliment to Susan and David Waterman, married on October 4th.

NETTLEHAM, LINCS.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Bob Minor: D. Booth (first Bob Minor) 1, Mrs. M. Parker 2, Mrs. S. Sinden 3, A. Sinden 4, J. Parkin 5, M. H. Sinden (cond.) 6. Rung for the 750th anniversary of the dedication of the church. Also on Oct. 12th 1,260 Bob Minor: Rosana Reddon (first Bob Minor) 1, W. Booth 2, M. H. Sinden 3, I. Minns 4, J. Parkin 5, D. Phillipson (cond.) 6.

NEWCHURCH, KENT. — On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (seven methods): W. J. Beeching 1, R. Offen 2, Elizabeth Todd (cond.) 3, H. P. Yates 4, B. Butcher 5, L. W. Beeching 6. A compliment to the Archbishop of Canterbury, ordained priest on September 22nd, 1929. Also on Sept. 23rd, 1,260 changes (seven methods): W. J. Beeching 1, R. P. Brotherston 2, Elizabeth Todd (cond.) 3, B. Butcher 4, M. Taylor 5, M. J. Beeching (first quarter) 6. A compliment to the Rev. J. D. Slyfield, ordained priest at Canterbury on September 21st.

NEW MILLS, DERBYS.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Foulds 1, J. D Broadbent 2, S. Hammond 3, R. F. Andrew 4, M. G. R. Zobel 5, B S. B. Kear (cond.) 6. A compliment to Enid and Mick Zobel, married on September 27th.

NEWTON HALL, NORTHUMBERLAND. — On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. N. Bruce 1, N. H. Hewett 2, A. Taylor 3, K. W. Cheeseman 4, K. Arthur (cond.) 5, T. Sewell 6. For Harvest Thanksgiving.

NORTHAMPTON.—At St. Edmund's Church, on Oct. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (960 Plain Bob, 300 Grandsire): S. Bayliss 1, S. Griffiths 2, C. Chiplin 3, R. S. Roberts 4, E. Billings (cond.) 5, Miss C. Bayliss 6. First quarter for 1, 2 and 6.

NORTHMOOR, OXON. — On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Trinder 1, A. Cantwell 2, B. White 3, N. Leslie 4, D. Leslie (cond.) 5, D. Osman 6. A birthday compliment for Vernon Clifton, tower captain. Also on Oct. 12th: F. Trinder 1, G. Elms 2, A. Cantwell (cond.) 3, V. Clifton 4, D. Osman 5, P. Trinder 6. For Harvest Festival.

PENN, STAFFS.—At St. Bartholomew's Church, on Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Greatbatch 1, Gillian M. Williamson 2, M. Gaskel 3, C. F. W. Eyre 4, G. F. Griffiths 5, M. G. Williamson 6, C. Griffiths (cond.) 7, J. A. Roden 8. To commemorate the retirement of Deaconess Norah Croft after 16 years' service to the parish.

QUARTER PEALS

RAWMARSH, YORKS.—On Sept. 30th, 1,440 Pl. Bob Minor: G. Hiner 1, F. Pickering 2, A. Bowers 3, G. Hiner 4, D. Burling 5, G. W. Pilkington (cond.) 6. Half-muffled in memoriam H. Mortimore (past ringing master of this tower).

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: H. Perry 1, Mrs. M. Poolman 2, W. Tranter (first "inside") 3, E. Steele 4, A. Weall 5, D. Heath 6, W. Poolman (cond.) 7, C. Neal 8. A compliment to Ann Rowland, of Romford, and James Stele, of Upper Clapton, on their wedding day.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Royal: Elizabeth Wait (first quarter) 1, S. Bradbury 2, Marianne Baker 3, Marie Hatswell 4, A. Holroyd 5, C. Newton 6, R. Harper 7, D. Nichols 8, S. Armeson (cond.) 9, N. Donovan 10. Also on Oct. 19th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Marianne Baker 1, S. Bradbury 2, C. Newton 3, Marie Hatswell 4, A. Holroyd 5, R. Harper 6, A. Beaumont 7, N. Donovan 8, S. Armeson (cond.) 9, D. Nichols 10. First of Grandsire Caters for 1, 2, 3 and 4.

ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK. — On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Cambridge S. and Plain Bob Minor: C. Hancock 1, L. Wright 2, R. Rose 3, L. Nice 4, D. Tamberlin 5, M. J. Rose (cond.) 6.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles (1 leading; 7, 8 cover): Ruth Waghorn 1, Helen Dadswell 2, Angela Holland 3, Eileen Coman 4, J. Epps 5, A. Smith (cond.) 6, T. Edwards 7, G. Coman 8. Half-muffled in memoriam Albert E Hoad (aged 22).

SALTWOOD, KENT.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): R. Stainer 1, Judith Brooks 2, M. J. Taylor 3, H. P. Yates 4, B. Butcher (cond.) 5, Elizabeth Todd 6. A birthday compliment to the ringer of 2.

SAMPFORD BRETT, SOM.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Webber 1, C. Lock 2, W. Smith (cond.) 3, P. Watts 4, R. J. Somerfield 5, A. Welsher 6.

SAPCOTE, LEICS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,296 Minor (720 Oxford T.B., 576 Cambridge S.): D. M. Brown 1, Alison Butterfield 2, N. W. Harvey 3, R. W. Smith 4, M. E. Brown (cond.) 5, B. L. Burrows 6. For Harvest Festival.

SHEPSHED, LEICS.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Single Oxford Bob Triples: G. Butler 1, B. Dobson 2, E. Walley 3, C. W. Hall 4, J. E. Manners 5, M. Barrass 6, M. Roberts (cond.) 7, R. A. Rossell 8. First in method by all.

SHIRLEY, WARKS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: G. D. Rushton 1, Susie J. Titchener (first quarter "inside") 2, V. H. Nash 3, R. J. Weeks 4, C. D. Baugh (first quarter as cond.) 5, E. T. Lloyd 6. Rung for the dedication of the reordering of the church by the Bishop of Aston.

SOUTH CADBURY, SOM.—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Raymond 1, W. A. Osborn 2, H. F. Creed 3, W. J. Tiley (cond.) 4, K. L. Laver 5, T. Mead 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Herbert John Cooper, Vicar of this parish, interred this day.

SOUTH NORMANTON, DERBYS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,440 Oxford and Kent T.B.: R. Mews (first T.B.) 1, D. Bradley 2, Mrs. M. Brown 3, S. Marshall (first T.B. "inside") 4, F. Bradley (cond.) 5, A. Wheeler 6.

STEVENAGE, HERTS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,440 Minor (Oxford Bob, Plain Bob): W. Munson 2, P. Rumley 3, Maxine Lush 4, W. Lawrence 5, D. Taplin 6, D. Gullick (cond.) 7, R. Kirkpatrick (cover) 8. For Harvest Thanksgiving.

ST. KEA, CORNWALL. — On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Mary Pascoe 1, Barbara J. Duck 2, C. W. Jose 3, A. Locke 4, G. F. Dunstan (cond.) 5, C. J. Dunstan 6. For Harvest.

SYSTON, LEICS.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Pat J. Sikes (first quarter) 1, Elaine Smith 2, Isabel E. Tomlinson 3, J. A. Howard 4, B. S. Payne 5, H. M. Payne 6. For the christening of the Vicar's daughter.

TARRING, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Linda Goode (first quarter) 1, D. A. Smith 2, H. D. Butler 3, G. L. Hills 4, R. M. Cox (cond.) 5, Elizabeth Cox (first quarter) 6. A wedding compliment to Margaret York and Peter Brown.

THORLEY, HERTS. — On Oct. 12th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: D. Hutley 1, K. Westwood 2, P. Warboys (cond.) 3, R. Prime 4, A. Richardson 5, T. Camp 6.

TITCHFIELD, HANTS. — On Oct. 12th, 1,440 Double Oxford Bob Minor: J. Whiteman 1, Mrs. B. M. Hunt 2, W. F. J. Cope 3, N. George 4, J. Pullon 5, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 6. First in method for 1, 3, 4 and 5.

TRING, HERTS.—On Oct. 19th, 1,296 Single Oxford Minor: P. Brentnall 1, Theresa Wright 2, Elizabeth Emmett 3, H. Collings 4, C. J. Badrick 5, F. Byrne (cond.) 6. A compliment to the ringers of 3 and 6 on their engagement.

WADHURST, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 5th, 1,320 Bob Minor (tenor covering): Miss E. Shaw 1, J. Willsher 2, L. W. Giles 3, S. Wellings 4, P. T. Bassett 5, C. A. Bassett (cond.) 6, J. Wilcox 7. First quarter 1, 2, 4, 5. For Harvest Festival. Also on Oct. 16th, 1,320 Bob Minor (tenor covering): C. A. Bassett (cond.) 1, Mrs. E. Bassett 2, L. W. Giles 3, S. Wellings 4, P. T. Bassett 5, A. G. Bassett (first away from treble) 6, J. Wilcox 7. A compliment to John Willsher and Jenny Jones, married at Beer, Devon, this day. First quarter peals of Minor by a local band for over 60 years.

WAREHAM, DORSET.—On Oct. 10th, 1,272 Kent T.B. Minor: Sara E. Elmes (first T.B.) 1, Claire E. N. Brown 2, Mary E. Elmes 3, Betty A. Christopher (first Kent) 4, L. H. Pink 5, G. W. Elmes (cond.) 6.

WARSOP, NOTTS. — On Oct. 7th, 1,272 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: Miss J. Booth 1, B. Birkett 2, Miss T. E. Staples 3, D. R. Chambers 4, J. A. Coates (cond.) 5, F. Cooke 6.

WELLS, SOM. — At the Cathedral, on Oct. 5th, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: S. Brown 1, Glenda Beckett 2, D. J. Orledge 3, M. J. Horseman 4, G. Prescott 5, G. Hebden 6, P. J. England (cond.) 7, R. W. Rice 8, W. S. Rice 9, S. G. Smith 10.

WENTWORTH, YORKS. — On Oct. 5th, 1,320 Doubles (three methods): T. Cairns 1, R. R. Nalliah 2, D. Hunton 3, A. King 4, M. King (cond.) 5, R. Grundy 6. Rung for Harvest Festival.

WEST HANNEY, BERKS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,320 Pl. Bob Minor: M. J. Turner (cond.) 1, C. P. Turner 2, W. F. Judge 3, M. Journeaux 4, C. Holloway 5, P. J. Heritage 6. For Harvest Festival.

WEST MEON, HANTS.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (treble leading, 7 and 8 covering): I. Godman 1, K. G. Waller (cond.) 2, Mary White 3, J. D. Flook 4, Janet Yeates 5, R. A. Stone 6, F. W. Sherfield 7, R. L. Ventham 8.

WESTON TURVILLE, BUCKS.—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. G. Walton 1, D. G. Wheeler 2, E. J. Brunger 3, A. J. White 4, R. Woodruff (cond.) 5. For the Flower and Patronal Festival.

WHITCHURCH CANONICORUM, DORSET. — On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. C. W. Powell 1, G. S. Morris 2, Angela Quick 3, R. Williamson 4, H. G. Keeley 5, C. W. Powell 6, F. Knight (cond.) 7, M. Symonds 8. For Harvest Festival.

WINCHESTER, HANTS.—At St. Mary's College Chapel, on Oct. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. R. Crook (first Minor) 1, A. M. Donaldson (first Minor "inside") 2, R. J. M. Bavin 3, Katharine Maundrell 4, R. W. T. Slack (first of Minor as cond.) 5, A. J. Mason 6. The conductor has now "circled the tower" to quarter peals. Rung by the Winchester College Society as a farewell to Anthony Mason on his departure for Oxford.

WITNEY, OXON.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. T. Oliffe 1, F. Soden 2, D. J. Smith 3, B. Coggins 4, G. J. Collett 5, W. H. Clarke 6, B. J. Coggins (cond.) 7, T. J. Hester 8. For Confirmation Service by the Rt. Rev. Lord Bishop of Oxford, and the Feast of the Ascension. (Delay in publishing this quarter regretted.)

WOLSTANTON, STAFFS. — At St. Margaret's Church, on Oct. 12th, 1,260 Bob Triples: N. Smith (first quarter, aged 12) 1, Pat Whalley 2, M. McCallion 3, J. Storer 4, L. Kinston 5, P. S. Whalley 6, G. W. Biddulph (cond.) 7, D. R. Whalley 8. First quarter in the method by all except conductor. For Harvest Festival.

WRAGBY, YORKS.—On Oct. 17th, 1,320 Wragby Delight: Gail Cater 1, Francis Garfield 2, H. Chant 3, R. Cater 4, P. Carbutt 5, T. Tarbatt (cond.) 6.

WROUGHTON, WILTS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Rev. Canterbury, P.B. Doubles: D. Herring 1, Margaret Bowman 2, Ann Toomer 3, G. A. Newman 4, A. G. Keen (cond.) 5, C. Barnes 6. First in the method by all. For Harvest Festival.

YATTON, SOM. — On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mary Lawrence 1, Mrs. C. Porter 2, D. Hawkings 3, P. J. England 4, S. G Smith 5, C. Hebden 6, G. Prescott (cond.) 7, L. Lawrence 8. Half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. G. Beechey.

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25346	—		2
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St. James' Church, Hartlebury, Worcs.

OUR COVER PICTURE

St. James' Church Hartlebury, Worcs.

By the Rev. N. H. S. DAVIES, Rector

HARTLEBURY has always been an episcopal parish. The Manor was given to the Bishops of Worcester around A.D. 850 and it has been their home for over 800 years. Their Castle is the chief object of interest in the parish. During the Commonwealth it was destroyed, and after lying in ruins 14 years was rebuilt in the reign of Charles II.

A long line of famous men have lived in the Castle. Some were canonised like Oswald, promoted by King Edgar to be Archbishop of York, as well as Bishop of Worcester, who lived a saintly life from his youth and who died at Worcester on February 28th, 992. Some were not merely prelates but statesmen, like Godfrey de Giffard and Walter de Gray, both Lord Chancellors of England. Some were Lord Treasurers, some Lord Wardens of the Welsh Marches. They frequently entertained kings and queens, princes and princesses. King John and his son, Henry III, were often the guests of the Bishop. Edward I and Edward III both visited Hartlebury, as did Queen Elizabeth I.

The Domesday Survey tells us that there was a resident priest here in 1086, so we may assume that there was a church here well before that date, and it is recorded that Bishop Samson "gave the church of Heortlabiri with the tithes of one hide of land" to the use of the monks of Worcester in 1096; and again in 1149 Bishop Simon gave the same monks "the church of Hertlebyri with the chapel and lands thereto belonging".

Of this church all we now possess is the font.

In 1268 Bishop Godfrey de Giffard began to keep a register and we learn from it that he rebuilt the church and consecrated it on November 17th, 1269 in honour of St. James-the-Apostle. (This year is the 700th anniversary of our consecration.)

Of the 1269 church the only certain remains are the arches on the north of the chancel, the chancel and vestry walls and the window in the vestry.

In 1567 Bishop Sandys rebuilt, or more likely, restored the tower. His arms and the date are on the west side of it.

From the following entry in the register it would appear that the old church started without seats. "My Lord Bishop of Wigorn at the request of John Ellye Curate and Scholem, on the behalf of old Mr. Ayre and his wife, having himself one morning as he was going to Worcester viewed the place, and gave him leave to erect a seate right over agast the Chancell dore and next before the Scholem's seate which was erected this present month of Aug. 1606."

Shortly after coming to Hartlebury in 1818, Rector Picart restored the chancel at his own expense. He referred to the old church as "ruinous and unseemly and the most unfitted for its purpose of any within twenty miles."

He left by his will £1,000 towards the rebuilding of the nave. Dean Peel, of Worcester, who lived in the parish, gave the porch.

The present nave was built on the old foundation and consecrated on September 27th, 1837, by Bishop Carr. The plans were by Thomas Rickman, of Birmingham, the reviver of Gothic architecture. He was undoubtedly one of the greatest architects of the 19th century.

In 1908 the old and ugly pews of painted deal were replaced by the present seats of English oak. These seats have a special interest: at the end of each are carved the names and arms and date of appointment of the bishops of the diocese, reaching back through the English, Norman and Saxon bishops to the first Bishop of Worcester, who was appointed in the year 679. This gives our church a unique interest; as far as we know there is nothing like it in any other parish church in England.

A very fine ring of eight bells hang in the tower and are suitably inscribed.

No. 1. Mears and Stainbank, Founders, London.

"Victoria."

"Man gave me voice and made me say
How time doth steal his life away.
But I shall sound forth from the tower
When man has had his little hour."

Given by Alfred Baldwin, M.P., A.D. 1900.

No. 2. Mears and Stainbank, Founders, London.

"Ring out the old,
Ring in the new;
Ring out the false,
Ring in the true."

Given by John Corbett, of Impney, A.D. 1900.

The completed ring of eight bells was rung for the first time on May 24th, 1900, which was Ascension Day and also the Queen's birthday.

No. 3 was added to the ring of five in 1812 and has on it the names of the wardens and maker: I. Styles, I. Williams, C. W. Bryant. Hertford, 1812.

No. 4—"John Fidkin, John Wall, John Tomblins, gavrd W. Hill 1641" —has on it the names of three churchwardens and nine impressions of coins of the reign of Charles I are embedded in it. The maker's mark is a crown between three bells. At the end of the last century Mr. H. B. Walters, of the British Museum, identified it as the mark used by Hugh Watts, of Leicester (died 1643). The mark was formerly used by Brasyers, of Norwich, and is known as "Brayyer's Sprigged Shield". J. Fidkin, J. Wall and J. Tomblins were churchwardens in 1641. W. Hill was probably the donor of the bell.

No. 5 has only this short inscription:

"Master Vrban Ayre 1640."

No. 6 is a very ancient and valuable bell. It is said to be of the time of Edward III (1327–1377). Upon it in very old-fashioned letters, such as were used before the days of printing, are these Latin words: "Sancta Maria Virgo intercede pro toto mvndo queya genvisti Regem Orbis", which may be translated "Holy Virgin Mary intercede for the whole world with thy Son the King of the Universe".

No. 7 has on it these words: "Master Eyre the Coroner gave this bell thirtie povnds 1640." No doubt this Mr. Eyre was an ancestor of Mrs. Hannah Eyre who in 1728 gave ten acres of land to the rector and churchwardens in order "to teach poor children at School to read and work."

No. 8 has this inscription upon it:

"I to the Church the Living call
and to the grave do summon all",

with the initials A. R., probably of the maker (Abraham Rudhall, of Gloucester), and the date 1749.

Besides these there is a smaller bell used as a call bell. It has the names of two churchwardens with date: "Richard Heming, John Harward, Churchwardens 1678."

Ringing has always flourished here and today we have a happy and energetic band of ringers, under the tower captain, Mr. Alf Glazzard, who early this year completed 50 years as a ringer in this tower.

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ABBEY FUNERAL FOR J. D. ROCK

Former Master of College Youths

The death of John Rock on October 21st, 1969, at the age of 40, has come as a tremendous shock to all who knew him. This is particularly so since he had been as active as ever in ringing circles until a mere two months before his untimely death.

John began his ringing career in his father's parish of Eardisland, in Herefordshire, during the war years when open ringing was still banned. He was a member of a young band, which included his brother Peter, trained by Leslie Evans. When open ringing was permitted in 1942 he and the band made rapid progress. A close and fruitful association with the Hereford ringers developed, particularly with Wilfrid and Michael Moreton, and continued for many years.

At the age of 18 he joined the Royal Regiment of Artillery for his National Service and was commissioned. On his return to civilian life he entered the University of Wales at Aberystwyth, where he successfully read for a degree in agriculture. Having obtained his degree he returned to Eardisland and resumed ringing activities, which included taking part in a record of five peals (25,920 changes) in a day. More important, perhaps, he was instrumental, with Leslie Evans, in raising the funds to have the six bells at Eardisland recast and augmented to eight.

After a time his work, which by now was chiefly concerned with advertising, brought him to London. He joined the band at Feltham and became an active member of the Middlesex Association and held for a time the office of District secretary. A change of employer brought him to work in the City, whereupon he began ringing with the College Youths and was made a member in 1958. His standard of ringing, always high, improved still further under the auspices of the London ringers, and he was elected a supernumerary ringer to Westminster Abbey in 1959 and to St. Paul's Cathedral in 1961.

His popularity and his evident qualities of leadership were such that in 1963 he was elected junior steward, subsequently becoming senior steward and, in 1965, Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, an office he held with distinction, organising practices and presiding at meetings with a rare combination of firmness and humour, for which he was respected by everyone. In addition to his ringing activities John Rock was a keen churchman and was for a time a sidesman at St. Margaret's Church, Westminster.

He had rung in more than 1,000 towers and in over 250 peals, and most notable were 13,280 Cambridge Surprise Major at Quex Park, Bristol Surprise Major at Westminster Abbey for the 900th anniversary, and Stedman Cinques at St. Paul's Cathedral. Most treasured in his own memory, however, was a peal of Stedman Doubles, rung by the local band, at his home tower of Eardisland. Although his more recent peals were of Surprise Maximus and Stedman Cinques, he was equally happy ringing Grandsire Doubles and Minor methods, and was always willing to go on "learners' outings when asked. His own well-organised "supergrabs" were memorable annual occasions where the ringing, the bells, the food and the company were of the highest quality.

There can be no doubt that he was a traditionalist at heart who had a well-refined sense of ceremony. Always outspoken, he could be relied upon to comment firmly when required, but his most obvious quality was a well-developed sense of humour which was never far from the surface and which made him a delightful companion, and to be with him was real fun.

Those of us who were privileged to be near him during his short illness will always remember his splendid courage and patient acceptance of his impending death. For all these and other qualities he will be so sadly missed by his friends and colleagues. Our loss, however great, is small by comparison with that suffered by his wife, Jill, his small son, Crispin, and infant daughter, Caroline. To them, and to his mother, sister and brother go our most heartfelt sympathies in this great tragedy.

THE FUNERAL

The funeral service was held in Westminster Abbey, as is usual following the death of an Abbey ringer, and on October 27th a large gathering assembled in Dean's Yard to accompany the coffin to St. Faith's Chapel. About 200 were present, and these included members of John's family, fellow Abbey ringers and St. Paul's ringers, officers and many past Masters of the Ancient Society of College Youths and the Masters of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths and the Middlesex Association. The service was conducted by the Dean, assisted by the Precentor, who is also superintendent of the belfry, and a course of Stedman Triples was rung on handbells. The coffin remained in the Abbey overnight and next day was taken to Llandrillo, North Wales, where the formal committal service was held. Leslie Evans and Wilfrid Moreton were present to see John laid to rest in a grave near to that of his father.

A half-muffled peal of Stedman Cinques was rung on October 25th on the bells of St. Giles', Cripplegate, by ringers of Westminster Abbey, St. Paul's Cathedral and past Masters of the College Youths. On October 27th a half-muffled peal of Stedman Triples was rung at Eardisland by members of the Hereford Diocesan Guild and next day the half-muffled bells of St. Paul's Cathedral were rung. Forty rounds and forty strokes of the tenor, followed by a touch of Stedman Cinques, concluded our tribute to a great man and a fine ringer.

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POINTS FROM MAIDSTONE A.G.M.

A ballot took place for the mastership of the Maidstone District at its A.G.M. at All Saints', Maidstone, on October 11th. Mr. P. S. Muchlinski was re-elected, Mr. S. A. B. Wigg being unsuccessful. Mr. C. Tester was unanimously re-elected hon. District secretary and Messrs. S. P. Garner and M. Pring District representatives, thanks being passed to Mr. A. Waddington, who had held this office for 25 years or more.

Two notices of motion from the general secretary were discussed. A county striking competition was favoured and reorganisation of the annual report to save money for the Belfry Fund rejected. Bedfordshire was selected for the 1970 ringing tour.

Practice evening meetings for "Beginners" and "Surprise" are to be continued but the latter is to be called "Advanced Practices" so as to include treble bob.

As regards the service at by-meetings, the local clergyman is to be given the choice of either coming to the tower and meeting the ringers in their "natural" surroundings and saying a few prayers or conducting a full service.

Mr. S. A. B. Wigg asked that something be done towards restoring the peal board in Leeds Parish Church recording the first extent of Major. All agreed.

The service was conducted by Canon Tufton, with Miss Rosemary Ellis reading the lesson. A splendid tea was supplied in All Saints' Room.

500 MEMBERS IN TEN YEARS

College Youths' Annual Dinner

A consultant gynæcologist—a lithographic printer's apprentice—a clerk of works—and a bishop of the Church; men of all ages from teenagers to octogenarians with a common interest—bellringing—assembled to the number of nearly 250 on All Saints' Day at the Walbrook Restaurant, E.C., the occasion being the 332nd annual dinner of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

The excellent organisation of the function was mainly the responsibility of the secretary, Mr. J. G. A. Prior, who deserved the high praise which those who attended expressed individually and collectively.

There was plenty of opportunity for ringing at the several towers open for that purpose, and an invitation was extended to members from a distance and who were staying overnight to help with service ringing next day.

THE DINNER

The assembled company received in traditional manner the Society's officers and principal guests who occupied the top table. These were, in addition to the Master, Mr. A. N. Stubbs, the Rt. Rev. R. W. Stopford (Bishop of London), Canon N. C. S. Motley (Cornhill), the Revs. D. Harbord (Aldgate), J. McCulloch (St. Mary-le-Bow), E. Rogers (Cripplegate), R. Simpson (Precentor, Westminster Abbey), Dr. D. E. Sibson (Master, Society of Royal Cumberland Youths), Mr. T. W. White, Air Commodore J. S. Mason (treasurer), Messrs. J. G. A. Prior (secretary), A. R. Kench (senior steward), D. E. Rothera (junior steward), J. S. Smallwood (trustee), W. T. Cook (librarian), P. A. Corby and A. J. Frost (past Masters).

During the meal the Master took wine with Mr. Albert Turner, a member for 61 years, and with Messrs. Bill Rawlings, Bill Hibbert and Herbert ("Brig") Young, members for 50 years.

Following the loyal toast the Master rose to propose the toast of "The Church". He emphasised the importance of ringers to realise they were part of the Church universal. The Ancient Society to which they belonged had many aims and objects, and it was for them to wish success to another more ancient society—the Church—and in particular the Established Church in this country.

Many problems beset the Church, said the Master, and one which is particularly acute now is how to maintain and promote the so simple and basic truths of the Christian religion in a world where values and standards are changing faster than ever before. And so with ringing, we have to maintain the standards of good striking and regular Sunday service ringing in an age where ever-increasing feats of intelligence and physical achievement have become such an essential part of the scene.

In welcoming the Bishop and the clergy who were present the Master thanked them for the generous way they made the bells available for the furtherance of the art of bellringing, and for their part the ringers would continue to call the faithful to worship.

ECCLESIASTICAL HERITAGE

The Bishop of London, in replying, said that bellringers had a specialised ministry within the Church, as did the clergy. The art of change-ringing was a unique ecclesiastical heritage. He expressed thanks to ringers everywhere for their immense devotion in order that the bells might ring. The attendance that evening of so many young people was a very encouraging sign for bellringing of the future, which was an audio-aid to the life and work of the Church.

"The Ancient Society of College Youths" was proposed by Canon N. C. S. Motley, who in a speech which was both witty and amusing said that bells spell out so many things in life, and if they ceased we would move back one stage further into the secular society. "I know that I and the Bishop and my fellow clergy thank God for the Ancient Society and all the other Societies and ringers everywhere," concluded the speaker, "and long may you continue."

THE YEAR'S WORK

Responding to the toast, the secretary said that when he was a young ringer, many years ago, he was told: "It's a waste of time and money to join the College Youths or Cumberlands—they are on the way out—they have had their day." He wished those prophets of doom could see how wrong they were for the two old Societies were stronger than ever and the well-attended dinners gave a good indication of this.

Mr. Prior continued: "Tonight there are 248 people present from 28 counties as far apart as Lancashire and Cornwall, Yorkshire and Devon, including parties from Bristol, Coventry, Liverpool, Birmingham and from Berkshire and Somerset, and it is gratifying that there is a large contingent from the Oxford Society, the Oxford University Society and Appleton, for our Master is not unknown in those parts."

Included in the apologies were William Shepherd, one of the oldest members, who joined the Society in 1900 and is a living link with the Master of 100 years ago, Edwin Horrex, and George Symonds who was present last year and is the oldest and most senior member. He joined the Society in 1898, will be 95 this year and is still an active ringer. [Applause.]

"I am sure that all present would wish me to send our greetings to these two grand veterans," added the speaker, to which there were cries of "Hear, hear!"

A notable absentee was Cyril Watts a past Master of the Society and who served as treasurer for 12½ years. A presentation was made to him to mark the appreciation for all that he had done for the Society, and his place as treasurer was being ably filled by Air Commodore J. S. Mason.

"It is a long-established custom that at these festivities we honour the memory of those who have passed on," continued Mr. Prior, "and since the last dinner we have heard of the deaths of 17 members. We remember them all, but there are two of whom there should be special mention—Elsie Hairs and John Rock.

"Elsie Hairs joined the Society with her husband, Frank, in 1917, and were both with us in this room last year. The death of Elsie marked the end of an era, for she was the last of the nine ladies who had been elected to membership of the Society.

"John Rock, who died on October 21st at the early age of 40, after a comparatively short illness, was a tremendous shock,

MR. A. N. STUBBS
(Master of the College Youths)

even to those of us who knew of the serious nature of his illness. Our deepest sympathy goes to his young wife, Jill, and their two children. John was a popular and respected member who joined in 1958 and in 1965 was elected Master—a post he filled with great distinction. He was connected with the bands at St. Paul's Cathedral and Westminster Abbey. John will be greatly missed by all of us."

The gathering then stood in memory of Alban R. Poyntz, John O. Weller, Charles W. Martin, John Pares, Joseph Marks, J. Frederick Milner, Jack Clegg, William Marsh, Elsie Hairs, Joseph L. Saxton, William C. West, James Topp, Terence M. Fitzgerald, Henry O. Baker, John D. Rock, C. Ernest Smith and Benjamin S. Thompson.

MANY NEW MEMBERS

The secretary then continued: "Any Society if it is to remain vigorous and healthy needs a continuous flow of new members, and in this respect we are very fortunate. Since the last dinner we have elected 42 new members, and I have been asked what the membership of the Society is. Because of our life membership system it is not possible to give an accurate answer, but the total must be considerably in excess of 1,000. In the last ten years alone we have elected nearly 500 members."

PEALS

Since the last dinner the Society had recorded 43 peals, including some of more than ordinary interest, the conducting having been shared by 21 members. Of this total, 28 were 12-bell peals (nine Cinques and 19 Surprise Maximus) and one of the peals of Stedman Cinques was rung non-conducted and another was rung half-muffled in memory of John D. Rock.

The peal of Yorkshire Royal at Guildford Cathedral on August 9th was a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Rawlings for their golden wedding. (Mr. Rawlings, who was present, received loud applause.)

Of the four peals of Londinium, two were rung on the same day by different bands but without previous arrangement.

The peal of Bristol Maximus rung at Reading on October 26th was the first by the Society and it was rung with 4ths place bobs.

There were two peals at St. Paul's Cathedral—one of Stedman Cinques and one of Cambridge Maximus. The Stedman Cinques was a compliment to Bishop Wand, former Bishop of London, upon his retirement,

whilst that of Cambridge Maximus was rung for the Investiture of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales It was a remarkable performance in that the tenor was rung single-handed by Peter Border. By ringing St. Paul's Cathedral tenor to Surprise Maximus he completed a unique treble for he had already rung Liverpool and Exeter tenors single-handed to peals of Surprise Maximus. "He won't thank me for drawing attention to this," said Mr. Prior, "but he ought to know how much we admire his performances." [Applause.]

In June the Society had an outstandingly successful meeting in Birmingham and Solihull and next year had accepted an invitation to visit Bristol, in which there were many keen and loyal members.

MR. WHITE HONOURED

"And now, gentlemen," concluded the speaker, "there is just a little more to be said, and I have quite deliberately left it to last. Seated on my left is one who for 23 years has attended these dinners as a guest of the Society but who has had to work hard all the evening. I refer, of course, to our very good friend Tom White, until lately Editor of 'The Ringing World'. [Applause.] Week after week 'The Ringing World" arrives, and we take it for granted, but I wonder if we appreciated sufficiently just how much devoted effort he put into its production? Tom was unflagging in carrying out his task, sometimes under very difficult circumstances for what, as the officers of the Central Council have so rightly said, by no stretch of imagination could be called a commercial reward.

"The Master and officers of the Society thought it right to invite Tom to this dinner so that we could say publicly how grateful we are to him for all that he has done and so that this large and representative gathering could show its appreciation." [Applause.]

Mr. Prior added: "It may be unorthodox to end the response to a toast by proposing another, but the occasion justifies such a course and so, Master, my Lord Bishop and gentlemen, will you please be upstanding and drink to the health of Tom White—may he have a long and happy retirement."

The toast was duly honoured and Mr. White suitably replied.

TOAST OF "THE GUESTS"

The toast of "The Guests" was honoured on the call of the junior steward, Mr. D. E. Rothera. He welcomed individually the Bishop and clergy present, mentioning particularly the varied career of Rev. D. Harbord, rector of Oldgate. The Master of the Cumberland Youths, Mr. Derek Sibson, received a special welcome, and the speaker paid tribute to his capabilities of leadership and his work as secretary of his Society for many years.

The possibility of change in the layout of "The Ringing World" was mentioned when Mr. Rothera welcomed the new editor and expressed the hope that peal reports would not suffer a curtailment. He went on to suggest ways of saving space and costs in the paper and concluded by expressing an opinion that a rope tax of 6d. could be made for all peal ringers.

PEAL RINGERS' INTEGRITY DOUBTED

Mr. Derek Sibson, responding, thanked the Society on behalf of the eight guests present, six of whom were clergy, for the most enjoyable evening spent and the hospitality given. He went on to speak of the recent item in "The Ringing World" which mentioned the possibility of one day having umpires to check peal ringing. It would be a sad day when this happened, particularly it questioned the integrity and honesty of the peal ringer. Such societies as their own ancient society and similar ones would be sorry for such a step to be taken, and he for one hoped it never would.

Proposing the toast (drunk in silence) to the memory of the Masters of 300, 200 and 100 years ago, the Master gave the following details:—

John Broomhead was elected Master in 1669. He had joined the Society in 1655 and was steward in 1665, but nothing is known further about him. There is also no record of the Master of either the "Ancient" or the "Junior" branch of the Society in 1769. Two peals are shown in the book for that year—Reverse Bob Maximus at St. Bride's and Reverse Caters at Shoreditch, both rung by the Junior Society.

Edwin Horrex, who was elected Master in 1869, was born in 1838 and died at the age of 87 on October 7th, 1925, on the day of the annual dinner. He came to London from Ipswich and was elected a member of the Society in 1863, for which he rang about 200 peals, the most outstanding being the 11,111 Stedman Caters at Fulham in 1883. He represented the College Youths on the Central Council for the years 1918–21, and the Master added: "Many present here tonight must have known him."

The "get-together" which followed was informal and lasted until after midnight.

THOSE ATTENDING

In addition to those already mentioned, others who attended were: A J. Adams, R Aldington, N. I. Allnatt, J. A. Anderson, J. E. Andrews, J. Ariss, G. K. Austin, A. E. Bagworth, A. L. Barry, T. N. J. Bailey, S. W. Barton, K. E. Beale, A W Beard, D. A. H. Bennett P. J Bird, J. H. Bluff G. E. Bonham, P. Border, P. Bosworth, W. C. Boucher, R. Bould, R. J. Bowden, J. Brain, B. W Brighty, D. C. Brown, D. G. Brown, R. H. Bullen, R. E. Burbery, the Rev. D. Burnett, J. E. Camp, A. P. Cannon, A. R. Carter, C. J. Castell, G. W. Cecil, P. A F Chalk, J. E. Chilcott, M. V. Chilcott, C. T. Clarke, R. Clarke, D. G. Clift, J. A. Coates, D. E. Cobb, W. H. Coles, C. D. Collin, R J. Cook, W F. J Cope, A. J. Corby, R. G. Cousins, L. Cox, J. H. Crampion J S. Croft, K. S. B. Croft, W. S. Croft, D Cubitt, M. Cubitt, F. E. Darby, R. Davies, A. V. Davis, R E. J. Dennis, C. W. Denyer, H. L. F. Derrick, E T. Dibble, G K. Dodd, L. D Duguid, H H. N. Duncan, S. Dutton, P. J. Dye, A. Dyer, J. R. J. Dyke.

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R. Overington, D. E. Parsons, R. I. F. Parsons, A. R. Patterson, R. Peers, D. E. Pepper, F. W. Perrens, Jas. Phillips, Jn. Phillips, R W. Pipe, H. N. Pitstow, W. C. Porter, R. W. Powell J. R. Pratt, D. D. Pullin, D. J. Purnell, C P. Quartley D Randall, G. W. Randall, W. J. Rawlings, A. H. Reed, R W. Rice, W. S. Rice, A. S. Richards, B. Richards, J. P. Richardson, P. J. Rothera, C. H. Rogers, H. T. Rooke, A. E. Rowley E J. Rowe S. Rowe, G. G. Salmon, J. Seager, B. Shackleton, R. P. Sherlock, C. Simpson, D. C. Simpson, F. W. Slocombe, H. E. J. Smith, L. Smith, M. E. Snape, K G. Spavins, H. C. Spencer, R. Spencer, J. W. Stephenson, B. Stone.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

In the autumn sunshine 80 members attended the Rochester District's annual meeting at St. Botolph's, Northfleet, on October 18th. After the ringers' service, tea was taken in the adjacent hall before the business meeting, which was chaired by Rev. S. M. Evans.

The secretary summarised the activities of the District during the past 12 months. There was a decrease in the number of peals but two conductors scored a first as conductor. There were 211 practising members in the District. A presentation was made to Mr. Barton as a mark of the District's appreciation of all that he had done as secretary during two periods which totalled nine years.

Six new members were elected.

District officers elected were: Chairman, Rev. S. M. Evans (Bredgar); hon. secretary, Mr. David P. Leworthy (Minster); general committee representatives, Mr. Frank J. Cheal (Rainham) and Mr. Trevor Cross (unattached); ringing masters, Mr. Nicholas J. Chesson and Mr. Peter D. J. Beal (both of Eastchurch); "Ringing World" representative, Mr. Laurie Mitchell (Newington-next-Sittingbourne).

The next meeting is to be at St. Margaret's, Rochester, on November 29th. Thanks were expressed to all who had made the meeting successful. L. M.

LAKE DISTRICT OUTING

Despite the bad weather on October 18th, a party of ringers and friends from the Lake District had a most enjoyable outing in Yorkshire and Lancashire. Travelling by car, the first tower was at Silsden (6), where the tone of the bells was most impressive; then on to Keighley (8) where, during the last touch, the fourth rope broke. The fittings and ropes at Oxenhope (8), the next stop, were in poor condition but the bells are excellent. Here the stay on the fifth fell out and another rope was broken.

Following a packed lunch, ringing took place at Heptonstall (8) and this was followed by the unique Todmorden Unitarian Church, with its lofty spire, where the eight are somewhat tuneless. The six at Gisburn were a pleasant little ring, after which the five at Downham were tried out. The ringing here is in the vestry and the Vicar of the parish gave us a warm welcome.

Bells at the final tower, Slaidburn (6), were a joy to ring, having recently been overhauled, and a return to the Lake District was then made through fog; but a happy day had been spent. K. M. P.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On October 25th the Hereford District held its quarterly meeting at Holme Lacy, where the Vicar (Rev. W. L. Richards) conducted the service and Mrs. P. L. Hughes and her lady helpers served tea to 29 members.

Little Dewchurch was selected for the next combined practice on November 29th, and the District A.G.M. on January 31st at Burghill, with evening ringing at the Cathedral (subject to confirmation).

NEW MEMBERS ELECTED

New members elected during the year were: W. T. Perrins, D. Wilson, T. F. Collins, G. Bridges, R. A. Gage, S. R. Munday, G. K. Austin, G. Jones, P. Bosworth, C. M. Foster, J. C. Baldwin, R. D. R. Brown, M. J. Howes, W. S. Croft, P. J. England, R. W. Rice, W. S. Rice, M. C. W. Sherwood, S. B. Bell, P. R. Butler, N. C. V. Pollock, P. R. Butler, P. Taylor, R. Crocker, K. W Brown, M. B. Jefferyes, R. E. Hardy, B. Stone, A. H. Bridges, H. E. J. Smith, R. J. Tibbetts, J. A. Insley S. W. Barton, V. Green, F. W. Hutt, E. Billings, B. Austin, C. J. Castell, J. W. Bull, K. E. Beale, J. Clatworthy, S. Fenwick.

Letters to the Editor

THE MELBOURNE PEAL

Dear Sir,—I have read your Comment—"Throwing Down the Gauntlet" (on page 825) a number of times, but the more I read it the more puzzled I become.

In your second paragraph you say you are not the arbiter of what constitutes a true peal, and with this statement I am sure no one will disagree. We have, over the years, come to regard the Editor of "The Ringing World" as impartial, but could "Comment" be more biased? I doubt it. The very first paragraph/sentence implies doubt as to the quality of the peals rung on the tour without producing any evidence. I am quite sure that Mr. Rowson did not intend his letter to be read this way and, incidentally, I imagine he must have been surprised that you should consider him something of a hero! I don't think that, as organiser, I should say any more about the tour in general as I am sure some of those who took part will take up this point.

I suppose you have a right, if you wish to do so, to instruct Mr. Rowson in the procedure which he should have followed in this case **had he intended to lodge an official complaint**, but wouldn't it have been wiser to have read the relevant Decision published on page 479 of your journal first and given correct information?

No doubt the officers of the Derbyshire Association appreciate your thoughtfulness in reminding them of their duty, but I thought this Association was affiliated to the Central Council and, therefore, bound to work in accordance with the Decisions of such Council and not as you think they should.

Why do you place such significance on the number of peals in hand? By my reckoning 150 peals would take up about ten pages, i.e., about two issues. Is this an unreasonable number at this time of year?

I did wonder if it was worthwhile taking up the gauntlet which **you**, Mr. Editor, have thrown down but, as you have come down so heavily against the peal in question without waiting either for confirmation of Mr. Rowson's allegations or allowing the conductor and the rest of the band the right of reply, feel that you have invited criticism, and I await with interest your explanation.

Perhaps you have through journalistic enthusiasm, in an attempt to produce lively correspondence, suggested more than you intended and, had you written in general terms after this issue had been decided, you would have earned yourself the respect of the Exercise. As it is you have involved all those who took part in the tour, turning this comparatively minor matter into a major issue and, incidentally, caused some distress both to myself as the organiser and to many of those taking part in the tour. —Yours faithfully,

JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM.

Bayswater, W.2.

ROWSON SHOULD HAVE SET HIS BELL

Dear Sir,—I can appreciate that Mr. C. L. Rowson does not wish to be associated with a peal for the reasons he has given, but why make an issue of this now? Surely the issue in the first onset was with Mr. Rowson.

Some years ago I was asked to ring a peal in Surrey and it was to be either Stedman or Grandsire. On arrival at the tower I was told that the method had been changed for another because there had also been a change in the band. The peal started and previously to this I had said that I was not too conversant with the method. Part of the way through the peal I was obviously not doing very well, and a ringer (I believe it was George Mason) told me that unless I did better he would "set his bell up". I must have done better because he did not carry out his threat, and I feel that had the ringing been of poor quality he would have done so.

Similarly, if Mr. Rowson felt that the ringing was bad he could have so acted and it would have been better for all concerned. Now he has allowed what might possibly have been a peal to pass without doing anything on the spot, and the wrangling that follows does not help the ringers of the peal, or ringing as a whole.

May I commend George Mason's attitude to all ringers now. At that time he had the courage to make his feelings felt in the middle of a peal and put things right at the time. Obviously this must be carried out in moderation and with the knowledge that the protester is correct and, of course, has the assent of the conductor. I feel that it was wrong to have allowed the peal to go to its bitter end and then grumble afterwards.

I am afraid that ill-health has prevented me from ringing for some years, but I am still very interested in the Exercise.—Yours faithfully,

F. R. L. BLEWER.

Camberwell.

ALBURGH AND RINGING

Dear Sir,—Having read with interest the letters on the above, I would like, as an official of the Southern Branch, to make one or two points.

Firstly, I would like to thank the Rev. P. Bond and his helpers for their grand work in getting these bells going again; but I would have liked to have seen more Southern Branch members present on the open day. The annual meeting of the Southern Branch will be held on November 22nd at Saxlingham, and I hope Mr. Flatt and all members and friends interested in Alburgh bells will make an effort to be present and discuss this matter. I can assure Mr. Flatt that the officials need all the support possible at this meeting if anything is to be done.—Yours faithfully,

C. F. W. PHILLIPPO,
Hon. Sec., Southern Branch.

Bunwell, Norfolk.

EXTENT OF MAJOR ATTEMPT "IN HAND"

Dear Sir,—I wish to give notice that an attempt will be made to ring a peal of 40,320 Plain Bob Major on handbells on Saturday, December 20th, 1969. The attempt will commence at 8 a.m. at 6, Ashwood Crescent, Marple, and the band will be as follows:—

Alan F. Scholfield	1–2
Brian J. Woodruffe	3–4
Gerald Moorhouse	5–6
Robert B. Smith	7–8

The composition is by Mr. C. Kenneth Lewis and is given below.

40,320 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
By C. KENNETH LEWIS

23456	W	M	H
45326	S	*	—
35624		—	
65423	3	—	
53426	3	—	2
42356	S		—

Eleven times repeated, adding three bobs at 5ths in every course, and calling bob for 1st single at Wrong in the 1st, 4th, 7th and 10th parts.

* Single in 1st and 7th parts.

The umpires will be Giles B. Thompson, Arthur E. Whiting and Neil Bennett.—Yours sincerely,

ROBERT B. SMITH.

CONDUCTOR AND OTHERS AGREE A TRUE PEAL

Dear Sir,—In my capacity as conductor of the peal at Melbourne on August 26th I have consulted the six members of the band concerned, who all agree with me that the peal was true and rung in accordance with Central Council Decisions.

As the complaint was not made in accordance with such Decisions (see page 479) no further action is required of me, and it is Mr. Rowson's own decision and nothing to do with the Peals Analysis Committee if he does not wish to include the peal in his records.—Yours faithfully,

GEOFFREY BRIDGES.

Derby.

DARTFORD RINGERS' OUTING

No matter what time of the year is chosen for the Dartford outing, Bob Rayfield, the organiser, seems to select a day which is destined to be fine. This year September 20th was no exception. Thirty-eight ringers and friends set off to visit Oxford, stopping on the way to ring at St. Mary's, Denham. St. Giles' was our first tower in Oxford, and after ringing a variety of methods there we were guided to the next tower by a local ringer. At New College we enjoyed the deep tone of the bells and the light eight at St. Ebbe's were appreciated, especially by the ladies. Our last tower in the city was St. Martin and All Saints', and on our way home we stopped to ring at Dorchester Abbey, which proved to be an interesting building housing a good ring of bells.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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THE SNOWDON

The 37th annual commemoration dinner of the Yorkshire Association was held at York on October 25th. The Minster bells were rung during the afternoon and many visitors attended evensong at 4 p.m., when prayers were said for the work of the Association. The anthem was "Rejoice in the Lord" (the Bell Anthem) and the service ended with the ringers' hymn.

A company of 108 assembled in the ancient hall of the Merchant Taylors Company and enjoyed the typically English dinner of roast beef and Yorkshire pudding.

The toast of "The Church" was proposed by Mr. Wilfrid Moreton, who spoke of church unity. "Many Anglicans and Methodists did a lot of heart searching this year," he said, "and found it difficult to repair the breaches of the past. If the decision last July not to unite had been different there would still be a lot of problems to solve. Uniting two parts of the Church is a very difficult matter and I hope the efforts of recent years will bear fruit in due course."

In reply, the Dean of York, the Very Rev. Alan Richardson, said the response to the York Minster appeal had been fantastic. No other cathedral had had to appeal for such an amount and it exceeds the total for all other cathedrals in England many times. The amount donated to date was £1,729,000 towards the £2m. needed, and he was proud of the fact that four-fifths of it came from Yorkshire. He added that York Minster symbolised the Church in the North of England. Concluding, the Dean said that 1972 marks the 500th anniversary of the completion of the building of the Minster and he invited the Association to "help us in our rejoicing that the Minster will then be safe, by ringing to the glory of God".

The toast "To the memory of Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and Past Officers of the Association" was proposed by the Rev. Giles C. Galley, M.A., who said that Jasper was a founder and first President of the Association. His series of books had been of immense benefit to all ringers, said Mr. Galley, and concluded with the lines written by J. Martin Routh, a former Master of the College Youths.

"What though the deeds in which he played his part,
Are not inscribed on England's roll of fame,
As long as future ages prize our art,
So long shall reverence be for Snowdon's name."

A touch of Caters on handbells followed the toast, which is customary at the Snowdon dinners.

The Rev. Giles Galley was congratulated during the evening on his appointment to be Vicar of St. Michael and All Angels, North Hull.

"The Guests and Kindred Societies" were toasted on the call of the President, who said they were very pleased to have with them the Dean of York and Mrs. Richardson, also the Chaplain of the Minster Society, the Rev. A. J. McMullen, and Mrs. McMullen. Kindred Societies were represented by Mr. Denis Bayles and his party from Chester-le-Street, County Durham; for the College Youths, Mr. Wilfrid Williams, of St. Paul's Cathedral; and the Lancashire Association by two members from Mossley. Mr. Bayles was not only secretary of the Durham and Newcastle Association but was also a member of the Central Council "Ringing World" Committee and was doing good work for the Exercise in general.

In proposing the toast of "The President" Mr. H. Walker invited Mr. Bottomley to ask his committee to arrange for the Snowdon dinner to be held in York again in 1972. As had been said already, this would mark the 500th anniversary of the consecration of the Minster, after 250 years of building.

Mr. Walker referred to the hall in which the dinner was being held and said the present Company of Merchant Taylors had its Charter granted in 1662. The hall, however, dated from pre-Reformation times, when there was the "Gild of Merchant Taylors".

DINNERS

HEREFORD GUILD'S FIRST

A suggestion by the master (Miss Valerie Edge) that the Guild should hold a formal dinner materialised on October 18th when 120 ringers and friends assembled at the Royal Oak Hotel, Leominster, and an excellent dinner was served. With the master on the top table were the Archdeacon of Hereford (Ven. T. B. Randolph), Preb. G. A. H. Rainboat, Messrs. Jack Pryor (secretary, Llandaff and Monmouth Association), S. P. Peacock (editor, "Hereford Times"), P. Evans (master of the Shropshire Association), J. C. Eisel (Worcestershire Association), G. Cousins (secretary), F. C. A. Bennett (treasurer), Austin Wingate and Tom Cooper and their ladies.

Proposing the toast of "Church and State", Mr. Peacock mentioned the influence they had on everyone's life; but whereas one was compulsory, the other was voluntary. The Archdeacon, in a witty reply, referred to the services given by ringers.

The toast of "The Hereford Guild" was proposed by Mr. Pryor, who referred to the part former officials had played in building up its present position. Mr. Tom Cooper replied and spoke of the pleasure it gave everyone to see Miss Edge in the chair as the first lady master of the Guild.

Miss Edge, who was wearing for the first time the master's badge of office, thanked Mr. G. Cousins for his efficient arrangements for the dinner, which she hoped would be an annual function and mentioned that her badge was obtained through the good services of Mr. Cousins.

Entertainment was provided by the Stokesay Handbell Ringers and a course of Bob Major was rung by Elizabeth Wycherley, Peter Wycherley, John Turney and J. C. Eisel.

COVENTRY GUILD'S SOLE FOUNDATION MEMBER

"In troth a goodley companie", as Chaucer said, gathered at Warwick for the 61st dinner of the Coventry Diocesan Guild on October 25th. Eighty members and guests sat down to dinner, presided over by the president, Mr. Jim Garner-Hayward.

After an excellent meal the president opened the proceedings by proposing a toast to the sole surviving founder member, Mr. J. Frank Smallwood (who could not be present), and wished him good health on behalf of the Guild.

Welcoming the Guild, the Mayor, Cclr. J. M. W. Savory, admitted to knowing very little about bellringing, but having spent some time in Canada was glad to return to England and hear the sound of bells again. He concluded by wishing the Guild "a long pull and a strong pull" and hoped that it would continue to flourish.

In proposing the toast of "The Guild" the Rev. A. Fermor, Vicar of Great Wolford, said that ringers were an odd lot. They appeared perfectly sane but had the remarkable habit of shutting themselves up for hours on end in cold, draughty, dusty, dirty church towers, and they did this once a week and twice on Sunday. These ringers pull not when requested but when ordered by strange noises emanating from a kind of dictator who is known as "the captain" and all this appears to be in honour of some gentleman known as "Grandsire" who is extremely versatile, being "single", does things at the "double" and is an excellent cook since he occasionally "caters'. He even has a name, Bob, not only that, Plain Bob and, to crown it, all ringers "stand" in his honour.

Mr. Fermor concluded by saying that the country was richer and happier because of bells and ringers, and during a morning walk he thanked God for the beauty of a God-made noise—the sound of a lark—and for a man-made noise—the glorious music of a ring of bells.

In proposing the toast of "The Guests" the general secretary, Mr. Harry Windsor, welcomed the Mayor and said he thought the dinner committee had invited the Rev. A. Fermor to come as a penance for the Guild breaking a gudgeon on one of his bells!; and he commended Dr. Corydon Budge for being instrumental in the rehanging of Farnborough bells.

Mrs. D. E. Beamish, in proposing a vote of thanks, recalled her 52 years as a member of the Guild, 25 years as general secretary and nine years as treasurer. The certificates for the striking competition were presented then by the Mayor to the joint winners—St. Nicholas', Warwick, and Allesley — and third, St. Nicholas', Kenilworth.

The evening continued with handbell ringing, an amusing "sermon" from the Rev. Cannon Ball (Stephen Royal) and a showing of the film of Washington Cathedral bells.

We are pleased to record this week a handbell peal by the North American Guild which was rung at Mississauga, Ontario.

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HALF PEAL

STAPLEFORD, CAMBS.—On Oct. 18th, 2,520 Pl. Bob Minor: Julie Barnes 1, Marion Kemp 2, D. A. Lilley 3, R. W. Balls 4, M. R. Kitson 5, R. I. West (longest length as cond.) 6. First half peal by all. For St. Lukestide.

DATE TOUCH

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFS.—At St. Modwen's Church, on Oct. 21st, 1,805 Grandsire Triples: W. J. Leach 1, C. Haynes 2, M. Webster 3, G. L. Roobottom 4, J. K. Smith 5, A. Marson 6, D. P. Jones 7, D. Pickett (longest length) 8. For the 164th anniversary of Trafalgar Day, October 21st, 1805.

LONG LENGTH

PATRINGTON, YORKS. — On Oct. 18th, 2,048 Spliced London, Cambridge, Bristol and Superlative Surprise Major: Elizabeth Johnson 1, R. Ducker 2, Mavis Stephenson 3, P. Church 4, G. Galley 5, D. S. Johnson 6, J. N. D. Chaddock 7, N Chaddock (cond.) 8.

ADDINGTON, SURREY. — On Oct. 26th, 1,320 Coldstream Surprise Minor: E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 1, Margaret Godfrey 2, Deborah Bishop 3, Wendy Wallace 4, I. Wiltshire 5, A. S. Bishop 6.

ALBURY, SURREY.—On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Davy 1, H. Mackman 2, P. Saunders 3, A. Hunter 4, H. Arthur (cond.) 5, C. Bailey 6.

ALTON, HANTS. — On Oct. 19th 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: P. Shonk 1, Brenda Coode 2, Mary Andrews 3, K. Small 4, E. Coode 5, G. Clarke (cond.) 6, P. Clarke 7, Paula Healing 8.

AMERSHAM, BUCKS.—On Oct. 19th, 1,320 London Surprise Minor: Louise Evans 1, Beryl Simpson 2, Jean Darmon 3, S. E. Darmon 4, M. J. Church 5, A. K. Fortin (cond.) 6. A wedding compliment to Suzanne Withers and Ron Snack, previously members of Amersham band.

ASH, SURREY.—On Oct. 25th, 1,440 Minor (two methods): Susan M. O'Neill 1, P. J. Rowe (first in two methods) 2, Marilyn Reay 3, J. A. Collier 4, E. J. Futcher (cond.) 5, M. Kirk 6.

ASH PRIORS, SOM.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Beale (cond.) 1, R. C. Hancock 2, Miss F. Gadd 3, F. Pike 4, A. W. Knight 5, R. A. C. Cross 6. For Harvest Festival

BACKWELL, SOM.—ON Oct. 15th, 1,504 Surprise Major: Heather A. Kippin 1, Diana M. Bridle 2, P. Bridle 3, S. Brown 4, P. J. England 5, J. Brain 6, J. R. Taylor 7, R. C. Kippin (cond.) 8.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS, LANCS.—On Oct. 19th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: H. F. Petifer (first in method) 1, J. E. Dickinson 2, S. Walmsley 3, G. Temby 4, A Capstick 5, T. F. Metcalfe 6, K. M. Price 7, N. M. Newby (cond.) 8. An 80th birthday compliment to J. E. Burles. (After a lost peal.)

BATH, SOM.—At the Church of SS. Michael with Paul, on Oct 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss H. M. Mitchell 1, P. J. W. Hardwick 2, Miss F. Benford 3, A. Adams 4, J. G Hobbs 5, G. J. Hawkins 6, P. J. Devrell (cond.) 7, J. E. Newman 8. Rung for United Nations Service.

BEBINGTON, CHESHIRE.—On Oct. 24th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. Maudsley 1, Barbara A. Milman (first quarter) 2, Janet L. Poole (first quarter) 3, G. S. Beecroft 4, C. F. Pocock 5, I. M. Robertson 6, R. Peers 7, F. L. Coventry (cond.) 8. For Chester Cathedral Restoration Fund service.

BIRSTALL, LEICS.—On Oct. 19th, 1,288 Plain Bob Triples: C. J. Mobbs 1, Shirley Preston (first quarter) 2, Mrs. J. Morley (first quarter) 3, B. J. Fry (first Pl. Bob Triples "inside") 4, Bridget Chritchlow 5, Gillian Hare 6, J. M. Morley (cond.) 7, Mrs. W. Smalley 8. Rung on the centenary of the first enlargement of the church of St. James-the-Great.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—On Oct. 18th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: P. Warboys 1, R. Hayden 2, T. Camp 3, P. Glazebrook 4, R. Walker 5, A. Richardson 6, W. Hunt (cond.) 7, L. Luck 8. First Kent Major 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8. A wedding compliment to the ringing master's eldest son, Colin Westwood, and his bride, Christine Hulks.

QUARTER PEALS

BLACKWELL, DERBYS.—On Oct. 8th 1,440 Kent and Oxford T.B. Minor: Marjorie Phipps 1, D. Hird 2, A. Smithson 3, W. Riley 4, B. A. Richards 5, M. P. Phipps (cond.) 6.

BODIAM, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Helen Dadswell 1, T. Edwards 2, Eileen Coman 3, J. Epps 4, A. Smith (cond.) 5, G. Coman 6. For morning service.

BRABOURNE, KENT.—On Oct. 17th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. C. Offen 1, Violet Ring 2, R. A. Lucas 3, E. J. Clifton 4, W. W. Ring (cond.) 5, M. W. Marshall 6. A welcome to Simon Alexander, son of Ray and Sylvia Lucas.

BRASTED, KENT.—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Mrs. L. Corby 1, Miss J. Corby 2, P. Everest 3, R. Sherlock 4, R. Everest (cond.) 5, Miss L French 6.

BREAMORE, HANTS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,277 Pl. Bob Minimus. S. Harvell (first Minimus) 1, J. Mussell (cond.) 2, C. Dymott 3, N. Dymott 4. For Harvest Thanksgiving.

BROCKENHURST, HANTS.—On Oct. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (17 variants): B. Peachey (first on working bell) 1, Jennifer Quaife 2, S. Baybut 3, W. Willans (cond.) 4, B. J. Fry 5, B. Curtis 6. Most variants 1 3, 6. Rung by the Society of New Forest Youths.

BUCKERELL, DEVON. — On Oct. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Salter (first quarter) 1, W. Webb 2, L. Stevens 3, N. Salter 4, D. Salter (cond.) 5, T. Travers 6.

BURTON HASTINGS, WARKS. — On Oct. 5th, 1,279 Grandsire Doubles. J. H. Dove 1, W. Noon 2, I. S. Merry 3, K. P. Gilliver (cond.) 4, R. A. Gilliver 5. Also 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Noon 1, Mrs. A. Hough 2, T. K. Deacon 3, A. Hough 4, D. Manship (cond.) 5. Both for Harvest Festival.

CHAPEL ALLERTON, YORKS. — On Oct. 5th, 1,272 London Surprise Minor: G. S. Miller 1, Margaret Warford 2, Jane P. Lawrence 3, C. N. Grandidge 4, D. J. Baker 5, R. R. Warford (cond.) 6. A wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. J Snack married on October 4th.

CHATTERIS, CAMBS.—On Oct. 19th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: F. Jackson 1, V. Hurt 2, W. Young 3, D. Edgely 4, R. Edgely 5, W. Seekings (cond.) 6. First quarter for 1 and 4.

CHIGWELL, ESSEX.—On Oct. 26th, 1,440 Kent T.B. Minor: Leslie C. Tibbitts 1, Marion A. Cass (first Kent "inside") 2, G. H. Walker 3, D. A. Tovell 4, J. E. Murfitt (first Kent as cond.) 5, P. Dickinson 6. For Evensong.

CHURCH GRESLEY, DERBYS.—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Minham (aged 14, first quarter attempt) 1, J. W. Cotton 2, N. W. Cotton 3, D. P. Jones (cond.) 4, D. Perry 5. Rung half-muffled for the late Mr. C. A. Lawrie headmaster of Swadlincote C.S. School.

CLIVE, SALOP.—On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Turner 1, Patricia Stocken 2, E. V. Rodenhurst 3, F. Leach 4, E. F. Wilkcox (cond.) 5, H. E. Vickers 6. For the wedding of Guy Jonathan Paton-Smith and Sarah Jane Thompson.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX. — At St. Peter's Church, on Oct. 5th, 1,264 Double Norwich C.B. Major: W. J. Brunt 1, H. Webb 2, E. P. Duffield 3, B. Webb 4, K. Smith 5, E. Piper 6, B. W. Fairhead 7, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 8. For Harvest Festival.

CRANLEIGH, SURREY. — On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Doubles: Mrs. Beeson 1, A. Tidy 2, P. Saunders 3, D. Stacey 4, H. G Arthur (cond.) 5, A. Hunter 6. A farewell to the conductor.

CROFT, LEICS.—On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Edmands (first on treble) 1 J. Evans (cond.) 2, L. Halling 3, J. Draycott 4, F. Watson 5, W. C. Killer 6. For the wedding of Harold Buckler and Anne Marie Halling (sister of 3rd ringer) at St. Michael's Church this day

CRONDALL, HANTS. — On Oct 25th. 1,260 Doubles (four methods): N. Jinks 1, Susan M. O'Neill 2, P. J. Rowe 3, E. J. Futcher 4, J. A. Collier (cond.) 5, W. Arnold (first quarter) 6. First in four methods for 1 and 3.

DARRINGTON, YORKS. — On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (six methods): Gail Cater 1, Margaret Warford 2, R. Cater 3, P. Carbutt 4, R. R. Warford (cond.) 5, D. Barker 6. For Harvest Festival.

DROXFORD, HANTS. — On Oct. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Mary Allcard (first quarter) 1, Betty Daysh 2, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 3, D. G. Hatherly 4, B. E. Pink 5.

ELSHAM, LINCS.—On Oct. 17th, 1,440 Surprise Minor (Bourne, Cambridge): J. Bray (cond.) 1, R. Chafer 2, W. Bains 3, R. Hippersley 4, H. Judd 5, J. Hall 6. For Harvest Festival.

ELY, CAMBS. — On Oct. 17th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Frances Harwood (first quarter) 1, J. W. Pickett 2, R. P. Turnill 3, F. W. Talbot 4, B. B. Hullah (cond.) 5, J. W. Dove 6. For St. Etheldreda's Day, St. Etheldreda being Ely's patron saint.

EPSOM, SURREY. — At St. Martin's Church, on May 23rd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Adrienne Gibson 1, R. D. Mills 2, Felicity Hamilton 3, T. Skilton 4, K. Burgess 5, J. Helder 6, C. Chapman 7, P. Munday 8, J. Davidge (cond.) 9, Jill Oakshott 10. For the engagement of Jane Helder to Richard Harris. Also on Aug. 29th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: G. W. Stevens 1, Elizabeth Gibbs 2, Rosemary Astridge 3, J Helder 4, Sally Forbes-Harper 5, S. Mortimore 6, T. Skilton 7, W. J. Munton 8, J. C. Davidge (cond.) 9, M. Morris 10. Rung for the marriage of Keith Burgess. Also on Sept. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Aronson 1, Jill Oakshott 2, Rosemary Astridge 3, S. Mortimore 4, Sylvia Marsh 5, W. J. Munton 6, J. C. Davidge 7, D. J. F. Oakshott 8. Rung for the wedding of Stephen Crooks, son of the Vicar.

EYNESBURY, HUNTS.—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor. M. A. Prescott 1, A. K. Peck 2, P. S. George 3, I. P. Sawford 4, R. D. Bellamy (cond.) 5, D. J. Prescott 6.

FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. P. Reed 1, A. Gray 2, P. J. Joyce 3, Mrs. J. E. Couperthwaite 4, B. W. White 5, S. A. Reed 6, W. J. Couperthwaite (cond.) 7, J. Dodds (first quarter) 8. First in the method, 2, 6.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On Oct. 25th 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Denise Wood 1, Anne Collins 2, Judith Collins 3, Susan M. O'Neill 4, J. A. Collier 5, P. J. Rowe 6, R. Collins (cond.) 7, E. J. Futcher 8.

FULMER, BUCKS.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. E. G. Swift 1, B. C. Collins (cond.) 2, H. Bell 3, P. Wotton 4, Miss S. Udell 5, E. G. Swift 6. First "inside" for 3 and 4.

GAYWOOD, NORFOLK.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Minor (Double Oxford, Plain): W. Shipp 1, R. Harrop 2, M. Paul 3, O. A. Needham 4, C. Tovell 5, E. A. Shipp (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

GORING, OXON.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Carol Tull 1, S. Franklin 2, N. Tull 3, I. Judd 4, M. Tull 5, A. Beaumont 6, W. Irving (cond.) 7, W. Judd 8. For dedication festival. Also on Oct. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Irving (first quarter) 1, I. Judd 2, Mrs. Gale Hodgkinson 3, H. Tull 4, M. Hodgkinson 5, A. Beaumont 6, W. Irving (cond.) 7, W. Judd 8. For Harvest Festival.

GRAYSHOTT, SURREY. — On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Joanna Stewart (first quarter) 1, Rita Moore 2, Geraldine Winnett 3, P. Herbert 4, Elisabeth R. Spry 5, T. A. Davies 6, H. A. May (cond.) 7, Alison Stewart (first quarter) 8.

GUISBOROUGH, YORKS.—On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Cooper (first quarter) 1, Miss L. Banwell (first "inside") 2, M. Livesey 3, T. Cooke 4, R. Steer 5, P. Wishart (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

HALSE, SOM. — On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Pike 1, K. E. Beale (cond.) 2, Miss F. M. Gadd 3, R. A. C. Cross 4, A. W. Knight 5, A. Smith 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. L. W. Walmsley, of Halse, and of Mrs. Kathrine Watson, of Ashdon, Essex.

HARROW-ON-THE-HILL, MIDDX. — On June 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Reed 1, Mrs. S. K. M. Baldwin 2, D. Carpenter 3, T. Norris 4, R. J. Moore 5, J. Southey 6, R. Baldwin (cond.) 7, C. W. Simpson 8. To start the 875th Anniversary Festival Week. Also on Sept. 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Barbara G. Dale 1, Mrs. E. Norris 2, Jill A. Laud 3, C. W. Simpson 4, S. Laud 5, L. J. North 6, J. Southey (cond.) 7, T. Norris 8.

OBITUARY

HENRY O. BAKER

With the sudden death on September 14th of Henry O. Baker the Chester Guild suffered the loss of a general secretary who had thrown himself wholeheartedly into the work from the moment he took over from the Rev. John Kingdon in 1958 as a stop-gap until the next annual meeting.

His name first appears in the Guild records in 1946 for his early ringing career was in the neighbouring county of Shropshire, where he was a member of the Bridgnorth band, who made something of a name for themselves for enterprise. He soon became associated with the West Cheshire band, under the late J. C. E. Simpson, and took part in several firsts for the Guild. He took part in the record peal of 21,600 Bristol at Over on November 4th, 1950, and followed this in 1951 by taking part in 15,480 Cambridge Surprise Royal at Worsley, the only peal of over 10,000 which J. C. E. Simpson ever rang. He took part in many of the joint efforts of East and West Cheshire and in particular ringing tours in various parts of the country. His long association with the farming community had given him a fund of stories which livened many a long journey or lessened the tension the evening before an important event.

When the Rev. John Kingdon took over the living of St. Mary-within-the-Walls, Chester, and soon afterwards the general secretaryship of the Guild, Harry assisted him in many ways. They delved into composition together and produced some unorthodox compositions, some of which Harry called. When in 1958 Rev. John Kingdon decided to retire rather suddenly, the Guild was faced with the prospect of having to appoint a caretaker general secretary for six months, but Mr. Kingdon had foreseen this and had prepared Harry for the job, and it is true to say that the changeover was never felt. At the next annual meeting he was overwhelmingly voted into office, despite the fact that it was almost traditional that the general secretary be a clergyman. From then onwards he worked unceasingly for the good of the Guild and Exercise, and when soon afterwards his health prevented him from taking part in active ringing he devoted himself even more to the organisation of the Guild.

In 1964 the annual meeting decided to guarantee £1,000 to the authorities at Chester Cathedral towards the restoration of the bells. This became his special task and he worked at it until finally a meeting was held with the Dean to discuss the matter. It was then left to the Guild to provide information and lists, and these were all got together by him. By this time, however, it had been decided that a much bigger scheme would be launched in connection with the Cathedral with the bells as an important part. He had repeated meetings with the Dean and eventually the scheme which was announced was devised. By this time the majority of the money promised had been subscribed and he was indeed proud to hand a cheque for £1,000 to the Dean early this year, as the Diocesan Guild's contribution to the Restoration Fund. He had already begun to train ringers for the new bells and to gather funds for the proper furnishing of the ringing room. It is hoped that work on the tower will not be long delayed, but the Guild must ensure that the determination and enthusiasm which he showed is carried on and the scheme brought to fruition at the earliest possible moment. We owe that to his memory.

He was always a modest man whose aim was to serve the Guild and the Exercise, and we shall all miss those little reminders of things outstanding which he used to send to keep everyone up to scratch. He rang 396 peals, of which 178 were for the Chester Guild; but the list is not at present available for analysis, but when it is it will be seen that they covered a wide field from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Maximus. To his widow and daughter and son-in-law we offer our sincere sympathy, and we have suffered a grievous loss for we shall find it hard to find someone to take his place.

C. K. L.

MR. W. A. JOHNSON

Mayfield, Derbyshire, has lost a keen churchman and enthusiastic ringer by the death, following a road accident on September 18th, of Mr. William Arthur ("Billy") Johnson, aged 27 years.

He was introduced to bellringing in 1965 by his fiancée, Miss Sheila Massey, and they were the first members of the new Mayfield band trained under "the two Joes". In 1966 Billy became vice-captain of the tower, and at the time of his death was involved in planning a belfry overhaul. This project is to be speeded by the Billy Johnson Memorial Fund, which now exceeds £280, a tribute to the affection and respect with which he and his family are held.

His widow shares her bereavement with a six-month-old baby. After only two Sundays' absence Sheila was back in the belfry and her determination to carry on ringing and take her husband's place as instructor has produced a much-needed rallying point for the band, writes D. L. C.

MRS. DOROTHY M. BOULTON.

A staunch church worker all her life, Mrs. D. M. Boulton, who died on October 14th at the age of 74, was the daughter of the late Canon E. J. Atkins, rector for 39 years of Isham, Kettering, and sister of the late Mr. E. Maurice Atkins.

Owing to ill-health she was forced to make an early retirement from active ringing, but she was proud to have taken part in the first Ladies' Guild peal in 1922 for the Northamptonshire Branch of that Association, and of which she was at one time the president.

An officers peal of Grandsire Caters was rung by the Sussex County Association before their annual dinner on October 18th. No doubt the team did full justice to the repast which awaited them at the conclusion.

BELFRY GOSSIP

A quarter peal was rung at Holkham, Norfolk, by the light of hurricane lamps.

Marlborough Grammar School pupils rang a quarter peal at East Kennett on October 24th for United Nations' Day.

A Life Member of Manchester University Guild, Mr. C. M. Movley, was married on September 6th and a peal in honour of the occasion was rung at Salford.

Crèche Suggested.—So many babies were in evidence at the South Eastern Essex District meeting at Boreham on November 1st that the secretary is considering setting up a nursery for subsequent meetings!

A tribute to three Southwell Guild ringers—Frederick J. Milner, Geo. E. Foster and Clarence Briggs — who passed away during the year, was the reason for the peal at North Muskham.

A figure always recognised at the British Legion Remembrance Day Festival at the Albert Hall, London, and televised each year, is the Rt. Rev. Leonard Wilson, Bishop of Birmingham. For his retirement a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus was rung on October 9th at the Cathedral Church of St. Philip, Birmingham.

A Doubles Evening was enjoyed by the Northern District of the Herts County Association on November 1st, when three 5-bell towers were visited, viz.: Upper Gravenhurst (in Bedfordshire), Meppershall and Pirton (anti-clockwise ring).

The Post Office is much abused at times, but when eight of their engineers scored a peal of Plain Bob Royal on October 11th the letter containing the report reached our office 24 hours after posting. Preferential treatment (?).

The Annual Peal attempt at Worcester Cathedral will take place on Saturday, November 15th, at 12.30 p.m. Ringers from the Cathedral and Worcester Association will comprise the band and the method will be Stedman Cinques.

A ringer whose name has frequently appeared in the peal columns this year is Michael Church, of Yorktown, Surrey. He conducted his first on eight last December 30th and since that date has rung 56 peals and conducted 31, the last 20, as he says, "on the trot".

Preferment.—The Rev. Giles C. Galley, who is senior curate at Leeds parish church, has been appointed Vicar of St. Michael and All Angels', North Hull.

Mr. A. S. ("Tim") Watts writes denying that he is ringing master at Inverness. Those wishing to ring there should contact the Provost or Mr. Geoff Short, 24, Grigor Drive, Inverness.

The Captain of the Christchurch Priory (Hampshire) band is Mr. Gerald Scragg and not Mr. Arthur V. Davis as was reported in Belfry Gossip on October 24th.

Mr. William Simmonds, of Babbacombe, Devon, claims that in 1950 he gave the title "pilgrims" to Mr. Cecil Pipe's tour by heading his report to "The Ringing World" "Pipe's Pilgrims Go West".

A Farewell quarter peal was rung at Droxford for the Rev. T. G. Strangeways, who recently retired from St. Mary and All Saints' Church. The performance was the first on the bells since augmentation to six by John Taylor and Co., and ringing her first quarter peal was Miss Mary Allcard, steeplekeeper and secretary to the local band.

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VICAR'S THREAT TO VILLAGE

The eight bells at Tarleton, the market gardening village near Southport, have been silent for over a year, and the Vicar (Rev. W. Riley) has warned the village that he will sell the bells unless they are rung.

The Vicar said to "The Liverpool Echo": "These bells were bought by public subscription 40 years ago. It is a sad sign of the times that now we have no one in the village to ring them.

"I have been vicar here for six years and the number of bellringers has been steadily dwindling. They are spending all their time on Sundays in their greenhouses.

"The bells are the finest in Lancashire and have just been going to waste. So I said that I would sell them. The money would have gone to church funds. But a number of the old bellringers have said they would try and raise a team by Christmas, and so I will give the bells a reprieve."

LEICESTERSHIRE DIAMOND WEDDING

Ringers from all over Leicestershire and beyond send their congratulations to Mr. Arthur William Ward and his wife, May, of Bottesford, on their diamond wedding anniversary on October 26th. Both are 85 years of age.

Mr. Ward has a record of over 60 years' service at Bottesford parish church, of which he was ringing master for many years. He was also a member of the old Midland Counties Association, the Framland Society and the Leicester Diocesan Guild, and has to his credit peals rung for the Framland Society and the Leicester Guild.

He joined the railway service in 1905 and served as a lengthsman and later ganger on the Bottesford length. During the First World War he saw service in Egypt, the Dardanelles and Salonica with the R.A.S.C.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

The autumn meeting of the Witney and Woodstock Branch took place at Northleigh on October 25th. The service was conducted by Rev. C. T. S. Burne and ringing was at Stonesfield and Northleigh, with Combe in the evening.

Tea was in the Village Hall, and at the meeting members stood in memory of Mr. Bert Costar. The secretary gave brief reports on the various meetings he had attended and he concluded with an assurance that no tower would be forgotten.

Six new members were elected and certificates were presented to two others elected at the previous meeting. It was agreed to send £1 1s. to the T. W. White Testimonial Fund. E. R. V.

DISBANDMENT SUGGESTION OF J.C.Y.R.S.

The main item discussed at the 100th meeting of the Halifax Archdeaconry Guild held at Lindley on November 1st was the report of the Joint Council of Yorkshire Ringing Societies held on October 18th. The statement drawn up by the Guild's committee, strongly disapproving of the disbanding of the Council, was finally passed and is to be forwarded to the Council's secretary.

Methods rung at the meeting included Cambridge and London Surprise and Violet T.B. Minor. D. G.

A DEVIZES RETIREMENT

Mr. Alexander T. Weeks, who will be 65 this month, has just retired from the staff of Wadworth Brewery, Devizes, having joined the company in 1920. He has been ringing at Southbroom since 1925 and captain of the tower since 1940. He has a long connection with the Devizes Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild and his many friends wish him years of happiness in his retirement. Another office he holds is that of Sacristan of St. James' Church, Southbroom, which he has already held for 43 years.

SIDCUP'S AUGMENTATION SCHEME

This year the annual meeting of the Lewisham District was held at SS. Peter and Paul Church, Bromley. During the business meeting, at which Mr. John Smith presided, all the officers were re-elected, with the exception of Mr. Chris Mundy, who becomes the new assistant ringing master. Five new members were elected from Hayes, Lewisham and Sidcup towers.

In reviewing the success of the recent annual dinner, Mr. Paul Smith thanked the Lewisham District for their support and said that he hoped that they would not allow the Association dinner to become a local event in the district in which it was held.

Mr. Tony Lewis, captain of Sidcup tower, drew attention to an appeal for £3,000 which was needed to recast and augment Sidcup's six bells to a ring of eight. Already the band had raised over £250 from a sponsored walk. They were congratulated on the result of his, the first of their fund-raising activities.

Votes of thanks were made to the Rev. P. H. E. Goodrich for the use of the bells and for conducting the service; also to Mr. Kingston for playing the piano in the absence of the organist; to the local band for preparing tea, and to Mr. J. Smith for taking the chair at the meeting.

ARLESEY BELLRINGER WEDS

Miss Verna Rix, only daughter of Cllr. Ernest Rix, chairman of Arlesey, Beds, parish council, and of Mrs. Doreen Rix, J.P., a member of the Biggleswade Bench of magistrates, married Mr. John Stuart Harrison Bull, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Bull, 87, High Street, Arlesey, Beds, at Arlesey parish church on October 18th.

The bridegroom is a metal fabricator, and the bride, who is a secretary, is a member of the ICL ladies' hockey team and a member of the Arlesey parish church bellringing band. The couple met while at school.

The Rev. G. E. Adams (vicar) officiated and the reception was at Stotfold Memorial Hall.

MR. G. E. FEARN'S TOUR OF DEVON

ALL PEALS RUNG FOR
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

CHITTLEHAMPTON, Devon.—At the Church of St. Hieritha.
On Sat., Sept. 27, 1969, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 15 lb. in F sharp.

R. Kingsley Mason	Treble	*Norman J. Goodman ..	5
Maurice F. Edwards ..	2	Terry R. Hampton	6
Clifford Skidmore	3	Frank E. Darby	7
*J. Alan Ainsworth	4	Clifford A. Barron	Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. Law James. Conducted by Clifford A. Barron.
* 250th peal together.

HIGH BICKINGTON, Devon.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., Sept. 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in A flat.

Jack L. Millhouse	Treble	Norman J. Goodman ..	5
Maurice F. Edwards ..	2	Terry R. Hampton	6
J. Alan Ainsworth	3	R. Kingsley Mason	7
Clifford A. Barron	4	George E. Fearn	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

ILFRACOMBE, Devon.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Mon., Sept. 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 20 lb. in G.

Clifford Skidmore	Treble	Norman J. Goodman ..	5
Jack L. Millhouse	2	George E. Fearn	6
J. Alan Ainsworth	3	R. Kingsley Mason	7
Frank E. Darby	4	Clifford A. Barron	Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by Clifford A. Barron.

BIDEFORD, Devon.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Tues., Sept. 30, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in E.

Jack L. Millhouse	Treble	Terry R. Hampton	5
Frank E. Darby	2	George E. Fearn	6
Clifford Skidmore	3	J. Alan Ainsworth	7
Maurice F. Edwards ..	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.

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GREAT TORRINGTON, Devon.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Wed., Oct. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

Jack L. Millhouse	Treble	George E. Fearn	5
R. Kingsley Mason	2	Terry R. Hampton	6
Maurice F. Edwards	3	J. Alan Ainsworth	7
Norman J. Goodman ..	4	Clifford A. Barron	Tenor

Composed by Simon Humphrey. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

GEORGEHAM, Devon.—At the Church of St. George.
On Thurs., Oct. 2, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

Jack L. Millhouse	Treble	Terry R. Hampton	5
R. Kingsley Mason	2	Norman J. Goodman ..	6
Clifford Skidmore	3	John A. Anderson	7
Frank E. Darby	4	George E. Fearn	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

NORTHAM, Devon.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Fri., Oct. 3, 1969, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 25 lb. in F sharp.

Jack L. Millhouse	Treble	Terry R. Hampton	5
Frank E. Darby	2	R. Kingsley Mason	6
Clifford Skidmore	3	George E. Fearn	7
Maurice F. Edwards ..	4	John A. Anderson	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

APPLEDORE, Devon.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Fri., Oct. 3, 1969, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

John A. Anderson	Treble	Norman J. Goodman ..	5
Jack L. Millhouse	2	Terry R. Hampton	6
Clifford Skidmore	3	Maurice F. Edwards	7
Frank E. Darby	4	George E. Fearn	Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. Speed. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

OTHER TOWER BELL PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SAMPFORD ARUNDEL, Som.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Tues., Sept. 23, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three methods in seven extents as follows: Plain Bob, Oxford T.B., Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford T.B., Plain Bob, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob Tenor 8 cwt. in G sharp.

Mervyn R. Arscott	Treble	Keith E. Beale	4
Mrs. M. Ann Durbin ..	2	Peter J. Kingscote	5
*Andrew D. Kingscote ..	3	Keith E. Beale	Tenor

Conducted by Keith E. Beale.
* First peal, first attempt.

THURLOXTON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Mon., Sept. 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES
Being 42 extents, 15 different callings. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 lb. in B flat.

Mervyn R. Arscott	Treble	John Cornelius	3
Mervyn A. Arscott	2	Keith E. Beale	4

Rodney A. C. Cross .. .. Tenor
Conducted by Keith E. Beale.
First peal of Stedman by all the band.

ASH PRIORS, Somerset.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Tues., Sept. 30, 1969, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 22 extents and 10 240's. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in G.

*John Cornelius	Treble	Rodney A. C. Cross ..	4
Keith E. Beale	2	*Mervyn A. Arscott	5
†Frances M. Gadd	3	Mervyn R. Arscott	Tenor

Conducted by Keith E. Beale.
* First peal of Grandsire Doubles. † First peal, first attempt.

THE BRISTOL SOCIETY.

BRISTOL.—At the Cathedral Church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity.
On Tues., Oct. 7, 1969, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 lb. in E flat.

Bruce Martin	Treble	‡§Anthony J. Cox	5
*Heather A. Kippin	2	†¶Michael J. Hobbs	6
†James R. Taylor	3	Paul A. Williams	7
D. John Hunt	4	Robert C. Kippin	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by D. John Hunt.
* First peal of Bristol. † 100th peal together. ‡ 100th peal. § First of Bristol "inside." ¶ First of Major in method

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

CAMBRIDGE.—At the Church of St. Andrew the Great.
On Sat., Oct 11, 1969, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in G.

*A. S. Marland (Trinity)	Treble	D. Barton (Selwyn)	5
A. T. Winter (Christ's)	2	†R. A. G. Inglis (Selwyn)	6
B. R. M. Johnson (Jesus)	3	R. L. Underwood (P'house)	7
J. R. N. Lebon (Selwyn)	4	V. Nutton (Selwyn)	Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Richard A. G. Inglis.
* First peal of Surprise.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WORSLEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mark.
On Sat., Oct. 11, 1969, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 24 cwt. 7 lb. in D.

Michael D. Fishwick	Treble	David Howarth	6
Richard Starkie	2	Gerald Moorhouse	7
Bernard F. L. Groves	3	Alan F. Scholfield	8
C. Kenneth Lewis	4	Robert B. Smith	9
*Harry Stacey	5	M. Jack Pryor	Tenor

Composed by Robert B. Smith. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
* First peal of Caters in the method.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Wed., Oct. 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in F.

Bernard F. L. Groves	Treble	Basil Jones	5
Alan F. Scholfield	2	Michael Foulds	6
*Ronald F. Andrew	3	William H. Dowse	7
Brian S. B. Kear	4	†Robert B. Smith	Tenor

Conducted by Alan F. Scholfield.
* First peal of Surprise "inside." † 500th for the Guild. The conductor has now "circled the tower" to peals.

MANCHESTER, Lancashire.—At the Emmanuel Unitarian Church, Brookfield, Gorton.
On Sat., Oct. 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. in F sharp.

Stuart I. Bamforth	Treble	Brian S. B. Kear	5
Michael Foulds	2	Alan F. Scholfield	6
C. Kenneth Lewis	3	Robert B. Smith	7
Peter Broadbent	4	Basil Jones	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Stuart I. Bamforth.
First peal as conductor.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DERBY.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Oct 11, 1969, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 KEDLESTON SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 19 cwt. 1 lb. in D flat.

Sheila M. Anthony	Treble	David W. Parkin	6
Ruth M. Foreman	2	Thomas J. Lock	7
Rev. Fred Ross	3	David W. Friend	8
Gordon A. Halls	4	Denis R. Carlisle	9
Eric Edmondson	5	Gerald Penney	Tenor

Arranged by Anthony R. Carter. Conducted by Gerald Penney.
First peal in the method.

KEDLESTON SURPRISE ROYAL
—30—14—50—16—1270—38—36—70.58.34.16.90. B. cps.

SAWLEY, Derbyshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Thurs., Oct. 16, 1969, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, comprising 1,312 Bristol, 1,280 each of London, Cambridge and Superlative, with 112 changes of method and all the work of all the bells for each method.
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in G.

Dennis R. Carlisle	Treble	Geoffrey Bridges	5
*Michael J. Fellows	2	Rev. Frederick Ross	6
†Robert Chambers	3	Gordon A. Halls	7
Brian A. Tomlinson	4	David W. Friend	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.
* 550th peal. † First peal of spliced.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BRAINTREE, Essex.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Oct. 11, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt. in F sharp.

Colin H. Gillingham	Treble	Richard W. H. Housden	5
Jennifer M. Millbank	2	John A. Warner	6
Yvonne A. Murray	3	Keith W. Brown	7
Robert J. Lindsell	4	James L. Towler	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by James L. Towler.
Rung for the dedication by the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford, the Rt. Rev. J. G. Tiarks, of St. Paul's Church, Braintree.

SHRUB END, Colchester.—At the Church of All Saints and St. Cedd.
On Sat., Oct. 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 15 methods in seven extents as follows: (1) Norwich Surprise, (2) London Surprise, (3) Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise, (4) St. Clement's, Childwall, Buxton, Double Oxford, Thelwall and Pinehurst Bob, (5) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (6) Oxford, Plain and Double Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 4½ cwt.

David Cobb	Treble	Brian J. Vaughan	4
Neil V. Avis	2	Frank B. Lufkin	5
Bernard W. Fairhead	3	Walter Arnold	Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
Rung to celebrate the wedding of Josephine A. Quilter and Peter G. Brown.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BERKELEY, Glos.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Oct. 18, 1969, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB CATERS
Tenor 24 cwt. 16 lb. in E flat.

Ivor Goulter	Treble	*David Huddleston	6
*Keith W. Scudamore	2	*David A. Whetton	7
Peter Clarkson	3	Frank G. Bloomfield	8
S. Keith Williamson	4	†Dennis A. Chapman	9
Richard W. Sweet	5	Henry Taysom	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Dennis A. Chapman.
* First peal on ten bells. † 200th peal. First in the method by all except the ringer of the eighth.

STANDISH, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Oct. 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in F sharp.

Peter Clarkson	Treble	S. Barnaby Bell	4
Derek Williams	2	*Leonard Edwards	5
Ivor Goulter	3	Peter Gould	Tenor

Conducted by Peter Gould.
* First peal of Plain Bob Minor.
Rung for the dedication of the new vestry.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ALDERMASTON, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Wed., Oct. 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 11 methods, comprising 576 each of Cambridge, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire, 448 of Bristol and 384 each of Ashtead, Cassiobury, Lincolnshire, London, Rutland and Uxbridge, with 124 changes of method. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in G.

Reginald W. Rex	Treble	Stanley G. Ponting	5
W. John Couperthwaite	2	*Geoffrey K. Dodd	6
Rowan S. Bradley	3	Michael J. Church	7
Beryl R. Simpson	4	Tom Page	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Michael J. Church.
* First peal of 11-Spliced Surprise Major.

YORKTOWN, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Oct. 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 14 methods, comprising 448 changes each of Bristol, Cambridge, Cassiobury, Ipswich, Lincolnshire, London, Rutland, Uxbridge and Yorkshire and 224 changes each of Ashtead, Cornwall, Lindum, Pudsey and Superlative, with 139 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in F.

Anita D. O'Brien	Treble	W. John Couperthwaite	5
Beryl R. Simpson	2	Anthony R. Peake	6
Alan D. Elsmore	3	Michael J. Church	7
Rowan S. Bradley	4	*Robert C. Kippin	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Michael J. Church.
* First peal of 14-Spliced Surprise Major The greatest number of methods yet rung to an "all the work" peal for the Guild.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

LEOMINSTER, Herefordshire.—At the Church of SS Peter & Paul.
On Sat., Oct. 18, 1969, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qr. in E flat.

Valerie M. Edge	Treble	John F. I. Turney	6
Elizabeth Stevens	2	Norman R. Hattingley	7
Peter Wycherley	3	George T. Cousins	8
Frederick A. Harris	4	Adrian Sempkin	9
Richard C. Stevens	5	Robert A. Hatcher	Tenor

Composed by Charles H. Kippin. Conducted by Richard C. Stevens.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, Herts.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Oct. 11, 1969, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. in E flat.

*Douglas Hutley	Treble	*Peter Warboys	5
*Peter Glazebrook	2	*Albert Richardson	6
*Kenneth Westwood	3	Richard Prime	7
Leonard Luck	4	Walter Hunt	Tenor

Composed by J. E. Burton. Conducted by Walter Hunt.
* First peal of Major.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BROMLEY COMMON, Kent.—At the Church of St. Luke.
On Thurs., Oct. 9, 1969, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's 12-part. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in F.

Keith G. Game	Treble	Jennifer A. Dunning	5
Arthur G. Mason	2	David A. Town	6
Dorothea Robotham	3	John Pladdys	7
Kenneth J. Rider	4	Edward J. Adams	Tenor

Conducted by John Pladdys.

CITY OF LONDON, E.C.—At the Church of St. Vedast, Foster Lane.
On Wed., Oct. 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Oxford T.B., Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Kent T.B., Cambridge, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in F.

Keith G. Game	Treble	David A. Town	4
Michael J. Uphill	2	Alan D. Flood	5
*Kenneth J. Rider	3	John Pladdys	Tenor

Conducted by John Pladdys.

* 50th peal.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

FARNWORTH-WITH-KEARSLEY, Lancs.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist.
On Wed., Oct. 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's 12-part. (7th obs.). Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in G.

Thomas Hobson	Treble	Joseph Thornley	5
Norman Tompkins	2	Frederick W. Brownlow	6
Albert Greenhalgh	3	John Ashcroft	7
Arnold Critchley	4	Harold Worrall	Tenor

Conducted by John Ashcroft.

Rung to welcome the new Vicar, the Rev. H. Ogden, A.K.C., inducted on October 3rd.

BARBON, Westmorland.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.
On Sat., Oct. 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINIMUS

Being 30 extents each of Double Court, Rev. Bob, Double Bob, Rev. Court, Single Court, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob, with 41 changes of method. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in A.

William L. Richmond	Treble	Kevin M. Price	3
Joseph Whalley	2	Alan Capstick	Tenor

Conducted by Kevin M. Price.

First peal in seven Minimus methods by all the band, on the bells and for the Association.

Rung for the harvest thanksgiving and in memory of Mr. Benjamin Shaw, verger and ringer for many years at Kirkby Lonsdale, who died recently.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Sat., Oct. 11, 1969, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

G. Ronald Edwards	Treble	K. Paul Gilliver	5
Monica M. Jelley	2	R. Brian Mills	6
Martin Green	3	John M. Jelley	7
Christine L. J. Mills	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Sat., Oct. 11, 1969, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 COBHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

G. Ronald Edwards	Treble	Martin Green	5
Christine L. J. Mills	2	R. Brian Mills	6
Monica M. Jelley	3	John M. Jelley	7
K. Paul Gilliver	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by John M. Jelley.

First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

BICKER, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Swithin.
On Wed., Oct. 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

*David Fensom	Treble	*Michael Belcher	5
William B. Dawson	2	Philip H. Reynolds	6
Harold Barsley	3	Roy Stephenson	7
William E. Clarke	4	Robert Howard	Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker. Conducted by Philip H. Reynolds.

* First peal of Triples.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Ernest H. Daft, verger at the above church. Tenor 8 cwt.

SAXILBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Botolph.
On Sat., Aug. 2, 1969, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In seven methods, being eight extents each of Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, St. Simon and St. Martin, four extents each of Winchendon, St. Nicholas and Plain Bob and six extents of Grandsire.
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in F.

*Grace East	Treble	John M. Blaikie	4
Pamela A. Crosby	2	H. Walter Cox	5
Dudley Surman	3	*H. Alwyn Cox	Tenor

Conducted by John M. Blaikie.

* First peal. First as conductor.

First peal by a team composed entirely of members of the local Sunday service band.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

RADYR, Cardiff, Glamorgan.—At Christ Church.
On Sat., Sept. 27, 1969, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's variation. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

Christopher Hughes	Treble	Stephen Fenwick	5
Paul A. Williams	2	Alexander E. Marsh	6
Trevor T. Lewis	3	J. Michael Lakin	7
Rev. G. J. B. Stickland	4	Tudor P. Edwards	Tenor

Conducted by J. Michael Lakin.

Rung as a wedding compliment to a local ringer and a farewell to Alec Marsh, who is moving back to Pudsey, Yorkshire.

MACHEN, Monmouthshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Mon., Oct. 6, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Being 640 of Bristol, 768 London and Rutland, 576 of Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 142 changes of method. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

*Michael Pilgrim	Treble	*Stephen Fenwick	5
*Nicholas W. H. Simon	2	Peter S. Bennett	6
Paul A. Williams	3	*Christopher J. Hughes	7
*David J. Llewellyn	4	J. Michael Lakin	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by J. Michael Lakin.

* Most methods to a peal of Surprise Major. First of 8-spliced for the Association by a resident band

THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.

SALFORD, Lancashire.—At the Church of the Sacred Trinity.
On Sat., Oct. 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

Geoffrey L. Foat	Treble	Christopher L. D. Munday	5
Lynda M. Deebank	2	*William M. Taylor	6
Margaret L. Ellwood	3	Marcus C. W. Sherwood	7
*Hamish M. McNaughton	4	Paul Reading	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Marcus C. W. Sherwood.

* First peal in the method on eight bells. 50th peal as conductor.

Rung with the best wishes of the Guild to Christopher M. Movley, a life member, and Jane E. Colley, who were married on September 6th, 1969.

SALFORD, Lancashire.—At the Church of the Sacred Trinity.
On Sat., Oct. 11, 1969, in 2 Hours and 49¼ Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Original. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

Hamish M. McNaughton	Treble	†William M. Taylor	5
*Rosemary K. Gates	2	Marcus C. W. Sherwood	6
†Patricia James	3	Christopher L. D. Munday	7
‡Margaret L. Ellwood	4	§Roy E. Taylor	Tenor

Conducted by Marcus C. W. Sherwood.

* First peal "inside" and of Triples. † First in the method. ‡ First in the method "inside." § First peal.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

THATCHAM, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Wed., Oct. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 23 lb. in F.

William Butler	Treble	Reginald W. Rex	5
Ronald C. Christopher	2	‡Alan D. Edens	6
*Jennifer Barker	3	Henry Lawrenson	7
†Anita O'Brien	4	Anthony R. Peake	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by William Butler.

* First peal of Major. † First of Plain Bob Major. ‡ First of Major "inside." The ringers of the treble and second have now "circled the tower" to peals.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. Stanley Cornish, inducted as Vicar the previous day.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BLEWBURY, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Michael & All Angels. On Sat., Oct. 11, 1969, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's transposition. Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. in E.

Mary Wells	Treble	Harry E. Wells	5
Harold W. Dunsden	2	*Rev. David J. Stoter	6
James P. Blond	3	Robert B. Blond	7
Claude Corderoy	4	Peter E. Corderoy	Tenor

Conducted by Robert B. Blond.

* First peal of Stedman Triples.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

EASTON NESTON, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary. On Sat., Oct. 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 QUETHIOCK SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in G.

Barry E. Saunders	Treble	Stanley M. Ruddlesden	5
Alan A. Paul	2	James Linnell	6
Raymond A. Vickers	3	Graham C. Paul	7
Christopher C. Stokes	4	George W. Holland	Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Graham C. Paul.

First peal in the method.

QUETHIOCK SURPRISE MAJOR

—58—,14,—56—,16,—14—,58,14—14,58 1.h. 12 4263857. Bob 14.

DAVENTRY, Northants.—At the Church of the Holy Cross. On Sun., Oct. 12, 1969, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt 3 qr. 9 lb. in E flat.

Eric Billings	Treble	Graham C. Paul	5
Barry E. Saunders	2	Malcolm J. V. Chown	6
Richard F. B. Speed	3	Alan A. Paul	7
Vernon Bedford	4	Patrick I. Chapman	Tenor

Composed by Ian M. Holland. Conducted by Graham C. Paul.

PETERBOROUGH.—At the Church of St. Mary. On Thurs., Sept. 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in ten methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge Surprise (2) Norwich Surprise, (3) Kent and Oxford T.B., (4) Double Oxford and St. Clement's Bob, (5) Double Court Bob, (6) Single Court Bob, (7) Single Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb.

Gilbert F. Cowlin	Treble	R. Bill Smith	4
P. Ann Smith	2	Roy W. Spencer	5
Frank Sismey	3	Geoffrey Davis	Tenor

Conducted by Roy W. Spencer.

First peal in ten methods by all the band.

Rung on the 60th anniversary of the first peal rung for the Peterborough and District Association on these bells.

BRAUNSTON, Rutland.—At the Church of All Saints. On Sat., Oct. 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 25 lb. in G.

Lionel Atton	Treble	Gerald W. Reynolds	4
J. Charles Hudson	2	*John G. Beadman	5
J. Alan Ellis	3	Christopher J. Groome	Tenor

Conducted by Christopher J. Groome.

* First peal attempt. First peal on the bells.

Rung by members of the Rutland Branch in memory of Ronald Russell, Branch member and friend of the Braunston ringers, who died on October 4th, 1968, one day before the dedication of two extra bells, at which he was to have been present.

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

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral of St. Philip. On Thurs., Oct. 9, 1969, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 31 cwt 21 lb. in D.

John N. Lindon	Treble	Stephen W. Barton	7
Muriel Reay	2	Terry R. Hampton	8
Norman J. Goodman	3	George E. Fearn	9
Roderick W. Pipe	4	Clifford A. Barron	10
Maurice F. Edwards	5	James W. Belshaw	11
James Insley	6	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Peter Border.

Rung as a farewell to the Bishop of Birmingham, the Rt. Rev. Leonard Wilson.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

CATTISTOCK, Dorset.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul. On Sat., Oct. 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

Melvyn J. Hiller	Treble	Graham W. Elmes	5
Mary E. Elmes	2	David Wilson	6
Katharine J. Maundrell	3	Frederick E. Collins	7
Timothy F. Collins	4	Ronald N. Marlow	Tenor

Composed by G. H. Cross. Conducted by Timothy F. Collins.

First peal in the method as conductor.

Rung as a farewell to the Rector, the Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

LICHFIELD, Staffs.—At the Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Chad. On Sat., Sept 27, 1969, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 31 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in D.

*Margaret Ellwood	Treble	Gerald Bowen	6
Marlene E. Townsend	2	*Cyril T. Collins	7
Penelope Sedgwick	3	Barnabas G. Key	8
Lucy Smith	4	Edmund Malin	9
Jeffrey B. Webb	5	Leslie Monk	Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters

Rung on the occasion of the retirement of the Dean of Lichfield, the Very Rev. W. S. Macpherson

BILSTON, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Leonard. On Tues., Sept. 30, 1969, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Being 1,344 Rutland, 1,248 each Cambridge, Lincolnshire and Yorkshire, with 90 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 10½ cwt. (approx.) in F sharp.

Clive M Smith	Treble	Richard B. Dorrington	5
Edward R. Fairbrother	2	David J. Bates	6
*Remi M. Hodister	3	Robert A. Partridge	7
Ian Friend	4	Philip G. K. Davies	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Philip G. K. Davies.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

BLYTHBURGH, Suffolk.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity. On Sat., Sept. 27, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being one 240 (Pitman's) and 40 extents (10 callings).

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

*David C. Ely	Treble	Thomas J. Brock	4
Ralph W. Bickers	2	Michael J Parker	5
*†Fredrick R. Wade	3	A. Harry Archer	Tenor

Conducted by Michael J. Parker.

* First peal of Grandsire Douoles. † First peal for over 30 years.

Rung as a birthday compliment to A. Harry Archer.

WENHASTON, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Peter. On Sun., Oct. 12, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B. and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 6 lb. in F sharp.

Katharine M. Thorley	Treble	C. Jack Gibson	4
Stephen J. Bedford	2	J. Martin Thorley	5
Norman P. J. Cossey	3	J. Barry Pickup	Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley

Rung as a birthday compliment to C. Jack Gibson and J. Martin Thorley.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

BEDDINGTON, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary. On Sat., Oct. 11, 1969, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5081 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in E flat.

Kathleen E. Chilcott	Treble	John W T. Hibbert	6
Jill R. Parsons	2	David E. Parsons	7
Patricia E. Hibbert	3	*A. Leonard Bance	8
William T. Cook	4	Roger F. Overington	9
Joyce A. Parsons	5	Michael V. Chilcott	Tenor

Composed by M. V. Chilcott. Conducted by David E. Parsons.

* First peal in the method.

BARNES, London, S.W.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin On Sun., Oct 5, 1969, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt 2 qr. 20 lb. in G.

*Lesley A. Warwick	Treble	Brian C. Watson	5
Dorothea Robotham	2	Peter G. Holden	6
John R. Ketteringham	3	Frank Reed	7
Alan D. Flood	4	Geoffrey Bridges	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton Conducted by Geoffrey Bridges.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

THAMES DITTON, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Nicholas. On Thurs., Oct. 16, 1969, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb. in G sharp.

*Ian Whitear	Treble	Graham J. N. Colborne	4
†Lesley A. Hawes	2	†Christopher D. Collin	5
*Anthea S. Bruce	3	Bernard J. Stone	Tenor

Conducted by Graham J. N. Colborne.

* First peal. † First of Minor.

Rung as a compliment to the Rev. Evan Pilkington, appointed chaplain to H.M. the Queen.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

BRIGHTON, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Nicholas of Myra.
On Sat., Oct. 18, 1969, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 18 cwt. 20 lb. in E.

Reginald V. Johnson (Master) .. .. Treble
Alber' W. Bond (Librarian) 2
George Francis (C.C. representative) 3
*Janet M. Percy (Committee member) 4
John R. Morris (Peal secretary) 5
Terence G. Williams (Div. Ringing Master) 6
*Thomas M. Barlow (Committee member) 7
Philip Stevens (Div Ringing Master) 8
Alan R. Baldock (General secretary) 9
†Robert W. R. Percy (C.C. representative) .. .. Tenor

Composed by Edgar C. Shepherd. Conducted by Alan R. Baldock.
* First peal of Caters. † First on ten bells. First on ten as conductor and 50th as conductor for the Association.
Rung by officers of the Associaton on the occasion of the Annual Dinner.

EASEBOURNE, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Tues., Oct. 14. 1969, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 21 lb. in G sharp.

*Christopher Renyard ..	Treble	E. Winifred Keys	5
Anne M. Stevens	2	Patrick M. Wills	6
Timothy D. W. Banner ..	3	Philip Stevens	7
Edgar R. Rapley	4	Frank H. Hicks	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Frank H. Hicks.
* First peal on eight bells.

(The University of Sussex Guild.)
BALCOMBE, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Oct. 18, 1969. in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 10 lb. in A.

Richard A. Birch	Treble	†Peter D. Hepburn	5
*Susan E. M. Davis	2	†Brian J. Read	6
Raymond J. Talbot	3	Malcolm S. Loveday ..	7
*David R. Cox	4	Robert H. Newton	Tenor

Composed by S. Humphrey. Conducted by Robert H. Newton.
* First peal in the method. † First of Surprise. First in the method by the Guild.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

SWANSEA, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Oct. 18, 1969, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in E.

John Chilcott	Treble	Gwyn I. Lewis	5
Edmund J. Morris	2	Trevor M. Roderick	6
William J. Thomas	3	Alwyn R. Lewis	7
Thomas T. Yeomans ..	4	John T. Williams	Tenor

Composed by F. H. Dexter. Conducted by John Chilcott.
Rung to mark Mr. John T. Williams' 50th year as a bellringer: also as a compliment to Canon Harry Williams, Vicar of Swansea, on his appointment as Archdeacon of Gower.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

TYWARDREATH, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Wed., Oct. 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in G sharp.

*Janet S. Evans	Treble	†Robert W. Humphries ..	4
Timothy J. Bell	2	Alan Carveth	5
Robert Peel Pearce ..	3	Anthony J. Davidson ..	Tenor

Conducted by Alan Carveth and Anthony J. Davidson.
* First peal of Minor. † First on six bells. First on the bells.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Janet Evans.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

PORTSMOUTH, Hants.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury.
On Sat., Oct. 18, 1969, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
No. 22. Tenor 25 cwt. in E flat.

Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay ..	Treble	Patrick Page	6
Daniel T. Matkin	2	John H. Hunt	7
Kathleen E. Fletcher ..	3	Alan A. J. Buswell	8
Betty J. Daysh	4	Edward W. Colley	9
William F. J. Cope	5	Arthur E. Hoodless	Tenor

Composed by M. J. Morris. Conducted by Daniel T. Matkin.

NORTH STONEHAM, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Tues., Oct. 14, 1969, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In eight methods in seven extents as follows: (1) Carlisle, (2) Durham, (3) York, (4) London, (5) Wells, (6) Surfleet and Beverley, (7) Cambridge. Tenor 3¾ cwt. in C sharp.

*Graham W. Elmes ..	Treble	*Mary E. Elmes	4
*Katharine J. Maundrell ..	2	Melvyn J. Hiller	5
*David Wilson	3	*Timothy F. Collins	Tenor

Conducted by Timothy F. Collins.
* Most Surprise Minor methods to a peal. 50th peal as conductor.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

EVESHAM, Worcestershire.—At The Bell Tower.
On Sat., Oct. 4, 1969, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 EVESHAM SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 35 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in C sharp.

Thomas W. Lewis	Treble	Stephen W. Barton	7
Geoffrey J. Hemming ..	2	R. Roger Savory	8
John R. Mayne	3	Gerald C. Hemming ..	9
Richard J. Tibbetts	4	David J. Purnell	10
James Insley	5	Peter Border	11
Roderick W. Pipe	6	J. Alan Ainsworth	Tenor

Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.
First peal of Evesham Surprise Maximus.

EVESHAM SURPRISE MAXIMUS
5T—16—127T—1238—149T—50—16—70—18—9T—10—9T.
l.h. 12 1573.

LONGNEY, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.
On Wed., Oct. 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 TUFFLEY SURPRISE MAJOR
29-course block reduced. Tenor 11 cwt.

*Roman Sadowski	Treble	Hugh Evans	5
Shirley M. Drew	2	Peter Wycherley	6
Valerie Willard	3	Adrian Semken	7
John Clements	4	Geoffrey R. Drew	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey R. Drew.
* First peal on eight bells. First in the method.

TUFFLEY SURPRISE MAJOR
—38—14—12—1238—14—38—12—78. l.e. 12. 15738264.

FECKENHAM, Worcs.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist
On Sat., Oct. 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in G.

Martin Powell	Treble	†Roger H. Hunt	5
*Leonard Mills	2	†Christopher Hims	6
Shirley M. Drew	3	Geoffrey R Drew	7
†Eric Styler	4	‡David M. Draper	Tenor

Composed by H. Hubbard. Conducted by Geoffrey R Drew.
* First peal "inside" in the method. † First in the method. ‡ First peal.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Caroline Danks, of the Feckenham band.

DEFFORD, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Wed. Oct 1. 1969, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINIMUS
Tenor 6 cwt. (approx.).

Valerie Willard	Treble	Hugh Evans	3
Peter S. Robertson	2	Geoffrey R. Drew	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey R. Drew.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

OSSETT, Yorkshire.—At the Church of the Holy & Undivided Trinity.
On Sat., Oct. 4, 1969, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 27 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in D.

David S. Lockwood	Treble	Robert Cater	6
Gail Cater	2	Michael Johnson	7
Margaret White	3	Eric Robinson	8
Rev. Nicholas Webb ..	4	Alan Clifton	9
Patricia North	5	Ian North	Tenor

Arranged by Ian North. Conducted by Patricia North.
The ringer of the treble has now "circled the tower" to peals.

(The Sheffield and District Society.)
RANMOOR, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. John.
On Sat., Oct. 11, 1969, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in F.

*Christopher Newton ..	Treble	Alec Beaumont	6
Iris M. E. Lemare	2	David Nichols	7
Neil Donovan	3	John J. L. Gilbert	8
Alan Clifton	4	Stuart Armeson	9
Patricia North	5	Ian North	Tenor

Composed by C. W Roberts. Conducted by Stuart Armeson.
* First peal on ten bells.

PATRINGTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Patrick.
On Thurs., Oct. 9, 1969, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 24 lb. in F sharp.

Stephen Thompson	Treble	Peter Church	5
John Ridley	2	Andrew Slade	6
Maris C. Stephenson	3	Michael Maughan	7
Robert Sheriff	4	John N. D. Chaddock ..	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by John N. D. Chaddock.

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BULL. — To Janet and Brian, a daughter, Christine, on November 2nd, 1969, at 55, Bingham Road, Radcliffe-on-Trent, Nottingham. 8104

ENGAGEMENT

MONSON—PRETTY. — The engagement is announced between Colin C. Monson, of Gateshead, Co. Durham, and Janet A Pretty, of Doddinghurst, Essex. 8089

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

SAM SCATTERGOOD. — Will all ringing friends please note my new home address is 42, Cobnar Drive, Newbold. Chesterfield, Derbys. Phone (daytime): Chest. 77411. 8088

The address of John H. Allen, treasurer of the Society of Change Ringers for the Archdeaconry of Stafford and treasurer of the Handbell Ringers of Great Britain, is now 2, Connaught House, The Vauxhalls, Wolverhampton, Staffs Telephone No. (unchanged) Wolverhampton 29106. 8123

PERSONAL

"Give and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together and running over."—St. Luke vi: 38.

MISCELLANEOUS

IT'S too early to start practising for that Christmas concert and those carolling rounds again. Ten well-known tune arrangements, for six ringers with 16 handbells, suitable for use indoors or out. 10s. 6d. post free, from T. Ogden, 119, Smallbrook Road, Shaw, Oldham. Lancs. 8099

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District. — The District secretary is now David P. Leworthy, 20 Marian Avenue, Minster, Isle of Sheppey, Kent. Telephone: Minster 2579. 8096

RINGWOOD, HANTS. — Owing to alterations in the times of services. Sunday ringing will now be 10.25 a.m. till 11 and 5.55 p.m. till 6.30. Practice, Wednesday, 7.30 p.m. till 9.15 as usual. 8092

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PRACTICE MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Practice meeting. Mark (8), Saturday, Nov. 22nd 5 p.m.—M Legg 8111

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South Eastern District.—District practice, Writtle, Thursday, Nov. 20th. 7.30 p.m. All welcome. — R. J. Harrison. Dis. Sec. 8100

SILSOE, BEDS. — From Nov 10th, until further notice, the weekly practice of the St. James' Guild will be held on Monday evenings. 8103

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Surprise Major practice, Shalford, Thursday, Nov. 20th, 7.45 p.m. Ealing, Spliced, London, Bristol, Cambridge, Superlative.—F. W. Housden. 8086

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Surprise Royal practice at St. Martin's, Epsom, Thursday, Nov. 20th, 8-9.30 p.m. Methods: Cambridge, Yorkshire, London 8113

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Surprise practice at Knebworth, Tuesday, Nov. 18th, from 7.30–9 p.m. —Mrs. C. A. Agg, Dis Sec. 8116

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Owing to unforeseen circumstances the November practice will be held on Monday, Nov. 24th, 7.30 p.m., at Coalpit Heath, near Bristol, and not on the 19th at Chippenham, as stated on the programme. All members and friends welcome.—B. J. 8098

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Practice meeting, Somerleyton, Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells (6) from 6.30 p.m.—N. C. 8038

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Surprise Royal/Major practice, Beccles, Wednesday, Nov. 19th, 6.30 p.m. Normal practice 8 p.m.—N. C 8037

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District. — Surprise Royal evening practice meeting, 7.30 p.m., Monday, Nov. 24th. Methods: Cambridge and Yorkshire. All welcome.—Maurice Thurmott, Ringing Master. 8121

MEETINGS

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Peak District. — Meeting, Ashford (6), Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m Names for tea to Mrs. I. Thorpe, Clematis. Greaves Lane, Ashford. Bakewell. Evening ringing at Great Longstone until 8 p.m.—T. Wylie, Dis. Sec. 8052

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Huntingdon District.—Meeting at Godmanchester, Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special methods: Oxford Bob Triples and Superlative Surprise Major. —M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 8072

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. —Meeting, Rochford (8), Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Further ringing after meeting Names for tea. please, to Mrs. S. Bedford. 150, Eastwood Old Road, Leigh-on-Sea. Essex 8003

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch. —Annual general meeting, Charlton Kings (8), Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 Tea 5. Meeting 5.30. Ringing after meeting to 7.30 p.m. 8119

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District. — Nomination meeting at Shalford. Nov. 15th Bells 3. Service 4.30. Names for tea, please. to Mr. J. Horsman, 107, Tillingbourne Road. Shalford (Tel. Guildford 62121). 8059

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Bishop's Stortford District.—Meeting. Albury (5), Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business 5.15 p.m. Much Hadham bells (8) in the evening. Names for tea to A. Kent, The Bourne. Clapgate. Albury, Much Hadham, Herts. — K Westwood, Dis. Sec. 8080

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting. Barnet (8), on Nov. 15th. 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m Tea and meeting follow in Church Hall. Names for tea to R. F. Adcock. 102. Fitzjohn Avenue, Barnet (Tel. 01-449 2583).—R. E. Hardy, Dis. Sec. 8007

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Evening meeting at Woodhouse Eaves (6), Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells available 7–9 p.m. All welcome. — Hilary F. Watson-Walker, Dis. Sec. 8065

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting. Foxton, Nov. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. —L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 8093

LEICESTER GUILD. — Melton District. — Full meeting. Ashby Folville (8), on Saturday, Nov. 15th Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. S. N. Hall, 2, Ashby Road, Gaddesby (294).—Hall, Dis. Sec. 8094

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—Evening meeting, Caldecott (5), Nov. 15th. Ringing from 6 p.m. Service 6.30 p.m.—A. C. Scholes, Hon. Sec. 8095

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Coventry Archdeaconry.—Monthly meeting, Exhall, Saturday. Nov. 22nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 Tea 5 p.m. Evening ringing at Bedworth (8). Names for tea to R. Wiggins, 270, Wheelwright Lane, Exhall. Phone: Cov 87640.—Ian Garvie Dis. Sec. 8085

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Mid-Devon Branch.—Meeting, Buckfast Abbey, Nov. 22nd. Bells 2.30 p.m Names for tea to Rev. D. P. Angold, Buckfast Abbey. No names, no tea. All welcome.—R. J. E. 8122

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Wisbech District. — Meeting, Leverington, Nov. 22nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Everyone welcome. — D. A. Feek. Dis. Sec. 8105

HEREFORD GUILD.—Bromyard District. —Combined practice, Stoke Lacy, Nov. 22nd, 5.30–9 p.m. All welcome.—R. L Price Hon. Sec. 8090

HILLINGDON JOINT MEETING (Oxford, Ladies' Guilds, London County, Middlesex Associations). Saturday, Nov. 22nd St. Andrew's. Uxbridge (8), 3–4 p.m.; St. John's, Hillingdon (10), from 3.30. Service 4.30 Tea, St. John's Hall. Social evening 8 p.m.—M. J. Palmer. 90, Ryefield Avenue, Hillingdon. 8082

NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS.—South Eastern District.—Ringing meeting, Saturday, Nov. 22nd. Meet at the Church of St. Stephen, Clapham Park, London. S.W. 1.30 p.m Names for tea, please, to P. Shonk (Dis. Sec.), 58, Raeburn Road, Sidcup, Kent. 8114

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Annual general meeting at Saxlingham on Saturday, Nov 22nd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by important business meeting. Names for tea to Mr. H. Howlett, Hill Cottages, Saxlingham, Norwich, NOR 62W, by Wednesday, Nov 19th.—C. F. Phillippo, Hon. Sec. 8112

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Evening practice, Piddington (6), Saturday, Nov. 22nd. Ringing 7–9 p.m. 8108

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch. — Quarterly meeting. Chilmark, Saturday, Nov. 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to G. A. Trimby, 24, West Street, Wilton, by Tuesday, 18th. 8101

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South West District.—Annual meeting, Lavenham, Saturday, Nov. 22nd. Bells (8) 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Guild committee meeting after District meeting. Names for tea, please, to Mr. M. T. Symonds. 1, Meadow Close, Lavenham, Sudbury. Suffolk, by Nov. 19th. **No names, no tea.** 8117

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division. — Quarterly meeting, Wadhurst, Nov. 22nd Ringing 3–4.30 and 6.30–8 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting Names for tea to Mr. C. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst, by Thursday Nov. 20th. please.—C. M. Baldock, Div. Sec. 8091

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District. — By-meeting at St. Margaret's, Rochester, Saturday, Nov. 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Rochester Cathedral bells are available from 7.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. F. Partington. 21, Watts Avenue, Rochester, by previous Wednesday. please.—D. P. Leworthy. 8097

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—Monthly meeting, Cleator Moor, on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.—Miss D. Gibson, Sec. 8113

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Saturday, December 6th

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Students' Union.

Tickets (22/6) and ringing arrangements from T. H. O. Lewis, Lake Hall, The Vale, Church Road, Birmingham, 15, by November 28th.

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CHINNOR, OXFORDSHIRE

REDEDICATION

On Sunday, November 23rd, at 11 a.m.

Bells rehung; two trebles recast; rest retuned.

Ringing for visitors, 12.30–1.30 p.m.
All welcome.

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Marple have done it again! Twelve Spliced Surprise methods to a peal "in hand" on October 30th—as a farewell to one of their team, Bernard Groves.

To ring 250 peals together may not be a record, but is worthy of comment. Mr. J. Alan Ainsworth and Mr. Norman J. Goodman reached this total at Chittlehampton on September 27th.

The very well known ringer and conductor Mr. R. B. Smith completed 500 peals for the Chester Guild on October 15th, and three days later was part of the band which enabled Mr. S. I. Bamforth to conduct his first peal.

KENT RINGERS IN WALES

A company of 43 North Kent bellringers and friends enjoyed their fifth week-end tour by travelling to Gloucestershire and South Wales—a five-hour journey—starting on Friday, October 3rd. The night was spent in Cheltenham, and at Stone — the first tower next day — the small belfry matched the bells, which were rather "jingly".

The heavy-going ring of eight at Thornbury was enjoyed, and here an old friend, Mr. Dennis Chapman, met the party. Everyone was very impressed by the Severn Bridge, which was crossed, and following lunch at Newport the six Rumney bells enabled Miss Jean Sanderson to gain her thousandth tower.

The eight at Cowbridge were noisy outside, and after Bridgend (8) and tea the best bells of the week-end were rung at St. Bride's Major (6). This was followed by the pleasant ring at the Church of St. Illtyd, Llantwit Major, where the six have a 12 cwt. tenor.

The night was spent at Pontypridd and all attended Holy Communion at 8 the next morning, and later rang for morning service, which completed the ringing for the week-end.

A very pleasant drive home was enjoyed and thanks were extended to Mr. Laurie Mitchell, who organised the tour.

THIEVES FOILED IN SUFFOLK RAID

Latest raid by bell thieves reported to us is from the isolated church at Ramsholt, about five miles from Felixstowe and approached by a narrow farm road.

Their main target was a 17th century bell in the tower. They cut through a rope holding the bell, then eased it to a trap-door and dropped it 25 feet on to the floor below. This floor turned out to be the ceiling of the vestry, which held and prevented the 5 cwt. bell crashing through to the ground. A wooden joist was badly damaged and ceiling boards shattered; the bell was hardly damaged.

Thus foiled, the thieves took two Charles I chairs worth hundreds as collectors' pieces.

The Rector (Rev. G. Vincent) said the bell, dated 1679, had been in the church for "hundreds of years" and is inscribed "John Darbie made me". "Police think it would have taken four or five men to get it to the trap-door," he added.

Recent Suffolk church hauls include a solid silver rose bowl, "irreplaceable" metal candlesticks, a £50 icon and pieces of 17th century armour.

METHODS RECORD

At Holme Pierrepont, Notts, on October 24th, a peal of 210 methods of Spliced Treble Bob Minor was rung, conducted by R. Brian Mills. This is the greatest number of methods yet rung to a peal and the maximum possible in seven extents of T.B. Minor.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

A memorial service for the late Mr. Ben S. Thompson, which was held at Pakefield on November 1st, was conducted jointly by the Rev. Peter N. Bond, who gave the address, and Canon D. N. E. Bringloe. The bells were rung before and after the service, which was attended by over 40 ringers and friends.

GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGED

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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HEPTONSTALL, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas Ap. On Sat., Oct. 18,, 1969, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5000 SPLICED PLAIN AND LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Being 3,440 Plain Bob and 1,560 Little Bob with 95 changes of method.
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in E.

Pamela A. Lockwood	Treble	Michael Johnson	5
Margaret White	2	Alan Clifton	6
Patricia North	3	Ian North	7
*Delwyn B. Tidball	4	Robin Brown	Tenor

Composed by John Carter Conducted by Ian North.
* First peal.

NON-ASSOCIATION.

GRANTHAM, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Wulfram. On Sat., Oct. 11, 1969, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 32 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in C.

Denis A. Frith	Treble	*John E. Coleman	6
Raymond Smith	2	Ronald R. Warford	7
*Raymond W. Balls	3	*Reginald M. Virgin	8
*Arthur W. Haslop	4	Patrick H. Allen	9
Peter R. Harris	5	William L. Exton	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Denis A. Frith.
* First peal of Royal. First of Royal by Post Office Engineers.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

CAMBRIDGE.—At H.4, Cripps Court, Selwyn College. On Thurs., Oct 9, 1969, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 13 in E.

William T. Perrins	1–2	Vivian Nutton	5–6
Richard A. G. Inglis	3–4	Christopher M. P. Johnson	7–8

Composed by E. M. Atkins. Conducted by Vivian Nutton.
Rung by resident Selwyn men; the first peal in Cripps Court, opened on May 17th, 1969.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LEVERSTOCK GREEN, Herts.—At 7, Westwick Close. On Sun,, Oct. 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 1 Minute,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven extents, called differently. Tenor size 15 in C.
Francis Kirk .. .. 1–2 | Margaret D. Woolley .. 3–4
Chris. W. Woolley (cond.) 5–6

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

FRINDSBURY, Kent.—At 12, Hever House, Cypress Court. On Wed., Oct. 15. 1969, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

Frank J. Matthews	1–2	Peter S. Muchlinski	5–6
Christopher T. Osenton	3–4	Trevor A. Cross	7–8

Composed by C. K. Lewis. Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Bettyfold. On Tues., Oct. 14, 1969, in 1 Hour and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED PLAIN MINOR

Being seven extents of Spliced Double, Reverse, Plain, College, St. Clement's College, Double Oxford and London Bob, with 272 changes of method. Tenor size 14 in D.
Joseph Whalley .. .. .. 1–2 | Mary W. Whalley 3–4
*Kevin M. Price (cond.) .. 5–6
* 50th peal this year. First of seven-spliced by all the band.

THE NORTH AMERICAN GUILD.

MISSISSAUGA, Ontario.—At 2842, Hollington Crescent. On Thurs., Sept. 16, 1969, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

William H. Jackson	1–2	Derek M. Sawyer	5–6
David R. Ingram	3–4	John Owen	7–8

Composed by J. Hadley Hunter. Conducted by Derek M. Sawyer.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

LONDON.—At 16B, Sutherland Place, W. On Sat., Oct. 4, 1969, in 1 Hour and 33 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Comprising one extent of Spliced Fulbeck Bob and Double Bob and six extents of Plain Bob. Tenor size 8 in C.
John R. Ketteringham .. 1–2 | Geoffrey Bridges (cond.) .. 3–4
*Peter G. Holden 5–6
* Most Minor methods to a peal "in hand."

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

WHITEPARISH, Wiltshire.—At The Vicarage. On Sat., Oct 18, 1969, in 1 Hour and 54 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 13 in E flat.
*Rev. Roger Keeley .. .. 1–2 | Brian J. Woodruffe (cond.) 3–4
Edgar C. Shepherd 5–6
* 200th peal.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

BOURNEMOUTH, Hampshire.—At 8, Gerald Road. On Thurs., Oct. 16, 1969, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

Jean Dale	1–2	Daniel T. Matkin	5–6
Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay	3–4	Kathleen E. Fletcher	7–8

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Daniel T. Matkin.

QUARTER PEALS

HARROW WEALD, MIDDX. — On Sept. 13th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Southey 1, Mrs. E. Norris 2, C. Hill 3, T. Norris 4, Jill Laud 5, S. Laud 6, J. Smith 7, L. J. North (cond.) 8 A wedding compliment to David Rothera and Susan Jenkins, married recently.

HILGAY, NORFOLK.—On Sept 13th, 1,344 Plain Bob Triples: Miss C. Hudson 1, S. G. Elsey 2, M. Mann 3, O. A. Needham 4, P. Thomas 5, A. Rolfe 6, E. H. Mastin (cond.) 7, R. Harrop 8. First in method 1, 4, 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Ernest Cousins, tower master.

HODNET, SALOP.—On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Rachel Gee 1, Ann Sisley 2, Mair Mothershaw 3, P. Morris 4, R. E. Morris (cond.) 5, G. Mothershaw 6. For St. Lukestide and a tribute to the late E. W. Taylor, treasurer and churchwarden at St. Luke's Church.

HOLKHAM, NORFOLK. — On Sept. 20th, 1,440 Minor (Kent, Plain): J. S. Williamson 1, V. Bowen 2, M. Paul 3, O. A. Needham 4, C. Tovell 5, R Harrop (cond.) 6.

HONITON, DEVON.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Snell 1, C. Manley 2, W. Sparkes 3, L. Stevens 4, D. Salter (cond.) 5, I. Travers 6. For St. Michael's Day.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.—On Aug. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jane Osment 1, Merrilyn Chambers 2, Rosemary Tilling 3, J. W. Bull 4, P. Nelson 5, S. Pocock 6, J. A. Smith (cond.) 7, M. R. Reed 8. A wedding compliment to Judith (née Southwood), a ringer at St. Mary's Church, and John Hudson.

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Bob Minor: B. Austin 1, E. M. Garley 2, J. Mitchell, sen. 3, J. Mitchell 4, E. G. Johnson 5, A. E. Garley (cond.) 6. In memoriam Mrs Dorothy M. Boulton, a member of this band and of the Ladies' Guild.

KEELE, STAFFS.—On Oct. 19th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: I. Cox 1, M. Worthington 2, Leona Roper 3, Janet Lawson 4, P. Gay 5, M Robinson (cond.) 6. By the University of Keele Society.

KINGSTON UPON THAMES, SURREY.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: I. J. Whitear 1, J. P. Hull 2, Ann V. Salvage 3, Lesley A. Hawes 4, C. D. Collin 5, B. J. Stone (cond.) 6. For Evensong, and as a welcome to Rev. John Shepherd, new curate. Also on Oct. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. D. Collin 1, C. E. Bulleid (first "inside") 2, Ann V. Salvage 3, Lesley A. Hawes 4, B J. Stone (cond.) 5, I. J. Whitear 6. For Holy Communion.

LINCOLN. — At St. Giles' Church, on Oct. 5th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: A. Sinden (first Major) 1, Gillian Radley 2, H. F. Gibson 3, J. Parkin 4, J. L. Millhouse 5, M. H. Sinden 6, D. Phillipson (cond.) 7, P. A. Sharp 8. For Harvest Festival.

LINCOLN. — At St. Mary-le-Wigford Church, on Oct. 11th, 1,272 Minimus (six methods): M. I. Minns 1, Vivienne West 2, Susan Faull 3, J. Parkins (cond.) 4. First in six methods for 2 and 3.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,440 Surprise Minor (two methods): R. Duckett 1, C. Duckett 2, P. G. Golder 3, J. H. Allen 4, R. G. Paxton 5, M. W. Fairey (cond.) 6. First Surprise 1, 2.

LLANDAFF, GLAM.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Ann Pilgrim 1, N. W. H. Simon (cond.) 2, C. Hughes 3, J. W. Bull 4, K. Davis 5, M. Pilgrim 6, S. Fenwick 7, F. W. Corney 8 Also on Oct. 19th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. G. Clift 1, D. Cornell 2, Felicity Cooke 3, F. W Corney 4, J. W. Bull 5, N. W. H. Simon 6, S. Fenwick (cond.) 7, W. J. Goodfellow 8.

LONGBRIDGE DEVERILL, WILTS. — On Oct. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Kathryn Jones 1, Wendy Skinner (first quarter) 2, M. J. Peet 3, M. Smith 4, R. F. Jones (cond.) 5, Mrs. R. Jones 6. A welcome to Helen, daughter of Bob and Chris Purnell.

LONGWOOD, YORKS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,320 Caristrooke and Donottar Delight Minor: A. Lunn 1 S. Williams 2, S. Lunn 3, D. Williams 4, B. Ellis 5, I. Roberts (cond.) 6. Also on Oct. 19th, 1,320 Cambridge and Primrose Surprise Minor, by the same band. A wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. Hoyle.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICS.—On Oct. 17th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: G. R. Edwards 1, R. A. Clarke 2, Hazel J. Nichols 3, E. G. Slater 4, B. S. Payne (cond.) 5, C. J. Mobbs (first quarter of Surprise) 6.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.—On July 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. J. Ely (first quarter) 1, Anne Corney 2, G. W. Howlett 3, J. B Pickup (cond.) 4, D. E. Carr 5, D. R. McLean 6, A. E. Crowe 7. Rung for Evensong on St. Margaret's Day at the conclusion of St. Margaret's Week at Lowestoft. Also on Oct. 5th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: G. W. Howlett 1, A. E. Crowe 2, Anne Corney 3, H. Meadows 4, R. W. R. Coates 5, D. E. Carr 6, J. B Pickup (cond.) 7, D. R. McLean 8. For Harvest Festival. Both at St. Margaret's Church.

QUARTER PEALS

LUTTON, LINCS.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,320 Doubles (four methods): P. W. Campling 1, G. H. Campling (cond.) 2, Mrs. G. R. G. Butler 3, G. R. G. Butler 4, P G. Butler 5, R. M. Ragsdell 6. First in four methods for 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6. For Harvest Festival.

LYME REGIS, DORSET. — On Oct. 19th, 1,440 London Surprise Minor: Angela Quick 1, Mrs. C. W. Powell 2, H. G. Keeley 3, Melvyn Hiller 4, C. W. Powell (cond.) 5, G. S. Morris 6. Rung for the dedication of a memorial to Maj.-Gen. Sir Bertram and Lady Rowcroft, parents of Rev. K. G. Rowcroft, Vicar of Hawkchurch and a former curate of Lyme Regis.

LYNG, SOM. — On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. H. Baldam (cond.) 1, M. R. Arscott 2, J Cornelius 3, F. A. Knight 4, M. A. Arscott 5, R. A. Cross 6. First quarter on the augmented ring.

MARBURY, CHESHIRE. — On Oct. 23rd, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: M. J. Crawley (first quarter) 1, F. R. Morton (cond.) 2, H. Sutton 3, F. S. Sutton 4, S Sutton 5, T. P. Barlow 6. A welcome to the Rector, Canon A. H. Edwards, inducted on October 16th.

MARCH, CAMBS.—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. A. Bevis 1, M. Goakes 2, D. Feek 3, W. Moore 4, P. H. Langton (cond.) 5, A. Palmer 6. A welcome to Catherine Elizabeth, infant daughter of Meggan and David Feek.

MARCHINGTON, STAFFS. — On Oct. 2nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. Appleby 1, R. Pye 2, Mrs. E. Fenwick 3, W. Appleby 4, Miss E. Arnold 5, C. R. Daft (cond.) 6. First quarter 3, 5. A 21st birthday compliment to the Vicar's daughter, Rosamund Ede.

MARKET WEIGHTON, YORKS.—On Oct. 12th, 1,292 Kent T.B. and Oxford T.B. Minor: R. East 1, Elsie Chaddock 2, I. Peacock 3, D. Smith 4, A. Kneeshaw 5, N. Chaddock (cond.) 6. First T.B. 1, 3, 4, 5. Also on Oct. 24th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. East 1, Elsie Chaddock 2, I. Peacock 3, D. Smith 4, A. Kneeshaw 5, N. Chaddock (cond.) 6. First by 1, 3, 4 and 5.

MILDENHALL, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 26th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: T. Bonnett (first quarter) 1, P. Goodwin 2, B. Wells 3, C. Nunn 4, A. Ballam (cond.) 5, C. F. Sargent 6. For Evensong.

NAILSEA, SOM.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Doubles: L. Childs 1, Mrs. R. Short 2, T. Phillips 3, M. Horseman 4, L. Derrick (cond.) 5, H. Hardwidge 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. D. Horseman, mother of 4th ringer, and in recognition of her work for the Church.

NORTON, HERTS.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. H. Vigor 1, Brenda Harris 2, G. T. Horritt 3, Cecile Forgan 4, P. J. Cranfield 5, Maureen P Panton 6, I. R. Panton 7, A. J. Boyd 8. First of Grandsire for 4, 5 and 6.

OSPRINGE, KENT.—On Oct. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Janet Hewson (first quarter) 1, Eileen Palin 2, Patricia Winch 3, F. C. Farnsworth 4, E. T. Eades (cond.) 5, M. Winch 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Patricia Winch.

OTTERSHAW, SURREY. — On Oct. 18th, 1,320 Doubles (four methods): J. P. Ladd 1, Marilyn Reay 2, I. Taylor 3, E. Futcher (cond.) 4, P. V. W. Feast 5, J. M. Warington 6. A peal attempt called round. Rung for the wedding of Mr. R. Pashley (tower captain) to Miss M. Theobald (Vicar's daughter), both ringers at Ottershaw. First in four methods 2, 4.

PATTINGHAM, STAFFS. — On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): Janet Bramall (first quarter) 1, Gillian M. Williamson 2, K. A. Russell (first quarter as cond.) 3, T. Reynolds 4, M. G. Williamson 5, N. A. Bramall (first quarter) 6. A farewell to the Vicar, Rev. E. C. Hayward.

PAUL, CORNWALL.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Diane Carter 1, Canon A. S. Roberts 2, G. W. Taysom 3, W. R. Curtis 4, F. M. Bowers (cond.) 5, J. J. George 6. For the Festival of St. Pol de Leon.

PETHAM, KENT.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Heather Southon (first quarter) 1, C. Beeching (cond.) 2, P. Southon 3, L. Hucksteb 4, W. Seward 5, D Sara 6. For Harvest Festival.

PINNER, MIDDX.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Enid M. Bardsley 1, Mary E. Took 2, R. W. Sanders 3, M. R. Hickman 4, P. D. Sanders (first Minor) 5, D. E. R. Knights (cond.) 6, R. K. Rattenbury (first quarter) 7, H. B. J. Paul 8. For Evensong, and congratulations to Michael and Helen Took, former ringers here, on the birth of a daughter (Carole Ann) on October 5th at Dee Why, New South Wales.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS. — At the Cathedral, on Oct. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (11 var.): Penny Jackson 1, Edna Jones (most variants) 2, Jennifer Quaife 3, W. Willans (cond.) 4, Jean Berriman (first Doubles) 5, A. Buswell 6. First in more than one method 1, 5.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On Oct. 26th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Christine Cobb 1, Ann Mew 2, Josephine Patterson 3, Susan Baker 4, Ruby Myllys 5, Julie Armstrong 6, C. Harris 7, C. F. Mew (cond.) 8.

ROUGHTOWN, LANCS.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: W. H. Nield 1, B. D. Holt 2, G. Rigby 3, D. Bradbury (first quarter) 4, A. Farrand 5, G. Nield (cond.) 6. In memoriam Ernest Keeley (churchwarden), who died recently.

RUDDINGTON, NOTTS.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,264 Pl. Bob Major: A. Simpson 1, P. Selby 2, A. Fowkes 3, A. Newell 4, D. Osbourne 5, N. Handley 6, R. Stretton 7, D. Oliver (cond.) 8. First quarter on recast bells. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs J. Parker.

RUISLIP, MIDDX.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor (tenor covering): Elsie Savory 1, Barbara Wright 2, S. Capper 3, P. Butler 4, W. Bunce 5, J. Gibbons (first as cond.) 6, F. Collins 7. First of Bob Minor for 2, 3 and 4. For Harvest Festival.

ST. PETER'S-IN-THANET, KENT.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss S. Wenden 1, Miss V. Pursey 2, Mrs. N. Bridges 3, Mrs. M. Firman 4, Rev. L. Baycock 5, P. Blight (cond.) 6. A farewell to Graham Firman.

SAXILBY, LINCS.—On Oct. 12th, 1,320 Doubles (three methods): Colleen East 1, Mrs. G. East 2, M. L. Mann 3, J. B. Nicholson 4, J. M. Blaikie (cond.) 5, D. Turner 6. For Harvest Festival.

SAXMUNDHAM, SUFFOLK. — On Oct. 13th, 2,160 Doubles (four methods): M. Baldry 1, A. R. Bridges 2, J. M. Thorley (cond.) 3, A. Knights 4, S J. Bedford 5, H. Archer 6. Rung to mark the dedication of the new Church Hall by the Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich.

SCORTON, LANCS.—On Oct. 25th, 1,260 Yorkshire Surprise Major: A. Capstick 1, P. J. Crossthwaite 2, J. D. Nixon 3, R. Palmer 4, C. Crossthwaite (cond.) 5, K. M. Price 6, S. Anderton 7, T. F. Metcalfe 8. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. John Woods, of Lancaster.

SEIGHFORD, STAFFS. — On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): G Evans 1, C. T. Collins 2, J. E. Dolman 3, L. E. Monk 4, C. M. Smith (cond.) 5. For Evensong.

SHALBOURNE, WILTS.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Margaret Bowman 1, T. R. Jones 2, Ann Toomer 3, G. A. Newman 4, A. G. Keen (cond.) 5.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.—On Oct. 13th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor (tenor covering): G. Kenward 1, Wendy R. Austin 2, G. Wood (first in the method "inside") 3, F. J. Dadson 4, B. E. Jemmett 5, L. Mitchell (cond.) 6, J. E. Clark 7. A compliment to the ringers of 2 and 4 on their engagement.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS. — At St. Thomas's Church, on Oct. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Edwards 1, M. Irene Brown 2, G. Westwood 3, J. Warr 4, M. P. Tobin 5, R. Smith 6, M. D. Fellows (cond.) 7, P. J. Brown 8. First on the bells since rehanging. Rung half-muffled by the local band in memoriam W. H. Cooper, for many years a ringer at this church, who died on October 23rd.

SUTTERTON, LINCOLN.—On Oct. 16th, 1,280 P. Bob Major: D. Fenson 1, Mrs. P. H. Reynolds 2, P. H. Reynolds 3, W. E. Clarke 4, A. E. Flatters 5, W. B Dawson 6, J. H. Taylor 7, R. Stephenson (first Major as cond.) 8. For Harvest Festival.

SUTTON-IN-HOLDERNESS, E. YORKS.—On Oct. 26th, 1,440 London Surprise Minor: T. W. Thirkell 1, Iris E. Piper 2, Gwynneth C. Ducker 3, Linda Sherwood 4, Maris C. Stephenson (cond.) 5, R Ducker 6.

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PRINCIPLES OF INSTRUCTION

Bell Handling and Control

By "The College"

(Collated by A. York-Bramble)

(Continued from page 859)

(9) **Ear-Training and "Bell Pause".** As we have seen, bell control is to be acquired "silently", and the elements of change-ringing are to be practised silently up to the point when the bells are "opened" for the main objective of good striking. For this the pupil requires two accomplishments—Recognition of (a) Bell-tone and (b) Bell-pause. For the first of these the pupil is checked for, and if necessary given practice in, recognising the notes of bells. Tapped handbells, or even a toy "dulcimer", are useful for this purpose. Start with, say, four notes at the lower end of an octave. Tap rounds three or four times to "fix" the pitch of the notes, then strike any one of them and ask for its place. Work up to tests on eight, including well-known changes such as Queens, Tittums and Whittingtons. Then, on open tower bells, the pupil is to listen, from the start, for his "own-bell" note—helped by noting, particularly, that bell-tone in "rounds".

The second of these most important factors, "Bell-pause", is, of course, the interval between the pull-off of the bell and the striking of its clapper. This varies according, approximately, to the weight of the bell. Its appreciation, in practice, is the basis of rhythmic ringing and good striking. How is this appreciation gained? By the pupil's close attention, in the early stages of "open" ringing (rounds, call-changes, etc.), to each stroke of his bell, noting the interval between his mental place-counting and his bell's note (assuming the count is simultaneous with the pull-off). As soon as these two factors—Bell-tone and Bell-pause—are appreciated by the pupil, his ability to strike with precision will develop.

(10) **Call changes, "dodging rounds", etc., before Methods.** The pupil's first listening to his ringing comes, as we have seen, in the rounds that are rung as a preliminary to the open "elements of change ringing", referred to in feature (9) above. When consistent striking is shown the exercise is extended to call-changes, to accustom the pupil to 'all-round" rope-sight. Then follows "dodging rounds"—a real test of striking. In this exercise on the call "Go dodging rounds!" all bells change places in pairs, except on odd numbers, e.g., five, when the tenor remains behind. (In fact this is the first change of Plain Bob.) This change takes place, of course, on the handstroke.

Then, on the backstroke, the bells dodge back into rounds. This is continued, repetitively, until "That's all" brings rounds.

To see how these principles work out in practice we now consider, in turn and in some detail, the four "Musts" we listed at the outset, noting when and how the new features are applied.

1. PLANNING. (A) "Common sense application." The training unit is the "Group" of up to four pupils, each of whom takes turn in practice on a silenced bell, while the others watch and note faults and correctives. But up to all four in a group can work simultaneously if the group instructor has a capable assistant for each pupil. As many as four of such groups, i.e., 16 pupils in all, have been worked simultaneously, with an assistant in charge of each group, and each pupil in the group taking his turn on a rope.

[To be continued]

QUARTER PEALS

SWINDON, WILTS.—At St. Mark's Church, on Aug. 11th, 1,272 Minimus: A. Rogerson 1, S. Mitchener 2, T. Collins (cond.) 3, V. Webb 4, T. Hooper (first quarter) 5. Also on Sept. 21st, Pl. Bob Doubles: A. Rogerson 1, S. Mitchener 2, T. Collins (cond.) 3, L. Townsend 4, R. Pearce (first "inside") 5, T. Hooper 6. Also on Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): A. Rogerson 1, S. Mitchener 2, T. Collins (cond.) 3, D. Herring 4, D. Dancey 5, F. G. Baxter 6, R. Partridge 7, T. Hooper 8. Also on Sept. 28th, 1,260 Pl. Bob and Grandsire Doubles: T. Collins (cond.), R. Wild (first quarter), 7, 6 covering. Also on Oct. 6th, 1,260 Pl. Bob and Grandsire Doubles: T. Collins (cond.), first quarter by Miss S. Titcombe 1. Also on Oct. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: T. Collins (cond.), K. Price 3.

SYSTON, LEICS.—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. M. Payne 1, Elaine Smith (first "inside") 2, J. A. Howard 3, J. M. Morley (cond.) 4, B. J. Fry 5.

THORNBURY, GLOS.—On Oct. 12th, 1,344 Grandsire Triples: S. Poole 1, D. A. Whetton 2, A. R. Williams (first on eight) 3, G. T. Collins 4, E. G. Mould 5, P. J. Bird 6, D. A. Chapman (cond.) 7, W. C. Exell 8. For Harvest Festival.

THURCASTON, LEICS.—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: B. J. Fry 1, Shirley Preston 2, Mrs. R. Spray 3, M. Kirk 4, R. Spray 5, R. A. Clarke 6, H. A. Thomas 7, J. M. Morley (cond.) 8. First of Major 2, 3, 5. A wedding anniversary compliment to Maurice and Jean Kirk, of Queniborough.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Linda West 1, Leslie Tibbitts 2, June Whitcher 3, M. C. Austin 4, D. E. Cobb 5, M. B. Jefferyes 6, J. E. Murfitt (cond.) 7, M. Cook 8.

WARNFORD, HANTS.—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): D. Pearce 1, Sandra Pearce 2, Mary White 3, K. G. Waller 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, T. White 6. A farewell to D. Pearce, who has left to join H.M. Army.

WATERLOO, LONDON.—At St. John's Church, on Oct. 12th, 1,320 Kent Treble Bob Minor: W. D. Grainger 1, E. J. Adams 3, Deborah Bishop 4, C. M. Meyer 5, K. J. Rider 6, A. S. Bishop (cond.) 7, R. D. Bing (cover) 8. For Harvest Festival.

WOLVERCOTE, OXON.—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Jane E. Downes (first quarter) 1, P. J. Heritage (cond.) 2, Pamela E. Powell 3, E. R. Venn 4, W. C. Godwin 5, J. Hedgcock 6.

SWINDON FLOWER FESTIVAL

At Christ Church

On Sat., Sept. 13th, 1,282 Cambridge Surprise Royal: Ruby G. Fardon 1, Claudia A. Critchley 2, G. W. Critchley (cond.) 3, Ruby M. Myllys 4, R. A. Fardon 5, R. K. Russ 6, F. W. Goodfellow 7, W. H. Coles 8, J. Hill 9, F. C. Price 10. Rung by the St. John-the-Baptist Guild of Ringers, Hillingdon, Middx.

Also

On Sat., Sept. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Carole New 1, Eileen Jaques 2, Winifred E. Marriott 3, Pauline Wilton 4, R. Everall 5, E. Sutton 6, L. F. Cobb (cond.) 7, P. Minchin 8. Rung by Christ Church Guild of Bellringers.

Also

On Sat., Sept. 13th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: J. J. Stanier 1, R. Rowe 2, L. J. Haines 3, D. R. Morris 4, D. R. Sayers 5, D. G. Franklin 6, D. Beacham (cond.) 7, R. W. R. Sheppard 8, T. W. Lewis 9, F. G. Pugh 10. Rung by members of Worcester Cathedral band.

Also

On Sat., Sept. 13th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Glenda M. Beckett 1, Rosemary Ball 2, J. Ball 3, N. G. Knee 4, R. H. Johnston 5, E. C. Shepherd (cond.) 6, P. J. W. Hardwick 7, D. J. Orledge 8, D. G. Massey 9, J. E. Newman 10. Rung by Frome (Som.) band.

Also

On Sun., Sept. 14th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Carole New 1, Ann Toomer (first Caters) 2, Winifred E. Marriott 3, Jill E. Davidge 4, Eileen Jaques 5, W. W. T. Daniell 6, P. Minchin 7, E. Sutton (cond.) 8, M. New 9, P. Tombs 10. Rung by Christ Church Guild of Bellringers.

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The Cathedral Church of SS. Peter & Wilfrid, Ripon.

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RIPON CATHEDRAL

By EDWARD HUDSON

ORIGINALLY dedicated in honour of St. Peter, the Cathedral Church of St. Peter and St. Wilfrid was founded in A.D. 672 by Wilfrid and consecrated on St. Peter's Day in that year. Preparations are already in hand for the celebration of the 1,300th anniversary in 1972.

Of St. Wilfrid's Church only the Saxon crypt remains; therein is a curious aperture known as St. Wilfrid's needle, used in the Middle Ages for trial by ordeal. For many years a large and important collegiate church, with a brief period as a cathedral in Saxon times, it again received cathedral status in 1836 when as a result of the Industrial Revolution an enormous increase in population necessitated the creation of a new See in Yorkshire, actually the first post-Reformation See.

The Cathedral, which also functions as a parish church, is an interesting blend of all styles of architecture from Saxon to Late Perpendicular; interesting features include the magnificently-carved choir stalls, the fine Ninian Comper reredos and the modern coloured figures in the Perpendicular period choir screen.

There is evidence of bells being in the tower as early as 1301, when a bell was cast at Thorpe Prebend House, still standing, and in 1379 payment was made for the conveyance of the Great Bell, 51 inches in diameter, from York to Ripon after recasting. Tradition states that this bell came originally from Fountains Abbey. In 1448 a bequest was made for the repair of the Great Bell tower; this was the north-west tower where the great bell hung alone. There were five bells in the south-west tower and a prayer bell in the cupola on the central tower in the year 1663.

In 1761–62 six bells, including the great bell, were recast into a ring of eight by Lester and Pack. Recasting of two of these bells, the 2nd and the 5th, was evidently required in 1866 and was undertaken by Warner's; the rehanging and quarter turning was the work of an almost local man, Mallaby, of Masham. Two trebles were added in 1892 when Shaw, of Bradford, cast these bells and provided a new iron frame; an inscribed portion of the old frame is preserved in the ringing room. These trebles were never very satisfactory, being almost inaudible in the ringing room to the ringers of the heavier bells.

A GENEROUS GIFT

In 1932 an appeal was launched for the rehanging of the bells and in response a local lady generously offered to defray the whole cost, and Taylor's provided the existing fine ten. This ring was rededicated at a special service in April, 1933, at which Canon C. C. Marshall, president of the Yorkshire Association, was the preacher. It is a solemn thought that of those present at the meal which was served after the dedication service the present Dean's verger, Mr. Harry Pearson, and the writer seem to be the only survivors.

Dean Owen, who was responsible for the restoration scheme, was ever anxious to preserve old customs, and insisted that during the period when the bells were at the foundry a temporary bell should hang in the tower and be rung for the daily services and at 9 p.m. for the curfew, the ringing of which coincides with the blowing of the ancient horn in the Market Place.

Again in the war years, when the ban on ringing was imposed, the Dean was loath to discontinue the ringing of the curfew. The time of ringing had been brought forward to 6 p.m. and the clapper of the ninth, the curfew bell, was muffled. The Dean approached the police inspector and asked what action would be taken if the custom were continued. The tactful and greatly-respected inspector replied: "It will depend upon whether or not I hear it." The custom continued and on still evenings the bell was audible at a distance of at least a mile. We may therefore reasonably claim that it is possible that a bell has sounded from the Cathedral tower each day for a longer continuous period than at any other church in the kingdom.

Nowadays the curfew is normally rung mechanically; an ingenious piece of mechanism ensures that after the last stroke of 9 p.m. 30 blows are struck on the ninth bell. Within recent years a small bell has been installed in the cupola on the central tower; this is also mechanically operated and is used for the daily services.

OLD CUSTOMS

Many old ringing customs have been discontinued; no longer do we hear the rising bell an hour before the first service on Sundays and red-letter days, or the sermon bell on Sunday afternoon. The passing bell is seldom rung and we no longer assemble at 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. on "Crown Days" to fire the appropriate salutes. One custom has been retained—the "Pancake Bell" is rung at 11 a.m. on Shrove Tuesdays.

It would appear that when a ring was installed in 1762 there was a band of gentlemen ringers who rang for sport; their curious ringing rules are preserved on a board in the ringing room. The earliest record I have of any change-ringing is April 13th, 1778, when a band from Knaresborough rang a "peal" of 2,520 Grandsire Triples.

A very interesting old manuscript book, beginning with entries in 1847, has much of interest on its rather tattered and faded pages. There is a list of the ringers, well-known Ripon names, each assigned to his own bell. They rang frequently for secular occasions, notably when the local gentry returned to their country seats after the London season. Lord Grantley always contributed £1 on such occasions. The customary fee for weddings appears to have been £1, but for success at Parliamentary elections the sum rose to three guineas.

In 1846, when a certain Mr. Adams was married and paid a fee of £1 to the ringers, there is a pencil note beside the entry: "Frightened to death", presumably a reference to the bridegroom.

There are frequent entries for "Dumb Peals", one for the death of the Prince Consort, and in 1858 the bells were rung for the visit of the Queen to Ripon.

The book ends in 1954. It is obvious from a perusal of it that the ringers of the 19th century derived a very comfortable amount of pocket money from their activities, and it is on record that the Chapter complained that the ringers were more assiduous in ringing for secular than for sacred functions.

FIRST PEAL

The first peal on the bells was one of Kent Treble Bob Major in 1886 for the 1,000th anniversary of the city's incorporation. The composition of this peal is recorded in the old book previously mentioned and a handsome stained glass panel records the performance. This panel was the gift of the conductor Thomas Clarke, a very keen local ringer on both tower- and handbells and a foundation member of the Yorkshire Association. It may have been this gentleman who founded in 1891 the Ripon and District Campanological Society, to which I have found a passing reference.

About 30 peals have been rung on the bells, mostly since their recasting; as yet there has not been one by a completely local band.

We are at the present time short of ringers but the position is improving, and it is the hope of the writer that a regular band will soon function at the Cathedral Church with which he has been almost continuously associated since his baptism there.

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BATH AND WELLS DINNER

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PRESIDENT FREEMAN'S VIEWS

THE fourth annual dinner of the Bath and Wells Association was held at the County Hotel, Taunton, on October 11th, when a company of 172 members, friends and distinguished guests enjoyed a splendid meal, under the chairmanship of the Master (Rev. H. F. Warren).

Following the loyal toast the Master extended a welcome to members and guests, with special reference to Mr. John Freeman, President of the Central Council, who had made the long journey from Lincoln.

The toast of "The Church and Clergy" was ably proposed by Mrs. E. M. Williams, vice-chairman of the Taunton Branch, who confined her speech to the clergy. They were a wonderful body of men, she said, not properly recognised as they should be yet always ready to help anybody, which was such a comfort in our present society. She praised the diversity of religious expression in the Church of England which so characterised it, and related among several anecdotes the differing views of running the Church which she had experienced during no less than nine incumbencies at her own church at Sampford Arundel.

The response came from Canon B. F. Sheppard, of Wellington, who pleaded for leniency as a "beginner" in addressing such a gathering, even though he had been a ringer since 1910 and a clergyman since 1921. He had been told that at 70 he fitted one of two categories—he was either a "has been" or a "never-waser". He didn't agree; he felt his church and ringing experience made him a bit of both!

He was relieved that Mrs. Williams had not denounced the clergy sternly. As a body they were aware of their shortcomings but they often worked without seeing the fruition of their work. A parish always seemed to like its last incumbent but one, and the Canon recounted how he recently paid a visit to a previous parish after 17 years to be greeted most warmly by the parishioner who had caused him most headaches!

He advised his fellow clergy not to forget their ringers, who provided such a constant advertisement that the Church was there. On the other hand, ringers should remember that the bells were controlled solely by the incumbent, and if they sometimes criticised what seemed to be undue restriction of ringing in some towers, they should remember that it was the incumbent who got it in the neck if excessive ringing annoyed his parishioners. In closing, Canon Sheppard praised the standards of striking in Devon, and enjoined his listeners to emulate such standards in all branches of their art.

NOT "OLD BOYS' JAMBOREE"

"The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers" was proposed by Mr. H. J. Sanger. He recalled something of his 24 years of service on the Council, and stoutly defended the charge that annual meetings were "an Old Boys' jamboree". It was wrong to pinpoint the Whitsun meeting for criticism; the main work went on all the year round and was not always known about, far less appreciated. There was room for improvements, certainly, but it would be foolish to think that procedures could be necessarily improved simply by passing rash decisions in five minutes without much thought about them. He welcomed Mr. Freeman as a man of mature judgment, who they were most fortunate to have.

In reply, the President thanked the Master for the invitation to this his first dinner since taking office. Referring to the Central Council, the President recalled the 1968 meeting when the Guildford Guild first recommended changes in procedure, and he sympathised with their wish for improvement. Self-examination was good for any organisation from time to time, as for instance was taking place at present in local and central government. Good ideas should not be smothered, but whether one agreed with them or not was not important if they were put forward for the good of the Exercise as a whole. The main requirements at Council were goodwill and good communication about what was proposed.

Mr. Freeman agreed that whilst the social side should not predominate it was nevertheless important, as was shown that evening, because it gave the Establishment a chance to listen to a variety of views. The President at this point exhibited the Council's "mace" shillelagh, remarking that in office it paid to speak softly but carry a big stick!

In proposing the toast of "The Visitors" Mr. Arthur Reed, secretary of the Taunton Branch, thought that the diocese entertained more visitors than any other, and they turned up on tower grabs, on summer tours, in their cars and even on bicycles, and they welcomed them all. He thanked the distinguished guests for attending their dinner, warning Mr. Gray that if he moved a bit further west into Somerset he would be quickly pressed into office for the Bath and Wells!

SUCCESS BREEDS SUCCESS

Mr. Gray, chairman of the Bristol City Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, replied to the toast. "We have been received 'as one of you' rather than as visitors," he said. He had noted in his ringing career that some Associations seemed more than usually successful, amongst whom the Bath and Wells was one.

In analysing success, Mr. Gray said the first ingredient was the driving force of ringing itself, which stimulated everyone to give of their best. "Success breeds success, and we must ensure the opportunities are available to create the steps to success, and so serve both the Church and the members equally." Listening to the discussion at a business meeting gave a good indication whether or not ringing in that area was flourishing.

In closing the formal proceedings, the Master thanked the organising committee, and expressed the hope that even more people would come next year, when the venue would be Weston-super-Mare.

Entertainment by the Taunton Branch followed, under the capable hands of Ray Arscott, and all too soon it was time to exchange the congenial atmosphere for the wary drive through the thick fog outside to the various corners of the diocese. J. B.

STOURBRIDGE REDEDICATION

After a silence of almost a year the bells of St. Thomas's Church, Stourbridge, were rededicated on October 19th by the Bishop of Worcester, Rt. Rev. L. M. Charles-Edwards.

Two new treble bells have been added to the original eight, three of which date from the year 1759. Details of the original ring of eight can be found in "The Ringing World" of April 26th, 1968.

The ten bells have been hung lower in the tower in a cast iron frame mounted on a grillage of rolled steel joists. The old oak bell frame, which was in a dangerous condition, is over 200 years old.

There was a large congregation for the rededication service. The Bishop in his sermon spoke of the significance of bells in the life both of the individual and the nation. The first lesson was read by Mr. A. E. Clayton, who represented the bellfounders, Messrs. John Taylor and Co.

The two new bells have been given by two of the oldest ringers at St. Thomas's. The inscriptions are as follows:—

Treble.—John Taylor & Co. Founders, Loughborough, 1969. I was given by Charles William Cooper, a ringer at this tower for upwards of 60 years, in memory of his wife Mary Ann and his sister Sarah Elsie Coxill.

2nd.—John Taylor & Co. Founders, Loughborough, 1969. I was given by Frederick Vaughan Nicholls, a ringer at this tower for upwards of 38 years, in memory of his wife Esther.

Stourbridge now has a very good ring of ten, the two new bells making an excellent "splice" with the old eight. Thanks are due to the bellfounders for the care and interest taken throughout the restoration.

Service ringing takes place on Sundays at 9.15 a.m. and 5.45 p.m. and the practice night is on Mondays at 7.30 p.m. Visitors are always welcome. M. D. F.

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A.G.M. AT DARLINGTON

The territory of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association is rather extensive and creates problems in travelling to meetings. Very thoughtfully, Mr. Richard Marsh opened the latest instalment of the motorway a few days before the annual general meeting at Darlington on October 4th.

St. Cuthbert's provides parking space at the foot of the stairs to its belfry and the ringing chamber is very attractive. The bells also are a pleasure to ring.

The service was at Holy Trinity (the home tower of Roland Park, the president), which has a good light six. Closely associated with this tower has been the Park family, which now has a fourth generation of ringers, and on this occasion Philip also played the organ. The Vicar (Rev. T. J. Lee-Warner) conducted the service, the president read the lesson and the address was given by the Vicar of St. John's (Rev. Clive Mason). He took as his theme "Ringing the changes", and said that Jesus Christ in His life on earth had been trying to get people to "ring the changes" on the conventional attitudes to many things, and that was still the call to people today.

About 60 sat down to tea, provided by the ladies, in the Church Hall, and appreciation was voiced by Bill Tyson.

The president, in the chair, used the gavel presented by his brother, Norman, during his presidency in 1947. The reports had been duplicated and circulated beforehand, and the chief item in the secretary's report was the news that the new light six for Shincliffe had been ordered and the dedication scheduled before Christmas. The ringing master reported details for special occasions and instruction of learners, including arranging classes at Rothbury, at the request of the local education authority. The treasurer's statement revealed that the Association was "in the red" at the bank but had a credit balance of about £22 when investment was taken into account. Expenditure on reports had been very heavy with the production of a double report, and £45 had been spent on a further stock of badges. Badges in stock represented an asset of £40.

The proposal on subscriptions was that resident members' should be raised from 5/- to 10/- per annum for those over 18 at the beginning of a year, with 5/- per annum retained for those under 18. The figure for non-resident life membership was to be raised to 15/- and it was agreed that this should start from the day of the meeting. An amendment against raising the fee for non-residents was accepted, and the increase for resident members was approved without opposition.

A motion calling for a modification of the rule on reports of officers which required them to be presented first at the committee meeting before the A.G.M. was formally adopted.

OFFICERS RE-ELECTED

The officers were all re-elected, with the exception of the editorial secretary, Ken Lawson succeeding Ken Cheeseman.

Peals totalled 47 (46 tower, 1 "in hand") against 34 (31 and 3) last year; 24 different towers featured in the tower bell peals and 73 ringers took part. Leading peal ringers were M. Maughan 41, E. N. Harrison 27 and J. Crowther 26, and M. Maughan conducted over half the peals with 25 to his credit. Only one member, J. Yates, rang his first peal during the year. Methods rung for the first time for the Association were Lindum, Quinton and Wembley Surprise Major.

Fifteen new members were elected—seven from Shildon, six from Jesmond and two from Whickham. Belfry elections of nine non-resident life members were ratified.

The committee recommended that the half-yearly meeting should be dropped and in its place a dinner held. The recommendation was approved and the Seaburn Hotel in Sunderland has been booked for May 9th, 1970, the earlier part of the day being a festival of ringing. The Christmas party was to be at Shincliffe on December 20th, 1969—the date for the opening of the new ring. Other meetings fixed were the cricket match at Tanfield on July 18th and the A.G.M. in Newcastle, October 3rd, 1970.

A small sub-committee was appointed to examine printing costs of the annual report, the aim being to reduce costs by newer techniques and to make the contents of the report more comprehensive.

Further ringing followed at Holy Trinity and St. Cuthbert's.

"HOPMEN" IN WESSEX

The "Hopmen" again chose Wessex as the venue for their autumn retreat, in the New Forest and Dorset, and assembled at Lyndhurst on October 2nd.

On Friday the party met at Downton and the heavy eight were much enjoyed. Then, round the country lanes, to Broadchalke (6), home of Lord Avon. At Gillingham the recently-restored eight were a pleasure to ring and responded well to a touch of Spliced. Lunch was then taken at the Ship at West Stour before going on to Milborne Port, where we had some good ringing on the ponderous and majestic old ring, and then on to Charlton Horethorne. The strange octave there has a mediæval tenor which sounds as though it would be better placed on the church floor.

After tea we assembled at Okeford Fitzpaine to sample a very pleasant six, and the last tower of the day was Durweston (6), with a tuneful Gillett and Johnston ring, where a note assigned to "Mr. Ashford of Devizes" eventually found its rightful addressee (Mr. Davies of Ashford).

Saturday morning brought us to Wimborne Minster, where the ten bells were thoroughly enjoyed. In contrast, the quaint five at Winterbourne Whitchurch are in a small space, and it was agreed that the bells are tuned to the front five of an eight. After lunch most of the company spent an hour in the picturesque village of Milton Abbas and exploring Milton Abbey, a magnificent building in a unique setting; but the octave here are unringable.

At Charminster we found a bright ring of eight, which has [illegible]n through the hands of both bellfoundries during the last 15 years. Fordington (6) was followed by Wareham. These bells are one of the best medium weight octaves in the country, and the unusual church at Kingston (8) evoked much comment. Our final ring was on the pleasant eight at Swanage.

After ringing for service on Sunday on the long draught at Lyndhurst, most of the party went to Beaulieu Museum. Our final ring in the afternoon was on the musical box ten at North Stoneham.

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Comment

WANTS A SHAKE-UP

Writing to "The Irish Bell News", Mr. J. T. Dunwoody, who has represented the Irish Association at Central Council meetings since 1948, states the Council requires a considerable shake-up in its Rules and Procedure. The amount of time spent on methods and method construction is far in excess of what it should be. We are being treated to dissertations on the more complicated method constructions which are really understandable by a minor percentage of the Exercise and well above the heads of a good many members of the Council, let alone the ordinary ringer. Yet there are other ringing problems which should have greater discussion, e.g., recruitment, instruction, literature, television and broadcasting, care of bells and problems of liaison with Church authorities, which seem so much more important.

Mr. Dunwoody feels that the Standing Committee is the wrong vehicle to re-examine the whole functions and procedure of the Council. This should be undertaken by a special committee drawn from the general body of elected members of the Council reporting direct to the President. He asks for the following suggestions to be considered:—

MEMBERSHIP to be confined to Territorial Associations, with possible exceptions of one member from the College Youths and Cumberlands.

Number of members upon which Association representation is based confined to resident members. If through overlapping of boundaries a member belongs to more than one Association he must make a choice for counting numbers for Central Council representation.

Automatic election of life members of the Council to be abolished (if officers are not elected members of the Council then the hon. membership procedure can be used). Life membership to be confined to those the Council wishes to honour for services to the Exercise, but not otherwise.

STANDING COMMITTEE to be reduced to 12 plus president, vice-president, librarian and hon. treasurer. Past officers and conveners of committees should not be automatically members of the Standing Committee.

COMMITTEES.—The Standing Committee should produce a written report of its activities on the same lines as other committees. It should not make recommendations as to membership of committees.

The various committees should meet immediately before the annual meeting to discuss their reports and proposals for further implementation.

If the Standing Committee requires clarification of any points in a committee report the convener should be asked to attend (unless there is always a member of the committee on the Standing Committee) and be should only remain for the particular business in question.

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WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION DINNER

THE 32nd annual dinner of the Association was held in Worcester on October 25th at the Trinity Banqueting Suite. This was the former Co-operative Hall, where previous dinners have been held, but since last year it has been extensively improved and now provides an ideal setting for this annual function.

But the alterations were not the only things that were new this year for we had, for the first time, the Association's new president, the Very Rev. Dr. Eric Kemp, Dean of Worcester. Another innovation was to have roast turkey as the main course, and it was very gratifying to see a company of 173 sit down to dinner—the highest number since the record gathering of 209 in 1959.

The guest speaker was Mr. J. Alan Ainsworth, who proposed the toast of "The Association" In his speech he referred to the objects of the Association as stated in the recently-revised rules, which he thought were as good a set of objectives as any he had seen. The first was to foster ringing for the services of the Church, which must always be their prime objective. The second was to cultivate the art of change-ringing. This was done through practices, meetings and peals. The third objective—to promote fellowship amongst ringers—he thought was most important, especially if one read the word "fellowship" as "companionship", the former word having a slightly different meaning in the context of the usual church activities.

VOICE OF EXPERIENCE

The response was made by Mr. Clifford Skidmore, who said that he had been called upon to make a speech as "the voice of experience". In his experience he had seen many changes; better facilities such as education and transport had brought about many changes, and what was exceptional in methods and peal ringing in his younger days was commonplace today.

He wished to remind members of two important events of the last year. The first was the completion of 30 years as Northern Branch secretary by Mr. Bernard Ashford. They all remembered how, during the ban, Bernard organised monthly meetings to enable members to continue to practise, the clappers being tied. The second was the recent completion of the rehanging and augmentation to a ring of ten of Stourbridge bells, the success of which was due to the efforts and enthusiasm of the local band and the generosity of the two members who gave the new bells.

The toast of "The Guests" was proposed by the general secretary, Mr. D. Beacham, who said how pleased they were to have the Bishop of Worcester and Mrs. Charles-Edwardes with them that evening. Although the Bishop received an invitation each year he was not able to come each time owing to his other commitments. However, they all knew his feeling for bells which he had so well expressed in his dedication address at Stourbridge the previous Sunday. Alan Ainsworth was also a very welcome guest although as a full ringing member of the Association he could hardly be called a visitor. They were also very pleased to have with them the general secretary of the Hereford Guild, Mr. George Cousins. Finally, Mr. Beacham said, he wished to offer a very warm welcome to the ladies.

THREE BELLS

The Bishop of Worcester replied on behalf of the guests. He said he hoped that any who had been at Stourbridge the previous week would forgive him if he repeated some of the things he said then. Bells reminded him of three important occasions in his life. The first was his marriage, and he wished that more people would be reminded of their own marriages when they heard the bells ringing, and of the vows they made. The second was on hearing the funeral bell on the way to his mother's graveside, and he was reminded of the triumph of the life everlasting. The third occasion was his installation as Bishop in Worcester Cathedral, when the great Cathedral bells emphasised the solemnity of the occasion and he thought of the centurion's words, "Lord, I am not worthy".

The final toast was "The Chairman": this was proposed by the Master (Mr. W. B. Cartwright).

In reply the Dean said the only time he had rung a bell had been with the aid of electricity! Because the porter at his college could not be relied upon to ring the rising bell, an electrically-operated one had been installed, and he duly rang it for the first time by pressing the button! However, he hoped that he would learn more about the art in due course. He had enjoyed the evening very much and looked forward to the next occasion.

An hour's entertainment concluded the proceedings. This began with a course of Bob Major on handbells by four of the Malvern Link ringers—Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Morris, G. Bagley and M. V. White. Verne Yorke-Williams sang, accompanied by Tony Hayward, and "Bert from Evesham" entertained with some yokel comedy. Some lusty community singing then rounded-off a most enjoyable and successful evening. D. B.

MUCH WENLOCK VISITED

A very enjoyable joint meeting of the Shropshire Association and Hereford Diocesan Guild (Bridgnorth Branch) took place at Much Wenlock on November 1st. Ringing during the afternoon and evening was supervised by Mr. Philip Evans, Master of the Shropshire Association, and Miss Valerie Edge, Master of the Hereford Guild. The service was conducted by Rev. James Alexander (curate) and tea, prepared by Mrs. K. Edge and helpers, was served in the old-world home of Rev. and Mrs. Alexander. Thanks were expressed to all concerned with the success of the meeting and following the evening's ringing a social gathering assembled at the Stork.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

The bells of St. Andrew's, Boreham, known affectionately as "the musical eight", were put to good use on November 1st for the bi-monthly meeting of the S.E. District. A welcome was given by the Vicar, Rev. G. Smith, who in his address expressed pleasure at seeing so many young people present; in fact so many babies were in evidence that the secretary is considering setting up a nursery at subsequent meetings!

Over 40 enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. Smith at the Vicarage, where Mrs. Childs and helpers had prepared a buffet tea. At the business meeting the Master, Mr. Andrew Hudson, announced that he would not be seeking re-election in 1970. Mr. and Mrs. David Rothera, of Chelmsford, were elected ringing members. A vote of thanks to all those who had helped to make the afternoon a success was proposed by Mrs. Judi Harrison.

STRIKING COMPETITIONS

Sixty people sat down to tea in the Village Hall at Collingham, when Leeds and District Society held its second annual striking competition on November 1st. Eight bands took part, ringing test pieces ranging from call-changes to Surprise Minor. Both Chapel Allerton and Dewsbury entered two bands and other competitors were Ossett, Rothwell, Calverley and St. Chad's, Far Headingley. Mr. Noel F. Moxon, of Cawthorne, judged the competition and announced Chapel Allerton "A" team, ringing Norwich Surprise Minor, as the winners. It was gratifying that two bands had taken advantage of this year's revision of the rules permitting bands ringing call-changes to enter.

At the business meeting a comprehensive vote of thanks was voiced by Mr. V. Bottomley, president of the Yorkshire Association. Evening ringing took full advantage of Collingham's light eight and the bells were rung down at 8 p.m. G. C.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

North Berks Branch.

On a fine autumn day in October the N. Berks Branch held its annual striking contest at Aston Tirrold. Nine teams from seven towers entered, but two withdrew during the last week. Messrs. W. Butler and R. Christopher, from Thatcham, judged the ringing. After a magnificent tea in the Rectory the results were announced by Mr. Butler. East Hagbourne "A" were placed first, Cholsey "A" second and Hendred third. Also taking part were Steventon, Aston Tirrold and the "B" teams from East Hagbourne and Cholsey.

South Oxford Branch

On the misty morning of September 20th, 37 ringers and friends set off on their annual outing, this year to the Guildford area. The sun was shining, however, by the time that the first tower (Chobham) was reached. Guildford Cathedral was the next objective, and while the ringers enjoyed the modern ten the non-ringers enjoyed looking round the magnificent building. The refectory provided a very pleasant lunch.

Ringing in the afternoon continued at Farnham, and after tea at Odiham (6) where the vice-chairman's acrobatic attempts to make the tenor go up the right way will long be remembered!

Grateful thanks go to all incumbents and tower captains and to Frank Absolom for such an enjoyable outing.

BATH & WELLS ASSOCIATION

The ringing chamber at Preston Plucknett was filled to capacity with upwards of 45 ringers attending the Ilchester Branch meeting on November 1st, visitors coming from as far away as Bath, Topsham and Exmouth. Ringing was under the direction of the Branch Ringing Master (Mr. Gordon Rendell) and included a touch of All Saints Doubles, it being All Saints festival. Members and friends were welcomed by the Rev. D. C. Nye (priest-in-charge).

Next meetings: Langport, Nov. 22nd, 6–9 p.m.; West Coker A.G.M., Dec. 6th, 3–9 p.m. M. M. L.

LETTERS

SIMPLEST REMEDY

Dear Sir,—I have no wish to enter into argument over the Melbourne peal correspondence, but I would like to mention what is to me the simplest remedy when a ringer in a peal finds himself in Mr. Rowson's position. Surely this is to set his bell up, preferably with warning? The attempt is brought to an end and the argument and discussion can take place in private rather than in the columns of "The Ringing World".—Yours faithfully,

M. J. MARRIOTT.

Bedford.

PAID HIS PEAL FEE!

Dear Sir,—Mr. Rowson's disclaiming of the peal at Melbourne leaves me well and truly puzzled. The peal was rung during Mr. Ketteringham's peal tour of Derbyshire, etc. The participants in the peal were in contact with each other for the best part of a week after the peal was rung so surely the validity of it could have been settled easily and amicably without the need to raise the issue in "The Ringing World". Furthermore I am told that Mr. Rowson duly paid his peal fee to the Derbyshire Association for the peal in question!

What are the real reasons for the disclaimer? Can it be that Mr. Rowson only changed his mind about the peal when the tour was over? Has he some knowledge about the truth of the peal which only became apparent to him when he got back to Maidenhead? I will not be so unkind as to accuse him of setting out deliberately to embarrass the Derbyshire Association and its officials who made the touring band welcome, but it certainly looks as if that is what he might be doing.—Yours faithfully,

GORDON A. HALLS.

Littleover, Derby.

COURTEOUS!

Dear Sir,—I have read, with passing interest, the correspondence in "The Ringing World" regarding the peal at Melbourne. I am not too concerned about the ethics of this peal, nor am I very worried about the outcome of this matter.

I was very sorry, however, that Mr. R. E. Hardy put his thoughts in such a vicious and nasty manner. If an editor is to succeed in producing an interesting weekly journal he needs the active support of his readers. As a ringer, I read "The Ringing World" each week, and I realise only too often the amount of work put in to produce the paper. I can assure you, sir, that you have my support, and I very much hope that any criticism you receive in the future will be constructive in its content and courteous in its presentation.—Yours faithfully,

RICHARD C. STEVENS.

Priors Lee, Salop.

OBJECTION LODGED

Dear Sir,—I was interested to read in Mr. Ross's letter on page 866 that the other six peals which he rang in during the tour were "very creditable indeed": of the three of these which I rang in there was one which I thought was passable but far from good, one which the conductor (quite rightly, I think) threatened to stop, and one which was definitely below what I consider peal standard, although not nearly as bad as the Melbourne "peal".

Nevertheless, this is not the critical point. I am objecting under the Central Council's Revised Decisions on Peal Ringing, Section A (Conditions required for all peals), Paragraph 10: "Any shift or error in ringing shall be corrected immediately." After roughly three-quarters of the peal the sixth was apparently lost for some time, during which it should at one point have coursed to the back after the treble. The treble, in the hope of terminating the ringing, remained four successive blows at the back, expecting an extra 18 changes to be rung. In fact the ringing was so confused that only two additional blows were struck, but in any case the error was never corrected, "immediately" or otherwise.

I trust this answers Mr. Ross's public request for amplification; I have also written to him privately, under Paragraph 12 of the Decisions quoted above.—Yours faithfully,

CHRISTOPHER I. ROWSON.

NO PREJUDGING

Dear Sir,—I must say I'm on your side in the "Rowson-Melbourne" controversy and do not agree that there was any "prejudging the issue" in your Comment.

Anyway, keep up the good work—it all helps to liven the paper up a bit!—Yours faithfully,

PAT CANNON.

Dorking, Surrey.

21 OUT OF 22

Dear Sir,—It has been admitted, that the Melbourne peal was "poor".

Surely if the same group of ringers (more or less) have bagged 21 out of 22 peals on tour, including good and outstanding peals, they could have "set up" the Melbourne peal and thus maintained a satisfactory minimum standard. After all, there do not appear to be any extenuating circumstances such as "first pealers" or "local band effort" This is not to say that Mr. Rowson has followed the correct procedure in making his complaint. He should have made his intentions clear to the band before leaving the tower.—Yours faithfully,

"FAULTS ON BOTH SIDES."

Yorkshire.

We also acknowledge a letter from Mr. Andrew W. R. Wilby on this subject.—Ed.

A BREACH OF ETIQUETTE

Dear Sir,—May I be permitted to add a small voice to the Melbourne peal controversy?

To me, there seems to be here involved a point of etiquette which has not so far been mentioned, and this relates to the responsibilities of the conductor. Surely it is the conductor who is in charge and it is he, and he alone, who decides whether or not a valid peal has been rung. If Mr. Rowson thinks that the peal was not up to standard but cannot persuade the conductor to withdraw it then surely he should abide by the conductor's decision and not mention the matter in public at all! If he really felt so strongly that a protest was required he should have stood his bell in the last course, when the resulting first-class row would have thoroughly cleared the air in private and on the spot: but this procedure must be only an absolutely last resort as he would probably not be asked to ring in that area again.

I have not previously heard of Mr. Rowson, but I get the impression that he is a keen young man who will do much good for the Exercise when he has been mellowed a little by age and experience, especially the experience of being in charge when others in the band are of borderline ability, and I wish him well in his ringing career.

In conclusion, I submit, sir, that in this case there has been a breach of etiquette by a keen but misguided member of the band and that the whole matter should be forthwith forgotten.—Yours faithfully,

J. V. LONSBROUGH.

Newhaven, Sussex.

WITHDRAWAL ASKED FOR

Dear Sir,—I must ask the conductor of the "peal" at Winsford on August 16th (page 871) to withdraw it.

Apart from being wrongly reported, no less than four of the "extents" did not comply with the Central Council regulations. In two "extents" a pair was crossed and were only put right at the end of the "extent". A 720 of Plain Bob was miscalled and the following "extent" was just a collection of calls designed to bring the "peal" round at approximately the right time.—Yours faithfully.

GORDON H. BALDAM.

Taunton, Som.

HINTON SURPRISE IN YORKSHIRE

Dear Sir,—While noting the interest of the band in the method, I'm afraid their claim to have rung the first peal of Hinton Surprise for the Yorkshire Association at Leeds on August 18th is some 34 years late, as a peal was rung at Handsworth, Sheffield, in 1935. Although I recall this peal being rung and published, my only authority is that in Hinton Church is a short history of the bells, written by the then Rector, in which is a note of the peals of Hinton Surprise rung to that date.—Yours faithfully,

J. D. JOHNSON.

Hinton-on-the-Green.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
SEE BACK PAGE

PEAL DONATIONS

Dear Sir,—I would like to point out how galling it can be on occasion to belong to a Guild in the lower half of the peal publication order.

The report of a recent Truro Guild peal was submitted (in type on the correct form) by first class mail on the day following the performance. The relative donation was gratefully acknowledged in the issue of October 24th but the peal was not published in that issue nor today's (October 31st).

A correct interpretation of the "Gratefully Acknowledged" column is not always possible due to personal and tour contributions, but as the percentage of donations to peals does not appear to be high I would suggest that a peal with a donation of, say, 1/- per rope should be good for at least one week's preferential publication and also that the acknowledgement of such donations should appear in the same issue as the relative peal.—Yours faithfully,

ANTHONY J. DAVIDSON.

Truro, Cornwall.

IRRESPONSIBLE TOWER-GRABBERS

Dear Sir,—Now that the remonstrances of Mr. Beeching, of Newchurch, have been made public, I would first say how much I accord with what he said. The section of the Exercise which still strives to maintain decorum and good sense will all sympathise with the feelings of the ringers of Burmarsh and Newchurch, who were so outrageously hurt by this lamentable act of incivility and which may be classed as sacrilege (see Ashford District A.G.M. report, "R.W.", page 847).

The fact that they called on the parish of Ivychurch and rang its bells without permission, apparently (for we can find no other cause) snapped off the clock pull-off rope, and then presumed to rope up the 4th bell which had (as recorded in this journal earlier this year) been purposely unroped owing to the crack in its crown having spread over its shoulder and now extending over the other side and also turning laterally around the waist of the bell, is an act in itself dangerous and irresponsible. These five bells are not in good order and it is only by constant maintenance that they can be kept going at all, and the decision to unrope the fourth was for public safety and also so as not to offend the ears of the parish, for the sound is horrible. Had the bell, which weighs about 9¼ cwt., broken in two, it would have come through the hatchways which are underneath it.

The names of the perpetrators are known, and **unless** they at once distinctly **apologise in writing** to the Rector, Rev. Nigel G. O'Connor, The Rectory, Ivychurch, Romney Marsh, Kent, it is intended that their names should be forwarded to you for exhibiting in this journal, and further action considered.—Yours faithfully,

DAVID L. CAWLEY,

Steeplekeeper, St. George's, Ivychurch.

METHOD NOMENCLATURE

Dear Sir,—One appreciates being referred to by Mr. Wratten as a colleague, but he really must not try to avoid the consequences of a Central Council Decision with tales of dead horses galloping half way up hills who come out of retirement 40 years later. He must not chide Mr. Dodd for giving names to methods contrary to the resolution, and then when he finds the resolution inconvenient ask for it to "be laid quietly to rest".

I am wholly desireless in the matter, and have merely pointed out one of the effects of the resolution. The Council's resolution is unequivocal and unambiguous. Had they not wished to revive the old names they would have added some such clause as "Provided nevertheless and notwithstanding the foregoing clause, Daisy shall not ride again".

Daisy never did die. For instance, except derisively, I have yet to hear of Overton being referred to as Capel. Until recently, of course, this was all wrong.

Some years ago a peal was reported using the old names, and I believe that the conductor of the peal was rebuked (quite rightly) by an official of the Council for using the wrong names. Has the same official, or his successor in title, taken the same step regarding recent peals at Holme Pierrepont, Babworth, Clifford Chambers and elsewhere which have been incorrectly reported? Or does he think the resolution should "be laid quietly to rest"?

My friend quotes Mr. Fernley's letter, but does not say that his quotation was preceded by a strong protest against the alteration of the names. No doubt the present resolution will receive the same loyal support from those who find it inconvenient.

Let Mr. Wratten take heart—he can always have the resolution amended at a later meeting of the Council and get rid of Mr. Rusty Surprise at the same time.

Another consequence of the resolution is that the Alliance methods in the Council's Collection which have not yet been rung in peals can be so rung and renamed.

Daisy indeed!—Yours faithfully,

ARTHUR WHITING.

Manchester.

MINOR METHODS NAME CORRECTIONS

Dear Sir,—I refer to a peal of Minor, in 14 methods, rung at Great Gaddesden, Herts, on July 27th this year. The peal, conducted by Mr. B. J. Woodruffe, claimed 13 methods as rung for the first time and consequently named. Three of these were rung at Binsted, Hants, on July 19th (page 714) and the Great Gaddesden report should therefore be amended as follows:—

For Rotherslade: 56.14—16—16. l.e. 12. read Wight.

For Rhossili: 56.14—36.12.56. l.e. 12. read Basingstoke.

For Cheriton: 56.14—1236.—56. l.e. 12. read Alton.

Yours faithfully,

ANDREW W. R. WILBY.

Harpenden, Herts.

ST. PETER'S, DORCHESTER, BELLS

Dear Sir,—With reference to the article on page 764 of "The Ringing World" by Rev. Giles Galley and "APAC", giving the account of the Wilfred Williams Wessex Tour, the paragraph relating to St. Peter's, Dorchester, is misleading in that it gives some wrong information about the bells. St. Peter's bells are **not** Warner bells as stated in the article but are bells cast by T. BILBIE of CULLOMPTON, Devon, in 1734. The 4th, 6th and 7th were recast by Warners in 1889 and the octave were re-hung in a Warner frame. The chiming apparatus was also installed by Warners at the same time.

As far as I am aware this was the only work done on St. Peter's bells by Warners. The remaining bells are BILBIE bells.

There IS a framed article giving a complete description of the bells hanging in the ringing chamber.—Yours faithfully,

R. H. DUKE,

Captain and Towerkeeper.

Dorchester, Dorset.

THE FIRST PEAL IN WALES

Dear Sir,—I wish to point out what appears to be an incorrect statement in Belfry Gossip in the October 31st issue of "The Ringing World", and I quote: "A band of College Youths visited St. Stephen's, Llanstephan, Carmarthenshire, in January, 1876, and rang the first peal in Wales."

The first peal to be rung in Wales and recorded in the ringing room in Wrexham Parish Church was Grandsire Triples, rung on March 26th, 1729, by a local band. Six of the band, or practitioners as they were then called, had only been ringing for 12 months.

The peal rung by the College Youths at Llanstephan in 1876 was a peal of Grandsire Triples. This was Holt's Original, conducted by Henry Haley, and rung for the first time in Wales, and the first peal in Wales by the College of Youths.—Yours faithfully,

W. CATHRALL.

Wrexham.

MINIMUS

Dear Sir,—With reference to the "New Minimus Quarter" ("R.W.", page 845), Woodborough and Lindisfarne have already been named by P. B. Knights as Reverse Stanton and Stanton respectively, the only difference being that Reverse Stanton and Stanton both start two changes later than Woodborough and Lindisfarne. Details of the methods were given in "A Review of Minimus", by Geoffrey Dodds ("R.W.", December 15th, 1961, page 842). The article was spread over five weeks; the two methods were mentioned on January 5th, 1962 ("R.W.", page 6), methods Q and S. We frequently ring both these methods at Drayton Bassett.—Yours faithfully,

K. G. PARKER (Drayton Bassett).

N. W. ATTAWAY (Tamworth).

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All on October 30th

CHILTON FOLIAT, WILTS.—1,260 Doubles (four methods): T. R. Jones 1, G. A. Newman 2, Ann Toomer 3, Margaret Bowman 4, A. G. Keen (cond.) 5.

SAVERNAKE FOREST, WILTS.—1,260 Doubles (four methods): G. A. Newman 1, A. G. Keen 2, Ann Toomer (cond.) 3, Margaret Bowman 4, T. R Jones 5.

BURBAGE, WILTS.—1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Margaret Bowman 1, T. R. Jones 2, G. A. Newman 3 Ann Toomer 4, A. G. Keen (cond.) 5.

EAST KENNETT, WILTS. — 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Ann Toomer 1, A. G. Keen (cond.) 2, T. R. Jones 3, G. A. Newman 4, Margaret Bowman 5.

OGBOURNE ST. ANDREW, WILTS. — 1,260 Doubles (eight methods): G. A. Newman 1, Ann Toomer 2, Margaret Bowman 3, T. R. Jones 4, A. G Keen (cond.) 5.

ABBOT'S LEIGH, SOM. — On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Cox (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Blanch 2, V. H. James 3, Miss H. Kirkpatrick 4, B. H. Goodliffe (cond.) 5, N. H. Coombs 6.

ALDERMASTON, BERKS.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 St. Clement's Minor: D. Livingston 1, Janet Livingston 2, W. Butler (cond.) 3, P. Corderoy 4, M. S. Holbrook 5 D. L. Wilcox 6. Also on Oct. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Livingston 1, Freda Wilcox 2 Brenda V. Hewitt 3, M. Goodwin 4, R. B. Pike 5 D. L. Wilcox (cond.) 6. For the induction of Rev. F. A. Steer as Vicar.

ASH PRIORS, SOM.—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Miss F. Gadd 1, R. A. C Cross 2, Mrs. A. Durbin 3, K. E. Beale 4, A. W. Knight 5, J. Cornelius (cond.) 6.

ASTON INGHAM, HEREFORDS.—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Smith 1, Miss B. Luckes 2, Rev. F. F. Rigby 3, M. Chandler 4, E D. Wilson (cond.) 5, R. Chew 6. Half-muffled following the interment of the cremated remains of the Rev. William Barrett Harrison, rector.

BACKWELL, SOM.—On Sept. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples. H. Hardwidge (first away from tenor on eight) 1, T G. Phillips 2, L. Derrick 3, S. Brown 4, J. Brain 5, J. R. Taylor (cond.) 6, P. J. England 7, W. J. Lott 8. A birthday compliment to ringer of 1, his daughter and the conductor.

BADSWORTH, YORKS. – On Oct. 28th, 1,296 Minimus (five methods): T. Cairns 1, E. P. King 2, D. Hunton 3, M. King (cond.) 4. First of Minimus 1 and 3.

BARROW-ON-SOAR, LEICS.—On Nov. 1st, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: B. S. Payne (cond.) 1, M. D. Barsby 2, C. J. Mobbs 3, J. R. Perkins 4, R A. Clarke 5, R. I. Kendrick 6. For All Saints' Festival.

BEDWORTH, WARKS.—On Oct 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. R. Slingsby 1, R. Liggins 2, Miss J. Whait 3, G. Hammond 4, H. Ashley 5, B. Liggins 6, G. Pratt (cond.) 7, A. Hinde 8. A farewell to Canon W. C. Maggs, rector for 17 years.

BENEFIELD, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. A Rudd (first quarter) 1, J. M. Tyler (cond.) 2, J. R. Charlton 3, D. J. W. Gadd (first "inside") 4, M. J. Buckby (first quarter) 5.

BERRINGTON, SHROPSHIRE. — On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Mrs. I. E. Allmand 1 Mrs. J. B. Rowney 2, D. Glover 3, C. H. Allmand 4 W. H. Lloyd (cond.) 5, K. Rowney 6. A 100th birthday compliment to Mrs. S. Swift, of Cross Houses.

BISHOPSTOKE, HANTS. — On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ruth Alderson 1, Pip E. Menniss 2, I. M. McCallion (first Triples "inside") 3, Linda V. Cull 4, R. Le Marechal 5, M J. Thomas 6, J. P Collins (cond.) 7, B. C. Taylor 8.

BOLSTERSTONE, YORKS. — On Oct. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. R. Cater 1, D. Hunton 2, E. P. King 3, R. Cater 4, P Carbutt (cond.) 5, M. King 6 After a peal failure; also for Harvest Festival.

BROADWAY, SOM.—On Oct. 19th 1,260 Doubles (13 m/v/s): R. Welch 1, Mrs. B Bindon 2, J. Cornelius (cond.) 3, M. A. Arscott 4, R. F. Arscott 5.

CALVERTON, NOTTS.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,320 Minimus (five methods): A. A Boden 1 D. W. Flower 2, P. R. Wild 3 P. L. R. Hayward (cond.) 4.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—At the Cathedral, on Oct. 26th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: L. Hucksteep 1, T. Skilton 2, D. G. Mitchell 3, D. H. Niblett (cond.) 4, R. J. Elliott 5, G. Davies 6, P. M. Hills 7, P. C. Sinden 8, T. H. Holmes 9, E. A. Dixon 10.

QUARTER PEALS

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Canon A. S. Roberts 1, Marion L. Lidgey 2, T. J. Bell 3. G. W. Taysom 4. A. J. Davidson 5, F. M. Bowers 6, H. Miles (cond.) 7, M. D. Smaldon 8.

CLIFFORD, HEREFORDS.—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Alison Savagar (first Triples) 1, B. D Giddings 2, T. Jones 3, R. A Hatcher 4, F. R. Harris 5, N. R. Mattingley (cond.) 6, J. F. I. Turney 7, D. Watkins 8.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—On Oct. 12th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: E. Button 1, R. Orman 2, D. Andrews 3, G. Orman 4, G. Button 5, H. Millatt 6, A. Andrews (cond.) 7, E. Davey 8.

DOWNE, KENT. — On Oct. 26th, 1,260 St. Clement's and Plain Bob Minor: Kathryn Holman (first Minor) 1, Louise Powell 2, Julia Collinge 3, A. H. Long 4, P. R. Butler 5, R. A. Grant (cond.) 6. For the dedication of the stained glass window in commemoration of Robin Knox-Johnston's epic voyage.

DOWNTON, WILTS.—On Oct. 27th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J Mussell 1, R. W. Yates (first Surprise) 2, N. O. Skelton (first Surprise Major) 3 T. Collins 4, L. A. Page 5, B. J. Woodruffe 6, Rev. R. Keeley 7, R. N. Marlow (cond.) 8.

EALING, MIDDX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Oct. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Dr. Sybil Aldridge 1, Ann Horsford 2, M. Seagrave (first "inside") 3, A. M. Stacey 4. P. Felton 5, J. Porter 6, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 7, N. F. Felton 8. A farewell to Mr. E. Coulson, moved to Loughborough.

EAST KENNETT, WILTS.—On Oct. 24th, 1,290 Plain Bob Doubles: M. H. Jackson 1, T. R. Jones 2, P D. Naylor 3, Margaret Bowman 4, Ann Toomer (first as cond.) 5. Rung by pupils of Marlborough Grammar School for United Nations Day.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.—On Oct. 28th, 1,256 Little Bob Major: C Sutton 1, R. J. Everest 2, P. R. Everest 3, E J. Jenner 4, H. W. Evans 5, G. S. E. Winter 6, R. P. Sherlock 7, B. E. Jeffrey (cond.) 8. For the Feast of SS. Simon and Jude.

ELKSTONE, GLOS.—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): Ann Herbert 1, M. P. Taylor 2, B. H. Taylor 3, Helen R. Taylor 4, E. J. Taylor (cond.) 5.

FELMERSHAM, BEDS.—On Oct 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. W. Payne 1, I. Gillman 2, J. B. Long 3, P Hensman 4, C M. Payne (cond.) 5, B. Gillman 6, T. Albury 7, P. J. Payne. 8. Half-muffled in memoriam Mr. T. Hensman, churchwarden and ringer for many years.

FITZHEAD, SOM.—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. C. Hancock 1, Miss F. Gadd 2, K E Beale (cond.) 3, A. W. Knight 4, J. Cornelius 5, R. A. C. Cross 6.

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GODSHILL, I.O.W.—On Oct. 10th. 1,260 Doubles (two methods): Kim Evans 1, Elsie Wyatt 2, — 3, C. Denness (joint cond.) 4. L. Bailey (joint cond.) 5. Ringer of 1's 15th birthday.

GREAT YELDHAM, ESSEX.—On Oct. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Threadgold (cond.) 1. J. Connell 2, I. Messenger 3, J. Green 4. S. Sudbury 5, C. Gillingham 6.

HARESFIELD, GLOS.—On Oct. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Page 1, Miss S. Perry 2, P. Screen 3, N. Amphlett 4, R. Page (cond.) 5, D. Tomlins 6.

HIGHCLERE, HANTS.—On Oct. 26th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: M. Goss 1, P. Watts 2, D. Goss 3, P. Furness 4, G. K. Dodd 5, R. Crocker (first in method as cond.) 6.

HONITON, DEVON.—On Nov 1st, at St. Paul's Church, 1,344 Grandsire Triples: C. Manley (first of Triples) 1, N. Salter 2, Mrs. G. Webb 3, D Wallis 4, C. Webb 5. D. Salter 6, W. Webb (cond.) 7, L. Stevens 8.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jacqueline A. Pickett (first Minor) 1 H. W. Brown 2, A. M Humphrey 3, J. R. Norris 4, S. W. Brown (cond.) 5, B. J. Harfield 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Walter S. Small (81), hon. member, who died on October 24th. Also on Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Anne Lambert 1, Maureen E. Kirkcaldy 2, J. Kirkcaldy 3, J. N. Lambert 4, H. W. Brown 5, S. W. Brown (cond.) 6, B. J. Harfield 7, R H. Tribe 8. First Triples 1, 4. For the bi-monthly combined C. of E. and Methodist Service.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.—On Nov 1st, 1,470 Grandsire Triples: C. P. Turner (first as cond.) 1, W. F. Judge 2, J. E. Judge 3, M J. Turner 4, J. H. Cleaver 5, P. Franklin (first quarter) 6, M. Journeaux 7, P. Sampson 8

KINGSTON, DORSET.—On Oct. 26th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Mary E. Elmes 1, Judith A. Robertson 2, M. J. Dew (first Major) 3, J. W. Blackwood 4, Betty A. Christopher (first Major "inside") 5, G. W. Elmes 6 R G. W. Robertson 7, T. F. Collins (cond.) 8.

LEICESTER.—At the Cathedral, on Oct. 20th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: Mrs. P J. Staniforth 1, Mrs. H. B. Bowley 2, P. J. Staniforth (cond.) 3, E Harrold 4, J. Kesterton 5, J. Harrold 6, S. Burton 7, H. B. Bowley 8 W J. Root 9, E Whitehead 10. In memoriam Cecil Dunford and William Thorpe, both lay canons of the Cathedral. Also on Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rosemary Staniforth (first quarter) 1 Mrs. P. J. Staniforth 2, Si Burton 3, H. Bowley 4, E. Whitehead 5, W. Root 6, P. Staniforth (cond.) 7, A. Skinner 8.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDS. — On Sept. 21st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Margaret Durrington 1, Rita Dudley 2. H. B. Whitney 3, K. Jackson 4, E. Conquest 5, C. Radcliff 6, R. Gaylor 7, A. J. Frost (cond.) 8. For the Festival of Flowers Music and Arts.

LEYLAND, LANCS.—At St. James' Church, on Oct 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. L. Mackie 1, J Nelson 2, D. L. Marsden 3, L. Walmsley 4, J. D. Nixon (cond.) 5, J. E. Sumner 6. For Harvest Festival.

LITTLE HOUGHTON, NORTHANTS. — On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Hastings 1, A. Henman 2, C. Stanton 3, L. Battison 4. R. Henman (cond.) 5. Half-muffled in memoriam Mr. A. Luck, former ringer at this tower

LOCKERLEY, HANTS.—On Oct. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor. D. R Fallick 1, Linda V. Cull 2, I M. McCallion (first Minor) 3, R. Le Marechal 4, R. S. Parratt 5, J. P. Collins (cond.) 6.

LOWDHAM, NOTTS.—On Oct. 26th, 1,320 Doubles (11 m/v): G. P. Butler 1, J. R. Anthony 2 P. R. Wild 3, P. L. R. Hayward 4, H. G. Wells (cond.) 5.

LONDON, W.C.—At St. Clement Danes', on Oct. 19th, 1,282 Cambridge Surprise Royal: P. J. Spice 1, Jane Reynolds 2 W. A. Theobald 3, K. Rider 4, D P. Smith 5, D H. Kingston (first Royal) 6, E. J. Ladd 7, J W Smith 8, D E. Sibson 9, T. Lewis (cond.) 10.

MINSTER-IN-SHEPPEY, KENT. — On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (11 m/v): Susan Goodwin 1, Glynis Poppleton 2, Mira Ford 3, Marianne Leworthy 4, D. P. Leworthy (cond.) 5. Ann Bryant 6. For Harvest Festival. Also on Oct. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (11 m/v): Jill C. Singleton (first on treble) 1, Glynis Poppleton 2, Jane Bryant 3, Marianne Leworthy 4, D. P. Leworthy (cond.) 5, Susan Goodwin 6.

OBITUARY

MR. W. H. COOPER

The Stourbridge area of North Worcestershire has lost a good friend with the passing on October 23rd of William Henry Cooper, at the age of 68.

Bill had been in failing health for some months but, during his long spells in Wordsley Hospital (where, incidentally, he worked as a clerk for over 30 years) he maintained his great interest in ringing. He was particularly pleased to learn that the bells at St. Thomas's, Stourbridge, were to be rehung and augmented to ten, and it is to be regretted that he was never to ring on them.

Of a quiet disposition, Bill was born in the village of Wordsley, and he learnt to ring on the six bells some 50 years ago. His father was a ringer at Holy Trinity Church, Wordsley, for many years, and his brother, Harold, also learnt to ring there, although he now rings at Wollaston. Bill gave up ringing for some years between the wars, but when he returned he became a regular visitor to St. Thomas's, Stourbridge, eventually becoming a member of the band, even though he still then lived in Wordsley. Some four years ago he went to live at Kingswinford.

It is believed that Bill rang over 100 peals, of which 94 were definitely rung for the Worcestershire and Districts Association. A safe, steady ringer, and capable of ringing up to Surprise Major, he was always a regular attender at meetings whenever his job allowed it.

The funeral was on October 28th, when a service was held at Holy Trinity Church, Wordsley. Cremation followed at Stourbridge. Four of Bill's fellow ringers acted as bearers, namely C. Skidmore (Brierley Hill) and Messrs. A. D., M. J. and M. D. Fellows (St. Thomas's, Stourbridge). There were several ringers at the church, and the Northern Branch of the Worcestershire and Districts Association was represented by Mr. M. P. Tobin, the branch ringing master. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells at the Crematorium. Stourbridge ringers rang a half-muffled quarter peal on October 26th, details of which appear elsewhere. M. D. F.

MR. WALTER S. SMALL

An old stalwart who spent much of his life in training bands of ringers was Mr. Walter S. Small, who died on October 24th, aged 84. He helped in training the Aldrington band at Keymer, again at Hurstpierpoint and finally at Bolney. Inevitably a few stays were broken, and this was where Walter again helped out as a carpenter.

He was an honorary member of the Aldrington and Hurstpierpoint Societies and at the latter tower 1,260 Plain Bob Minor was rung half-muffled on October 26th by Jacqueline A. Pickett (first Minor) 1, H. W. Brown 2, A. M. Humphrey 3, J. R. Norris 4, S. W. Brown (cond.) 5, B. J. Harfield 6.

He was laid to rest in the family grave at Clayton, at the foot of the South Downs, on October 30th. For a number of years he was verger and sexton at this church, as were his father and grandfather. The rector recalled his service to the church and mentioned that single-handed he removed the Horsham slab roof and treated the roof timbers of the chancel against death-watch beetle. He helped design the porch and fashioned its oak doorway, to the pleasure of visitors today. H. W. B., S. W. B.

BELFRY GOSSIP

A young ringer to watch, J. P. Loveless (14), of Bures, who has just called his first quarter of Major.

Fifty Years a Ringer. — Congratulations to G. Mitchell, of Glodwick, Oldham.

A Southwell Guild Record is 54 m/v Minimus rung at Woodborough, Notts, on Oct. 23rd, conducted by P. L. R. Hayward.

Thirteen-year-old David Goss rang his first peal of Surprise recently. Sunday service ringers from Highclere and Burghclere arranged the ringing for the Andover District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.

The latest ringers to join the short list of "double-handed" peal ringers are Anthony R. Peake and William Butler, who both rang peals for the Oxford Diocesan Guild during the last week of October. Possibly inspired by the example of J. W. Washbrook, this Guild seems to have more ringers who take up this particular aspect of peal ringing than in any other Guild or Association.

The Eastern District of the Irish Association held a tour on October 18th, 24 ringers attending. Three towers, viz. Arklow, Kilkenny (very noisy bells) and Waterford were visited and on the homeward journey dinner was taken at Enniscorthy. A very enjoyable time was spent.

Recent headlines about stolen bells has made many clergy suspicious of persons calling to check bell records and inscriptions. The rector of a village near Southampton took precautions recently when three men arrived for such purpose, but all was well in this case. However, any ringer desirous of obtaining such information would be well advised to make an appointment, or the consequences might be unpleasant.

By ringing the tenor at North Collingham on October 28th, Mr. G. A. Dawson recorded his 200th tower-bell peal and his 50th different tenor in Northamptonshire. It was also rung as a compliment to Michael Ridley and Rosemary Foster on their engagement.

MR. RICHARD BIGGS

Some weeks ago news of the sudden death of Mr. Richard Biggs at Wrexham was received with very sincere regret, and our deepest sympathy is extended to his widow, sister and family. Mr. Biggs, a native of Ellesmere, Shropshire, was 67, and had been in failing health for some time.

Like his father before him, "Dick", as he was affectionately known to his friends, was for many years a member of the Ellesmere Sunday service band. Although he only rang in a few peals, he was an excellent striker and had conducted a few quarter peals of Stedman Triples, etc. He was very proud to have taken part in a peal of Stedman Triples by the self-taught band at Ellesmere in 1925—the first peal by a local band since 1730. More recently, he was also pleased to ring on the mighty bells at the Liverpool Anglican Cathedral.

In later years Dick's work took him to Irlam, Lancashire, and also Wrexham, where he rang for services at the parish church.

Those of us privileged to know Dick Biggs will always remember him as one of those rare individuals who never spoke the unkind or uncharitable word. We remember, too, his unfailing cheerfulness, his loyalty and patience; above all, perhaps, his great Christian humility. T. R. B.

The Church of St. Matthew, Harwell, held their annual Ringers' Service on the first Sunday in November. The choir sang Purcell's Bell Anthem and the lessons were read by two of the ringers. The Vicar's sermon was based on one of the prayers from "A Manual for Ringers". An excellent exhibition pertaining to ringers and ringing was organised by Mr. D. Jordan, which took up nearly all of the south aisle. "The Ringing World" was on sale and all the copies illustrating Harwell Church on the cover were sold very quickly.

"May I claim space to correct a slip on my part," writes Mr. Iolo Davies, hon. secretary of the Llandaff branch of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association, "and to apologise for my mistake. It is on **Saturdays**, not Sundays, that bands from other towers are invited to ring for Evensong at Llandaff Cathedral."

Can any reader supply us with a composition of Stedman Triples by Mr. James Higgins, published in the early '50s?

Member of a well-known Kentish family, Mr. Stanley B. Dobbie, captain at Sittingbourne, who is over 80, continues to make progress following his illness. He is now able to go out for car rides at the weekend. All his friends wish him well and hope to see him with a rope in his hand as soon as possible.

Believed to be the first quarter by members of one hospital was on October 2nd when 1,440 Bob Minor was rung at Christ Church, Wanstead, by a nurse and five doctors, all of whom at the time were working at the Middlesex Hospital, W.1. The band were: L. Hayek 1, W. L. B. Leese 2, Jean Fox 3, S. Harrison 4, W. R. Winterton 5, P. A. F. Chalk (cond.) 6.

The first "local" peal for 30 years was rung at Clowne, Derbys, on October 18th. We hope for a "repeat" performance shortly!

First Subscription for 1970 has been received from Mr. F. E. Dukes, of Drogheda, Co. Louth, Ireland.

Little Bob Sixteen "in hand" has now been rung for the first time—at Watford on October 27th.

The North American Guild in is the news again—this time with a peal of Kent T.B. Major "in hand", and in which three of the team rang their first in the method "in hand".

Wentworth ringers rang the first quarter on the four bells at Badsworth (13 cwt.) on October 28th. Unfortunately no local band exists, and the sandstone walls of this 14th century church are steadily eroding away. A chiming apparatus, however, is operated before the main service.

Mr. Derek Slater, of West Hoathley, Sussex, has just returned from a couple of months in the Far East and U.S.A. He had a ring with Rick Dirksen and his enthusiastic band at Washington Cathedral, and also met John Baldwin who is shortly going to Los Angeles.

An unusual but excellent reason for ringing a peal took place at Bathford, Somerset, recently. Vandals caused a fire which had severe consequences and the peal gave "continuing witness" to the work of the Church.

The local band at Dagenham, after five years' hard work, achieved a quarter of Bristol on Remembrance Sunday.

Ringing Solo.—The only ringer in a quarter of Minimus (6 methods) at Aldbourne, Wilts, on November 2nd, was Mr. Tim R. Jones, who was ringing his first on handbells and of Minimus.

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KEENNESS IN SOUTH WALES

Pendoylan is an out-of-the-way village (albeit this year's "best-kept in Glamorgan") and the weather on November 8th was cold and blustery. However, the Llandaff Branch maintained its recent improvement in attendance at meetings, over 50 being again present. Apart from visitors, this was a representation of ten towers, i.e., of 50% of those affiliated in the branch area. Largest contingents were Llandaff Cathedral 10, Llanblethian 8, Whitchurch 7, Coity 6.

The bells (6) have a long draught and feel heavier than their 8¼ cwt., yet they were put to good use from rounds to standard methods. It is good to know that, after some years of silence, the bells (with the active encouragement of the Vicar, Rev. A. J. Lewis) are being regularly rung for service again, and that the band, who are mostly youngsters, hope soon to affiliate to the Association.

The service was taken by the Vicar, after which tea was served by the ladies of the congregation. Among new members elected were six from Whitchurch, all juniors.

Mr. Thomas ("Tim") Yeomans, of Cardiff, was congratulated on recently ringing his 200th peal for the Association, in addition to his devoted services to the Exercise in general, for which he is well known and much respected. I. D.

SELBY ABBEY WEEK-END

This year's outing took the form of a long week-end and included ringing in Notts, Lincs and Rutland. The first tower, on October 5th, was Blyth (Notts), where ringing was enjoyed on the pleasant six, followed by a picnic lunch and ringing on the ten at East Retford which, because of inexperience, was not too good.

A course of Lincolnshire was accomplished at Tuxford (a light eight), but on the ten at Newark the result was not up to standard. However, the fine ring of eight at Balderton provided the best ringing of the afternoon and the day finished on the magnificent ten at Grantham.

The first tower on Saturday was at Empingham, where one of the younger ringers received slight accidental injury but was not deterred. Wing, Glaston and Seaton were other towers visited during the morning, and ringing for two flower festivals, at Caldecote and Belton, in the afternoon preceded that at Uppingham (8) and Preston (6), followed by Langham and Whissendine, both sixes.

On Sunday Greetham had Cambridge Minor for service, and other places visited during the afternoon included Ashwell, Edith Weston, Market Overton and Exton, with Oakham (8) in the evening and the final ringing being at Cottesmore. Thanks to all who contributed to the successful week-end. R. J. S.

"MID-DEVON" IN LONDON

Early one morning,
Before the sun was rising,
I heard a maid call out to me:
"Get a move on—it's 5 a.m., Saturday."

This was the start of a very enjoyable day. Before I got out of bed I could hear the fog sirens going, and realising that I had about 20 miles to do to get the train and also collect two more ringers, I thought to myself: "That's torn it—a sea fog"; but no, the roads were quite clear and the sirens were "only" for the unfortunates at sea.

About a dozen of us met at Newton Abbot Station and despite a 30-minute delay owing to engine trouble we pulled into Paddington on time. A fair amount of "ringing" was done en route in between lessons on how to play bridge.

We were soon at our first port of call, St. Lawrence Jewry, and enjoying our morning exercise to the tune of Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Major on the very fine eight. Our "away" organiser, Bill Theobald, met us here, and what a grand job he made of it! The other towers visited were St. Giles' (12), St. Michael's, Cornhill, St. Dunstan's and All Saints', Stepney, and St. Margaret's, Westminster. Besides rounds on 12, Grandsire, Stedman, Erin and Plain Bob Caters were rung.

Our thanks to the two "Bills"—Bill Simmonds, the local organiser, and Bill Theobald. "PLAIN BOB."

MEMORIAL TO THE LATE MR. BEN THOMPSON

At the meeting of the Eastern Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association at Ditchingham, attended by 55 ringers, members stood in silent memory of Miss May Lidbetter, of Acle, and Mr. Ben Thompson, of Pakefield.

The meeting agreed that a collection should be made to enable the Association to purchase a trophy in memory of Mr. Thompson for the annual striking competition.

CORRECTION

The ringer of the second in the quarter at Kewstoke, Somerset, was Mr. R. Ballam and not as submitted.

A LEGAL SOCIETY?

Dear Sir,—I am trying to form an association of ringers with a legal basis, including solicitors, barristers, legal executives, articled clerks and law students.

Will any readers of "The Ringing World" interested in the formation of such an association please write to me.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN D. GREY.

Stanegate, Brampton,
Cumberland.

BRISTOL SURPRISE MAXIMUS

A peal of Bristol Surprise Maximus was rung by the Ancient Society of College Youths at St. Laurence's, Reading, on October 26th, conducted by David P. Hilling. It was the first peal of Bristol Maximus to be rung by the Society and the first peal of Maximus in the method rung using fourths place bobs. Ringing "inside" was 16-year-old David C. Brown, who gave a most confident display in what he later informed the band was his first peal of Bristol. Five other members of the band scored their first peal of Maximus in the method.

The composition used was a two-part by Frank Blagrove and is given below.

It is interesting to mention that the College Youths' peal was the tenth peal of Bristol Maximus. Following upon the first two rung at Leicester in 1950 in the days of the late Harold Poole there was a considerable gap (in fact until January, 1968) before the third peal was rung, this being at High Wycombe by the Oxford Diocesan Guild, to be followed only a fortnight later by another at Reading by an almost identical band. Since this time three peals of Bristol Maximus have been rung by the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, one by the Middlesex Association, a further peal by the Oxford Diocesan Guild and the tenth peal, as mentioned, by the College Youths.

Whilst interest has been apparent in the south of the country during the past two years in the ringing of what is a most musical and challenging method, one wonders if perhaps the St. Martin's Guild, or any other 12-bell band from the Midlands or North about which one often reads, would care to share in the delights of Bristol Surprise Maximus. D. H.

5,088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAXIMUS

By F. T. Blagrove

23456	M	W	H	
52436		—		18 leads
42635	—			7 leads
64235			—	7 leads
(36245)		—		21 leads
24365		—	—	

Repeat.

C.B. FOR SUNDAY SERVICE RINGER

"The Irish Bell News" offers congratulations, which we heartily endorse, to Mr. John M. Benn, Permanent Secretary to the Ministry of Education, Northern Ireland, on being appointed a Companion of the Order of the Bath. Mr. Benn is a founder member since the installation of the bells at St. Mark's (10), Dundela, Belfast. In spite of his heavy official duties, he never fails to turn up for Sunday service ringing and at practice evenings unless prevented by engagements.

GEORGE E. BONHAM'S PEAL TOUR—1969

ALL PEALS, UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED, RUNG FOR THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WELLINGTON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist. On Mon., Aug. 11, 1969, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in E.

*A. Patrick Cannon	Treble	†George E. Bonham	5
Mary E. Elmes	2	Andrew W. R. Wilby	6
David G. Massey	3	Timothy F. Collins	7
Robert D. Bellamy	4	Philip Mehew	Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by Timothy F. Collins.
* First peal of D.N.C.B. "outside." † 225th peal.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

THORNCOMBE, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Mary On Mon., Aug. 11, 1969, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 24 lb. in E flat.

William T. Perrins	Treble	Robert D. Bellamy	5
*Timothy F. Collins	2	Graham W. Elmes	6
Martin Major	3	Geoffrey K. Dodd	7
George E. Bonham	4	A. Patrick Cannon	Tenor

Composed by Charles Middleton. Conducted by Timothy F. Collins.
* 100th peal.

EAST COKER, Som.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels On Tues., Aug 12, 1969, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In eight methods, comprising 640 changes each of Bristol, Pudsey, Superlative, Rutland, Yorkshire and 608 changes each of Cambridge London and Lincolnshire, with 120 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 13 cwt. in G

Martin Major	Treble	*†George E. Bonham	5
William T. Perrins	2	Geoffrey K. Dodd	6
*Graham W. Elmes	3	Andrew W. R. Wilby	7
Timothy F. Collins	4	Philip Mehew	Tenor

Composed by Noel J. Diserens Conducted by William T. Perrins.
* 50th peal together. † First peal of eight-spliced. First of eight-Spliced Surprise Major on the bells.

WEST COKER, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Martin-of-Tours. On Tues., Aug. 12, 1969, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

*Robert D. Bellamy	Treble	Graham W. Elmes	5
Martin Major	2	David G. Massey	6
Mary E. Elmes	3	Timothy F. Collins	7
William T. Perrins	4	A. Patrick Cannon	Tenor

Composed by Arthur Craven Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
* 100th peal. First peal in the method on the bells.

BARROW-GURNEY, Som.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin and St. Edward, King and Martyr. On Wed., Aug. 13, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14½ cwt in F sharp.

Martin Major	Treble	Graham W. Elmes	5
Mary E. Elmes	2	George E. Bonham	6
David G. Massey	3	*Timothy F. Collins	7
Robert D. Bellamy	4	Geoffrey K. Dodd	Tenor

Composed by William Barton. Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd
* 50th peal of Surprise Major. First in the method on the bells.

MARTOCK, Somerset.—At the Church of All Saints. On Thurs., Aug. 14, 1969, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt in D.

Timothy F. Collins	Treble	Andrew W. R. Wilby	5
Mary E. Elmes	2	William T. Perrins	6
Graham W. Elmes	3	Geoffrey K. Dodd	7
Robert D. Bellamy	4	Philip Mehew	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Philip Mehew.

CREWKERNE, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew. On Thurs., Aug 14, 1969, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 7 lb. in D.

Andrew W. R. Wilby	Treble	George E. Bonham	5
David G. Massey	2	Geoffrey K. Dodd	6
Martin Major	3	*Philip Mehew	7
Graham W. Elmes	4	A. Patrick Cannon	Tenor

Composed by Henry W. Wilde. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
* 750th peal. First in the method on the bells.

DRAYTON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Catherine. On Fri., Aug 15, 1969, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 SOMERSET SURPRISE MAJOR
27-course block reduced Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in E.

Martin Major	Treble	David G Massey	5
Mary E. Elmes	2	William T. Perrins	6
Robert D. Bellamy	3	Philip Mehew	7
George E. Bonham	4	Andrew W. R. Wilby	Tenor

Composed by C. A. Wratten. (No. 11.) Conducted by A. W. R. Wilby.
First peal in the method by all the band and on the bells.

WINSHAM, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Stephen On Fri., Aug. 15, 1969, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13¼ cwt. in F sharp.

Andrew W. R. Wilby	Treble	William T. Perrins	5
Graham W. Elmes	2	Timothy F. Collins	6
George E. Bonham	3	Geoffrey K. Dodd	7
Robert D. Bellamy	4	A. Patrick Cannon	Tenor

Composed by Sir. A. P. Heywood. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Sylvia C. Cannon.

FROME, Somerset.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist. On Sat., Aug 16, 1969, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 31 cwt. in D flat.

A. Patrick Cannon	Treble	Timothy F. Collins	5
Robert D. Bellamy	2	Andrew W. R. Wilby	6
C Martin Press	3	*George E. Thoday	7
Grahamh W. Elmes	4	Ralph G. Edwards	Tenor

Composed by Charles J Sedgley Conducted by George E. Thoday.
* 100th peal of Surprise Major as conductor and 375th tower for a peal.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, Wilts.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity. On Sat., Aug 16, 1969, in 3 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in C.

C. Martin Press	Treble	William T. Perrins	5
George W. Massey	2	David G. Massey	6
Graham W. Elmes	3	George E. Thoday	7
*Andrew W. R. Wilby	4	Philip Mehew	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by George E. Thoday.
* 50th peal of Surprise Major.

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OTHER TOWER BELL PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BROADWAY, Ilminster, Som.—At the Church of SS. Aldhelm and Eadburga.
On Wed., Oct. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being nine methods—Plain Bob, St. Simon, St. Martin, Winchendon, St. Nicholas, Grandsire, Rev. St. Bartholomew, All Saints and Rev. Canterbury—and six variations. Tenor 11 cwt.

Mervyn R. Arscott	Treble	Mervyn A. Arscott	3
John Cornelius	2	Rodney A. C. Cross	4

Keith E. Beale (cond.) Tenor.
First peal on the bells.

CHEDDON FITZPAINE, Som.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Thurs., Oct. 2, 1969, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 11 methods—St. Simon, Grandsire, Plain Bob, Rev. St. Sebastian, Minster, St. Martin, Winchendon, St. Nicholas, Rev. St. Bartholomew, All Saints, Rev. Canterbury—22 variations and 11 spliced compositions. Tenor 9¼ cwt. in B flat.

Mervyn R. Arscott	Treble	Mervyn A. Arscott	3
Rodney A. C. Cross	2	John Cornelius	4

Keith E. Beale (cond.) Tenor.

SHIPHAM, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Leonard.
On Sat., Oct. 11, 1969, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In six methods, being seven extents of Union, St. Simon, St. Martin, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*John A. Trimm	Treble	John Coombs	4
†John Chaplin	2	Stanley Lewis	5
John S. Walton	3	William Warren	Tenor

Conducted by John S. Walton.
* First peal. † First "inside."

AXBRIDGE, Somerset.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Oct. 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Marjorie Legg	Treble	F. Cecil Mogford	4
George Prescott	2	Sidney G. Smith	5
Leonard Derrick	3	James Lott	Tenor

Conducted by George Prescott. Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

ASHWICK, Somerset.—At the Church of St. James.
On Thurs., Oct. 23, 1969, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

Comprising 17 methods in the following seven extents: (1) Cambridge, Primrose, Ipswich, Norfolk, Bourne, Hull, (2) Berwick, Hexham, (3) Westminster, Allendale, Fryerning, (4) Beverley, Surfleet, (5) Beverley, Surfleet, York, Durham, (6) York, Durham, (7) London, Wells, with 85 changes of method. Tenor 7 cwt.

George J. Hawkins	Treble	*Peter J. W. Hardwick	4
*Julian E. Newman	2	Raymond E. J. Baker	5
George W. Massey	3	Philip H. D. Jones	Tenor

Conducted by Philip H. D. Jones.
* Most methods to a peal. First peal as conductor.

BATHFORD, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Swithun.
On Thurs., Oct. 9, 1969, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in 13 methods: (1) Norfolk and Primrose, (2) Westminster, Allendale and Fryerning, (3) York and Durham, (4) Beverley and Surfleet, (5) London and Wells, (6) Cambridge and Ipswich, (7) Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge, with 52 changes of method. Tenor 10 cwt. 7 lb.

George J. Hawkins	Treble	Philip H. D. Jones	4
*Peter J. W. Hardwick	2	Raymond E. J. Baker	5
Julian E. Newman	3	George W. Massey	Tenor

Conducted by George W. Massey.
* Most methods to a peal.
Rung as a sign of the continuing witness of St. Swithun's Church, despite severe fire damage, the result of vandalism, to the building.

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.

CHEPSTOW, Monmouth.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Oct. 18, 1969, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Patrick J. Bird	Treble	Michael J. Platt	6
Elisabeth A. G. Bowden	2	Nicholas W. H. Simon	7
Peter J. Kingscote	3	Richard H. Youdale	8
Anthony J. Cox	4	Ian C. Maycock	9
Edward G. Mould	5	Peter C. Randall	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Tyler. Conducted by Patrick J. Bird.

CALDICOT, Monmouth.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Wed., Oct. 15, 1969, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Edward G. Mould	Treble	Michael J. Platt	5
Peter C. Randall	2	Richard H. Youdale	6
Nicholas W. H. Simon	3	Patrick J. Bird	7
Anthony J. Cox	4	Stephen F. Royal	Tenor

Composed by F. Dench. Conducted by Nicholas W. H. Simon.
First peal in the method for the Society. Tenor 13 cwt. 6 lb. in F.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. Mark (Lord Mayor's Chapel).
On Sat., Oct. 11, 1969, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 21 methods: (1) College Green, Turnon, Cabot and Turkish Delight, (2) London and Wells Surprise, (3) York and Durham Surprise, (4) Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet Surprise, (5) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (6) St. Clement's, Childwall, Buxton, Double Oxford, Thelwall and Pinehurst, (7) Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. in F.

*Peter J. Kingscote	Treble	*Michael J. Platt	4
Anthony J. Cox	2	*Richard H. Youdale	5
Stephen F. Royal	3	Peter C. Randall	Tenor

Jointly conducted by Anthony J. Cox (extents 1–4) and Peter C. Randall (5–7).
* Most Minor methods to a peal The greatest number of methods yet rung to a peal for the Society.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Clare Jarvis and Shelagh Plumb.

College Green:	—36—1456—56—16—12—5.	2nds.	56342.
Turnon:	—36—1456—56—16—34—5.	2nds.	56342.
Cabot:	—36—1456—56—16.34—34.5.	2nds.	56342.
Turkish:	—36—1456—56—16.34—12.5.	2nds.	56342.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORBURY (Hazel Grove), Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.
On Wed., Oct. 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 12 methods, being 320 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Cray, Eastcote, New Gloucester, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative, Wembley, Yorkshire and 960 each of London and Rutland, with 139 changes of method. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

Arthur E. Whiting	Treble	C. Kenneth Lewis	5
Robert B. Smith	2	Alan F. Scholfield	6
Bernard F. L. Groves	3	Alan A. Potts	7
Basil Jones	4	Frank Osbaldiston	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.
The conductor's 1,000th peal.

WISTASTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., Oct. 20, 1969, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb. in B.

Roland W. Morant	Treble	Harry W. Howard	4
A. Doreen Edwards	2	*Gordon K. Green	5
Frank R. Morton	3	Frederick S. Sutton	Tenor

* First peal "inside." The treble ringer has "circled the tower" to peals.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

SOUTHAM, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Mon., Oct. 20, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in F.

F. Mark Robottom	Treble	Frederick Shallcross	5
John F. Thorne	2	John K. Foot	6
Hazel A. Mackenzie	3	Ian C. Maycock	7
R. David Baker	4	Geoffrey W. Randall	Tenor

Composed by Chris. I. Rowson. Conducted by Frederick Shallcross.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

STANTON-BY-DALE, Derbys.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Mon., Sept. 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in 17 methods as follows: (1) Rossendale and Stamford, (2) Carlisle, Chester and Munden, (3) Alnwick and Newcastle, (4) Cambridge and Primrose, (5) Beverley, Berwick, Surfleet and Hexham, (6) York and Durham, (7) London and Wells.
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr.

Colin M. Shaw	Treble	John Moore	4
Nora Carlisle	2	John V. Chadwick	5
Joyce Chadwick	3	Denis R. Carlisle	Tenor

Conducted by John V. Chadwick and Denis R. Carlisle.

CLOWNE, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Oct. 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 7 cwt.

*Martyn E. Buckman	Treble	Mrs. Marjorie Phipps	4
*David Hird	2	John D. Arkwell	5
†Peter Rose	3	Malcolm P. Phipps (cond.)	Tenor

* First peal at first attempt † First peal. Believed to be the first peal for 30 years rung by members of the Sunday service band.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

MEAVY, Devon.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Mon., Oct. 20, 1969, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in A flat.

*Diccon G. Pearce	Treble	†Stephen G. Peirce	4
Norman Mallett	2	Peter L. Bill (cond.)	5
John C. Mitchelmore	3	D. Roy Bould	Tenor

* First peal of Minor. † First of Surprise. First of Surprise as conductor.
Rung as a compliment to Judith Hughes and John Mitchelmore on their engagement.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

HOUGHTON, Huntingdonshire.—At the Church of St. Mary. On Sat., Oct. 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Norwich Surprise, Ipswich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 16 lb. in B.

Richard P. Turnill	Treble	Brian B. Hullah	4
*Georgina C. M. Carter	2	Geoffrey A. Lucas	5
Alan M. Barber	3	George E. Thoday	Tenor

Conducted by Alan M. Barber.

* First peal in seven methods. First in seven methods on the bells.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary. On Sat., Oct. 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 each of Single Oxford Bob, Oxford T.B., Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., St. Clement's Bob and two of Plain Bob Tenor 10 cwt. 15 lb. in A.

Stephen G. Halliwell	Treble	Michael J. Hallett	4
Bernard C. Sadler	2	Alfred J. House	5
David E. Belcham	3	David Sloman	Tenor

Conducted by David Sloman.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

EGHAM, Surrey.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist. On Thurs., Oct. 23, 1969, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in F.

Alan D. Flood	Treble	A. Stephen Taylor	5
*Catherine A. Elliott	2	Christopher M. White	6
†Roger L. Coley	3	David E. Parsons	7
‡David H. Stone	4	Norman Summerhayes	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Alan D. Flood.

* First peal of Cambridge "inside." † First of Cambridge Surprise Major. ‡ First of Surprise. First of Surprise as conductor.

FRENSHAM, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary. On Fri., Oct. 17, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Beverley, Surfleet, Cambridge, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in G.

Edward J. Futcher	Treble	Raymond E. Finch	4
Beryl R. Simpson	2	Michael J. Church	5
Rowan S. Bradley	3	A. Patrick Cannon	Tenor

Conducted by Michael J. Church.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HARROW-ON-THE-HILL, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary. On Sat., Oct. 11, 1969, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's 10-part. Tenor 19 cwt. 4 lb. in E

*Robert E. Hardy	Treble	‡Roy K. Williams	5
John R. Ketteringham	2	Kenneth J. Darvill	6
†Terence C. Holland	3	Michael J. Frost	7
‡Katherine S. Hardy	4	Clive W. Simpson	Tenor

Conducted by Robert E. Hardy.

* 150th peal. † First peal of Grandsire "inside." ‡ First of Grandsire Triples. First of Triples as conductor.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SEVENOAKS, Kent.—At the Church of St. Nicholas. On Sat., Sept. 20, 1969, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in F.

Herbert E. Audsley	Treble	John Pladdys	5
Arthur G. Mason	2	David D. Smith	6
John A. Howard	3	Frederick J. Cullum	7
Trevor A. Cross	4	Philip A. Corby	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Parker. Conducted by Frederick J. Cullum.

Rung as a ruby wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Mason.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WALKDEN, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Paul. On Sun., Oct. 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 TYSELEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt.

Joseph Thornley	Treble	R. Keith Lister	5
Roy Jolley	2	*John Ashcroft	6
James Cunliffe	3	Dennis H. McCormick	7
Albert Greenhalgh	4	Geoffrey Fothergill	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Ketteringham. Conducted by Geoffrey Fothergill.

* Completes alphabet in Surprise Major methods. First peal in the method for all the band and for the Association.

DEANE, Bolton, Lancs.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin. On Wed., Oct. 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr.

Albert Greenhalgh	Treble	Joseph Thornley	5
Alan G. Foster	2	Thomas W. Smith	6
*Thomas P. Hobson	3	*Arnold Critchley	7
Norman Tompkins	4	John Ashcroft	Tenor

Composed by Thomas B. Worsley. Conducted by John Ashcroft.

* First peal of Major in the method.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Titus Barlow jun., life member of the Association.

THE LEEDS UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

PONTEFRACT, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints. On Wed., Oct. 22, 1969, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In nine methods, comprising 576 each of Ashtead, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, London, Pudsey, Superlative, Rutland and Yorkshire and 448 Bristol, with 136 changes of method.

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.

Gillian R. Cleaver	Treble	*Jonathan G. Rose	5
Philip J. Crossthwaite	2	John J. Durham	6
Michael G. Dodson	3	John P. Ottaway	7
Robert A. Beresford	4	†Christopher Forster	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Christopher Forster.

* First peal of spliced † First of nine-spliced. First of spliced as conductor.

Rung by a resident University band, being the first peal of spliced for the Society.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BUCKFAST, Devon.—At the Benedictine Abbey of St. Mary. On Sat., Oct. 11, 1969, in 3 Hours and 54 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5280 YORK SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 41 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in C.

*Bruce Martin	Treble	†A. James Poynor	7
Peter J. Staniforth	2	†John Bramley	8
Ernest W. Rawson	3	†Roland H. Cook	9
Alfred Ballard	4	John E. Cook	10
G. Stedman Morris	5	Russell S. Morris	11
†David F. Moore	6	William J. Root	Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Peter J. Staniforth.

* First peal of Maximus. † First in the method. First in the method on the bells.

KIBWORTH, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid. On Sat., Oct. 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in G.

Arthur E. Rowley	Treble	John W. Rawson	5
*Hazel Nichols	2	Edward W. Martin	6
Harry Bray	3	Frank Chambers	7
Guy Slater	4	Roland Beniston	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Roland Beniston.

* First peal in the method. Last peal on the bells prior to overhaul.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

SUTTERTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin. On Sat., Oct. 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

H. Johnson's variation. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in F.

*J. Henry Taylor	Treble	Geoffrey R. Parker	5
*Roy Stephenson	2	Albert E. Flatters	6
Jack L. Millhouse	3	*Phillip H. Reynolds	7
M. Ian Minns	4	David Phillipson	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WHITCHURCH, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Mary. On Wed., Oct. 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods: (1) Cambridge S., (2) St. Clement's, (3) Double and Single Oxford, (4) Kent T.B., (5) Oxford T.B., (6 and 7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 14½ cwt

Frank W. Corney	Treble	*Cyril F. Cook	4
Keith Davis	2	William Harford	5
Nicholas W. H. Simon	3	Paul A. Williams	Tenor

Conducted by Nicholas W. H. Simon.

* First peal

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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

COLE-ORTON, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Oct. 11, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in G.

Kenneth R. Dunston	Treble	B. Brian Watson	5
Norman W. Attaway	2	Richard J. Warrilow	6
Joseph W. Cotton	3	Frank Reed	7
Sheila Parsons	4	Roland Beniston	Tenor

Composed by John R. Mayne. Conducted by Roland Beniston.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Tues., Oct. 14, 1969, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

G. Ronald Edwards	Treble	Frank Chambers	5
Ronald D. Hughes	2	Arthur E. Rowley	6
*Rev. M. C. C. Melville	3	B. Stedman Payne	7
Joseph W. Cotton	4	Roland Beniston	Tenor

Composed by H. W Wilde. Conducted by Roland Beniston.
* 75th peal on the bells. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr 13 lb. in B flat.

NETHERSEALE, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Thurs., Oct. 23, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Jennifer M. Beech	Treble	*Frank Beech	5
Richard C. Warrilow	2	Edward R. Fairbrother	6
Joseph W. Cotton	3	Arthur E. Rowley	7
Gordon H. Lane	4	Derek P. Jones	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in G.

THE NORTH AMERICAN ASSOCIATION.

WASHINGTON, D.C.—At the Cathedral of Mount St. Alban.
On Sat., Oct. 11, 1969, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Janis Hensley	Treble	Allan Ellis	5
Allen Durfee	2	Derek Sawyer	6
R. S. Dirksen	3	John Baldwin	7
Marjorie Batchelor	4	Martin Fawkes	Tenor

Conducted by John Baldwin.

150th peal for conductor. First time that the Cathedral's tenor has been turned in to a peal.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Richard and Elizabeth Dirksen and Marjorie Batchelor; and to mark the occasion of the marriage of Dr. C. P. Rice and Miss E. Ross at Moseley on September 20th, 1969. Tenor 32½ cwt.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WIVETON, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Wed., Oct. 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Plain Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, St. Clement's and Kent T.B.

William Bird	Treble	George P. Adams	4
Nolan Golden	2	Thomas E. Spight	5
Stephen F. High	3	H. William Barrett	Tenor

Conducted by Nolan Golden. Tenor 11 cwt. 35 lb. in G.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

STRATFIELD MORTIMER, Berks.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Oct. 18, 1969, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

Peter G Holden	Treble	John R. Ketteringham	5
Maureen J. Carruthers	2	Robin A. Grant	6
Alan H. Long	3	Timothy G. Pett	7
*Laurence C. Hanney	4	Geoffrey Bridges	Tenor

Composed by C. P. Starbuck. Conducted by John R. Ketteringham.
* First peal of Surprise.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

ROTHWELL, Northants.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Oct. 18, 1969, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5022 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 3 lb. in E flat.

Raymond Henman	Treble	John G. Mitchell	5
Murray A. Coleman	2	*Edward C. Buckby	6
*J. Malcolm Tyler	3	*Richard J. Cowley	7
*Barry R. Care	4	Barrie Hendry	Tenor

Composed by Simon Humphrey. Conducted by Murray A. Coleman.
* First peal in the method.

WILBY, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Tues., Oct. 14, 1969, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise two extents of Kent T.B. and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in B flat.

*Selwyn J. Griffiths	Treble	David J. Morgan	4
Mollie E. Care	2	Barry R. Care	5
Murray A. Coleman	3	Raymond Henman	Tenor

Conducted by Barry R. Care.
* First peal.

HARLESTONE, Northants.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Tues, Oct. 21, 1969, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In 14 methods: (1) Wath, (2) Kent and Oxford, (3) Cambridge, Beverley, Surfleet, (4) College, Rodbourne, (5) St. Clements, Buxton, (6) Double Oxford, Pinehurst, (7) Single Oxford, Plain Bob.
Tenor 20 cwt. 9 lb. in E flat.

Raymond Henman	Treble	Barry R. Care	4
David J. Morgan	2	Richard J. Cowley	5
J. Malcolm Tyler	3	Murray A. Coleman	Tenor

Conducted by Murray A. Coleman.

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

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral of St. Philip.
On Thurs., Oct. 16, 1969, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Muriel Reay	Treble	George E. Fearn	6
Vernon Green	2	Roderick W. Pipe	7
Maurice F. Edwards	3	James W. Belshaw	8
Norman J. Goodman	4	Clifford A. Barron	9
Terry R Hampton	5	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

ROTHERHAM, West Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Oct. 18, 1969, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
"Trad" composition. Tenor 34 cwt. 3 qr. in D flat.

John N. Lindon	Treble	Stephen W. Barton	6
Maurice F. Edwards	2	George Deas	7
James Crowther	3	Eric N. Harrison	8
Richard J W. Tibbetts	4	Bryan D. A. Woolley	9
Robert Edwards	5	J Alan Ainsworth	Tenor

Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

MEASHAM, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.
On Sat, Oct. 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in F sharp.

John N. Lindon	Treble	Robert Edwards	5
J. Alan Ainsworth	2	Stephen W. Barton	6
Bryan D. A. Woolley	3	Maurice F. Edwards	7
Richard J. W. Tibbetts	4	Clifford A. Barron	Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Clifford A. Barron.

SHIRLEY, Solihull, Warks.—At the Church of St. James the Great.
On Sat., Oct 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in B flat.

Janet E. Blake	Treble	Paul M. Evans	5
Margaret A. Thow	2	Rev. David Sansum	6
*Catherine Ticquet	3	James W. Belshaw	7
†Anne E. Deebank	4	A Harold Fitter	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by James W. Belshaw.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

WOOL, Dorset.—At the Church of the Holy Rood.
On Sat., Oct. 11, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of London S., Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Rev. Canterbury Pleasure Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Cambridge S. and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 24 lb. in G.

Frances J. N. Brown	Treble	David Wilson	4
Melvyn J. Hiller	2	Graham W. Elmes	5
Mary E. Elmes	3	Timothy F. Collins	Tenor

Conducted by Timothy F. Collins.

PIDDLEHINTON, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Oct. 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In ten methods in the following extents: (1) Munden and Chester, (2) Carlisle, (3) York and Durham, (4) London, (5) Wells, (6) Surfleet and Beverley, (7) Cambridge. Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb. in G sharp.

*David Wilson	Treble	†Graham W. Elmes	4
†Mary E. Elmes	2	*Melvyn J. Hiller	5
*Katharine J. Maundrell	3	*Timothy F. Collins	Tenor

Conducted by Timothy F. Collins.
* Most Surprise Minor methods to a peal. † Most methods to a peal. Most methods as conductor.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

WARSOP, Notts.—At the Church of SS Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Oct. 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two 720's each of Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Single Oxford Bob and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 14¾ cwt.

*Sandra Ettles	Treble	David Chambers	4
†Joan Booth	2	Herbert T. Rooke	5
Thelma Staples	3	Frank Cooke	Tenor

* First peal, rung at first attempt. † First peal in four methods.
Rung for Harvest Festival and as a farewell to the ringer of the 2nd, who leaves shortly to work in London.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

ALREWAS, Staffordshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Oct. 11, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, being 1,568 Cambridge, 1,280 London, 1,184 Bristol and 992 Superlative, with 106 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 12 cwt. 5 lb.

J. Edward Cawser	Treble	Graham C. Paul	5
Beryl E. Cawser	2	J. Henry Fielden	6
Barry E. Saunders	3	Alan A. Paul	7
W. Eric Critchley	4	Richard E. Price	Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.

CANNOCK, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Luke.
On Sat., Oct. 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

J. Holt's six-part. Tenor 14 cwt. 11 lb.

Stanley W. Illidge	Treble	Philip R. Johnson	5
S. Geoffrey Pick	2	F. John Keddie	6
Rosemary E. White ..	3	Martin W. Barrett	7
*Ronald Barlow	4	†Andrew W. Guthrie ..	Tenor

Conducted by Martin W. Barrett (aged 14).

* 100th peal. † First peal. First of Bob Triples for all the band except the ringers of 3 and 4. First as conductor.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

FRAMSDEN, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sun., Oct. 12, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 ZURICH SURPRISE MAJOR

*William J. Button	Treble	*Adrian Knights	5
*Dorothy M. Durrant ..	2	Cecil W. Pipe	6
Muriel R. Page	3	*H. William Barrett	7
*Alan G. Feaver	4	Leslie G. Brett	Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. (No. 6.) Conducted by Leslie G. Brett.

* First peal of Zurich. 200th peal as conductor. Tenor 16 cwt.

HORRINGER, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Leonard.
On Sat., Oct. 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

*Muriel R. Page	Treble	Ernest G. Pearce	5
Stephen Pettman	2	William J. Button	6
Katharine M. Thorley ..	3	Michael J. Howes	7
Leslie G. Brett	4	J. Martin Thorley	Tenor

Composed by C. H. Hattersley. Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

* 100th peal. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 lb. in A flat.

LAVENHAM, Suffolk.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Oct. 18, 1969, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. in D flat.

Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzey	Treble	Cecil W. Pipe	5
Joe E. G. Roast	2	J. Barry Pickup	6
George W. Pipe	3	James L. Towler	7
Kenneth J. Hesketh	4	Howard W. Egglestone ..	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.

(The Bramford Company.)

STOKE ASH, Suffolk.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Tues., Oct. 7, 1969, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 10 methods, viz.: Stedman, Grandsire, St. Remigius, Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas, Rev. Canterbury, St. Osmund, St. Martin, St. Simon, Plain Bob and four variations.

*†Roy W. Lockwood ..	Treble	*†Robert J. Southgate ..	3
†Simon Christian	2	†Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzey	4

†Roger L. K. Whittell .. Tenor

Conducted by Roger L. K. Whittell.

* First peal of Doubles. † Most methods/variations to a peal. First peal as conductor. Believed to be the first peal on the bells for 30 years.

Rung to celebrate the birth of a son, Jeremy Mark, to Jill and John Seamans. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in B flat

ROUGHAM, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Wed., Oct. 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods: Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Single Oxford and Plain Bob.

Arthur F. Ballam	Treble	Brian R. Coley	4
Dorothy M. Durrant ..	2	*Brian E. Whiting	5
Alan G. Feaver	3	Maurice J. Rose	Tenor

Conducted by Maurice J. Rose.

* First peal in seven methods. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in F.

TANNINGTON, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Ethelbert.
On Wed., Oct. 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being two extents of Oxford T.B., two of Cambridge Surprise, one of Kent T.B. and two of Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 4 lb. in A flat.

Katharine M. Thorley ..	Treble	Ernest G. Pearce	4
J. Martin Thorley	2	Walter W. Miller	5
*Muriel R. Page	3	Leslie G. Brett	Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

* Most Minor methods "inside" to a peal.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

PUTNEY, London, S.W.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Oct. 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F.

Christopher F. Mew ..	Treble	Keith G. Game	5
*Ruby M. Myllys	2	Nigel Thomson	6
Alan D. Flood	3	Michael J. Uphill	7
Richard L. Jones	4	†Rev. Michael Hart	Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe Conducted by Christopher F. Mew.

* First peal of Surprise Major. † 100th peal.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

COLEMAN'S HATCH, Sussex.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Oct. 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in G.

Christopher Renyard ..	Treble	Timothy D. W. Banners ..	5
James H. Lilley	2	Patrick M. Wills	6
Susan M. Mills	3	E. Winifred Keys	7
M. Iain Davey	4	Frank H. Hicks	Tenor

Composed by J. Pritchard. Conducted by E. Winifred Keys.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Oct. 18, 1969, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 42 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in C.

*Christopher J. Easton	Treble	†Graham J. N. Colborne	6
†‡Rosamund M. Brown ..	2	†§Robert A. Beresford ..	7
†Robert H. Jordan	3	Ronald J. Snack	8
†‡David Featherstone ..	4	Ronald R. Warford ..	9
†‡John J. Durham	5	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

* First peal of Treble Bob Royal. † First of Surprise Royal. ‡ First on ten bells. § Has now completed the Cambridge "family" to peals. First of Cambridge Royal as conductor, who has now called the Cambridge "family" to peals.

PONTEFRACT, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Sun., Oct. 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb. in E.

*A. Pattie Clapham ..	Treble	Graham J. N. Colborne ..	6
†Christopher J. Easton ..	2	David Featherstone	7
Rosamund M. Brown ..	3	John J. Durham	8
†Graham J. Jones	4	Robert A. Beresford ..	9
Michael G. Dodson ..	5	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. Speed. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

* First peal on ten bells. † First of Cambridge Surprise Royal.

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Francis of Assisi, Holbeck. (R.C.)
On Thurs., Sept. 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 ZELAH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in G sharp.

John Potts	Treble	Robert H. Jordan	5
Christopher J. Easton ..	2	Peter H. Gardner	6
Graham J. Jones	3	David Featherstone	7
Alan Sheppard	4	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed by H. Poyner. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Association. 350th peal as conductor.

EATON SOCON, Hunts.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Sept. 20, 1969, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in F.

A. Pattie Clapham	Treble	Melvyn J. Hiller	5
*Robert H. Jordan	2	John J. Durham	6
*Christopher J. Easton ..	3	Robert A. Beresford ..	7
Peter H. Gardner	4	†C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed by N. Smith Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

* 50th peal together. † 450th peal.

ST. IVES, Huntingdonshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Sept. 20, 1969, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 WATFORD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 4 lb. in G.

Christopher J. Easton ..	Treble	*Peter H. Gardner	5
A. Pattie Clapham	2	Robert A. Beresford ..	6
Robert H. Jordan	3	*John J. Durham	7
Melvyn J. Hiller	4	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed by H. G. Cashmore. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

* First peal of Watford Surprise Major.

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BIRTHS

BENNETT — To Freda an Michael, on November 7th, 1969, at 19, Cordelia Way, Rugby, a son (John Michael), brother for Andrea. 8157

DEASON. — On November 6th, 1969, to Barbara and Bill, a son, Roger Brian. 8132

RETURN THANKS

Mrs. J. ROCK received many messages of sympathy on the death of her husband, John. She thanks most sincerely all those who sent messages. 8147

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

GAGE.—The address of Roger and Mary is now 17, Lovett Road, Harefield, Middlesex. Telephone No. Harefield 3629. All friends welcome. 8135

READING.—Paul has moved again! — to 175, Barlow Moor Road, Manchester, M20 8ZA. Telephone: 061-445 0385. 8126

PERSONAL

"Be kindly affectionate one to another with brotherly love, in honour preferring one another."—Romans xii: 10.

UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCEMENT

LONDON UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

ANNUAL DINNER

Saturday, November 22nd

Towers (1 hour at each): 10, Clerkenwell (8), 11, Bishopsgate (8), 12, St. Clement Danes' (10), 2, St. Olave, Hart Street (8), 3, St. Giles-in-the-Fields (8), 4, Southwark Cathedral (12), 5, Aldgate (8). General meeting, 2 p.m. in St. Olave's Rectory. Dinner, 6.30 for 7 p.m., 11/12 Blomfield Street, E.C.2. 8149

HANDBELLS FOR SALE

ST. MARGARET'S, DRAYTON, NORFOLK, has or sale a diatonic set of eight handbells in 18G. by Symondson, 1825–1839, also 3 bells by same founder, all forming part set of 12. £50 o.n.o. 'Phone Drayton 397. 8127

MISCELLANEOUS

IT'S not too early to start practising for that Christmas concert and those carolling rounds again. Ten well-known tune arrangements, for six ringers with 16 handbells, suitable for use indoors or out 10s. 6d. post free, from T. Ogden, 119, Smallbrook Road, Shaw Oldham, Lancs. 8099

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — The Guild committee meeting will be held at Salisbury on Feb. 7th, 1970. Items to be placed on the agenda should reach me by Dec. 31st, 1969. —F. Slatford, Hon. Gen. Sec. 8153

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH, Quorn, Leics. — Ringers' Service, Sunday, Dec. 7th, 6.30 p.m. Bells available 5.30 p.m. onwards and after the service. All ringers are welcome, whatever their standard. 8155

PRACTICE MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Practice meetings at Minehead (10) on Saturday, Nov. 22nd, at 7 p.m., and at Watchet (6) on Saturday, Nov. 29th, at 6 p.m.—E. R. T. B. 8130

DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — Practice for learners twice weekly at Rewe, Wednesday and Friday, 7.30 p.m. Silverton, Thursday, 8 p.m. Help yourself by helping us. — H. Ransom Rewe, Stoke Canon 8164

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Owing to unforeseen circumstances the November practice will be held on Monday, Nov. 24th, 7.30 p.m., at Coalpit Heath, near Bristol, and not on the 19th at Chippenham as stated on the programme. All members and friends welcome.—B. J. 8098

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Joint Preston / Wigan Branch practice meeting at Emmanuel, Southport, on Friday, Nov. 28th. Learners 7.30–8.30, followed by advanced ringing till 9.15. All welcome.—D. G. Lawson, C. D'Aeth, Hon. Secs. 8146

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION. — Monmouth Branch. — Evening practice on Friday, Nov. 28th, at Llangibby, 7.30 to 9 p.m. Methods: Double Norwich, Cambridge, Yorkshire only.—J. S. King. 8155

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Central District. — Practice meeting, Debenham (8), on Saturday, Nov. 29th, 6–8.30 p.m. 8160

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Surprise practice at Uckfield, Holy Cross (8), Monday, Dec. 1st, 7.30 p.m. Visitors welcome. 8067

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—The Surprise Royal practice meeting at Bradford for Monday, Nov. 24th, is **cancelled**. The tenor clapper has fallen out. 8138

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Practice meeting on Saturday, Dec. 6th, at 6 p.m., at Almondbury (8). Methods: Cambridge, Yorkshire and Superlative. All welcome.—Maurice Thurmott, Ringing Master. 8137

MEETINGS

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District. — Meeting at Luton, Saturday, Nov. 22nd. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements. Service 6 p.m. 8150

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Coventry Archdeaconry.—Monthly meeting, Exhall, Saturday, Nov. 22nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 Tea 5 p.m. Evening ringing at Bedworth (8). Names for tea to R. Wiggins, 270, Wheelwright Lane, Exhall. Phone: Cov 87640.—Ian Garvie, Dis. Sec. 8085

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Wisbech District. — Meeting, Leverington, Nov. 22nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Everyone welcome. — D. A. Feek, Dis. Sec. 8105

HEREFORD GUILD.—Bromyard District. —Combined practice, Stoke Lacy, Nov. 22nd, 5.30–9 p.m. All welcome.—R. L Price Hon. Sec. 8090

HILLINGDON JOINT MEETING (Oxford, Ladies' Guilds, London County, Middlesex Associations). Saturday, Nov. 22nd St. Andrew's, Uxbridge (8), 3–4 p.m.; St. John's, Hillingdon (10), from 3.30. Service 4.30 Tea, St. John's Hall. Social evening 8 p.m.—M. J. Palmer, 90, Ryefield Avenue, Hillingdon. 8082

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting at St. Mary's, Deane, Bolton, on Saturday, Nov. 22nd. Bells (8) 2.30 to 8 p.m. Cups of tea and business meeting at 5 p.m. Special method: Bristol S. Major. This is the last meeting in the branch this year so please attend to ensure a successful meeting.—R. K. Lister, Branch Sec. 8177

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Meeting, Stoney Stanton, Saturday, Nov. 22nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. in the Church Hall, followed by the business meeting. Names for tea, please, to Mr. J. Vernon, 36, Long Street, Stoney Stanton, Leics.—C. M Wells, Dis. Sec. 8129

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Evening practice, Piddington (6), Saturday, Nov 22nd. Ringing 7–9 p.m. 8108

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Calne Branch.—Evening meeting, Bremhill, Saturday, Nov. 22nd. Bells 5.30 p.m. Service 6 p.m.—J. D. Sankey, Branch Sec. 8141

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Mansfield District —Meeting, Eastwood, Saturday, Nov. 22nd. Bells 3 till 9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. D. Coulson, 78, Garden Row, Eastwood. 8128

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South West District.—Annual meeting, Lavenham, Saturday, Nov. 22nd. Bells (8) 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Guild committee meeting after District meeting. Names for tea, please, to Mr. M. T. Symonds, 1, Meadow Close, Lavenham, Sudbury, Suffolk. **No names, no tea.** 8117

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—Branch annual meeting at Grappenhall (8) on Saturday, Nov. 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. M. Thomson, 48, Windsor Drive, Grappenhall, via Warrington, by Wednesday, Nov. 26th — J. Moore, Hon. Branch Sec. 8083

CHESTER GUILD. — Stockport Branch.—Meeting, Marple, Nov. 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. For tea please advise Mr. R. B. Smith, 6, Ashwood Crescent, Marple, before Nov. 25th. All welcome. 8178

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. —Meeting, Saturday, Nov 29th. Hartlepool. Ringing: St. Aidan's, 3–4.30 p.m.; All Saints' (Stranton), 6–9 p.m. Tea at All Saints' Church Hall 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. W. Maughan, 57, Belmont Gardens, Hartlepool, Co. Durham, by Nov. 27th. 8156

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—A.G.M. at St. Paul's, Chippenham (8), Nov. 29th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30. Meeting 5. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. D. Carey, 5, Eastern Avenue, Chippenham, by Nov. 26th. 8159

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Nomination meeting, Yorktown, Saturday, Nov. 29th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Notifications for tea to Mrs. C. Perry, 11, Silverglades, Durgells Lane, Yateley (Tel.: Cricket Hill 4862), by previous Wednesday.—S. J. Tate-Mitchell, Dis. Sec. 8139

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District. — By-meeting at St. Margaret's, Rochester, Saturday, Nov. 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Rochester Cathedral bells are available from 7.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. F. Partington, 21, Watts Avenue, Rochester, by previous Wednesday, please.—D. P. Leworthy. 8097

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Practice meeting, Saturday, Nov. 29th. Penn (6), 3–4 p.m., followed by tea at Beaconsfield. Cups of tea provided but please bring own food. Evening ringing, Beaconsfield (8). **Please note** date of Ringwood week-end is March 21st/22nd, 1970. 8161

LADIES' GUILD.—Sussex District.—Meeting at Hurstpierpoint (8), Saturday, Nov. 29th. Ringing 4–5 and 6.30–7.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, to Mrs. Kirkcaldy, 29, Manor Gardens, Hurstpierpont, by previous Wednesday.—R. Farley, Dis. Sec. 8172

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Ossett (10), 3 p.m., Nov. 29th. Special method of the day Cambridge Royal. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. D. Lockwood, 26, Station Road, Ossett, by previous Wednesday. 8125

NATIONAL POLICE GUILD. — South Western District.—Meeting, Nov. 29th, Bristol. Ringing: Cathedral (8), 2 p.m.; Lord Mayor's Chapel (6), 3: Warmley (6), 4.15; Bitton (8), 6.15; with additional towers. Tea (Warmley) 5 p.m. Names to P.C. A. Gibbs, 41, Stanley Road, Warmley Bristol.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Dorset Branch.—Annual meeting, Lyme Regis, Saturday, Nov. 29th Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to J. Davis, Mount, Melplash, Bridport.

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Meeting, Greasley (8), Saturday, Nov. 29th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting to discuss proposed new rules. Names for tea to Mr. D. Beach, 17, Coach Drive, Eastwood, Nottingham, by Nov 26th.

ST. ANDREW'S, STRATTON, CORNWALL

4th ANNUAL RINGING FESTIVAL

Saturday, Nov. 29th, 10.30 a.m.–9 p.m.

Teas served 4–6 p.m. Service 6 p.m.
Seventeen towers in area open.
Everyone welcome.
8145

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Striking competition, Old Swinford, Saturday. Nov. 29th. Draw for order of ringing at 2.30 p.m. prompt. Cups of tea available. Stourbridge (10) available from 6–7 p.m.—M. D. Fellows, Branch Sec. 8162

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—Monthly meeting, Cleator Moor, on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.—Miss D. Gibson, Sec. 8113

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Luke's, Brislington (6), Saturday, Dec. 6th, at 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., business meeting to follow. Names for tea to M. J. Hobbs, 16, Charnwood Road, Bristol, BS14 0JR (Tel. Whitchurch 4874), by Dec. 3rd. 8167

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch. — Meeting, Algarkirk, Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. Barsley, Woad Lane, Algarkirk, Boston, Lincs, by Dec. 1st. 8109

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch. — Business meeting at Dallington, Northampton, Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Henman, 1, Church Lane, Brafield, by Tuesday previous. 8163

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS and MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting. Saturday, Dec. 6th, Shoreditch (12), 3–4.30 p.m. Tea at Shoreditch Church Hall. St. Giles', Cripplegate (12), 6–7.30; St. Andrew's, Holborn (8), 6.45–8 p.m. Names for tea to J. S. Barnes, 56, Leamington Avenue, Orpington, Kent, BR6 9QB. 8134

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Joint meeting with Southern Division. Saturday, Dec. 6th, Ardingly (6). Ringing 3 p.m. Carol service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Evening ringing. Cuckfield, 6–8.30 Southern Division quarterly business meeting will be held at Cuckfield at 6 p.m. Names for tea to John Hooton, The Pink House, High Street, Ardingly, Sussex, as early as possible, please.—Jean Osbon. 8173

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD. — Southern District.—Annual District meeting at St. Paul's, Sketty, Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells available 3–4 p.m. and again from 7–8 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business will follow. Names or tea by Nov. 29th. please. — J. A. Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Fforestfach, Swansea 8175

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Annual meeting, Malvern Link (8), 3 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 6th. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting in Ascension Hall, Somers Park Avenue, Malvern Link tower will close at 7 p.m. Malvern Priory bells from 7–8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. R. G. Morris, 31, Westward Road, Malvern Link, by Wednesday, Dec. 3rd.—J. J. Stanier, Branch Sec. 8166

PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY, BANBURY

Conductors wishing to attempt peals during 1970 should address their applications to the undersigned to reach him not later than Dec. 22nd.—Clifford T. Wightman, Hon. Sec., 14, Cope Road, Banbury, Oxon. 8176

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

ASHFORD AND MAIDSTONE DISTRICTS' FOOTBALL MATCH

On Saturday, November 29th

Kick-off 3 p.m. at the playing field in Appledore Road, Tenterden (opposite Shrubcote)

Social afterwards in the Church Room, Rolvenden.

Refreshments and bar available for all who notify Mrs. J. Manger, 3, Thrift Cottages, Knoxbridge, Cranbrook (Tel. Staplehurst 517), by Nov. 26th.

A small charge will be made to cover the cost of refreshments.—D. C. M. 8170

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Tenor 17 cwt. 4 lb. in F.

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Ronald R. Warford ..	4	Robert A. Beresford ..	Tenor

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On Mon., Oct. 20, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G

John J. Durham	Treble	Michael G. Dodson	5
*Robert A. Beresford ..	2	Peter H. Gardner	6
C. Barrie Dove	3	David Featherstone	7
A. Pattie Clapham	4	Ronald R. Warford	Tenor

Composed by N. Smith. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* Has "circled the tower" to peals.

CAMBRIDGE, Cambs.—At the Church of St. Andrew the Great
On Sun., Sept 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in G.

Christopher J. Easton ..	Treble	John J. Durham	5
Robert H. Jordan	2	Peter H. Gardner	6
*A. Pattie Clapham	3	Melvyn J. Hiller	7
Robert A. Beresford ..	4	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed by S. Humphrey. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
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HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire.—At 10, Eden Drive.
On Thurs., Oct. 2, 1969, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS
Tenor size 15 in C.

David Atkinson	1–2	Alan F. Scholfield	7–8
C. Kenneth Lewis	3–4	Bernard F. L. Groves ..	9–10
Robert B. Smith	5–6	John Gander	11–12

Composed by John Reeves. Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.

MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire.—At 10, Eden Drive.
On Thurs., Oct. 16, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 14 in D.

Alan A. Potts	1–2	David Atkinson	5–6
C. Kenneth Lewis	3–4	John Gander	7–8

*Neil D. Lomas 9–10
Composed by E. Francis. Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.
* First peal on ten handbells.

PRESTBURY, Cheshire.—At West Pines, Dale Brow.
On Thurs., Oct. 23, 1969, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL
In seven methods, consisting of 1,560 of London No. 3, 1,200 of Rutland, 720 of Bollington, 400 each of Cambridge, Yorkshire and Lincolnshire and 360 of Belgrave, with 116 changes of method.
Tenor size 15 in C

J. David Atkinson	1–2	Bernard F. L. Groves ..	5–6
Robert B. Smith	3–4	*Alan F. Scholfield	7–8

Gerald Moorhouse 9–10
Composed by Robert B. Smith. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
* First peal of Spliced Royal.

MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire.—At 10, Eden Drive.
On Tues., Sept. 16, 1969, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Alan A. Potts	1–2	David Atkinson	5–6
C. Kenneth Lewis	3–4	John Gander	7–8

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.
Rung in memoriam Henry O. Baker.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
GRAVESEND, Kent.—At 13, Meadow Road.
On Wed., Oct. 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 17 in A

Trevor A. Cross	1–2	Christopher T. Osenton ..	5–6
*Peter S. Muchlinski	3–4	Frank J. Matthews	7–8

Stuart Sandford 9–10
Composed and Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.
* First peal of Royal "in hand."

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
LEICESTER.—At The Wayside, 150, Narborough Road South.
On Wed., Oct. 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor size 15 in C.

*Rupert A. Clarke	1–2	Alfred Ballard	5–6
David F. Moore	3–4	Peter J. Staniforth (cond.)	7–8

* First peal in the method on handbells.

LEICESTER.—At The Wayside 150, Narborough Road South.
On Tues., Oct. 14, 1969, in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

*Rupert A. Clarke	1–2	Alfred Ballard	5–6
*David F. Moore	3–4	Peter J. Staniforth	7–8

Composed by Rev. H. L. James. Conducted by Peter J. Staniforth.
* First peal in the method on handbells.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
NETTLEHAM, Lincolnshire.—At Iona.
On Tues., Oct. 7, 1969, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 OXFORD AND KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Worcester variation. Tenor size 15 in C.

Geoffrey R. Parker	1–2	George E. Feirn	5–6
Margaret A. Parker	3–4	Jack L Millhouse	7–8

Composed by H. W. Wilde. Conducted by George E. Feirn.

THE NORTH AMERICAN GUILD.
HAMILTON, Ontario, Canada.—At McMaster University.
On Thurs., Oct. 23, 1969, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 12 in F.

*David R. Ingram	1–2	*Derek M. Sawyer	5–6
William H. Jackson	3–4	*John Owen	7–8

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LONDON, W.—At 16B, Sutherland Place.
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A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 8 in C.

Jennifer A. Dunning	1–2	Geoffrey Bridges	5–6
Christopher I. Rowson (cond.)	3–4	J. R. Ketteringham	7–8

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NEWPORT, MON.—At St. Woolos' Cathedral, on Oct. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Greedy 1, Gillian Colleypriest 2, R. Wallace 3, P. Chambers 4, M. Esbester 5, P. Bennett 6, D. Phillips (cond.) 7, G. Wilkinson 8. Half-muffled in memoriam Mr. W. Mason, former ringer at the Cathedral.

NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS, LANCS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. J. Bennett (cond.) 1, A. Thomas (first "inside") 2, L. Mackreth 3, T. Randall 4, R. Dorling 5, F. Haynes 6. For Harvest Festival. Also on Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. J. Bennett (cond.) 1, M. Thomson 2, D. Burgess 3, R. Dorling 4, F. Haynes 5, K. Edwards 6. For Evensong service to celebrate the golden jubilee of the local Mothers' Union branch.

NORTHAW, HERTS.—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Margaret Croysdill (first quarter) 1, J. Carter (first "inside") 2, N. Clarke 3, Jill Carter 4, R. Ellis 5, B. Greenwood (cond.) 6. First in method for 2 and 5.

NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYS.—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Timons 1, R. Marczak 2, D. A. Davis 3, P. Webber 4, C. Davis (first as cond.) 5, A. Sallis 6.

OAKE, SOM.—On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (11 m/v/s): Miss F. Gadd 1, R. A. C. Cross 2, J. Cornelius 3, A. W. Knight 4, K. E. Beale (cond.) 5.

OVERSEALE, DERBYS.—On Aug. 2nd, 1,260 St. Clement's Bob Minor: J. C. Allen (first Minor) 1, Frances A. Pegg 2, Hilary F. Watson-Walker 3, D. L. Alderton 4, C. J. Mobbs 5, R. N. Scholes (cond.) 6. First in the method by all.

OXFORD.—At St. Thomas' Church, on Oct. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. R. Pratt 1, G. McIlhone (cond.) 2, Susan Unsworth (first Minor) 3, D. Cooper 4, N. Pollock 5, R. A. Yeates 6.

OXTON, NOTTS.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Minimus (Court, Rev. Canterbury): A. A. Boden 1, D. W. Flower 2, P. L. R. Hayward (cond.) 3, P. R. Wild 4.

PATSHULL, STAFFS.—On July 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. S. Butler 1, I. A. Sheffield 2, S. Yates (cond.) 3, A. J. Fletcher 4, R. B. Dorrington 5, P. G. K. Davies 6.

PEBMARSH, ESSEX.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: G. Trendell 1, C. Weavers 2, T. Bird 3, V. Buttle 4, R. Rippingale 5, W. Arnold (cond.) 6. In memoriam Frank Claydon, for many years a friend and helper of the Pebmarsh ringers.

PURITON, SOM.—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Elaine Russ (first quarter) 1, Mrs. J. Broom 2, Mrs. S. Beck (first Doubles) 3, E. J. Pope 4, R. D. Short (cond.) 5, G. Nabb 6. Prior to a pageant of "noble women and costumes" for the Restoration Fund.

QUORN, LEICS.—On Aug. 24th, 1,320 Rev. St. Bartholomew Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Janet E. Lord 1, C. J. Mobbs (cond.) 2, Frances A. Pegg 3, D. L. Alderton 4, Hilary F. Watson-Walker 5, Jancis E. Barlow (first quarter) 6, N. E. Green 7, Maureen Clulow 8. First in the method by all. For Patronal Festival.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. Giles (first Stedman) 1, A. House 2, Mrs. J. Hallett 3, J. Worboys 4, T. Sharpe 5, D. Belcham 6, M. Hallett (cond.) 7, W. Ward 8. Also on Oct. 19th, 1,260 St. Clement's Triples: Miss V. Nash 1, Mrs. J. Hallett 2, P. Giles 3, A. House 4, T Sharpe 5, D. Belcham 6, M. Hallett (cond.) 7, G. Eve 8.

ROLLESTON-ON-DOVE, STAFFS.—On Aug. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Minor: Frances A. Pegg 1, C. J. Mobbs 2, Hilary F. Watson-Walker 3, J. C. Allen 4, A. F. Hall 5, R. N. Scholes (cond.) 6.

ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Single and Double Court Bob Minor: M. Rose 1, D. Tamberlin 2, R. Rose 3, B. Coley 4, L. Nice 5, M. J. Rose (cond.) 6. Arranged as a surprise for Mr. and Mrs. L. Wright on their ruby wedding day.

RUARDEAN, GLOS.—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Reece (first on eight) 1, Ann Butcher 2, Mrs. Wendy Meadows 3, R. Poston 4, F. Oakley 5, L. C. Meadows 6, J. J. Webb (cond.) 7, H. Meek 8. For the induction of the Rector, Rev. L. J. Bowyer.

RUSHDEN, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. Hall (first away from covering) 1, B. Hodgkins 2, S. Hodgkins 3, G. Muncey 4, B. Whitworth 5, R. Coley (cond.) 6.

QUARTER PEALS

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At the Cathedral, on Oct. 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Helen Dodds 1, Mrs. C. M. Carter 2, R. F. Ewer 3, Mrs. K. S. Hardy 4, G. Dodds 5, R. E. Hardy 6, G. Penney (cond.) 7, W. A. Nichols 8.

SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX.—On Oct. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. J. Matthews (first quarter) 1, F. Harper 2, J. Sanderson 3, M. Kemp 4, J. H. Negus 5, B. J. Couzens (cond.) 6.

SANDHURST, KENT. — On Oct. 31st, 1,320 St. Clement's College Bob Minor: E. J. Clifton 1, Violet Ring 2, R. C. Offen 3, O. Webster 4, W. W. Ring (cond.) 5, M. W. Marshall 6. A compliment to Percy Barnes, of Tenterden, of his 80th birthday.

SAWBRIDGEWORTH, HERTS. — On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Willett 1, C. Moore 2, P. Warboys (cond.) 3, R. Walker 4, E. Rochester 5, S. White 6.

SHELFORD, NOTTS. — On Sept. 21st, 1,279 Quirester Doubles: A. Lazzerini 1, F. Bradley 2, Mrs. C. Mills 3, Mrs. D. Bradley 4, B. Mills (cond.) 5. Also on Sept. 28th, 1,320 Morning Star Doubles: A. Lazzerini 1, F. Bradley 2, Mrs. D. Bradley 3, D. Lazzerini 4, B. Mills (cond.) 5. Also on Oct. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): Same band. Also on Oct. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): Same band. Also on Oct. 19th, 1,260 Rev. Canterbury Doubles: R. Mills 1, A. Lazzerini 2, Mrs. C. Mills 3, D. Lazzerini 4, B. Mills (cond.) 5. Also on Oct. 26th, 1,279 Camelion Doubles: A. Lazzerini 1, F. Bradley 2, Mrs. D. Bradley 3, D. Lazzerini 4, B. Mills (cond.) 5.

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP, SOM.—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Reg Welch 1, Mrs. B. Dean 2, F. Welch 3, Roy Welch 4, J. Cornelius 5, A. Rowswell (first Triples "inside") 6, R. J. Dean (cond.) 7, A. Drayton (first Triples) 8. In memoriam John T. Locke; all Crewkerne Branch ringers, of which he was secretary for 21 years.

SIDCUP, KENT.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Ketley (first off tenor) 1, C. Sims (first "inside") 2, Carol Rogers 3, C. Mundy 4, T. Lewis (cond.) 5, A. Atack (first quarter) 6. For Harvest Communion, when the Vicar launched an appeal for £3,000 to recast the old six into eight.

SOUTHLEIGH, OXON.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. Journeaux 1, C. P. Turner 2, W. F. Judge 3, J. E. Judge 4, L. R. Porter 5, P. T. Heritage 6, M. J. Turner (cond.) 7, T. Hester 8.

SOUTHWARK, S.E. — At the Cathedral, on Oct. 19th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: Olive L. Rogers 1, C. T. Richards 2, Deborah Bishop 3, A. S. Bishop 4, M. Hatchett 5, W. G. Wilson 6, C. M. Meyer 7, J. W. Smith (cond.) 8, H. W. Rogers 9, K. J. Rider 10. After a British Legion service.

STAVERTON, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Penelope Webb 1, Linda Foot 2, S. Webb (cond.) 3, Alice Hall 4, J. Foot 5, Iris Webb 6. For Harvest Festival.

TENDRING, ESSEX.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Janet Wright (first quarter) 1, Rachel Orman 2, A. G. Button 3, G. N. Orman 4, E. E. Davey 5, A. R. Andrews (cond.) 6.

THORLEY, HERTS. — On Oct. 31st, 1,440 Cambridge S. Minor: R. Hayden 1, W. Hunt 2, K. Westwood (first Surprise) 3, P. Glazebrook (first Surprise) 4, R. F. Prime (cond.) 5, L. Luck (first Surprise "inside") 6. For Hallowe'en.

TORQUAY (Upton), DEVON.—On Oct. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mavis Hawkins 1, A. J. Garbett 2, Valerie Stephens 3, W. Simmonds 4, G. J. Roberts 5, W. Wayman 6, D. J. Roberts (cond.) 7, B. Tuckett 8. For the wedding of Frank Sweet and Mary Elizabeth Cannings.

TRURO, CORNWALL.—At the Cathedral, on Oct. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Janet S. Evans 1, R. S. K. Salisbury 2, Kathryne R. Pearce 3, R. P. Pearce 4, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 5, P. C. Evans (first quarter) 6.

TURNER'S HILL, SUSSEX. — On Nov. 1st, 1,264 Pl. Bob Major: D. J. Hoad (first away from tenor) 1, G. Rix 2, Hilary F. Thick 3, P. Holden 4, E. Win. Keys 5, P. M. Wills 6, P. Stevens 7, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 8.

TURRAMURRA, N.S.W., AUSTRALIA.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 St. Simon's Doubles: J. Watts 1, Alison Goodman 2, Beverley Watts 3, J. Rainsford (cond.) 4, W. Knight 5, K. Stacey 6. Also on Oct. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Goodyer 1, P. Goodyer 2, S James 3, J. Rainsford (50th quarter on the bells) 4, Margaret Goodyer (cond.) 5, W. Knight 6.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Valerie Thompson 1, A. F. Lee 2, C. Stillman 3, Kay Whittaker 4, J. R. Hobbs 5, R. L. Coles (cond.) 6. First Minor 1, 3. Also on Oct. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Shirley Goard 1, A. F. Lee 2, Teresa Nicholas (first "inside") 3, Kay Whittaker 4, R. L. Coles 5, P. McKenzie (first quarter) 6, C. Stillman 7, J. R. Hobbs 8. Conducted by 4 and 5 alternately. A farewell to Rev. and Mrs. Dudley Goodfield, moved to Cheshire.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On Oct. 26th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Linda West 1, Liz C. Duncan 2, Lesley Tibbitts 3, June Whitcher 4, S. Mount (first of Caters "inside") 5, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 6, M. C. Austin 7, J. E. Murfitt 8, M. B. Jefferyes 9, M. Cook 10. A compliment to the preacher, Ven. A. V. G. Cleall, Archdeacon of Colchester, one-time Vicar of Waltham Abbey for 30 years, on retirement.

WEARE, SOM.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods): B. Dodds 1, Susan Stott 2, S. Lewis 3, J. Walton 4, H. Hooper (cond.) 5, A. Hooper 6.

WEMBDON, SOM.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: P. Russ (first quarter) 1, E. J. Pope 2, G. Nabb (cond.) 3, A. G. Kent 4, M. J. Stone 5, R. D. Short 6. For All Saints' Festival.

WESTON FAVELL, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): Mrs. F. M. E. Edmonds 1, J. C. Parker 2, C. G. Chiplin 3, D. Robinson 4, D. J. Edmonds (cond.) 5. For the Feast of All Saints.

WESTMINSTER, W.C.—At St. Clement Danes', on Oct. 26th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: C. Willmington 1, Susan Turcan 2, D. Gower 3, Jillian Turcan 4, G. Bacon 5, D. Wright 6, D. Ellisdon (cond.) 7, P. Sloman 8, C. Wright 9, A. Faulkner 10.

WEST QUANTOXHEAD, SOM. — On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Arnold 1, Dr. Winnifred N. Kingsbury 2, B. Dennett (first as cond.) 3, L. Lyddon 4, C. Wyatt (first since 1939) 5. For dedication festival.

WETHERSFIELD, ESSEX. — On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Fuller 1, Mrs. M. Moore 2, J Green 3, R. Threadgold (cond.) 4, H. Moore 5, F. Marshall 6. With best wishes to Mrs. Joan Poulter for a quick recovery from illness.

WOODBOROUGH, NOTTS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,272 Minimus (28 m/v): Patricia M. Hayward 1, P. L. R. Hayward 2, D. W. Flower 3, H. G. Wells 4. Most m/v by all the band. Also on Sept. 30th, 1,272 Minimus (52 m/v): G. P. Butler 1, P. L. R. Hayward 2, D. W. Flower 3, H. G. Wells (cond.) 4. Most m/v by all the band. Also on Oct. 5th, 1,272 Minimus (53 m/v): Lynne Hoskins 1, P. L. R. Hayward 2, D. W. Flower 3, H. G. Wells (cond.) 4. Most Minimus m/v by all the band, and for the Guild. Also on Oct. 11th, 1,260 Minimus (five methods): Lynne Hoskins 1, P. R. Wild 2, D. W. Flower 3, P L. R. Hayward (cond.) 4. Also on Oct. 13th, 1,320 Minimus (51 m/v): Patricia M. Hayward (most m/v) and Lynne Hoskins 1, D. W. Flower 2, P. L. R. Hayward 3, H. G. Wells (cond.) 4. Also on Oct. 17th, 1,260 Minimus (nine methods): A. A. Boden (first Minimus, most methods) 1, D. W. Flower 2, Patricia M. Hayward 3, P. L. R. Hayward 4. A wedding compliment to Patricia Storer and Brian W. Robson, married the previous day. Also on Oct. 19th, 1,280 Minimus (6 m/v): G. P. Butler 1, D. W Flower 2, Patricia M. Hayward (cond.) 3, P. L. R Hayward 4. Also on Oct. 23rd, 1,344 Minimus (54 m/v): A. A. Boden 1, P. R. Wild 2, D. W. Flower 3, P. L. R. Hayward (cond.) 4. Most m/v by all the band, and of Minimus for the Guild. 60th birthday compliments to Mrs Claris Hallam and Mr. Walter Hill. Also on Oct. 25th, 1,260 Minimus (five methods): Lynne Hoskins 1, D. W. Flower 2, Patricia M. Hayward 3, P. L. R. Hayward (cond.) 4. A wedding compliment to Carol Hudson and Rolf Steinmetz.

WOODCHURCH, KENT. — On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Glynis Poppleton 1, W. A. Wood 2, Rev. S. M. Evans 3, P. D. J. Beal 4, D. P. Leworthy (cond.) 5, N. J. Chesson 6. For the induction of Rev. Ralph D. Wain as Rector.

WOODHOUSE EAVES, LEICS. — On Aug. 29th, 1,299 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: Jill Wilson 1, Hilary F. Watson-Walker 2, R. N. Scholes (cond., Grandsire) 3, R. M. Wilson 4, C. J. Mobbs (cond., Plain Bob) 5, D. L. Alderton 6.

WORCESTER.—On Oct. 17th, at All Saints', 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): Judith Rhodes (first quarter) 1, D. Beacham (cond.) 2, D. E. Stephens 3, R. W. Repton 4, D. G. Franklin 5, J. J. Stanler 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Repton on the birth of a daughter, and a wedding compliment to Rosemary Tailby and James Adams.

COMPOSITIONS

5,081 STEDMAN CATERS

By M. V. CHILCOTT

231456789		6	15	16
321465978		(a)		
243561		—	—	—
412365		—		—
134562		—	—	—
312465		S		—
143562		—	—	—
421365		—		—
234561		—	—	—
134256		(b)		
312654		A		
312456	S5			—
134652		A		
234165		(b)		
321564		A		
321465879		(c)		
134265		B omitting last course.		

(a)=S1, 2, 6, 7, S9.
(b)=4, 6, 10, S13, 16, 17.
(c)=2, S5, S9, 16.

First rung at Beddington, Surrey, on October 11th, 1969, conducted by D. E. Parsons.

In addition to containing eight 65s and 56s in the Tittums position, alternate courses of the 5th at home block have the 6th in 2nds internally. The handstroke block also contains eight 65s and in both 65 blocks combinations of 58 and 59 dodging in 89 occur due to the internal positioning of the 5th in seconds.

5,058 LINCOLNSHIRE S. MAJOR

By JOHN H. FIELDEN

23456	B	M	W	H
24536			—	2
32546	2S	3	—	
43526		3	—	
52436	2S	3	—	—
34625	2S	—	—	
23645		3	—	
42635		3	—	
(32456)		2	S	

5,088 SURPRISE MAJOR

For Group B. f.c.h. b, d, k.
Arranged by MURRAY COLEMAN

23456	B	M	W	H
42356		3	3	—
25463	X			
35264		2		3
56342	X			
64523		2	2	3
42635		2	2	3
34625			—	
23456	X			2

Rung to Biddenden at Moulton on April 15th, 1969.

5,040 LITTLE BOB SIXTEEN

Arranged by J. R. MAYNE

23456	W	M	H
42635	—	—	
63245	S		—
24365	S		—
32465			—
43265			—
26345	S		—
32645			—

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The Church of St. Andrew, Stratton, Cornwall

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OUR COVER PICTURE

St. Andrew's Church, Stratton, Cornwall

By B. G. D. VINCE

STRATTON lies a mile-and-a-half inland from the Atlantic coast holiday resort of Bude. It derives its name from the old Cornish word that means a stream—hence the name of the small river that runs through the town, the Strat. At one time the sea came a lot closer to the town and quite large vessels could anchor. It was one of the most important manors in Cornwall at the time of the Conquest, with its good harbour and salt pans. It was held by the Blanchminster family and later passed into the hands of Sir Richard Grenville in the reign of Elizabeth I.

During the Civil War a battle was fought on the nearby Stamford Hill in 1643. Cromwell's men were soundly beaten, and it is said that they fled from the field when they saw Stratton's legendary giant, Anthony Payne (reputed to have been 7ft. 4in. tall and 25 stones!) coming towards them. Sir John Grenville was partly responsible for the restoration of Charles II in 1660 and was created Earl of Bath for his loyal support for the Crown.

The town itself grew and prospered through the following years. A market was held regularly each week and only ceased through lack of trade about three years ago. Since the advent of the railways and the building of the G.W.R. line to Bude, Stratton has been in decline, and the old saying that "Stratton was a thriving town, whilst Bude was still a fuzzy down" has been reversed. Stratton is now mainly residential and only a handful of shops, three pubs (at one time there were 26!), a school, a chapel and a magnificent parish church serve to remind us of the past importance of this ancient port and market town.

THE CHURCH

The present building dates from Norman times, although little can be seen of the original work today. A door, now concealed, bears the date 1151 and there is a good Norman font just inside the main south door. In 1348 the north aisle was built and the 90-foot pinnacled tower was raised in 1400 with the south aisle coming 50 years later.

The original screen and rood can be accurately dated to 1534 from church accounts but, alas, nothing of it remains. (The present screen was erected in 1900.) The religious upheavals of Tudor times caused considerable trouble in the town, especially when the Bishop of Exeter ordered the screen to be removed in 1563. Men were sent to Exeter and Honiton to plead for its retention but the Bishop remained adamant and in 1580 ordered men to go to the church to "beat down the screen with axes and hammers". The Norman chancel was rebuilt in 1544, the last major building work before the Reformation.

By 1888 the fabric was in need of drastic repair and renovation and £2,000 was set aside for the work. Considerable damage was done, historically speaking, by the Victorian workmen, for almost all the Norman and Tudor work disappeared and only the 16th century carved bench ends were entirely retained. Today the external appearance of the church is a mixture of the Decorated and Perpendicular styles.

Inside there is a fine brass of the Arundel family, depicting Sir John Arundel, his two wives, Mary and Julianna, and 12 children (dated 1561). The tower screen was erected in memory of the men of Stratton who gave their lives in the Great War, 1914–18, but it was glazed in 1963.

In the north aisle a few relics of the Battle of Stamford Hill are displayed, along with the Charles I letter of thanks to his Cornish supporters, and the old town stocks are preserved here. An effigy of Sir Ralph de Blanchminster can also be seen. He died towards the end of the 13th century whilst fighting in one of the Crusades.

In the Lady Chapel is a fine royal coat-of-arms, which has been altered from the original Stuart to the House of Hanover, and the pulpit is Jacobean.

THE BELLS

At one time the tower boasted five bells, for between 1558–1598 considerable sums of money were being spent on their renovation and later a sixth bell was added. The clock was placed in the tower as a thanksgiving for the recovery from a serious illness of the Prince of Wales (later Edward VII). In 1878 the six were recast and two trebles added to complete the octave. The ring was not satisfactory and in 1911 John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, recast and rehung the bells in a metal frame. When this work had been completed the clock was coupled to the bells and the "Guildford Chimes" were installed as a memorial to a local resident and they are still in perfect working order. In 1946 the bells were hung on ball bearings and today they make one of the finest rings in the south-west. For the past 15 years, if not more, they have rung out in full peal twice every Sunday—a proud record for the local band.

Although the vast majority of towers in the locality practise call-change ringing, Stratton branched into "method" many years ago, the most popular being Stedman, Grandsire and Plain Bob Major. To date 20 peals have been rung on the bells, including those of the College and Cumberland Youths.

The first peal rung on the bells was Stedman Triples on October 11th, 1901. There have been two other peals of Stedman Triples, 11 of Grandsire Triples, five of Plain Bob Major and one of London Surprise Major.

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ST. ANDREW'S DAY COMPETITION

In 1966 it was decided to hold a ringing competition in Stratton, in conjunction with the church gift day, and six teams took part. Such was the success of the day that the local band thought it a good idea to make this an annual event, and the following year ten teams entered and in 1968 there were 16. The fine spirit of the ringing fraternity prevails all the time. Call-change bands and method bands come from all parts of Devon and Cornwall to join in. This year two shields will be presented to winning teams and also certificates of merit.

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GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DINNER

THE Moor Court Hotel, Amberley, was again chosen as the venue for the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association dinner on October 25th, when about 80 members and their guests attended. The Association was delighted to welcome on this occasion its president, the Rt. Rev. Basil Guy, Bishop of Gloucester. Unfortunately the Bishop of Bristol was unable to attend.

The "top table" was rung in to dinner by handbell ringers from Cheltenham, conducted by Mr. Cyril Wratten. Miss E. M. Bliss (Association chairman) presided and was supported on the top table by the Bishop of Gloucester and Mrs. Guy, the Archdeacon of Swindon and Mrs. Bowles, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Barnett, Mr. W. F. Scudamore and Mr. C. Rouse.

After the loyal toast had been proposed by the chairman, the Association general secretary, Mr. C. Rouse, introduced the guests. He offered congratulations to the Ven. C. W. J. Bowles on his preferment to the Bishopric of Derby and said how honoured they were to have him at a time when he must be extremely busy. He then introduced Mr. E. A. Barnett, Vice-President of the Central Council and chairman of the Kent County Association, who proposed the toast of "The Gloucester and Bristol Association".

Mr. Barnett said how glad he was to be in Gloucestershire. Although he had never actually rung in the county he had always been interested in it, and there were connections between Kent and Gloucestershire. After all, Kent had exported Cyril Wratten! He was particularly interested in the recent correspondence in "The Ringing World" on W. J. Sevier, and read an extract from a "Gloucester Citizen" of April, 1900, in which "the prophet" was interviewed by a reporter.

REFRESHMENT ROOM MEETING

Mr. Barnett then went on to speak of the Association's relationship with the Central Council, mentioning the dispute of 1929, when the G. and B. representatives withdrew from the Council. He wondered if the Central Council was in favour as far back as 1898 as a meeting then was arranged at Temple Meads Station in the **2nd** class refreshment room on the up platform. Turning to the present, Mr. Barnett spoke of the peal ringing talent within the G. and B., mentioning especially Tony Peake's peals of Spliced Surprise. He went on to say that peals were, however, no guide to the Sunday service ringing which was the true object of all ringing. In this respect he was pleased to learn of the Croome trophy, which was on display that evening.

He sat down amid applause and the Association's Ringing Master rose to reply. He thanked Mr. Barnett for his kind remarks about the Gloucester and Bristol and went on to outline the way in which the Association was striving to keep abreast of changing times. He spoke of the recent review of the rules and boundaries, the increased emphasis on training and mutual aid, the Association's role as guardians of our unique heritage and the ringing competition to improve Sunday service ringing. He then spoke of the necessity of loyalty both to the band and to the Church, stating: "It is our aim for every tower in the two dioceses to be served by a loyal Sunday service company." Turning to the Church's responsibilities towards the ringers, he pointed out that often the bells and ringing chamber were the last things to receive the attention of the parochial church council.

WORST BELFRY!

The toast of "The Visitors" was ably proposed by Major R. T. Ashby, the Stroud branch representative on the management committee. The Bishop of Gloucester replied in a humorous vein. He thanked the Association for its hospitality, remarking that a good dinner was particularly welcome to one used to a diet of "refreshments". He welcomed the opportunity to speak to the ringers of the two dioceses and reminded the members of the fact that the two dioceses were in one Association because at the time of its foundation the Bishop of Gloucester had been called upon to look after Bristol. Some time earlier Bristolians, not appreciating a Bishop of their own, had attacked his palace.

The Bishop took the Ringing Master's point that ringing chambers were neglected parts of churches — there was a ripple of assent when he remarked that he had just learned from the chairman and Ringing Master that Gloucester Cathedral possessed the worst ringing chamber in the West of England, but he felt that vestries often surpassed ringing chambers in becoming general dumping places. He knew that ringers did not seek thanks, but he was glad to be able to thank them for all they did, Sunday by Sunday, in calling congregations to worship.

Miss Bliss concluded the formal part of the evening by thanking Mrs. Wratten for the excellent arrangements she had made for the dinner.

GUILD OF MEDICAL RINGERS

The 15th annual meeting of the Guild was held in London on November 15th. Ringing took place during the afternoon at three towers — on the light eight of St. George's-in-the-East, the ten of St. Clement Danes' and the 12 of St. Leonard's, Shoreditch. Although the Guild's membership now tops 80 the attendance was considerably less, though members and friends who were there enjoyed the programme, even if fortunes were a little mixed.

After the customary annual dinner at the George in the borough the A.G.M. took place. Despite their various protestations, the three officers were re-elected unopposed for a further year, indicating a reasonable measure of content amongst the membership with the affairs of the Guild. They are: President, J. B. Williamson; Master, P. A. F. Chalk; secretary, D. L. Gullick.

The president marked his return to office by presenting the Guild with a gavel and block of his own making—the gavel being in the form of a bell with a clapper for a handle. This gift was much admired and gratefully received with acclamation.

After the election of three new members it was decided that the programme for 1970 should follow the usual pattern: a country meeting in May and annual meeting in London in November—with peal attempts ad hoc as six or eight may be gathered together. The evening concluded with touches "in hand" on both the Isle of Wight micro-six and a fine Whitechapel set of normal dimensions. D. L. G.

RECORDINGS

AT ST. MARGARET'S, WESTMINSTER

Dear Sir,—I have pleasure in forwarding details of recordings of the bells of St. Margaret's, Westminster, from the papers of the late Mr. W. Hewett:—

On November 9th, 1926 (for H.M.V.), for four records, with the organ played by Mr. W. Stanley Roper (King's Organist). Ringers: Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Hairs, W. Hewett (cond.), J. Davis, G. Kilby, J. Trollope, A. W. Coles, R. Sanders and H. Ellis (reserve). Only Frank Hairs survives.

Also on November 24th, 1926, the same company (for H.M.V.), a D.S. record, D.2398.

On January 30th, 1929 (for H.M.V.), a D.S. record of bells, choir and organ, "Easter Impression". Ringers: W. Hewett (cond.), J. Davis, G. Kilby, H. Belcher, A. W. Coles, R. Bullen, C. Roberts, R. Sanders.

On July 17th, 1929 (for H.M.V.), wedding record and for Christmas. Ringers: W. Hewett (cond.), J. Davis, H. Belcher, H. Mance, G. Kilby, C. Roberts, R. Deal, R. Sanders.

On September 30th, 1930 (for H.M.V.), a D.S. record: one course of Stedman Caters, four leads Grandsire Caters, 84 Stedman Caters. Ringers: W. Hewett (cond.) 1, H. Belcher 2, G. Kilby 3, W. Williams 4, C. Roberts 5, J. Davis 6, C. Grimwood 7, R. Bullen 8, A. W. Coles 9, R. Sanders 10. Pleased to say that Messrs. Roberts, Williams and Bullen are still alive. — Yours faithfully,

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A HOODOO ON LANCASHIRE DINNER

Has ever an Association dinner had more troubles to contend with than the Lancashire Association's at the Victoria Hotel, Preston, on October 26th?

Trouble started when the hotel people curtailed facilities for diners. They were persuaded by Cyril Crossthwaite to fulfil obligations, but due to the shortage of staff and other difficulties that arose the meal and the service were not up to standard.

The guest speaker was to have been Canon Gilbert Thurlow, but as previously announced he had to cancel his engagement through illness. The Rev. Douglas Burnett, of Flixton, formerly an officer of the Truro Diocesan Guild, nobly deputised and removed trouble No. 2.

Another disappointment was the absence of the president due to a minor operation. His place was filled in good style by the vice-president, Dennis Jones, who extended a warm welcome to the guests, at the same time expressing regret at the absence of Canon Thurlow and hoping that he would soon be fully recovered.

Rev. D. Burnett was entrusted with the toast of "The Church and the Association" and in his speech discussed ringing as a means of bringing out the best in people by teamwork and also as a means of carrying the Church's message.

Neil Bennett and his handbell team provided some lively interlude music and the evening continued with dancing, which appeared to be thoroughly enjoyed.

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MARLBOROUGH BRANCH A.G.M.

The Marlborough branch held its A.G.M. at Marlborough on November 15th, with a good attendance of members, the accent being on youth. Visitors were welcomed from Swindon, Netheravon, etc. Ringing on the octave of St. Mary's was under the direction of Mr. A. Keen and the Guild service was conducted by Rev. J. Hamblen, with Mr. A. Keen as organist. Afterwards an excellent tea was enjoyed in the nearby Church Hall, prepared and served by Mesdames Lee, Nicholson, Hamblen, Mashiter and Sister Haig.

Mr. George Newman presided at the business meeting and the report on the year's activities by the hon. secretary (Mrs. H. Rouse) showed that 11 meetings had been held, with an average attendance of 20, an increase on 1968. Financially the branch had paid its way. Due to increased membership income had gone up by nearly £3 and expenses had decreased, so that the year's working had shown a small profit.

Mr. A. Keen, in his report as Ringing Master, favourably commented on the number of young people of both sexes now coming forward, which augured well for the future of the branch. Twenty-three quarter peals had been rung and there were many firsts.

Mr. Keen mentioned towers in the area not belonging to the Guild which were seldom visited, and thought the branch had a duty to try and encourage an interest in ringing in these places. Proficiency certificates were presented to Frances Craig, C. Barnes and Stuart Hale (Aldbourne), A. Watts (Ramsbury) and C. Purser (Chiseldon).

To the meeting's profound regret, Mr. Newman announced that he did not wish to stand again as chairman, a post he had held for 15 years with courtesy and firmness. Mr. Colin Wilkins was unanimously elected his successor, with Mr. D. Lee as vice-chairman. The Ringing Master (Mr. A. Keen), hon. secretary (Mrs. H. Rouse), committee (Dr. Craig and Mr. C. Barnes), deputy Ringing Master (Mr. F. Cook) were all re-elected. Eight new members were also elected, viz.: Collingbourne Kingston (3), Marlborough (2), Aldbourne (2) and Chisledon (1). W. A. E.

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ST. ALBANS DISTRICT

The October meeting was held at Welwyn on the 18th and ringing took place during the afternoon and evening. At the business meeting the members stood in memory of Canon Douglas Harper, late Vicar of St. Michael's. The secretary gave details of the 1970 ringing course and announced tickets were available for the dinner on December 6th.

An assisted practice scheme to be held at Sandridge, starting on November 26th, was also noted. Mrs. Talbot-Ponsonby thanked the District for the help received at Radlett and Mrs. Coburn stated that Harpenden bells would be rededicated on November 16th. A collection taken for the V.B.F. realised £2 2s. 9d., and the profit of £1 3s. from tea was also added to the fund.

A buffet tea prepared by Mrs. Coburn and her helpers was enjoyed before returning to church for the service and evening ringing. K. S. H.

JOINT MEETING

The joint meeting of the Barnsley and District Society and Yorkshire Association (Southern District), held at Ranmoor and Walkley, Sheffield, marked the beginning of a new era in South Yorkshire ringing, with the closer working relationship of the four Societies, all striving to promote good relations and ringing for everyone.

The day began at Walkley (6), 2.30-4 p.m.; Ranmoor (10), 4-5 p.m.; and again after tea. A short service was conducted by the curate; tea was served in the Church Hall, with the unique choice of tea or home-brewed beer, the latter being in great demand!

At a short business meeting it was decided that all meetings of the Southern District would be held with one of the District Societies on that Society's own meeting day and its choice of tower, and the annual general meeting as a Yorkshire Association meeting. Proposed practice meetings were also announced, notice of which will be advertised in "The Ringing World".

Later in the evening the Ranmoor ringers entertained the visitors with free beer and good food.

M.U.G.'s FRESHERS' TOUR

Several months ago the suggestion was put forward that an old Manchester University Guild tradition should be revived—to have a "freshers" week-end tour in the Lake District, hiking from tower to tower. The aim of these "safaris" into the wilds of Northern England was, reputedly, to help "freshers" to get to know established members of the Guild, and vice versa.

On the evening of October 24th ringers in four cars set off from Manchester for the Lakes. At the first stop, Morecambe (8), we joined the local ringers for their practice, and then made for our stop for the night in Ambleside.

On Saturday we rang the eight at Ambleside with the glorious 32 cwt. tenor and then moved on to Great Langdale (6, a delightful church, tucked away in the hills). After a quick lunch in Coniston we travelled on to a most commendable ring of eight at Broughton-in-Furness. The final tower of the day was Kirkby-in-Furness (6).

Sunday's activities were not so hectic, with ringing at Hawkshead (8). Lunch was taken at Ambleside and the return was made to Manchester, where a quarter of Double Norwich was attempted. Thanks were extended to Pat James, the organiser. W. M. T.

Westport Bells, County Mayo

On holiday in the West of Ireland I was surprised on entering Westport in County Mayo, some 40 miles from the nearest bells mentioned in the excellent Dove, to hear indubitably bells playing tunes.

Investigation revealed the bells some 40 feet high in an open steel scaffolding showing over the top of the shops on the other side of one of the main streets, but it proved difficult to get sufficiently close to take a satisfactory photograph. I found that they were the bells of St. Mary's Parish Church; but although I explored the church I was unable to find a way to the bells.

Fortunately, on calling at the priest's house, I met Mr. Kelly, who told me that he was the bellringer, and being a true bellringer he kindly dropped whatever he may have been doing and rallied to the cause. He took me through the church with its striking modern altar and windows, round to the back of the church where the bells are, and told me their history.

The bells, an octave, were cast by Matthew O'Byrne, of Dublin, in 1932, when they were presented to the church by Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Muldoon. They were erected and consecrated the following year.

In 1965 they were sent to the Whitechapel Foundry for tuning, being transported from Westport to Liverpool by boat and from thence to London. The Whitechapel Foundry also cast a flat 2nd and provided clappers and staples and supporting bolts for them.

I am indebted to Mr. Hughes, of the Whitechapel Foundry, for the following details:—

	Diameter	Weight	Note
Tenor	4′ 1⅛″	20 1 21	E flat
7th	3′ 8¼″	15 0 3	F
6th	3′ 4⅛″	11 2 5	G
5th	3′ 2″	9 1 15	A flat
4th	2′ 11¼″	8 0 21	B flat
3rd	2′ 9¼″	7 0 27	C
2nd	2′ 7⅜″	6 1 21	D
Treble	2′ 5¼″	6 0 1	E flat
Flat 2nd	2′ 7⅞″	6 2 18	D flat

Mr. Kelly then took me back into the church and gave me a demonstration. I gathered that the burgesses of Westport would raise no objection. The chimes which were formerly worked manually are now electrically controlled from a small keyboard looking rather like a piece of piano. This means that there are notes for which there are no bells, and I found it rather confusing when I tappe. out what may have been the first plain course of Grandsire Doubles in County Mayo. Mr. Kelly told me that I was the first change-ringer to visit him, and his welcome was most cordial and friendly.

Leaving the bells, we adjourned to the organ, Mr. Kelly being also the deputy organist to the church. Not being much of an organist, I endeavoured to leave most of the demonstration to my friend who is a real organist and treated me to Bach. The tone of both the bells and the organ is delightful.

When we parted Mr. Kelly gave me directions for climbing Croagh Patrick (2,500 feet). This is the mountain on which St. Patrick fasted for 40 days and 40 nights and then preached his famous sermon which banished all snakes and other reptiles from Ireland. Each year about 8,000 people take part in a pilgrimage up the mountain, when 40 priests celebrate Mass and another 40 take confessions in the small church built at the summit.

The climb on the way up gives superb views of Clew Bay with its 365 islands, and finishes with 500 feet of hard going on scree. The top, as is not unusual when I climb mountains, was covered in mist.

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A. W.

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LEICESTER OUTING

The "Ted Rochester – 1969 Tour" held recently started at Wigston Magna (8) and was followed by the ten at Derby Cathedral and where music of the mechanical chiming apparatus was much appreciated after the changes had finished. At St. Alkmund's, Duffield, the ten were kept going for the limited period available, but at Belper there were delays because of weddings.

Difficulty was experienced in finding the next church, Darley Dale (8), but it enabled some to see the most impressive war memorial—a living yew tree, 2,000 years old, and at its foot were plain stone blocks each cut with a single name, such as ALAMEIN, CAEN, YPRES. Here too we met the Rev. R. D. St. John Smith, ex-president of the Lancashire Association, who joined us in the tower.

Tideswell Church (8) is looked upon as the "Cathedral of the Peak", and it is remarkable for its approach of closely stone-walled fields, and Fairfield, Buxton (8), outside the town, is not too easy to find, but here was the best ring of the outing.

On Sunday, through the mist, we found Leek (10) and joined the locals for service ringing before proceeding to Cannock (8, a good ring), and where the locals stayed after service to join with us.

We continued to Rugby and rang in the south-east tower (8) and also the west tower (5), the touches being kept within the limits of the party and consequently were good throughout. Generally it was considered a fine outing—friendly, active and interesting.

PRINCIPLES OF INSTRUCTION
Bell Handling and Control

By "The College"
(Collated by A. York-Bramble)

(Continued from page 899)

On the average 12 lessons, each of about 1½ hours' duration with some theory included, are sufficient to cover the course of four sections of work, as follows:—

(a) Bell familiarisation and handling. (See new features above, Nos. 1, 2 and 3; also list of exercises and faults below.)

(b) Bell Control, including "balancing" and "following", at instructor's varying rate of pull. (See features 4 and 5 above, also exercises and faults below.)

(c) Exercises in Elements of Change Ringing. (See features 6, 7 and 9 above and exercises and faults below.)

(d) Ear training, etc., as in new feature 8, also exercises and faults below. This is followed by "open" rounds and by "following", in call-changes and "dodging rounds".

(B) Logical order. To assist in maintaining interest, theory and practice must keep in step and in logical order. Using a blackboard if possible, introduce, at the opening of Section C of the course—"Change production", i.e. plain hunting on, say, 3 bells and 4 bells. Show how continuous "transits" produce plain hunting, with the number of change-rows equal to twice the number of bells employed. Explain why the "extent" equals "factorial n", or numbers of all bells multiplied together. Illustrate "place-making" and its consequential "dodging". Introduce the concept of hunting through "covering" and through rhythmic beating, e.g. hand-clapping. As soon as tower bells are rung open, emphasise full use of ear in aiming at good striking. Point out the ½-second (average) striking interval. The foregoing gives briefly some idea of what is involved in the first "must", but not all, as the detail of the next "must" shows.

2. FAULT-FREE HANDLING AND CONTROL. (a) The instruction having followed the lines laid down in the previous "must", especially at paragraph (b), the tutor will, from the outset, watch very carefully that the pupil does not introduce faults uncorrected. In Part I of the "Manual", i.e. "Bell Handling and Control in the Elements of Change Ringing" (both editions now, alas, out of print), there is given a list of over 30 faults liable to be introduced by the pupil. These are set out as — "Error in" — "Due to" — "Resultant Fault" and "Remedy", this being, in effect, the analysis of each fault and its consequence. But the pupil is not entirely to blame. The book sets out a list of some 15 basic faults on the part of the tutor. So the tutor must set a watch on himself! (A copy of this book is deposited in the library of the Central Council.)

(b) Practice in the elements of Change-ringing **before** attempting Method-ringing. This principle was introduced by the College as one which, found in the analogous study of music, might prove equally effective in the learning of Change-ringing. For it is the principle, of course, that scales and exercises must be practised solo, to some extent, before playing with the whole band. So, just as the student musician must attain a degree of efficiency solo before taking his place in the orchestra, likewise the student ringer must have the opportunity of acquiring bell handling and control, with the resultant good striking, in the elements of change-ringing (i.e. "following", plain hunting, place-making and dodging) before standing in for attempts at an actual method. Adherence to this principle in actual practice has been found to accelerate progress in method-ringing.

(To be concluded)

Letters to the Editor

MORE ABOUT MELBOURNE PEAL

Dear Sir,—In view of Mr. Blewer's letter in the "Ringing World" of November 14th, there are one or two further points to be made. I should like to emphasise that I made my feelings known more than once during the peal, as well as immediately afterwards. Indeed, even the organiser of the peal, the widely-respected Mr. Ketteringham, joined me in suggesting that the peal should be stopped.

As far as standing a bell in a peal is concerned, I know that a number of people would recommend this course, but it is my belief that a conductor is completely in charge of the ringing—certainly if someone stood his bell in a peal attempt which I was calling I should consider it an extreme presumption. Admittedly I have not always kept to this principle, but in this case it was fresh in my mind from a previous occasion.—Yours faithfully,

CHRISTOPHER I. ROWSON.

Maidenhead.

FROM RHODESIA

Dear Sir,—From this far corner of the continent of Africa may I congratulate the Somerset ringers on their "Peal Week".

But why "Somerset Yokels"? I know and rang with most of them during my six years' residence amongst them. It would indeed be hard to find a person more unlike a "yokel" than Arthur Reed, of Taunton, and the Arscott brothers, even though they were born and brought up in the "wilds" of West Somerset, are very "towny". I suppose John Cornelius could fit the bill; but may I say to him that he has gone some way from the small village to civilisation!

Why not—if they must have a name—"Somerset Peal Grabbers" or "Taunton Vale Pealers"?

I read all their exploits with great interest.—Yours faithfully,

EDWARD H. LANGLEY.

Rhodesia.

A CHRISTMAS DAY BELL BROADCAST

Dear Sir,—I think that you may be interested to know that we at B.B.C. Radio Durham are broadcasting a ten-minute programme of bellringing at ten past eight on Christmas morning, which I shall be introducing.

The title of the programme is "Christmas Bells Across the County", and amongst the towers that will be heard are those of Holy Trinity, Darlington; All Saints', Lanchester; the parish churches of Chester-le-Street and Stockton, and Durham Cathedral. In addition I hope to record the new bells of St. Mary's, Shincliffe, which are to be dedicated on December 20th and which, I am told, are the first to be installed in the county since 1948, when there was a dedication at St. Andrew's, Roker, Sunderland. St. Andrew's will also be included in the programme.—Yours faithfully,

NIGEL HOLMES.

Durham.

RINGING AT QUEEN CAMEL

Dear Sir,—A few months ago, when arranging a ringing week-end in the West Country, I wrote to enquire whether it might be possible to ring at Queen Camel on October 3rd and received a reply that this would not be possible owing to the treble being out of action. I now read ("R.W.", page 848) that a quarter peal was rung on all six bells on October 5th, just two days after our proposed visit.

While respecting the right of a local band to refuse visitors if they so wish, I feel that some further comment might clarify the situation.—Yours faithfully,

N. V. J. DAVIES.

Ashford, Kent.

LONG PEAL ATTEMPT

Dear Sir,—I wish to give notice of an attempt for 20,160 Little Bob Major on Saturday, December 6th, 1969, at Loughborough Bell Foundry, starting at 9 a.m. If successful the peal will be credited to the Oxford University Society.

The holders of the existing record have been informed.—Yours faithfully,

JEREMY R. PRATT.

Oxford.

POLITENESS COSTS NOTHING

The enquiry we had had from one architect did not make sense; it was for such a small set of bells that would have been out of proportion to the tower they were intended for. By comparison it was like an organ builder being asked to put an harmonium in the church of cathedral-like proportions.

An appointment was made to call on the architect, and his reception was far from cordial. The interview was not a long one but rough whilst it lasted. Finesse was out of the question so plain speaking was the order of the day. I had to tell him outright that his proposal was plain daft and that no reputable firm of bellfounders would consider it. To this he replied that he had prepared the scheme on the advice of a good firm of bellfounders. I could only say: "You might think them good but I do not." With this he, like "Albert's mother," got proper blazing then, picking up my briefcase, data sheets that I had prepared and photographs, he opened the door of his office and threw them out, telling me to follow them, unless I wanted throwing out.

As I went out he slammed the door. I collected my material and placed it in the briefcase, then knocked on the architect's office door. He called "Come in" and when I entered his face was a picture for he certainly did not expect me, and before he could speak I just said "Thank you, sir, for the interview; good morning", then walked out, closing the door softly behind me. On my account of the interview I wrote: "This architect is N.B.G."

The sequel came about six months later when I was asked to meet the trustees of a church, its architect and builder. The first person I met on the site was the architect, who was none other than the one who had ordered me out of his office; but his reception this time was totally different and he greeted me with: "I have wanted to see you since our last meeting, for you taught me a lesson; you were not the first representative I have ordered out but you were the first one so treated who returned to thank me for the interview. I have since discovered that you were right and that your proposal was the only one suitable for this church; furthermore the bellfounders I mentioned only cast ships' bells, hence the reason why they recommended such small bells." A year or so later he sent me a very nice sketch of Dunster Parish Church that he had done whilst on holiday in Somerset, accompanied by a brief note: "For services rendered". J. P. F.

FORTHCOMING COVERS

Dec.	5.	St. John's, Devizes.
"	12.	Ashdon, Essex.
"	19.	St. Bartholomew's, Penn.
"	26.	Vacant (offers invited).
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Jan.	9.	St. Peter's, Coggeshall, Essex.
"	16.	St. John-the-Baptist's, Halesowen, Worcs.
"	23.	St. Andrew's, Farnham, Surrey.
"	30.	St. Kyneburgha's, Castor, Peterborough.
Feb.	6.	Christ Church, Bristol.
"	13.	Hurstpierpoint, Sussex.
"	20.	Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.
"	27.	Sidcup, Kent.
Mar.	6.	Benhilton, Surrey.
"	13.	Watford Parish Church.

Because of the four days' holiday at Christmas there will be no issue on January 2nd, 1970. The issue of December 26th will be a cover number. There will be no 16-page issues this holiday.

SUCCESSFUL GATHERING

A successful joint meeting between the Selby and District Society and the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association was held at Thorne on November 1st. Ringing throughout the day covered everything from rounds and call-changes to Spliced Surprise Major, and it was encouraging to see so many young people attending. The encouragement and opportunity afforded was a real enjoyment.

Nearly 50 were seated at tea, and the business meetings ran smoothly under the chairmanship of Mr. A. B. Cooper. New members elected to the Yorkshire Association were the Misses Felicity Ashford, Christine G. E. McCann, Elaine Foster and Susan J. Parker and David Potter. Mr. L. M. Woodhead announced the Selby Society's meeting at Goole in December and the annual general meeting at Selby in January.

A comprehensive vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells and conducting the service, and to Mr. T. Leask and the ladies for providing tea.

R. D.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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OBITUARY

MR. WILLIAM WHEELER

Tower captain at Harlow Common for many years, Mr. William (Bill) Wheeler passed peacefully away on October 28th at the age of 81. With his death the last remaining link with the original band at Harlow Common is severed.

Bill Wheeler commenced ringing in 1903 on handbells, under the guidance of Mr. George Dent, and when the present ring of eight bells was installed in 1905 he was already fairly proficient in the art of change-ringing. As the band progressed Bill was one of the mainstays, being always found on the tenor, and his placing and striking were as always a delight to listen to.

His peals numbered around 50–60, which included the first peal of Kent Surprise to be rung, and when the band was at its peak in the late 1920s Ipswich, Norfolk, Cambridge and Superlative were regularly rung for practice and Sundays.

His health began to fail about two years ago but he kept his interest to the end. When a peal was rung to celebrate the centenary of the parish, although he declined to take part he was there at the start and spent practically the whole of the time walking up and down outside the tower, listening to it. At the end his face had the broadest of smiles as he opened the door with a "Well done, me lads!".

Bill was secretary of the North West Division of Essex from 1938–1945 and was made a life member of the Association in 1960.

Many friends and ringers attended the funeral service on November 1st, and after cremation his ashes were interred just outside the belfry, only a few feet away from where he used to ring for so many years. His devotion to his church and his ringing are an example; his memory will live with those who were associated with him at Harlow Common. A quarter peal, half-muffled, was rung by his fellow ringers, all of whom had been ringers with him for 40 years and more. W. H. A.

MR. J. B. HALLIFAX

Many ringers were among the mourners at the funeral of Mr. John Barham Hallifax on November 6th at the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Fleet, Lincs. Aged 95, and the only remaining founder member of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, he had been proud to receive a letter of congratulations and good wishes from the Guild secretary on the occasion of the Guild's 70th anniversary dinner in September this year.

Born at Fleet in 1874, he began work in the Rectory gardens in 1896 and gave a lifetime of devoted service to the rectors and the church. He began ringing in 1897 and became a member of the Eastern Counties Association and later of the Peterborough Association and Midland Counties Association. He kept no record of his peals, thinking it more important to assist others in the art and striving at all times for a high standard of service ringing. He cycled many miles to attend meetings and practices and to call peals of Minor. In 1949 he was presented with a gold medal from the members of his church to commemorate 50 years of service in the belfry, but continued for 17 years more before giving up active ringing. His interest in Guild affairs remained as strong as ever and he attended the last branch meeting at Moulton in September.

In 1966 he was appointed churchwarden emeritus after 35 years as vicar's warden.

A representative gathering rang the tower bells, half-muffled, before and after the service. At the graveside, in the shadow of the tower that he had served so long, a course of Plain Bob Minor was rung by R. C. Noon 1-2, J. Bray (Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild) 3-4, J. Millhouse (Guild secretary) 5-6. In the evening Mr. F. Taylor (branch ringing master) conducted a quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor on half-muffled bells, the band being representative of the Elloe Deaneries Branch.

B. B. T.

MRS. DORA EVANS

The death of Mrs. Dora Evans on October 26th, at the age of 75 years, deprives Bath of a popular and devoted senior ringer. A native of Bath, it was while working at Burnham-on-Sea that she met and married the late Alexander Evans, who taught her to ring, and she rang her first peal, Stedman Triples, in 1932 at Burnham-on-Sea. Altogether she rang 41 peals and conducted one for the Bath and Wells Association. When her husband retired in 1932 they went to live in Bath and joined the Abbey band.

Mrs. Evans was a capable and conscientious ringer, and when time permitted she regularly supported St. Mary's, Bathwick, and St. Mark's, Lyncombe. She served faithfully until heart trouble a few months ago ended her ringing career.

She will be remembered for her punctilious attendance for service and practice ringing. She was notably unselfish and would sit out rather than see anyone disappointed. She was a pleasant companion and will not soon be forgotten.

A half-muffled quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on October 31st by the band with whom she rang regularly.

MR. W. R. MARSH

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild has suffered a severe loss with the passing of William R. Marsh on October 27th, aged 58.

"Bill", a member of the Southern Branch, was a regular service ringer at Rippingale and Bourne, and was in great demand at countless local towers to make up a band for special events.

He was also responsible for organising the ringers' outings from Bourne and district, giving local people the opportunity to visit scores of churches in the Midlands, Yorkshire and the Eastern Counties. For the enjoyment of these outings he will be remembered with admiration.

Interested in peal ringing, he had rung 41, the first being at Rippingale in 1953. His last peal in May this year was his 18th at Rippingale, and incidentally the 50th peal on Rippingale bells.

The funeral was at Rippingale on October 30th, where representatives from Grantham, Ancaster, Silk Willoughby, Stamford, Billingborough, Baston, Bourne, Thurlby and the Deepings gathered to bid a last farewell. The six half-muffled bells were rung after the service, and this was followed by quarter peals at many towers in tribute to a faithful colleague. L. B.

SOMERSET STRIKING COMPETITION

The first striking competition in Somerset was organised by the Chew branch of the Bath and Wells Association in 1963, and since then several other branches have followed suit. In 1968 a play-off was arranged "unofficially" between branches in the north of the county (Bath, Chew and Frome), following which a similar play-off was suggested for 1969 embracing as many of the Association branches as wished to participate. Because of the problem of arranging a mutually convenient date a suggestion was put to this year's A.G.M. that the Association officially sponsor an inter-branch competition, but this was not agreed although it was thought permissible to arrange something similar as a "Non-Association" event.

It was therefore very pleasing to the optimistic organiser that 11 teams, representing six branches, took part in the Somerset play-off on November 8th at Dinder, and by November 5th 97 people had booked tea!

Unfortunately the weather on November 8th was not very favourable for striking competitions, but Dinder has a particularly large lych gate which accommodated many churchyard critics. Ringing started promptly at 3 p.m. and ended just two hours later. All the ringing was of a good standard, with only three small errors of method throughout the afternoon. Bath St. Michael (A), Pilton, Ash Priors and Long Ashton rang 120s of Grandsire Doubles; Cannington, Baskwell and Puriton rang Bob Doubles; Bath St. Michael (B) rang Stedman; and Taunton (Wilton), Chilcompton and Midsomer Norton rang Cambridge. A scratch band (a substitute for Wells St. Cuthbert, who had to withdraw at the last moment) rang London.

Messrs. Charles and Chris Kippin, concealed in a house near the church, did excellent work as judges, despite finding it draughty with the window open. Well over 100 people enjoyed a first-class tea in the Village Hall at the conclusion of the ringing, and then Chris Kippin delivered the judges' verdicts together with some constructive criticisms. The top team was Chilcompton (47), with Midsomer Norton as runners-up (63). Faults incurred by other bands were Wilton (66), Bath St. Michael (A) (73), Puriton (77), Bath St. Michael (B) (83), Pilton (94), Cannington (98), Long Ashton (101), Backwell (116), Ash Priors (123). The scratch team, comprising Mrs. Charles Kippin, Mrs. Chris Kippin and one ringer each from the Bath, Bridgwater, Chew and Frome branches, had 43 faults.

M. H.

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APPLETON, BERKS.—1,277 Grandsire Caters: S. White (first quarter) 1, B. R. White 2, F. C. White 3, V. J. White 4, D. C. Woodward 5, F. White 6, N. H. Leslie 7, D. A. Leslie (cond.) 8, F. A. White 9, H. White 10.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. E. Lester (cond.) 1, R. C. Kersey 2, Miss M. E. Newby 3, D. J. H. Barber 4, P. W. A. Muxlow 5, St. J. Perry 6

BARROW - ON - SOAR, LEICS. — 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Andrea North 1, B. S. Payne 2, J. R. Perkins (cond.) 3, P. G. Chambers 4, R. Wilmore 5.

BATHAMPTON, Bath, SOM.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. Bruford (first quarter) 1, Miss P. Gouly 2, Miss P. D. Freeland (first quarter "inside") 3, C. G. Jones (cond.) 4, K. Weeks (first quarter "inside") 5, P. Powell (first quarter) 6.

BLACKMOOR, HANTS.—1,260 Grandsire and P.B. Doubles: G. Cane 1, A. W. Betsworth 2, M. Cass 3, A. Gill 4, D. Cooper (cond.) 5, Mary Sutcliffe 6

BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS.—At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist. 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: L. Boyce 1, Mabel Mitchell 2, Christine Boyce 3, W. C. Shute 4, M. J. Dew (first as cond.) 5, R. Boyce 6

BRADING, I.O.W.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Duff 1, A. Russell 2, K. Squibb 3, T. F. East (cond.) 4, Janice Squibb 5, E. Duff 6.

BRANCEPETH, CO. DURHAM.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. F. D. Moore 1, Jo Mount 2, M. Squires (first quarter) 3, P. R. Denton 4, N. J. Webber 5, P. Rogers (cond.) 6. By Durham University Society.

CHALFONT ST. GILES, BUCKS.—1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Carol Edwards (first quarter) 1, B. Edwards 2, Jean Kelly 3, Margaret Penson (first "inside") 4, A. Butcher (cond.) 5, M. Hawkins 6.

CHIGWELL, ESSEX. — 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Margaret Chappell (first Minor) 1, Marion A. Cass 2, Lesley C. Tibbitts (25th quarter) 3, G. H. Walker 4, D. A. Tovell 5, J. E. Murfitt (cond.) 6.

CHISELDON, WILTS.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Purser (first Minor) 1, Miss M. Bowman (first "inside" Minor) 2, Miss J. Purser (first "inside" Minor) 3, Miss A. Toomer 4, C. Wilkins 5, F. Cook (first of Minor as cond.) 6.

COLCHESTER (Shrub End), ESSEX.—1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Whent 1, D. Martin 2, A. Wright 3, D. Cobb (cond.) 4, A. Gibbons 5, C. Coulson 6.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX. — 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: Mrs. V. Copleston 1, D. Potter 2, P. Bloomfield 3, Mrs. R. L. Armstrong 4, G. C. King 5, Janet Pullen 6, R. E. Copleston 7, J. Armstrong (cond.) 8. First of Bristol by all except conductor.

DANBURY, ESSEX. — 1 280 Cambridge Surprise Major: E. G. Roast 1, I. J. M. Saunders 2, E. W. Roast 3, Yvonne Murray 4, P. J. Came 5, J. E. G Roast (cond.) 6, T. Spurgeon 7, J. L. Towler 8.

DEWSBURY, YORKS.—1,260 Stedman Triples: E. Betts 1, Avis M. Thompson 2, Jeanne E. Bottomley (cond.) 3, Ruth Richardson 4, J. M. Ineson 5, K. Ineson 6, G. Richardson 7, D. Carruthers 8. First in method 6 and 7.

GARBOLDISHAM, NORFOLK. — 1,260 Bob Doubles: Mrs. E. Foreman 1, T. G. Boast 2, H. Fuller 3, A. W. Foreman 4, D. Boast (cond.) 5, S. Flatman 6.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK. — 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. W. Pipe 1, S. Petman 2, J. Bennett 3, E. G. Pearce 4, Sylvia R. E. Pipe 5, G. R. Goodship 6, M. J. Howes (cond.) 7, S. E. Pipe 8

HANDSWORTH, YORKS.—1,344 Plain Bob Major: Patricia M. Clarke (first quarter) 1, D. J. Kelly 2, Stephanie Boyles 3, J. E. Turley 4, Judith J. Gilbert 5, D. Williams 6, J. J. L. Gilbert (cond.) 7, C. Rusby 8

HASLEMERE, SURREY.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. G. Venton 1, F. Bowden 2, B. L. J. Toms (first quarter) 3, Mrs. E. Struckett 4, Mrs. K. E. E. Bowden 5, D. Struckett 6 H. Gauntlett (comp and cond.) 7, R. G. Burford 8

HITCHIN, HERTS.—1,264 Plain Bob Major: M. J. Cranfield 1, Elizabeth Cranfield 2, Cecilie Forgan 3, J. N. McCutcheon (first Major "inside") 4, R H. Vigor 5, A J. Boyd 6, P. J. Cranfield 7 A R. Agg (cond.) 8.

KINGSTON UPON THAMES, SURREY. — 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. J. Whitear 1, Ann V. Salvage 2, Katharine Salvage 3, Lesley A. Hawes 4, C. D. Collin 5, Anthea S. Bruce 6, B. J. Stone (cond.) 7, P. T. Selwood 8. Also in memoriam David Hull.

LEYTONSTONE, E.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Balkwill 1, Miss S. Trucan 2, Miss M. Cass 3, G. Walker 4, C. Willmington 5, D. Wright 6, J. Hills (cond.) 7, R. Poole 8.

LISS, HANTS.—1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): Celia Down 1, Gillian Read 2, B. S. Gambrill (cond.) 3, T. S. Bowles 4, D. Fox 5, D. M. Hughes 6.

LUTTON, LINCS.—1,440 Plain Bob Doubles: P. W. Campling 1, P. G. Butler 2, G. H. Campling (cond.) 3, Mrs. G. Butler 4, G. R. G. Butler 5, A. W. Townsend 6. Also in memory of Mr. J. B. Hallifax, of Fleet, founder member of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

MARKET WEIGHTON, E. YORKS.—1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Marjorie Duffil (first quarter) 1, R. East (first "inside") 2, I. Peacock 3, D. Smith 4, A. Kneeshaw 5, N. Chaddock (cond.) 6.

MITCHELDEAN, GLOS.—1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Nicola Paton (11) 1, R. Smith (13, first "inside") 2, Susan Paton (14, first as cond.) 3, Mrs. B. M. Paton 4, A. A. Paton 5, R. F. Davies 6.

NEW MILL, YORKS.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. Hoyland (first quarter) 1, C. Moxon 2, Gail Cater 3, Patricia North 4, R. Cater 5, I. North (cond.) 6.

NEWTON - LE - WILLOWS, LANCS.—1,260 Plain Bob Triples: A. Thomas 1, A. E. Flint 2, L. Mackreth 3, D. J. Bennett (cond.) 4, R. Dorling 5, F. Heyes 6, K. Edwards 7, T. Randall 8.

OLD SWINFORD, Stourbridge, WORCS. — 1,272 Plain Bob Minor: B. L. Wootton 1, M. P. Tobin 3, M. Irene Brown 4, P. J. Brown 5, J. Warr 6, M. D. Fellows (cond.) 7, A. Roden 8.

ORMSKIRK, LANCS.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Dilworth 1, John Dilworth 2, W. G. Ellison 3, J. Richardson 4, E. Ashcroft 5, J M. Brown (cond.) 6, G. K. Austin 7, H. Robinson 8.

PORTSEA, HANTS. — 1,260 Erin Triples: L. D. Duguid 1, Mrs B. M. Hunt 2, A. F. W. Burbidge 3, W. Willans 4, E. Treagus 5, H. L. Hatfield 6, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 7, C. Harris 8. First in method for 3, 4, 5 and 6.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.—At the Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. J. Fry 1, Edna Jones 2, Jennifer Quaife 3, Jean Berriman 4, W. Willans 5, C. Bryant 6, A. A. J Buswell (cond.) 7, A. Hoodless 8.

SAPCOTE, LEICS.—1,440 Bourne Surprise Minor: D. M. Brown 1, N. W. Harvey 2, L. Watkins 3, J. Watkins 4, B. P. Morris 5, M. E. Brown (cond.) 6.

SHENSTONE, STAFFS.—1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (tenor covering): Gillian Page (first quarter) 1, Vivienne I. Blackaby 2, V. E. T. Holland 3, G R. Ball (first "inside") 4, D. R. Starkey (cond.) 5, Mrs. M. E. Ball 6. Half-muffled. Also for evening prayer, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (tenor covering): Pamela J Cole (first quarter) 1, Vivienne I. Blackaby 2, Audrey F. Birch 3, G. W. Reynolds (cond.) 4, D. R. Starkey 5, V. E. T. Holland 6.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX. — 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. S. Connell 1, Miss J. R. Simmonds 2, Mrs. C. Bartlett 3, J A. Mayle 4, J G. Brett 5, P. Mayle 6, J. H. Brett 7, E. W. Brown 8

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—1,280 Spliced Yorkshire and Cambridge S. Major: S. Hare 1, L. Stilwell 2, F. R. Scott 3, G. R. Shedden 4, L. Pearson 5, W. D. Ward 6, W. Birmingham 7, J. K. Ward (cond.) 8.

SOUTHAMPTON.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: James S. Croft (first quarter) 1, J. S. Croft 2, Diane I. Butler 3, B. Brophy 4, P. Harris 5, Joy F Butler 6, M. J. Butler (cond.) 7, C. J. Butler 8.

SOUTH LOPHAM, NORFOLK. — 1,260 Bob Doubles: Mrs. E. Foreman 1, S. Flatman 2, T. G. Boast 3, A. W Foreman 4, H. Fuller (cond.) 5, D. Boast 6.

STEEPLE ASTON, OXON. — 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Tuckey 1, R Gardener 2, H. Adams (cond.) 3, J. Elmer 4, D. Tuckey 5, E. Franks 6.

STOKE BISHOP, BRISTOL.—1,320 London Surprise Minor: Mary Crofts 1, Rosemary Snawdon 2, Rosemary Myers 3, Joan Gray 4, Hilary Muirhead 5, P. Gray (cond.) 6. First quarter of London by a local band.

STRETTON, CHESHIRE. — 1,260 Minor (three methods): K. Edwards 1, T. Randall 2, J. Birdsall 3, R. Dorling 4, F. Heyes 5, D. J. Bennett (cond.) 6.

WATFORD, HERTS. — 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: S. J. Laud 1, W J. Arnold 2, R. G. Smith 3, W. G. Paul 4, D. Laud 5, A. R. Ling 6, R. G. Bell 7, G. W. Seaman (cond.) 8.

WEST OVERTON, WILTS.—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): A. D. Lee (first quarter, aged 12) 1, P. D. Naylor 2, Ann Toomer 3, Margaret Bowman 4, T. R. Jones (cond.) 5, M. H. Jackson 6. Average age 14 years. Rung by pupils of Marlborough Grammar School, Wilts.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—1,440 Minor (St. Clement's, Kent T.B.): J. A. G. Hopkins 1, W. A. Hughes 2, L. W. G. Skinner 3, S. H. Gay 4, A. S. Richards (cond.) 5, M. A. Gay 6.

DATE TOUCH

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,969 Stedman Triples: F. D. Jennings 1, Juliet Stoy 2, A. G. Clark 3, S. F. Kimber 4, N. Thomson 5, D. J. Spittle 6, R. J. Cook (cond.) 7, R. J. Talbot 8. For Missionary Sunday.

LONG LENGTH

NEWTOWN, HANTS.—On Oct. 28th, 1,944 Plain Bob Minimus: R. Coxhead 1, Miss A. Randall 2, R. H. Jones 3, L. R. Porter (cond.) 4.

QUARTER PEALS AT MELBOURNE, VICTORIA

At St. Paul's Cathedral

Sept. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. English 1, Jennifer Murphy 2, M. Lawrence 3, Barbara Beeson 4, M. Scowen 5, H. Rossell (cond.) 6, J. Roper 7, E. Seymour (first in Australia) 8. To welcome Amanda Jane Heyes, born September 6th, 1969

Oct. 10th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Margaret Aslett 1, Jennifer Murphy 2, M. Lawrence 3, R. Turner 4, J. Roper 5, J. Bills (cond.) 6

Nov. 1st, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Joyce Bills 1, J. Bills 2, Jennifer Murphy 3, A. Fisher 4, M. Scowen (cond.) 5, G. Stewart 6. For the consecration of Robert William Dann as Bishop.

Nov. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret Aslett 1, Monica Martin 2, Jennifer Murphy 3, M. Lawrence (cond.) 4, J. Martin 5, D. Heyes 6, J. Roper 7, F. English 8

FOUR QUARTERS IN A DAY FOR ALL SAINTS' DAY

STEEP, HANTS.—On Nov. 1st, 1,320 All Saints' Doubles: Gladys D. Northway 1, G. Hartless 2, J. Hartless 3, T. Matcham 4, L. D. Smith (cond.) 5, Elizabeth A. Banks 6.

CATHERINGTON, HANTS.—On Nov. 1st, 1,320 All Saints' Doubles: Susan Hartless 1, Gladys D. Northway 2, G. Hartless 3, Elizabeth A. Banks 4, T Matcham (cond.) 5, L. D. Smith 6

UPHAM, HANTS.—On Nov. 1st, 1,320 All Saints' Doubles: G Hartless 1, Susan Hartless (first "inside") 2, Elizabeth A. Banks (cond.) 3, L. D. Smith 4, J. Hartless 5, T. Matcham 6.

FAWLEY, HANTS.—On Nov. 1st, 1,320 Doubles (four methods): J. Hartless (cond.) 1, L. D. Smith 2, T. Matcham 3, Gladys D. Northway 4, Elizabeth A. Banks 5, Susan Hartless 6.

QUARTER PEALS

ADDINGTON, SURREY. — On Nov. 2nd, 1,320 Netherseale Surprise Minor: E. G. H. Godfrey 1, A. Hobbs 2, Louise Powell 3, Margaret Godfrey 4, Wendy Wallace 5, I. Wiltshire (cond., 100th quarter) 6. For Evensong, and as a wedding compliment to Georgia Cousins and Trevor Robins.

ALDERSHOT, HANTS.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: W. Bro W H Coles 1, Bro. W. A. Theobald 2, Bro. A. T. Mason 3, Bro. H. P. Reed 4, Bro. E. R. Gotham 5, W. Bro. F. Price 6, W. Bro. F. E. Collins 7, Bro. F. C. Price (cond.) 8 For W. Bro. C. W. Denyer's installation.

ALDWICK, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 9th, 1,272 Minimus (three methods): F. W. Durrant 1, G. F. Durrant 2, Ruth E. Halford 3, C Renyard (first as cond.) 4.

ALGARKIRK, LINCS. — On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): D. Finsom 1, M. J. Belcher 2, W. B. Dawson 3, R. Stephenson 4, P. Reynolds 5, S. Johnson 6. First in three methods 1, 2. Also on Nov. 4th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: S. Johnson 1, G. H. Campling 2, G. A. Flatters (first quarter) 3, M. J Belcher 4. Rung by pupils of Spalding Grammar School (average age 14). First of Minimus by all.

ALLOA, CLACKS.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M Peterson (cond.) 1, Miss J. Cleeve 2, H. S. Glover 3, R. G. Aitchison 4, M. J. Pink 5, A. Wilson 6. To commemorate the centenary of St. John's Church.

Winsford Peal. — Regarding this peal (letter page 906), we are informed by the secretary of the Bath and Wells Association that it is under active investigation and is therefore *sub judice*.

Coming-of-Age Peals for Prince Charles, Canterbury Cathedral, Bedford, Bromley Common, Duffield, Erith, Knebworth, Irchester, Malvern Link, St. Stephen's-by-Launceston (for the Duke of Cornwall), Thryburgh, Yorks, Checkendon, Oxon, Guildford Cathedral, St. Ebbe's, Oxford, Sampford Arundel, Somerset, Reading.

A Record. — A peal in 75 methods of Spliced Surprise Maximus was rung at Manchester Town Hall on November 8th for the Chester Diocesan Guild. This is the greatest number of methods yet rung to a peal on 12 bells. It was conducted by Neil Bennett and composed by John H. Fielden and the conductor. Congratulations!

That well-known "tenor-king" Mr. A. Patrick Cannon added another personal record to his list when he turned in his 700th different tenor at Yatton, Somerset, on October 25th.

Besides burning cakes, King Alfred was responsible for the church at Lyng (Som.) being built, and a peal marking the 1,070th anniversary of the King's death was rung on October 25th at that church.

All towers in the Llandaff branch of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association have been circularised by Nevil James, captain of the Llandaff Cathedral Guild. With the support of the Dean he hopes that one tower a month will provide a team to ring a quarter peal on the Cathedral bells for Saturday evensong. This is certainly an imaginative scheme and deserves support; a cathedral belongs to its diocese and this is an opportunity for the ringers of the Llandaff branch to demonstrate this unity.

A contributor to columns of this journal for many years, Maj. J. H. R. Freeborn recently celebrated his 82nd birthday, and a complimentary peal of Lincolnshire was rung by the Cambridge University Guild.

A peal rung before a wedding is unusual, but no doubt the team were able to join in the festivities with other guests after the marriage of David Hogg and Patricia Wallace at Bowdon, Cheshire, on October 25th.

Eight of the St. Albans District ringers were the team which rang a half-muffled peal of Stedman Triples for Canon D. G. D. Harper, the Vicar of St. Michael's Church, who was buried on October 16th.

Congratulations to Robin S. Bridge, a 14-year-old who rang his first peal on October 25th at Crosthwaite.

Three-in-one was Mr. J. H. Musson's record — his 150th peal on the bells, 400th peal and 300th as conductor.

New Methods this week: Ewerby S. Royal at Isleworth, Rushden S. Major at Rushden and Hoar Cross Delight at Hoar Cross.

50 years a ringer. This week it is Mr. R. V. Johnson who is honoured, by a peal of Spliced at Cuckfield, Sussex.

At the age of 11 N. Sheard rang the treble for a quarter of P. Bob Major at Bradford on October 26th, and J. P. Loveless, who is 14, conducted the same method at Foxearth, Essex, on November 2nd. Congratulations to both youngsters.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Oxford versus Cambridge—but this time on bells! A striking competition between resident members of the two Universities will take place at Bletchley, Bucks, on November 29th at 2 p.m. The "Varsity Match" will be reported in due course.

The peal of 5,005 Stedman Cinques rung on the bells of Wakefield Cathedral marked the West Riding Cathedrals Festival, which was held on October 31st and November 1st. The festival, revived last year at Sheffield after a lapse of some 40 years, will be followed next year at Bradford Cathedral, completing the "circle" of the three cathedrals concerned.

Congratulations to Pauline Bridges (13), of St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, who has passed her Girl Guide Ringer's Badge, particularly as there have been no practice nights there since she started ringing three years ago.

Susan Paton (14), of Mitcheldean, Glos, has scored two firsts in two weeks—her first peal, treble to Grandsire Triples, on October 25th, and first quarter as conductor, Plain Bob Doubles, on November 9th. As the senior ringing member of a band of 11 young people it is hoped to see her name in the quarter peal columns again, and possibly in an under-16's quarter peal for Christmas.

The local company at Stoke Bishop, Bristol, accomplished a quarter of London Surprise Minor for Remembrance Sunday, believed to be the first for many years—if ever before.

Demolition is rife wherever one looks, and St. Andrew's Church, Derby, has suffered the same fate. A "final" peal was rung on the ten bells on November 2nd, and one wonders whether "All Souls" also mourned the event.

Seven Whites rang in the Remembrance Sunday quarter of Caters at Appleton, Berks.

Messrs. Christopher Dalton and **Geoffrey K. Dodd** are trying to revise Colchester's "Church Bells of Hampshire", with special reference to 3- and 4-bell towers.

Fifty different Surprise Royal methods rung to peals is the achievement of Mr. J. M. Jelley, of Leicester.

The four bells at Eastham, Worcs, were rehung in 1949 as a memorial to those who died in the last war, and a peal of 5,400 Plain Bob Minimus was rung on November 8th. It is believed by the conductor to be the longest length of Minimus ever rung.

Eight Ladies of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association are to be congratulated on their peal of Plain Bob Major rung at Stratton St. Margaret, Wilts, on November 8th. Miss Valerie Willard scored her first of Major as conductor and is now searching for a light ring of ten (or 12) nearby to enable the ladies to add to their laurels.

ANOTHER THEFT OF BELLS

News has reached us that two of the three bells of the church at Caistor-by-Norwich have been stolen, the thieves throwing them from a window nearby to the ground. The bells were rung regularly and one bell is dated 1591 and the other is pre-Reformation. Together they weighed about 8½ cwt.

THE BELL TOLLS . . .

Perchance he for whom this bell tolls may be so ill as that he knows not it tolls for him, and perchance I may think myself so much better than I am, as that they who are about me, and see my state, may have caused it to toll for me, and I know not that. The church is catholic, universal, so are all her actions. All that she does belongs to all. When she baptises a child that action concerns me; for that child is thereby connected to that head which is my head too, and engrafted into that body, whereof I am a member. And when she buries a man that action concerns me. . . . As therefore the bell that rings to a sermon calls not upon the preacher only, but upon the congregation to come; so this bell calls us all; but how much more me, who am brought too near the door by this sickness. . . . The bell doth toll for him that thinks it doth; and though it intermit again yet from that minute, that that occasion wrought upon him, he is united to God. Who casts not up his eye to the sun when it rises? but who takes off his eye from a comet when that breaks out? Who bends not his ear to any bell, which upon any occasion rings? but who can remove it from that bell, which is passing a piece of himself out of this world? No man is an island, entire of itself; every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main; if a clod be washed away by the sea, Europe is the less, as well as if a promontory were, as well as if a manor of thy friends or of thine own were; any man's death diminishes me, because I am involved in mankind. And therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls. It tolls for thee.—(John Donne, 1624)

HARTLEBURY

The Church of St. James-the-Great, Hartlebury (see front cover, "R.W.", Nov. 14th), has just celebrated the 700th anniversary of its dedication. Festivities started with a festival supper, to which all the parishioners were invited and many came!

On November 15th a good peal of Oxford Bob Triples was rung. Robert Pardy ringing an "inside" bell in his first attempt. The members of the band were sorry Jack Hicks was unable to take part owing to illness, as all would then have been Sunday service ringers. His place was taken at short notice by Gerald Bowen, who practises regularly with the band and is considered a "local".

All the bells were fully manned before the festival services on Sunday morning and evening. The preacher in the morning was the Bishop of Worcester and he complimented the ringers on an excellent peal the previous day, having listened to the whole of it. After the service the Bishop invited members of the congregation to refreshments in the Great Hall at Hartlebury Castle. The "Bell Anthem", by Purcell, was sung at both services, two of the singers of the trio being ringers.

The bellringers are happy to have had a share in making this a memorable occasion.

B. G. K.

CORRECTION

Mr. and Mrs. D. R. McLean, former ringers at Hailsham, Sussex, have a **son**, Michael, and not a daughter, as printed as a footnote to a quarter peal rung there recently in honour of the event!

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AN OCTOGENARIAN HONOURED

A much-loved personality among ringers in the Central Bucks branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild is Mr. F. J. Orchard, of Nether Winchendon, who is vice-president of the branch churchwarden and belfry foreman. His 80th birthday was an occasion of congratulation, and five friends from the Central Bucks and Chiltern branches met at Nether Winchendon and rang a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles. Taking part were G. J. Tyler 1, D. G. Wheeler 2, A. D. Tyler 3, E. J. Brunger 4, L. R. Woodruff (cond.) 5.

Afterwards the ringers, with many friends and relatives, gathered in the school for refreshments. There was a birthday cake, decorated with a bell, to mark the happy occasion, and the last quarter peal at Nether Winchendon in 1940, in which Mr. Orchard took part, was recalled. More than 25 cards and telegrams had been received and Mr. D. G. Wheeler read them to the assembly.

Mr. Orchard expressed deep appreciation of his friends for ringing and thanked all who had helped in making his birthday such a memorable occasion. The company then dispersed but not before the ringers had been invited to Blenheim Cottage to sample a glass of home-made wine.

HANDBELLS AT EASTBOURNE

As part of the Eastbourne Festival of Remembrance on November 9th, in the Congress Theatre, St. Mary's handbell ringers filled a 15-minute "spot" before the appearance of the band of the Royal Marines, fresh from the Albert Hall. The capacity audience numbered 1,700, the largest ever faced by the team, who are all of school age. Acoustics in this theatre are excellent and it was possible to give the performance without the aid of a microphone. Four items were played, in costume, and all were very well received.

MEETING AT BECCLES

A joint meeting of the North East District and the Eastern Branch of the Norwich Association was held on October 25th at Beccles. The ten bells were rung during the afternoon and evening by ringers from several areas of Norfolk and Suffolk.

The service, which was conducted by the Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzey, was followed by tea in the Conservative Club, and Mr. R. W. Bickers thanked Mr. Pizzey, the organist, the verger and the ladies who had prepared the tea. He also welcomed Norfolk ringers to Beccles and thanked the ringers of Norton Subcourse and Kessingland for the help that they have given to Beccles. Thanks were also extended to Mr. Bickers for the arrangements concerning the meeting. An apology was received from the Rev. Peter N. Bond, who was unable to attend due to a fall on the previous Thursday. M.K.

WANT BELLS HUNG "DEAD"

A Consistory Court convened for November 19th regarding the proposal to rehang Stinchcombe, Glos, bells "dead" (electrically chimed) had Mr. W. B. Cartwright, hon. legal adviser to the Central Council, acting on behalf of the Gloucester and Bristol Association. Following the hearing the Chancellor adjourned the case *sine die* to allow both sides to "get together" and try to resolve their differences. Whilst he had sympathy for the parishioners the Chancellor said he had more sympathy for the Association. A full report will appear in our next issue.

FENLAND WEDDING

A gusty wind was blowing across the Fens on November 8th when Mr. Hadley Hunter, a member of the Cambridge University Guild, well known for his compositions of Stedman, and Miss Norma Hartley were married at St. Edmund's Church, Downham Market, Norfolk.

The church, which commands a fine view over the town and the surrounding flat countryside, was nearly full for the service, and the eight bells were rung by members of the local band and a few of the guests. After the reception in the Town Hall the couple set out for an unknown destination. On return they will make their home in Hendon, London.

In honour of the occasion a peal of London Surprise Major was rung on the following day by the Cambridge University Guild at St. Andrew's, Cambridge.

SUFFOLK GUILD

The Central District's A.G.M. at Stonham Aspal on October 25th was well attended, with 36 sitting down to tea. The Rev. Brian Redgers conducted the service, with Dr. Franks as organist.

The officers were re-elected, viz.: Chairman, H. W. M. Leather; secretary, Mrs. Muriel R. Page; Ringing Master, R. E. Lester. Ringing continued until 9 p.m. in a variety of methods.

ADDINGTON, KENT, BELLS AT FOUNDRY

The four bells of Addington Church, near Maidstone, are being restored at Whitechapel. The treble is being recast and the rest tuned, and all rehung for full-swing ringing in a frame whose base members can carry sides for six bells. Details of the bells now are: Treble recast Whitechapel, 1969; Second, Third and Tenor John Wilnar, Borden, 1635, 1620 and undated respectively. The tenor is in B, weight 5-1-11, some 7 lbs. **lighter** than the third! Congratulations to those who made this work possible.

FAMILY ACHIEVEMENT

Writing from Cheltenham, Mr. Eric J. Taylor, who is connected with Leckhampton, sends two family quarter peals for publication. The information contained in his letter we feel will be of interest to many, particularly other families of ringers. He writes:—

"While these quarter peals do not represent anything very remarkable in themselves from the point of view of achieving a high standard of method ringing, we feel very much that they are of great value to us as a family. Their real achievement is what they do for the youngsters. It is not hard to get a quarter when the band is experienced, but none of the family has ever rung a peal and I have never called one. The youngest member, Malcolm, has only been ringing for 14 months and in this time he has managed seven quarters. His brother, Bernard, has rung nine since he learned to ring less than two years ago, and of the two girls Clare has rung 13 quarters and Hilda 16. My wife learned to ring in 1944, but had to give it up while nursing and again while the children were young. There cannot be a great many ringing mums who join in so wholeheartedly with their family, even to the extent of learning new methods. We do not come from a tower with a resident Surprise band and a high peal ringing tradition. In fact, we are now working hard to raise £1,500 to rehang the bells before they fall silent. All the family are church members and regular twice-a-Sunday service ringers.

"This is not intended as a piece of self-publicity, but is meant to give a bit of background to the quarter peals and the current attempts to go for a peal. Dad will be 75 in 18 months' time and it is hoped to put on a bit of a ringing celebration. We can manage rounds on 12 and Grandsire Triples already, and hope for something worth publishing.

"P.S.—They were all rather tired after the two quarters below! My wife informs me that she has actually rung 22 quarters, nearly all of them in the last three years, and that I ought to say that the family have managed six since April, when we rang our first."

The quarter peals were:—

LONGHOPE, GLOS.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (seven methods): M. P. Taylor (12) 1, Hilda Taylor (17) 2, Mrs. Helen Taylor 3, Clare Taylor (15) 4, E. J. Taylor (cond.) 5, B. H. Taylor (13) 6. First in seven methods for the family.

LITTLEDEAN, GLOS.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. H. Taylor 1, M. P. Taylor (first "inside") 2, Clare Taylor 3, Mrs. Helen Taylor 4, Hilda Taylor 5, E. J. Taylor (cond.) 6.

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

THOMAS MOORE

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

CITY OF LONDON.—At the Church of St. Giles, Cripplegate.
On Sat., Oct. 25, 1969, in 3 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 34 cwt. 6 lb.

Andrew N. Stubbs	Treble	Philip A. Corby	7
William T. Cook	2	Alan R. Patterson	8
John Armstrong	3	John S. Mason	9
Harold N. Pitstow	4	Alan J. Frost	10
Michael V. Chilcott	5	Michael P. Moreton	11
John Phillips	6	James G. A. Prior	Tenor

Composed by John Chilcott. Conducted by Michael V. Chilcott.
Rung half-muffled in affectionate memory of John D. Rock (born April 25th, 1929—died October 21st, 1969), a past Master of the Society.

WITHYHAM, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sun., Oct. 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 9 lb. in F.

Andrew J. Corby	Treble	Edgar R. Rapley	5
Robert N. Harris	2	John A. Howard	6
Frank I. Hairs	3	Richard Hayes	7
Dennis G. Brown	4	Philip A. Corby	Tenor

Composed by Henry W Wilde. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.
Rung in memory of Mrs. Elsie L. Hairs, as nearly as possible to her birthday (October 22nd), last lady member of the Society.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CHEWTON MENDIP, Som.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Sat., Oct. 25, 1969, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's No. 2 variation Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in D.

Edgar C. Shepherd	Treble	Laurence E. Hitchins	5
Frank L. Harris	2	Philip N. Tubbs	6
Ronald G. Beck	3	Edward J. Chivers	7
Gwilym Salmon	4	John Hartless	Tenor

Conducted by Frank L. Harris.

YATTON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Oct. 25, 1969, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 4 lb. in D.

Richard W. Sweet	Treble	James R. Taylor	5
*Heather A. Kippin	2	D. John Hunt	6
Elisabeth A. G. Bowden	3	Ralph G. Edwards	7
Richard J Bowden	4	A. Patrick Cannon	Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
* First peal of Double Norwich. The conductor's 700th different tenor "turned-in" to a peal.

LYNG, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.
On Sat., Oct. 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in F.

*Gordon H. Baldam	Treble	*John R Medway	4
Arthur H. Reed	2	Raymond F. Arscott	5
Adrian F. Arscott	3	Keith E. Beale	Tenor

Conducted by Gordon H. Baldam.
* First peal of Minor. First as conductor. First on the recently-augmented ring.
Rung to mark the 1,070th anniversary of the death of King Alfred, who was responsible for this church being built.

CHURCHSTANTON, Somerset.—At the Church of SS. Peter & Paul.
On Sun., Oct. 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents, one each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Grandsire and Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb. in F.

Brenda M. Bindon	Treble	Mervyn A. Arscott	4
Arthur H. Reed	2	Leslie H. Arscott	5
Adrian F. Arscott	3	Raymond F. Arscott	Tenor

Conducted by Raymond F. Arscott.
Rung as a welcome to the Rev. L J. Hemmons (Rector).

ASH PRIORS, Somerset.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Mon., Oct. 27, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents (seven callings). Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in G.

Mervyn R. Arscott	Treble	Royston Shepperd	4
Keith E. Beale	2	*Albert W. Knight	5
Arthur H. Reed	3	Raymond F. Arscott	Tenor

Conducted by Raymond F. Arscott.
* First peal of Minor.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—At the Church of St. Paul.
On Mon., Sept. 15, 1969, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 YORK SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in D.

Jill K. Orme	Treble	Anthony H. Smith	6
Avril Ivin	2	Robert L. Piron	7
Audrey R. Alexander	3	C. Michael Orme	8
Kathleen A. Marriott	4	Keith H. Fleming	9
Martin Major	5	Stephen Ivin	Tenor

Composed by Frank E. Darby. Conducted by Stephen Ivin.
First peal of Royal in the method by all the band and for the Association.

EATON SOCON, Hunts.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Oct. 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in F.

Stephen Ivin	Treble	Anthony H. Smith	5
Linda Fleming	2	*Martin Major	6
Charlotte M. Harris	3	David Redfearn	7
Ronald J. Sharp	4	Keith H. Fleming	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Stephen Ivin
* First peal in the method.

MAULDEN, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Tues., Oct. 28, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. in F sharp.

*Michael J. Down	Treble	Christopher R. Hardy	5
David A. Hope	2	Martyn J. Marriott	6
*Alison J. Mager	3	Martin Major	7
Kathleen A. Marriott	4	Philip Mehew	Tenor

Composed by Thomas B. Worsley. Conducted by Martin Major.
* First peal of Major.

ASPLEY GUISE, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Botolph.
On Sat., Aug. 30, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In seven methods, comprising one extent each of Beverley, Surfleet, London, York, Norwich, Ipswich and Cambridge.
Tenor 10 cwt. 11 lb. in A flat.

Avril Ivin	Treble	Anthony H. Smith	4
Martin Major	2	C. Michael Orme	5
Charlotte M. Harris	3	Stephen Ivin	Tenor

Conducted by Stephen Ivin.

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THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

CAMBRIDGE.—At the Church of St. Andrew the Great.
On Sun., Oct. 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5058 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in G.

*J. L. Humphreys (Jesus)	Treble	M. J. Pickup (Churchill)	5
A. T. Winter (Christ's)	2	†W. T. Perrins (Selwyn)	6
M. Susan Jackson (Girton)	3	R. H. Youdale (Emmanuel)	7
D. Barton (Selwyn)	4	R. A. G. Inglis (Selwyn)	Tenor

Composed by John H. Fielden. Conducted by W. T. Perrins.
* First peal for the Guild. † Has "circled the tower" to peals.
Rung as a compliment to Major J. H. R. Freeborn on his 82nd birthday.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BOWDON, Cheshire.—At the Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
On Sat., Oct. 25, 1969, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 8 lb. in E.

Michael Thomson	Treble	Peter Broadbent	5
Peter Hawcock	2	Gerald Moorhouse	6
Alan J. Brown	3	John Moore	7
John O. Freeman	4	Michael Foulds	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Michael Foulds.
Rung as a wedding compliment to David Hogg, a local ringer, and Patricia Wallace, who were married at this church immediately after the peal.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER, Glos.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.
On Sat., Oct 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In six methods, containing 960 London, 864 Watford, 832 Pudsey and Superlative, 800 Cambridge and 736 Bristol, with 120 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F sharp.

Ian F. Garvie	Treble	Geoffrey W. Randall	5
Clare F. Dolphin	2	L. Michael Callow	6
Ian C. Maycock	3	Ernest J. Gower	7
Ian D. Thompson	4	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Peter Border.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

BUCKLAND-IN-THE-MOOR. Devon.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Mon., Oct. 27, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 17 lb. in A sharp.

Kevin A. Hughes	Treble	John C. Mitchelmore	5
Peter L. Bill	2	Alan N. Frost	6
D. Roy Bould	3	*John F. Steere	7
Angela C. Hughes	4	Frank D. Mack	Tenor

Composed by George Hughes. Conducted by Peter L. Bill.
* First peal of Plain Bob Major.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

DANBURY, Essex.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Oct. 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 UXBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
27-course block reduced. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in A flat.

Claire Hudson	Treble	Andrew S. Hudson	5
Josephine A. Brown	2	Yvonne A. Murray	6
Keith W. Brown	3	Dennis A. S. Symonds	7
Richard J. Harrison	4	Joe E. G. Roast	Tenor

Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.
First peal in the method by all the band and for the Association.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MITCHELDEAN, Glos.—At the Church of St. Michael & All Angels.
On Sat., Oct. 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's 12-part. Tenor 12¼ cwt. in F sharp.

*Susan M. Paton	Treble	Reuben S. Clench	5
Jacqueline S. King	2	David J. Hughes	6
Allan A. Paton	3	David J. King	7
Austin T. Wingate	4	Richard W. Owen	Tenor

Conducted by David J. King.
* First peal and first attempt.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WEST CLANDON, Surrey.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Fri., Oct. 17, 1969, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. in E.

Felicity S. Hamilton	Treble	Stanley G. Ponting	5
*Jill M. May	2	*Douglas A. R. May	6
William S. Deason	3	Derek E. Sibson	7
*Peter J. Munday	4	Tom Page	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
* First peal of London Surprise Major.

GUILDFORD, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Tues., Oct. 28, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor 15 cwt. 21 lb. in F.

Carolyn Tubbs	Treble	John A. Collier	4
Jill M. May	2	Martin J. Kirk	5
*Robert Gee	3	David J. Tubbs	Tenor

Conducted by David J. Tubbs.
* First peal of Minor.
Rung with the best wishes of the band to mark the retirement of Mr. Tom White as Editor of "The Ringing World."

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(St. Albans District.)
ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Thurs., Oct. 16, 1969, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Arranged from Thurstans'. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

Thomas J. Lock (North Mymms)	Treble
Francis Kirk (St. Michael's, St Albans)	2
Andrew W. R. Wilby, District Ringing Master (Harpenden)	3
Katharine S. Hardy (St. Albans Abbey)	4
Kenneth J. Darvill (St. Peter's, St. Albans)	5
Robert E. Hardy, District Secretary (St. Albans Abbey)	6
Gerald Penney (St. Albans Abbey)	7
Eric Edmondson (Hatfield)	Tenor

Conducted by Kenneth J. Darvill.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Canon D. G. D. Harper, M.A., B.D., Vicar since 1954, buried this day.

GREAT HALLINGBURY, Essex.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Sat., Oct. 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 480 St. Simon, 480 Plain Bob, 4,080 Grandsire.
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in G.

Douglas Hutley	Treble	Peter Warboys	3
Walter Hunt	2	Leonard Luck	4
Albert Richardson	Tenor		

Conducted by Peter Warboys.
Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HYDE, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. George.
On Sat., Oct. 25, 1969, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 12 methods, comprising 960 each of London and Rutland and 320 each of Cambridge, Cray, Bristol, Eastcote, Lincolnshire, New Gloucester, Pudsey, Superlative, Wembley and Yorkshire, with 139 changes of method. Tenor 18 cwt. 11 lb. in E.

David W. Howarth	Treble	Neil Bennett	5
Michael Fishwick	2	Derek Butterworth	6
Margaret P. Booth	3	Richard S. Starkie	7
Basil Jones	4	Jeffrey Brannan	Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Neil Bennett.

LIVERPOOL, Lancs.—At the Church of Emmanuel, Everton.
On Sat., Oct. 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in A.

Thomas W. Hesketh	Treble	David E. Rothera	5
*Susan J. Rothera	2	John G. Gipson	6
Peter S. Bennett	3	Kenneth J. Hesketh	7
Frank D. Mack	4	Tudor P. Edwards	Tenor

Composed by M. S. Bruce Conducted by Peter S. Bennett.
* First peal of Surprise "inside." First in the method on the bells.

(Preston Branch.)
HOGHTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Wed., Oct. 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's six-part. Tenor 14 cwt.

Lawrence Walmsley	Treble	Richard Palmer	5
John Ascroft	2	Cyril Crossthwaite	6
Rev. Kingsley C. Jones	3	Alan Gardner	7
Frank Stead	4	Frank Anderton	Tenor

Conducted by Cyril Crossthwaite.

FARNWORTH-WITH-KEARSLEY, Lancs.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist.
On Sun., Nov. 2, 1969, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Joseph Thornley	Treble	Dennis H. McCormick	5
David Vincent	2	John Ashcroft	6
*Roy Jolley	3	Michael Fishwick	7
*John Illingworth	4	Geoffrey Fothergill	Tenor

Composed by F. Dench. Conducted by Geoffrey Fothergill.
* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.
Rung half-muffled for All Souls Day. Tenor 12 cwt.

CROSTHWAITE, Westmorland.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Oct. 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 20 extents (10 callings) and 11 240's, all different. Tenor 10¾ cwt.

*Robin S. Bridge	Treble	Alan Capstick	4
Kevin M. Price	2	Thomas F. Metcalfe	5
Kenneth J. Foster	3	Lawrence D. Clement	Tenor

Conducted by Kevin M. Price.
* First peal (aged 14).

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Tues., Oct. 28, 1969, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B flat.

Ronald G. Edwards	Treble	Joseph W. Cotton	6
Ronald D. Hughes	2	*Alec R. Jones	7
B Stedman Payne	3	†John W. Rawson	8
Frank Chambers	4	Roland Beniston	9
Arthur E. Rowley	5	†Horace Moult	Tenor

Composed by E. C. Shepherd Conducted by Roland Beniston.
* First peal "inside." † First of Grandsire Caters.

SAPCOTE, Leicestershire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Tues., Oct. 28, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In seven methods, viz.: (1) London, (2) Wells, (3) Durham, (4) York, (5) Beverley, (6) Surfleet, (7) Cambridge.

Alison Butterfield	Treble	Brian L. Burrows	4
*Neil W. Harvey	2	John Watkins	5
Laurence Watkins	3	Michael E. Brown	Tenor

Conducted by Michael E. Brown.
* First peal in seven Surprise methods.
Rung by the Sunday service band to mark the 25th anniversary of the conductor's first peal. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in A flat.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Denis.
On Sat., Oct. 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents each called differently.

Walter Weston	Treble	Harry Barnes	4
*Susan Fitton	2	Clive Brook	5
Richard A. Webster	3	James H. Musson	Tenor

Conducted by James H. Musson.
* First peal of Minor. The conductor's 400th peal, 300th as conductor and 150th on the bells. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

BRIGG, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist.
On Mon., Oct. 27, 1969, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Single Court, London Bob, Lytham, College Bob, Wavertree, Rev. Bob and Canterbury Pleasure.

Mary Atkinson	Treble	Roger Hippisley	4
William Bains	2	Harold Judd	5
John G. Hall	3	Richard Hall	Tenor

Conducted by John G. Hall. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in A.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LLANDAFF, Glam.—At the Cathedral Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Fri., Oct. 24, 1969, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. in E.

*Anne C. Cooke	Treble	Nicholas W. H. Simon	6
Donald G. Clift	2	Christopher Hughes	7
Thomas Yeomans	3	Paul A. Williams	8
†Stephen Fenwick	4	John Chilcott	9
Trevor M. Roderick	5	John W. Bull	Tenor

Arranged by R. A. G. Inglis. Conducted by Nicholas W. H. Simon.
* First peal of Stedman. † Has "circled the tower" to peals

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ISLEWORTH, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Thurs., Oct. 23, 1969, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 EWERBY SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 16 cwt. 24 lb. in E.

John R. Ketteringham	Treble	Andrew W. R. Wilby	6
Maureen J. Carruthers	2	Anthony R. Carter	7
Eric Edmondson	3	Gerald Penney	8
William Birmingham	4	Frederick W. Ellis	9
*Graham A. Duke	5	Harold W. Rogers	Tenor

Arranged by John R. Ketteringham. Conducted by Gerald Penney.
* First peal of Royal "inside." First peal in the method.

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

HILLINGDON, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Oct. 25, 1969, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 CLYDE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in E flat.

Claudia A. Critchley	Treble	*John Hill	6
Joan Beresford	2	Roger Baldwin	7
G William Critchley	3	John R. Mayne	8
Brian Bladon	4	*David P. Hilling	9
*William S. Deason	5	*Frank C. Price	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by John R. Mayne.
* First peal in the method.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

FLINT, Flintshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Wed., Oct. 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. in A.

*E. Malcolm Jones	Treble	George H. Randles	5
Norah M. Randles	2	John R. Capper	6
Frederick R. Evans	3	William Cathrall	7
Dennis H. B. Millward	4	John W. Griffiths	Tenor

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by John W. Griffiths.
* First peal on eight bells. First on the augmented ring of eight bells.
Rung as a compliment to the Rev. Canon H. J. Williams on his retirement after 30 years as Rector.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SCOLE, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Oct. 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Tenor 4 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.
Being 12 120's of Grandsire, 10 of St. Simon and 20 of Plain Bob.

Jack Mowle	Treble	*Cyril Pease	4
*Owen P. Claxton	2	Harry B. Fuller	5
Charles R. Catchpole	3	Dennis G. Boast	Tenor

Conducted by Harry B. Fuller.
* First peal of Doubles.
A ruby wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Harrison,

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

EDINGTON, Wilts.—At the Priory Church of St. Mary, St. Katharine and All Saints.
On Sat., Oct. 25, 1969, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LINDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 24 cwt. 24 lb. in D.

William Birmingham	Treble	*David C. Brown	6
Alan R. Pink	2	Michael Hatchett	7
Beryl R. Simpson	3	Michael J. Church	8
Reginald W. Rex	4	D. Kay Adkins	9
Christopher C. Clarke	5	Geoffrey K. Dodd	Tenor

Composed by G Lindoff Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* 50th peal. First in the method by all the band and for the Guild.

HARWELL, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew.
On Sat., Sept. 20, 1969, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's 10-part. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in E.

Mary Wells	Treble	Leonard Cox	5
Douglas Jordan	2	Robert Blond	6
William Gilks	3	William Corderoy	7
Harry Wells	4	Douglas Bosley	Tenor

Conducted by Robert Blond.
Rung on eve of Patronal Festival. 37th anniversary of first peal on the eight.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ALDERMASTON, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., Oct. 27, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's one-part. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

Ronald C. Christopher	Treble	*Anita D. O'Brien	5
Reginald W. Rex	2	David L. Wilcox	6
William Butler	4	Anthony R. Peake	7
	3	Harry E. Wells	Tenor

Conducted by William Butler.
* First peal of Triples. 100th as conductor.
Rung as a welcome to the Rev. F. A. Steer, inducted as Vicar

HUGHENDEN, Bucks.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Mon., Oct. 27, 1969, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Percy Newton	Treble	Robert H. Newton	5
Arthur Newton	2	Ernest E. Gosling	6
Roland Biggs	3	Sydney M. Bailey	7
A. Reginald Blaby	4	David A. Cornwall	Tenor

Composed by G. Williams. Conducted by David A. Cornwall.
Rung to welcome Louise Margaret, daughter of David and Joyce Cornwall. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in F

ISLIP, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Fri., Oct. 31, 1969, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 JERSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Cyril H. Kinch	Treble	Brian W. Hall	5
Alan R. Pink	2	Timothy G. Pett	6
Peter J. Heritage	3	D. Kay Adkins	7
Christopher C. Clarke	4	George W. Holland	Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. Speed. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
First peal in the method by all.
Rung as a farewell to the Rev. A. W. Blanchett, retiring after 18 years in the parish. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in G.

FARINGDON, Berkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Nov. 1, 1969, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 NENE SURPRISE MAJOR

*Michael A. Sutton	Treble	*William Birmingham	5
*Ronald K. Russ	2	*Timothy G. Pett	6
Christopher C. Clarke	3	*Wilfrid G. Wilson	7
Alan R. Pink	4	*Eric Sutton	Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* First peal in the method. First in the method for the Guild.
Rung for the Patronal Festival. Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

NETTLEBED, Oxon.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.
On Sat., Oct. 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb. in B.

Mary Wells	Treble	Anita D. O'Brien	4
*Anthony R. Peake	2	Harry E. Wells	5
	3	Michael Bishop	Tenor

Conducted by Michael Bishop.
* First double-handed tower bell peal. First of Minor as conductor.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

RUSHDEN, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Oct. 25, 1969, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 RUSHDEN SURPRISE MAJOR

Alan J. Marks	Treble	*John G. Mitchell	5
J. Malcolm Tyler	2	Raymond H. Daw	6
Barry R. Care	3	Richard J. Cowley	7
Edward C. Buckby	4	Murray A. Coleman	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Murray A. Coleman.
* 50th peal. First in the method. Tenor 18 cwt. 17 lb. in E.

RUSHDEN SURPRISE MAJOR
—38—14—12—1238—12—1258—16—78. Group B. f.c.h. b d.

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

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Aston.
On Sat., Oct. 25, 1969, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

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

Enid Lawson	Treble	Stephen W. Barton	6
Richard J. W. Tibbetts	2	Donald T. Finnemore	7
Janet E. Blake	3	Robert Edwards	8
John G. Perry	4	Maurice F. Edwards	9
Vernon Green	5	James W. Belshaw	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by James W. Belshaw.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

WILTON, Wiltshire.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Nicholas.
On Sat., Oct. 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being two 2,160's and one 720. Tenor 8¾ cwt.

Raymond Haines	Treble	Graham W. Elmes	4
*Helen A. Haines	2	Timothy F. Collins	5
Melvyn J. Hiller	3	Ronald N. Marlow	Tenor

Conducted by Raymond Haines.
* First peal of Surprise.

WITCHAMPTON, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Mary, St. Cuthberga and All Saints
On Tues., Oct. 28, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In 12 methods in the following extents: (1) Alnwick and Newcastle, (2) Munden and Chester, (3) Carlisle, (4) London and Wells, (5) York and Durham, (6) Surfleet and Beverley, (7) Cambridge.
Tenor 11 cwt. in A flat.

Katharine J. Maundrell	Treble	*†John W. Blackwood	4
*Mary E. Elmes	2	*Graham W. Elmes	5
*David Wilson	3	*Timothy F. Collins	Tenor

Conducted by Timothy F. Collins.
* Most methods to a peal. † 50th peal.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

HOLME PIERREPONT, Notts.—At the Church of St. Edmund.
On Sat., Sept. 6, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Oxford Bob and four extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. in G sharp.

Edwina Dixon	Treble	H. Geoffrey Wells	4
Pamela J. Clifton	2	W. Gordon Marsh	5
Ruth Blackshaw	3	Maurice W. Harrison	Tenor

Conducted by Maurice W. Harrison.

WHATTON, Notts.—At the Church of St. John of Beverley.
On Sat., Oct. 4, 1969, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being three extents each of Grandsire, Marchington, Newington, All Saints, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps, St. Columb, Clifford's Pleaesure, Little Aston, Plain Bob, Kennington, Old, April Day, Seighford, and 14 variations. Tenor 13 cwt. 24 lb. in E.

Philip Wild	Treble	W. Gordon Marsh	4
Pamela J. Clifton	2	Maurice W. Harrison	5
Ruth Blackshaw	3	H. Geoffrey Wells	Tenor

Conducted by W. Gordon Marsh.
Believed to be the first peal of Doubles on the bells.

NORTH MUSKHAM, Notts.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.
On Sat., Oct. 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

42 extents, 10 different callings. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F.

*Susan M. Heath	Treble	Frederick G. Hooper	4
*Elaine M. Rolfe	2	†J. Edward Brown	5
Derick E. Kirton	3	†‡Frederick Derry	Tenor

Conducted by Frederick G. Hooper.
* First peal. † 50th peal together. ‡ 100th peal.

GAMSTON, Notts.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Oct. 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of London Scholars Pleasure, Kingston, Sandal, Oxford and Kent T.B. and Single Oxford and Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in A flat.

Sidney Carnall	Treble	John A. Coates	4
Katherine Burchnall	2	David W. Jack	5
Grace Burchnall	3	Harold Denman	Tenor

Conducted by Harold Denman.
Rung in memoriam Mr. W. Brett, of Tuxford, who died on October 18th, 1969, aged 81.

NORTH COLLINGHAM, Notts.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Tues., Oct. 28, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Kent T.B. and six extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in G.

Elizabeth J. Dawson	Treble	Roger Day	4
Susan O'Neill	2	J. Martin Rice	5
John T. Burnup	3	*George A. Dawson	Tenor

Conducted by George A. Dawson.
* 200th tower bell peal.

BABWORTH, Notts.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Wed., Oct. 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In two methods, being three and a half extents of Oxford Bob and three and a half of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in A flat.

Harold Archer	Treble	Stephen W. Knights	4
Bryan Birkett	2	Harold Denman	5
Mary C. Poyner	3	Paul N. Mounsey	Tenor

Conducted by Paul D. Mounsey.

HOAR CROSS, Staffs.—At the Church of the Holy Angels.
On Sat., Nov. 1, 1969, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 HOAR CROSS DELIGHT MINOR

Being seven different extents based on C.C.C. Nos. 91, 92, 94 and 97.
Tenor 28 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in D flat.

Susanna Poppleston	Treble	Peter R. Humphrey	4
C. Richard Daft	2	George A. Dawson	5
*Reginald Pye	3	Simon Humphrey	Tenor

Conducted by Simon Humphrey.
* First peal for 38 years. First peal in the method.

HOAR CROSS DELIGHT
—34—16—12—1236—12—16. l.e. 6ths. 52364.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

SHOREDITCH, London, E.—At the Church of St. Leonard.
On Sat., Oct. 11, 1969, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 28 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in C.

Audrey R. Alexander	Treble	Christopher P. Starbuck	7
Jean F. Woolford	2	Kenneth J. Darvill	8
Janet House	3	James L. Towler	9
*Katharine J Maundrell	4	Derek E. Sibson	10
Michael H. D. O'Callaghan	5	Philip Mehew	11
†James M. Hills	6	James A. D. Woolford	Tenor

Composed by Peter Border. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus. † First on 12 bells.

FARNHAM, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Oct. 18, 1969, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 17 methods, comprising 384 each of Ashtead, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative and Uxbridge, 256 Bristol and 192 each of Cassiobury, Cornwall and Cray, Glasgow, Jersey, Ospringe and Yorkshire, with 145 changes of method.
Tenor 19 cwt. 7 lb. in E.

James M. Hills	Treble	Michael H. D. O'Callaghan	5
M. Louise Slater	2	Stanley G. Ponting	6
Douglas A. R. May	3	Derek E. Sibson	7
Christopher P. Starbuck	4	Tom Page	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
Most methods to a peal by all the band except the conductor.

WINDSOR, Berks.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Oct. 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 14 methods, comprising 448 Bristol, 384 each of Ashtead, Cassiobury, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Uxbridge and Yorkshire and 192 each of Cornwall and Cray, with 135 changes of method.
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E flat.

Janet House	Treble	Stanley G. Ponting	5
*†Katharine J. Maundrell	2	*Frank T. Blagrove	6
James M. Hills	3	Derek E. Sibson	7
*David J. Forder	4	Tom Page	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
* First peal of 14-Spliced Surprise Major. † 100th peal.

CUCKFIELD, Sussex.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Tues., Oct. 28, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 20 methods, comprising 384 each of Cambridge, London, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative and Uxbridge, 256 Bristol and 192 each of Ashtead, Cassiobury, Cornwall, Cray, Glasgow, Higher Walton, Ipswich, Jersey, Lincolnshire, Lindum, Ospringe, Radcliffe and Yorkshire, with 151 changes of method. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

Reginald V. Johnson	Treble	Norman Summerhayes	5
Joan Beresford	2	Derek E. Sibson	6
David D. Smith	3	John S. Barnes	7
Christopher P. Starbuck	4	James A. D. Woolford	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
Most Surprise methods to a peal by all (except the ringer of the 2nd) and for the Society.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

BLYTHBURGH, Suffolk.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Oct 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in seven methods: (1) Single Oxford and Plain Bob, (2) Cambridge, (3) Double Oxford and Plain Bob, (4) Oxford T.B., (5) St. Clement's and Plain Bob, (6) Kent T.B. and (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in G.

C. Jack Gibson	Treble	J. Martin Thorley	4
Katharine M. Thorley	2	Frank C. J. Arnold	5
Norman P. J. Cossey	3	J. Barry Pickup	Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

EARL SOHAM, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Wed., Oct. 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being one 2,160 and four extents.
Tenor 11 cwt. 16 lb.

Walter W. Miller	Treble	Cecil W Pipe	4
Muriel R. Page	2	Ernest G. Pearce	5
Leslie G. Brett	3	J. Martin Thorley	Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. Henry R. V. Foster, M.A., Rector of Earl Soham 1956–1968.

THORNHAM MAGNA, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Nov. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In four methods, being one extent of Cambridge Surprise, two of Kent T.B., two of Oxford T.B. and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

Alan R. Andrews	Treble	Neville F. Whittell	4
David W. Barber	2	Robert Southgate	5
Jennifer M. Whittell	3	Edward E. Davey	Tenor

Conducted by Alan R. Andrews.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CUCKFIELD, Sussex.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity
On Thurs., Oct. 2, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, comprising 1,280 each of Bristol and Superlative, 1,248 Cambridge and 1,216 London, with 107 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

Christine M. Baldock	Treble	Stanley G. Ponting	5
Edgar R. Rapley	2	*Alan R. Baldock	6
David D. Smith	3	Derek E. Sibson	7
Reginald V. Johnson	4	W. Leslie Weller	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. R. V. Johnson, who has completed 50 years as a ringer.

THAKEHAM, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., Oct. 23, 1969, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven 720's in 14 methods, (1) College Bob, Wavertree College and Rodbourne, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Oxford T.B., (4) Double Oxford, Thelwall, Pinehurst, St. Clement's, Childwall and Buxton Bob, (5) Single Oxford and Plain Bob, (6) Kent T.B., (7) Plain Bob
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr 3 lb. in A

Charles B. Skinner	Treble	E. Winifred Keys	4
Patrick M. Wills	2	Philip Stevens	5
Anne M. Stevens	3	Frank H. Hicks	Tenor

Conducted by Frank H Hicks.
First peal in 14 methods by all except the conductor.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

MADRON, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Maddern
On Sat., Oct. 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (11 callings) Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb in A.

F. Malcolm Bowers	Treble	*Canon A. S. Roberts	4
Robert Peel Pearce	2	Anthony J. Davidson	5
Marion L. Lidgey	3	Denis Stephens	Tenor

Conducted by Anthony J. Davidson.
* First peal of Stedman Doubles. First of Stedman Doubles as conductor
Rung as a compliment to Margaret Weston, of Crantock, and Stanley Pryor, of Helston, on their engagement.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

ROMSEY, Hants.—At the Abbey Church of SS. Mary and Ethelflæda.
On Sat., Nov. 1, 1969, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 8 lb. in D.

Richard Green	Treble	David J. Forder	5
Mary E. Elmes	2	Gordon Benfield	6
Katharine J. Maundrell	3	Timothy F. Collins	7
David Wilson	4	Ronald N. Marlow	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Timothy F. Collins.
First peal in the method as conductor.

(Andover District.)
BURGHCLERE, Hampshire.—At the Church of the Ascension.
On Tues., Oct. 28, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON & CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being 1,440 London Surprise and 3,600 Cambridge Surprise.
Tenor 7 cwt.

Peter Watts	Treble	Peter L. Furness	4
David Goss	2	Robert J. Crocker	5
Michael J. Goss	3	Geoffrey K. Dodd	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.
First peal of Surprise by all except the conductor and first of Surprise by a resident band in the Andover District.

NORTH STONEHAM, Hants.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Tues., Nov. 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In 10 methods in the following extents: (1) Munden and Chester, (2) Carlisle, (3) London, (4) Wells, (5) York and Durham, (6) Beverley and Surfleet, (7) Cambridge. Tenor 3½ cwt. in C sharp.

Melvyn J. Hiller	Treble	Mary E. Elmes	4
*Katharine J. Maundrell	2	Graham W. Elmes	5
David Wilson	3	*Timothy F. Collins	Tenor

Conducted by Timothy F. Collins.
* 50th peal together. The most Surprise Minor methods on tower bells for the Guild.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

PERSHORE, Worcs.—At the Abbey Church of the Holy Cross.
On Sat., Oct. 25, 1969, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Burton's. Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

Shirley M. Drew	Treble	Geoffrey J. Hemming	5
*Arthur C. Berry	2	David G. Franklin	6
†Roger H. Hunt	3	Geoffrey R. Drew	7
Rev. Albert Webb	4	Michael J. Uphill	Tenor

Conducted by Michael J. Uphill.
* Has "circled the tower" to peals twice. † First peal of Major.
Rung on the Association's 32nd annual dinner day.

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DEATH

BARNETT.—Suddenly on November 19th, 1969, Minnie, wife of Edwin Barnett, of 10, King's Close, Crayford, Kent, aged 83 years; mother of Edwin A. Barnett and grandmother of Jean F. Woolford. 8216

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

CHANDLER.—The address of Wally and Doris Chandler is now 41, Grove Park, Tring, Herts. Telephone 3137. 8183

PERSONAL

"Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour for we are members one with another."—Ephesians iv, 25.

Will Mr J D. Chamberlain, Post Restante, Kasupe, Malawi, please contact this office as his copy of "The Ringing World" has been returned.

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MISCELLANEOUS

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Dinner tickets (27/6) available at the December meeting or on application to E. J. Ladd, 4, William Street, Tunbridge Wells. —M. A. Large, Hon. Sec. 8210

PRACTICE MEETINGS

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Archdeaconry.—Evening practice meeting at St. Nicholas' Church, Warwick, on Thursday, Dec. 11th Bells available 7–9 p.m. Methods: Plain Bob Major, Cambridge, London and Bristol S.M. only. Please do your homework before you come.—H. A. M. 8203

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District. — Surprise practice at Leicester Cathedral, Monday, Dec. 1st, commencing at 7.30 p.m.—Ron Hughes, Dis. Sec. 8151

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION. — Monmouth Branch. — Evening practice on Friday, Nov. 28th, at Llangibby, 7.30 to 9 p.m. Methods: Double Norwich, Cambridge, Yorkshire only.—J. S. King. 8155

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting, St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station), Monday, Dec. 1st, 7 p.m. 8212

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—Practice, Banbury (10). Wednesday, Dec. 3rd, 7.15 p.m.—C. F. Herbert, Hon. Sec. 8198

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Central District. — Practice meeting, Debenham (8), on Saturday, Nov. 29th, 6–8.30 p.m. 8160

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Surprise practice at Uckfield, Holy Cross (8), Monday, Dec. 1st, 7.30 p.m. Visitors welcome. 8067

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—Practice meeting at Hawkley, Saturday, Nov. 29th. Bells from 5.30–7 p.m. 8180

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—District practice, St. Peter's, Bishop's Waltham, **Monday, Dec. 8th,** 7.30–9 p.m. Methods: Plain Bob Major and Erin Triples. **Please note change of date.** 8181

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Practice meeting on Saturday, Dec. 6th, at 6 p.m., at Almondbury (8). Methods: Cambridge, Yorkshire and Superlative. All welcome.—Maurice Thurmott, Ringing Master. 8137

MEETINGS

CHESTER GUILD. — Stockport Branch.—Meeting, Marple, Nov. 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. For tea please advise Mr. R. B. Smith, 6, Ashwood Crescent, Marple. All welcome. 8178

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Nomination meeting, Yorktown, Saturday, Nov. 29th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Notifications for tea to Mrs C. Perry, 11, Silverglades, Durgells Lane, Yateley (Tel.: Cricket Hill 4862). — S. J. Tate-Mitchell, Dis. Sec. 8139

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District. — By-meeting at St. Margaret's, Rochester, Saturday, Nov. 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Rochester Cathedral bells are available from 7.30 p.m Names for tea to Mr. G F. Partington, 21, Watts Avenue, Rochester, please.—D P. Leworthy 8097

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Practice meeting, Saturday, Nov. 29th. Penn (6), 3–4 p.m., followed by tea at Beaconsfield Cups of tea provided but please bring own food. Evening ringing, Beaconsfield (8). **Please note** date of Ringwood week-end is March 21st/22nd, 1970. 8161

LADIES GUILD.—Sussex District.—Meeting at Hurstpierpoint (8), Saturday, Nov. 29th. Ringing 4–5 and 6.30–7.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, to Mrs. Kirkcaldy, 29, Manor Gardens, Hurstpierpoint.—R. Farley, Dis. Sec. 8172

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Dorset Branch.—Annual meeting, Lyme Regis, Saturday, Nov. 29th Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to J. Davis, Mount, Melplash, Bridport. 8174

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Meeting, Greasley (8), Saturday, Nov. 29th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting to discuss proposed new rules. Names for tea to Mr. D. Beach, 17, Coach Drive, Eastwood, Nottingham. 8143

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Striking competition, Old Swinford, Saturday, Nov. 29th. Draw for order of ringing at **2.30 p.m. prompt.** Cups of tea available. Stourbridge (10) available from 6–7 p.m.—M. D. Fellows, Branch Sec. 8162

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Business meeting at the Lord Raglan, St. Martin's-le-Grand, E.C., on Dec. 2nd, 8.15 p.m. (Election of officers.) Practices: Dec. 2nd, St Mary-le-Bow; Dec. 9th, St. Paul's Cathedral; Dec. 16th, St. Andrew's, Holborn; Dec. 23rd, Southwark Cathedral; all at 6.30 p.m.—J. G A Prior, 21a, Fieldhouse Road, London, S.W.12. 8197

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Branch.—Branch annual general meeting, St. Andrew's, Clevedon (8), on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business.—D. G. Yeo, Branch Sec. 8077

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Branch.—Annual general meeting, Dec. 6th, St. Martin's, West Coker (8, 12 cwt.), 3–9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. L. Guppy, 12, East Street, West Coker, or ring West Coker 208.—M. M. L. 8120

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—Evening meeting on Saturday, Dec. 6th, Milton Ernest. Bells (6) from 6 p.m. Everyone made welcome. 8207

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Archdeaconry.—Monthly meeting, Whitnash, Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. More ringing after tea. Names for tea, please, to Mr. P. A. Oram, 15, Henley Road, Leamington Spa. Tel.: Leamington Spa 26089.—H. A M 8204

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—Monthly meeting, Cleator Moor, on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.—Miss D. Gibson, Sec 8113

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Ringing meeting, Newcastle, Saturday, Dec. 6th. St. John's, 3–5 p.m.: St James', Benwell, 6–8 p.m. (Service 6.30 p.m.) Own tea arrangements. 8199

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting of Ely and Hunts Districts at Willingham on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Further ringing until 8.30. 8102

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—A.G.M., Gloucester, Saturday, Dec. 6th. Cathedral (10), 2.15–4 p.m.; St. Mary-de-Lode (6), 4.10–4.55 p.m. Service (Lode) 5 p.m. Tea and business to follow at St. Mary-de-Crypt School Room. Crypt (8) available after business Numbers (essential) for tea to P. Clarkson, 28, Richmond Gardens, Longlevens, Gloucester, GL2 0DT, by Thursday, Dec. 4th.—P. Clarkson, Branch Sec. 8214

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Evening meeting, Stevenage (8), Saturday, Dec 6th, from 5.30–8.30 p.m.—Mrs. C. A. Agg, Dis. Sec. 8106

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Monthly meeting, Immanuel Church, Oswaldtwistle, Saturday, Dec. 6th Ringing 2.30–5 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Business meeting follows. Further ringing to 8.30 p.m. Visitors welcome.—Maurice Hill Branch Sec. 8148

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch.—Meeting, Holy Trinity Church, Dean Street, South Shore, Blackpool, Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. 8200

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Meeting, Burton-in-Lonsdale, Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells available 2.30–7.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. W. Wootton, 7, The Twinewalk, Burton-in-Lonsdale, Carnforth. 8185

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—Annual general meeting at St. Wilfrid's, Standish (8), Saturday, Dec. 6th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting and evening ringing. Special methods: Superlative and Grandsire. Names for tea, please, to H. Grounds, 25, Bradley Lane, Standish. All welcome.—C. D'Aeth, Hon. Sec. 8196

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting, Ratby, Dec. 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m Important business meeting to follow. Names for tea, please, to Mr. H. Spencer, 16, Stamford Street, Ratby, Leicester, by Wednesday, Dec. 3rd.—Ron Hughes, Dis. Sec. 8152

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch. — Meeting, Algarkirk, Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. Barsley, Woad Lane, Algarkirk, Boston, Lincs, by Dec. 1st. 8109

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Evening meeting, Deeping St. James and West Deeping, Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells: Deeping St. James, 6–6.45 p.m.; West Deeping, 7–9 p.m. All welcome.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 8205

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—A.G.M. at Stoke, Saturday, Dec. 6th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. Burton, Barn Cottage, Bagnall Road, Lightoaks, Stoke-on-Trent, ST2 7LW, by previous Wednesday. 7956

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Annual meeting, Gorleston-on-Sea, Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Miss D. Toone, 11, Nelson Road, Gorleston-on-Sea, Great Yarmouth, by previous Wednesday, please.—N. C. 8179

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Hanslope (8), Saturday, Dec. 6th. Usual arrangements. Please send me names for tea by Tuesday previous.—B. R. Eglesfield (Hon Sec.), 7, York Road, Stony Stratford, Wolverton, Bucks. 8201

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry and Culworth Branches.—Joint meeting, Upper Boddington (5), Saturday, Dec. 6th. Names for tea **most important** to Mr. M L. Baughan, Poplars Farm, Upper Boddington ('phone Byfield 362), by Wednesday previous. —I. Webb. 8206

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting, Spratton, on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Names for tea to P. Turner, 26, Greenhill Road, Long Buckby, near Rugby, by Tuesday previous. 8211

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Evening meeting on Saturday, Dec. 6th, Canford Magna (6). Bells 7–9 p.m. All welcome.—J. A. Robertson, Hon. Sec 8011

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Goole, Dec. 6th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Please provide own food, cups of tea only available.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 8182

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS and MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting, Saturday, Dec. 6th, Shoreditch (12), 3–4.30 p.m. Tea at Shoreditch Church Hall. St. Giles'; Cripplegate (12), 6–7.30; St. Andrew's, Holborn (8), 6.45–8 p.m. Names for tea to J. S. Barnes, 56, Leamington Avenue, Orpington, Kent, BR6 9QB 8134

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly and nomination meeting on Saturday, Dec. 6th, Wimbledon. Bells 3–4.30 p.m. and in evening. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at St. Mary's Hall, Lancaster Road. Names for tea to A Bagworth, 12, Pendarves Road, S.W.20, by previous Wednesday.—N. Thomson, Asst. Dis. Sec. 8202

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Joint meeting with Southern Division, Saturday, Dec. 6th, Ardingly (6) Ringing 3 p.m. Carol service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Evening ringing, Cuckfield, 6–8.30 Southern Division quarterly business meeting will be held at Cuckfield at 6 p.m. Names for tea to John Hooton, The Pink House, High Street, Ardingly, Sussex, as early as possible, please.—Jean Osbon. 8173

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Southern District.—Annual District meeting at St. Paul's, Sketty, Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells available 3–4 p.m. and again from 7–8 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business will follow. Names or tea by Nov. 29th please.—J. A. Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Fforestfach, Swansea 8175

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Christchurch and Southampton District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Dec. 6th, Fordingbridge. Bells 2.30–4 p.m. Service at Ringwood 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting at Conway Hall, Ringwood bells in evening. Names for tea to Mrs. O. Collins, 82, Northfield Road, Ringwood, by previous Wednesday.—Gilian Davis, Dis. Sec. 8193

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Annual meeting, Malvern Link (8), 3 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 6th. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting in Ascension Hall, Somers Park Avenue, Malvern Link tower will close at 7 p.m. Malvern Priory bells from 7–8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. R. G. Morris, 31, Westward Road, Malvern Link, by Wednesday, Dec. 3rd.—J. J. Stanier, Branch Sec. 8166

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Joint meeting with the Doncaster and District and Sheffield and District Societies to be held at Conisborough on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells (8) available from 15.00. Tea (cost approx. 3/6) at 17.00 in the Church Hall, which will be followed by a very short business meeting and further ringing until 21.00. Please send names for tea to John Laughton, 6, Pamela Drive, Warmsworth, Doncaster, by Wednesday, Dec. 3rd. All ringers most welcome!—J. Laughton, R. Fletcher, A. C. Banton (Joint Secs). 8190

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Branch.—A.G. meeting, Aylesbeare, Saturday, Dec. 13th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. T. Perry, White Gate, Lympstone, EX8 5HW, by Dec. 10th. 8213

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Meeting on Saturday, Dec. 13th, Cuckfield (8). Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by further ringing. Names for tea to R. V. Johnson, Lavenham, Anstye, Haywards Heath, Sussex, by Dec. 10th.—M. A. Large, Hon. Sec. 8209

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Meeting at Christ Church (10), Dec. 13th. 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. C. New, 93, Tydeman Street, Swindon, Wilts, by Dec. 9th.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, Dec. 13th, Barrow-in-Furness. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. E. Burles, 10, Red Ley Lane, Walney, Barrow-in-Furness.—T. F. Metcalfe. 8215

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Annual Branch meeting at Hethersett, Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. G. Lofty, 7, Little Melton Road, Hethersett Norwich, NOR 42X, by the 10th.—C. Bird, Sec. 8168

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Annual meeting. **Note alteration of date: Saturday, Dec. 13th**, at St. Margaret's, King's Lynn. Ringing from 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Newson, Durlston, St. John's Road, Tilney St. Lawrence, King's Lynn. 8165

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting, Northowram, Halifax, on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. G. Turner, 4, Marldon Terrace, Northowram, Halifax, by previous Tuesday.—A. B. Sullivan, Dis. Sec. 8171

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In three methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise and Kent T.B. and five of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in G.

*Roger H. Hunt	Treble	Michael J. Uphill	4
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Felicity Ashford	4	Alan E. Hartley	10
Bert Sutton	5	James A. D. Woolford	11
Fred Hodgson	6	Philip Mehew	Tenor

Composed by E. C. Shepherd. Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.

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Composed by N. Smith. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

* First peal of nine-spliced.

HUNTINGTON, York.—At the Church of All Saints.
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A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR
C.C.C. 134, 135 and 136. Tenor 5 cwt. 17 lb. in B flat.

*Christopher J. Groome	Treble	†Christine Broadley	4
†Susan E. Banton	2	Ronald R. Warford	5
Margaret Warford	3	A. Colin Banton	Tenor

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Ian J. Quinney	2	Alec W. Ivings	6
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A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB SIXTEEN
Tenor size 19 in F.

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	1–2	Martyn L. J. Jordan	9–10
Julia A. Fellows	3–4	Roger Baldwin	11–12
John R. Mayne	5–6	Gerald Penney	13–14
Frank C. Price	7–8	*James A. D. Woolford	15–16

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* First peal on 16 bells. This is the first peal in the method ever rung on more than 12 bells.

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Tenor size 13 in E.

John S. Croft	1–2	William S. Croft	5–6
Kenneth S. B. Croft	3–4	*Madeline M. Croft	7–8

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QUARTER PEALS

BROMLEY, KENT.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, on Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. W. Cave 1, Jenny Quaith 2, Christine Webb 3, Mrs. E. Deal 4, W. Willans 5, M. Hansford 6, D. H. Kingston (cond.) 7, P. Spice 8. First Stedman 3, 5, 6.

CAMBRIDGE.—At the University Church, on Oct. 12th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: J. W. R. Quinney 1, V. Nutton 2, H. Muncey 3, W. Arnold 4, B. R. M. Johnson 5, W. T. Perrins 6, C. Muncey 7, H. Foster 8, R. A. G. Inglis (cond.) 9, A. Twyman 10. For Harvest Festival.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—At St. Stephen's Church, on Nov. 6th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Linda Biscoe 1, Anne D. J. Dawson 2, Jacqueline M. Cullwick 3, P. S. Philpott 4, M. C. Haigh 5, J. X. Hedgcock 6, T. Skilton (cond.) 7, J. B. Keeler 8. First quarter 1, 2. First on eight 4, 5. By members and friends of Christ Church College Society.

CODDINGTON, NOTTS. — On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jennifer Curtis (first quarter) 1, D. E. Kirton 2, P. F. Curtis 3, K. C. Vernon 4, D. J. Tysoe (cond.) 5, J. Draycott 6. For All Saints' Day.

COLEMAN'S HATCH, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 21st, 1,344 Lindum Surprise Major: I. H. Oram 1, Sheila M. Dobbie 2, Margaret E. Oram 3, E. F. P. Bryant 4, D. C. Brookes 5, E. J. Jenner 6, W. H. Dobbie 7, S. Jenner (cond.) 8. For Church Flower Festival.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCS. — On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Miss A. M. Warnes 1, J. E. Burles 2, K. M. Price 3, W. Wall (cond.) 4, F. H. Crawley 5, J. Bagnall 6, A. Capstick 7, N. M. Newby, sen. 8, S. Walmsley 9, T. F. Metcalfe 10. For Confirmation.

DANBURY, ESSEX.—On Sept. 28th, 1,280 Pl. Bob Major: Susan Spurgeon 1, T. Spurgeon 2, Mary Roast 3, E. G. Roast 4, P. J. Came 5, E. W. Roast 6, J. E. G. Roast 7, I. J. M. Saunders (cond.) 8. A birthday compliment to Mary Roast.

DINDER, SOM.—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. G. Lambert 1, V. G. Roberts 2, Sheila Y. Jenkins 3, M. G. Bartlett 4, C. R. Jenkins 5, M. J. Whiteley (first Minor as cond.) 6.

DORKING, SURREY.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Bessie Dowling 1, Ethel Clear 2, C. A. Read 3, A. T. Shelton 4, W. Dunn 5, B. Coward 6, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 7, K. G. Game 8. A 100th birthday compliment to Miss L. M. Dudley, a lifelong resident in the parish.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 29th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ann Sessford (first Triples) 1, Christine Baldock 2, Ann Smith 3, G. Beeney 4, T. Barlow 5, I. Rees (first Triples "inside") 6, H. Reynolds (cond.) 7, I. Clark 8.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS. — On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Wells 1, H. Bishop 2, Mrs. J. Garlick 3, Mrs. P. Aplin 4, C. Garlick 5, M. Bishop 6, J. Napper (cond.) 7, W. White 8.

EDINGTON, WILTS.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,299 Stedman Caters: E. Naylor (cond.) 1, Glenda M. Becket 2, H. J. Sanger 3, P. H. D. Jones 4, D. Mackay 5, R. G. Beck 6, R. E. Beck 7, A. P. Beck 8, E. Chivers 9, V. Savage 10.

EGHAM, SURREY.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Flood 1, Miss C. Elliott 2, Ian Summerhayes (first in method) 3, Mrs. J. Parsons 4, W. Peck 5, D. E. Parsons 6, N. Summerhayes (cond.) 7, S. Elliott 8.

EPSOM, SURREY. — At St. Martin's Church, on Sept. 12th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Jill Oakshott (cond.) 1, K. Game 2, Sal Forbes-Harper 3, J. Cheeseman 4, S. Mortimore 5, M. Harbott 6, J. C. Davidge 7, Beverley Carr 8. First in method by 1, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8. For St. Martin's Flower Festival.

EVESHAM, WORCS.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: M. Forrester 1, J. H. Smith 2, G. Hunt 3, J. Catchpole 4, R. Hunt 5, L. Mills (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

FOXEARTH, ESSEX.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Maor: S. J. Twitchett 1, R. A. Knight 2, Mrs. W. Perry 3, J. Brett 4, W. Perry 5, P. Mayle 6, J. A. Mayle 7, J. P. Loveless (aged 14, first Major as cond.) 8.

FRITWELL, OXON.—On Nov. 1st, 1,272 Pl. Bob Minimus: R. Coxhead 1, L. R. Porter 2, R. H. Jones (cond.) 3, R. Crocker 4. For All Saints' Day.

GLASGOW. — At St. Mary's Cathedral, on Oct. 26th, 1,260 Stedman Caters: Mrs. J. Preston 1, Miss J. Cleeve 2, T. J. Winderam (cond.) 3, M. Peterson 4, M. J. Pink 5, D. M. Graham-Service 6, T. C. Winderam 7, J. Preston 8. A compliment to Mr. A. Halliday and Miss F. Winderam on their wedding.

GLODWICK, Oldham, LANCS. — On Nov. 2nd, 1,440 Bob Minor: G. Mitchell 1, H. Armstead 2, D. Owen 3, C. Milthorp 4, B. Owen 5, D. Sanderson (cond.) 6. To mark the completion of 50 years' service ringing by ringer of 1; also a 21st birthday compliment to D. Kelly.

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St. John's Church, Devizes, Wilts

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OUR COVER PICTURE

St. John's Church, Devizes, Wilts

The Church of St. John-the-Baptist is the parish church of Devizes and stands near to the site of the town's ancient castle and to the market place. The church was built by Bishop Roger, as was the sister church of St. Mary-the-Virgin on the other side of the town, being completed about 1150.

From the outside the 71ft. tower, which is rectangular but not square in plan, has an interesting Norman arcade of chevroned arches surrounding the belfry, with Norman two-light windows in the stage below, filled with perpendicular tracery. The large ringing chamber has a floor built over the crossing in the fifteenth century, and has a series of intersecting arches on its walls which were previously visible from the church below.

The eight bells were originally cast between 1610 and 1747, but some (see below) have been recast and all were rehung with plain bearings in a steel frame in 1902.

The inscriptions on the bells are as follows:—

Treble: "The Gift of Wm. Willy Esqr. Mr. Tris. Godwin and Mr. Wm. Adlam Ch. Wardens. Js. Burrough Founder 1747", Note: D. 4 cwt 2 qrs 25 lbs.

Second: "The Gift of Wm. Willy Esqr. Mr. Wm. Adlam and Mr. Tris. Godwin Ch. Wardens. Js. Burrough Founder 1747". Note: C sharp. 4 cwt 3 qrs 13 lbs. (James Burrough's foundry operated next to St. John's churchyard 1738-1755.)

Third: "Vivat Rex et Floreat Grex. Ano Domini 1677: (symbol of a bell) R.P. (bell) W.C. (2 bells) + T.C. +". Note: B. 7 cwt 2 qrs 8 lbs.

Fourth: "HOPE WELL I.W. 1610". Note: A. 7 cwt 0 qrs. 26 lbs.

Fifth: "FEARE THE LORDE 1610 I.W." Note: G. 9 cwt 3 qrs 9 lbs. (Recast in 1927)

Sixth: "Mr. James Sutton M:ier William Ric : Smith Churchwardens 1697 (shield with three bells)." Note: F sharp. 10 cwt 2 qrs 17 lbs. (Ric. is an abbreviation for Richard).

Seventh: "John Jordan and Matthew Figgins Churchwardens. 1677 (two bells) RP (bell) W.C. (bell & tree) (a) Recast 1905 (b) (Taylor's mark) As a thank-offering from Mary Peace. J. G. Watson M.A. Rector. G. S. A. Waylen. E. J. Giddings Churchwardens". Note: E. 15 cwt 3 qrs 1 lb.

Tenor: "Richard Hillier; Mayor Gnt. Charles Danvers Sqr Recorder. 1677. R.P. (bell) W.C. (two bells) Henry Johnson, Rector; John Jordan and Matthew Figgins, churchwardens. Note: D. 19 cwt 1 qtr 6 lbs.
(The initials R.P and W.C. on the 3rd, 7th and Tenor are those of William Coney and his assistant Roger Purdue.)

(A Sanctus bell "James Wells, Albourne, Fecit. 1807", used to lie at the West end of the Church but was removed in 1967 on presentation to another Parish.)

As the centre of the Devizes branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers, the town has many active ringing members, of which the St. John's tower has its share. Although the present band is comparatively inexperienced it is regularly assisted both at services and on practice nights (Thursdays) by friends from the two neighbouring towers. Triples practices are also often held in this tower.

Nine peals are recorded on boards in the ringing chamber. One of particular interest is a peal of 5040 changes of Grandsire Triples rung in February 1920 in memory of Devizes ringers who gave their lives in the 1914-18 war. Mr. G. Harding who conducted the peal on that day rang in a quarter peal in Devizes as recently as September 1969, over 49 years later. Another peal board records one of Grandsire Triples rung in 1962 in honour of the 80th anniversary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild by officials of the Devizes Branch.

Until it was stopped in 1940, the curfew had been rung at 9 p.m. for several hundred years. The late Mr. Jesse Stone, as verger, carried out this duty for the final 40 years, but the practice was not resumed after the war ended.

St. John's has a long tradition of good bell and ringing chamber maintenance and all the equipment is in excellent condition under the care of the present tower keeper, Mr. Percy Whale. The president of the ringers is the Rector, the Reverend W. D. C. Williams, OBE, BA, CF, (rtd). Successive captains in the most recent years have been Mr. H. Sturgess, Mr. W. Davison, Mrs. P. J. Bushell and Mr. M. Heath.

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MALVERN LINK RINGERS DINE

On November 22nd the Malvern Link ringers and friends enjoyed an excellent dinner at the Foley Arms Hotel, Great Malvern. About 40 were present, including the Vicar (Rev. E. Anthony Cooke) and Mrs. Cooke, and the visitors included several from the Malvern Girls' College, with one of the mistresses who is a ringer. There were no speeches, and after the loyal toast a birthday card, signed by all present, was presented to Cynthia Fung (Fung Yao-Chen) who returned to Malvern for the week-end from her studies in London.

The evening proceeded with an entertainment and included change- and tune-ringing on handbells, songs from Edgar Barber, a monologue from Gerry Edwards and folk songs from the Malvern Girls' College contingent — as well as ringers' bingo with "fabulous" prizes! The local ringers take an active part in church work, which is conducive to the happy relationship with the clergy.

All are looking forward to next year's dinner, an annual event in the social calendar of the Malvern Link tower.

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CONSISTORY COURT HEARING

Three neighbouring ringing Associations combined in a fight before a Consistory Court at Gloucester on November 19th to resist an application to amend a faculty already granted to rehang the bells of Stinchcombe, Glos, in a metal frame and make good damage to masonry caused by the vibration of the bells.

The Stinchcombe P.C.C. sought to amend the faculty previously given and instead of hanging as originally planned have the bells reset for electrical chiming only: also to weld the tenor bell which had been found to be cracked.

The Chancellor of the Gloucester Diocese (the Worshipful the Rev. E. Garth Moore) conducted the inquiry. Also opposing the amendment to the faculty were the Archdeacon of Gloucester (the Ven. W. Wardle) and the Gloucester and Bristol Association of Church Bell Ringers, represented by Mr. W. B. Cartwright (hon. solicitor to the Central Council).

Opening the case for Stinchcombe P.C.C., Mr. Gabriel Hutton (counsel) said Stinchcombe was a fine church in a rural parish, with a fine ring of six bells. For some years the bells had been rung irregularly because of the lack of ringers. Recently they had been rung by visiting ringers only.

In his quinquennial survey of December, 1967, the church architect had pronounced the tower and bell frame unsafe, there being cracks in the masonry of the tower. With great enthusiasm the P.C.C. and village launched an appeal to raise the necessary money to rehang the bells. Within a year £1,000 had been raised, a faculty to rehang the bells had been granted, a contract was made with the bellfounders and work had begun. It was later found that one of the bells was cracked and the P.C.C. had been faced with the additional expense of recasting or perhaps a new bell. Recasting would cost £279, but welding at £144 would have meant considerable saving.

ELECTRICAL CHIMING

The P.C.C. decided in favour of electrical chiming which was fully automatic. Comparative figures were:—

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These provided for the tenor being welded. A further £135 would have to be added in each case if the tenor was recast.

On a technical point the Chancellor ruled that this was an application for a new faculty. The original faculty was now dead and could not be amended.

Supporting evidence was given by the Vicar of Stinchcombe, Rev. W. A. Goater, who said the population of the village was about 350. There were only four campanologists in the parish; one was an organist, two were old age pensioners and one, younger, was physically unfit. Two or three young people who would like to learn were away from the parish.

COULD NOT TELL THE DIFFERENCE

He and members of the P.C.C. went to hear electically-operated bells at All Saints', Barry, and he could not tell the difference between electrical and manual ringing. He also heard the Ellacombe apparatus at Watermoor and thought it very feeble: he could hardly hear it when standing in a nearby road.

The two systems were explained at a well-attended public meeting in May and the meeting was almost all in favour of electrical chiming. Outside interference had disrupted the appeal and there would be extreme difficulty in raising any more money. The P.C.C. had resolved that if the faculty were not granted they would simply return the bels and leave them.

Mr. Cartwright objected to Mr. Goater giving evidence on the views of other clergy and the Chancellor ruled that it was inadmissible.

G. AND B. GIVE £75

The secretary of the Appeal Fund, Mr. Anthony Gloucester-Smith, said that about £1,600 had been raised, less about £400 paid to the masons. The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association had given a grant of £75 and £300 had been received from other bodies. A contract had been awarded to the Whitechapel Foundry for rehanging the bells for manual ringing for the sum of £1,816. When the tenor bell was found to be cracked enquiries were made about welding, as this would be cheaper than recasting.

He agreed with Mr. Hutton that bad ringing would crack bells, but when questioned later by Mr Cartwright he was unable to say what he meant by bad ringing!

Lt.-Col. P. G. Coke, secretary of the P.C.C. since April, said the general opinion in the parish was that electrical chiming should be installed. He went back on a letter he had written to the G. and B. Association in 1968, when he had asked for a grant from the Association and had said there would be ringers to ring the bells. Had he known what he now knew he would never have written the letter.

Mr. J. P. Dennis, vicar's warden, who heard the electrically-operated bells at Barry, said he would not have known the difference between this and manual ringing.

The Chancellor commented that perhaps the electrical bells were too regular and suggested that perhaps an accidental lemon pip could be put in the mechanism from time to time!

Mr. P. W. Bagley spoke of hearing the Ellacombe chiming apparatus at Leighterten which he did not think was suitable for Stinchcombe. Cross-examined, he did not know that the bells at Leighterten were tubular.

Stinchcombe would not be creating a precedent, he said: "There were gramophone records at Uley, Sharpness and Kingswood."

"With a faculty?" enquired the Chancellor.

The case for the G. and B. Association was heard after the lunch interval, and the first witness was Mr. F. Sharpe, past President of the Central Council and Convener of its Towers and Belfry Committee. He said he had inspected bells in no fewer than 2,972 churches.

A LIGHTER RING

Mr. Sharpe said he would advise that the Rudhall bell of 1692, which was cracked, should be recast but the inscription band should be preserved. In 1692 Rudhall was not at his best. The other five bells were by Warners and he suggested that the tenor be recast into a lighter treble, thus saving cost. The ring at present was in F sharp; it could easily be retuned to G sharp. A lighter ring, together with an Ellacombe chiming apparatus would be the answer. The full tone and beauty of a bell could never be heard unless it was swung full circle.

To revert to chiming, continued Mr. Sharpe, was to go back to the time before the Norman Conquest. If the five bells had been placed in the tower in 1882 it showed gross neglect that in 1969 the frame was battering the tower. He was sure that the crack in the tenor was from the crown staple. He himself never experienced any difficulty at all in getting ringers, even in parishes smaller than Stinchcombe.

WELDED BELLS

In earlier evidence a catalogue of bells that had been successfully welded was given to the Chancellor, and Mr. Sharpe commented that only one was a bell hung for full circle ringing, and that this bell had presented great difficulties to the welders. Earlier attempts at welding had not been successful, and that these at present existing had not been welded long enough to have proved the efficiency of welding. He himself would not recommend welding.

INSTRUCTORS OFFERED

Cross-examined by Mr. Hutton, Mr. Sharpe said that there were now more ringers than ever before. The increase had begun with the turn of the century, largely through the work of the Ringing Associations. He had never found any scarcity of ringers. He agreed that there was a wastage, but added that it was always possible to get ringers if there was a good tower captain. Real ringers don't give up. He said that it was possible to teach most people to ring, apart from those who had no ears at all.

Mr. W. F. Scudamore, Ringing Master of the G. and B Association, said Stinchcombe was an affiliated tower and was entitled to ask for instructors to train a band, the cost being borne by the Association. No such request for help had ever been turned down. Witness outlined the ringing situation in the area and pointed out that at Coaley, one of the churches claimed by Stinchcombe to have difficulty in finding ringers, the bells were virtually unringable and ought to be

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION DINNER AND DANCE

Once again the stately County Room of the Shire Hall at Chelmsford was, on October 18th, the scene of the Essex Association's 16th annual dinner and dance. The Master, Mr. F. B. Lufkin, welcomed the 130 who attended, and after an excellent meal and the loyal toast the Very Rev. H. M. Connop-Price, Provost of Chelmsford Cathedral, proposed the toast of "The Church" and said he wished to dispel any doubts that may be held that the Church should not propose the toast of "The Church". He pointed out that he was no more a member of God's Church than any other Christian. God, he said, took on no form but was present in every one of us. The Provost remarked on the great changes which had been made, throughout the past years, and the changes which are to come. He thought that change was very necessary and he was pleased to be a member of the Church to witness, and in some cases create the changes.

In the absence of the Bishop of Bradwell, who was unable to attend due to illness, Mr. Philip Sadler proposed "The Essex Association". He recalled his first visit to the belfry of St. Mary's, Prittlewell, where he began his ringing under the guidance of the Association's Master, Mr. Lufkin. He noted that since that date over 30 years ago the biggest change to take place was the appearance of ladies in the belfry as ringers. Far too little, he said, is known about the art by the general public, and often we are referred to as those people who make that awful noise. The public must be educated, and a good start would be for ringers to be elected to their P.C.C. committees.

After the toast, Mr. Sadler expressed pleasure in speaking about the presentation of the badge of office to the Master, donated by the one-time Southend-on-Sea Guild. This Guild, formed on February 19th, 1951,

at a meeting held at St. Mary's, Prittlewell, had 25 ringers present. The formation was due to the efforts of the present Master of the Essex Association, Mr. F. B. Lufkin. The idea was to ensure that the up and coming ringers in the Southend area had a chance to progress. It was never intended to be a rival to the Essex Association and it never was. At the time of formation, the Southend area was part of the very large South Western Division of the Essex Association. Very often it was necessary to travel at least 50 miles to attend a meeting of this District. However, since the old South Western Division has been divided into two, i.e., the Southern and the South Western Divisions, the Southend Guild unanimously decided to cease activities and devote their energies to making the new Southern District a success. On January 25th, 1969, the Guild held its last meeting at Prittlewell, and it was decided that the funds held should go towards the cost of making a badge of office for the Master of the Essex Association. Peter Solman, a past Master of the Southend Guild and a silversmith, undertook this job.

The badge was dedicated by the Vicar of Prittlewell, Rev. S. T. Enskine, M.A., at Prittlewell on October 12th, and measures 5"×3" and is made of hall-marked sterling silver. Peter Solman then presented, on behalf of the Southend-on-Sea Guild, the badge to the Master of the Essex Association, Mr. F. B. Lufkin, for his use and that of successive Masters.

The Master expressed his honour and privilege that he should be the first Master of the Association to wear the badge of office, and on behalf of the Association thanked the past members sincerely for their gesture, and also for transferring their enthusiasm into the newly-formed Southern Division.

A local handbell band from the Brentwood area, the Octavius Wigrum Choir, then rang a selection of popular tunes, under the leadership of Peter Bedford.

Mr. P. W. Saltmarsh, secretary of the Association, proposed a toast to Mr. T. Rochester, who that evening was the guest of the Association, having been elected a life member during the preceding year. Ted Rochester has been in charge of the Sawbridgeworth tower since 1945, during which time he had taught many, and although retired is still an active ringer. The secretary thanked the handbell ringers for their entertainment and also the Master, on behalf the ladies, for generously providing them with buttonholes.

The function finished at midnight, and many had to find their way home in thick fog. J. A. B.

PRESS-BUTTON BELLS—continued

condemned. He himself was terrified when attempting to ring there some years ago.

Mr. Sharpe was recalled and gave estimates of how much could be saved by having a lighter ring in A flat or possibly B. His figures showed that it would be possible to have both manual ringing and an Ellacombe chiming apparatus for something less than £2,000.

Summing-up the case for the G. and B. Mr. Cartwright felt that the question of finding ringers had never been investigated properly. The Association had not been approached for its help. Enthusiasm in finding ringers had been lacking. It seemed that the parish had made up its mind that what it wanted was for the Vicar to press a button as he rushed into the vestry.

P.C.C.'s THREAT

Mr. Gabriel Hutton, for Stinchcombe P.C.C., said the decision to reset the bells for electrical chiming was made after much thought. It was a realistic decision, the unanimous wish of the whole parish. In fact the P.C.C. had resolved that if they did not win the case the bells would remain unhung.

The Chancellor: Someone else may apply for a faculty.

Continuing, Mr. Hutton said it was perfectly proper to be allowed to weld the tenor. Mr. Sharpe was cautious, but Mr. Clouston and Mr. Clewes had said that it was an acceptable risk to take.

Giving his judgment, the Chancellor said on the efficacy of welding he would have liked more expert evidence. The only expert evidence had come from the party opponent. Mr. Sharpe was doubtful, particularly if it was proposed to use the bells with an electric device.

"It is our view that one should hesitate a long time before making a decision to operate the bells electrically. A petition to rehang a ringing peal 'dead' is quite different from a petition to operate a single bell electrically. If the petition were granted it would be a long time before the bells were rung manually." Had the tenor bell not cracked the bells would have been rehung in the traditional way. He thoroughly understood the irritation of those in the parish against outside interference, but he did not attach too much weight to it. The outside world had an interest.

ROUND TABLE CONFERENCE

The Chancellor concluded that he knew his decision would be unsatisfactory to both sides. He had decided to adjourn the case, not because he himself needed time to make up his mind—he had already done that—but because he wanted to afford the parish and the ringers an opportunity to get together. Both sides should approach the other in an accommodating manner. Those who run the parish must realise that they are not the only ones concerned; those outside must realise that they must assist in raising money. The burden is not exclusively on the parish. He hoped that the Archdeacon would bring about a round table conference in which the various proposals mooted could be thoroughly and quietly investigated. It may be that Mr. Sharpe was right—the whole peal should be re-phased.

He had great sympathy with the parish but even more sympathy with those who say it is wrong to make a ringable peal unringable. He then adjourned the case *sine die*, saying that he had in mind a period of four months, during which time he asked the Archdeacon, in open court, to gather together those persons with a different emphasis.

The official G. and B. Statement after the case was:—

"We consider the Chancellor's decision a wise one. We will do everything in our power to co-operate with the P.C.C."

A HARDY ANNUAL

"Hillingdon is a parish of great antiquity," states the handbook, and the 17th century oak stairway leading from the ground floor to the ringing chamber gives one the feeling of ascending Jacob's ladder, "reaching even unto the heavens". A notice on the stairs warns that only two persons at a time must be on the "straight section" which leads up through a trap-door into a large and lofty room, and when descending a sensation of plunging into the depths of nethermost regions is all-pervading.

The guide book also lists the names of the 63 incumbents who have served the church since 1114, and the present Vicar (Preb. F. C. Tyler), now in his 21st year in that capacity, welcomed a large and varied gathering of both young and not so young at a joint meeting on November 21st. This annual "get-together" of the Oxford and Ladies' Guilds and the London County and Middlesex Associations is always a pleasant function, with ringing this year taking place at St. Andrew's, Uxbridge (8), and St. John's, Hillingdon (10).

The well-attended service produced some hearty singing of popular hymns, a full choir leading, and accompanied by Mr. John Ferguson at the organ. The address, given by the senior curate, Rev. M. Gabriel, was an unusual version of the biblical reference to bells with a modern twist. He enjoined his hearers to thank God whenever taking a bell rope in hand, for "bellringing," he said, "was a gift from God."

The tea, at which about 70 were present, was a happy meal, and the Vicar spoke briefly of the pleasure it always gave him and his ringers to welcome visitors. He gave a special welcome to the recently-appointed editor of "The Ringing World" and on behalf of all wished him well in the editorial "hot seat". He also announced that Hillingdon's bells would be heard on the Christmas Day broadcast.

Mr. Harold Rogers, of Isleworth, expressed the thanks of the company to all who had assisted in organising the joint function that day, and Mr. Fred Goodfellow (Hillingdon) gave apologies for Mr. and Mrs. Michael Palmer, who had been married recently and therefore had a good excuse! He also announced that the Hillingdon dinner would be on February 20th and not the 13th as previously stated.

SOCIAL EVENING

The "cricket" match which takes place at this annual social gathering between the Oxford and Middlesex teams is the highlight of the evening. The cup, which has been competed for during the last 20 years or more is a suitably inscribed yellow breakfast cup, minus handle and showing considerable signs of age. Middlesex were again the winners, but as two of their team were Oxford members "standing in" it seemed rather a hollow victory. A feature this year was an excellent recording of parts of the handbell peal of Little Bob Sixteen recently rung at Watford, which Mr. W. H. Coles had taped. Refreshments were served during the social which finished soon after 10 p.m.

BACK NUMBERS

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Among the large numbers who attended the meeting at Hillingdon were, left to right: Frank Corke, Outram Haythorne, Trevor Jones, Stephen Peart, Peter Bassett, Lucinda Bray and William H. Coles. Lucinda's home is in Kingston, Ontario, Canada.

"Ringing World" Photo.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The Eastern District's November meeting was at St. Andrew's, Hertford (8), in the afternoon and in the evening the ten at All Saints'. A short business meeting was held in the ringing chamber, with Mr. E. Newnham in the chair, assisted by Mr. David Harris acting for the District secretary. Three new members were elected — the Misses Jill Carter and Margaret Croysdill, from Northaw, and Miss Ann Waters, from Tewin.

EVENING OUT

Blessed with a young and enthusiastic band, Farnham (Surrey) ringers made a change from the usual ringing meetings by travelling to Windsor on the evening of November 15th. Forty ringers and friends enjoyed a supper at the "Knights Tavern" and this was followed by a visit to the local theatre to see Shaw's "Pygmalion" by a repertory company.

BUCKFAST ABBEY VISITED

The Mid-Devon Branch of the Devon Guild held a quarterly meeting at Buckfast Abbey on November 22nd, when there was a moderate attendance. The bells were kept goin to a variety of methods throughout the afternoon, this being followed by a service conducted by Rev. Father Paulinus Angold, the lesson being read by Mr. R. F. Shepperd.

After tea the meeting was held in the Parish Hall, when three apologies were received, including one from the branch secretary, owing to indisposition.

A proposal by the general secretary that various towers in the branch be visited for the benefit of members was passed and, subject to permission, it was also resolved to hold the annual meeting of the branch at Ipplepen in January.

Full membership certificates were presented to Miss Geraldine French of Totnes and Mr. John Murray of Babbacombe, whilst the election of two non-resident members was confirmed.

After a discussion on the T. W. White Testimonial Fund and the bells of Lundy Island, the business concluded and ringing took place at Dean Prior Parish Church.

A. L. B.

YOUNG WEBBIE'S TOUR

A party of S. Beds and N. Herts ringers headed for Northants on November 15th for a half-day tour. The first tower was at Titchmarsh (a fine Gillett eight), followed by Thrapston, a light octave which went well. On to Raunds, where Double Norwich was rung on this fine ring, followed by tea. Evening ringing was at Higham Ferrers, and then the delightful little anti-clockwise six at Wilby.

The final tower was at Wellingborough, where the bells proved rather too heavy for some. Thanks are due to Keith Webb who arranged the tour and Philip Mehew, the conductor.

T. G.

TO ALL SUBSCRIBERS

The end of our financial year is approaching and we would be grateful if any subscriptions outstanding could be dealt with before then. Prompt settlement would be greatly appreciated.

C. W. LUCAS, Subscription Manager.

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The Editorial Committee acknowledges with gratitude the following donations towards the cost of producing "The Ringing World":—

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LETTERS

MELBOURNE AGAIN!

Dear Sir,—Mr. Halls (page 906) really should be more accurate. No doubt the peal fee has been paid—I did not pay it.—Yours faithfully,

CHRISTOPHER I. ROWSON.

ROUGH PEAL TECHNIQUE

Dear Sir,—I hope Mr. J. V. Lonsbrough ("R.W.", page 906) will forgive me for wondering how much of "The Ringing World" he bothers to read. Whilst not having had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Rowson, the name is not unfamiliar to me, and I find it very difficult to believe that any reader of "The Ringing World" who takes a lively interest in the paper could possibly be unaware of the man's existence.

On the other hand, I have seen few, if any, of Mr. Lonsbrough's peals, and I wonder if he is really in a position to say who should determine a peal's validity. It most certainly is not the conductor alone who decides whether or not a valid peal has been rung. If this was the case there would be no need for Decision A 12, published on page 479, and in fact every "peal" completed would stand, unless the composition was subsequently proved false, as conductors rarely bring peals round with the intention of not counting them! Some conductors **will not** be persuaded that such peals should not be counted, and in such cases it is right and proper that the peals should be challenged in "The Ringing World". I always consider it a good idea if a peal has had a rough patch for the conductor to ask at the end "Any complaints?" while the whole band is still together. Questions on the rough patch can then be asked and answered, so that everybody leaves the tower knowing that the peal stands (or doesn't!). All too often conductors will walk out of a tower in silence after a rough peal, hoping that none of the band will kick up a fuss. Serves 'em right if somebody does.—Yours faithfully,

MICHAEL UPHILL.

London, S.W.

A COMPOSITION TO AVOID

Dear Sir,—I would like to draw readers' attentions to a small point in the Central Council's Collection of Compositions in popular Major methods which may have escaped notice in the section dealing with Spliced Surprise. Peal No. 11 is given a variety of lengths depending on the use of alternative callings of the 7th and 9th course in each part. What the Collection does not say, however, is that if the composition is rung using the shorter alternative in each case the length is only 4,992 changes. Having nearly been caught out by this fact recently, I thought that it should be made known to avoid the possibility of a "peal" being rung and subsequently, possibly on checking the number of changes of each method, being found deficient.

Perhaps the appropriate committee could see that this is noted for future publications. —Yours faithfully,

ROBERT C. KIPPIN.

Bristol.

"A ROSE BY ANY OTHER NAME"

Dear Sir,—I was interested to read the letter about Bristol Surprise Maximus, which appeared to invite a reply. While not wishing to detract from what is a very meritorious performance, the letter appeared to imply that the peal rung at Reading on October 26th of this year was the first peal of an extension of Bristol Surprise Major to be rung to a peal on 12 bells employing 4ths place bobs. This, of course, is not true.

Bristol Surprise Major, like London Surprise Major, does not extend perfectly on to 10 and 12 bells, and therefore we have a number of approximations to an extension which have been evolved for both 10 and 12 bells. For Bristol these (so far) are given below.

Royal	Maximus
BRISTOL	BRISTOL
CLIFTON	BRIGSTOW
REDCLIFFE	CLIFTON
	REDFIELD

The fact that one of these extensions on both 10 and 12 bells carries the name Bristol is not really significant as neither comply with the rules laid down for extensions and had both not been previously rung to peals when the report on extension was accepted, neither would have been able to carry the name Bristol. Londinium does not qualify for the name London on these grounds. For most people, one of the most important qualities of Bristol Surprise Major, and the reason it is normally rung with 4ths place bobs, is that bobs called at the Middle, Wrong and Home positions give a repetition of the appropriate lead for the bells in 5678 at the end of the lead. This virtue is retained in all the extensions listed above **except** the two named Bristol!

Considering extensions on 12 bells, only Brigstow and Bristol have been rung to complete peals, but Clifton and Redfield have been rung in peals of Spliced. Only one peal of Brigstow has been rung; 4ths place bobs were used and the method was found to be very musical (if my memory serves me correctly). The band who rang this peal was essentially the same as the band who rang the first peal of Londinium. Both were rung at Ashton-under-Lyne, both being conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis. The Brigstow was rung in 1961, almost two years after the Londinium. Since that time the band, comprised of ringers from Cheshire and Lancashire, has turned its attentions to ringing peals of Spliced rather than individual methods.

It is good to see an increasing number of people ringing some of the more difficult methods on 10 and 12 bells. Perhaps we may see in the near future a band ringing a peal of Strathclyde, which is an extension of Glasgow and has recently been rung in a peal of Spliced.—Yours faithfully,

ROBERT B. SMITH.

Marple, Cheshire.

"IRRESPONSIBLE TOWER GRABBERS?"

Dear Sir,—On the afternoon of September 28th a party of ringers sought, and received by telephone, permission to ring the bells of the Romney Marsh group ministry, of which Rev. N. G. O'Connor is incumbent.

On arrival at Ivychurch, the parish in which the Rector resides, they personally approached him, explaining their wishes, with which he was only too pleased to co-operate. He said that a rope was off but that they would find it on the wall, and gave them the tower keys, adding: "I'm sure you'll find your way around". Having arrived at the church, the band made their way to the bells (officially described as rung for short periods) and proceeded to place the rope on the bell. On ringing, it was heard that something was wrong with the fourth and it was immediately lowered.

Whilst returning the keys the Rector said he had both heard and enjoyed their ringing, and he himself directed them to Newchurch, where they then proceeded to ring.

At Burmarsh a local ringer opened the tower and rang with them.

AT NO TIME did the band ring without completely understanding that they had full permission. **AT NO TIME** was **ANY** damage caused. **AT NO TIME** was any act committed that could even loosely be classed as sacrilegious. Where available a visitors book was signed and donations were made to fabric and general funds.

In conclusion, the band feel that any trouble which has arisen can only be the result of a misunderstanding of which they were entirely ignorant, and regret that the matter, which had already been closed, has been resurrected to the discomfort of everyone concerned.

We, the undersigned, constituted that band.

N. A. CRANE, S. P. GARNER,
P. S. MUCHLINSKI, S. F. TAYLOR,
O. WEBSTER, J. M. WOOD.

We have sent the following letter to the Rector of Ivychurch.

re 'Ringing, Romney Marsh Group, September 28th, 1969.'

From the tone of Mr. Cawley's letter to 'The Ringing World' there seems to be a great misunderstanding. We apologise for any part of the misunderstanding that may have been caused on our side.

Yours faithfully."

BISHOP'S ENTHRONEMENT

Dear Sir,—On November 22nd the Rt. Rev. Cyril Bowles was enthroned in Derby Cathedral as Lord Bishop of Derby. It may well be that a number of peals and quarter peals were rung in the county in honour of this event. I would be grateful if conductors of such would be so kind as to let me have brief details which will enable me to write a short report for publication in the "Derby Diocesan News".—Yours faithfully,

R. D. ST. JOHN SMITH.

Darley Rectory,
Matlock.
Derbyshire, DE4 2GL.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION PEALS

Dear Sir,—The following peals have been published in "The Ringing World" as being rung for the Lancashire Association:—

Rung on March 8th, published on April 11th, at Ashton-under-Lyne: Method, 4-Spliced; Conductor, C. L. D. Munday.

Rung on April 5th, published on May 11th, at Liverpool: Method, Stedman Cinques; Conductor, R. C. Stevens.

Rung on September 2nd, published on September 26th, at Southport: Method: Basford Delight; Conductor, K. Walpole.

No details or booking fees have been received in respect of any of these peals, and I would remind the conductors that unless such details and fees are submitted before the end of December these peals cannot be included in the Association records for 1969.—Yours, etc.,

C. CROSSTHWAITE (Ringing Sec.).
14, Southern Avenue,
Frenchwood.
Preston, PR1 4NL.

P.S.—According to the Association rules details and booking fees should be sent to the Ringing Secretary within three weeks of the peal being rung. 8240

MINIMUS METHODS

Dear Sir,—I thank Messrs. Parker and Attaway for drawing my attention to the fact that Stanton and Reverse Stanton (or Lindisfarne and Woodborough, as we attempted to re-name them) were not new methods, and for letting me know of the existence of these articles on Minimus methods. I, for one, was completely unaware of the existence either of the articles before their letter was published ("R.W.", page 907) or of the methods before last year.

As there seems to be increasing amounts of Minimus rung, could this not suggest that a collection of Minimus methods might be published, thus avoiding future mistakes of this kind?—Yours faithfully,

HILARY F. WATSON-WALKER.
Loughborough.

RINGERS' DIARY

Dear Sir,—Owing to the reorganisation of various firms previously involved in producing the Ringers' Notebook and Diary, we have had to make fresh arrangements for much of the work. The new plan has the advantage of concentrating operations in fewer locations but costs are higher; consequently it is necessary to increase prices a little to the values shown in our advertisement.

An increase was already inevitable, since last year's trading only narrowly escaped a financial loss. Another factor affecting prices is that the cost of leather has risen sharply, so that a differential of 1/6 between plastic and leather covers is no longer sufficient.—Yours faithfully,

Aldershot. V. H. VIGGERS.
Chesham. M. HODGSON.

It is always a mistake to judge people harshly; a stern front may conceal a warm heart.

NEWS FOR OUR READERS

THE "RINGING WORLD" COMMITTEE MEETING

A LONG and useful meeting of "The Ringing World" Committee was held at the Whitechapel Bell Foundry, by the kindness of Mr. D. Hughes, on November 15th. All members of the Committee were present and to help them were Mr. John Freeman, President of the Central Council; Mr. Hughes, the "R.W." treasurer, and — how fortunate we are—the two Editors. The following were some of the matters which were agreed:—

GIFT TOKENS.—The sale of gift tokens to the value of 3, 6 or 12 months' subscription to the "R.W." was approved—see our advertisement. The Committee hope that potential new readers may be encouraged by the gift of a subscription to become regular subscribers thereafter. Every additional thousand to our circulation could make possible a big improvement in the service we can offer our readers.

"R.W." CALENDAR. — The Committee agreed that during the summer of 1970 a "Ringing World" Calendar should be placed on sale at a price of about six shillings. Containing for each month a full size picture taken from one of our covers, and spaces for wedding and meeting dates to be noted, the Committee hope that this new venture will have the full support of the Exercise. It will be indispensable in the ringing chamber, and what could be more appropriate!

T. W. WHITE TESTIMONIAL. — Mrs. Staniforth reported on the excellent progress made so far with this fund, though understandably many of the Associations have not yet been able to authorise their contributions. The fund will remain open until January 31st, 1970, and we are confident that we shall be proud of the final figure obtained for this tribute to Mr. White for his services.

PRINTING COSTS. — Following correspondence and careful personal negotiations by Mr. Denyer, the Committee were pleased to accept the offer of Seven Corners Press to print the "R.W." for at least the next 12 months at the present price. In view of rising costs for wages and materials this is an achievement for which to be thankful. In return the Committee have agreed to help the printers by certain economies in layout, typefaces, etc., and as an example, from the first issue in January the form in which peals and notices are printed will be modified. Another advantage—it will be possible to print more peals on a page and thus help to clear the considerable backlog. To those who are adverse to change we apologise, and hope that after a while the new form will be accepted.

CHARGES FOR PICTORIAL COVER. —The Committee considered certain representations about the policy of charging for the blocks for the cover picture and of requiring the Society or tower concerned to purchase a quantity of the particular issue of the "R.W.". The Committee wish our readers to know that it is only by charging for the block and by selling the additional number of copies that this form of cover can be continued, and believe that most readers would be loath to return to the plain white cover and no picture. They appreciate, however, that when the Editor wishes to print a picture for a particular reason (e.g., in connection with the visit of the Central Council) then it would be unreasonable to expect the local Society to pay for additional copies unless they wish to do so. The policy is, therefore, that when an Association or tower wish to be specially featured in the "R.W." in this way they should provide a suitable block or pay for one to be made, and also be asked to pay for 50 copies of the issue concerned. It will be remembered that in the same issue, if they wish, they may have a full page article on the church and bells concerned, or on the special circumstances commemorated. When, however, the Editor asks specially for a picture or article as indicated above, then the purchase of additional copies, though appreciated, will not be demanded.

CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS.—Hitherto it has been possible, by having 16-page issues, without cover, to maintain full continuity over the Christmas period. This year, however, with the printers having a full four days' holiday, the Committee greatly regret that this will not be possible. The issue dated December 26th will be sent out on December 23rd. Readers will know that normally the "R.W." is printed on Friday for issue in the latter part of the following week, and it will not, therefore, be possible to print an issue for January 2nd, 1970, as it would have to be printed on Boxing Day. The first issue of the New Year will be dated January 9th. To make up, in some measure, especially for our postal subscribers, it is intended that all the issues shall be the full 20 pages (16 pp. with cover). We ask all responsible for notices, etc., to note these arrangements and not to blame the postman or the newsagent for the non-delivery of the issue of January 2nd.

PUBLICATION OF PEALS.—The Committee were concerned at the delay of certain of its contributors in submitting peals for publication. Peals six months old are not news and only add to the unwanted backlog at certain times of the year. The Committee would not wish to discriminate by publishing late peals in the form used for quarter peals and hope it will not be necessary to do so.

"R.W." COVERS.—Perhaps to mark the new editorship, Mr. Denyer has used his typographical experience to suggest a modern layout of cover. The Committee approved it and hope the readers will like it too when it is introduced on January 9th.

NEXT MEETING.—The Committee will meet again whenever necessary, but certainly by mid-March, 1970. If you have any criticism or blame (or even praise) please let me know so that your views may be considered.

WILFRID G. WILSON,
Convener.

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(November 14th, 1969)

ASH, SURREY.—1,380 Doubles (four methods): Anka Rowe 1, Judith M. Collins 2, Marilyn Reay 3, E. J Futcher (cond.) 4, J. A. Collier 5 P. J. Rowe 6. First quarter in four methods 1 and 2.

BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.—At St. Michael's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Chesterman 1, Esme J. Weaver 2, J. J. Hill 3, H . Balaam 4, Margaret G. Taylor 5, B. G Freeman (first "inside") 6 J Weaver (cond.) 7, A. Taylor 8.

CLEATOR MOOR, CUMBERLAND.—1,260 Plain Bob Triples: J. Brown 1 B. W. Street 2, Miss V Bell 3, C F. Gates 4, Mrs. M. Dodd 5, G. Temby 6, H. Wilson (cond.) 7 G. Eilbeck 8. First in method for all the band, and for the Association.

EGREMONT, CUMBERLAND.—1,264 Pl. Bob Major: D Sim (first Major) 1, Miss V. Bell 2. J. Haile 3, Mrs M. Dodd 4, G. Temby 5 C. F. Gates (first "inside") 6, H. Wilson 7, B W. Street (cond.) 8.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J J. Wallet 1, C. E. Hill 2, P. J. Tyler-Maggs (first as cond.) 3, W. T. Hill 4, R. G. Jones 5.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.—At St Margaret's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: W. Curston 1, W. W Cousins 2, R. Newson 3, P. Gagen 4 R. Harrop 5, M. Gathercole 6, D. Gagen 7, L. W. Houghton 8, C. Cousins 9, N. V. Harding (cond.) 10.

LITTON CHENEY DORSET.—1,260 Triples: Mrs. L. Mears 1, C. W. Tidwell 2, Miss E. J. Gill 3, J. Marshall 4, R. H. J. Mears 5, P. Board 6, E. H Amey (cond.) 7, R. J. Mears 8. By Charminster Sunday service band

LUTTON, LINCS.—1,260 Minor (Single Oxford Plain Bob): P. G. Butler 1, G R. G. Butler 2, Mrs G. Butler 3, M. J. Belcher 4, H. Barsley (cond.) 5, G. H. Campling ("circled the tower to quarters) 6.

ST. BEES, CUMBERLAND.—1,260 Pl Bob Minor: Mrs. E. Haile 1, J. Haile 2 D. Sim 3, W. Seward 4 H. Wilson 5, C. F. Gates (cond.) 6.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.—1,260 Stedman Triples: Jane Osbon 1, Jean Osbon 2, R V. Johnson 3, E. J. Ladd 4, G. Rix 5, T. Banner 6, D. D. Smith 7, C. Osbon 8.

WREXHAM, DENBIGHS.—1,260 Stedman Triples: Diane Forward (first quarter) 1, Rachel Williams (first Stedman) 2 D. Collins 3, F. R. Evans 4, W. Cathrall 5, J. M. Capper 6, J. Griffiths (cond.) 7, E. Edwards

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

BLACKWELL, DERBYS.—1,440 Plain Bob Minor and Oxford T.B.: A. Smithson 1, E. A. Wilson 2, W. Riley 3, W. Steele 4, A. Tomlinson 5, A. Wheeler (cond.) 6.

BURTON HASTINGS, WARKS.—1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: B. Tipper 1, J. H. Dove 2, W. Noon 3 K. P. Gilliver 4, R A. Gilliver (cond.) 5.

CHARMINSTER, DORSET.—1,260 Pl. Bob Triples: Mrs L. Mears 1, C. W. Tidwell 2, Miss E. J. Gill 3, J. Marshall 4, R. H. J. Mears 5 P. Board 6 E. H. Amey (cond.) 7, R. J. Mears 8. By Sunday service band.

CHISWICK, MIDDX.—1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): Sophie Newton (first quarter) 1, N. F. Edwards (cond.) 2, Lesley A. Warwick 3 J. C. West 4, A. S. Baker 5, D. A. Clarke 6

COTTINGHAM, YORKS.—1,264 Plain Bob Major: Jane Morris (first quarter) 1, Mrs. G. W. Pybus 2 J. I Booth 3, D. R. Garner 4, G. W. Pybus 5, A. Spivey 6, F. N. Pailing 7, C. C. Brown (cond.) 8.

ECCLESFIELD, YORKS.—1,320 Ecclesfield T.B. Minor: M. Turner 1, Gail Cater 2, H. Chant (cond.) 3, R. Cater 4, P. Carbutt 5, P. Charlesworth 6.

EGHAM, SURREY.—1 280 London Surprise Major: W. Peck 1, Catherine Elliott 2, S Elliott 3, Joyce Parsons 4, C. White 5 N. Summerhayes 6, A. Flood 7, D. Parsons (cond.) 8 First quarter in the method by all the local band except 6th.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Denise A. Wood 1, Judith M Collins 2, P J. Rowe 3, R. North 4 S. Meadows 5 R Collins 6 E. J. Futcher (first in method as cond.) 7, E. Oliver 8

FARMBOROUGH, SOM.—1,260 Doubles (four methods): Susan Willis 1 Rosemary Smith 2, J. Maggs 3, R. Smith 4, M. Horseman (cond.) 5, J. Coombs 6.

SEDLING, NOTTS.—1,320 All Saints Doubles: S. M. O'Neill 1, . Dawson 2, . Rippon 3, J. R. Anthony 4, J R. Rigby (cond.) 5 . R. Wild 6

HADDENHAM, CAMBS.—1,320 Kent T.B. Minor: F. Sharp 1, G. Markwell 2, R. Steel 3, D. Murfet (cond.) 4, G. Walker 5, A. Yarrow 6.

QUARTER PEALS

HEENE, Worthing, SUSSEX.—1,260 Stedman Triples: M. Fromm 1, D. A. Smith 2, C. Chappell 3, C. Y Champion 4, H. C. Weaver 5, R. M. Cox 6 R. P. Wood (cond.) 7, G. R. Hills (first in method) 8.

HENBURY, BRISTOL.—1,264 Bob Major: Elizabeth Brooke (first quarter) 1, D. Huddleston 2, G. I. Bloomfield 3, B. Huddleston 4 R. Huddleston 5, G Locke 6, J A. Bennett 7, F. G Bloomfield (cond.) 8.

MARKET BOSWORTH, LEICS.—1,260 Stedman Triples: T. K. Deacon 1, Miss V. Watts 2, J. Laurence 3, C. Sturgess 4 J. L. Hough 5, A. H. Hough 6, F. K. Measures (cond.) 7, W. R. Proudman 8

NETTLEHAM, LINCS.—1,260 Bob Minor: Miss P. Frankland (first Minor) 1, Mrs. M. Parker 2, Mrs. S Sinden 3, J. Parkin 4, A. Sinden 5, M. Sinden (cond.) 6.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARKS.—1,260 Stedman Doubles: Carol A Eveleigh 1, W. C. Budd 2, P. M. Edgson 3, J. G. Edgson 4, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 5, T. D. Griffiths 6. First of Stedman for all except conductor.

OXFORD.—At St Thomas-the-Martyr's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jenny A Unsworth 1, J. R. Pratt (cond.) 2 Frances A. Pegg 3, M. Petchey (first "inside") 4, S. Smith 5 R. H. Johnston 6.

STANGROUND, HUNTS.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Roffe (first Minor) 1, Mrs. Rose Davey 2, J. R Charlton 3 A. J. Davey 4 A. J. Dolby (first "inside") 5, R. H. Daw (cond.) 6.

STEVENAGE, HERTS.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Munson 1, W. Brown 2, W Lawrence 3, D. Taplin 4, P. Rumley 5, G. Horritt 6, D. Gullick (cond.) 7, R. Kirkpatrick 8.

TIBSHELF, DERBYS.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Smithson 1, E. A. Wilson 2, W. Riley 3 W. Steele 4 A. Tomlinson 5, A. Wheeler (cond.) 6

WESTHOUGHTON, LANCS.—1,280 Pl. Bob Major: Elizabeth Burnett (first quarter) 1, Margaret Parker (first quarter) 2, Kathleen Higginson (first Major) 3, G. Fothergill 4, J. Cunliffe 5, A. Greenhalgh 6, R. K. Lister 7, R. Jolley (first as cond.) 8.

WHETSTONE, LEICS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Edmands 1, J. Evans (cond.) 2, G Pickering 3, J. Draycott 4, F Watson 5, W. C. Killer 6.

YAXLEY HUNTS.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. G. W. Gadd 1, J R Charlton 2, W. J. Riley 3, J. E Coleman 4, J. M. Tyler (cond.) 5 R. H. Daw 6

OTHER QUARTERS

CHURCHSTANTON, SOM.—1,320 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: E. Snell 1 N. Salter 2, D. Salter 3 L. Stevens 4, W Webb (cond.) 5, T. Travers 6.

ELING, HANTS.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Gwen Mackrell 1, Ronda M. Purkess 2, M. L. Northway (cond.) 3, Gladys D. Northway 4, B M. Mackrell 5 P. R. Parsons 6. For evening service, at which a new organ in memory of Rev. A. C. Fletcher was dedicated.

FAWLEY, HANTS.—On Oct 26th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: P. Reynolds (first quarter) 1, L. D. Smith 2, J C. Banks 3, M. G. Wills 4, Elizabeth A. Banks (cond.) 5, L. V. Smith 6. Also on Nov. 2nd, 1,320 All Saints Doubles: Linda D. Chamberlain 1, Mrs D. H. Chamberlain 2, R Allinson (cond.) 3, Catherine A Roberts 4, S. J. Chamberlain 5, J. C. Banks 6. For Patronal Festival.

GT. HOLLAND, ESSEX.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: R. Ball (first on eight) 1, D. Cobb 2, E. W. Furbank 3, W. Brunt 4, R J. Isgar 5, P. G Pitt 6, F. B. Lufkin (cond.) 7, G H. Isgar 8. For the Flower and Music Festival

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples C. W Pipe (cond.) 1, S. Petman 2, J. Bennett 3, G. R. Goodship 4, Sylvia R. E. Pipe 5, M I Howes 6, E. G. Pearce 7, S. E. Pipe 8 An 81st birthday compliment to Gilbert R. Goodship

HARLOW COMMON ESSEX.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Major. F. Whitby 1, V. Tipton 2, R. Hayden 3, B Burton 4, S. Clark 5, J. Aley 6, W. Aley (cond.) 7, E. Rochester 8 Rung half-muffled in memory of William Henry Wheeler, captain at this tower and life member of the Essex Association, whose funeral took place this day

HIGHER WALTON LANCS.—1,264 Plain Bob Major: L. Walmsley 1, D. G Lawson 2, J. Jackson 3 W. Mansley 4, D. Marsden 5, F. Anderton 6 F. Stead (cond.) 7, H. Gardner 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam W. Coupe, local ironfounder and former ringer.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 19th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor (on back six): B. J. Harfield 1 J. N. Lambert 2, J. Kirkcaldy 3 H. W. Brown 4, S. W. Brown 5, J. R Norris (cond.) 6. First Surprise 2, 3. First Surprise by an all-local band. A compliment to Christa and the Rev. Richard Hook on the birth of a daughter, first grandchild for the Rector (Rev. R. A. Hook, M.A.) and Mrs. Hook.

INGRAVE, ESSEX.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): Oneta Wilson (first quarter) 1, Sylvia Bedford 2, S. Halliwell 3, P. Bedford (cond.) 4, E. Potter 5. A 21st birthday compliment to Francis Porter.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.—At St. Margaret's Church, on Oct. 26th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: W. Curston 1 W. W. Cousins 2, F. Wigmore 3 P. Gagen 4, R. Harrop 5, R. Newson 6, C. Cousins 7, N. V. Harding (cond.) 8. For the 25th anniversary of F.E.P.O.W., and a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs Louise Smith, relatives of ringer of 1.

KINGSNORTH, KENT.—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Hemsley (100th quarter) 1. E. Clifton 2, F. Staples 3, B. Johnson (cond.) 4, N. Davies 5. For choral Communion, at which a new chalice and altar frontal were consecrated by the Bishop of Dover.

KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.—On Nov. 1st, 1,320 Mixed Doubles (four methods): Jane A. Smith (most m/v) 1, L. G. Smith 2, E J. Sollis 3, Thelma E. Staples (cond.) 4, D. R. Chambers 5. For All Saints' Day: a wedding compliment to Iris Cooke and Barry Moran.

LEEDS, KENT.—On Oct. 30th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Margaret Jones 1 P. Staples 2, Pamela Court 3 F Hucksteep 4, J. J. Hemsley 5, H. Deacon (first Grandsire Caters) 6, D. Manjer (cond.) 7 B. Cox 8, N. Davies 9, A. Baurner 10. First on ten for 2, 3, 5, 8, 10. To welcome Simon Johnson, son of Brian and Laila, born October 28th, 1969. Believed to be the first quarter on ten by an all-Ashford District band.

LONDON, S.E.—On Nov 1st, at Southwark Cathedral, 1,263 Stedman Caters: C. Hughes 1, Mrs C. Harbot 2, F. Cullum 3, H. Audsley 4, G. Parsons 5, D. Town 6, J. Euston (cond.) 7, M. Meyer 8, D. Hewett 9, G. Pladdys 10. Rung prior to the installation of David, Bishop of Woolwich.

LONGWOOD, YORKS.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,320 London and York Surprise Minor: A Lunn 1, S. Williams 2 S. Lunn 3, D. Williams 4 B. Ellis 5, I. Roberts (cond.) 6. Also on Nov. 16th, by the same band, 1,320 Rossendale and Lightfoot Surprise Minor. For the Dedication Festival.

LOWER HEYFORD, OXON.—Nov. 1st, 1,260 All Saints Doubles: C R. Miles 1, L. R. Porter 2, R. H. Jones (cond.) 3, R. Crocker 4, A. H. Green 5, R. D. Bing 6. First quarter of All Saints 4, 5, 6. For Festival of All Saints

MAIDS MORETON, BUCKS.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor. F. Pateman 1, T E. Roberts 2, C. Gough 3, F. C. Case 4, R. A. Vickers 5, G. W. Holland (cond.) 6. Also on Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. W. Holland (cond.) 1, Christine M. Skermer 2, R. W. Jates 3, R. A. Vicks 4, W. A. Yates 5 W. H Yates 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Laurie Noble, chorister for many years.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—At St. Michael and All Angels' Church, on Oct. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Rosemary Ellis 1, S. Taylor 2, Alison M. Levick 3, S. Garner 4, M. L. Howe 5, S A B. Wigg (cond.) 6.

MANCHESTER.—On Oct. 22nd 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Margaret L. Ellwood 1-2, H. M. McNaughton 3-4, M. C. W. Sherwood (cond.) 5-6. First "in hand" by all

MARKET WEIGHTON E. YORKS.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Minor (Plain and Spliced with Little): R. East 1, Elsie Chaddock 2, J. Peacock 3, D. Smith 4, A. Kneeshaw 5, N. Chaddock 6. First with Spliced 1 3, 4 and 5. For Patronal Festival.

MARKSBURY, SOM.—On Sept. 29th, 1,380 Doubles (two methods): Miss P. D. Freeland (first quarter) 1, A. J. Coombs 2, P. Blacker 3, R. Perry 4, C. G. Jones (cond.) 5, N. Osmond 6

MATTISHALL, NORFOLK.—On Oct. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. J. Hohl 1, Mrs. I. Coe (first quarter) 2. P. M Adcock 3, M. L. Howe 4, K. S. Hohl (cond.) 5. P. Trett (first quarter) 6.

MILLAND, SUSSEX.—On Oct 18th, 1,260 Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob Minor: K Sansom 1, R. Tipper 2, K. Tipper 3, D. Fox (first Cambridge) 4, D. Hatherly 5, D. Hughes (cond.) 6. For St. Lukestide

MINSTEAD, HANTS.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Pl. Bob and Plain Hunt Singles: J. B. G G. Clarke 1, B. J. Fry (cond.) 2, S. Baybut 3. For the Patronal Festival. First known quarter on the bells.

CUMBERLANDS' FINE ACHIEVEMENT

Spliced Surprise Peal Day

After the success of March 9th, 1968, both as a social occasion and as a peal day, it was decided to hold another event, and November 8th was chosen as the date for another day of Spliced Surprise peals by the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths. On this occasion the Norman Smith compositions ranging from 7 to 24 methods were chosen, and it was the intention to ring each composition, necessitating 11 separate bands. Plans were made over a period of several months, and it was perhaps inevitable that some people were not available on the date chosen. Unfortunately the Lord Mayor decided to hold his show on the same day, which somewhat complicated the arrangements, forcing some of the attempts into the afternoon and making travelling across London in the middle of the day rather trying, to say the least of it. However, although several attempts started rather later than intended, everyone eventually arrived at the appointed towers. It was sad that two members were prevented from taking part at the last minute by a bereavement in the family, and as no reserves were available it was necessary to ask two people to ring two peals on the day.

Nine of the attempts were in or near London, one in Lincolnshire and one out in Essex, as some of the band were taking part in a handbell festival later in the afternoon. We were sorry that two of the attempts came to grief, the 7- and 10-method peals, but perhaps we were lucky that no mechanical failures occurred because the following morning, during service ringing at St. Olave's, Hart Street, the treble rope broke!

As on a certain previous occasion, Shoreditch Church Hall provided a very suitable meeting place, and once again it was not just ringing the peals that made the day. For those who rang in the morning there was a most welcome hot meal waiting, and after a refreshing break a number of us went to listen to some of the afternoon peals. By 6.45 p.m. a company of over 60 had reassembled at Shoreditch, awaiting the last band from Lambeth, who duly arrived to complete nine successes out of 11. Once again, Olive Barnett and her helpers had prepared an excellent wine and cheese party which everyone enjoyed, and we are most grateful to her for all her hard work to make the day such an enjoyable success. We are also very grateful to all the tower captains and incumbents for making the bells available to us, and not least to all the ringers who so enthusiastically took part.

Send Christmas and New Year greetings by using the advertisement columns in "The Ringing World"—30 words for 5/-. Copy and remittance to this office by first post December 9th, please, for publication in issues of 19th and 24th.

The 50th anniversary of the formation of the S.W. Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers was marked by a quarter peal at Stoke Damerel.

Feminine History.—It is a long time since we have received a university ladies' quarter peal. Resident members of St. Hugh's College, Oxford, on St. Hugh's Day (Nov. 17th) rang a quarter peal of Plain Bob Doubles at the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Oxford. One of the band was an American girl—Miss Ann Gardner.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Twenty-five peals on Chobham's bells is one of Mr. Roy Collins' records and on the same day Mr. Martin Kirk rang his 25th peal for the Guildford Guild.

Mr. Frank W. Lewis has now "circled the tower" to peals of St. Mary's, Reading.

The proposed attempt for the extent of Bob Major on handbells which was to have taken place on December 20th has had to be postponed and a new date will be arranged during 1970.

A welcome visitor to the joint meeting at Hillingdon on November 22nd was 83-year-old Mrs. George Kilby, whose late husband was a well-known ringer with the brothers William and George Pye.

A Farewell to Mr. J. R. Hutchings was rung by his colleagues at Silverton, Devon, on November 6th. He is leaving on a six months' world cruise.

The Guildford Guild does not possess a ring of 12 bells, which means that peals of Cinques and Maximus must be rung on bells in neighbouring areas. The first peal of Maximus — Cambridge — by a resident Guild team was rung at Reading on Nov. 23rd, conducted by Michael Church.

The Rev. E. G. Orland, president of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, has been appointed Vicar of SS. Peter and Andrew's, Corby. A congratulatory quarter peal was rung on Corby bells on November 18th.

Letting their Own Folk Hear.—Tewkesbury Abbey band, which won the Croome Trophy (page 843), rang a quarter on the Abbey bells not only to celebrate their victory but to let the town hear their striking.

Promotion came on October 18th for Capt. John Hill, of Hillingdon. He received his Majority in the Royal Corps of Signals (T. and A.V.R.).

At Last!—The first Sunday ringing for 35 years took place at Woolley, Yorks, on November 9th, when a quarter of Minimus was rung. These bells are reputed to be in an unringable condition.

London Surprise Major was the Remembrance Sunday method rung at Egham, Surrey, by the local band.

Mr. Michael Gathercole, whose home is at King's Lynn, rang in a quarter peal of Royal at King's Lynn while in "transit" from Nigeria to Kenya

Congratulations to the Cumberland and North Westmorland Association who rang three quarter peals on November 14th for the Prince of Wales' 21st birthday.

In the tiny village of Minstead in the New Forest a quarter of Bob Singles was rung on November 1st on the three ancient bells, one of which is pre-Reformation. The Rector has hopes of an augmentation to five, as there is ample room in the tower.

The Rev. C. Bache, Vicar of Husborne Crawley, Beds, who is well known among ringers in the area, is now convalescing following a hip operation, and a quarter was rung to welcome his leaving hospital on November 16th.

Ordained 21 years ago, the Rev. O. R. Acworth, Vicar of Chobham, Surrey, was honoured by a peal being rung by members of the Guildford Guild, of which he is a vice-president. His son, Rev. R. Acworth, was inducted as Vicar of Yatton, Somerset, two weeks previously.

Queenborough, Kent, had a birthday Sunday on November 15th. It was the 77th of the Rector (Rev. H. A. Daws), also four of the ringers and two other friends.

Change of Address notifications, for postal subscribers, should also contain the previous address from which the person has moved. Please use block capitals.

That stalwart of the Yorktown (Camberley) tower, octogenarian Fred Farr, has been unwell for some time now, and all his friends will wish him a complete and speedy recovery.

Amongst our postal delivery recently were three letters containing copy of "three peals in a day" from three different Associations and rung on three consecutive Saturdays: October 25th, County Durham; November 1st, Somerset; November 8th, Leicester.

This is the week-end for you to send us your copy (and remittance) for the "Christmas Greetings" special columns. Don't delay—do it **now**; 5/- for 30 words.

The Canterbury peal for Prince Charles' 21st birthday was shared by his parents for their wedding anniversary, and also by the Archbishop as a birthday compliment, and Truro Guild recognised the Prince as Duke of Cornwall for their effort at Launceston.

A Son et Lumière presentation of Willesden Parish Church will take place next February and March, and the bells have been recorded in two ways—Minor for the 18th century when six bells were in the tower, and Triples for the 20th century.

Practical Memorials as tokens of thanksgiving are more prevalent today than they were 50 years ago, and a fine example of this was the new floor in the ringing chamber at Longford, Derbys, for Mr. C. A. Manners.

The birthday peal for Messrs. Rodenhurst and Chesters at Prees, Shropshire, also was the 200th together by three of the ringers. Quite an eventful occasion.

Writing from Enfield, H. Howson expresses thanks to fellow ringers of L.C.A. who gave their time on November 19th to ring at St. Giles', Cripplegate, after Princess Alexander had opened new buildings of the City of London School for Girls.

First in the method by all: this week at Irchester, Northants, a peal of that name; at Woburn, Beds, a peal of Dorset Surprise; at Esher, Surrey, a peal of Esher Surprise; and at Loughborough, Leics, a peal of Oakham Surprise.

Silent and non-conducted was the peal at Duffield, Derbys, on November 14th, and the method: Yorkshire S. Major.

A suggestion that ringers who have completed 1,000 peals should meet and ring a peal on 8, 10 or even 12 bells has been made by Mr. R. Collins, of Farnham. It should be publicised beforehand so that interested persons might enjoy the very special occasion. (This has been done before, many years ago at North Stoneham.—ED.)

Eight-hundred peals as conductor is recorded this week for Jack Millhouse, whilst at the other end of the scale Christopher M. Sturgess conducts his first peal—one of Minor in five methods at Thurlaston, Leics.

Bridgend ringers were honoured recently when they had the opportunity of ringing for morning service at Llangynwyd Church, at which the Archbishop of Wales officiated. A quarter peal was in progress, but this did not prevent the Archbishop from greeting the ringers without disturbing their ringing. Doubtless His Grace has been well schooled in ringing etiquette by his son Nicholas.

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SOUNDPROOFING

Because of excessive noise in a built-up area, no peals have been permitted at St. Mary's, Hendon; but recently Mr. George Hart, of Harrow Weald, together with other helpers, has spent considerable time fitting adjustable shutters for soundproofing. When a "blessed event" took place in the "Deason" home (Mr. William Deason is Master of the Middlesex Association) it stimulated enthusiasm to complete the work in the bell chamber, with the result that a peal—the first for 20 years—was accomplished on November 22nd with four Hendon ringers taking part. No complaints have been registered so presumably the soundproofing is effective.

THE END OF THE CHAMBERLAYNE FAMILY

With the death of Miss E. H. G. Ingles Chamberlayne a family connection with Stow-on-the-Wold comes to an end. This goes back 370 years and for 300 years they were lords of the Manor of Mangersbury and Stow and great benefactors of the church. A memorial quarter peal to Miss Chamberlayne was conducted by Mr. L. C. Dowdeswell on November 13th.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD

Afternoon ringing at the meeting on November 8th was at Limpsfield Chart, when 35 members attended. Evening prayer was said in Oxted Church and the meeting was held at the back of the nave, when 12 apologies were given and two new members elected

The chairman announced tickets for the annual dinner would be on sale at the next meeting (Cuckfield), and it was decided to try for Maresfield for the February meeting. Congratulations were expressed to John and Lynn Warner on the birth of a son, to Mr. E. J. Ladd on ringing his 500th peal, and to Robin Grant on his engagement.

R. J. E.

ISLEWORTH'S NEW CHURCH

The new church being built at Isleworth will be the most modern in the world, said Mr. Harold Rogers recently; and although completion was not expected before June, 1970, services would re-start following the Christmas carol service on December 21st. Visiting ringers would be especially welcome to help during practices or on Sunday evenings and no doubt would find the unusual layout of the buildings worth inspecting. During the last year the clergy and congregation had been joining with the Methodists at the Methodist Church, and the experiment had been agreeably successful, but it would be a great triumph when the new church was being used for worship.

70 YEARS IN ONE TOWER

Mr. W. Lawrence, captain of the tower at Stevenage, completed in November 70 years as a member of the band. Apart from absence on active service (1914–18) and the enforced silence of the second war, Mr. Lawrence has been ringing regularly twice each Sunday at St. Nicholas' Church since 1899 — originally on the six, augmented to eight in 1950. His colleagues are happy to note that he shows no sign of thinking of retirement and look forward confidently to the three-quarters of a century anniversary in 1974.

50th BIRTHDAY

The South-West Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers became 50 years old on November 8th. Ringers from all over the county gathered at Peter Tavy, in the Tavistock Deanery, where the first meeting was held in 1919. Though not the most melodious ring of bells in the county, the Peter Tavy six were certainly the most historically appropriate on which to ring on this occasion.

The commemorative service was led by Rev. Richard Gilpin, senior curate of Tavistock Parish Church, and the address was given by Rev. J. H. B. Andrews, Vicar of Chittlehampton, North Devon, and president of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers.

The meeting took place in the village schoolroom, which was the venue for the inaugural meeting, and George Mudge, the chairman of the South-West Branch, conducted the business. It was decided to hold the branch spring meeting at St. Andrew's, Plymouth, in January.

Later all moved to the Lewtrenchard Hotel, Lewdown, for the 50th celebration dinner. Roy Bould, ringing master of the branch, proposed a toast to the Branch and the visitors were welcomed by Robert Southwood, branch secretary. Tony Davidson, secretary of the Truro Diocesan Guild of Ringers, replied. The guest of honour, Don Roberts, general secretary of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, reviewed the history of the South-West Branch over the past 50 years.

J. F. S.

"I wish every success to the Fund," writes a correspondent, enclosing a donation to the "Tom White Testimonial Fund". He goes on: "I have had correspondence from time to time with Mr. White and have always found him to be most understanding and helpful." — Have **you** sent **your** donation yet? If not, Mrs. Jill Staniforth, of 150, Narborough Road South, Braunstone, Leics. will be pleased to receive it and to forward a receipt if requested to do so.

FORTHCOMING PEALS

In connection with the St. Albans District dinner on December 6th, a peal of 8-Spliced Surprise Major will be attempted at Barnet, starting at 3 p.m.

HAYES BELLS AT FOUNDRY

"You're late" was the welcome Mr. Percy Venn received when on November 21st he arrived at the Whitechapel Bell Foundry with the six bells from Hayes, Middlesex. It was noon—an hour behind schedule, but as he and his son and other helpers had been hard at work that morning loading up the bells in a lorry and driving through London, the lateness was excusable. The six, with a 14 cwt. tenor, are to be recast into an octave and the dedication is to be on March 15th next—Mr. Venn's birthday —a fitting tribute to all his hard work for bellringing in Hayes.

ILCHESTER ACTIVITIES

On November 22nd the Ilchester Branch of the Bath and Wells Association were invited by Rev. W. E. L. Houlden and the tower master (Mr. A. Rothwell) to hold a practice meeting at the Parish Church of All Saints, Langport. Ringing commenced on this 15 cwt. six at 6 p.m. with a service of Holy Communion at 7 p.m., followed by more ringing. It was a great pleasure to have some 35 ringers and friends at the service as well as in the ringing chamber. A feature was an attractive display of pot plants in the belfry window! The branch thank Mr. Houlden and the tower master and ringers of Langport for a successful and pleasant evening.

M. M. L.

BEACONSFIELD DINNER

The Beech Tree Hotel at Beaconsfield was the scene on November 15th of the 8th Annual Dinner and Dance of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. After the meal, Canon C. E. Wigg (Master) presented certificates to the winners (Lane End) and the runners-up (Hughenden) in the branch striking competition. In his speech he recalled the days when he rang regularly in the area with ringers such as George Martin.

Mr. A. L. Pearson (branch ringing master) welcomed the guests, and included in his toast all those clergy, friends and "other halves" who were present and whose support was essential to the maintenance of well-manned belfries. Dancing was enjoyed until midnight, encouraged by an M.C. who overflowed with unusual ideas. Among the unexpected items was the appearance on the platform of the branch chairman, Rev. S. A. C. Dickins, to give spirited assistance to the drummer.

DOUBLES

Mr. John Cornelius claims two following unnamed variations rung in a peal at Thurloxton on October 25th:—

No. 205 Thurloxton.
No. 213 Broadway.

PEALS RUNG IN HONOUR OF THE 21st BIRTHDAY OF H.R.H. CHARLES, PRINCE OF WALES

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
SAMPFORD ARUNDEL, Som. —At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Fri., Nov. 14, 1969, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being seven methods—Rev. St. Bartholomew, Rev. St. Sebastian, All Saints, Rev. Canterbury, Minster Bob, Plain Bob and Grandsire—two variations and nine spliced compositions. Tenor 8 cwt.

Royston Shepherd	Treble	John Medway	4
Adrian F. Arscott	2	Mervyn A. Arscott	5
John Cornelius	3	Mervyn R. Arscott	Tenor

Conducted by John Cornelius.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
DUFFIELD, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Alkmund
On Fri., Nov. 14, 1969, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.

Brian A. Tomlinson	Treble	Gordon A. Halls	5
Robert M. Chambers	2	Geoffrey Bridges	6
Timothy Wylie	3	A. Colin Banton	7
Geoffrey Gardner	4	Rev. Frederick Ross	Tenor

Composed by Nathan J. Pitstow. Rung silent and non-conducted.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
GUILDFORD, Surrey.—At the Cathedral of The Holy Spirit.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1969, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PRITTLEWELL SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 30 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in D.

*W. John Couperthwaite	Treble	*Roger M. Heyworth	6
*Beryl R. Simpson	2	*Michael J. Church	7
*Janet House	3	*Frank W. Lewis	8
John N. Diserens	4	David E. House	9
*Rowan S. Bradley	5	*Peter J. Munday	Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Michael J. Church.
* First peal in the method. First on ten bells as conductor. First in the method for the Guild.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
EARDISLEY, Hereford.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being two different 2,160's and one 720. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr.

*John W. Hope	Treble	Frederick R. Harris	4
John F. I Turney	2	Thomas Bound	5
†Valerie M. Edge	3	Robert A. Hatcher	Tenor

Conducted by Robert A. Hatcher.
* Has now "circled the tower" to peals. † First peal of Surprise

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
CANTERBURY, Kent.—At the Cathedral Church of Christ
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1969, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 32 cwt. 6 lb. in C.

Alan F. Scholfield	Treble	Arthur G. Mason	7
Basil Jones	2	Richard Starkie	8
Christine Andrew	3	Colin A. Tester	9
Trevor A. Cross	4	Martin L. Howe	10
Simon A. B. Wigg	5	Robert B. Smith	11
Bernard F. L. Groves	6	Brian Harris	Tenor

Composed by R. W Pipe. Conducted by Basil Jones.
Also as a wedding anniversary compliment to H.M. the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh, and as a birthday compliment to Dr. M. Ramsey, Archbishop of Canterbury.

BROMLEY COMMON, Kent.—At the Church of St. Luke.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's 12-part. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in F.

Keith A. P. Poole	Treble	David A. Town	5
Valerie J. Howard	2	John A. Howard	6
Jennifer A. Dunning	3	*John Pladdys	7
James Hedgecock	4	Geoffrey D. Armitage	Tenor

Conducted by John Pladdys.
* 100th peal for the Association.

ERITH, Kent.—At Christ Church.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 23 lb in E flat.

Keith A. P. Poole	Treble	David A. Town	5
Dorothea Robotham	2	Anthony Faulkner	6
Jennifer A. Dunning	3	John A. Howard	7
James Hedgecock	4	John Pladdys	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by John Pladdys.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
ABERGAVENNY, Monmouthshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1969, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 BRISTOL SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 25 cwt. 18 lb. in D.

Wilfred Williams	Treble	Kenneth J. Hesketh	6
Roderick W. Pipe	2	Tudor P. Edwards	7
David E. Rothera	3	George E. Thoday	8
Christopher H. Rogers	4	John A. Anderson	9
Clifford A. Barron	5	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed by F. E Darby Conducted by Wilfred Williams.
First peal of Bristol Surprise Royal in the county and by the Association

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Ebbe.
On Fri., Nov. 14, 1969, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 HAVANT SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

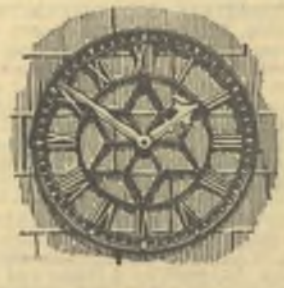
Charles Coles	Treble	*Ronald K. Russ	5
*Edgar J. Smith	2	*Timothy G. Pett	6
Alan R. Pink	3	Peter J. Heritage	7
*D. Kay Adkins	4	*Philip H. Tocock	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* First peal in the method

READING, Berks.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sun., Nov. 15, 1969, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 12 methods, comprising 576 each of Ashtead, Bristol and Lincolnshire, 384 each of Cambridge, Cray, Lindum, London, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Uxbridge and Yorkshire, with 132 changes of method. Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in D.

Noel J. Diserens	Treble	Rowan S. Bradley	5
*Frank W. Lewis	2	Michael J. Church	6
*Janet House	3	*Geoffrey K. Dodd	7
Beryl R. Simpson	4	David E. House	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Noel J. Diserens.
* First peal of 12-spliced.



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CHECKENDON, Oxford.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr 21 lb. in F sharp.

*Judith A. Brough	Treble	Paul J. Dye	5
*Ian G. Judd	2	*Kenneth W. Johnson	6
*John Hodgson	3	William J. Irving	7
*Augustus K. Grey	4	J. Anthony Beaumont	Tenor

Conducted by J. Anthony Beaumont.
* First peal of Plain Bob Major.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
IRCHESTER, Northants.—At the Church of St. Katherine of Alexandria.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1969, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 IRCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR
23-course block. Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in D.

Alan J. Marks	Treble	John G. Mitchell	5
J. Malcolm Tyler	2	Barry R. Care	6
Brian R. Danby	3	Richard J. Cowley	7
Edward C. Buckby	4	Murray A. Coleman	Tenor

Conducted by Murray A. Coleman.
First peal in the method by all.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
CUCKNEY, Notts.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being a 720 each of Killamarsh, Capel, Kingston, Sandal, London Scholars Pleasure, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

*†Sandra Ettles	Treble	†David L. Chambers	4
Thelma E. Staples	2	Frank Cooke	5
John A. Coates	3	Herbert T. Rooke	Tenor

Conducted by Herbert T. Rooke.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First in seven methods.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
ST STEPHEN'S-BY-LAUNCESTON, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Stephen.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's 12-part (7th obs.). Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in E.

Janet S. Evans	Treble	Wilfred C. Boucher	5
F. Malcolm Bowers	2	Timothy J. Bell	6
Robert Peel Pearce	3	Alan Carveth	7
*Anthony Locke	4	Anthony J. Davidson	Tenor

Conducted by F. Malcolm Bowers.
Rung to mark the 21st birthday of H.R.H. the Duke of Cornwall.
* 100th peal First of Triples as conductor.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION
MALVERN LINK, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Matthias.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in F sharp.

R. George Morris	Treble	Geoffrey C. Bagley	4
*Prudence M. Judd	2	Raymond C. Sayers	5
Paul Jopp	3	John Clements	Tenor

Conducted by John Clements.
* First peal "inside."

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)
THRYBERGH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Leonard.
On Fri., Nov. 14, 1969, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 26 lb. in B flat.

Malcolm S. Turner	Treble	Neil Donovan	4
*Marie Hatswell	2	Alec Beaumont	5
*Christopher Newton	3	Stuart Armeson	Tenor

Conducted by Stuart Armeson.
* First peal of Surprise.

SPLICED SURPRISE PEAL DAY

ALL RUNG FOR THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Sat., Nov. 8, 1969.
CITY OF LONDON.—At the Church of St. Olave, Hart Street.
In 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 24 methods, comprising 384 each of Pudsey, Uxbridge and Yorkshire and 192 each of Ashtead, Bristol, Cambridge, Cassiobury, Cornwall, Cray, Double Dublin, Glasgow, Helmshore, Higher Walton, Ipswich, Jersey, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Ospringe, Radcliffe, Rochester, Rutland, Simonstone and Superlative, with 155 changes of method. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in G.

Felicity S. Hamilton	Treble	S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	5
Roger Baldwin	2	*Edwin A. Barnett	6
*Hilary Muirhead	3	*John S Barnes	7
*Simon Humphrey	4	*James A. D. Woolford	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Roger Baldwin.
* Most Surprise methods to a peal Most Surprise methods rung to a peal for the Society.

STANFORD-LE-HOPE, Essex.—At the Church of St. Margaret of Antioch.
In 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 20 methods, comprising 384 each of Cambridge, Lindum, London, Pudsey, Superlative and Uxbridge, 256 Bristol and 192 each of Ashtead, Cassiobury, Cornwall, Cray, Glasgow, Higher Walton, Ipswich, Jersey, Lincolnshire, Ospringe, Radcliffe, Rutland and Yorkshire, with 150 changes of method. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in G.

Graham A. Duke	Treble	Norman Summerhayes	5
*Jane Foster	2	*Peter M. Wilkinson	6
Joan Beresford	3	David D. Smith	7
*Angela M. Wright	4	*Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Dennis Beresford.
* Most Surprise methods to a peal.

CHISLEHURST, Kent.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
In 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 17 methods, comprising 384 each of Ashtead, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative and Uxbridge, 256 Bristol and 192 each of Cassiobury, Cornwall, Cray, Glasgow, Jersey, Ospringe an Yorkshire, with 139 changes of method.
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in F.

Jennifer Starbuck	Treble	*Ian H. Oram	5
*Margaret E. Oram	2	Michael H. D. O'Callaghan	6
Christopher P. Starbuck	3	*John R. Pratchett	7
Douglas A. R. May	4	*Howard W. Egglestone	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Ian H. Oram.
* Most Surprise Major methods to a peal.

LAMBETH, London, S.E.—At the Church of St. Mary.
In 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 14 methods, comprising 576 Bristol, 384 each of Ashtead, Cambridge, Cassiobury, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Uxbridge and Yorkshire and 192 each of Cornwall and Cray, with 132 changes of method.
Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in E flat.

Reginald V. Johnson	Treble	*C. Martin Press	5
Sheila M. Dobbie	2	Frank T. Blagrove	6
Ann Jenner	3	Walter H. Dobbie	7
Geoffrey Pearson	4	Stanley Jenner	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Stanley Jenner.
* Most Surprise methods to a peal.

DEPTFORD, London, S.E.—At the Church of St. John.
In 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 13 methods, comprising 576 of Bristol and 384 each of Ashtead, Cambridge, Cassiobury, Cray, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Uxbridge and Yorkshire, with 126 changes of method. Tenor 14 cwt. 18 lb. in F.

Christine M. Baldock	Treble	David J. Forder	5
Katherine J. Maundrell	2	Frank J. Matthews	6
*Christine Andrew	3	*Edward F. P. Bryant	7
M. Louise Slater	4	*Thomas H. Francis	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Edward F. P. Bryant.
* Most Surprise methods to a peal.

PUTNEY, London, S.W.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
In 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 12 methods, comprising 576 each of Ashtead and Lincolnshire, 448 Bristol and 384 each of Cambridge, Cray, Lindum, London, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Uxbridge and Yorkshire, with 130 changes of method. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F.

Alison M. Bayley	Treble	Stanley G. Ponting	5
Beryl R. Simpson	2	Tom Page	6
Michael Elson	3	Michael J. Church	7
Frank T. Blagrove	4	*W. Leslie Weller	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Michael J. Church.
* Most Surprise methods to a peal.

TOTTENHAM, London, N.—At the Church of All Hallows.
In 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 11 methods, comprising 576 each of Cambridge, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire, 448 Bristol and 384 each of Ashtead, Cassiobury, Lincolnshire, London, Rutland and Uxbridge, with 124 changes of method Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. in F sharp.

Jill K. Orme	Treble	*Frank W. Rivett	5
Maryl Fielden	2	Derek E. Sibson	6
Susan J. Rothera	3	*Alfred E. Rushton	7
*Ronald J. Sharp	4	*C. Michael Orme	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
* Most Surprise methods to a peal.

GRAVESEND, Kent.—At the Church of St. George.
In 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In nine methods, comprising 576 each of Ashtead, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, London, Pudsey, Superlative, Rutland and Yorkshire and 448 Bristol, with 136 changes of method. Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E.

Brenda M Davies	Treble	Trevor A. Cross	5
*Susan E. Smith	2	Colin J. E. Wyld	6
*Nicholas J. Davies	3	John S. Barnes	7
*David J. Tubbs	4	J. Michael Lakin	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by J. Michael Lakin.
* Most methods to a peal of spliced.

BALDERTON, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.
In 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In eight methods, comprising 768 each of Bristol, London and Rutland and 576 each of Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 144 changes of method.
Tenor 8 cwt. 24 lb. in G sharp.

Jack L. Millhouse	Treble	*David Phillipson	5
Margaret A. Parker	2	Michael W. Crowder	6
Beryl N. Reed	3	Geoffrey R. Parker	7
Peter A. Sharp	4	Colin W. Reed	Tenor

Compose by Norman Smith. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major. 800th peal as conductor.

OTHER TOWER BELL PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
READING, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Laurence.
On Sun., Oct. 26, 1969, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAXIMUS
4ths place bobs. Tenor 23 cwt. 20 lb. in D.

Alan R. Patterson	Treble	John N. Diserens	7
G. William Critchley	2	Brian Bladon	8
David C. Brown	3	D. John Hunt	9
Michael P. Moreton	4	James R. Taylor	10
Alan J. Frost	5	Noel J Diserens	11
David P. Hilling	6	David E. House	Tenor

Composed by F. T. Blagrove. Conducted by David P. Hilling.
First peal of Bristol Surprise Maximus to be rung using 4ths place bobs. Also the first of Maximus in the method to be rung by the Society.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
WRINGTON, Somerset.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Nov. 1, 1969, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 37 cwt. 1 lb. in C.

Edgar C. Shepherd	Treble	Ronald G Beck	6
Robert C. Kippin	2	Eric Naylor	7
David Mackay	3	*Robert Beck	8
Philip H. D. Jones	4	Edward J. Chivers	9
S. Arthur Read	5	Victor Savage	Tenor

Composed by J. Topp. Conducted by Eric Naylor.
* First peal of Caters and of Stedman.
Rung for the Patronal Festival

THE SOMERSET YOKELS' THREE PEALS IN A DAY
On Sat., Nov. 1, 1969.
HASELBURY PLUCKNETT. Som.—At the Church of St. Michael.
In 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being eight methods—Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas, St. Simon, St. Martin, Rev. Canterbury, Plain Bob, Grandsire, Rev. St. Bartholomew—four variations and two spliced compositions. Tenor 6 cwt.

John Medway	Treble	Michael G. Bartlett	4
Adrian F. Arscott	2	Mervyn A. Arscott	5
John Cornelius	3	Leslie H. Arscott	Tenor

Conducted by John Cornelius.

SEAVINGTON ST. MARY. Som.—At the Church of St. Mary.
In 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Grandsire, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 6¼ cwt.

Raymond F. Arscott	Treble	Leslie H Arscott	4
John Cornelius	2	Michael G. Bartlett	5
Adrian F. Arscott	3	Mervyn A. Arscott	Tenor

Conducted by Raymond F. Arscott.

MERRIOTT, Somerset.—At the Church of All Saints.
In 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 42 extents in 15 methods—St. Simon, St. Martin, St. Osmund, Eynesbury, Winchendon Place, St Nicholas, St. Remigius, Huntley, Rev. St. Bartholomew, All Saints, Plain Bob, Grandsire, Rev. St. Sebastian, Minster Bob and Rev. Canterbury—78 variations and eight spliced compositions. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*Royston Shepherd	Treble	*Michael G. Bartlett	4
Mervyn A. Arscott	2	Raymond F. Arscott	5
John Cornelius	3	*Frederick H. Mills	Tenor

Conducted by John Cornelius
* Most methods, etc., to a peal.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
WOBURN, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Nov. 1, 1969, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 DORSET SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in D.

David Redfearn	Treble	Martyn L. J. Jordan	5
Katherine S. Hardy	2	Roger Baldwin	6
S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	3	John R. Mayne	7
Robert E. Hardy	4	George W. Pipe	Tenor

Composed by Ernest W. Tipler. Conducted by John R. Mayne.
First peal in the method by all the band and for the Association.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Sat., Nov. 1, 1969, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5055 STEDMAN CATERS
The "Ambrosial" Peal Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in D.

Jennifer Field (Newnham)	Treble	N. J. Small (Sidney)	6
A. T. Winter (Christ's)	2	D. Barton (Selwyn)	7
R. L. Underwood (P'house)	3	B. R. M. Johnson (Jesus)	8
R. A. G. Inglis (Selwyn)	4	W. T. Perrins (Selwyn)	9
M. J Pickup (Churchill)	5	J. R. N. Lebon (Selwyn)	Tenor

Composed by R. E. J Dennis. Conducted by Richard A. G. Inglis.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancs.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Oct. 25, 1969, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, being 1,312 Bristol, 1,280 London, 1,376 Superlative and 1,184 Cambridge, in 113 changes of method, with all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

Sheila A. Taylor	Treble	William H. Dowse	5
*Derek F. Yates	2	Raymond J. Ballard	6
Norman Sherratt	3	Roy Worrall	7
Harold Dowler	4	Ian M. Holland	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman Conducted by Ian M. Holland.
* First peal of spliced "inside."

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Nov. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In eight methods, being 1,600 each of London and Rutland, 320 each of Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire and 256 of Bristol, with 127 changes of method. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

Michael Foulds	Treble	C. Kenneth Lewis	5
*Derek F. Yates	2	Basil Jones	6
Bernard F. L. Groves	3	†Gerald Moorhouse	7
Robert B. Smith	4	Richard S. Starkie	Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by Robert B. Smith.
* First peal of 8-spliced "inside" † First touch of Spliced Surprise on tower bells. First of Spliced Surprise Major in eight methods as conductor.

PREES, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Chad.
On Sat., Nov. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Single Oxford and Plain Bob, Double Oxford and Plain Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and two extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

*Geoffrey A. Edwards	Treble	David A. Godfrey	4
*John R. Scott	2	Edward V. Rodenhurst	5
*†Frank R. Morton	3	†Harry W. Howard	Tenor

Conducted by Harry W. Howard.
* 200th peal together. † 50th together
Rung as an annual birthday compliment to E. V. Rodenhurst (aged 73) and W J. Chesters (aged 72) of Helmdon, both birthdays on October 30th.

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THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
DERBY.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Nov. 1, 1969, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 19 cwt 2 lb. in E flat.

Ian Wilson	Treble	Gordon A. Halls	6
Joseph C. Woolley	2	David W. Parkin	7
Frank Rogers	3	Clive Thrower	8
John S. Dean	4	Geoffrey Paul	9
Harold Taylor	5	David W. Friend	Tenor

Composed by G E. Freebrey Conducted by Gordon A. Halls.
Rung for the consecration of the Bishop of Derby in Westminster Abbey this day.

DUFFIELD, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Alkmund.
On Sat., Oct. 25, 1969, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J Parker's 12-part. Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.

Kevin A. Betesta	Treble	H. David Oliver	5
Reginald Wallis	2	Reginald J. Stretton	6
*Arthur F. Hall	3	David K. Walklate	7
†Arthur Newhall	4	Colin Roadley	Tenor

Conducted by David K. Walklate.
* First peal of Grandsire. † First of method " inside."

LONGFORD, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Chad.
On Wed., Aug. 27, 1969, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Twelve extents each of Grandsire and April Day and 18 of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt. 23 lb. in F.

Stuart L. Smith	Treble	Kevin A. Betesta	4
Reginald Wallis	2	David K. Walklate	5
Colin Roadley	3	*Richard McEwan	Tenor

Conducted by David K Walklate.
* First peal. First on the bells.
Rung in memoriam Charles Arthur Manners; the ringing room floor was given as a thanksgiving

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THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
THREE PEALS IN A DAY.
On Sat., Oct. 25, 1969,
BRANCEPETH, Co. Durham.—At the Church of St. Brandon
In 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in F sharp.

James Crowther	Treble	Robert W. Sherriff	5
Adrian Dempster	2	Stephen C. Wells	6
George S. Deas	3	Eric N. Harrison	7
Malcolm E. Johnson	4	Michael Maughan	Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. Speed. Conducted by Michael Maughan.

HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING, Co. Durham.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
In 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt in G.

James Crowther	Treble	Stephen C. Wells	5
Adrian Dempster	2	Eric N. Harrison	6
*Colin C. Monson	3	Michael Maughan	7
Robert W. Sherriff	4	George S. Deas	Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Michael Maughan.
* First peal of London.

TANFIELD, Co. Durham.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
In 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

James Crowther	Treble	Robert W. Sherriff	5
Adrian Dempster	2	Michael Maughan	6
Christine H. Telfer	3	George S. Deas	7
Stephen C. Wells	4	Eric N. Harrison	Tenor

Composed by Dennis Knox. Conducted by Michael Maughan.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
MELDRETH, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Fri., Oct. 31, 1969, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 14 methods, comprising 448 Bristol, 384 each of Ashtead, Cambridge, Cassiobury, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Uxbridge and Yorkshire and 192 each of Cornwall and Cray, with 135 changes of method. Tenor 11 cwt. in F sharp.

Frank E Haynes	Treble	Richard L. Underwood	5
*Donald F. Murfet	2	Derek E. Sibson	6
James M. Hills	3	*John G. Gipson	7
*Geoffrey Pearson	4	*Kenneth J. Hesketh	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
* First peal of 14-Spliced Surprise Major.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, Essex.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Nov. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, being 1,440 Yorkshire, 1,280 Cambridge and Lincolnshire and 1,120 Rutland, with 69 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in G sharp.

Brian J. Vaughan	Treble	Michael J. Howes	5
*Neil V. Avis	2	Leslie G. Brett	6
*Muriel R. Page	3	Walter Arnold	7
Cecil W. Pipe	4	Bernard W. Fairhead	Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. Davies. Conducted by Neil V. Avis.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major.

RAYNE, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Nov. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Kent T.B. and Cambridge Surprise and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 6¼ cwt.

*John Connell	Treble	Colin Gillingham	4
Cecil Barker	2	Robert Lindsell	5
Alan Syder	3	Roy Threadgold	Tenor

Conducted by Roy Threadgold.
* First peal.
Rung for the Patronal Festival

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
FAIRFORD, Glos.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Oct. 25, 1969, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 30 lb. in E.

*Patricia Buckland	Treble	Robert J. Purnell	5
Bruce Martin	2	David J. Orledge	6
Robert C. Kippin	3	Bernard G. North	7
Brynley A. Shackleton	4	Gordon W. Land	Tenor

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Robert C. Kippin.
* First peal on eight bells.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
COLEMAN'S HATCH, Sussex.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Nov. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In nine methods, comprising 576 changes each of Ashtead, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, London, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative and Yorkshire and 448 changes of Bristol, with 136 changes of method.
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in G.

Beryl R. Simpson	Treble	Peter J. Munday	5
Alan D. Elsmore	2	W. John Couperthwaite	6
Rowan S. Bradley	3	Michael J. Church	7
Stanley G. Ponting	4	Brian J. Luff	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Michael J. Church.

ESHER, Surrey.—At Christ Church.
On Sat., Nov. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 ESHER SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in A flat.

Rowan S. Bradley	Treble	John F Maybrey	5
Beryl R. Simpson	2	Stanley G. Ponting	6
Alan D. Elsmore	3	Michael J Church	7
Peter Henry	4	Peter J. Munday	Tenor

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed. Conducted by Michael J. Church.
First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Nov. 1, 1969, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 3 version. Tenor 23 cwt.

Roger D. R. Brown	Treble	*Frederick W. Ellis	6
Eric Edmondson	2	*John E. Ewer	7
Kenneth J. Darvill	3	Gerald Penney	8
Kenneth Newman	4	*Harold V. Frost	9
*Michael D. Frost	5	Thomas J. Lock	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Gerald Penney.
* First peal of London Surprise Royal. First tower bell peal of London Surprise Royal for the Association and by a band resident in the St. Albans District.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
SITTINGBOURNE, Kent.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Nov. 1, 1969, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E.

George Kenward	Treble	Trevor A. Cross	5
Timothy D. Wickins	2	Nicholas J. Chesson	6
Peter D. J. Beal	3	Christopher T. Osenton	7
*Laurence Mitchell	4	Peter S. Muchlinski	Tenor

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.
* First peal in the method. The conductor's 300th tower bell peal.

THE LEEDS UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
SHAROW, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. John the Divine.
On Sat., Nov. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 5 lb. in G

*Alan M. Glover	Treble	Jonathan G. Rose	5
Linda D. Shaw	2	Graham J. Jones	6
†Gillian R. Cleaver	3	John P. Ottaway	7
Michael G. Dodson	4	Christopher Forster	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Christopher Forster.
* First peal. † First of Rutland.
Rung as a compliment to Michael Rollason and Janet Buckley on their engagement.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
LEICESTER.—At the Church of St. John the Divine.
On Sat., Oct. 18, 1969, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

Raymond A. Vickers	Treble	Barry E. Saunders	6
Beryl E. Cawser	2	Graham C. Paul	7
J. Edward Cawser	3	Alan A. Paul	8
Rupert A. Clarke	4	J. Henry Fielden	9
W. Eric Critchley	5	Richard E. Price	Tenor

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Graham C. Paul.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Thurs., Oct. 23, 1969, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr 13 lb. in B flat.

John M. Jelley	Treble	K. Paul Gilliver	6
David F. Moore	2	Martin Green	7
*Christine L. J. Mills	3	*R. Brian Millis	8
Roland H. Cook	4	G. Ronald Edwards	9
Monica M. Jelley	5	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by Harry Poyner. Conducted by Roland H. Cook.
* 100th peal together.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Thurs., Oct 30, 1969, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 OAKHAM SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr 13 lb. in B flat.

G. Ronald Edwards	Treble	K. Paul Gilliver	6
David F. Moore	2	Martin Green	7
Christine L. J. Mills	3	R. Brian Mills	8
John M. Jelley	4	Roland H. Cook	9
Monica M. Jelley	5	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Conducted by John M. Jelley.
First peal in the method by all and for the Guild. The conductor's 50th different Surprise Royal method rung to a peal.

ANSTEY, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Oct. 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr 4 lb. in G.

Monica M. Jelley	Treble	R. Brian Mills	5
Christine L. J. Mills	2	*Peter W. Brown	6
W. Ernest Rawson	3	John M. Jelley	7
K. Paul Gilliver	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by James S. Wilde. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
* First peal of Major and first outside the Republic of Eire. The conductor's 500th peal.

HATHERN, Leics.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Nov. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt 2 qr. 12 lb. in G sharp.

*David Swift	Treble	*Tom Harris	5
*Celia Harris	2	*John Tickle	6
Christine L. J. Mills	3	R. Brian Mills	7
Frank Chambers	4	Roland H. Cook	Tenor

Composed by York Green. Conducted by Roland H. Cook.
* First peal in the method.

THURLASTON, Leicestershire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Nov. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In five methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob and two each of Surfleet Surprise and Kent T.B.
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr 3 lb. in F.

George L. Pickering	Treble	*Jane M. Tooby	4
*Robert Smith	2	Christopher M. Sturgess	5
*Valerie Watts	3	Brian Burrows	Tenor

Conducted by Christopher M. Sturgess.
* First peal in five methods. First as conductor.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Miss Annie Frearson, for many years a chorister at this church.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
ABERDARE, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Elfan.
On Mon., Nov. 3, 1969, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 25 lb in E.

Tudor P. Edwards	Treble	Michael R. Meadows	5
*James Clatworthy	2	Paul A. Williams	6
J. Michael Lakin	3	Stephen Fenwick	7
David J Llewellyn	4	Nicholas W. H. Simon	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.
* First peal of Bristol. First of Bristol by a band resident in the Association.
Rung for the consecration of new altars in the church.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
CHISWICK, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Sept. 13, 1969, in 3 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
J. R. Pritchard's 4-part. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

*J. Charles West	Treble	†David A. Clarke	5
John R. Ketteringham	2	Norman Summerhayes	6
Lesley A. Warwick	3	Christopher H. Rogers	7
Norman F. Edwards	4	Frank T. Blagrove	Tenor

Conducted by Frank T. Blagrove.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal.

UPPER CLAPTON, London.—At the Church of St. Matthew.
On Sat., Sept. 20, 1969, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SINGLE OXFORD BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 14 cwt.

Thomas J. Lock	Treble	*James M. Steele	5
Ronald K. Russ	2	Christopher H. Rogers	6
*Thomas G. Hawkins	3	Frank T. Blagrove	7
*Brian C Watson	4	Charles F. Neal	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Frank T. Blagrove.
* First peal in the method.
Rung for the centenary of the consecration of the church and bells.

HARROW WEALD, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Tues., Oct. 28, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 WHITBOURNE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.

John Smith	Treble	H. George Hart	5
Elsie K. Hart	2	G. William Critchley	6
Claudia A. Critchley	3	Frank Reed	7
Joan Hooton	4	Thomas J. Lock	Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by G. William Critchley.
First peal in the method by all.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
RAUNDS, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Nov 1, 1969, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 8 lb. in E flat.

Raymond A. Vickers	Treble	Christopher C. Stokes	5
Stanley M. Ruddlesden	2	Barry E. Saunders	6
Vernon B. Bedford	3	George W. Holland	7
Alan A. Paul	4	Graham C. Paul	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Alan A. Paul.

GAYTON, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., Oct. 27, 1969, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being extents of London, Wells, York, Durham, Beverley, Surfleet, and Cambridge. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb.

Bridget Bates	Treble	Graham C. Paul	4
Alan A Paul	2	Rev. Ernest G. Orland	5
Malcolm J. V. Chown	3	Barry E. Saunders	Tenor

Conducted by Barry E. Saunders.
First peal as conductor.
Rung in appreciation of the Rev. E. G. Orland's ministry in this parish, prior to his departure

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THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
LYTCHETT MATRAVERS, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Nov. 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in B flat.

Timothy F. Collins	Treble	Mary E. Elmes	4
Graham W. Elmes	5	Melvyn J. Hiller	5
*Michael J. Dew	3	Ross G. W. Robertson	Tenor

Conducted by Timothy F. Collins.
* First peal.

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ENGAGEMENTS

DALE — BUSH. — The engagement is announced between Peter Thomas, only son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Dale, of 26, Willow Way, Chiswell Green, St. Albans, and Barbara, only daughter of the late Mr. F. E. Bush and of Mrs. E. B. Bush, of 108, Kimberley Avenue, Nunhead, London, S.E.15. 8239

VENN—POWELL.—The engagement is announced between Edward Robert, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Venn, of Wootton, Woodstock, Oxford, and Pamela Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E D. Powell, of Adderbury, Banbury, Oxford 8221

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

SMITH — HADFIELD. — The marriage of Bruce L. Smith, of Edinburgh, and Christine M. Hadfield, of Cheam, will take place at St. Dunstan's Church, Cheam, Surrey, on December 6th, 1969, at 1 p.m. All friends welcome, especially S.U.G.C.R. members. 8227

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

WRIGHT.—Angela has now moved to 465, High Road, Wood Green, London, N.22. 8222

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"You, my friends, were called to be free men; only do not turn your freedom into licence for your lower nature, but be servants to one another in love." — Galatians V: 14 (N.E.B.).

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EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Dinner tickets (27/6) available at the December meeting or on application to E. J. Ladd, 4, William Street, Tunbridge Wells. —M. A Large, Hon. Sec. 8210

ASH, SURREY.—There will be no practices on the following dates: Wednesday, Dec. 10th; Wednesday, Dec. 24th, and Wednesday, Dec. 31st.—P. G. Smart, Tower Capt. 8260

TELEPHONE NUMBER

GIBSON.—Pearl and Stewart, of 42 Townsend Crescent, Morpeth, Northumberland, can now be contacted by telephone: Morpeth 4987. 8261

EVENING PRACTICES AND MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Practice, Kewstoke (6), Dec. 13th, 5 p.m.—M. Legg 8244

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—Evening meeting on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Milton Ernest. Bells (6) from 6 p.m. Everyone made welcome. 8207

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Evening meeting Arlesey (6), Saturday, Dec. 13th. Ringing, after a short business meeting in the church, 6 p.m. Tickets available for January social.—K. Fleming, Dis. Sec 8241

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Archdeaconry.—Evening practice meeting at St. Nicholas' Church, Warwick, on Thursday, Dec. 11th Bells available 7–9 p.m. Methods: Plain Bob Major, Cambridge, London and Bristol S.M. only. Please do your homework before you come.—H. A. M 8203

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Bibury (6), Sat., Dec. 13th, 6.30–8.30 p.m.—J. Pearse, Branch Sec. 8220

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Evening meeting. Stevenage (8). Saturday, Dec 6th, from 5 30–8.30 p.m.—Mrs. C. A. Agg, Dis. Sec. 8106

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Ware (8), Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells available 5–7.30 p.m. Everyone welcome.—Brian J. W. Foley. 8247

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Surprise practice, Baldock, Tuesday, Dec. 9th, from 7.30–9 p.m.—Mrs. C. A. Agg. Dis. Sec. 8258

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Practice at Bristol Cathedral (8), Friday, Dec. 12th, 7 p.m. Members and friend welcome. 8252

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Evening meeting, Deeping St. James and West Deeping, Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells: Deeping St. James, 6–6.45 p.m.; West Deeping, 7–9 p.m. All welcome.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec 8205

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Saturday, Dec. 13th, Stoke Poges. Bells available 6.30 p.m. — J. Muller. 8243

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Practice meeting at Mildenhall, Saturday, Dec. 6th, 6 p.m. 8251

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Evening practice to be held at Market Drayton (8) on Saturday, Dec. 13th, 6.30–8.30 p.m All welcome.—E. F. W., Hon. Sec. 8236

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY. —Evening practice meeting at Bloxwich, near Walsall, Saturday, Dec. 20th. Bells (8) available 6.30–8.30 p.m. Anyone welcome.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec 8184

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Practice meeting, Lakenheath (6), Friday evening, Dec. 12th. Bells from 7–9 p.m. 8224

AFTERNOON MEETINGS

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Archdeaconry.—Monthly meeting, Whitnash, Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. More ringing after tea. Names for tea please, to Mr. P. A. Oram, 15, Henley Road, Leamington Spa. Tel.: Leamington Spa 26089.—H. A M 8204

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting of Ely and Hunts Districts at Willingham on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Further ringing until 8.30. 8102

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District. — Meeting, Rickmansworth, Dec. 6th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to H. A. Bradbury, 37, West Way (Tel.: Rickmansworth 76755).—G. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 8219

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS and MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting Saturday, Dec. 6th, Shoreditch (12), 3–4.30 p.m. Tea at Shoreditch Church Hall, St. Giles', Cripplegate (12), 6–7.30; St. Andrew's, Holborn (8), 6.45–8 p.m. Names for tea to J S. Barnes, 56, Leamington Avenue, Orpington, Kent, BR6 9QB. 8134

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly and nomination meeting on Saturday, Dec. 6th, Wimbledon. Bells 3–4.30 p.m. and in evening. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at St. Mary's Hall, Lancaster Road. Names for tea to A Bagworth, 12, Pendarves Road S.W.20.—N. Thomson, Asst. Dis. Sec 8202

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Christchurch and Southampton District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Dec. 6th, Fordingbridge Bells 2.30–4 p.m. Service at Ringwood 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting at Conway Hall. Ringwood bells in evening Names for tea to Mrs. O. Collins, 82, Northfield Road, Ringwood.—Gilian Davis, Dis. Sec 8193

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Joint meeting with the Doncaster and District and Sheffield and District Societies to be held at Conisborough on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells (8) available from 15.00. Tea (cost approx. 3/6) at 17.00 in the Church Hall, which will be followed by a very short business meeting and further ringing until 21.00. Please send names for tea to John Laughton, 6, Pamela Drive, Warmsworth, Doncaster. All ringers most welcome! — J. Laughton, R. Fletcher, A. C. Banton (Joint Secs.). 8190

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Annual general meeting, Wiveliscombe (8), on Saturday, Dec. 13th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business. Names for tea to E. R. Tyndale-Biscoe, Burnells Gardens, Dunster 346, by Tuesday. 8263

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Dec. 13th, Nunburnholme (6), 2.30–3.30. Market Weighton (6), 3.15–4.15 and after tea. Pocklington (8), 6.45–7.45. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting at Market Weighton. Names for tea to Mrs. E. Chaddock, Blencathra, Spring Road, Market Weighton, by previous Wednesday. 8249

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District.—Annual District meeting, Bolsover, Dec. 13th. Bells available: Scarcliffe (5), 2.30–3.30; Bolsover (8), 3.30–4.30 and after meeting. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, **without fail, please**, to Mr. D. Cooper, 70a, Stratton Road, Bolsover (Tel. Bols. 2459). 8248

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Meeting, Thornaby, Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. L. Yates, 41, Stainton Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough, Teesside. 8250

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Meeting, Chesterton (6), Dec. 13th, 3–4.30. Service, tea, business meeting (if necessary); further ringing until about 8.30 p.m.—J. S. 8226

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Meeting on Saturday, Dec. 13th, Cuckfield (8). Bells 3.30 p.m Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by further ringing. Names for tea to R. V. Johnson, Lavenham, Anstye, Haywards Heath, Sussex, by Dec. 10th.—M. A. Large, Hon. Sec. 8209

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District. — King's Langley (8), Dec. 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mrs. D. Barker, 7 Watford Road, King's Langley 8257

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Forest Branch. — Meeting Ruardean (8), Dec. 13th. Service 4.15. Names for tea to Mr. Meek, Hart Street, Ruardean. 8230

GUILDFORD GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—Quarterly District meeting at Ewell on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Evening ringing at Epsom Common. Names for tea must be sent to Mrs Munday, 37, Bradford Drive, Ewell. 8187

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—A.G.M., Wotton-under-Edge, Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. A.G.M. after tea Names for tea to G. Minors, 1, Hestonville Villas, Purton, Berkeley, Glos. 8263

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting. Broughton, Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.45, followed by tea and business meeting. Further ringing after tea until 7.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to J. Hodgson, Council Houses, Durton Lane, Grimsargh, near Preston, no later than Wednesday Dec 10th Special methods: Hull Surprise, Single Court.—D. G. Lawson, Branch Sec. 8192

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch.—Meeting, East Crompton, Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m. —G. Cheetham. 8235

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Loughborough District) and SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD (South Notts District).—Joint meeting, Saturday, Dec. 13th, Stanford-on-Soar (8), 3–4 p.m., and Loughborough (10), 3.45–4.30 p.m. and evening. Service 4.30. Tea in Fearon Hall 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss H F Watson-Walker, 152 Ashby Road, Loughborough, Leics, by Wednesday, Dec. 10th. All welcome.—Hilary F. Watson-Walker, Dis. Sec. 8254

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Annual meeting. **Note alteration of date: Saturday, Dec. 13th.** at St. Margaret's, King's Lynn. Ringing from 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Newson, Durlston, St. John's Road, Tilney St. Lawrence, King's Lynn. 8165

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Central Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Dec. 13th, Long Crendon (8). Bells 2.45, Service 4 p.m. followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea to Mr. G J. Tyler, 36, Giffard Way, Long Crendon, Aylesbury, by Thursday, Dec. 11th. 8144

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — City Branch.—Annual meeting at Iffley on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. J. Adams, 64 Horspath Road, Cowley, Oxford. 8223

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—A.G.M., Sherborne, Dec. 13th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 3.30 Tea 4.15, followed by meeting. Further ringing, Sherborne, 6–7.30; Thornford, 7.30–9. Numbers for tea to M. M. Godley, Yetminster, Sherborne, by December 9th, please. 8237

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Meeting, Colston Bassett, Dec. 13th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to W. L. Exton "St. Ouen's", Whatton, by Wednesday previous 8188

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — N. Notts meeting at Everton, Dec. 13th. Names for tea to the Vicarage by the previous Thursday evening. 8259

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Haverfordwest, Saturday Dec. 13th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. Short business meeting 5.30 p.m., followed by further ringing. —J. Prytherch, Hon. Sec. 8245

SUFFOLK GUILD. — South East Annual District Meeting will be held at St. Mary-le-Tower (12), Ipswich, on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. Ringing in evening 7–9 p.m. All wishing for tea please book **no later than Wednesday, Dec. 3rd.** to Mrs. E. Lockwood, 2, Thorpes Hill Cottages, Hintlesham, near Ipswich.—W. L., Dis. Sec. 8242

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Meeting, Northowram, Halifax, on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W G Turner, 4, Marldon Terrace, Northowram, Halifax, by previous Tuesday.—A. B. Sullivan, Dis. Sec. 8171

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Coventry Archdeaconry. — Christmas Get-together, Thursday, Dec. 18th. Ringing at Monk's Kirby 7 p.m. Buffet supper at the Bull's Head, Brinklow (7/6). Names to D Mountford, 61, Heath Lane, Brinklow (Pailton 404) by Dec. 10th (most important). This replaces the District meeting of Dec. 20th.—Ian F. Garvie, Dis. Sec. 8264

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Meeting at Chalford (6), Saturday, Dec. 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Minchinhampton (6, only five ringable, 5th cracked) also available after tea. Names for tea to P. Screen, 22, Springfield, Hardwicke, Gloucester, GL2 6PX (Tel.: Hwke 547), by Tuesday, 16th, please. 8238

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch — Meeting, St. Saviour's, Bacup, on Saturday, Dec. 20th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Everybody welcome — H. Parkinson, Branch Sec. 8265

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—The December monthly meeting will be held at Barkby on the 20th inst Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in the Village Hall. Names for tea, please, to Mr. Maurice Kirk, 12 The Ringway, Queniborough ('Phone: Syston 2527), by Dec. 17th 8195

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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

—Western Division. — Practice meeting and Christmas Social at Pagham Church Centre on Saturday, December 13th 1969. Ringing at Felpham (6), 2.30 to 4.30 p.m., and Pagham (5) 4.30 to 6.40 p.m. Service at Pagham at 6.45 p.m. Social and Buffet Supper at 7.30 p.m Cups of tea provided at Church Centre, Pagham, at 4 o'clock. Tickets (7/6) from R. Wake, 28 Keynor Estate, Sidlesham, Chichester, Sussex. 8253

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HAMPTON, Evesham, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Andrew
On Sat., Nov. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

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Geoffrey R. Drew	2	Roger Hunt	6
Mrs. J. Thomas	3	Leonard Mills	7
Joseph D. Johnson	4	Joseph E. Newman	Tenor

Composed by J. A. Trollope. Conducted by Joseph D. Johnson.
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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
MARSDEN, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.
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A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 26 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in D.

Michael G. Dodson	Treble	David Featherstone	6
Rosamund M. Brown	2	*Peter H. Gardner	7
*Alec R. Jones	3	John J Durham	8
Arthur E. Rowley	4	Robert A. Beresford	9
Robert H. Jordan	5	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal.

PONTEFRACT, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Nov. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, comprising 1,440 Yorkshire, 1,280 each of Cambridge and Lincolnshire and 1,120 of Rutland, with 69 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.

Graham J. N. Colborne	Treble	Robert H. Jordan	5
*A. John Macefield	2	David Featherstone	6
C. Barrie Dove	3	John J. Durham	7
*Rosamund M. Brown	4	Robert A. Beresford	Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. Davies. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Mon., Oct. 27, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In seven methods, comprising 768 each of Cambridge, Pudsey, Rutland, London and Superlative, 640 Bristol and 576 Yorkshire, with 142 changes of method. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F sharp.

A. Pattie Clapham	Treble	Michael G. Dodson	5
Gerald Parsons	2	John J. Durham	6
David Featherstone	3	C. Barrie Dove	7
Robert A. Beresford	4	Ronald R. Warford	Tenor

Composed by M. Smith Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
First peal of seven Spliced Surprise Major by all the band.

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Sept. 27, 1969, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In eight methods, viz.: (1) London, (2) Wells, (3) York, (4) Surfleet, Beverley, (5) Durham, (6) Norwich, (7) Cambridge.
Tenor 8 cwt. 8 lb. in B flat

Christopher J. Easton	Treble	C. Barrie Dove	4
David Featherstone	2	Robert H. Jordan	5
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QUARTER PEALS

BRAY-ON-THAMES, BERKS.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Juliet Hall 1, D. T. Young 2, Kathleen Horne 3, Wenda Fowles 4, T. D. Mitchell 5, Mrs. Doreen Young (cond.) 6, D. Fowles 7, J. E. Norsworthy 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Canon H. H. Nash, Chaplain to Jesus Hospital.

EYNSHAM, OXON.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): Mrs. M. Hicks (first quarter) 1, A. Cantwell 2, Mrs. S. Norgrove 3, A. E. Hicks 4, C. Bennett (cond.) 5, A. Harris 6. For Parochial Festival.

FLEET, LINCS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. A. Bennett 1, B. B. Tyrill 2, D. Micklethwaite 3, G. R. G. Butler 4, R. C. Noon 5, F. Taylor (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. J. B. Halliffax.

NAZEING, ESSEX.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,320 Pl. Bob Doubles: A. Peacock (first away from tenor) 1, Beryl Peacock (first "inside") 2, B. Burton 3, C. Sams (cond.) 4, R. G. Seymour 5, Hazel Frost (first on tenor) 6. For Patronal Festival, and as a mark of respect for Mr. W. Wheeler, of Harlow.

NETHER WINCHENDON, BUCKS.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. J. Tyler 1, D. G. Wheeler 2, A. D. Tyler 3, E. J. Brunger 4, L. R. Woodruff (cond.) 5. To mark the 80th birthday of Mr. F. J. Orchard.

NEW ALRESFORD, HANTS.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jennifer Lintott 1, Sally Stacey 2, Carol Stacey 3, Jane Dando 4, A. Reeves 5, C Chennel-White 6, B. Walton (cond.) 7, L. Tremeer 8. A birthday compliment to the ringers of 2 and 3.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARKS.—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (11 meth./var.): M. D. Fiander 1, J. G. Edgson 2, C. M. Povey 3, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 4, P. M. Edgson 5, W. E. Burnell 6. First in 11 methods for 1, 3, 6. A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Edgson. Also on Nov. 1st, 1,440 Kent T.B. Minor: Carol A. Eveleigh 1, C M. Povey 2, J. G. Edgson 3, T. J. Frodsham 4, P. M. Edgson 5, A. G. Eveleigh (first T.B. as cond.) 6. First Kent T.B. for 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.

OTTERSHAW, SURREY.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 St. Simon's and Plain Bob Doubles: A. Tanner 1, Sally Holmes 2, J. M. Warinton 3, J. P. Ladd 4, P. V. W. Feast (cond.) 5, F. M. Matthews 6. Also on Nov. 9th, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods): R. L. Pashley 1, J. P. Ladd (cond.) 2, C. D. Collin 3, P. V. W. Feast 4, J. M. Warinton 5, R. N. Winkworth 6. First in ten methods for all the band. For Confirmation service.

PADBURY, BUCKS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Thatcher 1, W. A. Yates 2, W. Townsend 3, C. Gough 4, R. A. Vickers (cond.) 5, A. Thatcher 6. For Harvest Festival. Also 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Thatcher 1, Mrs. W. A. Yates 2, W. A. Yates 3, C. Gough 4, R. W. Yates (cond.) 5, A. Thatcher 6. A compliment to Betty Mansfield and James Linnell on their engagement.

PAGHAM, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,320 Doubles (three methods): Belinda Street 1, Ivy L. Wake 2, Ann M. Stevens 3, Philip Stevens 4, R. Wake (cond.) 5.

PAINSWICK, GLOS.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Canter 1, R. Watts 2, Pat Allen 3, T. Pritchard 4, T. Witts (cond.) 5, T. Ashby 6, R. Cornock 7, F. Garland 8. By Painswick Youths.

PILTON, SOM. — On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Sheila Y. Jenkins (cond.) 1, Veronica M. G. Frewin (first Grandsire "inside") 2, M. G. Bartlett 3, M. J. Whiteley 4, E. G. Lambert 5, C. R. Jenkins 6.

PETERBOROUGH.—At St. John's Church, on Oct. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. W. Hadman 1, H. Goakes 2, W. J. Riley (first in method) 3, W. R. Barker 4, J. E. Coleman (first in method) 5, J. E. David 6, R. H. Daw (cond.) 7, A. J. Dolby (first on eight bells) 8. For Evensong on Hospital Sunday.

PORTBURY, SOM. — On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): N. Coombs 1, Miss H. Fitzpatrick 2, G. Skelly 3, B. Goodliffe 4, M. Horseman (cond.) 5, R. Haskins 6. A wedding compliment to Victor James and Miss Janine Blanch, married this day at Holy Nativity Church, Knowle, Bristol.

PORTSEA, HANTS.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,280 Pl. Bob Major: J. F. A. Rolph 1, Mrs. C. Rolph 2, Miss D. Burbidge (first Major) 3, Mrs. B. M. Hunt 4, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 5, W. F. J. Cope 6, L. D. Duguid 7, A. F. W. Burbidge 8. For the visit of the Archbishop of York.

RENDCOMBE, GLOS.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Kent and Plain Bob Minor: W. Newman 1, Mrs. H. Taylor 2, Mrs. M. Wratten 3, Miss M. Bliss 4, W. A. Farmer (cond.) 5, N. Edwards 6. For combined Evensong.

RIPPINGALE, LINCS.—On Oct. 30th, 1,296 Minor (720 Norwich, 576 Cambridge): H. E. Burrell 1, C. Wade 2, Patricia M. Barnes 3, R. Stevenson 4, J. W. Haw 5, A. G. Payne (cond.) 6. Half-muffled in memoriam William R. Marsh, interred this day.

ROCHFORD, ESSEX.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Nadia Hawryluk (first away cover) 1, P. Bedford (cond.) 2, Sylvia Bedford 3, G. Bacon 4, E. Lucas 5, Sally Lawrence (first quarter) 6. To celebrate the birth of Matthew James, first child of Elizabeth and Peter Sloman. Also on Oct. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): J. Tipping (first quarter) 1, Sylvia Bedford 2, G. Bacon 3, P. Bedford (cond.) 4, P. Sloman 5, Lynn Woodcock 6.

QUARTER PEALS

ROUSHAM, OXON.—On Nov. 1st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: R. Coxhead 1, R. H. Jones 2, A. H. Green 3, R. D. Bing 4, R. Crocker 5, L. R. Porter (cond.) 6. Rung for All Saints' Day.

ST. BEES, CUMBERLAND.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Eilbeck 1, J. E. Brown 2, J. A. Haile 3, G. Tembey 4, H. Wilson 5, C. F. Gates (first as cond.) 6. For Evensong.

ST. PETER'S-IN-THANET, KENT.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. L. Stockwell 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, Mrs. M. Firman 3, Miss V. Pursey (first quarter "inside" for this method) 4, I. Whorlow 5, Rev. P. L. Baycock 6, A. W. Bridges (cond.) 7, E. Fowles 8.

SALFORD, LANCS.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Patricia James 1, R. S. Barclay (first quarter) 2, Lynda M. Deebank 3, F. C. West 4, G. Foat 5, M. C. W. Sherwood (cond.) 6. For All Saints' Day.

SILKSTONE, YORKS.—On Oct. 31st, 1,320 (720 Merchants Return, 600 Oxford): Elizabeth Scourfield 1, Frances Garfield 2, G. D. Scourfield 3, P. Charlesworth 4, P. Carbutt (cond.) 5, H. Mann 6. For the Feast of All Saints.

SMARDEN, KENT.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,272 Kent T.B. Minor: D. Manger 1, Sylvia Knight 2, Pamela Court 3, H. Deacon 4, J. Hemsley 5, B. Johnson (cond.) 6.

SOLIHULL, WARKS.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: W. H. Leeson 1, Verona C. Naylor 2, R. J. Cann 3, V. Green 4, M. F. Edwards 5, E. J. Cole 6, T. J. Warner 7, E. T. Lloyd 8, G. E. Fearn (cond.) 9, A. Crabtree 10.

STOGUMBER, SOM.—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: W. Smith (cond.) 1, Dr. W. Kingsbury 2, B. Dennett 3, L. Lyddon 4, R. J. Somerfield 5, C. Lock 6. First by all except conductor. A welcome to her new house to ringer of 2.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.—On Oct. 24th, 1,280 Belfast S. Major: Anita O'Brien 1, W. B. Kynaston 2, P. Heritage 3, B. Bladon 4, T. G. Pett 5, M. A. New 6, L. F. Cobb 7, A. R. Peake (cond.) 8.

SUNBURY-ON-THAMES, MIDDX.—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Dianne Pickett 1, D. Brock 2, D. Pickett 3, M. B. Tyers 4, A. G. Tyers 5, E. T. Skipsey 6, R. Bettley-Cooke (cond.) 7, V. Davis 8.

TEWKESBURY, GLOS. — At the Abbey, on Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. F. Halling 1, Miss N. N. A. Price 2, R. Liddell 3, H. B. Schofield 4, P. Robertson (cond.) 5, D. E. Deakins 6. To mark winning the Croome trophy by G. and B. Association.

TWYNING, GLOS.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (11 meth./var.): Miss A. Hill 1, Miss I. Milton 2, F. Hawkes 3, F. Matty 4, M. Hawkes (cond.) 5, W. Williams 6. For Harvest Festival.

WALKLEY, Sheffield, YORKS.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Scholey (first quarter) 1, J. F. S. Eborall 2, R. Fletcher 3, R. Padbury 4, J. D. Cooper (cond.) 5, J. D. Staley 6.

WAREHORNE, KENT.—On Sept. 11th, 1,272 Kent T.B. Minor: Pamela Court 1, R. A. Birch 2, A. Baurner (first Kent T.B.) 3, H. Deacon 4, J. Hemsley 5, B. Johnson (cond.) 6.

WESTHAM, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 29th, 1,320 Pevensey Delight Minor: Jacqueline Neal 1, Ann Smith 2, Christine Baldock 3, A. R. Baldock 4, T. M. Barlow 5, I. V. J. Smith (cond.) 6. First in method by all.

WHITCHURCH, CARDIFF.—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): Susan Redmond 1, A. Giblett 2, R. Hall (cond.) 3, R. Harpole 4, W. Harford 5, W. Dare 6. First quarter 1, 2 and 4.

WINGERWORTH, DERBYS.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Susan M. Heeley 1, Marjorie Phipps 2, D. Hird 3, M. P. Phipps (cond.) 4, M. E. Buckman (first "inside") 5. A farewell to Rev. N. G. Wickham, Rector since 1957, leaving for Edinburgh

WINSLOW, BUCKS.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Bull 1, I. Charlton 2, F. Gibbard 3, A. Jaques 4, H. France 5, J. Hall (cond.) 6, H. Wood 7, S. Marriott 8. For Harvest Festival.

WITNEY, OXON.—On Sept. 14th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: B. Coggins 1, D. K. Adkins (cond.) 2, P. D. Beedie 3, P. Pearce 4, G. J. Collett 5, T. J. Hester 6, B. W. Hall 7, B. J. Coggins 8. For Patronal Festival. Also on Sept. 28th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: L. T. Oliffe 1, B. Coggins 2, P. Pearce 3, P. D. Beedie 4, G. J. Collett 5, T. J. Hester 6, D. K. Adkins (cond.) 7, B. J. Coggins 8. For Harvest Festival.

WOODCHURCH, KENT. — On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Deacon 1, B. Johnson 2, M. Webster 3, R. A. Birch 4, D. Manger 5, J. Hemsley (cond.) 6. Also on Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Thomas 1, Helen Rowland (first in method) 2, J. Hemsley 3, D. Manger (cond.) 4, H. Deacon 5, H. Wilkinson 6.

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THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, ASHDON, ESSEX

OUR COVER PICTURE

All Saints' Church, Ashdon, Essex

Ashdon is a village about four miles from Saffron Walden and those who think about its history are proud of it. The centre of the village is now at the crossroads at the bottom of the hill, where the pub is, together with the post-office, two shops, filling-station and school; but the earliest bit is the hamlet at the top of the hill, grouped around the church.

"Ascenduna" (the old form of the name) is there in the Domesday Book but the settlement on the Ash-tree hill (which is what the name means) must have been there much longer. There was certainly a church on the present site from the 10th century, though none of the present building goes back beyond the thirteenth. It is a reasonable belief for a romantic that a pagan temple preceded the church and even that it was the home of a cult which venerated the ash as a sacred tree.

The present church was built and added to over several centuries. The chancel was probably built in the thirteenth century and the present nave, replacing an older one, in the fifteenth. The bell tower, which shows architectural signs of having been built to stand on its own, went up around 1375 and before that the bells, if there were any, would have hung in a turret over the west gable of the nave.

Bells therefore have probably been rung from the top of this particular hill for a long time (Christians after all were not the first to associate bells with religious worship). Nevertheless until the bells were rehung at All Saints' Church in Ashdon at the beginning of the autumn, no one had rung them for a hundred years. Six bells were there, one being cracked and the other five out of tune. There were no bell-ropes and no obvious place for them to go. If the experts are right in dating the timber, the old wooden bellframe was almost as old as the tower, and both were too weak to stand the strain of the bells swinging even if there had been the means to turn them. With no bell-ropes, there were of course no bell-ringers either.

GIFT TO PARISH

The parish has received a present: two new bells (the smallest of the eight in the list) together with the price of recasting the tenor bell, tuning the others, rehanging them all, building a ringing platform and finally separating it from the nave, to which it would otherwise be vertiginously exposed, by a wrought iron screen. Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who did the technical work, have a sideline in writing inscriptions to order and have recorded what has happened on the tenor bell in the collective person of the ring as a whole. "By the Charity of Edmund and Anne Vestey," they announce in the strange archaic idiom which is distinctively campanological, "our tongues were unloosed and two new voices added bearing the names of their sons." And the names of the sons, Timothy, James, George and Robin, are there, two on each of the new bells.

There is something comforting about younger bells (to maintain the idiom) alongside the old. There would be something rather brash about a whole belfryful of brand-new bells none of which had ever sounded a note before. The oldest bell in the Ashdon ring was cast about the year 1500 and has survived a number of contemporaries. The annals of the church mention four bells in the tower by 1552 and all the rest of the present ring are later than that, one from the mid-seventeenth, two from the mid-eighteenth, two from the mid-nineteenth and now two from the mid-twentieth centuries. One feels that bells must be like brandy, where best effects come from blending recent with antique vintages; Ashdon ought to get a thoroughly melodious blend.

RECRUITS OBTAINED

Melodious in due course, that is, when the village's new generation of bellringers is in full training. Bellringing is a habit which (as inscriptions in ringing chambers demonstrate) runs in families and gets passed on from parents to children. But in Ashdon the tradition had died, and the make-up of the village has changed a lot in the last century. So bellringers had to be recruited from scratch, and taught their art from the ground up. They have been practising for several months now on muffled bells in nearby churches, and especially at Saffron Walden, and I am told that they are well taught, but open bells on their own in Ashdon will be a different matter.

It was not difficult to find recruits. The prospect of a physical discipline, combined with a mathematical exercise, seems to have attraction for many people who know practically nothing whatever about it. Perhaps the idea of medieval freemasonry with its own rituals and language has a fascination, precisely because of the contrast with most "typically" twentieth century activities. The Ashdon ringers range from under sixteen to over sixty and none has been dragooned into it.

But no one knows yet what the village, apart from the ringers, will think about the bells. There is a matter of public relations to be handled with some care. Indeed, Ashdon will want to know from older inhabitants of the ringing world just what is the most effective way of convincing or pacifying those who complain that a peaceful country village is being ruined by noise. It is important that the bells should perform their traditional function of bringing people together and reminding them of what may be happening in the church, of uniting and not dividing.

WINTRY MEETING

The wintry weather with snow and ice on November 29th did not prevent 50 members of the Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild from attending the nomination meeting at Yorktown (Camberley). Mr. T. Page, the District ringing master, supervised the various touches, etc., and the service at 4.45 was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. P. E. Barber. Following tea in the Church Hall, Mr. Page chaired the business meeting, when the various officers were renominated for election at the annual meeting at Farnham in January. A list of meeting dates for 1970 was approved with the proposal to visit the Swindon area for the District outing in July. Votes of thanks to those who had helped in the organisation of the meeting completed the business and ringing continued until 9 p.m.

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WALES TO BE TOURED

The Cockcroft Society of Change Ringers held their annual meeting on November 21st. The annual report presented to each member contained a résumé of the Society's activities during the previous year, special mention being made of the lunchtime quarter peals at Aldermaston Parish Church and the weekly handbell practices held by the A.W.R.E. contingent. Officers elected for the current year were: Chairman, W. Butler; secretary and treasurer, D. Lawson. Future plans include mid-week outings and a tour of Wales next summer.

A Dorset Legend.—At Knowlton, near Horton Heath, is a small ruined tower. It is said that at a very distant period this tower contained a valuable bell, so much so that it excited the cupidity of some who planned to steal it and sell it to France. After they had taken the bell they were discovered, and being unable to hide it they threw it into the River Stour and made off. The villagers began to haul it out with ropes, but it suddenly went down again for no reason. This happened three times, so they eventually gave up, and it is quoted "All the devils in hell could not raise the Knowlton bell."

Mr. C. Kenneth Lewis Rings His 1,000th Peal

By conducting a peal of Spliced Surprise Major in 12 methods at Norbury on October 8th, C. Kenneth Lewis reached the "magic" total of 1,000 peals.

Kenneth was born at Marple, Cheshire, on August 23rd, 1913, and started to ring on the six bells there in 1932. The local band at the time were not very interested in change-ringing, apart from one member, Arthur Whiting, who helped to teach Kenneth (and happily has returned to ringing with much enthusiasm following his retirement). In July, 1933, Kenneth started to visit Disley for tuition under the late James Milner, having been elected a member of the Chester Diocesan Guild earlier the same year. His ability was soon recognised by older members of the Bowdon, Stockport and Mottram Branch, for in the following year he was appointed assistant branch secretary. Soon after, he and Arthur Whiting became joint secretaries and in 1937 he was elected branch secretary, a post he held until he joined H.M.F. in 1940.

MULTI-MINOR METHODS

Kenneth's peal ringing career commenced in 1934, when on May 5th he rang in a peal of three Minor methods which was conducted by the late Sidney Hough; Arthur Whiting also rang in this peal. His second and third peals were in 18 and 21 methods respectively, and his first peal as conductor (nine Minor methods) was on November 6th, 1935. In 1935 Kenneth and Arthur Whiting became the first members of Marple band to ring a peal at Marple. By 1937, on the afternoon of the Coronation, the first peal by a local band was rung (Doubles in two methods). This was conducted by Arthur Whiting and was Kenneth's third peal inside 24 hours. The first peal on the bells at Bowdon was rung in the same year and was conducted by Kenneth; by coincidence, he conducted the last peal on these bells before they were taken to the foundry and recast in 1964.

The band in the area at the time, under the leadership of the late John Worth, were breaking records with peals of Spliced Treble Bob Minor, and in 1937 they rang a peal in 73 Treble Bob Minor methods at Fairfield. While going up the stairs into the belfry, John asked Kenneth to call the peal, as he felt that Kenneth knew the calling of the first extent better than he did! (An early demonstration of John's ability for assessing a situation and his greatness in recognising other people's abilities.)

On joining H.M.F. in 1940 Kenneth was stationed at Preston until June, 1942. During this period he first met Cyril Crosthwaite and they rang handbell peals up to 13 Minor methods. The years 1942–45 were spent in India, and whilst travelling the opportunity arose to ring at St. Paul's, Durban. With D. H. Parham of the R.N. and A. D. Manicom a 360 of Plain Bob Minor on handbells was achieved in the three weeks they were together.

WORK WITH JOHN WORTH

Following the war Kenneth spent the year from November, 1946 to 1947 at Training College and only participated in two peals. With John Worth, he started the process of rebuilding a peal band in North East Cheshire and South Lancashire, and it is largely due to their work that the present generation of ringers in the area have such opportunities to take part in advanced ringing if they so desire. Both Kenneth and John have done much for learners, peals of Plain Bob for them being considered to be just as important as Spliced Surprise.

In 1948 Kenneth married Mary Elkins, and they settled in Altrincham. They have one daughter, Kathleen, who was married earlier this year. In the same year (1948) Kenneth was also elected to the Central Council and to the Methods Committee, becoming the convener of the latter. He has served as a member of that committee since that time and is now an honorary member of the Central Council.

In 1949 was Kenneth's first peal with Ted Jenkins, the first of many together, often with Ted on the tenor and Kenneth conducting: some of the peals of London Surprise Royal (No. 3 Version) on rings of bells such as Wells Cathedral, Beverley Minster, Glasgow Cathedral, Nottingham St. Mary's, Chester Cathedral, etc. In the same year the Cheshire band (as it had now come to be called) rang a silent peal of London Surprise Major at Warburton and followed this in 1950 with a silent peal of Bristol at Hyde. In 1950 Kenneth was elected report secretary for the Chester Diocesan Guild, and still serves the Guild in this capacity. That year proved to be a "red letter" year in the history of the Guild in that the band followed up their silent peals of London and Bristol with a silent peal of 4-Spliced Surprise Major at Frodsham and then with 21,600 Bristol Surprise Major at Over, this peal being conducted by John Worth and is still the longest peal (in time) to be rung on church bells.

From the early years of Spliced Minor ringing the band had progressed to ringing peals of Spliced Surprise Major, and in 1951 Kenneth "reversed" Albert Pitman's composition of 12-Spliced, getting rid of Norfolk with 4ths place bobs and replacing it by Cray, giving the composition in the form we all now accept. Having rung the longest peal on eight bells, which in fact was the longest peal on all numbers for quite some time, the band attempted and rang what was then the longest peal of Royal — 15,840 Cambridge Surprise, at Worsley in 1951.

TOUR RINGING

Kenneth took part in nearly all the early "Chesire Band's" tours, and it was on the 1953 tour that he conducted the first peal of Spliced Surprise to be rung in Ireland—this was a peal in 12 methods at Hillsborough. The following year the band rang Albert Pitman's 4-Spliced "all the work" in England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales, all being conducted by Kenneth. 1958 saw one of the greatest feats in tenor ringing ever when Ted Jenkins, in his 60s, turned Wells Cathedral tenor in to London Surprise Royal, Kenneth once again conducting. The band had also built up in ringing peals of Spliced Surprise Major, and Kenneth called Albert Pitman's 30 method on the Saturday morning and his four "all the work" composition on the same Saturday afternoon.

In 1959 he took part in the Central Council "silent" peal of 4-Spliced Surprise "all the work" at Dore and the same year he conducted the first peal of Londinium ever to be rung—against friendly competition from Birmingham. When Albert Pitman composed his peal of Spliced Surprise Major of 13,440 changes Kenneth conducted it at Norbury a fortnight after it appeared in "The Ringing World". That was in 1961, and later in the same year he conducted what until last month was the only extension of Bristol Surprise on 12 bells to be rung to a peal using 4ths place bobs. In 1962 he was a member of the

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HIS PEALS

TOWER BELLS

Doubles.—Grandsire 1 (conducted 1), Plain Bob 1 (1), Stedman 1 (1), 2 methods 1.

Minor.—Plain Bob 15 (14), Kent T.B. 1 (1), Cambridge Surprise 5 (5), 2 methods 1 (1), 3 methods 8 (7), 4 methods 3 (3), 7 methods 1 (1), 84 methods 1 (1).

Treble Bob. — 4 methods 1, 5 methods 3 (2), 7 methods 4 (2), 9 methods 8 (4), 10 methods 2 (1), 13 methods 1 (1), 14 methods 1 (1), 17 methods 6 (4), 18 methods 1, 19 methods 2 (1), 20 methods 3 (2), 21 methods 1, 23 methods 2 (2), 25 methods 6 (6), 26 methods 1 (1), 27 methods 1 (1), 29 methods 1 (1), 30 methods 1, 35 methods 6 (5), 36 methods 1, 39 methods 3 (2), 40 methods 1, 42 methods 1, 46 methods 2 (1), 52 methods 1, 57 methods 1 (1), 66 methods 1, 68 methods 1, 73 methods 1 (1).

Triples.—Grandsire 4 (1), Stedman 8 (1).

Major.—Plain Bob 14 (5), Little Bob 1 (1), Double Norwich C.B. 18 (8), Kent T.B. 14 (12), Oxford T.B. 4 (3), Kent and Oxford T.B. 1 (1), Carisbrooke Delight 1.

Surprise.—Aldenham 1 (1), Belgrave 2 (1), Bristol (includes 1 silent) 101 (26), Cambridge 45 (21), Claybrooke 1, Deva 1 (1), Ealing 1, Glasgow 1 (1), Guildford 1, Hanbury 1 (1), Havant 1 (1), Kendal 1 (1), Lincolnshire 8 (1), Liverpool 1 (1), London (includes 1 silent) 80 (22), Londonderry 1 (1), Macclesfield 3 (2), New Cambridge 1, Painswick 1 (1), Premier 1, Pudsey 6 (1), Ramsey 1 (1), Rochester 5 (2), Rotherham 1 (1), Rutland 6 (3), Southgate 1, Staffordshire 1 (1), Stockport 2 (1), Superlative 14 (5), Watford 3 (2), Xavier 1 (1), Yorkshire 25 (11).

Spliced Surprise.—4 methods (includes 2 silent) 35 (25), 5 methods 1, 6 methods 4 (4), 7 methods 2 (2), 8 methods 7 (3), 9 methods 5 (5), 10 methods 1 (1), 11 methods 1 (1), 12 methods 25 (23), 13 methods 1 (1), 14 methods 1 (1), 16 methods 4 (3), 18 methods 1 (1), 21 methods 1 (1), 22 methods 1 (1), 30 methods 1 (1).

Caters.—Grandsire 3 (2), Stedman 5.

Royal.—Plain Bob 8 (2), Little Bob 1, Kent T.B. 6 (2), Oxford T.B. 2 (2).

Surprise Royal.—Belgrave 6 (2), Bristol 2 (2), Cambridge 49 (10), Lincolnshire 1 (1), Lindsey 1, London No. 3 51 (35), Ludgate 1 (1), Metropolitan 1 (1), Primrose 1 (1), Prittlewell 1, Pudsey 3, Redcliffe 2, Rochester 4, Rutland 4 (1), Superlative No. 2 1 (1), Swindon 1 (1), Yorkshire 17 (10).

Spliced Surprise Royal.—2 methods 1 (1), 6 methods 1, 12 methods 1.

Cinques.—Grandsire 3, Stedman 5.

Maximus.—Plain Bob 2, Kent T.B. 5 (1), Oxford T.B. 1.

Surprise.—Aldenham 1 (1), Belgrave 3 (1), Brigstow 1 (1), Cambridge 62 (14), Lambeth 4 (1), Lincolnshire 2 (1), Londinium 2 (2), New Cambridge 3, Pudsey 1, Rochester 1, Southwell 1, Superlative 1, Yorkshire 34 (10).

Spliced Surprise.—2 methods 1, 3 methods 1 (1), 18 methods 1, 24 methods 2 (1), 33 methods 1 (1), 35 methods 1, 40 methods 1, 50 methods 1.

Tower bell total 893 (401).

HANDBELLS

Doubles.—Grandsire 1 (1), Plain Bob 1 (1), 2 methods 1 (1).

Minor.—Plain Bob 14 (14), Oxford T.B. 3 (3), 3 methods 2 (2), 7 methods 2 (2), 13 methods 1 (1).

Major.—Plain Bob 22 (15), Kent T.B. 8 (8), Oxford T.B. 4 (3), Double Norwich 2, Yorkshire Surprise 1.

Royal.—Plain Bob 12 (4), Kent T.B. 5 (4), Oxford T.B. 4.

Spliced Surprise. — 2 methods 1, 4 methods 1, 5 methods 1, 7 methods 1.

Maximus.—Plain Bob 12 (4), Little Bob 1, Kent T.B. 6 (1), Oxford T.B. 1.

Handbell total 107 (64).

Grand total 1,000 (465).

The peals have been rung in 243 towers in England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales.

IN WARMER DAYS

Society of Roving Ringers' Summer Tour

The 1969 Rovers Tour began really at Manchester Victoria Station, where the bulk of the party arrived, and then proceeded to Penrith after changing at Preston.

The jollity of this "first" cup of tea of the tour was marred somewhat by the thought of the ride out to Gt. Salkeld which followed, to the accompaniment of creaks and groans from both bicycles and riders. The tower at Salkeld had been fortified against the marauding Scots (football specials stopping?) but quickly fell to this intrepid band from the south. The very odd-struck bells caused some merriment, as did the arrival of the master, Ian Dear, who had risked life and limb, he assured us, to struggle through the snows on the way from Kendal. We learnt from him that Messrs. Slade and Jeffreyes, who had set out with him, were locked in a titanic struggle to get one of Mr. Jeffreyes' 32 gears to work, not for the last time in the week. The haul back to Penrith then began, the best feature being the pub at the top of the mountain en route, where the author had the proud distinction to drink the first pint of the tour, closely followed by the secretary, thinly disguised in Mr. Slater's track suit top and corderoy breeches.

NATIONALISED BEER

On Sunday morning we rang for service at Penrith followed by one of the longest rides of the week up to Carlisle. After tasting nationalised beer for the first time, and eating various Wimpeys, the band assembled to ring at the Cathedral. Here 8-spliced was rung, and 'Ogwash discovered Middle and Home doesn't come round. The next tower was the new church at Harraby, just outside Carlisle, where we spent the afternoon shivering in a very cold wind, and exchanging insults with the youth of the neighbourhood. The bells here were most enjoyable, and Cornwall and Glasgow were rung. Our first rain chased us into Carlisle Y.H., and soon after chased us into the local, where all agreed that the "Carlisle and District State Management Scheme" brewed excellent ale.

Monday morning yawned and presented us with a 20 mile haul to Aspatria. The lengthy draught, and a brand new rope on the 4th, did not inspire the band, although the now standard course of Glasgow was rung. From Aspatria we proceeded to Workington, where both ringing and bells were good. At Cockermouth the bells were also good, but Belfast and spliced Stedman and Surprise were not. The Hostel at Cockermouth proved to have a railway enthusiast as Warden. The evening, however, ended in a happy haze of oblivion, as we managed to drink the hostelry dry of Newcastle Brown Ale. The Company left Cockermouth in the rain for Hensingham, where, to the consternation of all, the girls arrived on time, and celebrated by ringing the back end bells to Stedman. Arlecdon proved that bells do not necessarily need round wheels, and also saw the demise of a touch of Glasgow. The ride to Keswick over the 1,200' Winlatter Pass proved the hardest of the tour, but we were revived with more Newcastle Brown that night.

The first tower on Wednesday, at Crosthwaite, saw seven addled minds (not to mention certain physical attributes) ring a bob course of Glasgow. We then had a very good ride of 17 miles to Ambleside, which the experts did in an hour reaching 50 m.p.h. going into Grasmere. Eventually we all found our way to the games room, in a pub whose landlord was simply licensed to sell "all intoxicating liquor." The excellence of the beer and the weight of the bells did not bring out the best in us at Ambleside. At Hawkshead, a very pleasant light eight where Ashtead and Spliced tapped round nicely, the Vicar rang his first touch of Stedman on the tenor. The ride up the other side of Windermere was anything but efficient, and it was a very tired party which arrived at Keswick for the night.

PIG EJECTED

On Thursday we got off to a first class start by allowing the band an hour's drinking time (or coffee time) before we rang at Keswick. Here three leads of Clifton, and London Royal did not succeed, but Yorkshire and Cambridge did. The fastest cyclists were left to ring down, as we now had to catch Mr. Slater's special train to Lancaster. Here we rang at the R.C. Cathedral and then entrained for the last time for Preston but not before our more stalwart members had helped to remove a very large pig from the guard's van to make room for fourteen bicycles, whilst an argument ensued as to whether a large batch of chickens should take preference over us.

From Preston we made our way to Blackburn, to the Y.M. and Y.W.C.A. respectively. In the evening we joined the Cathedral practice and were made very welcome. The master and Mr. Slade, who had been plotting for some time, produced vast quantities of squiggly lines, and informed nine people that they would be ringing five spliced Royal at the end of the practice, which to their immense surprise they did. In general celebration, the company then repaired to a Chinese restaurant, which made a pleasant change from the rigours of ale imbibing.

Friday morning saw us at Accrington ringing on the unusually light ten and at Haslingden. Neither ringing nor bells here were memorable, but we did have a group photograph. Our next call was at Bacup, where there is a young band of brothers learning, and consequently very long ropes, which provided an opportunity for ringing kneeling down.

The last tower of the day was at Todmorden, where the bells at the Anglican church were agreed upon as the best eight of the tour and the ringing matched the bells. Following this we largely walked the three miles to our last hotel, perched up on the moors commanding a fine view of a valley, and the Dog and Partridge.

Ringing on Saturday morning was at Newhey and Heywood. Finally came Manchester Town Hall, where Neil Bennett met us, as did Don and Sally Cobb and Liz and Caroline. The bells here were just too heavy after seven days cycling, and ringing was no better than passable. We felt pleased however, that half a course of a new Double Surprise Max. method composed by 'Ogwash was rung. Rather gratefully, we finally left for our last cycle ride, to the hotel, baths, and the end of tour dinner. The master's report of the tour was a concise example of forgetfulness, and Mr. Jeffreyes was ceremonially invested (details supplied under plain cover). Richard entertained with recitals of the misdoings of "Albert".

So the last day came, and with it another trip to Ashton, this time to ring. Reinforced by some of the friends we had met the night before we rang on the twelve at Ashton, and also squeezed in an unscheduled ring on the eight. The "Pitt and Nelson" again proved popular at lunchtime, before the last tower of all, Hyde, where the ringing was well up to standard. Thanks are due to John and Louise for their excellent planning, and to everyone who made us welcome wherever we went, in particular Neil Bennett and the Ashton ringers. See you in Oxford in February (28th) for the reunion. 'OGWASH.

KENNETH LEWIS' 1,000 PEALS—contd.

band who rang the first ever "Maximus Tour", taking in eight Maximus attempts in eight days.

With a peal of London Surprise Royal at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, in 1965, Kenneth completed peals of Royal in the method as conductor in each of the four countries of the U.K. In 1967 a partnership of over 30 years with John Worth was broken by John's untimely death. Kenneth and John must have rung well over 500 peals together, but the only statistic readily available is that John conducted 267 of Kenneth's peals. Kenneth is the second resident member of the Chester Guild to complete 1,000 peals, John Worth being the first.

Kenneth has a long list of ringers to whom he considers he owes much with regard to ringing: Arthur Whiting, who introduced him to ringing and took part in his 1st and 1,000th peals; those who should be mentioned particularly are Ernest Bennett and the late Sidney Hough, senior; Ted Jenkins, the late James Milner, Tom Wilde, the late W. W. Wolstencroft and the late John Worth, with whom there was a friendship of over 30 years.

He is anxious to see that learners are led in the right direction through ringing schools, etc., so that the knowledge we have gained can be passed on to the next generation.

By profession Kenneth is a teacher and headmaster at the new Altrincham C. of E. Aided Primary School. He is Secretary of Altrincham Head Teachers Association and former President of the Cheshire County Federation of Head Teachers. For the past eight years he has been a churchwarden of St. Margaret's Church, Dunham Massey, and was previously Secretary to the P.C.C. He is also a member of the Ruridecanal and Diocesan Conference, Chairman of the Steering Committee of Altrincham Teachers Centre and a member of Stockport and District Local Advisory Committee of the Department of Health and Social Security —the fact that he manages to ring any peals at all may surprise some people!

Christ Church, Southgate, is rather a large building and is perched high on the top of a hill. A party of visitors on their way to the church, upon arrival at Arnos Grove underground station, asked a porter the directions to Christ Church. Pointing to the top of the hill, he replied: "I don't know, but that's THE CATHEDRAL."

We love the sayings of olden times,
We quote them in age—we learn them in youth;
They fall on our ears like ding-dong chimes
Which experience rings in the belfry of truth.

ELIZA COOK

Some of Hereford's Bell Treasures

The urch Bells of Herefordshire, Part II. Frederick Sharpe, F.S.A. pp. 143 - 13; with 38 plates and 2 scale drawings. Launton, 1969. Paper covers to facilitate later 4-volume binding. 25/6.

IF one was shown, out of the blue, a book which had as its frontispiece a most attractive portrait of a young lady, and on the last plate a picture of a small biscuit-like cake engraved with a Paschal Lamb, one might be forgiven for not immediately saying "At last—Herefordshire Volume II". But those of us who have over the years come to appreciate the refreshing quality and absorbing interest of Mr. Frederick Sharpe's works will realise that here again is a campanological work of great merit and a true labour of love; and it is with a sense of profound gratitude that we realise that much of this work having been curtailed by his serious illness, Mr. Sharpe was able to take up the pen once more.

It is unnecessary to reiterate the format of the book, for the main introduction was given in Volume I. Suffice it to say that here is the continuation of an alphabetical list of parishes where, and as far as is humanly possible, we have full details given of the bells and also of their fittings and framework, an aspect so much overlooked by the

Reviewed by David L. Cawley, F.S.A. Scot.

Victorian campanologists. Mr. Sharpe has continued the use of the Edwardian Inventories to show us the changes or otherwise which have taken place since then; he has frequently quoted, and often had to refute, the data given in the Royal Commission on Historical Monuments. He has given us a magnificent array of photographs, mainly, of course, of bells, but also one of the youthful master of the Hereford Diocesan Guild, eight showing the many and varied types of church to be found in the lovely countryside of Herefordshire and two showing the ancient pax-cake ceremony and the article itself. One is tempted at the last point to inquire whether Messrs. Taylor acquired their crest from the pax-cake! Again, he has had the assistance and local knowledge of Mr. G. T. Cousins.

PRE-REFORMATION BELLS

The bells which will obviously be of great interest to many are those of pre-Reformation date, and the rough breakdown of such bells is:—

13th century— 6 recorded in Volume II
14th century—13 " " "
15th century—10 " " "

while there are also two of 16th century vintage. Of these bells Mr. Sharpe has given full data and measurements, as far as is possible, and of particular interest will be the picture of the late 13th century bell of Donnington, while one must at the same time regret that the early 13th century bell of Dulas was inaccessible to Mr. Sharpe.

The surprising number of 14th century bells in this volume alone is very gratifying, those of particular interest being the bell by the otherwise unknown Stephen Banastre, who cast the 6th at Hereford Cathedral; the disused bell from Harewood; and in the Church of St. Mary, Edvin Loach, in whose tower hang three Mears bells of 1860 (tenor about 5-0-13), is a very gratifying instance of the bells from the older Saxon church being preserved, one of these, illustrated at Plate 40, being of early 14th century date. The 15th century bells include in their number the grand tenor of Hereford Cathedral which, possessed of a diameter of 59 inches and weighing about 33-3-21, is the largest and deepest-toned bell (note C) in the county, and dates from just about 1500.

In the modern Church of St. Francis, Hereford, hangs the tenor of the former ring of three at Dewsall, by Robert Hendley of Gloucester; and one is tempted to ask what is to become of the two other mediæval bells at the latter church. Perhaps in the future Mr. Sharpe will be able to give us a happier answer. The 15th century bells also include in their number three "Royal Heads" bells at Hentland, Homer and Kimbolton; while Mr. Sharpe also reproduces a most beautiful pair of drawings from the Whitechapel Kimber collection of the former fifth bell at the Cathedral, by W. Dawe, c. 1420, recast in 1865, now a very valuable piece of recording.

"TRIFLE TIPSY"

More interesting bells of a later vintage must be read up in the book; Mr. Sharpe never fails to explain any obscure work, and perhaps one may just instance the problems posed by such bells as the treble of the three at Credenhill, where surely Henry Clibury was a trifle tipsy when he put in its enigmatic inscription; then there is a disused bell at Hentland, cast by one "Samvell Owne"—otherwise completely unknown, but obviously by a man who knew something of bellfounding, judging by the illustration.

To the writer, who had the sadness of witnessing the disgraceful destruction of six bells at Old Deptford, Kent, by Samuel Newton and Isaac Hadley, it came as something of a consolation to read of two of his bells preserved in the famous "Old House" in Hereford, and of two other of his bells (Hadley's) at Little Hereford and Huntington.

Even the 19th century has points of interest: a ring of three steel bells at Downton-on-the-Rock (where there is also a 14th century saunce); the back five of Eye, cast by John Taylor and Co. of Oxford, the earliest bells so far found by this famous firm under its present title; and the remarkable ring of six at Much Cowarne which proclaim "Cast at **Gloucester** by C & G Mears"; dated 1845, using John Rudhall's lettering, they must surely be one of the last to have come from the great Rudhall foundry, who are so well represented in the county. Newest and most lovely are the eight bells of Eardisland (tenor about 12-2-26), cast by Taylor's in 1953; while in 1962 the Whitechapel Foundry cast a finely-inscribed replacement to the cracked second of Eastnor.

Frames and fittings are simply but well described, so that, with the aid of the technical description in Volume I, one can understand the evolution of lever to wheel, the varieties to be found in types of gear, and the great strength of the short-headed mediæval frames such as at Little Hereford or Dewsall; and plenty of other local traditions, not least the fine rule-board of 1795 t Cradley, with the concluding two lines—

"This is not a place to quarrel in,
To curse and swear it is a sin"

—still appropriate today. It is delightful, too, to see the loyal dual services of "singer and ringer" commemorated, as at Howe Hill.

DEPLORABLE STAIRCASE

Then there is always the debit side. What is to become of the bells of Dewsall, one already having gone? Dewsall Church is still in use. How soon are the bells at Garway going to be cracked by the pernicious (and in that case totally unnecessary) practice of clocking? Why are Little Hereford bells clocked? When is someone going to have a nasty accident at St. Peter's, Hereford, by reason of the conditions prevailing there? When will authorities learn of the dangers of cast-in crown staples? Perhaps if they saw the cracked tenor of Kentchurch, or the second of Little Hereford, they would think again. How is it that the House of God is permitted to get into the sort of state Mr. Sharpe describes at one tower:—

> "It took Mr. Cousins and the writer over an hour to **force open** the tower door, only to find the staircase **built up solidly from top to bottom** with birds' nests: it took another hour to **clear** the staircase."

And, worst of all, perhaps the picture of the remains of the tenor bell of Edvin Ralph, cracked through the rusting-in of an old cast-in iron staple for the clapper, and then possibly rung loose, tells its own story.

The writer refrains from attempting to sum up Mr. Sharpe's masterly account of the Cathedral bells; it is not his place to do so. He traces with accuracy and obvious enthusiasm the history of the bells of parishes and of the lovely Cathedral. One reward came to him at Harewood, where the late Mr. H. B. Walters reported:—

> "Perhaps the worst instance . . . is at Harewood . . where the tower is circular and of no great diameter, but very lofty; the inside is supplied with a series of staples up the wall which terminate some feet below the bells and some feet from the ground; and access from outside is equally impossible. Here the circumstances are aggravated by the knowledge that one of the bells is ancient and interesting."

But Mr. Sharpe was less fortunate still: the church is closed; the bells had gone . . . until Mr. Cousins found the early 14th century bell in a store at Monmouth! Reward for one's labour indeed. How much more reward the knowledge that his book is bought, admired and much appreciated.

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Letters to the Editor

PEALS—TIME TO CALL A HALT

Dear Sir,—I have desired, for some long time, to put forward my views op the subject of present-day peal ringing, and I think that the controversy regarding the alleged faking of peals provides a fitting opportunity to do so.

First, to my mind, peal ringing has increased out of almost all proportion. (Indeed, to some, it has become practically an obsession.) A major part of the "R.W." is taken up each week with the actual printing of the peals themselves, while a very fair proportion of the remainder deals indirectly with them. You don't believe me? Examine almost every article, every paragraph. Belfry Gossip, letters, even obituaries, all make some sort of reference to the word "peal", laying great stress on the virtues of peal ringing and holding it up generally as the yardstick of an individual's or an Association's ringing prowess. It is frequently said with, one must sadly confess, a great deal of truth, that the "R.W." is mainly for peal ringers and that without them it could not survive.

Listen to peal ringers talking among themselves, particularly after a peal, and you will find the topic of conversation to be one thing only—yes, peals, of course. Like the fisherman's "one that got away" is the lost peal, and the better the ringing and the nearer the end the more the listeners are enthralled. Needless to say, these two elements gain much in the telling.

One could sympathise if peal ringing were a useful activity, or it were done in an honest and Christian way. But one reads with horror of the lengths people will go in order to ring peals. They will "fake" them, fire through them, get them round at all costs, regardless of what happens between "stop" and "go".

How many people, in any case, ring peals for the glory of God? I doubt, if they were honest, if 1% would admit to ringing peals for any other purpose than their own pleasure and self-glorification. How many are committed Christians? How many attend church regularly? Very few.

The unfortunate thing is that the Exercise, through its two instruments of administration—the Central Council and the "R.W."—concerns itself mainly with peals, and the ringing of more and more peals. The "Leading Peal Ringers" list at the end of the year is the worst offender — it encourages people to consider peals almost purely in terms of units, than as something intrinsically good or enjoyable in itself. By all means preserve the competitive element in peal ringing, but let the criterion of worth be good ringing, or the ringing of advanced methods (and to the learner, Grandsire or Plain Bob are advanced). But do away with everything that encourages people to think that the more peals they ring the better, even if they're all Plain Bob and Yorkshire. (Why else do they ring the same methods over and over again; why else do bands ring Bob Major, etc., when they're capable of ringing more advanced methods — why but to "score"?) Abolish the peal list, int peals in quarter peal style, if at all. At least use some form of discrimination. Then "fiddling" in peals would stop; then bad ringing would result in the bells being set up, as to continue to the bitter end would be pointless. In short, all the selfish and undesirable motives in ringing would be cut out.

All this may seem very drastic and could, many would claim, lead to the collapse of the "R.W." and subsequently organised ringing. But drastic action of some sort is necessary in this business of ringing peals. It is time to call a halt—things have gone too far.—Yours faithfully,

EDWARD MARSH.

Redhill, Surrey.

NOTE.—A new layout for peals has been approved by the "R.W." Committee and will be used in the New Year. This, it is hoped, will effect a saving of space and enable more general news and articles to be inserted.—Ed.

CENTRAL COUNCIL CONSTITUTION

Dear Sir,—I read with interest Mr. J. T. Dunwoody's views on the constitution of the Central Council (see "R.W.", Nov. 21st) and trust that they will receive earnest consideration. I wish, however, to cross swords with him on one point, namely, his desire to confine Council membership to territorial Associations. These, though representative of the vast majority of ringers, are not the only pebbles on the beach. Would Mr. Dunwoody seriously exclude, for instance, university membership? Quite apart from the fact that most university ringers probably identify themselves far more strongly with their Society than their home Association, the university Societies have a far wider influence in the Exercise than their own activities. They are, I suggest, one of the chief training grounds of first-class ringers—a high proportion of those who appear regularly in the peal columns are graduates or undergraduates who maintain a keen and loyal interest in their university Society throughout their lives.

I realise that university representation must be an embarrassment to those who wish to see the Central Council organised on a more rational basis. None the less, here is a powerful and beneficial, if loosely organised, interest which must continue to receive independent representation on the Central Council.

I have not mentioned the various non-territorial and non-university Societies, which I am sure are equally worthy of C.C. representation. Perhaps Mr. Dunwoody could explain his reasons for wishing to confine membership to territorial Associations.—Yours faithfully,

J. R. N. LEBON.

Cambridge.

SOUR GRAPES?

Dear Sir,—It seems that the Chester Guild handbell band are out to break records at any cost.

The composition they used for their 10-Spliced Surprise Maximus is just so much rubbish. It really is deplorable that they should ring such trifling stuff and call it Spliced just to get their names in lights.

Who do they think they're kidding, anyway?—Yours faithfully,

JONATHAN PORTER.

London, W.

(We ourselves should be very proud, as we are sure would most of our readers, to be able to ring an "inside" pair of handbells to a plain course of any one Surprise Maximus method. Perhaps the band, who are now to be congratulated on ringing Spliced Surprise Maximus in 12 methods, thought they would leave the possibility (and the glory, if any) of ringing the peal of a more difficult composition to another band with aspirations. We are looking forward to receiving the peal report and shall be happy to publish the composition.—Ed.)

STINCHCOMBE BELLS APPEAL

Dear Sir,—Your readers will doubtless have read the article of the Consistory Court hearing concerning Stinchcombe bells in your last issue, or heard it on the radio, TV or in the National Press. This is not a local matter but could have concerned a ring of bells in almost any diocese. The Gloucester and Bristol Association is anxious to do all in its power to ensure that these bells can be rehung for traditional ringing.

In his judgment the Chancellor, Wor. Rev. E. Garth Moore, reminded ringers that the burden was not exclusively the parish's. Many ringers have already expressed their support for the Association's action in the Stinchcombe affair: we feel that many, both individuals and Associations, would welcome an opportunity to do so by subscribing to a special appeal fund which the officers are launching. Donations should be sent to the hon. treasurer, Mr. C. A. Wratten, 19, Ravensgate Road, Charlton Kings, Cheltenham. (Cheques and P.O.s made payable to the Gloucester and Bristol Association Special Appeal Fund.) It is emphasised that should the bells not be rehung for traditional ringing all donations will be returned to the donors (names and addresses are therefore essential).—Yours faithfully,

W. F. SCUDAMORE (R. Master)
E. MARY BLISS (chairman)
C. ROUSE (secretary)
C. A. WRATTEN (hon. treasurer)
MARGERY A. WRATTEN (peal sec.)

LONGEST LENGTH OF MINIMUS

Dear Sir,—Regarding the "believed record length" of Minimus at Eastham, Worcs, on Nov. 8th, on July 26th, 1969, I conducted a peal of 6.336 Bob Minimus at Newtown, Hants, for the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild. Whether this is the record length I do not know,

—Yours faithfully,

HOWARD E. J. SMITH.

Basingstoke.

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CENTRAL COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of the first session of the 27th Council (72nd Annual Meeting) held in the City Hall, St. Albans, on Tuesday, May 27th, 1969.

The President, Canon A. G. G. Thurlow, was in the chair

A welcome was extended to the Council by the Mayor (Cclr. J. Farrelly), by the Bishop (Rt. Rev. E. M. Gresford-Jones) and by the president of the Hertford County Association (Mr. W. Ayre).

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Society of Sherwood Youths.—G. A. Dawson.

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Southwell Diocesan Guild.—J. D. Clarke, W. L. Exton, R. B. Mills, H. Poyner.

Stafford Archdeaconry Society.—C. F. W. Eyre, M. W. Fairey, C. M Smith.

Suffolk Guild.—T. N. J. Bailey, H. W Egglestone, C. W Pipe, Rev. L. R. Pizzey.

Surrey Association.—A. P. Cannon, S. F. W. Kimber, C F. Mew.

Sussex County Association.—G. Francis, J R. Norris.

Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild.—G. I Lewis.

Truro Diocesan Guild.—W. C. Boucher, F M. Bowers, A. J. Davidson, A. Locke.

Universities Association.—Rev. M. Melville

University of Bristol.—Dr. T. P. Edwards.

University of London.—A. J. Frost.

University of Manchester Guild.—M. C. W. Sherwood.

Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.—A. V. Davis, Canon K. W. H. Felstead, J. Hartless, R. R. Savory

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—B. C. Ashford, A. J. Brazier, D. Beacham, W B. Cartwright.

Yorkshire Association.—N. Chaddock, W E Critchley, D. S. Johnson, W. F Moreton.

Report as to Membership:

The secretary reported that 63 Associations were affiliated with 167 members. The rules provided for 24 honorary members and there were 8 life members making a total membership of 199. There were 5 vacancies—1 elected and 4 honorary members. Subscriptions were all paid.

Apologies for Absence:

These were received from Miss H. Snowden, Fr. P. Angold and Messrs G. W. Fletcher, B. E. Bartlett, J Hine, H. Pidler, A. Tapper, F. E. Collins, R. W. R. Percy, A. T. Wingate, R. S. Wilson, E. F. Willcox, H. O. Baker and B. Hendry.

Application to Affiliate:

University of Manchester Guild of Change Ringers.

This was accepted

Welcome to New Members:

The following were greeted by the President: Messrs. R B. Meadows (A.S.C.Y.), K. H. Fleming (Bedfordshire), B. Jones and D. Mottershead (Chester), Rev. R. D. St. John Smith (Derby), K. Game (East Grinstead and Dist.), A. R. Peake (Gloucester and Bristol), T. Page (Guildford), P. Hughes, J. F. I Turney and P. J. H. Wycherley (Hereford), P. W Brown (Irish), C. A. Tester (Kent), N. Bennett (Lancashire), G. W. Shanks (London County), C. H. Rogers (Middlesex), M. Cubitt (Norwich), J E. Camp (Oxford Univ.), J. S. Barnes (Cumberland Y.), R. B. Mills (Southwell), Rev. L. R. Pizzey (Suffolk), C. F. W. Eyre (Stafford Arch.), C. F. Mew (Surrey), J. R. Norris (Sussex), Rev. M. Melville (Universities), D. S. Johnson (Yorkshire), E. J. Hitchins (Salisbury), R. Wetenhall (Cumberland and N. Westmorland), M. C. W. Sherwood (Manchester University).

Election of Officers:

The following, being the only nominees, were declared elected to the respective offices for the period of the 27th Council.

President: Mr. John Freeman.
Vice-President: Mr. E. A. Barnett.
Librarian: Mr. F Sharpe.
Secretary and Treasurer: Mr. V. Bottomley.

Election of Life Member:

It was resolved that Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd be elected.

Election of Honorary Members:

It was resolved that the following be re-elected: Mrs. V. Bottomley, Messrs. D. Hughes, H. N. Pitstow, R. F. B. Speed, P. L. Taylor, F. E. Haynes, J. L. Garner-Hayward, and that the following be elected: Messrs. R. B. Smith, R. S. Dirksen, S. J. Ivin and F N. Golden.

Election of Honorary Auditors:

It was resolved that Messrs. H. N. Pitstow and D. Hughes be re-elected.

Losses through Death:

The President reported the deaths of the following, and members stood in silence: Messrs. J. A. Waugh (London County Assn., 1936–38, and A.S.C.Y., 1939–47), A. J. Hughes (North Wales Assn., 1925 and 1949–54), T. Tebbutt (Peterborough Dio. Guild, 1927–39), Lt.-Col. C. F. Jerram (Truro Dio. Guild, 1932), R. G. Blackman (Sussex County Assn., 1945–63), C. W. Cook (Ely Diocesan Assn., 1936–51); Mrs. E. L. Hairs (Sussex County Assn., 1963–67).

(To be continued)

LONG LENGTH ATTEMPT

7,560 London Surprise Royal

Dear Sir,—May I, through your columns, give notice of an attempt to ring 7,560 London Surprise Royal (3) at All Saints', Rotherham, on December 26th?

The attempt for the composition appended will start at 12 noon.—Yours faithfully,

STUART ARMESON.

Rotherham, Yorks.

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RUNG FOR THE 21st BIRTHDAY OF PRINCE CHARLES

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.—On Nov. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 8 covering): Canon A. S. Roberts 1, Lesley Evans 2, Susan Copping 3, R. Perry 4, J. Copping (cond.) 5, N. Perry 6, R. Evans 7, T. Smaldon 8. First ... and 8.

DEDDINGTON, OXON.—On Nov. 16th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Triples: Miss B. Ivings 1, M. Coleman 2, W. J. Cowley 3, W. Minnear 4, C. C. Clarke 5, W. Ivings 6, A. W. Ivings (cond.) 7, O. Hemmings 8.

LONG SUTTON, SOM. — On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Doubles (P.B. and Grandsire): Mrs. I. M. Godley 1, Rev. C. J. B. Marshall 2, H. E. G. Jeanes 3, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 4, A. Dyer 5, R. J. Hunt 6.

SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—At St. Marie's Church, on Nov. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Chaddock 1, Sue Brown 3, J. Crocker (first quarter) 4, S. Heath (first "inside") 5, D. Pritchett 6, I. L. Dear (cond.) 7, P. Charlesworth 8. By Sheffield University Guild.

TWYNING, GLOS.—On Nov. 14th, 1,296 Bacup Surprise Minor: F. Lawrence 1, D. Price (cond.) 2, B. Spiers 3, R. Sadowski 4, M. Hawkes 5, J. Clements 6.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

BARTON ST. DAVID, SOM.—1,260 Doubles (three methods): V. Holman (first in three methods) 1, Miss S. A. Mayell 2, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 3, F. J. White 4, A. J. Callow 5, W. A. Prescott 6.

BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. R. Chandler 1, R. J. Brown (cond.) 2, Miss C. Hardy 3, R. Coughlan 4, Miss B. Fisher 5, F. Southwood 6.

BISHOPSTOKE, HANTS.—At St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Anna Tobias 1, A. L. Guille (first "inside") 2, I. M. McCallion (first Doubles "inside") 3, J. P. Colliss 4, R. Le Marechal (cond.) 5, Ruth Alderson 6.

COOKHAM, BERKS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles (1, 2 leading): Miss E. Fowkes (first quarter) 1, M. Kennedy 2, Rev. R. Wallis 3, E. Eldridge 4, T. Tocock 5, J. Muller 6, D. Hartley (first as cond.) 7, D. Rimmell 8.

DORCHESTER, DORSET. — On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. M. M. Godley 1, C. W. Tidwell 2, J. W. Rose 3, P. R. Board 4, E. H. Amey 5, Mrs. B. J. Duke 6, P. H. Tocock (cond.) 7, R. H. Duke 8.

GOTHAM, NOTTS.—1,260 Doubles (two m/v): W. Dakin 1, J. Housden 2, F. Bowley 3, P. C. Selby 4, T. H. Kirkman (cond.) 5.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Moody 1, Miss D. Colcombe 2, C. Webb 3, Miss H. Pady 4, Mrs. P. Bird 5, P. Hartt 6, J. King (cond.) 7, H. Colcombe 8.

HODNET, SALOP. — 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Rachel Gee 1, Ann Sisley 2, R. E. Morris (cond.) 3, P. Everall 4, G. Mothershaw (first "inside") 5, P. Morris 6.

ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Rose 1, Dorothy Durrant 2, R. Rose 3, C. Hancock 4, L. Nice 5, M. J. Rose (cond.) 6.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT. — 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. A. Naylor (cond.) 1, Glenda Crane 2, Wendy R. Austin 3, G. Kenward 4, F. Dadson 5, B. Jemmett 6, L. Mitchell 7, G. Wood 8.

TEWIN, HERTS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Ann Walters (first quarter) 1, A. Sears 2, D. Harris 3, H. Shire 4, D. Digby (cond.) 5, S. Marshall 6.

WEST MEON, HANTS. — 1,260 Doubles (seven methods): F. W. Sherfield 1, Janet Yeates 2, R. A. Stone 3, B. E. Pink 4, K. G. Waller (cond.) 5, R. L. Ventham 6.

WHITCHURCH, DEVON. — 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. G. Pullan (first quarter) 1, S. G. Peirce 2, J. F. Steere 3, D. G. M. Pearce 4, G. E. Mudge (cond.) 5, A. N. Frost 6.

BATHEASTON, SOM.—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. ... C. Cannon 1, Mrs. B. M. W. Dobbie 2, Felicity A. Benford 3, H. D. Taylor 4, A. Adams 5, J. E. Newman (cond.) 6, R. L. Coles 7, K. Weeks 8. A compliment to ringer of 4, a member of the Bath and Wells Association for 50 years, who first rang in this tower in 1909.

BILTON, WARKS.—On Nov. 16th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: A. Bulteel (first quarter) 1, L. E. Whewall 2, W. J. Vann 3, J. Edgson 4, C. Povey 5, M. Fiander (cond.) 6.

QUARTER PEALS

BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS.—At St. Peter's Church, on Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Penny Eldridge (first quarter) 1, D. Matkin 2, Jean Dale 3, Kathleen Fletcher 4, R. Hutchings 5, R. Pike (cond.) 6, D. Grimwood 7, E. Booth 8.

BRISTOL.—On Nov. 14th, at St. John-on-the-Wall Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. C. Palmer 1, Elisabeth A. G. Bowden 2, D. A. Powney 3, M. J. Hobbs 4, A. J. Bishop 5, G. W. Land (cond.) 6. First of Minor for 1 and 5.

BURMARSH, KENT.—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Little and Plain Bob Minor: Anne Berry 1, H. Deacon 2, A. Baurner 3, Pamela Court 4, J. Hemsley 5, A. Leeves (cond.) 6.

CATHERINGTON, HANTS.—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Hudibras Doubles: Edna Jones 1, W. Willans (cond.) 2, B. J. Fry 3, Jean Berriman 4, R. B. Walton 5, M. E. Cass 6. First in the variant by all except the conductor.

COULSDON, SURREY. — On Nov. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Warner 1, P. Hewett 2, D. Burstow 3, J. Saysell 4, D. Little (cond.) 5.

DISS, NORFOLK.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: Kathleen Tebble 1, J. H. A. Mowle 2, A. Cook 3, A. G. Harrison 4, C. Catchpole 5, C. Pease 6, O. P. Claxton 7, H. B. Fuller (cond.) 8. A ruby wedding day compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Harrison, of Diss, with their daughter, Kathleen, ringing the treble.

EDWINSTOWE, NOTTS. — On Oct. 13th, 1,440 Kent T.B. and Plain Bob Minor: R. Hardy 1, Mrs. F. Adcock 2, Mrs. M. Robinson 3, J. Robinson 4, F. Adcock 5, S. W. Fossey (cond.) 6. Rung by the Mansfield ringers for the Festival of St. Edwin.

FULHAM, LONDON.—At All Saints' Church, on Nov. 2nd, 1,320 Oxford T.B. Minor: Gwendoline G. Meyer 1, Deborah Bishop 3, E. J. Adams 4, D. S. Bishop 5, C. M. Meyer 6, A. S. Bishop (cond.) 7, A. J. Hampton (cover) 8.

GLOUCESTER. — On Nov. 16th, at St. Mary-de-Crypt Church, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: M. Kay (first Major) 1, L. Barry 2, L. Edwards 3, R. Dale 4, T. Bailey (cond.) 5, R. Hazell 6, F. G. Huckestepp 7, A. Paton (first Major) 8.

GRANTHAM, LINCS.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: P. Smith 1, Miss P. M. Cheesewright 2, F. W. Pinchbeck 3, G. Vinters 4, C. Baxter 5, B. Buttery 6, J. Watson 7, H. R. Woods 8, P. A. Slight (cond.) 9, J. R. Holmes 10.

GREAT HAMPTON, WORCS. — On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. R. Pughe 1, M. Forrester (first "inside") 2, G. E. Hunt 3, J. A. Catchpole 4, L. Mills 5, R. H. Hunt (first as cond.) 6.

GREAT MARLOW, BUCKS.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Valerie Poole 1, Pamela Clay 2, Patricia Clay 3, Mrs. E. D. Poole 4, E. D. Poole 5, B. Poole (first "inside") 6, R. E. Dean (cond.) 7, I. J. Young 8. First quarter 1, 2, 3. To celebrate the birth of a grand-daughter to ringer of 8.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—At the Cathedral, on Nov. 7th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: M. Harbord 1, R. Tipper 2, Mary Sutcliffe 3, D. Hatherly (first Caters, 100th quarter) 4, A. Reeves 5, K. Tipper 6, D. Fox (first Caters "inside") 7, D. Hughes 8, R. Corke (cond.) 9, R. Cross (first on ten bells) 10.

HARTPURY, GLOS.—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Pl. Bob and Grandsire Doubles: Joy Tyler 1, F. Turner 2, Geraldin Mitchell 3, R. S. Chew 4, E. D. Wilson (cond.) 5, L. Smith 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Frederick John Palmer, ringer at Hartpury for many years.

HAWKSHEAD, LANCS. — On Nov. 3rd, 1,279 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): Rev. R. Lindsay 1, K. M. Price (cond.) 2, Sheila H. Heaton 3, W. Kenyon 4, J. Whalley 5, Kay Shepherd 6. Rung in memoriam Ronald Sunderland, one-time ringer at this tower.

HAWLEY, HANTS. — On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Janet I. Jennings 1, D. N. Jennings 2, R. A. Clist 3, Dorothy L. Brookman 4, D. C. Jackson 5, A. K. Brookman 6, A. D. Leach (cond.) 7, ... Boyles 8.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTS. — On Nov. 2nd, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Elizabeth Sheehan-Dare (first quarter) 1, W. C. Hughes 2, A. R. Kench (cond.) 3, Jane Richards (first Major) 4, Jacqueline Neal 5, G. J. Parsons 6, M. A. Jackson 7, S. J. Crawley 8.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. E. Cruttenden 1, Mrs. E. Mitchell 2, D. A. Cruttenden 3, A. W. Bond 4, F. W. Parsons 5, D. J. Parsons 6, F. Godsmark (cond.) 7, E. F. Packham 8. A welcome to Rev. R. J. and Mrs. Leavey, following his induction.

HERSHAM, SURREY. — On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Moody (first quarter) 1, Mrs. P. Bird 2, Mrs. G. Webb 3, Miss H. Pady 4, Miss D. Colcombe 5, H. Colcombe 6, C. Webb (cond.) 7, J. King 8.

HESSLE, E. YORKS.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Hope 1, R. H. Sharp 2, A. Hessey 3, G. F. Gardiner 4, R. R. Horton 5, K. Gatman (first Minor as cond.) 6. For Patronal Festival.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,320 All Saints Doubles: J. M. Marsh 1, P. J. Clifton 2, W. G. Marsh 3, R. Blackshaw (cond.) 4, M. W. Harrison 5.

HOPE, FLINTS. — On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret A. Price 1, Dr. E. Valma Woodcock 2, H. A. Price 3, T. C. Bowley 4, E. M. Jones (cond.) 5, W. Price 6. To commemorate 30 years in Holy Orders by Rev. A. L. Cooke (rector).

HUGGLESCOTE, LEICS. — On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Elizabeth M. Barber 1, Shelagh Dennis (first in method) 2, H. O. Over 3, Hilary F. Watson-Walker 4, H. Moult (cond.) 5, A. E. Clayton 6, R. M. Wilson 7, N. E. Green 8. For Harvest Festival.

LECKHAMPTON, GLOS. — On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ann Herbert (first Triples) 1, Clare Taylor 2, A. C. Newman 3, B. H. Taylor 4, T. Stephens 5, H. Read 6, E. J. Taylor (cond.) 7, A. J. Newman 8.

LINDFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Waple (first quarter) 1, Mrs. H. Oatway 2, Miss J. Osbon 3, Mrs. R. J. Osbon 4, A. E. Laker 5, B. Oatway (cond.) 6, C. Osbon 7, L. S. Brown 8. For All Saints' Patronal Festival.

LLANDAFF, GLAM.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Felicity Cooke 1, S. Fenwick 2, F. W. Corney 3, J. W. Bull 4, N. A. James 5, W. J. Goodfellow 6, N. W. H. Simon (cond.) 7, D. Cornell 8.

LONG ASHTON, SOM. — On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. G. Yeo 1, P. Bridle 2, Heather Kippin 3, Diana Bridle 4, N. H. Yeo 5, R. C. Kippin 6, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 7, W. Wivell 8. For Patronal Festival.

LUTTON, LINCS. — On Nov. 7th, 1,320 Doubles (3 meth., 3 var.): P. W. Campling 1, Mrs. Butler 2, G. R. G. Butler 3, P. G. Butler (25th quarter) 4, G. H. Campling (cond.) 5, A. W. Townsend 6. First in 6 m/v by all the band. A birthday compliment to Mrs. Butler.

MACHYNLLETH, MONTS.—On Nov. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Hilary Glazebrook 1, Elizabeth Salem (first "inside") 2, K. Morgan (first as cond.) 3, Rosalie Watkins (first in method) 4, D. E. P. Watkins (first in method) 5, Margaret Twigg 6. An engagement compliment to Michael France and Elizabeth Salem.

MARSTON, OXON.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Rev. Cant.): Miss H. E. McGowan (first quarter) 1, C. Smith 2, I. M. M. O'Reilly 3, R. D. Bing 4, L. R. Porter (cond.) 5. For All Souls' Day.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: D. Wilkinson 1, R. J. Thompson 2, Miss J. E. Jarvis 3, R. M. Thompson 4, T. V. Barnard 5, E. C. Stuart (cond.) 6. First in the method by all the band.

MILTON REGIS, KENT. — On Nov. 4th, 1,260 Minor (three methods): G. Kenward 1, J. E. Clark 2, Wendy R. Austin 3, F. J. Dadson 4, G. Wood 5, L. Mitchell (cond.) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of 5th.

MITCHELDEAN, GLOS. — On Nov. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Smith 1, Mrs. B. M. Paton 2, Ann Brain 3, R. F. Davies (first Grandsire) 4, A. A. Paton (cond.) 5, Rev. E. W. P. Ainsworth 6. For Evensong and as a compliment to Mrs. Gillian Dixon, niece of the Rector, on the birth of her son John.

NAILSEA, SOM. — On Nov. 4th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): D. Willis 1, L. Derrick (cond.) 2, L. Childs 3, E. Davey 4, W. Neath 5, H. Hardwidge 6. Also on Nov. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): H. Hardwidge 1, Mrs. R. Short 2, L. Derrick 3, C. Kortright (cond.) 4, J. Lott 5, L. Childs 6. A compliment to Mrs. Kortright (mother of 4th ringer) for her 90th birthday.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS. — On Nov. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles (called alternately): Marion Wheeler 1, I. S. Croft 2, B. J. Fry (cond. Grandsire) 3, G. M. Soul 4, J. D. Cheesman (cond. Plain Bob) 5.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. George E. Symonds, who has passed his 94th birthday, rang in a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major at Grundisburgh on November 22nd.

Congratulations to the following ringers whose "first peal" is recorded this week: John B. Courtenay, June E. Price, Martin L. Haigh, Alan J. Sinden, George H. Campling, Martin Kay, Richard Ashby and Ray Cornock; also to Michael J. Crawley and Roy E. Taylor, first away from tenor.

St. Peter's College, Saltley, Birmingham, sends us this week a quarter peal rung entirely by members of the College. Ross Bradley, the conductor, would like to hear from any "old Salts" about previous ringing activities organised within the College.

Remembrance Sunday peals are recorded from Woodchurch, Baslow, Hawkley, Painswick and Oxford.

Mr. Jack Bluff, a ringer at Stamford, Lincs, for over 50 years, was honoured by a peal in which officers and tower captains of Peterborough branch took part.

Mr. and Mrs. John Woods, of Lancaster, who recently celebrated 50 years of marriage, were honoured by Association members with a peal at the R.C. Church of St. Peter on All Saints' Day.

Another Double-handed effort is reported this week. Mr. G. Barry Brown rang 1-2 to Bob Minor at All Saints', Leicester, on November 15th.

"Lancashire.—In St. Chad's in Claughton is the oldest dated bell in England. It was made in 1296 and is still in regular use. Vital statistics — weight 2¼ cwt., diameter 21¼ inches, height 16½ inches." — Printed on a 2"×1" cellophane sugar packet served in a restaurant.

In the veteran list of those who have been more than 65 years a ringer must be added Mr. H. Rumens. He rang in a quarter of Stedman in honour of the occasion at Downton, Wilts. At Kendal, Westmorland, Mr. T. J. Clement has completed 50 years as a ringer at Holy Trinity Church.

"It is a shame all peal ringers do not support 'The Ringing World' in the same way," writes B. J. F. when sending a peal report and a donation of 1/- per rope. (Hear, hear!—Ed.)

New Method in this week's peal lists: East Coker Surprise Major, rung at the parish church of the Somerset village.

The 57th Anniversary of a peal of Bob Triples at Ambleside was marked by a similar peal, and it is noted that only two of the original team are still alive—one lives in America and one in Australia.

An unusual record is for a ringer to complete 50 peals all for one Association, but Mr. John Cornelius did so at Thurloxton, Somerset, for the Bath and Wells Association.

One of the hymns selected for a special Advent Sunday Songs of Praise service at St. Botolph's Church, Newbold-on-Avon, Rugby, was the ringers' hymn "Unchanging God . . ." (A. & M. Revised, No. 496, tune Belfry Praise)—the ringers leading with the first verse and the congregation readily and enthusiastically picking up the unfamiliar but appealing tune. It was good to hear this tune sung on an occasion other than a Guild meeting service, writes a correspondent.

A further strengthening to the Arscott family band was at Porlock, Som., on Nov. 22nd, when 15-year-old Carol, daughter of Les Arscott, rang her first peal at the first attempt. The peal, naturally, was conducted by one of the family, her uncle, Raymond F. Arscott.

THE FRUITS OF LABOUR

When bells require attention it is usually the P.C.C. which is the deciding factor, but bellringers who are enthusiastic can tip the scales in favour of the work being carried out. The appended report from the "Kentish Observer" of December 2nd emphasises this point, and we congratulate those responsible for what they have accomplished so far. The report states:—

"Over the past two years the bellringers of St. Stephen's Church, Canterbury, have raised nearly £800 towards the cost of rehanging the church bells.

"In this time they have tried nearly every means available except directly asking for money.

"Their latest venture was a stall at Canterbury market, when they raised over £40 selling toys and cakes.

"There seems little that this versatile group will not tackle in trying to raise the £1,500 needed for the bells. The mainstay of their fund-raising has been the collection and sale of wastepaper—already the total from this source has exceeded £300 from over 100 tons of paper.

"Even so, this is just one of the many and varied means they employ. Their other sources of income have been from collecting woollens, postage stamps and selling Christmas cards."

DEATH OF MR. T. E. SONE

We have just heard of the death, on November 30th, of Mr. Thomas E. Sone, of Brenchley, Kent. A further report will appear in our next issue.

"LAST BELL STOLEN"

The following report appeared in the "East Anglian Daily Times" of December 1st. The lesson to be learned is obvious!

"Another church bell raid has taken place at Little Oakley Parish Church, near Harwich

"Last August three church bells, each weighing 3 cwt., were taken from the tower of the isolated St. Mary's Church, some distance from the village of Little Oakley. Now the fourth and last bell, also weighing about 3 cwt., that was left behind by the August raiders, has also been stolen.

"The discovery was made by a churchgoer who went to arrange the flowers for the week-end service.

"The method of entry was similar in both raids. The main west door was forced and the thieves walked up the narrow bell tower stairway, then smashed the newly-repaired belfry window. The bell was dropped 60 feet to the ground and rolled across the grass to a waiting vehicle.

"The bell was cast in 1633."

PRINCIPLES OF INSTRUCTION

Bell Handling and Control

By "The College"
(Collated by A. York-Bramble)

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3. MAXIMUM EFFICIENCY THE AIM. From the beginning of the course the Tutor must aim at two main objectives: (a) the awakening and maintaining of a keen interest by his pupils from lesson to lesson; and (b) the paying of strictest attention to details of handling action, with immediate correction of faults.

(a) In pursuit of the first objective sundry "aids" will be found to be of considerable help—blackboard, large-scale grid-patterns of methods on squared paper, model working bell, full-length stand mirror (for pupil to observe his action in perfecting his movements in bell-handling instruction), "rat-tails" (dummy rope's ends), silencers, e.g. clapper-stays, handbells, etc. (The list is not exhaustive.)

(b) In following up the second objective watch must be kept on both pupil and tutor-self, and instant correction applied where necessary. The lists of faults referred to above are invaluable guides towards this target.

4. MODIFICATION. The tutor may formulate his scheme of tuition based on the foregoing principles, and no two schemes may prove to be identical. The scheme employed in one tower or district may need, for various reasons, to be modified elsewhere, the fundamental factor being that the same objectives are kept in view, though with alternative ways of attaining them. For example, the tutor may find himself with a batch of would-be learners, bound together with some common interest other than ringing, and therefore with the wish to learn together; yet he may be without real assistance. He must then make the fullest use of the "aids" above mentioned, with the "batch" divided into two or more groups. Theory can be taken (with blackboard, etc.) of the whole "batch", while practical instruction-time per pupil may be reduced but used "intensively" with the other pupils watching, especially for faults.

[Concluded]

Previous instalments have appeared on pages 739, 759, 779, 819, 859, 899 and 925,

(Owing to difficulty in finding voluntary administrative success-staff the College, after ten years of rewarding activity, regretfully entered, in 1966, into dissolution.)

BANG! BANG!

An interesting and useful article on bell-ringing, by Ida Hawcock, in a recent issue of "Church Times" describes bells as the "Church's artillery"—a very apt title, for in her final paragraph she says: "The bells are part of the Church's call to people. Whether they peal forth grandly, rung by experts, or clang unevenly as the beginners strive to do their best, they are still 'the artillery of the Church'."

Corrections.—The peal rung at Bradford-on-Avon in the George Bonham peal tour, and printed on page 911, was for the Salisbury Diocesan Guild and not as submitted.

The name of the ringer of the 2nd in the peal for Sheffield University on October 27th was Susan D. Brown and not as submitted.

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ANOTHER BELL STOLEN

Another bell has been stolen—this time in Kent. One of the largest turret-bells out, it was the former second in the now-ruined church of St. Mary, Reculver, famous for its twin towers. When the building was dismantled in 1809-11 the bells were removed, one going to the new church at Hillborough and the other three to Badlesmere. All the bells were of the same date, the inscriptions being—

Treble (34", B flat): ioseph hatch made me 1635.
Second (35", A): Ditto.
Third (about 38", G): IOSEPHVS HATCH ME FECIT 1635.
Tenor (about 43", F): Ditto. About 14½ cwt.

The treble, third and tenor were sold to Badlesmere, where the treble alone hangs, the other two having been sold c. 1825. The second in the new "Reculver" church, at Hillborough, originally hung in a tower, but on a second rebuilding in 1876–8 it was put in a gable. About ten years ago Mears and Stainbank rehung it on a deadstock, and the raiders sawed through this and dropped the bell to the churchyard, where evidence shows that it was smashed. Parishes having bells in open gables should make sure that anyone living near should, if suspicious about such goings-on, contact the police. Towers should be locked firmly, and the day may be coming when bona fide campanologists (i.e., those who study old bells) should have a card of introduction from their Association or from their diocese. D. L. C.

SIDCUP BELLS APPEAL

A duplicated booklet, with a suitable inset for donations, has been produced by St. John's Parish Church, Sidcup, Kent, as an appeal for £3,000 towards recasting the old six into eight and other ancillary work. Mr. Tony Lewis, of 48, Imperial Way, Chislehurst, Kent, would gratefully acknowledge any amounts sent to him.

WESTPORT, CO. MAYO

Dear Sir,—The account of bells in Westport, Co. Mayo, interested me very much as I too was there in the summer and may have heard them. A familiar hymn tune played on bells woke me up at twenty-to eight the first morning of my stay and was repeated at five minutes to eight. On the second morning another hymn tune was heard at 7.40 and at 7.55 I was more delighted yet to hear Plain Bob Minor beautifully struck. I thought the bells were of splendid tone.

I was told they were a carillon at a convent opposite where I stayed in Altamont Street.

Also, like your correspondent, I had a go at Croagh Patrick, but not being properly shod got only half way up that last 500 ft. of scree. I must go back and hear those bells again and finish that climb.—Yours faithfully, A. BASHFORTH.

Kirby Wiske, Yorks.

ORIGINAL

The ringers of Thatcham are raising the whole of the £1,200 required to augment their bells to ten and each ringer is organising his own method for part of the total. Fourteen-year-old Jane Large has sold nearly three gross of ball point pens at a shilling each, but 12-year-old Richard Butler had a more original idea. He has borrowed his father's photo-copy of Fabian Stedman's will (written in Stedman's own handwriting and dated 1713) and had copies reproduced. He is ow selling these at half-a-crown each, post free. All interested in supporting these efforts are asked to get in touch at 26, Barfield Road, Thatcham, Newbury, Berks. Librarians and book lovers or writers please note!

NO PEAL

Local ringers of Sawston, Cambs, Church rang seven 720s of Bob Minor, with a cover bell, on November 14th, commemorating a peal rung 21 years previously for Prince Charles. The ringers were K. Page treble, B. Page 2, D. Richards 3, I. Start 4, H. Churchman 5, M. Ling (cond.) 6, F. Harris tenor. Unfortunately for them, because of Central Council Rules and Decisions, the attempt is not recognised as a peal and the ringers of treble, 2nd, 3rd, 6th and cover therefore cannot record a "first" as otherwise would have been the case.

WARNING POSTCARDS

Whenever the Witney and Woodstock branch hold a meeting a complaint is received from the people living next door to the church. Mr. E. R. Venn (branch secretary) has come to an agreement with them. After obtaining permission from the incumbent he notifies the people next to the church, on postcards which they provide. He suggests that visiting ringers should follow the same procedure, but at their own expense.

A CHALLENGE

The Christmas holiday period has always been a time for peal attempts and this year will, no doubt, be no exception. Bellringing as a service and a pastime presents a challenge to the individual ringer and engenders a team spirit which is unique in itself. This is particularly the case where quarter peals and peals are concerned, but even more so when long lengths or records are attempted. In the past, successful attempts on Boxing Day included 10,176 Kent Treble Bob Major at S. Wigston, in 1901; 11,111 Stedman Cinques at Birmingham, also in 1901; 9,312 Superlative Surprise Major at Crawley, in 1894; 9,728 of the same method at Clent, in 1910; 10,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal at Walthamstow, in 1923; and 15,168 Kent Treble Bob Major at Elland, in 1831! On December 27th, 1909, 10,176 Double Oxford Major was rung at Brierley Hill, whilst five years previously, in 1904, 17,104 Double Norwich was rung at S. Wigston.

WOOLLEY BELLS RING AGAIN

The village of Woolley lies mid-way between Barnsley and Wakefield. The church has four bells which were last rung around 1934 and which for many years have been classed as unringable. Now that 4-bell ringing has achieved respectability it was felt that they should be examined to see if they could be put into working order.

We were informed that the bells were regularly chimed with an Ellacombe apparatus, which was in good order. The other fittings appeared to have received no attention for years, but the most important requirement for maintenance had been met, for the louvres were covered with substantial netting.

The legend on the wooden frame proclaimed its installation in 1746 by James Harrison, of Barrow-on-Humber, who rehung a number of rings of bells in Yorkshire. Apart from some patches of rot it appeared to be in fair condition, but iron bracings testified to the weakness of the joints. A few defects were found in the fittings. The spokes of two wheels were parting company with the rims; two sliders were missing; the rope pulleys were almost immovable; two ropes were gone and the others rotten. Finally, a deep groove in the frame alongside the third looked unusual, and on swinging the bell it caught the frame with a resounding thump.

As the situation was so promising it was decided to return later to effect repairs. With a party of five this time, the wheels were patched up, the groove in the frame cut deeper to allow the bell to clear, and the bearings cleaned. The guide pulleys were freed and it only remained to fit the ropes. One cleaner wore a puzzled look as he diligently cleared the floor to find the last two rope holes, but he finally gave up the search. There weren't any! A new floor had been installed after the ropes had rotted off and some rough joinery was needed to remedy the deficiency.

The bells were raised, still with two sliders missing, and it was very satisfying to ring a few rounds, the first for 35 years. As the observer upstairs reported that nothing had broken, a number of extents were then accomplished, with the bells going reasonably well.

Extensive restoration work had been completed in the church and we were invited to ring for the service of re-hallowing. Permission to ring a quarter-peal was granted, and this was achieved after fitting new sliders. It was very pleasant to hear the favourable comments of local people who had never heard their bells rung before.

The chances of raising a local band appeared to be remote, but several people came forward asking if they could be taught to ring. However, a more rigorous examination will be needed before a decision can be taken as to whether regular ringing is advisable.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

EAST COKER, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5184 EAST COKER SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt.

Gilbert W. Rendell	Treble	Peter Bridle	5
Diana M. Bridle	2	James R. Taylor	6
S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	3	Roger Baldwin	7
Peter England	4	D. John Hunt	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roger Baldwin.
First peal in the method.

EAST COKER SURPRISE MAJOR
(12) 34—38.14—12—38—12—38—14—78.

LONG ASHTON, Somerset.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1969, in 3 Hours and 37 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr 23 lb. in D flat.

Mary E. Elmes	Treble	David Wilson	5
Melvyn J. Hiller	2	Graham W. Elmes	6
John H. Gilbert	3	Timothy F. Collins	7
Ross G. W. Robertson	4	Ralph G. Edwards	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Timothy F. Collins.

SEAVINGTON ST. MARY, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., July 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being ten methods in seven extents: Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Grandsire, Double Oxford and Thelwall, St. Clement's and Childwall, Kent and Oxford T.B., Plain Bob. Tenor 6¼ cwt.

Mervyn R. Arscott	Treble	John Cornelius	4
Arthur H. Reed	2	Mervyn A. Arscott	5
Adrian F. Arscott	3	Raymond F. Arscott	Tenor

Conducted by Raymond F. Arscott.

THURLOXTON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Sat., Oct. 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 16 methods—St. Martin, St. Simon, Eynesbury, Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas, Huntley, Rev. Union, Rev. St. Faith, St. Owen, Rev. Canterbury, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Rev. St Sebastian, All Saints, Minster Bob, Plain Bob and Grandsire—59 variations and 16 spliced compositions. Tenor 5 cwt.

*Albert W. Knight	Treble	†John Cornelius	3
Keith E. Beale	2	*Adrian F. Arscott	4

Mervyn A. Arscott .. Tenor
Conducted by John Cornelius.
* Most methods, etc., to a peal. † 50th peal, all for the Association.

ASHILL, Somerset.—At the Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
On Sat., Nov. 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being eight methods—Stedman, Rev. St. Sebastian, Minster Bob, All Saints, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Plain Bob, Rev. Canterbury and Grandsire—two variations and five spliced compositions.
Tenor 11¼ cwt. in F.

Raymond F. Orscott	Treble	John Cornelius	3
Adrian F. Arscott	2	Mervyn A. Arscott	4

Keith E. Beale .. Tenor
Conducted by John Cornelius.
First peal on the bells.

DUNKERTON, Somerset.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Nov 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being six extents each of St. Simon, St. Martin, Plain Bob, St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place, Rev. Canterbury and Grandsire.
Tenor 5 cwt. 18 lb. in C.

Victor J. Bowring	Treble	John S. Walton	4
Jennifer L. Quaife	2	William Willans	5
Robert Perry	3	*Stanley C. Davis	Tenor

Conducted by William Willans.
* Has "circled the tower" to peals.

STOGUMBER, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 21 extents each of Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 17½ cwt.

James E. Brewer	Treble	Mervyn A. Arscott	4
Leslie H. Arscott	2	Robert J. Somerfield	5
John Cornelius	3	Albert W. Knight	Tenor

Conducted by John Cornelius.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—At the Church of St. Paul.
On Sun., Nov. 16, 1969, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 3 version Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in D.

Charlotte M. Harris	Treble	*Martyn J. Marriott	6
Linda Fleming	2	Robert L. Piron	7
Graham C. Paul	3	Stephen Ivin	8
Alan A. Paul	4	Keith H. Fleming	9
*Frank W. Rivett	5	C. Michael Orme	Tenor

Composed by C. K. Lewis. Conducted by Stephen Ivin.
* First peal in the method.
For the 21st birthday of H.R.H. The Prince of Wales.

KNEBWORTH, Herts.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Thomas-a-Becket.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt. in G.

Kathleen A. Marriott	Treble	Anthony H. Smith	5
Charlotte M. Harris	2	Martin Major	6
Malcolm C. C. Melville	3	Martyn J. Marriott	7
Shelagh R. Melville	4	C. Michael Orme	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by C. Michael Orme.
For the 21st birthday of H.R.H. The Prince of Wales.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

CAMBRIDGE.—At the Church of St. Andrew the Great.
On Sun., Nov. 9, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

J. L. Humphries (Jesus)	Treble	R. L. Underwood (P'house)	5
*K. J. Darvill (St. Cath's)	2	A. T. Winter (Christ's)	6
*C. H Rogers (Emmanuel)	3	V. Nutton (Selwyn)	7
†D. R. M. Johnson (Jesus)	4	W. T. Perrins (Selwyn)	Tenor

Composed by F. Dench. Conducted by K. J. Darvill.
* 50th peal for the Guild. † First of London
Rung as a compliment to Norma Hartley and Hadley Hunter, married the previous day. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in G.

BOURN, Cambs.—At the Church of SS. Helena and Mary.
On Sat., Nov. 8, 1969, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5090 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Jenny Field (Newnham)	Treble	J. L. Humphries (Jesus)	5
R. L. Underwood (P'house)	2	D. Barton (Selwyn)	6
N. J. Small (Sidney, Sussex)	3	A. T. Winter (Christ's)	7
J R. N. Lebon (Selwyn)	4	R. A. G. Inglis (Selwyn)	Tenor

Composed by B D. Price. Conducted by Richard L. Underwood.
Rung for Remembrance Day. Tenor 14 cwt. 16 lb.

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THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MANCHESTER, Lancashire.—At The Town Hall.
On Sat., Nov. 8, 1969, in 3 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MAXIMUS

In 75 methods, comprising 144 each of Albanian, Aldenham, Cambridge, Langley, Lindsey, Newgate, Prittlewell and Yorkshire, 96 each of Belgrave, Deansgate, Gartree, Halifax, Lincolnshire, Manitoba, Pontefract, Redfield, Saskatchewan, Southwark, Stoneygate, Superlative, Wembley and York, and 48 each of Apsley, Ashton, Bedford, Belfast, Belvoir, Birmingham, Brigstow, Buckinghamshire, Cirencester, Clerkenwell, Clifton, Conisbrough, Dodford, Double Doublin, Dorking, Ealing, Eldon, Fearing, Goscote, Hampshire, Indiana, Jersey, Kidderminster, Lambeth, Leicestershire, Londinium, Lutterworth, Manchester, Metropolis Moorgate, New Durham, Oldham, Oxfordshire, Painswick, Pennine, Pudsey, Quex, Reading, Rochester, Solihull, Southwell, Strathclyde, Stoodley, Timaru, Utah, Warwickshire, Westminster, Wigston, Winchester, Worcestershire, Worsley, Wycombe and Yarmouth, with 104 changes of method. Tenor 42 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in B.

Michael Fishwick	Treble	Basil Jones	7
Richard S. Starkie	2	Cyril Crosthwaite	8
Neil Bennett	3	Derek Butterworth	9
John H. Fielden	4	Robert B. Smith	10
C. Kenneth Lewis	5	Brian Harris	11
Bernard F. L. Groves	6	Jeffrey Brannan	Tenor

Composed by Neil Bennett and John H. Fielden.
Conducted by Neil Bennett.

The greatest number of methods yet rung to a peal on 12 bells.

Details of methods, rung for the first time at Manchester Town Hall on November 8th, 1969:—

(A)—Extended from Major method:
Oxfordshire: —5t—16—127t—38—149t—50—16—70—78—9t—18—. h.l. et. l.h. 12. 19e7.
Hampshire: —5t—14—56—36—78—58—90—7t.14—14.9t—14—. h.l. 1t. l.h. 1t. 1426
Double Dublin: —56—14—78—36.14.90.34.58.90.34.9t.70—56—9t—78—. h.l. 1t. l.h. 1t. 1426
Manchester: 5t—5t.14—5t—36.14—14.58.14—14.70.14—14.9t-14—. h.l. et l.h. 12. 1352.
Jersey: —5t—16—12—18—14—10—16—10—18—9t—70—. h.l. 9t. l.h. 12. 1573.
Dorking: —3t—14—5t—16—7t—18—9t—10—78—7t—78—. h.l. 9t. l.h. 12. 19e7.
Clerkenwell: 34—5t.14—5t—3t.14—14.5t.36—16.7t.58—18.9t.70—10. h.l. 9t. l.h. 12. 1573.
Lutterworth: —5t—14—56—36—12—3t—14—5t—16—7t—18—. h.l. et. l.h. 12. 19e7.

(B)—Extended from Royal method:
Clifton: —56—14—78—36.14.9t.14.58.9t.14.9t.70—56—9t—78—. h.l. 1t. l.h. 1t. 1426.
Dodford: —5t—16—7t—18—9t—10—12—3t.14—14.3t.14—14—. h.l. et. lh. 12.

(C)—New methods:
Moorgate: 3t—3t.14—12—3t—14—5t—16—7t—1458—349t—16—. h.l. 9t. l.h. 12. 1426.
Cirencester: 70.36—1450.78.9t—16—129t—10—90—7t—78—167t—1690—. h.l. 1t. l.h 12. 1573.
Yarmouth: —38—1458—9t—18—129t—10—90—7t—78—167t—1690—. h.l. 1t. l.h. 12. 1573.
Strathclyde: 36—56.14.5t.—5t.36—14—3t.16—16.3t.16—16.3t.16—16. h.l. 3t. l.h. 1t. 1860.

(Note. — Strathclyde is a member of the "Glasgow" family—Glasgow S Major and Clyde S. Royal—but cannot be named Glasgow because the half-lead beli is different from the Major.)

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Nov. 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

Alan F. Scholfield	Treble	Gerald Moorhouse	5
Ronald F. Andrew	2	Peter Broadbent	6
Brian Schofield	3	Michael Foulds	7
Herbert M. Heaton	4	Brian S. B. Kear	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Brian S. B. Kear.
First peal as conductor.

(Wirral Branch.)
WOODCHURCH, Birkenhead, Cheshire.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Sun., Nov. 9, 1969, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven extents, two callings. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb.

*John B. Courtney	Treble	*June E. Price	4
Eric J. Gilbert	2	†Malcolm G. Grant	5
†Duncan J. Anderson	3	‡John Hyden	Tenor

Conducted by Eric J. Gilbert.
* First peal. † First "inside." ‡ First of Plain Bob Minor.
Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

WISTASTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., Nov 10, 1969, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 40 extents, 10 callings and one 240. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb in B.

*Michael J. Crawley	Treble	Frank R. Morton	4
Frederick S. Sutton	2	†A. Doreen Edwards	5
Harry W. Howard	3	Victor Neal	Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.
* First peal away from the tenor. † Has "circled the tower" to peals twice.

ASTBURY, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Norwich, Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

Derek F. Yates	Treble	Harold Dowler	4
Roland W. Morant	2	Roy Worrall	5
Norman Sherratte	3	Ian M. Holland	Tenor

Conducted by Ian M. Holland.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

WEEDON BEC, Northants.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Nov. 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in F

F. Mark Robottom	Treble	*Edward G. Mould	5
Hazel A. Mackenzie	2	*Arthur R. Wright	6
*John K. Foot	3	Ian C. Maycock	7
Charles P. Quartley	4	Peter S. Bennett	Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by Ian C. Maycock.
* First peal in the method.

STOKE GOLDING, Leics.—At the Church of St. Margaret the Virgin.
On Sat., Nov. 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In three methods, being two extents each of Kent T.B. and St. Clement's and three extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 27 lb. in A flat.

*Anne E. Deebank	Treble	Raymon A. Sheasby	4
R. Joy Pluckrose	2	Jonathan Evans	5
*David W. Mountford	3	George Pluckrose	Tenor

Conducted by George Pluckrose.
* First peal of Minor.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DERBY.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sun., Nov. 2, 1969, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in E.

Timothy Wylie	Treble	Geoffrey Paul	6
David K. Walklate	2	Derek G. Astridge	7
*Susan E. Davis	3	Gordon A. Halls	8
John R. Ketteringham	4	Geoffrey Bridges	9
†T. Kevin A. Betesta	5	Alan H. Bridges	Tenor

Composed by Rev. H Law James. Conducted by David K. Walklate.
* First peal on 10 bells. † First of Cambridge Royal. The last peal on these bells. Rung prior to the final service to be held in the church before its demolition.

BASLOW, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Anne.
On Mon., Nov. 10, 1969, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 ANNABLE'S LONDON SURPRISE MINOR
Being two 2,160's and one 720. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in A sharp.

*Peter Rose	Treble	Timothy Wylie	4
Andrew R. Queen	2	Arthur F. Hall	5
Graham A. Newman	3	A. Colin Banton	Tenor

Composed by Rev. E. Bankes James. Conducted by E. Colin Banton.
* First peal of Treble Bob. First "blows" in the method for all the band.
Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the Fallen of two World Wars.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

GREAT HOLLAND, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sun., Nov. 2, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15½ cwt.

John C. Walters	Treble	Frank B. Lufkin	5
Lesley Ward	2	Brian J. Vaughan	6
Bernard W. Fairhead	3	Peter Abbott	7
Paul Thompson	4	Neil V. Avis	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
Rung for the Flower and Music Festival.

WORMINGFORD, Essex.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Wed., Nov. 5, 1969, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents in nine methods, viz.: (1) Rossendale, (2) London and Wells, (3) York, (4) Durham, (5) Bourne, (6) Cambridge and Ipswich, (7) Norwich. Tenor 8 cwt.

Brian J. Vaughan	Treble	Frank B. Lufkin	4
*John P. Loveless	2	Walter Arnold	5
Neil V. Avis	3	Bernard W. Fairhead	Tenor

Conducted by Bernard W. Fairhead.
* First peal of Surprise Minor.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
STRATTON ST. MARGARET, Wilts.—At the Church of St. Margaret of Antioch.
On Sat., Nov. 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in F sharp.

Angela M. Newing	Treble	Susan A. Moore	5
Jennifer Jane Murrell	2	Anita D O'Brien	6
E. Mary Bliss	3	Shirley M. Drew	7
Margery A. Wratten	4	Valerie Willard	Tenor

Composed by Henry Hubbard. Conducted by Valerie Willard.
First peal of Major as conductor.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
HAWKLEY, Hampshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sun., Nov. 9, 1969, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 20 methods, comprising 384 changes each of Cambridge, Lindum, London, Pudsey, Superlative and Uxbridge, 256 of Bristol and 192 each of Ashtead, Cassiobury, Cornwall, Cray, Glasgow, Higher Walton, Ipswich, Jersey, Lincolnshire, Ospringe, Radcliffe, Rutland and Yorkshire, with 150 changes of method.
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in A.

Stanley G. Ponting	Treble	W. John Couperthwaite	5
Beryl R Simpson	2	Tom Page	6
Alan D. Elsmore	3	Michael J. Church	7
Rowan S. Bradley	4	Peter J. Munday	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith Conducted by Michael J. Church.
Greatest number of methods yet rung to a peal of Spliced Surprise Major by all the band and for the Guild.
Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday by a resident Guild band.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
EARDISLAND, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., Oct. 27, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's transposition. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in G.

George T. Cousins	Treble	†Norman R. Mattingley	5
*Peter J. Wycherley	2	Frederick R. Harris	6
†Valerie M. Edge	3	Wilfrid F. Moreton	7
Austin T. Wingate	4	Leslie Evans	Tenor

Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.
* First peal of Stedman Triples. † First of Stedman.
Rung half-muffled in memory of John D. Rock, who learned to ring in this church.

MUCH DEWCHURCH, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. David.
On Sat., Nov. 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 9 cwt. in A flat.

Michael V. Powell	Treble	*Norman Mattingley	4
*Robert A. Hatcher	2	John C. Eisel	5
John F. I. Turney	3	Frederick A. Harris	Tenor

Conducted by John C. Eisel.
* First peal of London Surprise Minor.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
BUSHEY, Herts.—At the Church of St. James the Apostle.
On Thurs., Oct. 2, 1969, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb in F sharp.

S. Kathleen M. Baludwin	Treble	‡Jonathan S. N. Porter	5
Robert E. Hardy	2	Martyn L. J. Jordan	6
*Katherine S. Hardy	3	§Christopher W. Woolley	7
†John R. Southey	4	Roger Baldwin	Tenor

Composed by J. R Mayne.. Conducted by Jonathan S. N. Porter.
* First peal of Glasgow. † First of (single) Glasgow. ‡ Completes the circle. § First of (single) Glasgow "inside" on tower bells.

BUSHEY, Herts.—At the Church of St. James the Apostle.
On Thurs., Nov. 6, 1969, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In five methods, comprising 2,400 London, 800 each of Glasgow and Rutland, 640 Superlative and 480 Cambridge, with 129 changes of method. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

Frank Reed	Treble	Christopher W. Woolley	5
Martyn L. J. Jordan	2	Roger Baldwin	6
*S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	3	David A. Carpenter	7
John R. Southey	4	Jonathan S N. Porter	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roger Baldwin.
* 50th peal on the bells.

BENINGTON, Herts.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Nov. 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 MIDHURST SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12¾ cwt. in G.

David Redfearn	Treble	Thomas J. Lock	5
Julia A. Fellows	2	Jonathan S. N. Porter	6
Claudia A Critchley	3	Jack S. Dear	7
G. William Critchley	4	John R. Mayne	Tenor

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley. Conducted by John R. Mayne.
First peal in the method by all the band, in the county and for the Association.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
MAIDSTONE, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Sept. 20, 1969, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 32 cwt. 20 lb. in C sharp.

Martin L. Howe	Treble	David Cubitt	6
Janet House	2	Christopher T. Osenton	7
Simon A. B. Wigg	3	Martin Cubitt	8
Alexander Waddington	4	Peter S. Muchlinski	9
Geoffrey Pearson	5	David E. House	Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe. Conducted by David E. House.

WROTHAM Kent.—At the Church of St. George.
On Sat., Sept. 20, 1969, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 10 lb. in E flat.

Colin A. Tester	Treble	Colin J. E Wyld	5
David Cubitt	2	Martin Cubitt	6
John A. Howard	3	Simon A. B. Wigg	7
Nicholas J. Chesson	4	David E. House	Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. Davies. Conducted by Simon A. B. Wigg.

WYE, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Gregory and Martin.
On Sat., Sept. 27, 1969, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 11 methods, comprising 576 each of Cambridge, Pudsey, Superlative, Yorkshire, 448 of Bristol and 384 each of Ashtead, Cassiobury, Lincolnshire, London, Rutland and Uxbridge, with 124 changes of method. Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in D.

Colin A. Tester	Treble	D. Paul Smith	5
Martin L. Howe	2	Colin J. E. Wyld	6
Alexander Waddington	3	Simon A. B. Wigg	7
Bernard F. L. Groves	4	Peter S. Muchlinski	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Simon A. B. Wigg.
First peal of 11-spliced by all.

LINTON, Kent.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Nov. 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 12 methods, comprising 576 each of Ashtead and Lincolnshire, 448 of Bristol, 384 each of Cambridge, Cray, Lindum, London, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Uxbridge and Yorkshire, with 130 changes of method Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

Martin L. Howe	Treble	Christopher T. Osenton	5
D. Paul Smith	2	Thomas Cullingworth	6
Alexander Waddington	3	Simon A. B. Wigg	7
David E House	4	Peter S Muchlinski	Tenor

Composed by N. Smith. Conducted by Simon A. B. Wigg.
First of 12-spliced by all.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Nov. 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in F sharp.

Philip A Corby	Treble	Nicholas J. Chesson	5
Judith M. Corby	2	Richard Hayes	6
Tony Lewis	3	John Pladdys	7
Peter D J. Beal	4	Andrew J. Corby	Tenor

Composed by S. Humphrey. Conducted by Richard Hayes.

PETHAM, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. in B flat.

Leonard G. Huckstep	Treble	*Martin L. Haigh	4
Peter S. Philpott	2	Geoffrey Davies	5
John B. Keeler	3	Tony Skilton	Tenor

Conducted by Tony Skilton.
* First peal.

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MOORSIDE, Oldham, Lancs.—At the Church of St. Thomas.
On Sun, Nov. 9, 1969, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In three methods, being 1,760 each of Cambridge and Yorkshire and 1,600 of Lincolnshire, with 84 changes of method and all the work for each bell. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in F sharp.

B. Michael Boardman	Treble	David W. Howarth	5
Michael H. Thompsett	2	Christopher L. D. Munday	6
Margaret L. Ellwood	3	Richard S. Starkie	7
Marcus C. W. Sherwood	4	Derek Butterworth	Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. Davies. Conducted by Derek Butterworth.

NEWHEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.
On Wed., Nov. 12, 1969, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Tenor 4 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in D flat.

F. John Nelson	Treble	Margaret Booth	5
Michael Fishwick	2	Neil Bennett	6
David W. Howarth	3	Derek Butterworth	7
Timothy Wylie	4	Richard J. Parker	Tenor

F. H. Dexter's No. 1 Variation. Conducted by Derek Butterworth.

AMBLESIDE, Westmorland.—At the Church of SS. Mary the Virgin and Anne.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1969, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 32 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in D flat.

*Kenneth J. Foster	Treble	Alan Capstick	5
John Bagnall	2	Stanley Walmsley	6
Geoffrey Tembey	3	Kevin M. Price	7
Stanley Anderton	4	Thomas F. Metcalfe	Tenor

Composed by Benjamin Annable. Conducted by Kevin M. Price.
* First peal of Triples in the method.

RADCLIFFE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sun., Nov. 16, 1969, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 GUERNSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

Thomas Hobson	Treble	James Cunliffe	5
Michael D. Fishwick	2	R. Keith Lister	6
David W. Howarth	3	John Ashcroft	7
Michael Tompsett	4	Geoffrey Fothergill	Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Geoffrey Fothergill.
50th peal as conductor. First in the method by all and for the Association.

LANCASTER.—At the R.C. Cathedral Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Nov. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 25 cwt. in E flat.

Hugh F. Pettifer	Treble	John D. Nixon	4
Alan Capstick	2	Kevin M. Price	5
Stanley Anderton	3	Thomas F. Metcalfe	Tenor

Conducted by Thomas F. Metcalfe and Kevin M. Price (half each).
Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. John Woods, of Lancaster, for their golden wedding.

THREE PEALS IN A DAY

On Sat., Nov. 8, 1969,
for the Leicester Diocesan Guild,
At the Loughborough Bell Foundry Campanile.
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr 13 lb. in B flat

In 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Christine L. J. Mills	Treble	R. Brian Mills	5
K. Paul Gilliver	2	G. Ronald Edwards	6
Monica M. Jelley	3	*John M. Jelley	7
David G. Massey	4	Roland H. Cook	Tenor

Composed by John M. Jelley. Conducted by Roland H. Cook.
* 300th peal of Surprise Major.

In 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

G. Ronald Edwards	Treble	David G. Massey	5
Christine L. J. Mills	2	John M. Jelley	6
Monica M. Jelley	3	Roland H. Cook	7
R. Brian Mills	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Roland H. Cook.

In 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Monica M. Jelley	Treble	John M. Jelley	5
Roland H. Cook	2	*R. Brian Mills	6
*Christine L. J. Mills	3	David G. Massey	7
K. Paul Gilliver	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by John M. Jelley.
* First peal of Bristol Surprise Major.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Thurs., Nov 6, 1969, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 BIRMINGHAM SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B flat.

G. Ronald Edwards	Treble	K. Paul Gilliver	6
David F. Moore	2	Martin Green	7
Christine L. J. Mills	3	R. Brian Mills	8
John M. Jelley	4	John E. Cook	9
Monica M. Jelley	5	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
First peal in the method for all and for the Guild.

CLAYBROOKE, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1969, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

Thomas J. Lock	Treble	Rupert A. Clarke	5
Eric Edmondson	2	Roland H. Cook	6
Martin Green	3	R. Kingsley Mason	7
Neil Donovan	4	Gerald Penney	Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by Gerald Penney.

SHEPSHED, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Botolph.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1969, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In eight methods, comprising 768 each of London and Rutland, 640 of Bristol and 576 each of Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 142 changes of method. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

Martin Green	Treble	John M. Jelley	5
Eric Edmondson	2	Neil Donovan	6
Gerald Penney	3	R. Kingsbury Mason	7
*Rupert A. Clarke	4	Thomas J. Lock	Tenor

Composed by N. Smith. Conducted by John M. Jelley.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise.

OADBY, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Nov. 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise and Kent T.B. and three extents of Plain Bob Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in A flat.

John Hunt	Treble	G. Harry Bray	4
Raymond H. Martin	2	E. Guy Slater	5
Hazel J. Nichols	3	B. Stedman Payne	Tenor

Conducted by B. Stedman Payne.

LEIRE, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Mon., Nov. 10, 1969, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents, viz.: (1 and 2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) St. Clements, (4 and 6) Kent T.B., (5 and 7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in A.

J. Barrie Dove	Treble	Neville W. Price	4
Robin A. Gilliver	2	William Johnson	5
David J. Simpson	3	K. Paul Gilliver	Tenor

Conducted by K. Paul Gilliver.
Rung for the institution and induction of the Rev. Mr. Moody as Rector of Leire with Ashby Parva and Frolesworth.

LEICESTER.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in A.

*G. Barry Brown	Treble	Hilary F. Watson-Walker	4
	2	Alec R. Jones	5
Valerie E. Watts	3	K. Paul Gilliver	Tenor

Conducted by K. Paul Gilliver.
* First peal on two bells.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

BARROWBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Nov. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 ALL SAINTS DOUBLES
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in G.

Frederick W. Pinchbeck	Treble	Bryan Ward	4
Thomas A. Relf	2	Peter A. Slight	5
*Alec C. Crawford	3	Brian Buttery	Tenor

Conducted by Peter A. Slight.
* First peal "inside."

NETTLEHAM, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Nov. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in G.

Margaret A. Parker	Treble	Jack L. Millhouse	4
*Alan J. Sinden	2	John Parkin	5
Geoffrey R. Parker	3	Michael H. Sinden	Tenor

Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* First peal and first attempt.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Nov. 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 6¼ cwt.

George R. G. Butler	Treble	Harold Barsley	4
Michael Belcher	2	Roy Stephenson	5
*George H. Campling	3	Philip H. Reynolds	Tenor

Conducted by Philip H. Reynolds.
* First peal.
Rung in memoriam J. B. Hallifax, a founder member of the Guild.

ASFORDBY, Leicestershire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Oct. 11, 1969, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Comprising (1-2) St. Clement's, Childwall, Buxton, (3-4) Kent T.B., (5-7) Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in F.
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in F.

P. Mary Cheesewright	Treble	Brian Buttery	4
Bryan Ward	2	Owen Homewood	5
Richard E Manton	3	Peter A. Slight	Tenor

Conducted by Peter A. Slight.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
MACHEN, Monmouthshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Mon., Nov. 10, 1969, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation of Middleton's. Tenor 12 cwt.

Jeffrey D. Hankin	Treble	Nicholas W. H. Simon	5
Paul A. Williams	2	James Clatworthy	6
Michael R. Meadows	3	M. Jack Pryor	7
Mollie Marsh	4	Peter S. Bennett	Tenor

Conducted by Peter S. Bennett.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
LONDON, N.—At the Church of St. Michael, Wood Green.
On Wed., Nov. 5, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In five methods: Primrose, Norfolk, Ipswich, Cambridge and Plain Bob. Tenor 10¾ cwt.

Julian C. West	Treble	James E. Andrews	4
Maureen J. Carruthers	2	Peter G. Holden	5
Graham G. Firman	3	A. Keith P. Poole	Tenor

Conducted by A. Keith P. Poole.

THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD
SALFORD, Lancashire.—At the Church of the Sacred Trinity.
On Sat., Nov. 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED PLAIN AND LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Containing 4,032 Plain Bob and 1,008 Little Bob, with 90 changes of method in the 72 combination courses. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

*Roy E. Taylor	Treble	Margaret L. Ellwood	5
Rosemary K. Gates	2	Christopher L. D. Munday	6
†Elizabeth M. Tingle	3	William M. Taylor	7
Lynda M. Deebank	4	‡Marcus C. W. Sherwood	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Marcus C. W. Sherwood.
* First peal away from cover bell. † First "inside." ‡ 100th on tower bells. First of Spliced Plain and Little Bob by all.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Tues., Nov. 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 HEREWARD BOB MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr 13 lb. in B flat.

Richard J. Clifton	Treble	Frank Chambers	5
B. Stedman Payne	2	Alec R. Jones	6
Arthur E. Rowley	3	G. Ronald Edwards	7
Joseph W. Cotton	4	Roland Beniston	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roland Beniston.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Tues., Nov. 11, 1969, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 DORCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B flat.

G. Ronald Edwards	Treble	Frank Chambers	5
Richard J. Clifton	2	Ronald D. Hughes	6
Rev. M. C. C. Melville	3	Arthur E. Rowley	7
Joseph W. Cotton	4	Roland Beniston	Tenor

Composed by J. L. Morris. Conducted by Roland Beniston.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
SOUTH LOPHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Nov. 1, 1969, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Beverley Surprise, St. Clement's, Double Court, Oxford T.B., Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 20 cwt.

Norman P. J. Cossey	Treble	Thomas J. Brock	4
Michael J. Parker	2	Stephen F. High	5
Winston S. Girling	3	J. Barry Pickup (cond.)	Tenor

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
OXFORD, Oxon.—At the Church of St. Ebbe.
On Sun., Nov. 9, 1969, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 12 methods, comprising 1,440 London, 960 Rutland, 640 Bristol, 352 Cambridge, 320 each of Watford and Warwickshire, 288 Pudsey and 160 each of Lincolnshire, Mevagissey, Superlative, Wembley and Yorkshire, with 134 changes of method.
Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in B flat.

Anthony J. Mason	Treble	Lawrence J. Haines	5
Jeremy R. Pratt	2	Colin J. E. Wyld	6
Shirley E. Jones	3	Peter H. Mackie	7
Rodney A. Yeates	4	Richard H. Johnston	Tenor

Composed by Lawrence J. Haines Conducted by Jeremy R. Pratt.
Rung for Remembrance Sunday

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS and THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
PAINSWICK, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sun., Nov. 9, 1969, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's 12-part. Tenor 26 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

*John Taylor	Treble	Trevor Pritchard	5
Leslie Barry	2	†Richard Ashby	6
†Martin Kay	3	†Roy Cornock	7
*Sara Cornock	4	Ronald Watts	Tenor

Conducted by Leslie Barry.
* First peal of Triples. † First peal.
Rung with the bells half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
DAVENTRY, Northants.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Sun., Nov. 9, 1969, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in E flat.

Stephen Ivin	Treble	*Martin Major	6
*Jill K. Orme	2	Robert L. Piron	7
Graham C. Paul	3	Alan A. Paul	8
Barry E. Saunders	4	C. Michael Orme	9
Anthony H. Smith	5	Patrick I. Chapman	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Stephen Ivin.
* First peal of Cambridge Royal.

STAMFORD, Lincs.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Fri., Oct. 17, 1969, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in eight methods, viz.: (1) Norwich Surprise, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Oxford T.B., (4) Kent T.B., (5) Single Oxford Bob, (6) Double Oxford Bob, (7) St. Clement's Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in F sharp.

Bernard J. Branston (Glinton), Guild Committee representative, Treble
Geoffrey Davis (St. Mary's, Peterborough), Guild Committee rep. 2
Alfred Waller (Wansford and Thornhaugh) Branch President 3
Frank E. Sismey (Castor), Branch Ringing Master 4
John H. Bluff (All Saints', Stamford), Guild Master 5
Raymond H. Daw (St. John's, Peterborough), Branch Secretary Tenor
Conducted by Raymond H. Daw.
Rung by officers and tower captains of the Peterborough Branch as a compliment to Jack Bluff, a ringer at this tower for over 50 years.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
BERE REGIS, Dorset.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Wed., Nov. 19, 1969, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In two methods, being three extents of Rev. Canterbury Pleasure Bob and four extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr 17 lb. in E flat.

Mary E. Elmes	Treble	Ross G. W. Robertson	4
Christopher T. Brown	2	†Graham W. Elmes	5
*Michael J. Dew	3	†Timothy F. Collins	Tenor

Conducted by Timothy F. Collins.
* Most methods "inside" to a peal. † 100th peal together. All are members of the band at Lady St. Mary's, Wareham.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
TONBRIDGE, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sun., Oct. 19, 1969, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 14 methods, containing 576 Bristol, 384 each of Ashtead, Cambridge, Cassiobury, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Uxbridge and Yorkshire and 192 each of Cray and Cornwall. Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. in E.

Edward F. P. Bryant	Treble	James M. Hills	5
Sheila M. Dobbie	2	Frank J. Matthews	6
Ann Jenner	3	Walter H. Dobbie	7
Angela M. Wright	4	Stanley Jenner	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Edward F. P. Bryant.
First peal in 14 Spliced Surprise Major methods by all except the tenor ringer.

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NEWTON.—On November 23rd, 1969, at Wycombe Hospital, Lorna M. Newton, dearly loved wife of Percy, of 51, Chapel Lane, Sands, High Wycombe, and dear mother of Ronald 8271

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EVENING PRACTICES AND MEETINGS

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Ware (8), Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells available 5–7.30 p.m. Everyone welcome.—Brian J. W. Foley. 8247

LEICESTER GUILD.—Melton District.—Evening meeting, Asfordby (6), Saturday, Dec. 20th. Ringing 7–9 p.m.—S. N. Hall, Dis. Sec. 8270

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Saturday, Dec. 13th, Stoke Poges. Bells available 6.30 p.m.—J. Muller. 8243

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Calne Branch.—Evening meeting, Hilmarton, Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells 5.30 p.m. Service 6 p.m. 8273

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Evening practice to be held at Market Drayton (8) on Saturday, Dec. 13th, 6.30–8.30 p.m All welcome.—E. F. W., Hon. Sec. 8236

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Evening practice meeting at Bloxwich, near Walsall, Saturday. Dec. 20th. Bells (8) available 6.30–8.30 p.m. Anyone welcome.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 8184

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Practice meeting, Lakenheath (6), Friday evening, Dec. 12th. Bells from 7–9 p.m. 8224

AFTERNOON MEETINGS

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—December meeting.—To be held on the second Saturday in December, 13th, at Horbury, near Wakefield. Teas catered for. All welcome. 8284

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Annual general meeting, Wiveliscombe (8), on Saturday, Dec. 13th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business. Names for tea to E. R. Tyndale-Biscoe. Burnells Gardens, Dunster 346. 8263

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Annual District meeting, Bolsover, Dec. 13th. Bells available: Scarcliffe (5), 2.30–3.30; Bolsover (8), 3.30–4.30 and after meeting. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, **without fail, please**, to Mr. D. Cooper, 70a, Stratton Road, Bolsover (Tel. Bols. 2459). 8248

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting. Thornaby, Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. L. Yates, 41, Stainton Street, North Ormesby. Middlesbrough, Teesside. 8250

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting, Chesterton (6), Dec. 13th, 3–4.30. Service, tea, business meeting (if necessary); further ringing until about 8.30 p.m.—J. S. 8226

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Quarterly District meeting at Ewell on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Evening ringing at Epsom Common. Names for tea must be sent to Mrs Munday, 37, Bradford Drive, Ewell. 8187

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—A.G.M., Wotton-under-Edge, Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. A.G.M. after tea Names for tea to G. Minors, 1, Hestonville Villas, Purton, Berkeley, Glos. 8263

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—King's Langley (8), Dec. 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mrs. D. Barker, 7 Watford Road, King's Langley 8257

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Practice meeting. Ringing at: St. Alphege's, Whitstable, 3–4.30 p.m.; All Saints', Whitstable, 6–7.30; Herne, 8–9 p.m. Cups of tea available at Whitstable.—J. B. K. 8293

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Annual meeting, Emmanuel, Everton, Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss A. Ismay, 19, Agincourt Road, Liverpool, 12, by Wednesday. Everyone welcome.—G. K. A. 8266

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Loughborough District) and SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD (South Notts District).—Joint meeting. Saturday, Dec. 13th, Stanford-on-Soar (8), 3–4 p.m., and Loughborough (10). 3.45–4.30 p.m. and evening. Service 4.30. Tea in Fearon Hall 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss H F Watson-Walker, 152 Ashby Road. Loughborough, Leics. All welcome.—Hilary F. Watson-Walker. Dis. Sec. 8254

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—City Branch.—Annual meeting at Iffley on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. J. Adams, 64 Horspath Road. Cowley, Oxford. 8223

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Practice meeting, Cranford (6), Dec. 13th, 3–5 p.m. only. All welcome.—M. A. C. 8288

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Meeting, Colston Bassett, Dec. 13th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to W. L. Exton, "St. Ouen's", Whatton. 8188

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—N. Notts meeting at Everton, Dec. 13th. Names for tea to the Vicarage by the previous Thursday evening. 8259

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Haverfordwest Saturday Dec. 13th. Bells available 2.30 p.m Service 4 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. Short business meeting 5.30 p.m., followed by further ringing.—J. Prytherch, Hon. Sec. 8245

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South East Annual District Meeting will be held at St. Mary-le-Tower (12), Ipswich, on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. Ringing in evening 7–9 p.m. All wishing for tea please book to Mrs. E. Lockwood, 2, Thorpes Hill Cottages, Hintlesham, near Ipswich.—W. L., Dis. Sec. 8242

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Coventry Archdeaconry.—Christmas Get-together, Thursday, Dec. 18th. Ringing at Monk's Kirby 7 p.m. Buffet supper at the Bull's Head, Brinklow (7/6). Names to D Mountford, 61, Heath Lane, Brinklow (Pailton 404) by Dec. 10th (most important). This replaces the District meeting of Dec. 20th.—Ian F. Garvie, Dis. Sec. 8264

EAST DERBYS AND WEST NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Shirland, Dec. 20th, 3–8.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to M. N. Blount, 19, New Higham, Shirland, Derbys, DE5 6BP, by Dec. 17th.—L. G. S., Hon. Treasurer. 8208

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Upwell, Dec. 20th. Bells 2.30. Service time to be announced at meeting. Please make own arrangements for tea. Everyone welcome.—D. A. Feek, Dis. Sec. 8275

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Meeting, Waltham Abbey, Saturday, Dec. 20th. Ringing 3–4.30. Service and tea. Ringing in evening until 8 p.m Names for tea to D. Cobb, 1, Elm Close, Waltham Abbey. 8277

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Dec. 20th. St. Stephen's, St. Albans, 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. Nominations for 1970 District officers may be given at this meeting. Names for tea to Miss A. MacFarlane, 2, Hart Road, St. Albans (Tel.: 52111).—R. E. Hardy, Dis. Sec. 8233

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch—Meeting, St. Saviour's, Bacup, on Saturday, Dec. 20th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Everybody welcome.—H. Parkinson, Branch Sec. 8265

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—The December monthly meeting will be held at Barkby on the 20th inst Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in the Village Hall. Names for tea, please, to Mr. Maurice Kirk, 12 The Ringway, Queniborough ('Phone: Syston 2527), by Dec. 17th. 8195

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—A.G.M., St. Mary's, Nottingham, Saturday, Dec. 27th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea to Mr. D. Stainsby, 376, Loughborough Road, West Bridgford (Tel.: 233506), by MONDAY previous. 8285

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PLEASLEY, DERBYS. — On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): C. Rodgers (first quarter) 1, A. Smithson (cond.) 2, L. Parker 3, A. Tomlinson 4, W. Riley 5. For the dedication of the new choir vestry.

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SAWSTON, CAMBS.—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. Page 1, B. Page 2, D. Richards 3, I. Start 4, H. Churchman 5, M. Ling (first as cond. and in method) 6, F. Harris 8. First quarter 1, 2, 8

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SILVERTON, DEVON.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. S. Down 1, W. J. Ransom 2, J. R. Hutchings 3, H. Ransom 4, W. E. Richards (cond.) 5, P. Howe 6. A farewell to J. R. Hutchings, who is leaving on a six months' world cruise.

SOUTHWARK, S.E.—At the Cathedral, on Nov. 16th, 1,320 Plain Bob Maximus: A. W. Bond 1, C. D. Collin 2, D. L. Nibbs 3, T. G. Williams 4, Lesley A. Hawes 5, Kathleen Jordan (first on 12 bells) 6, Anthea S. Bruce 7, P. D. Hepburn 8, R. E. Stillwell 9, P. V. Feast 10, D. R. Cox 11, B. J. Stone (cond.) 12. First Bob Maximus by all the band. Rung by a combined band from Brighton and Kingston upon Thames for "Sunday Evenings at Southwark".

STANSTED, ESSEX.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (Plain, Grandsire): A. Dixson (first quarter) 1, H. W. Watts 2, D. R. Hutley 3, P. Glazebrook 4, W. Hunt (cond.) 5, D. J. Cheeseman 6. For All Souls' Day.

QUARTER PEALS

STEEP, HANTS.—On Nov. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Maureen Tipper 1, K. Sansom 2, Mrs. A. Hall (first as cond.) 3, R. Tipper 4, D. Hatherly 5, K. Tipper 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Ann Roberts, a Buriton ringer.

STOKE D'ABERNON, SURREY.—On Nov. 10th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Bryony P. Moorby 1, B. J. Stone 2, Kathleen Jordan 3, G. N. Colebourne 4, C. D. Collin 5, C. I. Rowson (cond.) 6.

STOKE DAMEREL, DEVON.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. F. Steere 1, G. E. Mudge 2, D. G. M. Pearce (cond.) 3, S. G. Peirce 4, A. N. Frost 5, B. D. Knight 6. To celebrate the 50th anniversary of the S.W. Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers.

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THORLEY, HERTS.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: D. Cheeseman 1, H. Watts 2, D. Hutley 3, P. Glazebrook 4, K. Westwood (cond.) 5, T. Camp 6.

TIBSHELF, DERBYS.—On Nov. 1st, 1,440 Kent and Oxford T.B.: A. Smithson 1, E. A. Wilson 2, W. Riley 3, W. Steele (first T.B. "inside") 4, A. Tomlinson 5, A. Wheeler (cond.) 6.

WAREHAM, DORSET.—On Nov. 16th, 1,260 Rev. Canterbury Pleasure Bob Minor: G. W. Elmes 1, Mary E. Elmes 2, Judith A. Robertson 3, M. J. Dew 4, C. T. Brown 5, R. G. W. Robertson (cond.) 6. First of Minor in the method by all except the conductor.

WARNFORD, HANTS.—On Nov. 15th, 1,260 St. Clement's Bob and Plain Bob Minor: K. Sansom 1, Mary White 2, R. Tipper 3, D. Hatherly 4, K. Tipper 5, K. Waller (first as cond. of St. Clement's Bob) 6. A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Ken Tipper.

WELDON, NORTHANTS. — On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (six methods): T. Fellows 1, Susan M. Fitton 2, Susan Kemp 3, R. L. E. Newby 4, R. A. Webster (cond., 100th quarter) 5, Penny McCreadie 6.

WENTWORTH, YORKS. — On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): Mrs. Y. King (first Doubles) 1, E. P. King 2, A. King 3, M. King (cond.) 4, T. Cairns 5, R. Grundy 6. Also on Nov. 11th, 1,320 Doubles (three methods): T. Cairns 1, R. R. Nalliah 2, D. Hunton 3, P. S. Wood 4, M. King (cond.) 5, R. Grundy 6. Rung half-muffled on the 51st anniversary of the Armistice of World War I.

WEST BRIDGFORD, NOTTS. — On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Judith Wall 1, Janet Thornton 2, Janet Crossland 3, W. Ratcliffe 4, P. Else (cond.) 5, P. Beacroft (first quarter) 6.

WEST TARRING, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Linda Goode 1, Brenda I. Cox 2, R. M. Cox (cond.) 3, D. A. Smith 4, G. R. Hills 5, Elizabeth Grigg 6. Also on Nov. 5th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Caroline L. Jones (first Minor) 1, Brenda I. Cox 2, C. Chappell 3, M. Fromm 4, H. D. Butler 5, R. M. Cox (cond.) 6.

WHATTON-IN-THE-VALE, NOTTS. — On Nov. 13th, 1,320 Minor (three methods): Mary D. Gaydon 1, W. L. Exton (cond.) 2, H. Hanson 3, F. R. Barber 4, T. G. Goodwin 5, T. O. Greasley 6.

WHITCHURCH, DEVON. — On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): H. P. Perkin 1, J. F. Steere 2, J. C. Mitchelmore 3, S. G. Peirce 4, G. E. Mudge (cond.) 5, E. J. Cann 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Rev. A. R. Gerry, late Vicar, who funeral was the previous day.

WIVELISCOMBE, SOM. — On Nov. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Gale 1, H. Young 2, H. Purchase 3, V. Gunter 4, G. Sparks 5, W. Nurcombe 6, F. Sasley (cond.) 7, M. Bellamy 8. For Christian Stewardship Pledge Day.

WOOLLEY, YORKS.—On Nov. 9th, 1,272 Minimus (four methods): R. Cater 1, P. Carbutt 2, G. E. Hancock 3, R. G. Corby 4. Rung for the dedication of the Lady Chapel by the Bishop of Wakefield.

WORPLESDON, SURREY.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): B. Underwood (first quarter) 1, K. Underwood 2, P. Selwood 3, M. Kirk 4, J. Collier (cond.) 5, P. Green (first quarter) 6.

YORK. — At the Cathedral, on Oct. 25th, 1,320 Grandsire Cinques: P. Balchin 1, Beryl Hartley 2, D. Clegg 3, A. W. A. Leggett 4, Felicity Ashford 5, D. Potter 6, Margaret Wilkinson 7, M. Staniforth 8, B. Sutton 9, H. Walker 10, A. E. Hartley (cond.) 11, J. Bower 12. By the Sunday service band.

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Christmas in Rangoon

By Rev. MICHAEL FREEMAN

THE CHRISTMAS that I recall most vividly is the one which I spent in Rangoon in 1945. Perhaps part of the reason is that I missed all that I had associated with Christmas—the morning fumbling with presents, early service at St. Peter-at-Gowts church with the mellow sound of handbells fading into the darkness of the nave, and then to the Cathedral to ring out the glad tidings of peace and goodwill. The whole day was spent with family and friends. In Rangoon, in 1945, all that was far, far away.

It was in May, earlier that year, that the army unit to which I belonged, had reached Rangoon. Within a few days some of us found the cathedral. From the outside it was recognisable as a cathedral, but inside it was indescribable. All the furniture had either disappeared or was smashed, huge brick walls divided the building and rotting straw and wood covered the floor. The whole place stank. The Japanese had stabled horses in the building.

The first job was to clear the place of all debris and to find some kind of furniture so that the building could be used for worship again. Eventually this was done and Christmas 1945 began for me—and for many others—with a midnight Communion service in Rangoon Cathedral. Round the altar at that service there were Indians and Americans, West Africans and British, Burmese and Chinese; we all knelt in what had been a stable to receive the Body and Blood of Him who was born in a stable.

What makes that Christmas so vivid, so clear in my memory, is the symbolism of a Cathedral that had been a stable, and that men and women of different races and nationalities knelt side by side to receive Christ. This, partly, is what Christmas is about. Perhaps, in some youthful idealistic way, I dreamed dreams that this was how life might become—that men and women might come to know their oneness before God, and that we should show our love and compassion for each other.

Now it is 1969, and the symbolism of the stable has become a reality—it is the reality of homelessness, of poverty, of the refugee. Perhaps we have been too caught up with the angels' song and the gifts of kings to remember that Christ was in a stable because He was homeless; that He was to spend much of His life wandering from place to place with nowhere to lay His head; that He was to clash over and over again with law and order and in the end He was to be executed. No longer can any of us sit in the glow of warm contentment with the world shut out; for if we do that, we shut out Christ.

It is when people keep Christmas on only one day in the year, that they fail to understand what it is all about. It is when we only want to "keep" Christmas by singing carols or watching school nativity plays with shepherds dressed in bath towels and angels with cardboard wings that we empty the day of its truth.

It is a day which reminds us of the hungry, the sick and the homeless; it is a day which reminds us of Christian Aid, of Cancer Research, of Shelter. It is a day which reminds us that our love and concern is needed to feed the hungry, to care for the sick and to give shelter to the homeless.

On Christmas morning when the bells ring out, may they proclaim the fact of God's love shown to us in the newborn babe and the crucified man; let them call us to an ever increasing awareness and concern for the suffering world.

> "Ring out the old, ring in the new!
> Not ox-and-ass, but Oxfam.
> Not cattleshed, but Shelter.
> Not 'Hither, page,' but 'Cathy, home

Perhaps the true meaning of Christmas will come to us not through some nostalgic, childhood memory, not through some vivid recollection, but through the present moment of seeing Christ in all men.

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INSCRIPTIONS ON THE BELLS OF HARPENDEN

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2.—To tell of the crowning of Queen Alexandra 1902. Given by the Parishioners.

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4.—Johanes Grene me fecit anno Dni 1574. Recast 1898. John Warner & Sons. London.

5.—Prayse the Lord. 1612.

6.—In multis annis resonat Campana Johannis 1571. Recast 1898. John Warner & Sons. London.

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ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH, PENN, WOLVERHAMPTON

(This article is based on a booklet written by the late Preb. E. Hartill, Vicar of Penn, 1918-1948.—Ed.)

SELECTED for the cover of our Christmas issue is the Church of St. Bartholomew, the mantle of snow highlighting features of its fabric. This has been holy ground before the days of the Normans, and evidence supporting this is the Lady Godiva cross on the south side of the church. This dates from about A.D. 1050 and bears the following inscription:—

> "This preaching cross was erected by Lady Godiva, Lady of the Manor of Nether Penn and wife of Leofric, Earl of Mercia. Itinerant priests of Dudley Priory provided occasional services, until Sir Hugh de Bushbery built the Church c. 1200."

The set of steps and broken-off stump of a cross was, in 1912, found buried in the churchyard and is the oldest thing in Penn. It is thought that it was disturbed when the foundations of the church were being built and had remained hidden for some 700 years.

STEEPLE ABOVE TOWER

The first church was probably a small rectangular building. The date of its first enlargement is unknown but the present stone tower dates from 1765 and was not quite as high as the present tower but was surmounted by a steeple. This was taken down when the tower was encased in brick and built up to its present height. There have been various enlargements—in 1845, in 1860, in 1871 and finally at the time of Queen Victoria's jubilee a beautifully-carved chancel screen given by the Twentyman family.

The present choir vestry dates from 1828 and covers what had been the original doorway into the small 13th century church. In 1958 the present vicar's vestry was built at a cost of £2,500

There is a strange story connected with the Norman font which did duty until 1682 when it was turned out of the church and made into a sundial, standing upside-down on another stone. One hundred and sixty-nine years later the Vicar (Rev. Henry Moore) was walking by the spot when he inserted his stick in a hole where some mortar had fallen out. Finding the aperture was very extensive he had the sundial knocked down and found it was the font! It now occupies an honoured and commanding position in the church.

THE BELLS

The inventory of 1553 gives Penn as possessing four bells in the steeple and a sanctus bell, and there were four bells in 1696. But of the present ring the four oldest were cast in 1796 and inscribed: "William Bagley made me". Two more were added in 1858 from the foundry of John Warner and Sons, London, and two trebles added to mark the diamond jubilee of Queen Victoria. These were cast by James Barwell, of Birmingham, in 1897. Finally in 1929 the eight bells were recast and rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston with a tenor of 10 cwt. 12 lb. in A. In that year the whole tower was repaired and strengthened.

There is a delightful story told about the fine set of handbells in possession of the church which provides a topical touch at the annual ringers' service in June. But things were not always so orderly in the belfry. The tower fell into bad repute and the ringers agreed to pawn the bells one by one for liquor at the Old Stag. Mine host, seeing little likelihood of local redemption, sold them to a pawnbroker in Willenhall. By chance John Roden's father, collecting rents in that area, discovered and bought them. News trickled to the ears of the then churchwarden, Mr. A. H. Twentyman, who after prolonged negotiations managed to redeem them for the church on the understanding that he had them engraved with the name of Penn to avoid any further loss.

An unusual point about Penn Parish Church is that it was not always dedicated to St. Bartholomew. John Smyth, of Nether Penn, made a will on February 20th, 1533, and in it expressed the wish to be buried in the churchyard of St. John-the-Baptist of Over Penn. One of the witnesses of the will was Robert Jackson, the Vicar, so there is no doubt, writes a local historian, that in 1533 the church was dedicated to St. John-the-Baptist. The old registers which go back to 1569 do not help — they are simply called Penn Parish register.

HARPENDEN'S BELLS REDEDICATED

[*Picture by "Evening Echo", Hemel Hempstead.*

Back: Mr. A. E. Rushton (President, Bedfordshire Association).

Centre: Mr. J. D. Painter (Harpenden), Mr. F. Kirk (St. Michael's, St. Albans), Mr. W. Little (Cathedral, St. Albans), Mr. R. Newson (King's Lynn, ex-Harpenden).

Front: Mr. F. C. Jacklin (Captain, Harpenden), Mr. A. Day (57 years ringer at Harpenden), Mr. Walter Ayre (President, Hertford County Association).

"Praise the Lord", the inscription on the oldest bell in the tower, was the theme of the service when the Archdeacon of St. Albans (Ven. Basil Snell) rededicated the bells of Harpenden Parish Church at evensong on November 16th.

In February they were taken down for a complete overhaul and rehanging by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough. While the bells were away other structural work involved the removal of a beam that had been in the tower before there were bells.

In his address the Archdeacon reminded those present that bells had hung in the tower through centuries of great change but the message of the Gospel, which they proclaimed, was as relevant today as in bygone years.

During the singing of the Bellringers' Hymn clergy, churchwardens and ringers processed to the tower. After the act of rededication the Archdeacon handed the ropes to the Rector (Rev. Peter Graham), who passed them to the tower captain (Mr. F. C. Jacklin). The bells were then rung in rounds by members of the Sunday service band. Mr. Paul Taylor was present to represent his firm.

The bells were rung after the service by a representative band, including members of the local company, the president of the Hertford County Association (Mr. Walter Ayre), the president of the Bedfordshire Association (Mr. A. E. Rushton), Mr. R. Hardy (St. Albans District secretary) and Mr. H. V. Frost, and later by the visiting ringers who came from a wide area.

Refreshments were provided for all in the Church Hall by local ringers—a welcome hospitality on a bleak winter's evening. M. C.

OLD GREEN EYE

"R.W." MESSAGE OF 1933. DOES IT APPLY TODAY?

Addressing a gathering of ringers at a meeting of the Sussex County Association one Saturday, the Vicar of Ringmer took the opportunity of uttering a word of warning against the intrusion into the belfry of the ogre which he described as "Old Green Eye". Such a warning is not out of place. Jealousy stalks everywhere, among every sect, in all walks of life and through every pursuit. It is to be found in the ranks of ringers, no less than among other sections of the community, for ringers are only human; and although the warning was given to an assembly of Sussex ringers, the advice has a much wider application. This Vicar of Ringmer spoke as a former ringer and, therefore, not without experience of the ways of ringers. And who is there, with any experience at all, who has not seen at some time or another the disastrous effects which "Old Green Eye" can work in a company or in an association?

Jealousy is usually the product of a small mind and congested vision, and coupled as it often is with selfishness can do a vast amount of harm in a ringing circle—as it can, of course, in any other sphere. It is jealousy that frequently impels the local conductor to keep all the calling in his own hands—particularly if he is not of a very brilliant type—because he is fearful that if he gave any other members of the company a chance his own position might eventually be undermined. His jealousy prevents him studying the best interests of the company; for no band ought to be without a reserve of conductors any more than they ought to be without a reserve of ringers. Then there are those jealous rivalries which prevent some ringers—and good ringers, too—from inviting other equally good ringers to join them in their ringing and particularly in their peal ringing, and those petty jealousies which arise when someone, who thinks he ought to be included, is left out of a touch or peal. Teamwork, as the then Vicar of Ringmer also pointed out, is the essence of progress in change-ringing, and jealousy and selfishness are its greatest enemies.

But jealousies do not stop at the instances mentioned. They can be found in other directions — sometimes between Associations, who look upon themselves as rivals instead of as co-adjutors in the promotion of the art of ringing, and sometimes even in the correspondence which appears in these columns "Old Green Eye" frequently gets a footing unobserved, but his presence is quickly and often disastrously revealed; and while we do not for a moment believe that ringers are, as a body, any more prone to fall victims of his snares than any other section of the community, ringing is so essentially a pursuit that demands the team spirit that there can be no room for jealousy in the belfry if the best results are to be achieved. It is for this reason that we would emphasise the warning given at Ringmer, which incidentally is a place that should have some interest for ringers from the fact that it was while he was curate here the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies pursued some of his early and valuable explorations into the problems of the art.

MAISEMORE BELLS REHUNG

The six bells at Maisemore, Gloucester, were rededicated by the Lord Bishop of Gloucester (Rt. Rev. Basil Guy) on November 26th, after having been rehung on the old frame with a recast fourth and the remainder retuned, the work being carried out at Whitechapel. These bells, although silent for just over 30 years due to the fourth being cracked, will be a great asset to the Gloucester branch. In his address the Bishop congratulated the parishioners on what they had done to make it possible for their bells to ring forth over the meadows proclaiming the Name of the Lord. It would, he said, be a source of great encouragement to the many other parishes in the diocese where the bells needed similar work done, for almost the whole of the cost—about £1,450—had been raised in the parish, which is a small one. Following the rededication rounds were rung by the local band of learners, assisted by members of the Gloucester branch of the G. and B. Association, who have been teaching them in other towers. Following the service the first touch on the bells (Plain Bob Minor) was rung by five officers of the Association and Pat Allen, who has been in charge of the teaching. The bells were then rung during the evening by the many other ringers present. Refreshments were available in the Village Hall, where the incumbent (Rev. P. McConnell) thanked the Association for all that they had done to make the evening possible. The hon. secretary of the Association, replying, said that Maisemore was proof that the Association did not exist by words only, but was an example of how to put words into action. It was a great day for the village. The Bishop had said that he hoped the bells would be rung at his passing, so Maisemore must see to it that they had ringers to keep their bells ringing so that when that day did come many years hence the bells could sound out for the Bishop. C. R.

CANTERBURY DISTRICT AT BARHAM

The Canterbury District of the K.C.A. held its first meeting of 1969–70 period at the delightful village of Barham, whose old-world charm has not been affected by the dreary development in the valley below. In contrast to our last visit we enjoyed this time a real "Indian summer". There are five bells, four of them rehung just before the war, with a modern tenor (11-3-3 in F sharp) added by the Whitechapel Bell Foundry in 1947; they are a sonorous ring but a little tricky to handle because of the first floor ringing gallery having been removed, but access is still there. The service was conducted by Mr. D. L. Cawley and the address given by the Rector, Rev. Alan Richardson, who spoke on many legendary uses of church bells.

A goodly company assembled in the Village Hall, a first-rate tea being provided. The business was very clear and quickly settled, being presided over by Mr. B. J. Luck. It was stated that the Tidy Towers Competition was not yet over, and a unanimous resolution was carried asking for the striking contest to be held in the spring. Mr. Cawley mentioned that he had inspected the bells of Elham and found three cracked and all badly in need of rehanging; the collection was therefore given to this object. The meeting learned that the lovely eight at Lyminge had, fortunately, not been damaged by the recent fire but were partly without ropes. The ringing chamber would require restoration, all this, fortunately, being covered by insurance. Our grateful thanks to all who helped make this such an interesting meeting. D. L. C.

STRATTON'S RINGING FESTIVAL

Nineteen teams took part in this year's St. Andrew's, Stratton, festival held on November 29th. The contest consisted of raising, call-changes and lowering the bells (except Withycombe Raleigh, who rang Plain Bob Triples). During the day 17 local towers were open for general ringing. Two local teams were represented in the competition — Poughill and Bridgerule — but it is hoped that more local bands will take part next year. The standard of ringing this year was very high.

Tea was served in the church rooms by Mrs. H. Stacey and helpers and a short service was conducted by Rev. R. O. H. Eppington, of Clovelly, a collection being taken for the parish church gift day.

In the 8-bell contest, the Charlie Davis memorial shield, newly presented by his nephew, George Davis, was won by North Tawton, with 65 faults, and Shirwell, with 73 faults, received a cup as runners-up. Certificates were presented to Bridgerule, Tavistock, Plymstock, Pilton and Withycombe Raleigh.

The 6-bell shield, given by St. Andrew's ringers, was awarded to Swimbridge, who had 34 faults. Certificates were awarded to Black Torrington, Down St. Mary, Poughill, Tavistock, Tawstock, North Tawton, South Tawton, St. Columb and Yarnscombe.

The judges were Messrs. E. C. Vanstone (Langtree), C. Way (Chawleigh) and A. C. Thorne (Copplestone).

A draw, organised by the young lady ringers of St. Andrew's, was won by Mr. Norman, of Pilton.

After the ringing the Truro Guild Master (Mr. Wilf Boucher) presented a certificate to Mr. Bert Bissat to mark his 50 years of ringing in Stratton. H. T., B. V.

OBITUARY

THOMAS E. SONE

With the passing of Thomas E. Sone, of Brenchley, Kent, at the age of 74, the County Association has lost one of its most prolific peal ringers and genial personalities. For the last two or three years Tom had done very little ringing owing to bronchial trouble. This was the illness to which he finally succumbed and he died, very peacefully, in the early morning of December 1st.

Tom was a true Kentish man, having been born on July 14th, 1895, at the village of Northbourne, near Deal. He learnt to ring in 1909, under the tuition of his father, Mr. C. H. Sone, at Marden, who called his first peal at this tower (Grandsire Triples) on January 19th, 1911. He served in the First World War in the R.A.M.C.. He did not take any real interest in peal ringing until 1925. His last peal was rung at Withyham, Sussex (Plain Bob), on November 12th, 1966, when seven of the band had all served in the 1914–18 war. Tom's final total of peals was 780, of which he conducted 371, and they were rung in 180 different towers. Well over 550 of these were rung for the K.C.A. and a large number of ringers owe their first peal or "first in the method" to his organisation and enthusiasm.

In conducting he had made a specialisation of calling a fresh composition as often as possible, and he called some 250 different compositions. A large number of these were one-part, many being supplied to him by Arthur Knights and rung for the first time. He made a particular study of Holt's Original and called it no fewer than 45 times (five times round the "circle") and twice non-conducted, the last time being at Putney on April 3rd, 1965, when he was nearly 70. He "completed the circle" in 17 8-bell towers and one 10-bell tower and conducted a peal from most of the bells in the 8-bell towers.

Until Tom retired from work in July, 1961, he lived at Paddock Wood and was district superintendent of the Mid-Kent Water Company for 36 years, leading a busy life in charge of the water supply for 12 parishes. Although there were no bells at Paddock Wood he was a Sunday service ringer at Staplehurst, Marden and Linton, and since the war he had been a regular attender at All Saints', Maidstone.

Apart from ringing, his other great interest was cricket and he usually made a point of attending at either the Canterbury or Dover cricket week. He served his local Association as Central Council representative from 1933–59 and was also a member of the general committee for a longer period.

The funeral took place at Brenchley Church, where he had rung 34 peals, on December 8th. It was a lovely, fine morning and more than 30 ringers gathered in the church, with relatives and other friends, to pay their last respects to a popular colleague. The Vicar of Brenchley conducted the service, and after the interment a course of Grandsire Triples was rung by R. T. Lambert 1-2, T. Cullingworth 3-4, W. Rogers 5-6 and E. J. Ladd 7-8. Afterwards the tower bells were rung to touches of Stedman and Double Norwich by the above four, with the addition of Messrs. S. Jenner, R. E. Lambert, G. Kenward, M. Lancefield, C. Tester and A. P. Cannon.

The deepest sympathy is extended to his widow and his married son and daughter, Charles and Audrey, and his granddaughter, Caroline, who is also a ringer.

LETTERS

5,079 STEDMAN CATERS

Dear Sir,—I regret to inform you that the composition on page 960 of the Dec. 5th issue appears to be false as printed.

The 12th course end 346152978 and the 16th 416352978 have the following sixes 413267589 and 134267589 respectively. If these sixes are written in full all the changes are repeated but in a different order.

43162 —	14362
34126 —	41326
31462 —	43162
13426 —	34126
14362 —	31462
413267589	134267589

As the calling and figures match I feel there is little doubt that the Wrington band will have to amend their records. This is a pity as the composer seems to have overcome far greater pitfalls in the "blocks".

Also, I expect it has already been pointed out but the composition on page 940 of the previous issue by R. B. Smith of Stedman Caters lacks the calling denoted by letters (a), (b) and (c).

On reflection, I wonder why we insist on no repetition of changes in our requirements for a peal. There would be no difference in the physical and mental demands on ringers and conductors provided the minimum number was achieved, and composers would be faced with a task perhaps more artistic than mathematical.

It might present an even harder task than the present one if bells were required to be static whilst watching their cue from other work to resume movement. One could also envisage fast and slow movements, repeated themes and other musical forms.

For instance, at the moment we proudly claim that a peal has this musical feature, but if analysed this rarely represents more than 10% of the number of changes, so the other 90% is "padding".

Food for thought, perhaps?—Yours faithfully,

D. E. PARSONS.

Englefield Green, Surrey.

AN APPRECIATION

I first met Tom and his wife at Eastertime, 1929, walking along the promenade at my old home at Deal. When I was studying at Tonbridge I asked him if he would arrange my first peal "inside" on eight bells. This he gladly did at Hadlow on November 20th, 1931, with Kent T.B., and Bob Major followed at Brenchley on December 2nd. I still have the letter, written in his usual neat handwriting, saying that the Hadlow peal was fixed. I did not ring another peal with him until Silver Jubilee Day, May 6th, 1935. This was at Linton, and afterwards we were entertained to tea at his parents' home. Altogether we rang 84 peals together in many parts of the country and also in Ireland. He particularly enjoyed going on peal tours, sometimes by coach and later by car, and always joined in everything with enthusiasm I shall always be very grateful to him for giving me the opportunity to ring many of the well-known Kent tenors and gain useful experience. He was most delighted when his son, Charles, by a remarkable coincidence, was posted during the war in 1944 to my own station in Barrackpore, Calcutta, India.

To those of us standing at the graveside there were many happy memories, tinged with much sadness, of a kind and friendly man. These memories will never be forgotten. May his soul rest in peace.

A. P. C.

NAMING MINOR METHODS

Dear Sir,—I wish to clarify some confusion that has arisen from the letter on page 907 by Mr. Andrew Wilby concerning the naming of Minor methods rung at Great Gaddesden, Herts, on July 27th, 1969.

Mr. Wilby is quite correct in stating that: For Rotherslade: 56.14—16—16. l.e. 12 read Wight. and for Cheriton:

56.14—1236—56. l.e. 12 read Alton.

But for Knelston (not Rhossili as stated by Mr. Wilby): 56.14—36.12.56 l.e. 12 read Basingstoke.

The method rung and named as Rhossili: 56.14—36.12.36. l.e. 12 at Great Gaddesden on July 27th, was rung for the first time.

I would be grateful if the conductor, Mr. Brian J. Woodruffe, would confirm this by either writing to me or to the "R.W." if he still wishes this peal to be recorded by the Hertford County Association.—Yours faithfully,

GERALD PENNEY,
Hon. Peal Secretary,
Hertford County Association.
5, Mentmore Road,
St. Albans, Herts.

PEAL TECHNIQUE

Dear Sir,—My ability to read "The Ringing World" and my qualifications to express an opinion have been questioned by Mr. Michael Uphill (on page 946), and rightly so, for I am quite small fry in ringing circles, as a few explanatory details (if you, Mr. Editor, can spare the space for them) will show:

For the last ten years I have been obliged to be away at my work for at least eight hours (and often up to 12 hours) every day for seven days every week, excepting only Christmas Day and three weeks' annual holiday, so by the time I get round to reading "The Ringing World" my mind is anything but lively. Normally I omit the peal reports and anything mathematical-looking, skim through the quarter peals and read the rest fairly thoroughly. My practical ringing consists of Sunday service ringing at my own tower (where we are struggling to make the transition from call-changes to Plain Bob) at the other end of the Sunday from that at which I am at work and ringing on two or three evenings per week (local practice nights and the after-tea parts of meetings) when my shift work permits. My peal ringing experience is confined to a few performances between 1945 and 1957 and sporadic attempts since, but all of them were under conductors whose standards were of the highest and whose judgment of validity I was prepared to trust completely.

Regarding the Decision A 12 to which Mr. Uphill refers, I have been under the impression that this clause is provided for use as a last resort to bring public pressure to bear on the conductor, and that it in no way removes his right (established by very long usage) to decide whether or not to withdraw the peal.

I am indeed sorry to hear that there are nowadays some conductors who will proceed beyong rough patches and who "will not be persuaded that such peals should not be counted" (I quote Mr. Uphill's words), and if this is the modern trend in peal ringing I am glad to have no part in it.

I do not set myself up as an expert ringer nor do I claim my striking ability to be specially good, but I do feel very strongly that the current public attempts to lower confidence in peal conductors must result in a lowering of morale among conductors to the detriment of the Exercise in general. —Yours faithfully,

Newhaven. J. V. LONSBROUGH.

LETTERS

RAILWAY NOMENCLATURE

Dear Sir,—Having read and enjoyed Mr. B. G. D. Vince's article on St. Andrew's Church, Stratton, may I point to a small error in the third paragraph? The Great Western Railway never served Bude. The London and South Western Railway constructed the Bude branch which diverged from the main line at Meldon Junction near Okehampton and reached Holsworthy in 1879, being finally extended to Bude in 1898. When the railways lost their separate identity the L.S.W.R. became the Western Section of the Southern Railway and when the railways were nationalised it became the Southern Region of British Railways. Finally all the former "southern" lines west of Salisbury were transferred to the Western Region. Alas, under the Beeching plan, the branch line has disappeared from the railway map and the nearest one can now get to Bude by this former route is Okehampton.—Yours faithfully,

ALAN R. PINK.

Oxford.

(Mr. John Cornelius, of Shepton Beauchamp, has also written to the same effect. —Ed.)

IVYCHURCH BELLS

Dear Sir,—As members of the band which was privileged to ring St. George's, Ivychurch, bells on June 9th, 1968, and which was very hospitably entertained to sherry by the Rector afterwards, we would like to make a few observations on the letter from a Mr. Cawley which appeared in the "R.W." of November 21st.

We imagine that we are not alone in finding the exact meaning of his exceedingly wordy first paragraph difficult, if not impossible, to understand, so we will pass on to the remainder of his letter. Mr. Cawley describes himself as "steeplekeeper" of this tower and speaks of "constant maintenance"; also, some years ago now, there were one or two items in the "R.W." about the "restoration" of the bells. We can only say that we found them in poor order and showing no signs of maintenance, constant or otherwise. Furthermore we had to spend about an hour on the treble wheel before we could ring.

The sound of the fourth bell certainly was not "horrible" or such as could "offend the ears of the parish" when we rang it, so one can only conclude that its crack has spread pretty dramatically since our visit. It did not go unnoticed that a quarter peal, in which Mr. Cawley took part, was rung on all five bells after our visit, despite the limitation on ringing to short periods (ten minutes?) mentioned by the Rector and in the Kent County Association report.—Yours faithfully,

p.p. ROBIN COLLIS (Whitton, Middx.),
ROBERT CROCKER (Highclere, Hants),
CHRISTOPHER DALTON (Leigh, Surrey),
GEOFFREY K. DODD (Highclere, (Hants),
RICHARD JONES (Fulham, London).

CHRISTOPHER DALTON.

Reigate, Surrey.

"IRRESPONSIBLE TOWER GRABBERS"

Dear Sir,—May I ask you to publish a reply to a letter headed "Irresponsible Tower Grabbers" in your issue of December 5th, in which my name was mentioned.

In reply to the letter headed "Irresponsible Tower Grabbers", first may I thank the writers for their apology which I have received and accepted; but secondly I must make it abundantly clear that (1) I did **not** give permission for the cracked bell at Ivychurch to be rung. (2) I did give them permission to ring at Newchurch and Burmarsh **provided** that they also got leave of the captain of the bells in each place **first of all.** They were given the name and address of each of these people but failed to contact them.

Thus they were irresponsible, but I trust not deliberately so. I'm sure they will act with more care in the future. I wish them the best of luck.—Yours faithfully,

N. G. O'CONNOR, Rector,
Romney Marsh Group of Parishes.

QUARTER PEALS IN 1969

Dear Sir,—The quarter peal columns each week contain many names of ringers who are seldom, if ever, found in the peal reports. Now that the end of the year is drawing near these ringers will, no doubt, be looking back over the past year and compiling their records.

I will soon be starting on my 1969 Quarter Peal Analysis, and if ringers who have rung in more than 25 quarter peals would like to send me their names with the number they have rung and conducted, together with their total rung to date, I will compile a list of the Leading Quarter Peal Ringers.

ALAN A. J. BUSWELL.

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A MINIMUS QUESTION

Dear Sir,—In reply to the comments made on the "New Minimus Quarter" by Messrs. K. G. Parker and N. W. Attaway, I would like to say that when I worked out the principle rung in that quarter I fully realised that it had probably been composed before. However, as I did not learn to ring until 1965, I have unfortunately not seen the article "A Review of Minimus" in the "R.W.s" in which it appeared, nor have I met anyone who had seen the principle before.

I therefore concede that the two principles we rang to quarters were in fact Stanton and Reverse Stanton, starting two changes earlier in each case, and have no objection to renaming them correctly.

As both principles were printed in the "R.W." as "First quarter in the method", although this was only believed to be so, I would be interested to know if these were in fact the first quarters in the principles, for records sake.—Yours faithfully,

R. N. SCHOLES.

Loughborough.

RINGING PERMITS

Dear Sir,—The letter written by N. V. J. Davies ("R.W.", page 926) with his comments regarding being refused permission to ring at Queen Camel on October 3rd was not taken very well by myself or my ringers.

If he had written to me instead of the "R.W." I would have been pleased to supply him with the facts. When I answered his letter requesting permission to include Queen Camel in his tour, the main casting above the tenor clapper was broken and gone for repair. I had no idea how long this repair would take, and in fact it was only returned the day before the quarter peal rung for harvest festival.

I feel that letters like Mr. Davies' can soon give a tower a bad name. We at Queen Camel are not in the habit of refusing visiting ringers. During the last 12 months we have entertained over 30 bands, all of whom have been made very welcome.

Sparkford. F. J. REEVES,
Captain, Queen Camel ringers.

Dear Sir,—I was very interested to read Mr. Davies' letter (page 926).

There must be something about heavy sixes that makes the incumbents and local bands reluctant to let other ringers use their bells.

Several months ago I wrote for the bells of Great Missenden (26 cwt.) for a peal but was refused permission on the grounds that the local inhabitants did not like the bells and only just tolerated the Sunday service ringing. Therefore my surprise was great when another band was given permission to ring a peal there just three weeks after our proposed date.

None of the second band were members of the local band, although one of them does own a factory in the village.

I, too, would appreciate some further explanation as surely their ringing could not sound any different from ours. After all, bells are bells and they make the same noise no matter who is on the other end of the rope.—Yours faithfully,

Great Missenden. LOUISE EVANS.

TO BE RATIFIED

Dear Sir,—Mr. C. I. Rowson's confirmation as a non-resident member of the Derby Diocesan Association will be sought in accordance with our rules at the Derby District annual meeting on December 20th at St. Peter's, Derby, and it may well be that this is refused. For myself, I would support the confirmation on the basis that it would be unfair to the other members of the bands with which he rang to force those peals to be non-Association. However, if he is not confirmed as a non-resident member whose problem does the Melbourne peal then become?

We normally feel honoured by non-resident membership applications as non-residents usually honour us with superlative ringing and conduct whilst outside their home territories.—Yours sincerely,

CLIVE A. THROWER
(District Secretary).

Derby.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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CENTRAL COUNCIL MINUTES

(Continued from page 967)

Minutes of the previous Meeting:

It was resolved that the minutes of the Worcester meeting, published in "The Ringing World" of February 7th, 1969, be adopted.

Reports, etc.:

The following were adopted:—

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer (published in "Ringing World", June 13th, 1969, page 462).

Hon. Librarian ("R.W.", June 13th, 1969, page 460)

Accounts for 1968 ("R.W.", June 6th, 1969, pages 441/2).

Trustees of Carter Ringing Machine ("R.W.", June 6th, 1969, page 442).

Motions:

It was resolved that the following be adopted as new decisions of the Council in substitution for the corresponding parts of the present decisions:—

(E) METHODS AND CALLS

A. Definitions and requirements.

1. A method is defined by the places made between successive rows of its plain course, which shall be a true round block divisible into equal parts. At the beginning of each part the hunt bells, if any, shall be in the same positions and the working bells shall be in different positions, so that all the working bells do the same work in the plain course, and the number of parts is the same as the number of working bells. There shall be more working bells than hunt bells.

Methods with no hunt bells are also known as principles and their parts may be referred to as divisions; otherwise the parts are called leads.

In the plain course no bell shall make more than four consecutive blows in the same position, this requirement not applying to Minimus methods.

2. A call is not part of a method, but is a means of passing from one course to another. It is effected by altering the places made between two consecutive rows, without altering the length of a lead or division. For methods with hunt bells at least one of the hunts shall be unaffected by all calls in a given composition.

A bob is formed by moving places or by the addition or removal of non-adjacent places.

A single is formed by the addition of pairs of adjacent places to the places of the plain lead or the bobbed lead.

(3. The Council agreed to the request of the committee, that they give further consideration to the use of calls in compositions.)

4. In the case of Doubles only, a variation is defined as the use in a plain method of calls other than the standard calls for that method. A lead containing a call must not constitute a plain lead of another method. Each variation must by itself be capable of producing a true six-score, and shall be given its own name.

(B. Regular methods.

The Council agreed to the request of the committee, that they give further consideration to Regular Methods.)

C. Classification of methods with one hunt bell.

1. There are five types of single hunt method: Plain, Treble Dodging, Treble Place, Alliance and Hybrid. With the treble as hunt bell they are classified as in paragraphs 2 to 6, and may be further classified as Little if the path of the treble is restricted to fewer places than the number of bells.

2. In Plain methods the path of the treble is a plain hunt. They are classified as:—

(a) Bob methods—in which seconds place is made at treble's lead or the penultimate place is made at treble's whole pull behind, or both places are made.

(b) Imperial methods—in which two working bells make adjacent places wrong within a half-lead.

(c) College methods — in which pairs of working bells work together in a block below the treble for the whole time the treble is above the block.

(d) Court methods — these have internal places adjoining the path of the treble, other than Bob places, Imperial places, and places causing College work.

(e) Court Bob methods—these have Court places which cause one or more complete dodges.

(f) Little methods are classified as Little Bob if they have seconds place at treble's lead, and as Little Court otherwise.

(g) Plain Doubles methods are classsified as Place if the path of a working bell consists only of hunting and place making, and as Bob otherwise

3. In Treble Dodging methods the treble dodges consecutively in 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, etc., the number of dodges in each position being the same. They are classified as:—

(a) Treble Bob methods which have no internal places made as the treble passes from one dodging position to another.

(b) Surprise methods which have at least one internal place made every time the treble passes from one dodging position to another

(c) Delight methods, which are all other Treble Dodging methods

4. In Treble Place methods the path of the treble includes the making of at least one place within the half-lead, the path being symmetrical about the half-lead and the treble having the same total number of blows in each position of the path within the lead.

5. In Alliance methods the treble is not the same total number of blows in each position of the path within the lead, but the path is symmetrical about the half-lead.

6. In Hybrid methods the path of the treble is not symmetrical about the half-lead.

D. Classification of methods with two or more hunt bells.

These methods are in three groups. With the treble as principal hunt, being unaffected by calls, these are:—

(a) Those methods in which all the secondary hunts have the same path as the treble. These are classified as for single hunt methods but with reference to all the hunts

Plain methods with an internal place immediately above or below the crossing of the treble with a secondary hunt, or immediately above the crossing of two secondary hunts at treble's lead, or immediately below the crossing of two secondary hunts at treble's whole pull behind are classified as Bob.

(b) Those methods in which one, or more, secondary hunts pivots at the same time as the treble. These are classified as for single hunt methods with reference to the treble

Plain methods in which the seconds place bell is one of these secondary hunts are classified as Slow Course.

(c) Other methods in which the paths of the secondary hunts are not related to that of the treble as in (a) and (b). These are classified as for single hunt methods with reference to the treble or with reference to treble and all secondary hunts having the same path as the treble.

E. Nomenclature and Extensions.

1. The stage names for different numbers of changing bells are:— 4 Minimus, 6 Minor, 8 Major, 10 Royal, 12 Maximus, 14 Fourteen, etc.; 5 Doubles, 7 Triples, 9 Caters, 11 Cinques, 13 Sextuples, etc

2. The title of a principle shall consist of "Name and Stage".

3. The title of other methods shall consist of "Name, Class(es) and Stage", with the exception of Grandsire, Union and their related methods

4. (a) Methods at different stages in the same class shall only have the same name if they are related as in the Report on Extension or subsequent amendments.

(b) Methods at different stages in the same class which are uniquely related as in the Report on Extension or subsequent amendments shall have the same name, and where not uniquely related one relationship shall have the same name; any relationship covering most stages shall take preference over any others.

5. The band which first rings a peal of a new method or an extent in the case of Doubles or Minor, or includes it in a multi-method peal, shall name the method, subject to E 4 above.

(D) PEAL RINGING

A. Conditions required for all peals.

1. A peal shall start and end with rounds and shall be rung without interval.

2. No row shall be struck more than once before the next change is made.

3. Every bell must sound at every row throughout the peal.

4. Each bell must be rung continuously by the same person or persons.

5. For handbells the bells shall be retained in hand.

6. For tower bells the bells shall be audible outside the building in which they are contained.

7. No assistance of any kind shall be given by any person not ringing in the peal.

8. The use of physical aids to memory in conducting and ringing is not permitted.

9. No error in calling shall be corrected later than during the change at which the call or change of method would properly take effect

10. Any shift or error in ringing shall be corrected immediately.

11. The methods and calls used in all peals shall conform to the Definitions and Requirements given in part A of the Decisions on Methods and Calls.

12. Any objection which may be taken to a peal, other than one with respect to the truth of the composition, shall be raised in writing to the conductor and Society concerned at the earliest date, and in any case within one month after publication in "The Ringing World".

B. Particular conditions required for peals on different numbers of bells.

1. Peals of Minimus shall be rung on tower bells only, at towers with only four ringable bells, and shall consist of at least 5,040 changes rung in true and complete 24s, each starting from rounds.

2. Peals of Doubles shall be rung on five bells or on six bells with the tenor as cover, and shall consist of at least 5,040 changes rung

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in any combination of the following, each starting from rounds:—

(a) True and complete 120s.

(b) Round blocks of 240 changes in which each row occurs twice, and containing no round block of plain leads in one method

(c) Round blocks of two or more 120s in which each of the 120s comprising the block is true and complete.

3. Peals of Minor shall be rung on six bells and shall consist of at least 5,040 changes rung in any combination of the following, each starting from rounds:—

(a) True and complete 720s.

(b) Round blocks of two or more 720s in which each of the 720s comprising the block is true and complete.

4. Peals of Triples shall be rung on eight bells with the tenor as cover and shall consist of one or more true and complete 5,040s, each starting from rounds.

5. Peals of Caters, Cinques, Sextuples, etc., shall be rung on ten, 12, 14, etc., bells respectively with the tenor as cover and shall consist of at least 5,000 true changes.

6. Peals of Major, Royal, Maximus, Fourteen, etc., shall be rung on eight, ten, 12, 14, etc., bells respectively and shall consist of at least 5,000 true changes.

7. Peals of "Doubles and Minor" shall be rung on six bells with the tenor as cover when ringing Doubles and shall consist of at least 5,040 changes rung in any combination of extents and round blocks as permitted in 2 and 3 above

8. Peals of "Triples and Major", "Caters and Royal", etc., shall be rung on eight, ten, etc., bells respectively, with the tenor as cover when ringing Triples, Caters, etc., and shall consist of at least 5,000 true changes.

C. Peals in more than one method.

1. Peals in more than one method shall be called Spliced if the methods are so joined that the leads of the methods remain intact, the changes of method being at the lead-head or half-lead but not both in the same composition.

(The Council agreed to the request of the committee, that they give further consideration to compositions in which the changes of method occur at both front and back.)

2. Peals on six bells or less and of Triples shall be called Spliced only if each extent or round block is Spliced.

3. Doubles variations may be included in an extent or round block, provided that either all the variations and methods have the same call or calls and there is at least one plain lead of each, or all the variations and methods have the same plain course, with no call common to any two or more, and all the distinctive calls are made for each variation and method.

4. Peal reports shall state the number and names of all methods and all variations separately. For peals of Spliced the number of changes of method at lead-head and at half-lead shall be stated separately, and for peals of Triples and above the number of changes rung in each method shall be stated.

D. Record Length Peals.

The Record Length Peal in a method or group of methods on a given number of bells shall be the longest length recognised as a peal by the Council. Tower bell and handbell records shall be kept separately

Any attempt for a peal of 10,000 or more changes which would surpass in length an existing record or which would be the first peal in that method on that number of bells, must comply with the additional conditions below. Any such performance not rung in full compliance with these conditions shall not be recognised as a peal and shall not be published in "The Ringing World".

(a) Not less than 14 days' notice shall be given in "The Ringing World", stating the place, date and hour at which the attempt is to be made, and stating the method, number of bells and number of changes proposed to be rung.

(b) The ringing to be heard and the figures of the composition to be checked throughout the peal by a competent umpire or umpires.

(c) If a record length is rung the peal report and the figures of the composition, if not previously published, shall be sent immediately to "The Ringing World".

(d) For handbell peals, every ringer shall ring at least two bells. Additionally, arrangements shall be made for interested persons to be able to hear the attempt.

E. Recognition.

The Council shall recognise all peals rung in complete conformity with parts A to D above, and such peals shall be included in the analysis.

In the case of peals not strictly complying with parts A to D above, the Council will decide whether or not to include such peals in the Analysis, regard being had to the merit of performance. In considering the merit of a performance, regard shall be had to local circumstances and/or the technical implications of the performance.

F. The Technical Committees.

The Peals Analysis Committee shall prepare an annual report and analysis of all peals. Peal reports should indicate all "first peals" and "first peals as conductor" for inclusion in the analysis. The Committee shall not be held responsible for the non-inclusion in the analysis of any peal not published in "The Ringing World" before the end of February in the following year.

The Records Committee shall maintain a record of the first peal in each method on each number of bells, for both tower bells and handbells, and subsequent record length peals, together with the compositions used. Also a record of new methods included in multi-method peals, and a record of the progressive number of methods rung in peals of different groups of methods.

The Peals Collection Committee shall maintain a comprehensive collection of compositions of 5,000 changes and upwards, and shall prepare for publication such collections as the Council shall direct.

The Methods Committee shall consider all questions arising from the nomenclature used for any method, and the findings of the Committee shall be published in "The Ringing World".

It was resolved that the Standing Committee examine the constitution and procedural working of the Council.

A motion to publish a glossary of technical terms was lost.

(To be continued)

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The Editorial Committee acknowledges with gratitude the following donations towards the cost of producing "The Ringing World".—

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LONG PEAL ATTEMPT

Dear Sir,—I wish to give notice of an attempt to ring a peal of 10,080 Spliced Surprise Major in 45 methods, with all the bells ringing all the work of all the methods.

By kind permission of the Rev. G. R. K. Moule, the attempt will take place at Longney, Gloucestershire, on Saturday, January 17th, 1970, starting at 12.30 p.m.

The composition is appended.—Yours faithfully,

ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

Swindon, Wilts.

10,080 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 45 Methods

Arranged by ANTHONY R. PEAKE

2345678	Yorkshire	—2645873	Method N
—3578264	Uxbridge	4286357	Stockport
7325486	Kenninghall	8432765	Ealing
4267835	Dble Dublin	3874526	Method O
6482573	Bristol	7358642	Method P
8654327	Whalley	5763284	Ickleton
—3586742	Watford	6527438	Method Q
8375264	London	—4265873	Ipswich
7823456	Tavistock	3876542	Cray
5634827	Glasgow	5723486	Ashtead
6452376	Cambridge	6482357	Lincs
2748635	Cassiobury	—4257638	Belfast
—8356742	Lindum	—5427638	Conisb.
5873264	Barnwood	—6254873	Method U
7528436	Bisley	—5624873	Hereford
4267358	Fairford	—2564873	Scawth'pe
3684527	Wembley	—6285347	Method R
—5836742	Rutland	8632754	Method S
—7358264	Jersey	3876425	Wordsw
8634725	Harwell	7348562	Method T
—6425873	Maulden	—2547638	Pudsey
2684357	Caversham	———	
7358426	Sonning	—5738264	
8236745	Portishead		

Repeat six times.

Containing 224 changes of each of the above methods and all the work of each method for every bell.

Method

N —38—14—12—38—14—58—36.14.5 f.
O 38—38.16—12—36—14—58.34.16—5 f.
P —38—14—1258—36.14—14.58.36.12.56.1 f.
Q —38—14—58—1238—34—58—14—3 f.
R —58—16—58—36.14—34.58—14—1 f.
S —56—14—56—38—34—58—34—5 f.
T —58—14—56—16—34—58.14.56.14.3 e.
U —34—14—12—36—12—58.12.56.34.1 mx.

CORRECTIONS

The ringer of the third (omitted on copy) in a quarter at Godshill, I.O.W., was Graham Catt ("R.W.", page 908).

The ringer of the 6th in the peal of York Surprise Royal at Bedford on September 11th was Malcolm C. C. Melville and not as submitted ("R.W." page 931).

In the peal of Lincolnshire on October 26th at St. Andrew's, Cambridge, Richard H. Youdale "circled the tower" (and not as submitted) and Richard A. G. Inglis and Richard Youdale completed 50 peals together.

The composition of 5,079 Stedman Caters by J. Topp on page 960 is false (see letter from D. E. Parsons).

In the peal at St. Andrew's, Cambridge, on October 26th it was R. H. Youdale and not W. T. Perrins who had "circled the tower".

Young men **think** all old men are fools—
But old men **know** young men are fools.
CHAPMAN

A PEAL OF LONDON—AT 94

MR. GEORGE SYMONDS

"How about a peal during your 95th year, George?" we said.

"Ah! that'd be very nice!"

"Think you can manage London?"

"I should certainly like to try, boy—tha's thirty-eight years since I rang one!"

It is something of an achievement to be alive at 94, and ringing! But on Saturday morning, November 22nd, at 9 o'clock in Grundisburgh belfry, George Symonds was more than anxious to "get started" on a peal of London Surprise Major. And ring it he did, with an astonishing feat of control and concentration, and one felt very privileged to be standing with such a remarkable gentleman.

All smiles in the last course, except on George's face—it wasn't until "Stand" was called that we knew why.

"Good heavens! I fared to be ringing only two hours!" he said. A peal of London when you're 94, and prepared for another hour's ringing — well — that takes some beating.

Looking through G.E.S.'s peal book is a rare fine winter's evening job, and interspersed between his 140 or so 12-bell peals he certainly kept good company in the other three peals of London he rang: 1926 at Coddenham, conducted by William Pye; 1928 at Salle, again by William Pye; and 1931 at Colchester, when William Keeble conducted.

Well done, George! G. W. P.

"NEWS FOR OUR READERS"—A CORRECTION

On page 947, December 5th, you printed my news of the recent meeting of "The Ringing World" Committee. The paragraph relating to charges for pictorial covers states that when an Association or tower wishes to be specially featured in the "R.W." they should provide a suitable block or pay for one to be made and also be asked to pay for 50 copies of the issue concerned.

Prompted by certain eagle-eyed members of the Committee I have looked again at my notes of the keen discussion of this item and find that, ultimately, the Committee decided that they **hoped** the Association or tower concerned would pay for 50 copies of the issue concerned.

A further small alteration—shall we call it an "editorial misprint"? In line 17 of the paragraph headed "Printing Costs": for "adverse" please read "averse".

W. G. W.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mrs. Rebecca White is 100 years old. Mother of Mr. Tom White, our editor for many years, she celebrated her century on December 13th with a family tea party at a nursing home in Woking.

Your last chance to give a subscription to "The Ringing World" as a Christmas/New Year present. See page 999 this issue.

An interesting quarter of Plain Bob Major at Pakefield produced three young ringers, aged 12, 10 and 12, and also the ringers of four, seven and eight were the fathers of the ringers of two, three and treble respectively.

A suggestion from Peter Kindred, of Lowestoft, that the Central Council should consult with the Girl Guide Movement about a badge for **Brownies** is worth consideration in view of the young people in some towers today.

The first lady to achieve 100 peals of Spliced Surprise Major is Mrs. S. Kathleen M. Baldwin, of Watford. Her 100th was on November 8th at St. Olave's, Hart Street.

For "Two peals in a day" for the Hereford Guild on November 29th three ringers —Geoff and Shirley Drew and Bob Edwards—travelled a long distance to assist resident members. In addition, Fred Harris rang his 200th peal, Mike Powell his first of Surprise Major and Elizabeth Wycherley, who had only previously rung one peal (Grandsire Doubles), stood in for Major and rang extremely well.

Is this a record? Three sets of twins were present in the ringing chamber at St. Patrick's, Dublin, on a Saturday recently; only five are ringers—the other's hobby is photography.

As will be seen from an advertisement this week, there are changes taking place in the Central Council's Publication Department. Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Drew, of Monsal, Bredon, Tewkesbury, Glos, are taking over as from January 10th, 1970.

Both a peal attempt of Grandsire Triples and a quarter attempt of Stedman Triples were unsuccessful at Saffron Walden on November 22nd. The Vicar of Saffron Walden was instituted as a Canon of Chelmsford Cathedral that day, and two members of the band celebrated birthdays during the following week. However, a quarter of Grandsire Triples was rung at Meldreth on the following Wednesday.

Excitement in family quarter.—The Taylor family's quarter peal at Corse, near Gloucester, on November 29th was not accomplished without excitement. At 960 one strand of Mother's rope broke. Courageously she finished the quarter on two strands, and when "That is all" was called there were four feet of frayed rope flying loose!

The first quarter with all the ringing Rookes participating took place at Warsop on November 30th. The treble ringer (A. D.), aged 11, is the grandson of the conductor (Herbert T.). He has, however, two brothers and a sister, and one of these hopes to learn to ring soon, thus providing a Minor band.

The Editor (C. W. Denyer) and his **mentor** (T. W. White) and other members of the production team of this journal are grateful to all who have sent good wishes for Christmas and messages of encouragement for the future.

"Half the happiness of living
Comes from willing-hearted giving."

Captain of Barley, Herts, ringers for many years, Mr. Alfred John Peters died early in November.

We learn that John A. Mayle (14), of Clare, Sudbury, conducted a quarter of Major recently, and Edward Futcher (15), of Farnham, Surrey, has conducted quarters of Doubles, Minor, Triples and Major this year. In addition S. D. Pettman (13) conducted a quarter of Stedman Caters at Grundisburgh.

We remember the controversy about special ringing for league football successes and international rugby finals. The latest unusual ringing was a quarter at Grundisburgh, recording the success of two men (? ringers) in their fine stock car racing achievements this season.

When Princess Alexandra visited Evesham recently a quarter was rung which also was enjoyed by Cclr. and Mrs. Tom Smith, whose golden wedding it also marked.

After five years' silence the bells of Hooe, Sussex, rang out to a quarter of Doubles on November 26th.

A Christmas Fayre at Bexhill-on-Sea raised £1,740! — and the bells rang to let everyone know of this excellent result.

The Freedom of the City of St. Albans was conferred on its Bishop last month and a quarter of Spliced Surprise was the congratulations expressed by the ringers.

A churchwarden and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. C. Norman, of Worle, Som., celebrated their golden wedding recently and a quarter was rung for the celebrations, and at South Lopham for Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gaskin's ruby wedding a quarter was also rung.

Progress at Coddington, Notts, is being made. The Sunday service team have rung their first quarter—Plain Bob Doubles.

We have never visited Alloa, Clackmannanshire, but a former Guildford ringer, Janet Cleeve, sends us a report of a quarter of Doubles rung on November 29th.

"Application Study Leaflet 38". obtainable from W. C. Holmes and Co., P.O. Box B7, Turnbridge, Huddersfield, HD1 6RB, is of general interest to ringers for it tells of the use of "Air Blowers aids to Ancient Craft"—the moulds for the making of small bells.

"Many parishioners expressed pleasure at hearing the bells again after the enforced silence," writes a correspondent from Harpenden, "and admitted to having being moved by the service. Remarks like these make one realise that bells are a very real part of the life of the community."

Mr. J. Alan Ainsworth, former secretary of the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, and a one-time ringing master, is moving to London on January 1st.

First Peal Congratulations this week to Reginald E. Guppy, Elizabeth Potter, Dawn Colcombe, Genebeth C. Webb, Denise A. Wood, Barbara E. Luckes, Kenmure A. Russell, Michael Williamson, Stephen J. Heath, Susan M. Brown, Janet M. Walker, Robin Padbury, Christine D. Tebbot, Jill P. Carter, Peter Lewin, Gordon L. Wilkinson, Judith Knights, Robert A. Pardy, Anthony C. Freeman.

New Method recorded this week: Aswarby Surprise Major at Barnes for the Surrey Association.

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MAJOR REPAIRS NECESSARY

Marske Parish Church, which was to have benefited from the anticipated but unrealised profits of the Expo Saltburn venture, has now ceased ringing. In the summer of 1968 the belfry was cleaned and overhauled. Although many parts were in need of replacement sufficient repairs were carried out to enable the bells to be rung again. However, the failure rate now exceeds the repair capabilities of the various local sources and all ringing has had to be suspended.

During the year a band has been trained from scratch and all have now rung a 720 of Plain Bob Minor and some have scored their first quarter peal. The interest created in the parish has been both appreciative and encouraging, and many local people and businesses have rendered practical help with the various repairs.

Major repairs are now imminent and unless executed the tower will inevitably fall derelict again. In view of the enthusiasm of the band (average age about 18) and the steady flow of learners, this would indeed be a shame. Plans are in hand for a new ring of six or a light eight and the estimates are before the P.C.C. for consideration. Meanwhile ringing continues at Saltburn and Skelton churches on alternate weeks.

BLIZZARD AT ROCHESTER

November 29th was a day to be remembered in the eastern half of England because of the blizzards bringing chaos to the area. Kent was no exception. Despite this, 50 or so brave souls ventured out to visit the scene of the by-meeting held at St. Margaret's, Rochester. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m., under the direction of Mr. N. Chesson, district ringing master, and continued until the service at 4.30 p.m. Tea was duly consumed prior to a short business meeting, at which two new members from St. Margaret's were elected. Further ringing then continued at St. Margaret's and later at the Cathedral. By late evening better weather had arrived, and although cold the snow had stopped and roads became less dangerous. L. M.

COLEGATE SOCIETY DINNER

The sixth annual dinner was held at the Abbey Hotel, Wymondham, on November 29th, and was better attended than ever before and included a contingent of Kent folk, now exiled in these parts, fellow-ringers from Wymondham and Drayton and a carload of friends from London who, formerly of our number, seem happily unable to sever their connection with Norwich.

Speeches, by custom, are not made at this dinner and so do not intrude on conversation which, begun at the table, continue in the bar of the Green Dragon until "Time" is called.

Our thanks go to Martin Cubitt, this year's arranger of the dinner. D. C.

K.C.A. FOOTBALL

Maidstone v. Ashford

It was with a north wind whistling round their knees and an inch of snow on the ground that the game kicked off at 3.30 p.m. on November 29th. There was no trouble distinguishing between the teams as Ashford were dressed for the occasion and Maidstone dressed for the weather.

A lucky goal by the Ashford team put them in the lead after about ten minutes, but Maidstone soon equalised with a brilliant shot passing between Ashford's goalie's arms and the top bar.

After half-an-hour the referee (who, as rumour has it, was more used to "reffing" hockey) blew up for half time.

In spite of all attempts in the second half to turn the game into a rugby match, and with a real blizzard blowing, the skilful tactics of the Maidstone crowd enabled Ashford to score five more goals. By 4.30 p.m. Maidstone had once again graciously accepted defeat and the Ashford District admitted that they would not have challenged us unless they had been certain of winning.

Anyway Ashford, thanks for the match (we're still convinced that there were more than 11 in your team) and the social afterwards; and let's hope that we win the next game, just for a change. S. F. T.

A FINE ACHIEVEMENT

On March 29th this year a peal of 8-Spliced Surprise Major on the Norman Smith plan rung at Wonersh heralded a series which has probably been noted by those who follow the fortunes of peal bands appearing in these columns.

In this particular peal Michael Church conducted his first peal of Spliced and Rowan Bradley and Alan Elsmore rang their first peals of Spliced.

The series culminated on December 7th, when the band ran a peal of 24-Spliced Surprise Major (the second attempt), claiming the distinction of being the first resident band of the Guildford Diocesan Guild to achieve this number of Spliced Surprise Major methods. Peter Munday joined the band at the 10-Spliced stage, recording then his first peal of Spliced.

Between March and December the "resident band" has rung peals of 8-, 10-, 11-, 13-, 14-, 20- and 24-Spliced S.M. Five other spliced peals (8- to 12-) and one 14-Spliced all-the-work peal have been rung with non-resident Guild members. All these peals have been conducted by Michael Church, and in addition Michael conducted the 12-Spliced peal at Putney on the "Cumberlands" day in November.

The idea originated with Michael and has achieved success as a result of his organising ability and his keenness as ringer and conductor. S. P.

CYRIL JOHN HIBBERT

It is with great sorrow that we on the Berkshire Downs have to realise that Cyril is no longer with us. He was born in India and came home with his father and mother in 1910, where they settled at East Ilsley. Going to school at Reading, he lived with his famous Uncle Tom and aunt, and naturally was encouraged to ring at an early age and soon made progress up to Surprise methods with the old Caversham band.

Leaving school, he returned to Ilsley, when he went into the family business and was still prospering until his demise. He became interested in conducting and called the first peal by all-Ilsley service ringers which, with a population of never more than 300, was quite an achievement.

A most excellent striker, he was not a prolific peal ringer, giving up peal attempts some few years ago when arthritis became too painful for him to stand for 3 hours; he rang many fine peals in his earlier days with the old Caversham band and some of the old members of the College Youths, such as Langdon, Newton and Peck, etc., and conducted quite a number.

When his children grew up and were able to ring, Ilsley band were renowned for miles for their Sunday service ringing, and one of the proudest moments of his life was when son John called "This is all" to a peal of Stedman on his (John's) 21st birthday. In the band were himself, his wife, son and daughter, three Chilcotts and the writer.

For some few years he built up a good Monday night practice, and many a young ringer is indebted to Cyril for his great patience in urging them on to a high attainment of striking.

To those ringers who were near to him the family life, the welcome, the entertainment received will be remembered, and until the last he was a great man for his church, very, very seldom ringing for Sunday service and walking out.

Our thoughts in that part of Berkshire will be for his wife and children with happy memories of a good man, a good husband, a good father and a good friends.

Something has gone from the life of the writer now that Cyril has gone on. His father and the writer's father were brothers, and we two were more like brothers than cousins.

God rest his soul. W. H.

LATE NEWS

Mr. R. F. J. Gilling, aged 64, died in Princess Margaret's Hospital, Swindon, on November 20th.

Mr. Fred Farr, a ringer at Yorktown, Camberley, for 67 years, died in Frimley Hospital on December 10th in his 81st year.

Llandaff Cathedral and the production of bells and the art of bellringing will be shown on Harlech Television in the programme "Very, Very Varied" on Christmas Eve.

21st BIRTHDAY PEALS FOR PRINCE CHARLES

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
WITNEY, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., Nov. 17, 1969, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 COLMORE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.

G. John Collett	Treble	Brian W. Hall	5
Terence J. Hester	2	Peter J. Heritage	6
Alan R. Pink	3	D. Kay Adkins	7
Peter Pearce	4	Bertram J. Coggins	Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.
First peal in the method by all.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
WANSFORD, Northants—At the Church of St. Mary the Blessed Virgin.
On Thurs., Nov. 13, 1969, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in 15 methods: (1) Pinehurst, Double Oxford, Thelwall, Buxton, St. Clement's and Childwall, (2) Double Bob and Plain Bob, (3) Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet Surprise, (4) Norwich Surprise, (5) Oxford T.B., (6) Kent T.B., (7) Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 3 cwt. 3 qr 19 lb. in E flat.

John E. David	Treble	*Raymond H Daw	4
Murray A. Coleman	2	*Alfred Waller	5
Barry R. Care	3	J. Malcolm Tyler	Tenor

Conducted by J. Malcolm Tyler.
* Most methods to a peal.

OTHER TOWER BELL PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
LONDON, E.C.—At the Church of St. Giles, Cripplegate
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1969, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 PRITTLEWELL SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 34 cwt. in C sharp.

Alan R. Patterson	Treble	Brian D Threlfall	7
David P. Hilling	2	John Armstrong	8
Frank C. Price	3	John R Mayne	9
Brian Bladon	4	David E House	10
David C. Brown	5	Noel J. Diserens	11
Andrew N. Stubbs	6	Michael P. Moreton	Tenor

Conducted by Alan R. Patterson.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
LOXTON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb in B flat.

Walter S. Rice	Treble	Roy W. Rice	4
*Bryan G. Mills	2	Peter J W. Hardwick	5
Geoffrey Hebdon	3	David G. Massey	Tenor

Conducted by David G. Massey.
* First peal of Minor.

ODCOMBE, Somerset.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Wed., Nov. 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt.

*Reginald E. Guppy	Treble	Frederick T. Sandy	4
†Raymond P. Selway	2	Albert W. Dyer	5
Gilbert W. Rendell	3	†William E. Turner	6

Conducted by William E. Turner.
* First peal. † 150th peal together.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
CREWE, Cheshire.—At Christ Church.
On Sat., Nov 22, 1969, in 3 Hours.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

*Wilfred Kerr	Treble	*William F. Gibbons	6
Norman Sherratt	2	†Frank R. Morton	7
Roland W. Morant	3	Raymond J. Ballard	8
Harold Dowler	4	‡Roy Worrall	9
Frederick S. Sutton	5	‡Ivor R. Nichols	Tenor

Composed by William Pye. Conducted by Ivor R. Nichols.
* First peal of Surprise. † First of Surprise Royal "inside." ‡ 50th peal together. 50th as conductor.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Wed., Nov. 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr 12 lb.

Ronald F. Andrew	Treble	Brian S. B. Kear	5
Robert B. Smith	2	Paul Reading	6
	3	William H. Dowse	7
Lynda M. Deebank	4	Basil Jones	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard Conducted by Basil Jones.
Rung after meeting short.

SUTTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Fri., Sept. 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*Elizabeth Potter	Treble	Barry Corbishley	4
Gerald Moorhouse	2	Mrs. C. W. Lawton	5
Charles William Lawton	3	Ernest Pimlott	Tenor

Conducted by Ernest Pimlott.
* First peal.
Rung fully muffled in memoriam Henry O. Baker, secretary of the Chester Diocesan Guild; also Canon Glyn Jones, Rural Dean of Macclesfield.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
BOLSOVER, Derbyshire—At the Church of SS. Mary and Lawrence.
On Thurs., Nov. 13, 1969, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In five methods, comprising 1,120 London, 1,088 Superlative and 1,024 each of Bristol, Pudsey and Cambridge, with 107 changes of method.
All the bells did all the work of each method.
Tenor 14 cwt 3 qr. in F.

Timothy Wylie	Treble	Geoffrey Bridges	5
Michael J. Fellows	2	Rev. Frederick Ross	6
Robert Chambers	3	Gordon A. Halls	7
Brian A. Tomlinson	4	David W. Friend	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.

STANTON-BY-DALE, Derbys.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Mon., Nov. 3, 1969, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Comprising 19 methods as follows: (1) Rossendale, Lightfoot, Stamford and Wearmouth, (2) Carlisle, Chester and Munden, (3) Alnwick and Newcastle, (4) Cambridge and Primrose, (5) Beverley, Berwick, Surfleet and Hexham, (6) York and Durham, (7) London and Wells.
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr

Colin M Shaw	Treble	John Moore	4
Nora Carlisle	2	John V Chadwick	5
Joyce Chadwick	3	Denis R Carlisle	Tenor

Conducted by John V. Chadwick and Denis R. Carlisle.

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THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
SANDIACRE, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Sun., Nov. 9, 1969, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Comprising 19 methods as follows: (1) Rossendale, Lightfoot, Stamford and Wearmouth, (2) Carlisle, Chester and Munden, (3) Alnwick and Newcastle, (4) Cambridge and Primrose, (5) Beverley, Berwick, Surfleet and Hexham, (6) York and Durham, (7) London and Wells.
Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr.

Colin M. Shaw	Treble	John Moore	4
Nora Carlisle	2	John V. Chadwick	5
Joyce Chadwick	3	Denis R. Carlisle	Tenor

Conducted by John V. Chadwick and Denis R. Carlisle.
Rung for Remembrance Day.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
WINLATON, Co. Durham.—At the Church of St. Paul.
On Thurs., Nov. 13, 1969, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Beverley Surprise, Surfleet Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., St. Clement's Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. (approx.).

Eric N. Harrison	Treble	George S. Deas	4
*Adrian Dempster	2	James Crowther	5
Malcolm S. Johnson	3	Stephen C. Wells	Tenor

Conducted by Stephen C. Wells.
* First peal on six bells.
Rung to welcome a son, Rorie, born on November 6th, 1969, to Hugh and Rosemary Dempster.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
ST. NEOTS, Huntingdon.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Oct. 25, 1969, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in D flat.

William A. R. Chamberlain	Treble	David J. Prescott	5
Ian P. Sawford	2	Robert D. Bellamy	6
Phillip S. George	3	George E. Bonham	7
John S. Walker	4	Philip Mehew	Tenor

Composed by John R. Pritchard. Conducted by George E. Bonham.
Rung to mark the 50th anniversary of the recasting of the bells, dedicated October, 1919.

MELDRETH, Cambs.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Mon., Nov. 10, 1969, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. in F sharp.

Donald F. Murfet	Treble	Keith W. Brown	5
Susan Rothera	2	*Dennis E. Pepper	6
William A. Theobald	3	Kenneth J. Hesketh	7
John G. Gipson	4	Philip J. Rothera	Tenor

Composed by C. P. Starbuck. Conducted by Philip J. Rothera.
* First peal in the method. First of Yorkshire Surprise Major on the bells.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
BOREHAM, Essex.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Nov. 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 19 lb. in F.

Peter J. Childs	Treble	Joe E. G. Roast	5
Susan Rothera	2	Keith W. Brown	6
Edward W. Roast	3	Dennis A. S. Symonds	7
Richard J. Harrison	4	James L. Towler	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.
Rung as a compliment to James A. Towler and Yvonne A. Murray, married at Danbury the previous week.

TENDRING, Essex.—At the Church of St. Edmund.
On Sat., Nov. 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one each of Ipswich, Norwich, Cambridge, Oxford T.B., Double Court, Single Oxford and Plain Bob.
Tenor 7 cwt

Eileen S. Button	Treble	George N. Orman	4
Rachel J. R. Orman	2	Alan R. Andrews	5
Arthur G. Button	3	Edward E. Davey	Tenor

Conducted by Alan R. Andrews.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
BRISTOL.—At the Church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity.
On Sat., Nov. 22, 1969, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, containing 768 London, 1,408 Bristol, 1,376 Cambridge and 1,472 Superlative, with 127 changes of method.
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 lb. in E flat.

Edward G. Mould	Treble	Richard H. Youdale	5
*Heather A. Kippin	2	Stephen F. Royal	6
Robert C. Kippin	3	Peter C. Randall	7
Anthony J. Cox	4	Geoffrey W. Randall	Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Robert C. Kippin.
* First peal of spliced.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
SHALFORD, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Nov. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb in F sharp.

*Elizabeth J. Gibbs	Treble	Harold A. May	5
†Jill M. May	2	†Peter G. Smart	6
Frances Mulvey	3	†Douglas A. R. May	7
†Felicity S. Hamilton	4	Tom Page	Tenor

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by Douglas A. R. May.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First in the method. 50th for the Guild as conductor.

HERSHAM, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Nov. 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8½ cwt.

*Dawn Colcombe	Treble	†Jeffrey J. Bailey	5
Jill M. May	2	†Peter Henry	6
Herbert Colcombe	3	†John King	7
*Genebeth C. Webb	4	†Christopher D. J. Webb	Tenor

Composed by John Reeves. Conducted by Christopher D. J. Webb.
* First peal. † First of Kent T.B. Major.

ALDERMASTON, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Wed., Nov. 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In eight methods, comprising 768 changes each of London and Rutland, 640 of Bristol and 576 of each of Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 142 changes of method.
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in G.

Anita D. O'Brien	Treble	Stanley G. Ponting	5
*Reginald W. Rex	2	Alan D. Elsmore	6
Michael J. Church	3	Anthony R. Peake	7
Beryl R. Simpson	4	Geoffrey K. Dodd	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Michael J. Church.
* First peal of 8-Spliced Surprise Major.

CHOBHAM, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.
On Sat., Nov. 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

Christopher K. Hill	Treble	Peter J. Rowe	5
*R. Anne Collins	2	Martin J. Kirk	6
Judith M. Collins	3	Roy Collins	7
John A. Collier	4	E. John Wells	Tenor

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by E. John Wells.
* First peal of Major "inside."
Rung as a compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. O. R. Acworth, on the 21st anniversary of his induction.

FARNHAM, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's 12-part. Tenor 19½ cwt.

*Denise A. Wood	Treble	Alan D. Elsmore	5
R. Anne Collins	2	Edward J. Futcher	6
Judith M. Collins	3	Roy Collins	7
Peter J. Rowe	4	Michael Blencowe	Tenor

* First peal at first attempt. Conducted by Roy Collins.
Rung by members of the local band, the first for 30 years, on the eve of the Patronal Festival.

FRENSHAM, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Wed. Nov. 12, 1969, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Oxford T.B. and two extents each of St. Clement's, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in G.

Jill M. May	Treble	*Peter J. Rowe	4
*Judith M. Collins	2	Roy Collins	5
Martin J. Kirk	3	Douglas A. R. May	Tenor

Conducted by Douglas A. R. May.
* First peal in four methods.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
MATHON, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Nov. 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, two Single Oxford and three Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

Roland E. Lewis	Treble	C. William Nutt	4
*Barbara E. Luckes	2	E. Charles Biggs	5
Leonard J. Walters	3	†James Ward	Tenor

Conducted by James Ward.
* First peal. † Has "circled the tower" to peals.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
SCOTHERN, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Germain.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of St. Clement's, Kent T.B., Double Oxford, Oxford T.B., Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise and Oxford Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

David W. Bee	Treble	Michael H. Sinden	4
Charles V. Cade	2	John M. Blaikie	5
Aidan C. A. Hopkins	3	Jack L. Millhouse	Tenor

Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
Rung to welcome the Rev. M. P. Brackenberry as Vicar of this parish.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
HOUNSLOW HEATH, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Paul.
On Sat., Nov. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Burton's. Tenor 8 cwt.

Keith G. Game	Treble	Robin J. Collis	5
Andrew D. Grant	2	Michael J. Uphill	6
*Nigel Thomson	3	Geoffrey K. Dodd	7
Peter N. Felton	4	A. Patrick Cannon	Tenor

Conducted by Michael J. Uphill.
* 50th peal.
Rung as a compliment to Michael Palmer, S.W. District secretary, and Patricia Copas, married recently.

WILLESDEN, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., Nov. 13, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

Claudia A. Critchley	Treble	*Frank Reed	5
Joan Beresford	2	Thomas J. Lock	6
*Ruth M. Foreman	3	G. William Critchley	7
Alick Cutler	4	John Hill	Tenor

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by G. William Critchley.
* First peal in the method.

HENDON, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15¼ cwt.

Claudia A. Critchley	Treble	H. George Hart	5
Dianne Gazeley	2	G. William Critchley	6
Dorothea M. Robotham	3	Brian C. Watson	7
Ruth M. Foreman	4	William S. Deason	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by G. William Critchley.
Arranged and rung following the birth of a son, Roger Brian, to Barbara and Bill Deason.
First peal on the bells since augmentation.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
WATLINGTON, Oxon.—At the Church of St. Leonard.
On Sat., Nov. 8, 1969, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CHRISTCHURCH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 8 lb. in D.

Eunice A. Lewis	Treble	Peter J. Heritage	5
Alan R. Pink	2	Geoffrey K. Dodd	6
Ronald K. Russ	3	Frank W. Lewis	7
William Birmingham	4	George W. Holland	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
First peal in the method by all and for the Guild.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD
PATTINGHAM, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Chad.
On Sat., Nov 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's 12-part (7th obs.). Tenor 14 cwt.

*Kenmure A. Russell	Treble	*Michael Williamson	5
Gillian M. Williamson	2	Barnabas G. Key	6
Pamela E. Key	3	Cyril Griffiths	7
Gordon F. Griffiths	4	Charles F. W. Eyre	Tenor

Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.
* First peal.
Rung as a farewell to the Rev. and Mrs. Hayward, leaving for Burton-on-Trent.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
HOLME PIERREPONT, Notts.—At the Church of St. Edmund.
On Fri., Oct. 24, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED TREBLE BOB MINOR
Comprising 210 methods in the following seven extents: (1) Costock, Beckingham, Saundby, Scaftworth, Bramcote, Leverton, Cottam, Treswell, Stokeham Grassthorpe, Mattersey, Cossall, Torworth, Elkesley, Gringley, Bagthorpe, Wiseton, Hayton, Fledborough, Rainworth and Elton Surprise, Finningley, Stockwith, Wysall, Eaton, Misterton, Walkeringham, Sibthorpe, Ratcliffe and Widmerpool Delight (30 methods), (2) Spalding, Retford, Minehead, Dronfield, Purleigh, Quendon, Lincoln, Coldstream, Redbourne, Euston, Archway, Bloomsbury, Kenwood, St. Pancras, Highbury, Scarrington, Stoke-Bardolph, Aslockton, Woodborough, Syerston and Cotham Surprise, Beeston, Peveril, Melandra, Leasowe, Tollersbury, Middlesex, Besthorpe, Shelton and Hawksworth Delight (30 methods), (3) Staveley, Selby, March, Boston, East Bridgford, North Muskham, Wath, Carisbrooke, Hitcham, Papplewick, Thoroton, Scrooby, Bole, Wellow, Thorpe, Walesby, Askham and East Leake Delight, Caythorpe, Perlthorpe, Hockerton, Kigull, Wigsley, Thorney, Winkburn, Maplebeck, Eakering, Willoughby-on-the-Wolds, Gedling and Granby Surprise (30 methods), (4) Skipton, Chepstow, Fotheringay, Balmoral, Danbury, Hatherop, Staythorpe, Upton and Oxton Delight, Bilsthorpe, Halloughton, Smithfield, Bleasby, Calverton, Epperston, Cromwell, Kneeton, Flintham, Lambley, Darlton, Weston, Littleborough, Edingley, Halam, Habblesthorpe, Gonalston, Hoveringham, Wakefield, Monsal and Stanwell Surprise (30 methods), (5) Knutsford, Rostherne, Bogedone, Wilmslow, Stisted, Pebmarsh, Whatton-in-the-Vale, Staines, Orston, Gunthorpe, Thurgaton, Kirton, Egmanton, Boughton, Ollerton, Ompton, Kneesall and Kersall Delight, Hatfield, Redcar, Appleby, Beighton, Pattiswick, Terling, Holloway, Pentonville, Brixton, Wandsworth, Soho and Waterloo Surprise, (30 methods), (6) Edwinstowe, Cuckney, Cotgrave, Collingham, Everton, Laxton, Misson, Mansfield-Woodhouse, Ravenshead, Stapleford, Sturton-le-Steeple, Shireoaks, Selston, Kilvington, North Wheatley, Nuthall, Alverton, Ossington, Owthorpe, Normanton-on-the-Wolds, Plumtree, Keyworth, Stanton-on-the-Wolds, Bevercotes, Carburton, West Drayton and West Markham Surprise, Cropwell Butler, Tollerton and Tithby Delight (30 methods), (7) Thorne, Ripley, Rhyl, Broomfield, Luton, Fyfield, Bunny, Barton-in-Fabis, Babworth, Averham, Clayworth, Flawborough, Westminster, Allendale, Fryerning, Bathley, Brough, Bothamsall, Screveton, Burton-Joyce and Car-Colston Surprise, Holbeck, Clipston, Blidworth, Newstead, Linby, Brinsley, London Delight, Hadfield and Holme Pierrepont Delight (30 methods), with 210 changes of method. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 lb. in G sharp.

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

Conducted by R. Brian Mills.
Greatest number of methods yet rung to a peal, and the maximum possible in seven extents of T.B. Minor.
All extents by Simon Humphrey.

Costock:	—56—14—12—36—12—36.	l.h. 16.	64523.
Beckingham:	—56—14—12—36.12—12.36.	l.h. 16.	64523.
Saundby:	—56—14—12—1236—12—36.	l.h. 16.	64523.
Wysall:	—56—16—12—36.12—34.56.	l.h. 16.	34625.
Eaton:	—58—1[illegible]—12—36.12—12.56.	l.h. 16	34625.
Finningley:	—56—16—12—36—34—56.	l.h. 16.	34625.
Stockwith:	—56—16—12—36—12—56.	l.h. 16.	34625.
Misterton:	—56—16—12—1236—12—56.	l.h. 16.	34625.
Walkeringham:	—56—16—12—1236—34—56	l.h. 16.	34625.
Scaftworth:	—56—1456—12—36.12—34.56.	l.h. 16.	34625.
Bramcote:	—56—1456—12—36.12—12.56.	l.h. 16.	34625.
Leverton:	—56—1456—12—36—34—56.	l.h. 16.	34625.
Cottam:	—56—1456—12—36—12—56.	l.h. 16.	34625.
Treswell:	—56—1456—12—1236—12—56.	l.h. 16.	34625.
Stokeham:	—56—1456—12—1236—34—56.	l.h. 16.	34625.
Grassthorpe:	—56—14—56—36.12—34.56.	l.h. 16.	64523.
Mattersey:	—56—14—56—36.12—12..56.	l.h. 16.	64523.
Cossall:	—56—14—56—36—34—56.	l.h. 16.	64523.
Torworth:	—56—14—56—36—12—56.	l.h. 16.	64523.
Elkesley:	—56—14—56—1236—12—56.	l.h. 16.	64523.
Gringley:	—56—14—56—1236—34—56.	l.h. 16.	64523.
Sibthorpe:	—56—16—56—36—12—36.	l.h. 16.	34625.
Ratcliffe:	—56—16—56—36.12—12.36.	l.h. 16.	34625.
Widmerpool:	—56—16—56—1236—12—36.	l.h. 16.	34625.
Bagthorpe:	—56—1456—56—36—12—36.	l.h. 16.	64523.
Wiseton:	—56—1456—56—36.12—12.36.	l.h. 16.	64523.
Hayton:	—56—1456—56—1236—12—36.	l.h. 16.	64523.
Fledborough:	—56—14.56—12.36—12—12.56.	l.h. 16.	64523.
Rainworth:	—56—14.56—12.36—[illegible]4—56.	l.h. 16	64523.
Elton:	—56—14.56—12.36—[illegible].2—56.	l.h. 16.	64523.

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THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
CHEWTON MENDIP, Som.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1969, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in D.

*James M. Hills	Treble	John S. Barnes	5
Joan Beresford	2	Edwin A. Barnett	6
John R. Pratchett	3	James A. D. Woolford	7
Peter Beresford	4	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed by Stanley Jenner. Conducted by Dennis Beresford.
* 50th peal.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
LONDON.—At the Church of St. Leonard, Shoreditch.
On Sat., Nov. 1, 1969, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 28 cwt 1 qr 14 lb. in C.

Muriel Reay	Treble	Ralph G. Edwards	7
Tudor P. Edwards	2	David J. Purnell	8
Roderick W. Pipe	3	George E. Fearn	9
Vernon Green	4	Peter Border	10
Kenneth J. Hesketh	5	John A. Anderson	11
Terry R. Hampton	6	J. Alan Ainsworth	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral of St. Philip.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1969, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Muriel Reay	Treble	Barry E. Saunders	7
Beryl E. Cawser	2	Alan A. Paul	8
W. Eric Critchley	3	Norman J. Goodman	9
J. Henry Fielden	4	George E. Fearn	10
J. Edward Cawser	5	Graham C. Paul	11
Maurice F. Edwards	6	Richard E. Price	Tenor

Composed by A. S. Hudson. Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral of St. Philip.
On Thurs., Oct. 30, 1969, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5000 RUTLAND SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Clive M. Smith	Treble	Terry R. Hampton	6
Enid Lawson	2	Roderick W. Pipe	7
Maurice F. Edwards	3	George E. Fearn	8
Norman J. Goodman	4	James W. Belshaw	9
Vernon Green	5	Peter Border	Tenor

Conducted by Peter Border.

THE SHEFFIELD UNIVERSITY GUILD.
SHEFFIELD, Yorkshire.—At the R.C. Church of St. Marie.
On Mon., Oct. 27, 1969, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Traditional. Tenor 25 cwt. 4 lb. in D.

*Stephen J. Heath	Treble	*Robin Padbury	5
*Susan M. Brown	2	Roger Harper	6
*Janet M. Walker	3	Phillip J. Simmonds	7
John D Cooper	4	Ian L. Dear	Tenor

Conducted by Ian L. Dear.
First peal.
Rung as a "sponsored" peal as part of the University "Rag."

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD
TETTENHALL, Staffs.—At the Collegiate Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., Nov. 1, 1969, in 3 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's 12-part (7th obs). Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in F sharp.

Philip J. Day	Treble	J. Dennis Holden	5
Philip R. Johnson	2	Elizabeth Stevens	6
*Christine D. Tebbot	3	Richard C. Stevens	7
*Jill P. Carter	4	Christine Slater	Tenor

Conducted by Richard C. Stephens.
* First peal.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
LOWDHAM, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sun., Nov. 2, 1969, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 42 extents in 28 methods, viz: St. Simon, St. Martin, St. Osmund, Staunton, Braywood, Rugby, Welford, Slapton, St. Nicholas, St. Remigius, Winchendon, Huntley, Longford, Fundenhall, Thornborough, Haddiscoe, Plain Bob, Candlesby, Boxford, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, Minster, All Saints, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Rev. St. Sebastian, Dorton, Ravingham, Grandsire and Wollaton, with 31 variations.
Tenor 9 cwt. 14 lb. in G.

Peter L. R. Hayward	Treble	W. Gordon Marsh	3
Pamela J. Clifton	2	George A. Dawson	4

H. Geoffrey Wells .. Tenor
Conducted by George A. Dawson.
Most methods/variations to a peal by all except the conductor.

ASPLEY, Nottingham.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Sat., March 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 21 extents each of Plain Bob and Grandsire.
Tenor 9 cwt 1 qr. 15 lb. in G sharp.

*Peter Lewin	Treble	Geoffrey Cooper	4
Horace E. Seagrave	2	Jonathan Blacktop	5
John R. Seagrave	3	*Gordon L. Wilkinson	Tenor

Conducted by the ringers of 2, 3, 4 and 5.
* First peal at first attempt.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Susan Kerry and Geoffrey Cooper, both of this Guild.

KINGSTON-ON-SOAR, Notts.—At the Church of St. Winifred.
On Wed., Nov. 12, 1969, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being five extents of Plain Bob and two of St. Clement's.
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in A flat.

John W. D. Miller	Treble	Derek Stainsby	4
*Judy M. Miller	2	Andrew L. B. King	5
Joan Carter	3	Melvyn A. Rose	Tenor

Conducted by Melvyn A. Rose.
* First peal "inside."
Rung as a compliment to Brian and Janet Bull on the birth of a daughter, Christine, on November 2nd, 1969.

BARNBY-IN-THE WILLOWS, Notts.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Nov. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 12 extents of Rev. St. Bartholomew and 10 extents each of Plain Bob, April Day and Rev. Canterbury.
Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb in C.

Ruth Blackshaw	Treble	Paul F. Curtis	3
F. William Midwinter	2	Maurice W. Harrison	4

*Margaret E. Snyder .. Tenor
Conducted by Margaret E. Snyder.
* 150th peal and has now "circled the tower" to peals.

NORTH MUSKHAM, Notts.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.
On Sat., Nov. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 21 extents Grandsire and 21 Plain Bob.
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in G.

*David W. Flower	Treble	W. Gordon Marsh	3
Pamela J. Clifton	2	Philip K. Wild	4

Peter L. R. Hayward .. Tenor
Conducted by W. Gordon Marsh.
* First peal of Doubles.

SWINDERBY, Lincs.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Tues., Nov. 11, 1969, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being two extents each of All Saints, Rushall, Marchington, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Fortune, three extents each of Rev. Canterbury, Southrepps, Little Aston, Clifford's Pleasure, St. Columb, Plain Bob, Kennington Seighford, April Day and Old.
Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in B.

F. William Midwinter	Treble	H. Geoffrey Wells	3
Ruth Blackshaw	2	Margaret E. Snyder	4

Maurice W. Harrison .. Tenor
Conducted by Margaret E. Snyder.
Rung as an 86th birthday compliment to Mrs. Drury.

BABWORTH, Notts.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Wed., Nov. 12, 1969, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being a 1,440 and five extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in A flat.

*Judith Knights	Treble	Brian Birkett	4
Paul N. Mounsey	2	Harold Denman	5
Raymond G. Fanthorpe	3	John A. Coates	Tenor

Conducted by Paul N. Mounsey.
* First peal at first attempt (aged 13).

HOLME PIERREPONT, Notts.—At the Church of St. Edmund.
On Sat., Nov 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three extents Oxford Bob and four Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt 3 qr. in G.

Pamela J. Clifton	Treble	Ruth Blackshaw	4
H. Geoffrey Wells	2	W. Gordon Marsh	5
Peter L. R. Hayward	3	Maurice W. Harrison	Tenor

Conducted by W Gordon Marsh.
First Minor peal as conductor.
Rung in memoriam and a thanksgiving for the life and work of Bishop J. R. Weller.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD
BROUGHTON, Staffs.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Nov. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in F

Kenneth R. Davenport	Treble	Timothy Wylie	5
*G. Richard King	2	David Bates	6
Eric Roughley	3	Geoffrey R. Gardner	7
Sidney Hough	4	Denis Mottershead	Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Geoffrey R. Gardner.
* First peal in the method "inside."

SHENSTONE, Staffs.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Nov. 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents, C.C.C. Nos. 1, 2 and 21.
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb. in A.

Cyril T. Collins	Treble	Ian Friend	4
Richard B. Dorrington	2	David J. G. Bates	5
Victor E. T. Holland	3	Clive M. Smith	Tenor

Conducted by Clive M. Smith.
First peal on the bells since augmentation to six by the addition of a tenor.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
GRUNDISBURGH, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Nov. 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

Leslie G. Brett	Treble	*Alan J. Munnings	6
Gilbert R. Goodship	2	Sylvia R. E. Pipe	7
Michael J. Howes	3	Bernard W. Fairhead	8
Muriel R. Page	4	†Ernest G. Pearce	9
Neil V. Avis	5	Cecil W. Pipe	Tenor

Composed by William Pye. Conducted by Cecil W. Pipe.
* First peal of Royal. † First of Cambridge Royal.

FRAMSDEN, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sun., Nov. 9, 1969, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 QUEDGLEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. in E.

Walter W. Miller	Treble	Alan G. Feaver	5
Muriel R. Page	2	Cecil W. Pipe	6
Dorothy M. Durrant	3	J. Martin Thorley	7
Adrian Knights	4	Leslie G. Brett	Tenor

Arranged by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Leslie G. Brett.
First peal in the method by all (except the ringer of the 7th) and for the Guild.

SAXMUNDHAM, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Nov. 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (four callings) Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in A flat.

Andrew Ellis	Treble	Stephen J. Bedford	4
Alan R. Bridges	2	J. Martin Thorley	5
Katharine M. Thorley	3	A. Harry Archer	Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Fallen.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
BARNES, S.W.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sun., Nov. 9, 1969, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 ASWARBY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 76 lb. in G.

David C. Brown	Treble	Frank Reed	5
Maureen J. Carruthers	2	Brian C. Watson	6
John R. Ketteringham	3	Peter G. Holden	7
James E. Andrews	4	David E. House	Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by David E. House.
First peal in the method

ASWARBY SURPRISE MAJOR
—38—14—1258—16—14—38.12.56—78. l.h.b.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION
FITTLEWORTH, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Consisting of seven 720's in seven methods: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Oxford T.B., (3) Double Oxford, (4) Single Oxford, (5) St. Clement's Bob, (6) Kent T.B., (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. in B flat.

*Christopher Renyard	Treble	Patrick M. Wills	4
*Ruth E. Halford	2	Frank H. Hicks	5
Susan M. Wills	3	Philip Stevens	Tenor

Conducted by Frank H. Hicks.
* First peal in seven methods.
Rung half-muffled "in remembrance."

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD
LLANGATTOCK, Brecon.—At the Church of St. Cattwg
On Sun., Nov. 16, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

*Donald G. Clift	Treble	David E. Rothera	5
Wilfred Williams	2	Tudor P. Edwards	6
J. Michael Lakin	3	George E. Thoday	7
David J. Llewellyn	4	Kenneth J. Hesketh	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Wilfred Williams.
* 100th peal of Surprise. Tenor 14½ cwt

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
TOWEDNACK, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Trewinnock.
On Sat., Nov. 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

F. Malcolm Bowers	Treble	Anthony Locke	5
Robert Peel Pearce	2	W. Reginald Curtis	6
Canon A. S. Roberts	3	Timothy J. Bell	7
Geoffrey W. Taysom	4	Anthony J. Davidson	Tenor

Composed by M. C. W. Sherwood. Conducted by Timothy J. Bell.
First peal of Major as conductor.
Rung for the 50th anniversary of the S.W. Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A flat.

CAMBORNE, Cornwall.—At the Church of SS. Martin and Meriadoc.
On Wed., Nov. 12, 1969, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's 12-part (7th obs.). Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. in F.

F. Malcolm Bowers	Treble	Canon A. S. Roberts	5
Robert Peel Pearce	2	W. Reginald Curtis	6
Geoffrey W. Taysom	3	Anthony J. Davidson	7
Alan Carveth	4	Denis Stephens	Tenor

Conducted by Anthony J. Davidson.
Rung for the Feast of SS. Martin and Meriadoc.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
CHRISTCHURCH, Hants.—At the Priory Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1969, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5037 GRANDSIRE CINQUES

Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay	Treble	Edward W. Colley	7
Richard F. Prime	2	*Ronald C. Christopher	8
Alan D. Flood	3	Arthur V. Davis	9
Reginald W. Rex	4	*Philip Murduck	10
William Butler	5	Geoffrey Dodd	11
John Hartless	6	J. Ashworth Dodd	Tenor

Composed by Morris J. Morris. Conducted by Arthur V. Davis.
* First peal of Grandsire Cinques. Tenor 29 cwt. in D.

(Basingstoke District Branch.)
BASINGSTOKE, Hants.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Oct. 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's 12-part. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in F.

Michael S. Holbroook	Treble	‡Richard C. Wilson	5
*R. Christine Hassell	2	†Andrew Taylor	6
J. Jeffery Hill	3	Howard E. J. Smith	7
†Lynette M. Holbrook	4	Jack Weaver	Tenor

Conducted by Howard E. J. Smith.
* First peal of Grandsire. † First of Grandsire Triples. ‡ First of Triples. First of Triples as conductor. First on eight bells by a Basingstoke District band for 20 years.

BISHOP'S WALTHAM, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Nov. 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in F.

*John C. Hallett	Treble	Patrick Page	5
Betty J. Daysh	2	Richard Green	6
William F. J. Cope	3	John H. Hunt	7
H. Lyndon Hatfield	4	Edward W. Colley	Tenor

Composed by J. E. Burton. Conducted by Edward W. Colley.
* First peal on eight bells. First on the bells for 31 years.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION
HARTLEBURY, Worcs.—At the Church of St James the Great.
On Sat., Nov 15, 1969, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES
Parker's six-part (No 13). Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in E flat.

Gerald Bowen	Treble	*Robert A. Pardy	5
E. Marion Key	2	William Turner	6
Leslie Smith	3	Alfred W. Glazzard	7
Barnabas G. Key	4	Peter J. Key	Tenor

Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.
* First peal.
Rung to celebrate the 700th anniversary of the dedication of the church by Bishop Giffard. (November 17th, 1269.)

NOTICES

NEW SCALE OF CHARGES

Minimum charge 5s. for 30 words, afterwards additional charge 2d. per word. For meetings only each additional insertion half-charge.

BIRTH

FOX.—On November 21st, 1969, to Jeff and Jan, of Flat 4, The Chalet, Budworth Road, Birkenhead, a son, Matthew. 8296

ENGAGEMENTS

ALLEN—SEDGWICK.—The engagement is announced between John H. Allen, of Wolverhampton, and Penelope Sedgwick, of Lichfield. 8350

TUDOR—HANCOCK.—Mrs. J. Holland, of Great Barr, Birmingham, is pleased to announce the engagement of her youngest daughter, Sheila Ann, to Norman Peter, fourth eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Hancock, of Southville, Bristol. 8306

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

GROVES — The address of Bernard and Valerie is now 6, Barn Close, Southcote, Reading, Berkshire. Telephone No. Reading 56590. 8298

PERSONAL

"Behold God is my salvation; I will trust and be not afraid: for the Lord Jehovah is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation."—Isaiah xii, 2.

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MISCELLANEOUS

New Style Peal Forms are now available from "R.W." office and will be sent on receipt of stamped addressed envelope (4"×9").

SUNBURY-ON-THAMES. — Due to traditional late evening ringing on Wednesday, 24th, and Wednesday, 31st December, there will be no practices. Resuming on Wednesday, Jan. 7th.—Dennis Brock. 8302

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EVENING MEETINGS AND PRACTICES

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION—Ilchester Branch.—Meeting 7–9 p.m., St. Mary's (6, 8 cwt.), Hardington Mandeville, Jan. 3rd. —M. M. L. 8346

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION. — S.W. District.—Practice, Friday, Dec. 19th, St. Mary's, Staines. District annual meeting on Saturday, Jan. 24th. District committee meet on Friday Jan. 16th.—M J. Palmer. 8329

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chiltern Branch.—Monthly practice, Little Missenden, Dec. 20th, 6.30–8 p.m. All welcome. — A J. White. 8297

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—District practice, St Peter's, Soberton, Friday, Jan. 2nd, 7.30–9 p.m. Methods: Plain Bob and Kent T.B. Major.

Bellringers' Diary. — Owing to late delivery from the bookbinders it is now doubtful whether all Diaries ordered can be despatched in time for receipt by Christmas. The publishers apologise for any inconvenience.—W. H. V. and M. H.

AFTERNOON MEETINGS

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Derby District — Annual meeting, St. Peter's, Derby, Dec. 20th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. — C. Thrower, 51, Church Street, Spondon, Derby. 8333

EAST DERBYS AND WEST NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Shirland, Dec. 20th, 3–8.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to M. N. Blount, 19 New Higham, Shirland, Derbys, DE5 6BP.—L. G. S., Hon. Treasurer 8208

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Wisbech Branch — Meeting, Upwell, Dec. 20th. Bells 2.30. Service time to be announced at meeting. Please make own arrangements for tea. Everyone welcome. — D. A. Feek, Dis. Sec. 8275

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — S.W. District.—Meeting, Waltham Abbey, Saturday, Dec. 20th. Ringing 3–4.30. Service and tea: Ringing in evening until 8 p.m Names for tea to D. Cobb, 1, Elm Close, Waltham Abbey. 8277

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION — St. Albans District.—Meeting, Dec. 20th. St. Stephen's, St. Albans, 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. Nominations for 1970 District officers may be given at this meeting. Names for tea to Miss A MacFarlane, 2, Hart Road, St. Albans (Tel.: 52111).—R. E. Hardy, Dis. Sec. 8233

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Meeting, Sapcote, Saturday, Dec 27th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in the Church Hall. Names for tea, please, to Mr M. E. Brown, Harecroft Farm, Stanton Lane, Sapcote ('phone: Sapcote 728), as early as possible.—C. M. Wells, Dis. Sec. 8290

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS — A.G.M., St Mary's, Nottingham, Saturday, Dec. 27th, 3 p.m Service 4.15. Tea 4.45 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea to Mr D. Stainsby, 376, Loughborough Road, West Bridgford (Tel.: 233506), by MONDAY previous. 8285

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—Annual meeting on Jan. 3rd, St Michael with St. Paul's (8). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting, at which a new branch secretary will be elected. Abbey bells after meeting. Names for tea, please, to J. Hobbs, 21, Hill View Road, Larkhall, Bath, by Dec. 31st. —Alan Lee 8300

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION — Bridgwater Branch. — A.G.M., Bridgwater, on Saturday, Jan. 3rd Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to J. Aldridge, Longstone, Holford (Tel.: Holford 345). 8341

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Annual general meeting, ELY, Saturday, Jan. 3rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting and further ringing until 8.30 p.m. 8347

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. —Annual District meeting, Coggeshall, Jan. 3rd. Bells 2.30 p.m Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. C. Turner, Starlingleeze Cottage, Coggeshall, by **Dec. 30th.** 8340

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South Eastern District.—Annual general meeting, Writtle, on Saturday, Jan. 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. All welcome.—R. J. Harrison, Dis. Sec. 8334

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—N.E. Branch.—Annual meeting, Tiverton, on Jan. 3rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business after. Names to G. Hollis, 26, The Avenue, Tiverton, by Thursday previous. 8338

HEREFORD GUILD.—Kington District — Meeting, Lyonshall, Jan. 3rd. Ringing 3–4.30, followed by service, tea, meeting and ringing. Names for tea to J. Wilce, Bullocks Mill, Kington, by Dec. 31st. 8314

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—Quarterly meeting, Jan. 3rd, Sevenoaks (8). Bells available for general ringing from 3.45 p.m., followed by service, tea and meeting. Names for tea to Miss D. Colgate, 30, Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks, by Dec. 31st. 8313

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch. — The annual meeting of the branch will be held on Saturday, Jan. 3rd, at Holy Trinity (8), Bradford-on-Avon. Ringing commences at 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea, please, to Mr G B. Davis, 18, King Alfred Way, Winsley, Bradford-on-Avon, Wilts, not later than January 1st. 8231

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District. — Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan 3rd, St. Mary's, Nottingham. Bells (10) from 3 p.m Tea in St. Mary's Church Hall, Barker Gate, for those who notify Mrs. E. Beardsley, 139, Surgeys Lane, Arnold, Nottingham, by Dec 31st. Business meeting after tea. —S. Adams. 8332

LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

The Annual Dinner will be held on Saturday, February 28th. Tickets (27/6) available now from Dr. J. J. Fox, Flat 4, The Chalet, Budworth Road, Noctorum, Birkenhead.—J. J. Fox, Dinner Sec. 8295

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

GENERAL MEETING at WAKEFIELD

On Saturday, January 17th, 1970.

Service in the Cathedral at 4 p.m.

Tea in the Youth Centre, Zetland Street, at 4.30.

The General Meeting will follow tea and be on the same premises.

Voting will take place on the important propositions on the alterations to the Rules.

Names (not just numbers) for tea to W. F. Moreton, 6, Bar Lane, Wakefield, by Tuesday, January 13th.

Tea tickets will be sent to those who enclose a s.a.e. and given (at the Cathedral between 3.15 and 3.45 on 17th) to others who book.

Towers will be open as follows:

Darrington (6, vertical ladder), 10.30–11.30
All Saints', Pontefract (8), 11–12
Wragby (6), 12–1
Ossett (10), 2–3.30
Wakefield (12), 2–3.45 and in the evening
East Ardsley (8), 7–8.30
Crofton (6), 7–8.30

W. F. MORETON. 8310

READERS

whose subscriptions expire in December, 1969, are reminded that these should now be renewed. Prompt attention will be greatly appreciated.

C. W. Lucas,
Subscription Manager.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS
PUBLICATIONS DEPARTMENT
IMPORTANT NOTICE

This service will be undertaken by Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Drew, of Monsal, Bredon, Tewkesbury, Glos, from the beginning of 1970. The department will be closed from Christmas until January 10th to facilitate the process of transfer of the stock from Coventry. — Vernon Bottomley, Hon. Sec., 45, Westercroft Lane, Northowram, Halifax, Yorks.

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS'

Annual Dinner will be held on Saturday, Jan. 24th, at Arno's Court Hotel, Brislington. Tickets, price 25/6. Further details later. 8336

LATE NOTICE

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS — Exeter Branch.—A.G.M., Heavitree. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea and meeting 4.30. Cathedral practice 6 p.m. Names for tea to J. N. Longridge, Royal West of England School for the Deaf, Topsham Road, Exeter. 8344

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

The President of the Central Council, John Freeman, sends Best Wishes to all Members of the Council for Christmas and the New Year and to ringers everywhere.

Wilfrid Wilson and the "R.W." Committee extend Fraternal Greetings and Good Wishes to all ringers, and in particular to subscribers and readers of "The Ringing World".

Christmas Greetings and Good Wishes for 1970 to all our friends, from David, George and Hilda Massey, Hurst, Spring Gardens, Frome, Somerset, and Mrs. D. E. Massey, Claremont, Brent Knoll, Somerset. 8280

From Australia. — Christmas Greetings and All Good Wishes for the New Year to all, from Ringers "Down-Under".

And From New Zealand.—Ringers and Friends send very Best Wishes to fellow ringers throughout the world.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Denman wish all ringing friends and the Editor of "The Ringing World" a very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year. 8286

Okeford-Fitzpaine Ringers send Christmas greetings and best wishes for the coming year to all ringing friends (especially in North Dorset). 8276

From the Editor and Staff. — To our Committee, Contributors, Correspondents and Critics; to our Printers, Postmen and Newsagents; but especially to you — our Readers—"Merry Christmas—Happy New Year"—and we echo the words of Dickens' Tiny Tim: "God bless us, every one."

Wishing all my ringing friends at home and abroad a very happy Christmas and prosperous New Year, and good health.—Evelyn Steel, Biddenham.

Christmas Greetings to all members and friends of the Sussex County Association, remembering especially at this time those who are no longer able to ring.—From Reg Johnson. 8283

Christmas Greetings.—To ALL our ringing friends EVERYWHERE. Ernest (100?) and Mrs. Weatherby (California); Doctors Harry and Margery Whipple (New Mexico); Jack and Mary Armstrong and Co. (Rhodesia); Nancy, Sheila, Dorothy, not forgetting Mum, M. A. Susie (called home); our "Ringing World", the new Editor, also the old, Tom White, and staff. Heartiest Christmas greetings and best wishes for the New and succeeding years, and God's richest blessing, good health, to enjoy them, and good ringing.—Frank and Ada Stenson. 8278

Sincere Good Wishes and a happy Christmas and prosperous New Year to all my old ringing friends, from R. Smith, Wonston. 8309

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Mr. and Mrs. Emlyn F. Hancock and family send Christmas greetings to all ringers and friends throughout the Exercise, also best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year. 8305

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To all ringing friends, especially those in Derbyshire, Northamptonshire and Leicestershire, a Merry Christmas and a Bright and Prosperous New Year. — Burley and Mary Morris, 40, Spa Drive, Sapcote, Leicester. 8320

Wishing all ringers a very happy Christmas and good health in the New Year, with a special thought for all our ringing friends. — Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Harding, Catherington, Portsmouth. 8321

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Frank I. Hairs.—Kind thoughts and best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all. 8322

May I take this opportunity of wishing my many ringing friends, in both Warwickshire and Leicestershire, a very happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year, and thanks for all their help. — Geoffrey Edmands (Chilvers Coton). 8318

The Rev. Peter Bond wishes all ringing friends everywhere a joyful and holy Christmas and happy New Year; he regrets he will not be sending cards this year 8328

We wish all friends the compliments of the season. — Arthur, Jean and John P. Fidler, Highcroft, Bow, Devon. 8331

Ringers from St. Mary's, Rougham (Suffolk), send Christmas greetings to all their friends, especially those who took part in the Welsh tour; also to all our Welsh friends.—L. W. 8330

Charles F. Pocock wishes all his ringing friends a very happy Christmas and successful ringing in 1970. 8335

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ALDBOURNE, WILTS. — On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Frances Craig (first working bell) 1, T. R. Jones 2, T. A. Palmer 3, G. A. Newman 4, A. G. Keen (cond.) 5, C. Barnes 6.

ALTON, HANTS.—On Nov. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Hedger 1, Miss A. Middlecombe 2, R. Reed 3, M. Lockyer 4, G. Noakes 5, E. J. Futcher 6, R. E. Finch (cond.) 7, A. Bone 8. For Confirmation service.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 15th, 1,320 Pl. Bob Doubles: M. Peters (grandson) 1, Ruth Bedford 2, A. Knights 3, T. Hughes 4, P. Bedford (cond.) 5, R. Peters (son) 6. Rung to the memory of Alfred John Peters, for many years captain of Barking band.

BARNBY DUN, YORKS.—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Anne P. Leigh 1, E. J. Padgett 2, A. W. Jackson 3, J. E. Cook 4, R. K. Featherstone (first quarter) 5, F. J. Jackson (cond.) 6.

BERKHAMSTED, HERTS.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. Woolley 1, Margaret A. Burbidge 2, A. V. Good 3, H. Collings 4, P. W. Harper 5, M. Gilbey 6, D. Burbidge (cond.) 7, R. Ouston 8. For the institution of Rev. E. M. Norfolk as Rector.

BERRY POMEROY, DEVON.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Tuckett 1, R. F. Shepperd 2, Miss H. Julius 3, W. Wayman 4, J. L. Read 5, G. J. Roberts 6, D. J. Roberts (cond.) 7, R. J. Edden (first as cover) 8. For Remembrance Day service.

BRISTOL.—At St. Ambrose's Church, on Oct. 12th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: F. R. Hussey 1, Mrs. G. M. Hunt (cond.) 2, F. J. Sampson 3, B. Martin 4, T. Newlands 5, J. W. Collard 6, N. A. B. Dawson 7, H. Goss 8.

CANNOCK, STAFFS.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): M. Hardiman (first quarter) 1, M. W. Barrett 2, A. E. Barker 3, Susan Devey 4, P. J. Barker (cond.) 5, A. Guthrie 6.

CHALFONT ST. PETER, BUCKS.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. E. G. Swift 1, E. G. Swift (cond.) 2, P. Wotton 3, S. Lilley 4, H. Bell 5, D. Avery (first quarter) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss P. Moss; also to welcome a daughter to Roger and Irene Mitchell.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYS.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: B. Fletcher 1, J. E. Dakin (first Triples "inside") 2, M. St. J. Smith 3, H. E. Taylor 4, G. H. Paulson 5, P. D. Taylor 6, Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith (cond.) 7, E. Paulson 8. In honour of the enthronement of the new Bishop of Derby.

DRONFIELD, DERBYS.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: C. J. Painter (first quarter) 1, D. Millington (first quarter) 2, F. Millington 3, D. N. Peers 4, G. K. Chaddock 5, H. O. Chaddock (cond.) 6. Rung to the glory of God, to mark the enthronement this day in Derby Cathedral of the new Bishop.

EASTCHURCH, Sheppey, KENT.—On Nov. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: H. Hayward 1, N. J. Chesson 2, H. Gardner 3, J. Mason 4, P. D. J. Beal (cond.) 5, W. H. Foreman (first quarter) 6. For Confirmation service by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

QUARTER PEALS

GOODNESTONE, KENT. — On Nov. 23rd, 1,280 Minor (Little, Plain Bob): J. Hedgcock 1, Anne Dawson 2, M. L. Haigh 3, Jacqueline Culwick 4, T. Skilton (cond.) 5, D. J. Carr 6. By members of Christ Church College Society.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK — 1,265 Stedman Caters: R. W. Pipe 1, S. D. Pettman (first on ten, aged 13) 2, G. W. Pipe 3, G. R. Goodship 4, C. W. Pipe 5, A. J. Munnings 6, S. R. E. Pipe 7, E. W. Pearce 8, M. J. Howes (first as cond. on ten bells) 9, S. E. Pipe 10.

HIGHER WALTON, LANCS.—On Nov. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Robinson 1, Ruth Mansley 2, H. Hardacre 3, M. G. Mansley 4, W. Mansley (cond.) 5, F. Anderton 6. In honour of the 21st birthday of the Prince of Wales

HILLINGDON, MIDDX. — On Nov. 9th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Ruby Fardon 1, F. W. Goodfellow (cond.) 2, C. Venn 3, J. Walters 4, Claudia A. Critchley 5, R. A. Fardon 6, M. W. Seymour 7, G. W. Critchley 8, J. Hill 9, R. K. Russ 10. Also on Nov. 23rd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Ruby Fardon 1, F. W. Goodfellow (cond.) 2, C. Venn 3, J. Walters 4, R. A. Fardon 5, R. K. Russ 6, M. W. Seymour 7, A. R. G. Twinn 8, M. J. Palmer 9, P. Venn 10.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BEDS.—On Nov. 17th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Barbara Butterworth 1, P. Neill 2, R. Ward 3, J. Yates 4, R. Churchill (cond.) 5, Christine Templeman 6. To welcome the Vicar, Rev. C. Bache, home from hospital.

KENDAL, WESTMORLAND. — On Nov. 22nd, 1,340 Plain Bob Royal: Amy Waites 1, K. Foster 2, J. Bagnall 3, G. Tembey 4, A. Capstick 5, J. D. Nixon 6, S. Anderton 7, K. M. Price 8, L. D. Clement 9, T. F. Metcalfe (cond.) 10. A compliment to Thomas J. Clement on his 50 years as a ringer at this church.

KENWYN, CORNWALL. — On Nov. 1st, 1,824 Pudsey Surprise Major: F. M. Bowers 1, M. J. Fellows (cond.) 2, M. P. Tobin 3, P. J. Brown 4, M. Powell 5, A. Carveth 6, A. J. Davidson 7, G. C. Hemming 8.

KEYMER, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire and Bob Doubles: Pauline E. Stone 1, C. Robinson 2, Wendy E. Peckham 3, R. E. Peckham 4, H. Brown (cond.) 5, M. E. Stone 6. Rung half-muffled for the Remembrance Day service, and in memory of Walter Small.

KEYNSHAM, SOM.—On Nov. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Lesley White 1, Marion Hunt 2, T. Harris 3, J. Owen 4, R. Moore 5, W. Cocks 6, R. Virgin (first as cond.) 7, W. Dinham 8. A farewell to Ann and David Bath.

KILDWICK, YORKS. — On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Whitaker 1, J. Bracken 2, M. Hillary 3, J. A. Smith 4, R. M. Harker 5, P. Norman 6, M. F. D. Burton (cond.) 7, F. Alderson 8. First quarter 4 and 8.

LECKHAMPTON, GLOS. — On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ann Herbert (first Triples) 1, Clare Taylor 2, A. C. Newman 3, B. H. Taylor 4, T. Stephens 5, H. Read 6, E. J. Taylor (cond.) 7, A. J. Newman 8.

LOCKING, SOM.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Paula Button (first quarter) 1, R. Davey (first quarter) 2, P. Kelby 3, June Legg (cond.) 4, J. Coombs 5, H. Button 6.

MALDON, ESSEX.—On Nov. 14th, 1,280 Spliced Surprise Major (six methods): R. J. Harrison 1, J. E. G. Roast 2, K. W. Brown 3, H. W. Egglestone 4, P. J. Rothera 5, D. E. Rothera 6, P. G. Brown (cond.) 7, J. L. Towler 8. With best wishes to the 8th ringer and Miss Yvonne Murray on the eve of their marriage.

NAILSEA, SOM. — On Nov. 18th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Mrs R. Short 1, L. Derrick (cond.) 2, L. Childs 3, E. Davey 4, J. Lott 5, H. Hardwidge 6.

NORBURY (Hazel Grove) CHESHIRE.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: J. D. Atkinson 1, D. F. Yates 2, G. Moorhouse 3, P. Broadbent 4, B. Schofield 5, B. S. B. Kear 6, R. F. Andrew 7, M. Foulds (cond.) 8.

OCKHAM, SURREY. — On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (three m/v): J. Warinton 1, J. A. Collier 2, P. Boucher 3, P. Feast 4, M. J. Kirk (cond.) 5. Rung after an unsuccessful peal attempt.

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, on Nov. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Susan Elborne 1, Jennifer Unsworth 2, Frances Miller 3, Ann Gardner 4, Shirley Jones (cond.) 5, Diana Lewin (first quarter) 6. Rung on St. Hugh's Day by resident members of St. Hugh's College.

PETHAM, KENT. — On Nov. 18th, 1,320 Doubles (three methods): P. Southon 1, Frances Pollard (first "inside") 2, L. Huckstep 3, C. Beeching (cond.) 4, W. Seward 5, D. Sara 6. Birthday compliments to ringers of 2 and 3.

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ROTHWELL, YORKS.—On Nov. 21st, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: P. Massam (cond.) 1, Valerie M. Gill 2, D. Hudson 3, Margaret White 4, Patricia North 5, G. Hudson 6, G. Cox 7, I. North 8. Rung for the induction of the Rev. F. E. Redhead as Vicar.

SHAFTESBURY, DORSET.—At St. James' on Nov. 22nd, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Mrs. M. M. Godley (cond.) 1, A. E. Woods 2, Miss H. M. Julius 3, Miss R. M. Julius 4, F. Priddle 5, T. G. Bleathman 6. Rung on the Festival of St. Cecilia, patron saint of music.

SOUTH LOPHAM, NORFOLK. — On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Minor (Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob): T. G. Boast 1, A. Cook 2, A. G. Harrison 3, O. P. Claxton 4, C. Pease 5, H. B. Fuller (cond.) 6. For the ruby wedding of Mr. Edward Gaskin (a former churchwarden) and Mrs. Gaskin.

STRETHAM, CAMBS.—On Oct. 25th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: H. J. Muncey 1, Carol E. Brown 2, Kathleen A. Jordan 3, H. C. Foster 4, E. B Brown 5, B. B. Hullah (cond.) 6.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At the Church of St. Mark, on Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. Titcombe 1, S. E. Mitchener 2, D. I. Herring 3, T. R. Collins (cond.) 4, A. B. Rogerson (first "inside") 5, A. R. Hooper 6. Also on Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Humphries 1, T. R. Collins (cond.) 2, S. I. Herring 3, S. E. Mitchener 4, A. B. Rogerson 5, A. R. Hooper 6. Also on Nov. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Humphries 1, T. R. Collins 2, S. E. Mitchener (first as cond.) 3, D. R. Herring 4, A. B. Rogerson 5, Miss S. Titcombe 6.

THURMASTON, LEICS.—On Nov. 1st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. Hunt 1, H. Bray 3, Hazel Nichols 3, G. Slater 4, M. Bray 5, R. Martin (cond.) 6.

WALKINGTON, E. YORKS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Joan Gray (cond.) 1, Shirley Waddingham (first "inside") 2, Eileen Waddingham 3, N. W. Castle 4, P. Carey 5, R. Carey 6.

WAREHAM, DORSET.—On Nov. 20th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: T. F. Collins (cond.) 1, Mary E. Elmes 2, Judith A. Robertson 3, Betty A. Christopher 4, M. J. Dew 5, P. R. Keough 6.

WHITCHURCH, CARDIFF.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Jones (first quarter, aged 14) 1, D. Cornell (first Doubles) 2, P. Thomas (first quarter as cond., aged 14) 3, T. Yeomans 4, J. Pryor 5, W. Harford 6.

WHITTLESFORD, CAMBS.—On Nov. 16th, 1,320 Bob Doubles: J. York Moore (first quarter) 1, L. York Moore (first "inside") 2, Pat Hurworth (cond.) 3, R. Currell 4, I. Hinton 5, A. Kennedy 6.

WHITTLESFORD, CAMBS.—On Nov. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Ros. York-Moore (first quarter) 1, Pat Hurworth (first "inside" of Minor) 2, F. Harper 3, M. Kemp 4, J. Sanderson 5, B. J. Couzens (cond.) 6.

WOODBOROUGH, NOTTS.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,440 Minimus (63 m/v): G. P. Butler 1, P. L. R. Hayward 2, D. W. Flower 3, H. G. Wells (cond.) 4. Most m/v by all the band, and of Minimus for the Guild. Same band: Nov. 9th (Remembrance Day), 1,440 Minimus (61 m/v); Nov. 16th, 1,272 Minimus (51 m/v); Nov. 23rd, 1,440 Minimus (63 m/v), as a 50th birthday compliment to Mrs. J. F. C. Taylor; Nov. 30th, 1,368 Minimus (55 m/v). Also on Nov. 28th, 1,272 Pl. Bob Minimus: Jennifer R. Lush 1, Susan L. Marson 2, D. W. Flower 3, P. L. R. Hayward (cond.) 4.

WOTTON UNDERWOOD, BUCKS. — On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Julie Tyler (first quarter) 1, G. J. Tyler 2, C. W. J. East 3, L. P. Wickens 4, R. T. Corker (cond.) 5, A. D. Tyler 6. First in method for 2, 4 and 6.

WYKE REGIS, DORSET. — On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (1 and 2 leading): Anne Dark 1, N. Stedman 2, S. Britton 3, Mrs. Celia Harris (first "inside") 4, R. Gill 5, G. J. Abbott 6, J. Rose (cond.) 7, M. Harris 8. First quarter 3 and 5. Half-muffled for All Souls' Day.

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St. John-the-Baptist's, Hillingdon, Middlesex

OUR COVER PICTURE

St. John-the-Baptist's, Hillingdon

ST. JOHN - THE - BAPTIST'S, HILLINGDON, the mother church of Uxbridge, is of ancient foundation. In the records of the Abbey of Evesham in the time of Abbot Walter (1077–1086) there is mention of the Church of Hillingdon having one hide (of land). In 1086 Domesday Book records simply "a priest, one hide". Then in the year 1150 Lord of the Manor Brian Fitzcount gave the church itself and an endowment to the Abbey which held the living and appointed priests to the parish until early in the 13th century. In 1248, as a result of a dispute, the Abbey forfeited the living to the Bishops of Worcester, who remained rectors of the parish until 1855, when they sold "the Rectory of Hillingdon with all the lands held therewith".

There is a list of incumbents commencing with Ansgotus, Clericus de Colham, in 1114 down to the present Vicar, Rev. Preb. Frank Cecil Tyler, A.K.C.

The church is in a commanding position at the top of Hillingdon Hill. Its walls are faced with trimmed black flints. The nave and aisles are 14th century, the tower dates from 1629 and the chancel and transepts from 1848. The cupola contains one bell which is no longer in use.

The chancel was rebuilt, the nave lengthened and the north and south transepts and chapels added, to the design of George Gilbert Scott in 1847–8. The chancel arch, which is Early English of about 1260, was taken down and reset at the same level as the transept arches. In 1953 the chancel and monuments were restored and the wagon-roof cleaned and painted to commemorate the Coronation of the present Queen. Bomb blast in the last war destroyed several stained glass windows, but the east windows have been replaced.

WORK ON THE BELLS

A petition in the Court of Requests in 1559 against Laurence Wright, a London bellfounder, concerning a badly-cast tenor bell indicated that in the reign of Queen Elizabeth there were five bells in the tower. In 1731 the six existing bells were made into eight at a cost of £500 by the generosity of two parishioners, William Harrington, yeoman, and Richard Ashley, baker, who had "to indemnify the parish from any public charge in the commission of the work in the sum of £500"—a lot of money in those days.

The bells were recast in 1776 by Pack and Chapman, of the Whitechapel Bell Foundry. The whole ring was subsequently recast at different times—the 2nd and 3rd in 1779, the 5th, 6th, 7th and tenor in 1788 by William and Thomas Mears, the 4th in 1828 by Thomas Mears and the treble in 1864 by George Mears. This old ring was again recast in 1911, two smaller bells added to augment the ring to ten, and they were rehung with completely new fittings and frame by Gillett and Johnston Ltd., of Croydon. The bells were tuned on the Simpson five-tone principle and the tenor of 21 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. is in the key of E flat.

Once more this was done through the generosity of a parishioner. Mr. John Stilwell, the vicar's warden, whose family came to Hillingdon in 1790 and had always taken great interest in local affairs, defrayed the cost of the entire work. His daughter, Lady Juliet Craig, together with her husband, also took a great interest in the bells and the ringers, and generously undertook the cost of work done to the bells in 1964. Before Lady Craig died in April of last year she asked that the bells be rung in her memory, and this was done. In thankful memory of the life and work of Sir Gilfrid and Lady Juliet Craig, the bells were quarter turned and rehung on ball bearings in May of this year by the Whitechapel Bell Foundry through the kindness of Mrs. Barbara McLellan, Lady Craig's daughter.

ANCIENT PEALS

A tablet (restored in recent years by local ringers and friends) on the wall of the tower records that "the whole peal of Grandsire Triples of 5040 changes was thrice performed by these persons hereinafter mentioned in ye year 1733". Eleven persons are mentioned as having taken part in one or other of the three peals, including Richard Ashley who was largely responsible for the bells being increased to eight in 1731. The "Penny London Post" of Monday, August 19th, 1733, records "Last week the young ringers of Hillingdon, near Uxbridge, rang the whole peal of Grandsire Trebles, being 5040 changes, in 3 hours and about 8 minutes, to the great satisfaction of all that heard them". The tablet in the tower also records the names of the band who rang 5,120 Oxford Treble Bob Major in 3 hours and 26 minutes on February 6th, 1737.

Mr. Frank Blagrove has extracted details from the Osborne Manuscripts in the British Museum Library of other peals rung at Hillingdon in the 18th century. They are: July 6th, 1737, 5,120 Oxford Treble Bob Major; May 18th, 1741, 6,160 Bob Major (Eastern Scholars); April 9th, 1751, 5,800 Double Bob Major and 5,040 Bob Major (Union Scholars); August 26th, 1751, 5,040 Double Bob Major (ditto); April 15th, 1754, 5,040 Bob Major (ditto); July 28th, 1754, 5,040 Bob Major (Eastern Scholars); May 31st, 1762, 5,120 Oxford Treble Bob Major (junior branch of the split College Youths, 1754–1789). On May 14th, 1826, 5,040 Grandsire Triples was rung by Watford Union Youths and on May 14th, 1838, the St. James' Society also rang 5,040 Grandsire Triples.

The tradition of peal ringing at St. John's, so nobly started by the Hillingdon Youths in 1733, has continued over the years, especially after the ten bells were installed. Since the last war peals have regularly been attempted and in most years two or three have been rung, several by the local band. The 50-mark was passed some years ago. The first peal on the bells since their recent rehanging was one of Cambridge Royal by the St. John's Guild.

ST. JOHN'S GUILD

The present St. John's Guild started at the end of the 1914–18 war, when the bells were largely kept going by several ladies of the parish, including Miss Norah Williams, Miss Hilda Honor (now Mrs. H. W. Impey) and Miss Grace Baker (now Mrs. F. W. Goodfellow and the senior member). Its fortunes have fluctuated, largely due to residential changes of its members, but the long service of members such as Jack Pratt (60 years), Bill Honor (68), Grace and Fred Goodfellow (49 and 44 respectively), Bert Twinn (43) and Bill Coles (40) has pulled the Guild through its bad patches. A policy of regular recruiting maintained over the years has also kept up the strength of the band, which now numbers 22 in all and includes seven who were taught to ring in the tower. Methods currently rung include Cambridge Royal and London Major.

The Guild fosters a spirit of Christian fellowship amongst its members and towards visitors. Its annual supper in February and the joint meeting between the Middlesex County Association and the Oxford Diocesan Guild in October are old established institutions, the former since about 1948 and the latter since about 1932. The Guild is fortunate to have a ringing library. A number of its books was bequeathed by the late Ernest C. S. Turner, some of which came from his tutor and friend J. Armiger Trollope. The Guild scrapbook preserves much of the past and present activities of its members. May such activities long continue.

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IN LIGHTER VEIN

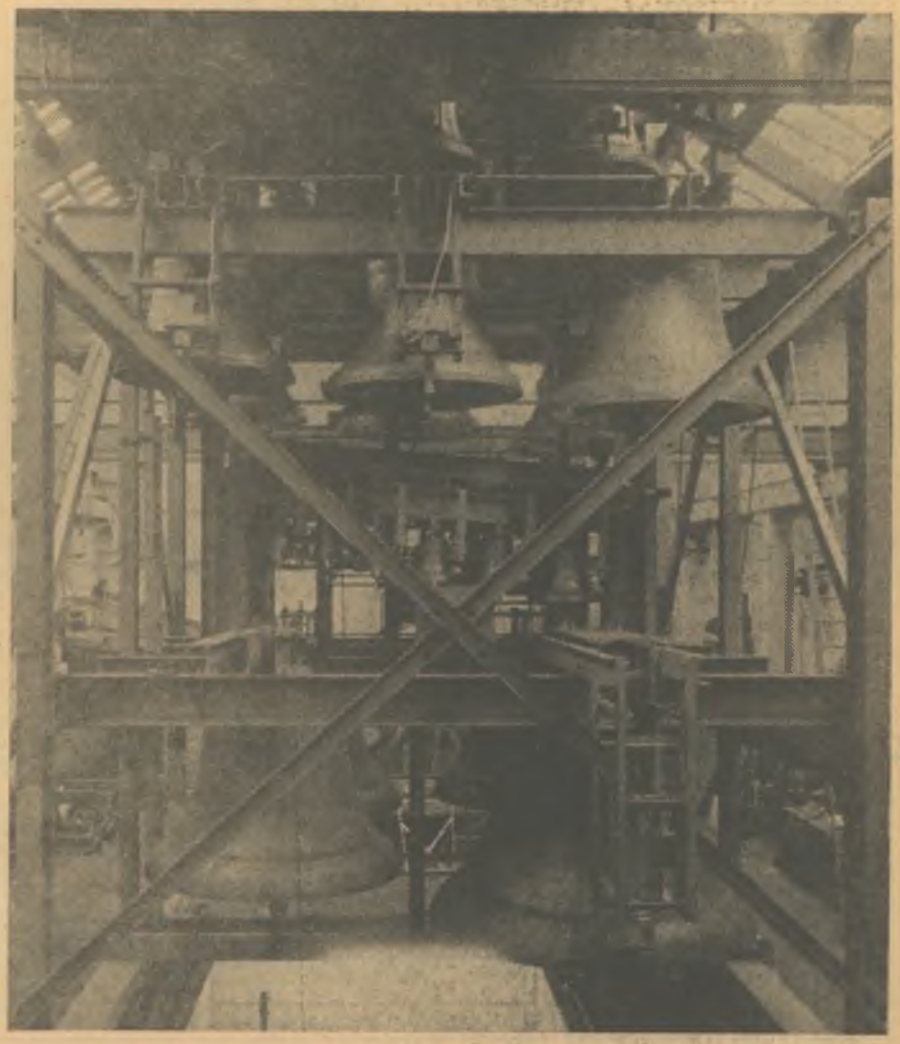
A schoolboy, asked to define "a lie", answered: "A lie is an abomination unto the Lord, but a real help in time of trouble."

THE CANBERRA CARILLON

The 53-bell carillon which forms part of the British Government's gift to Canberra to mark the city's golden jubilee rang out at a ceremony held in November at the Loughborough foundry of John Taylor and Co., its makers. Guests included Mr. R. W. Boswell (Acting High Commissioner for Australia in the United Kingdom), the Lord Lieutenant of Leicestershire, the chairman of Leicestershire County Council and the Mayor of Loughborough.

After the ceremony the carillon was dismantled and packed for shipment to Canberra so that it can be installed in readiness for April 29th, 1970, the bicentenary of the landing of Captain Cook in Australia. Mr. Peter Cake, draughtsman with John Taylor and Co., is travelling to Canberra to supervise the installation. Mr. Clifford Ball, adviser on the musical and tonal requirements of the carillon to the Ministry of Public Building and Works, is expected to play the carillon in Canberra.

The specification for the carillon was written by Mr. Ronald Read, senior technical officer of the Ministry of Public Building and Works Supplies Division. With Mr. J. H. Leat, assistant controller of the division, Mr. Read visited the Continent to study carillons. They also called on manufacturers and inspected carillons in this country before final decisions were made.



TOWER ON ASPEN ISLAND

The carillon will be housed in a tower being built on Aspen Island in the central basin of Lake Burley Griffin, close to the site for the new Houses of Parliament in Canberra. A Western Australian firm of architects won the competition for the design of the tower, which is also a gift from Britain.

The complete frame of the carillon measures 18 feet by 27 feet. It contains four-and-a-half octaves of 53 bells. The largest, with the tone of F sharp, weighs 123 cwt. and is 7 ft. 2 ins. in diameter. This bell, which will be the largest and deepest-toned in Australia, bears the inscription "Presented by Britain to the City of Canberra in Commemoration of the Golden Jubilee of the Founding of the National Capital of Australia 12th March 1963". It sounds the hour and Westminster quarter-chimes.

AUTOMATIC PLAYING APPARATUS

The carillon is connected to a four-and-a-half octave clavier with a two-octave pedal keyboard. There is also a practice clavier, with hammers striking on tune bars. An automatic playing apparatus to three octaves in the middle range of bells is played either from a music roll or a piano-type keyboard. A tolling hammer is fitted to the largest bell, electrically operated, linked with the chimes and controlled by an automatic playing mechanism. The time control for the chimes tolling hammer is dual-operated by an electric mains clock and linked to a mechanical weight-operated clock.

The bells are cast in bronze; framework and headstocks are of mild steel; transmission wires are of stainless steel; all woodwork is of English oak. The bells have been accurately turned to produce harmonic tones and bell clappers are operated by stainless steel wires with counterweights.

The automatic playing mechanism and auto-control were designed and manufactured by Ed Korfhage and Sons, Buer, Osnabrück, Germany. The piano keyboard has three octaves; the clavier is 6 ft. 4 ins. in length, 2 ft. 1 in. wide over pedals and 7 ft. 10 ins. high overall, with a bench 6 ft. 7 ins. in length, 2 ft. wide and 3 ft. 6 ins. high.

20 HOURS' PLAY

The auto-play apparatus, to play up to 45 minutes, plus a supply of rolls to give a total length of 20 hours' play, includes the following tunes: (Roll No. 1) God Save the Queen, Hearts of Oak, Land of My Fathers, The Minstrel Boy, Waltzing Matilda, Click Go the Shears, Scotland the Brave; (Roll No. 2) Greensleeves, Cherry Ripe, Men of Harlech, Will Ye No Come Back Again?, Londonderry Air, Killarney.

Mr. Evan Luard, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, represented Her Majesty's Government and was host at the ceremony. Those representing the Ministry of Public Building and Works included Mr. Howell Leadbeater, Controller of Supplies; Mr. J. H. Leat, Assistant Controller; and Mr. Eric Bedford, Director of Special Architectural Services.

The Acting High Commissioner for Australia was accompanied by Mr. L. Barsdell, Director of the Australian News and Information Bureau in the United Kingdom, and Mr. D. P. Aiers, Head of the South West Pacific Department of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, accompanied Mr. Luard.

FIVE TIERS

John Taylor and Co. add the following data to the above "Press Release":—

The bells are tuned to "international pitch" and the largest bell is keyed to the bottom "G" key on the clavier.

There are five tiers of bells. The largest bell is shown on the bottom right of the photograph. The hour hammer and its structure can also be seen at that position when erected in the tower.

The hand clavier will be situated in the room immediately below the bell chamber.

Mr. Clifford Ball, musical adviser to the Ministry of Public Building and Works, in his report said: "The bells have a superb tone. Each bell is exactly in tune with the other 52 in the four-and-a-half octave range. The touch is the lightest I have experienced."

AN INSTRUCTIONAL COURSE?

Suggestion at Irish Association Meeting

The annual general meeting of the Eastern District of the Irish Association, held in Drogheda on November 29th, was attended by members from Bray, Drogheda and Dublin (Dublin University, St. Patrick's and Christ Church Cathedrals, and St. George's) as well as the new body from Blessington.

In the absence of the Branch chairman, Mr. Fred E. Dukes was elected to the chair. There were 56 members present, the largest meeting in the history of the District, and of particular note were the number of teenagers, some of whom took part in the conducting of the ringing—Patricia Meredith (16), Jane Potter (14), Willie Sarsteiner and Derek McEndoo (17), Leslie Taylor (18).

The election of officers for 1970 resulted as follows: Chairman, Dr. C. A. Lewis; secretary, Leslie R. Taylor; treasurer, Michael Owen; ringing master, David Taylor; assistant secretary, P W. Brown. Representatives on the executive council: G. McGregor (vice-president), Mrs. F. E. Dukes, Mrs. C. A. Lewis and L. R. Taylor.

Apologies were received from Very Rev. M. J. Talbot, Dean of Limerick (president), J. T. Dunwoody (ringing master), R. Henly (treasurer) and C. W. Galbraith.

A suggestion was put forward that an instructional course might be arranged during a suitable week-end in the summer of 1970 and it was decided to forward the suggestion to the executive council for consideration.

The Lindoff cup competition was held on the bells of St. Peter's Church and four teams entered. The judges were Mrs. F. E. Dukes, Dr. C. A. Lewis and Mrs. R. McKenzie. They judged apart, for the first time, and it was amazing how close the marking was. The cup was won by St. Mary's, Blessington, who recorded 30 faults, with Dublin University second. The other contestants were Drogheda and consisted entirely of members from the Grammar School, and St. George's, Dublin, the only "stoney" team. The cup was presented to Derek McEndoo, for the winners, by Mr. George McGregor, vice-president.

The bells of St. Peter's, Drogheda, were rung from 1.30 p.m. until 8.45 p.m. Many ringers advanced as a result of the encouragement from the ringing masters, David Taylor and Charlie Reede (acting).

Tea was provided by Mrs. Dukes in the Church Hall, but everyone brought their own food and there seemed to be more food left over than was consumed.

Altogether a very pleasant and enjoyable occasion.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

The A.G.M. of the Oxford University Society was held on December 2nd, when the following elections were made:—

Master, Rodney A. Yeates (St. Cross); secretaries, Lawrence J. Haines (St. Catherine's) and Shirley E. Jones (St. Hugh's); treasurer, Colin J. E. Wyld (Hertford); steeplekeepers, Roger H. Abbott (St. Catherine's) and Ian W. Davies (St. Catherine's).

The inter-Varsity striking competition with Cambridge was won by Oxford by default due to the non-arrival of the second of the Cambridge band, caused by the blizzard.

YOUTH PREDOMINANT

The A.G.M. of North Dorset Branch of Salisbury Diocesan Guild, held at Sherborne on December 13th, had many young members well to the fore, and Timothy Bleathman, Christopher Longridge and Martin Corry rang a touch on handbells during the service in the Abbey Lady Chapel. The secretary's report showed that 13 new members elected to the branch in 1969 were under 17 and young members had played a leading part in the year's peals and quarter peals; 14 of the 18 branch members who took part in the recent striking competition heats were also youngsters. In the elections Susan Corry was chosen to act as peals secretary and Timothy Bleathman and Christopher Longridge to serve as ringing masters, together with Mr. W. C. Shute (who has more than 60 years' ringing experience behind him).

Other elections were: chairman, Rev. R. G. Chaffey Moore: vice-chairman, Rev. R. A. Wells; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mrs. M. M. Godley; assistant hon. secretary, Miss R. M. Julius; committee, Messrs. A. E. Woods and C. J. Corry. The retiring officers were warmly thanked for their services.

One new member—Malcolm Corry, of Durweston—was elected and Dr. P. J. Perry, of Sherborne and Christchurch, N.Z., was elected a non-resident life member. Mr. E. Peck, of Sturminster Newton, was recommended for life membership of the Guild.

DEDICATION OF PEAL BOARD

The annual meeting of the West Dorset Branch of Salisbury Guild was held at Lyme Regis on November 29th. Ringing was under the supervision of the deputy ringing masters, and before the Guild service the Vicar (Rev. J. H. A. Charles) dedicated a new peal board recording the peal rung on the day of Canon Carew Cox's funeral. A touch of Stedman Triples was then rung and was followed by the Guild service.

Tea was served in the Church Hall by Mrs. Powell, Mrs. Morris and junior helpers, and at the business meeting the chairman (Mr. C. W. Powell) presided. The hon. secretary gave a report on the past year's work; the accounts were then presented and passed. The membership (125) includes 11 juniors and three honorary. Seven new members were elected Twenty quarter peals had been rung, mostly by the Bradpole band, and one peal — Mr. F. Knight conducting his first peal on his 60th birthday. The monthly practices are to be discontinued for one year. The officers were re-elected for another year.

MR. JOHN M. BENN'S APPOINTMENT

In a recent issue reference was made to the fact that Mr. John M. Benn, of St. Mark's, Belfast, had been awarded the C.B. in Her Majesty's Birthday Honours List. We now have pleasure in reporting that Mr. Benn has been appointed Commissioner of Complaints for Northern Ireland. The new office is the first of its kind in the United Kingdom. He will deal with complaints against local authorities and certain statutory bodies, including the Housing Trust, the Electricity Board, Health and Hospital Services, and will work in co-operation with Sir Edward Compton, the British and Stormont ombudsman. Mr. Benn now resigns his post as Permanent Secretary to the Minister for Education in Northern Ireland.

ALL SUBSCRIPTIONS PAID

St. Andrew's, Clevedon (8), is Chew Branch's most westerly tower, overlooking the Bristol Channel and just a stone's-throw from the sea. Its bells rang out merrily for the branch A.G.M. on December 6th. The service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. J. Wedmore) and afterwards tea was served by Mrs. Wedmore, Mrs. James and helpers in the vestry at St. Peter's, a new church at the other end of town.

We faced a long meeting as the draft rules of the Association were considered, but the general secretary (Mr. J. Gilbert) presented the changes crisply and concisely and they were approved with little comment. The serving officers were all re-elected en bloc, and the idea of fixing the 12 meetings for the following year, on the initiative of the secretary, was agreed to.

New members were elected from Weston and Clapton-in-Gordano and Backwell, and Mr. and Mrs. D. James, previously of Ashtead, were welcomed into the branch. Non-resident life membership of Mr. R. G. Robertson, Mr. M. Hilder and Mr. and Mrs. R. Baldwin was confirmed.

The branch secretary's annual report showed a membership of 216 members, including four honorary and two associates, and history was made in that all subscriptions for the year had been paid!

Michael Horseman was thanked for his organisation of the striking competition at Dinder and Compton Martin was voted the 1970 venue.

A late return to the tower curtailed the evening ringing somewhat, but the needs of all present were catered for. J. B.

HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY ASSOCIATION

A fair number of members of the Northern District braved the slushy and cold weather on December 6th to attend the monthly evening meeting held at Stevenage. The eight were kept going to a variety of methods to suit all present, ranging from rounds to London and Bristol Surprise with varying degrees of success.

M. M. R.

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OBITUARY

MR. R. F. J. GILLING

The Vale of White Horse Branch of the Oxford Guild has lost one of its oldest members by the sudden death of Mr. Raymond Gilling. Mr. Gilling, who was 64 and a bachelor, was a farmer at the village of Fernham, near Faringdon. He collapsed whilst out horse riding and was taken to Princess Margaret's Hospital, Swindon, but was dead on arrival.

He became a member of the branch in 1930 from the Shellingford tower, and in 1932 was appointed hon. secretary and treasurer, taking over from the late Mr. G. A. Webley. He found it necessary to give up this post in 1951 but circumstances found him being reappointed again in 1954 and he finally gave up the post early in 1966. The White Horse Branch is small and in a rural area with no major ringing centre and has not been easy to run, and it is largely due to Mr. Gilling's steady and unfailing work over the years that it has survived.

He was a J.P. on the Faringdon Bench, was organist at Shellingford Church for over 40 years and treasurer of the parochial church council and was a manager of the Longcot Church of England School. Although no record is available that he rang a peal, his quiet, conscientious and efficient manner did much for the branch over many years. An enormous amount of "behind the scenes" work was necessary to keep it active.

A large gathering attended the funeral at St. Faith's Church, Shellingford, at which many organisations were represented. The interment followed at Fernham, where he was laid to rest in the churchyard which overlooks the farm which he tended for the most part of his life. We thank God for a life of service and devotion to the branch.

C. R. M.

FUNERAL OF MR. C. J. HIBBERT

On December 6th we laid to rest Cyril John Hibbert in the churchyard of the village of East Ilsley, Berks, which village he loved so well.

Many villagers were present and ringers from many towers in the Oxford Guild, including Miss M. Cross, representing the officers, and Michael Chilcott (College Youths).

Following the committal a 336 of Stedman Triples was rung, half-muffled, by W. Hibbert 1, M. V. Chilcott 2, B. R. White 3, J. Napper (cond.) 4, Eileen Wilson 5, F. White 6, J. Wilson 7, R. Wells 8.

So passes another pillar of the art of change-ringing.

Other ringers present were from Thatcham, Newbury, Oxford, East Hagbourne, Harwell, Appleton, Bucklebury, Brightwaltham and Peasmore. On the following Sunday evening a quarter peal was rung, half-muffled, by Patricia Hibbert (daughter) 1, John Hibbert (son; cond.) 2, Mrs. C. J. Hibbert (wife) 3, John Napper 4, Eileen Wilson 5, Barry Wheeler 6, James Wilson 7, Richard Wells 8.

PEAL AND QUARTER PEAL CARDS

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Taken in April last for Mr. Farr's 80th birthday peal. L. to R.: A. Elsmore, Rev. P. Barber, J. Couperthwaite, D. Jennings, Meryl Coldman, W. Lamb, R. Bradley, (front) F. Farr, R. Clist, M. Church.

MR. FARR LAID TO REST

The Church of St. Michael, Yorktown, Camberley, stands on a hill beside the busy main London road, but the churchyard behind slopes away down to a thicket where only the noise of birds and the wind in the pine trees are heard: and it was here on December 13th that the mortal remains of Frederick Farr were committed to the ground. For over 80 years he lived in and around Camberley, and as a postman had walked thousands of miles and had known and was known by everyone living in the town.

A bachelor, he lived with his sisters, and the family were regular and generous supporters of the church. As chorister and bellringer for well over 60 years he symbolised the many thousands who regularly and unobtrusively serve God and find a peace of mind so many of us seek and seldom find. His humility and simplicity of life were an example to all and he possessed many qualities which were recognised and admired by many in higher stations in life.

As the coffin was brought into church the evening before the funeral, a half-muffled peal of Yorkshire was rung, the first change commencing at backstroke and all 8-7's being muffled.

The fully choral service and the large congregation witnessed the affection and esteem in which Fred was held, and the ringers' hymn "Unchanging God", Crimond and "For all the Saints" were sung with feeling. The Vicar (Rev. Paul Barber) gave a moving address, speaking of the qualities of his life "as a well-tuned bell, ringing true".

At the committal a course of Grandsire Triples was rung by William J. H. Parker 1-2, Rowan Bradley 3-4, Tom Page 5-6 and Michael Church 7-8; and as giving meaning to the Vicar's words, "Go forth O Christian soul", so the tower bells rang out, with the muffled echo sounding as if the bells of heaven were ringing out on the other side as Fred's spirit entered. R.I.P.

CHANGE OF OFFICERS

The Southern Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association held its A.G.M. on November 22nd at Saxlingham, where ringers enjoyed the light eight during the afternoon and evening. The Rev. S. Merrifield gave an address at the service and Dr. D. Heighton read the lesson. The organist was Mr. K. Elphick.

Canon Gilbert Thurlow, president of the Association, was present, and after tea the business meeting brought about some changes in offices. Dr. Jonason, who was 15 years chairman, retired and Mr. C. F. Phillips, who retired as secretary, was elected in his place. The retiring ringing master, Mr. F. C. Arnold, took over as secretary, with Mr. H. B. Fuller assuming the duties of ringing master. Mr. H. Howlett is the new committee member.

Following discussion, it was decided to hold the next meeting in February at Alburgh, where the tower has been restored, and the usual vote of thanks to organisers concluded the business. C. F. W. P.

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LETTERS

SPLICED MAXIMUS

Dear Sir,—Being by far the oldest member of the Marple band and also with the least ringing ability, I felt I was the one to give a non-technical reply to the unwarranted vitriolic outburst by Mr. Porter.

We are obviously not kidding Mr. Porter by our performances, but it may come as a surprise to him to know that our peal ringing is for our own enjoyment and the furtherance of the art of handbell ringing. Any publicity which arises from these efforts is not sought by us, but is nevertheless gratifying and encouraging. The "R.W.", however, is unbiased, and as far as we are concerned he is welcome to compete for the "lights".

We do not pretend to have yet mastered Spliced Surprise Maximus so as to be able to have all the bells doing all the work of each of the methods; but even this could come with continued practice and perseverance, although I may be on the "Free Transfer" list before that is achieved. I hope this confession will satisfy Mr. Porter, give him hope for the future and indicate that we are striving to live up to his requirements.

As Mr. Woolley so aptly describes it, I bang the big drum, and in spite of its relative simplicity I am sure my limitations tend to slow down the progress of the band and I cannot resist the opportunity of paying a public tribute to Bob Smith's tolerance in coaxing me along.

Finally, by coincidence, Mr. Porter's name appears in the Dec. 12th "R.W." as ringing the tenor to 5-Spliced Surprise Major on tower bells. Not only is he "banging the big drum", but the type of peal is evidently much below his standard. One is surprised that his name is not bracketed against two working bells. I can only conclude that he has reluctantly brought himself down to this level to assist the other very well known ringers in the band.

May I close by saying that if this letter succeeds in goading Mr. Porter on, to improve on our performances, my distaste for writing it will have been well worth while. —Yours faithfully,

GERALD MOORHOUSE.

Macclesfield, Cheshire.

OLIVER CROMWELL

Dear Sir,—With reference to the excellent article on St. Andrew's, Stratton, Cornwall, by B. G. D. Vince (page 922), I do not agree with his statement that Cromwell's men fled the field at the battle of Stamford Hill in 1643. True, the losers were Parliamentary troops, but at that time Oliver Cromwell was a comparatively junior officer in East Anglia.

When, however, Cromwell rose to some prominence in the army of Parliament the Ironsides, with Cromwell on the leading horse, never lost a battle, even when outnumbered two to one by the Royalist troops.—Yours faithfully,

J. LAMBARD.

Weston-super-Mare, Som.

BRISTOL MAXIMUS

Dear Sir,—I am sure there were many, besides myself, who read with interest Bob Smith's reply to David Hilling's comments on the recent peal of Bristol Maximus with fourths place bobs. He is no doubt right to point out that a peal of Bristol is no more meritorious than peals in similar single methods and undoubtedly less demanding than recent performances in the field of Spliced.

The only point I would dispute—and this may just be an indication of my own perversity—is his assessment of the extending lead feature as a virtue. I find this one of the greatest disadvantages of Bristol Major in that it produces a bunching of the music into one portion of the course, something which tends to happen anyway with m and f type lead heads. In Maximus this is exaggerated, with a cluster of leads about the course end which are exceptionally musical, and a long stretch in the middle of the course which is devoid of what is traditionally called "music". Using the method he quotes, Brigstow, as an example, there is a block of 342 changes in the middle of the course in which the tenor strikes only two single blows behind. I would therefore choose to ring Bristol, certainly not because it is more difficult but because it divides the musical leads more evenly throughout the course.

This may be just an indication of my lack of taste, as too may be the fact that I enjoy Cambridge as much as Yorkshire on higher numbers. I am told that Yorkshire is the better method because it keeps the coursing bells together below the treble, whereas I find this precisely the attraction of Cambridge — that the music below the treble (and there is plenty of it) is not the same in every lead.—Yours faithfully,

London, S.W. DAVID E. HOUSE.

35 mm. SLIDES WANTED

Dear Sir,—I am wondering if there are any readers who would be in a position to help me augment a small collection of 35 mm. coloured slides on subjects connected with bells and ringing. These are chiefly required to illustrate talks on ringing to be given to attract recruits, educate non-ringers, etc., and will be used in conjunction with suitable tape-recordings. I already have a fair selection of exterior shots of various towers, which are the easiest to obtain, but would particularly like interior shots taken in any bell foundry.

If anyone can help, I should like to have copies made, at my expense, and then return the slides. To save any unnecessary posting of slides in the first instance I would be glad if anyone interested would kindly advise me direct by letter. — Yours faithfully,

29, Dimbles Hill, CLIVE M. SMITH.
Lichfield, Staffs.

MINSTEAD BELLS, HAMPSHIRE

Dear Sir, — I note with interest the reported quarter peal on the three bells in Minstead Church ("R.W.", page 948 and Belfry Gossip, page 949). There has, in fact, been two quarter peals previous to the one reported. I conducted both in 1961, the other members of the bands being local ringers. The quarters were not reported in "The Ringing World" as, at the time, I classed them as a performance, having only been rung on three bells. I was responsible for forming and teaching a band of ten local ringers in 1960–61 who were able to ring rounds and call-changes generally up to eight bells, and some of them up to Grandsire Doubles. To my knowledge, the band "broke up" through marriage and employment taking them away from the village.

The bells were in fairly good condition, being the middle three of five, hanging in a 5-bell frame, which had some movement in the tower. There was at the time, with the rector, discussions on augmentation which did not progress very far owing to probable cost at a time when other renovations were necessary to the building.

It would be interesting to know whether the memorial to Sir Arthur Conan Doyle is still lying on the floor under the bells. In 1961 no one locally appeared to know of its existence.—Yours faithfully,

LEWIS F. COBB.

Swindon.

SPECIAL REASON

Dear Sir,—I was disturbed to read your report headed "No Peal" ("R.W.", page 970), in which you stated that a local band at Sawston, Cambs, had rung seven 720s of Bob Minor with a cover bell to commemorate a peal rung 21 years previously. The report went on to state that such a performance could not be recognised as a peal as it did not conform to the C.C. Rules and Decisions.

May I point out that it was with precisely such local performances in mind that the Council added the second paragraph of Section E (Recognition) to their revised Decisions last year. This states: "In the case of peals not strictly complying with parts A to C above, the Council will decide whether or not to include such peals in the Analysis, regard being had to the merit of the performance. In considering the merit, regard shall be had to local circumstances and/or the technical implications of the performance."

It would seem to me that the local circumstances here of a commemorative peal including five "firsts" are far more important reasons for recognising this as a peal than the fact of a cover bell is for barring it.

I would most certainly urge the Council to include such a meritorious performance in the 1969 Analysis.—Yours faithfully,

C. CROSSTHWAITE.

Frenchwood, Preston.

(This does seem an appropriate case for recognition.—Ed.)

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
SEE BACK PAGE

PUT THE BRAKES ON

Dear Sir,—How much I agree with Mr. Marsh on the subject of peals: but to be brief, on three main points:

(1) Wasted man-hours. Just imagine the benefit of (say) 12 men×4 hours, redirected in concentrated instruction at a "country six".

(2) Again take 12 men and 4 hours, ringing musically-unintelligible Maximus, which bears out Mr. Marsh's reference to the insouciance of the participants who, obviously, are ringing for self-indulgent mental exercise only. If it must be 12, make it Cinques, and slow up.

(3) Advertising and "for" an Association. Peals are not "for" anybody unless announced beforehand: as I said a couple of years ago, give lesser mortals a chance of listening to good ringing, especially on the more noble rings of bells. Guilds should cease to record (recognise) peals and get on with some real work.

I am not against every peal rung, by any means; but if it is not time to call a halt it is certainly time to put the brakes on—hard.—Yours faithfully,

EDWARD CRIBLEY.

France Lynch, Glos.

Dear Sir,—I am sure that this letter will be one of many protesting at the ridiculous and mostly untrue statements in the letter by Edward Marsh ("R.W.", page 966). I think that perhaps the title given to Jonathan Porter's letter on the same page could equally apply to that of Mr. Marsh.

I shall not attempt to put the case for peal ringing because this has been done many times before. In my tower alone there are at least four ringers who take the "R.W." just for the peal news. These could well be cancelled for a single tower copy if Mr. Marsh's suggestions were to be implemented.

This year I have rung more peals than ever before (or likely to again) in a single year. These have ranged from Maximus to Doubles. My abilities have increased as a result of Spliced Surprise Major and peals of Royal, but during the year I have had great pleasure ringing elementary methods with ringers, some not so advanced as myself. I do not consider time wasted by ringing these.

Does Mr. Marsh suppose that someone who rings 50 peals in a year has a higher success rate than he who rings only one? I assure him this is not so. In general, those who ring more merely attempt more and certainly do not drag through anything to score.

I was worthy of the old saying "He can't strike a match let alone a bell" before I took up peal ringing. I am proud of my peals, not just the total but of the effort that has gone into achieving them.—Yours faithfully,

GRAHAM W. ELMES.

Wareham, Dorset.

CENTRAL COUNCIL MINUTES

(Continued from last issue)

Representatives of the Southwell Diocesan Guild asked the Council to consider a motion which was not on the agenda urging consultation with the Council for the Care of Churches to vary policy on the recasting of bells. The motion was accepted but no vote was taken as it was resolved after some discussion to proceed to the next business.

Committee Reports and Elections:

The Standing Committee report was presented orally by the secretary, and was accepted.

The following reports were adopted and committees elected:—

Peals Collection ("R.W.", June 13th, 1969, page 459): W. E. Critchley, G. E. Feirn, R. F. B. Speed.

Biographies ("R.W.", June 6th, 1969, page 441): T. J. Lock, W. H. Viggers, D. A. R. May.

Literature and Press ("R.W.", June 6th, 1969, page 442): E. C. Shepherd and F. E. Dukes.

Overseas Ringing ("R.W.", June 6th, 1969, page 443): F. C. Price, G. W. Pipe, P. M. J. Gray

Sunday Service and Education ("R.W.", June 13th, 1969, page 462): N. Chaddock, W. F. Moreton, F. Sharpe, J. Staniforth, C. M. Smith. Arising from this report it was resolved that an ad-hoc committee, comprising the President, R. G. Bell, W. F. Moreton and the Secretary, should investigate the possibility of producing a general interest film and that this committee be given full authority to arrange production at a cost within the resources of the Clement Glenn Fund.

Peals Analysis ("R.W." June 13th, 20th and 27th, pages 460, 481 and 501): W. Ayre, K. W. H. Felstead, H. L. Roper, F. B. Lufkin.

"The Ringing World" ("R.W.", June 13th, 1969, page 461): W. G. Wilson, R. S. Anderson, D. A. Bayles, R. F. B. Speed, J. Staniforth.

Records ("R.W.", June 27th, 1969, page 501): F. T. Blagrove, G. Dodds, J. R. Mayne, D. E. Sibson, C. M. Smith, C. A. Wratten.

Towers and Belfries ("R.W.", June 20th, 1969, page 481): F. Sharpe, B. Austin, F. E. Collins, J. Freeman, A. J. Frost, H. J. Sanger, T. M. Roderick, J. G. M. Scott, B. D. Threlfall.

Broadcasting and Television ("R.W.", June 13th, 1969, page 463): H. N. Pitstow, D. A. Bayles, J. T. Dunwoody, G. E. Fearn, J. S. King, H. J. Sanger, A. G. G. Thurlow, R. S. Wilson.

The Methods Committee had no report. The committee: C. K. Lewis, F. T. Blagrove, S. J. Ivin, R. F. B. Speed.

It was resolved that the following be elected members of the Standing Committee: O. D. Barnett, D. Beresford, W. B. Cartwright, P. A. Corby, F. E. Dukes, P. M. J. Gray, W. F. Moreton, H. J. Sanger, J. G. M. Scott, R. F. B. Speed, P. J. Staniforth, B. D. Threlfall.

POLICE GUILD ACTIVITIES

On a November afternoon members of the South Western District of the National Police Guild met at Bristol for the autumn ringing meeting. Representatives from both the regular and special constabularies of Bristol City, Gloucestershire, Herefordshire, Somerset and Wiltshire were present.

Ringing in the early afternoon took place in the Cathedral and the Lord Mayor's Chapel. The party then moved out into South Gloucestershire to the village of Warmley, and after ringing tea was provided by a member's wife. This was followed by a short business meeting and new members were elected from Wiltshire, Somerset and Gloucestershire. In the evening ringing was at Bitton and Abson.

Future activities of this branch include an annual meeting at Taunton in April, 1970, and a summer ringing festival in the Exeter area, together with peal attempts in Somerset. Any present or past members of either the regular or special constabularies interested in the Guild should communicate with either the district ringing master, Sgt. Wm. F. Scudamore, County Police Station, Coalpit Heath, Bristol, BS17 2SZ, or the district secretary, P.C. G. Davis, County Police Station, Cannington, near Bridgwater, Som. The area covered by the district branch includes the whole of the South West, the South West Midlands and South Wales.

Future Meetings:

It was resolved that the 1970 meeting at Ilkley be held on Tuesday, May 26th, and that the invitation to the Coventry Diocese in 1971 be accepted.

Vote of Thanks:

Thanks were expressed to the Mayor and Bishop of St. Albans for their greeting, to the Dean and Chapter for the use of the Abbey for the service of Holy Communion, to the President and all the officers and members of the Hertford County Association for their hospitality and to the clergy who had made their bells available.

Members of the Council were the guests of the Mayor and Corporation at tea after the meeting.

Summary of Attendance:

	Societies	Members Present	Members Absent
Wholly represented	47	123	—
Partly represented	10	25	11
Not represented	7	—	10
	64	148	21
Life members		8	1
Honorary members		14	5
		170	27

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ADDINGTON, SURREY. — On Nov. 30th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Wendy Wallace 1, A. Hobbs 2, I. Wiltshire 3, A. H. Long 4, Louise Powell (first as coud.) 5, E. G. H Godfrey 6.

ALDERMASTON, BERKS. — On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Livingston 1, Janet Livingston 2, D. Wilcox (first on two tower bells) 3-4, W. Butler (cond.) 5, P. Corderoy 6, M. S. Holbrook 7, M. Till 8.

ALLOA, CLACKS.—On Nov 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. M. Peterson (cond.) 1, Miss L. Robson 2, Miss J. Cleeve 3, H S. Glover 4, M. J. Pink 5, A. Wilson 6. Also 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. E. Wilson 1, H. S. Glover 2, Miss J. Cleeve (cond.) 3, R. G. Aitchison 4, M. J. Pink 5, A. Wilson 6.

AMPTHILL, BEDS.—On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: M. Mitchell 1, S. H. Ashton (100th quarter) 2, P. A. Keene 3, J. W. Yates (first Minor "inside") 4, P. C. Wright (cond.) 5, R. R. Churchill 6. For Patronal Festival.

BABBACOMBE, DEVON. — On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. Simmonds 1, K. Fursdon 2, Valerie Stephens 3, J. L. Read 4, S. Pierce (first of Stedman Triples) 5, G. J. Roberts 6, D J. Roberts (cond.) 7, W. Wayman 8. 50th quarter for 1 and 7.

BEXHILL-ON-SEA, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 7, 8 covering): L. Cooksey 1, J. M. Swift 2, Susan Harrison (first Grandsire as cond.) 3, N. Dyer (first quarter) 4, Daphne Verdon 5, Audrey Eldridge 6, C. Verdon 7, J. Edwards (first quarter) 8. First quarter by a local band for four years. Also on Nov. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (6, 8 covering): L. Cooksey 1, Daphne Verdon 2, Susan Harrison (cond.) 3, Audrey Eldridge 4, C. Verdon 5, A. Cluer (first quarter) 6, J. M. Swift ("circled the tower") 8. For the Advent carol service

BLACKMOOR, HANTS.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,320 Pl. Bob Doubles: R. Gill 1, Rev. C. J. Batter 2, G. Cane 3, M. Cass (cond.) 4, A. Gill 5, D. Cooper 6. First in method by 1 2 3 5 and 6. For Confirmation.

CASTLE BROMWICH, WARKS. — On Dec. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Karen Ralph (first attempt) 1, Janet Blake 2, P Pope 3, J. Turney 4, R. Bradley (cond.) 5. Rung by members of St. Peter's College, Saltley.

CLAPHAM PARK, LONDON. — On Nov. 30th, 1,296 Cambridge Minor: Miss J. Armstrong 1, Mrs. C. Bagworth 2, R. J. Cooles 3, A. S. Bishop 4, N. Thomson 5, P. J. Munday (cond.) 6, A. E. Bagworth cover.

CODDINGTON, NOTTS.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. L. W. Tomlinson (first quarter) 1, Jennifer A. Curtis (first "inside") 2, D. J. Tysoe 3, P. F. Curtis 4, D. E. Kirton (cond.) 5, J. Draycott 6. First quarter by the Sunday service band.

COLCHESTER (Shrub End), ESSEX.—At All Saints' Church, on Nov. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: W. Brunt 1, A. Wright 2, A. Gibbons 3, D. Cobb 4, C. Andrews (first as cond.) 5, C. Coulson 6. For Advent Sunday.

CORSE, GLOS.—On Nov. 29th, 1,440 Minor (Kent, St. Clement's): M. P. Taylor 1, B H. Taylor 2, Clare Taylor 3, Helen Taylor 4, Hilda Taylor 5, E J. Taylor (cond.) 6. First Treble Bob 1, 2, 3 and 5. First St. Clement's for all.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX. — On Nov. 26th, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: R. V. Johnson (cond.) 1, Susan E. M. Davis 2, R. Birch 3, P. D. Hepburn 4, T. G. Williams 5, B J. Read 6, M. S. Loveday 7, D. R. Cox 8.

DEPTFORD, LONDON. — On Nov. 30th, 1,250 Pudsey Surprise Major: J. Pladdys 1, J. Patterson 2, C. Martin 3, J. Andrews 4, K. Poole 5, D. Town 6 A. Patterson (cond.) 7, C. Rowson 8.

DOWNTON, WILTS.—On Nov. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: L. A. Page 1, H. Rumens 2, N. O. Skelton 3, J. Baverstock 4, T. Collins 5, J. Mussell 6, R. N. Marlow (cond.) 7, C. Churchill 8. A compliment to Mr. H. Rumens on his 65th year as a ringer.

DUNKERTON, SOM.—On Nov. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Rosemary Gooding 1, S. C. Davis 2, T. H. W. Barrett 3, V. J. Bowring 4, Thelma J. Kidley (first as cond.) 5, A. F. Butt 6.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT. — On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Sutton 1, B. E. Jeffrey 2, E. C. Leigh 3, E. J. Jenner (cond.) 4, Pauline Sutton 5, J. H. French 6, H. W. Evans 7, J. M. Hollyman 8. For the annual service of rededication.

ENFIELD, MIDDX. — On Nov. 23rd, 1,272 Kent T.B. Minor: N. Holtam (first T.B.) 1, D. J. Duggan 2, Margaret Pask (first Kent T.B "inside") 3, R Wood 4, H. Howson 5, P. Twigg (cond.) 6.

QUARTER PEALS

EVESHAM, WORCS.—On Nov. 26th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. C. Freeman 1, F. G. Nurden 2, H C. Spencer 3, S. T. Holt 4, R. H. Hunt 5, G. J. Hemming (cond.) 6, A. C. Berry 7, C. Hemming 8. Rung in honour of a visit to Evesham by Princess Alexandra, and a golden wedding compliment to Cclr. and Mrs. Tom Smith.

FARINGDON, BERKS. — On Nov. 30th, 1,280 Spliced Triples (Stedman, Grandsire): C. P. Turner 1, F. A. H. Wilkins 2, P. J. Heritage 3, M. J. Turner 4, M. Journeaux 5, W. F. Judge (cond.) 6, P H. Tocock 7, N. I. Allnatt 8.

GLASTONBURY, SOM.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: V. Holman 1, Miss S. A. Mayell 2, T. W. Prince 3, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 4, L. A. England 5, W. A. Prescott (cond.) 6. First in method 1, 3. For the christening of Julian David and Rebecca Louise, twin son and daughter of the 5th ringer.

HANLEY SWAN, WORCS.—On Nov. 28th, 1,272 Bamborough Surprise Minor: F. Lawrence 1, D. Price (cond.) 2, Valerie Willard 3, B. Spiers 4, M. Hawkes 5, R. Sadowski 6.

HOLMER, HEREFORDS. — On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Geraldine Mitchell 1, Mrs. Wendy Meadows 2, L. Walters 3, L. Meadows 4, D. Price (cond.) 5, C. Biggs 6. First in method for 1, 2 and 4.

HOOE, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 26th 1,260 All Saints Doubles: Ann Smith 1, I. V. J. Smith (100th quarter as cond.) 2, Christine Baldock 3, T. M. Barlow 4, A. R. Baldock 5. First in method for all. Rung to mark the restoration of the bells by local effort after a silence of five years.

HUISH EPISCOPI, SOM. — On Nov. 26th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A J. Callow 1 Miss S. A. Mayell 2 Miss G. M. Beckett 3, Mrs D. G. Mayell 4, G. H. Baldam 5, J. Kingsnorth 6, L. A. England 7, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 8. First Major for 1, 2 and 6

KETTERING, NORTHANTS. — 1,280 Plain Bob Major: R. Robinson 1, Miss E. Tingle 2, Mrs. C. Bowen 3, L. Toscland 4, S. Robinson 5, J. Mitchell 6, J. G. Mitchell 7, B. Austin (cond.) 8.

KINGSTON UPON THAMES, SURREY.—On Nov. 23rd 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: I. J. Whitear 1, Katharine Salvage 2, Ann V. Salvage 3, Lesley A. Hawes 4, C. D. Collin (cond.) 5, B. J Stone 6. For Holy Communion. Also on Nov. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. J. Whitear 1, J P. Hull 2, Lesley A Hawes 3, Bryony P. Moorby 4, R. B. Dorrington 5, Anthea S. Bruce 6, B. J. Stone (cond.) 7, M. J. Green 8. For Advent carol service.

LINCOLN.—At St. Giles' Church, on Nov. 23rd, 1,280 Plain Bob Major. J. L. Millhouse (cond.) 1, Susan M. Faul (first Major) 2, J. Parkin 3, M I. Minns 4, P. A. Sharp 5 G. R. Parker 6, M. H. Sinden 7, D. Phillipson 8.

LLANGYNWYD, GLAM. — On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. R. L. Jones 1, T. E. Hiddins 2, W. T. Petty (cond.) 3, H. Preece 4, D. W. Davies 5, C. Phillips 6. For morning service and the visit of the Archbishop of Wales.

MADELEY, STAFFS.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Pat Mills 1, Janet Lawson 2, Leona Roper 3 I. Cox 4, M. Worthington 5, M. J. Robinson (cond.) 6.

MARKET WEIGHTON, E. YORKS. — On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Minor (St. Clement's, Plain Bob): R. East 1, Elsie Chaddock 2, I. Peacock 3, D. Smith 4, A. Kneeshaw 5, N. Chaddock (cond.) 6. First St. Clement's 3, 4, 5 For St Andrew's Day.

MELDRETH, CAMBS.—On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Hurworth (first Grandsire) 1, F. Harper 2, J. Whitnall 3, M. Kemp 4, J. Gipson 5, J. Sanderson 6, B. J. Couzens (first Triples as cond.) 7, J H. Negus 8. To congratulate the Vicar of Saffron Walden on his installation as a Canon of Chelmsford Cathedral; also a birthday compliment to ringers of 2 and 4.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARKS.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (11 meth./var.): Joan M. Cheney 1, P M. Edgson 2, J. G. Edgson 3, C. M. Povey 4, A. G Eveleigh (cond.) 5, K. Rigby 6. Rung for Advent and special Songs of Praise service

OXFORD.—At St. Thomas-the-Martyr's Church, on Nov. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods): R. H. Johnston 1, Shirley E. Jones 2, R. A. Yeates 3, C. J. E. Wyld 4, J. R. Pratt 5. Conducted by all in turn. For Advent Sunday.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS. — At the Cathedral, on Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Nempnett Bob Triples: Penny Jackson (first Triples) 1, B. J Fry 2, Edna Jones 3, Jean Berriman 4, Jennifer Quaife 5, A. A. J. Buswell 6, W. Willans (100th quarter, arr. and cond.) 7, A. E. Hoodless 8. First quarter in the method, on the bells and by all the band.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor cover): M. J. Herbert (first quarter) 1, Mary Lewis 2, C. R. Harris 3, N. W. H. Simon (cond.) 4, C F. Mew 5, J. H. J. Mudd 6 R. F. Penfold (first quarter) 7. For Advent Sunday.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: A. House 1, P. Giles 2, S. Halliwell 3, Penny Halliwell 4, J. Warboys 5, R. Tomlin 6, T. Sharp 7, D. Sloman (cond.) 8. First in method 2, 3, 4, 5, 8.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At the Cathedral, on Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. A. Baskerville (first quarter) 1, Helen Dodds 2, G. Penney 3, Mrs. C. Carter 4, A. Carter 5, G. Dodds 6, R. Hardy (cond.) 7, R. Ewer 8 Rung to mark the conferring this day of the Freedom of the City on the Bishop of St. Albans. Also at the Cathedral, on November 27th, 1,296 Spliced Surprise Maximus (Ealing, Wembley, Cambridge, Yorkshire): R. K. Williams 1, Helen Dodds 2, G. Penney (cond.) 3, D. Redfearn 4, K. J. Darvill 5, F. W. Ellis 6, R. F Ewer 7, G. Dodds 8, A. R. Carter 9, H. V. Frost 10, M. D Frost 11, R. E. Hardy 12. To mark the conferring of the Freedom of the City on the Rt Rev. Michael Gresford Jones, Bishop of St. Albans.

SAWBRIDGEWORTH, HERTS. — On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Westwood 1, E. Willett (first Minor) 2, C. Moore (first Minor) 3, S Brooks 4, K. Westwood 5, R. Walker (first as cond.) 6.

SHEFFIELD, YORKS. — On Nov. 29th, at St. Mary's, Walkley, 1,260 Doubles (April Day, Pl. Bob): Miss S. Cryer (first quarter) 1, J. D. Cooper 2, R. Fletcher 3, R. Padbury 4 M King (cond.) 5, J. D Staley 6 Half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Josephine Illingworth, a member of St. Mary's Church for 80 years.

SHILTON, WARKS.—On Nov. 29th, 1,440 Grandsire Minor: Carol A. Eveleigh 1, J. G. Edgson 2, M. D. Fiander 3, P. M. Edgson 4, C. M. Povey 5, A. G. Eveleign (cond.) 6. First Grandsire Minor for all.

SKIPTON-IN-CRAVEN, YORKS.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. W. Pallister 1, M. F D. Burton (cond.) 2, D. Featherstone 4, A. Stott 4, R. M. Harker 5, P. Norman 6, M. Hillary 7, J. A. Smith 8.

SOUTHGATE, LONDON.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Mary Piper 1, S. G. Peck 2, C. Martin (first "inside") 3, W. C. G. Wainwright 4, D. Willcocks (first as cond.) 5.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): D. L. Hutley 1, H. W. Watts 2, M. Kemp 3, J. Sanderson 4, B. J. Couzens (cond.) 5, D. J. Cheeseman 6. A birthday compliment to ringer of 3.

STOKE LACEY, HEREFORDS. — On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. Wendy Meadows 1, Geraldine Mitchell 2, D. Price 3, L. Meadows 4, C. Biggs (cond.) 5, L. Walters 6. Rung following the wedding of Miss Helen Maund and Mr Dudley Williams.

SUNBURY, MIDDX.—On Nov. 30th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: P Cranham 1, D. Brock 2, Elizabeth Bangham 3, M. Bangham (cond.) 4, C. Rogers 5, R Bettley-Cooke 6.

TEWKESBURY, GLOS.—At the Abbey, on Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. F. Halling 1, Nadine Price 2, Mrs. H. B. Schofield 3, R. Liddell 4, D. E. Deakins 5, H. B. Schofield (cond.) 6. For Evensong; also a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Deakins and birthday greetings to S. B. Schofield.

THORNBURY, GLOS.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: G. Jackson 1, D. A. Chapman 2, Jennifer E. Bell 3, G. T. Collins 4, S. Poole 5, S. K Williamson 6, E. G. Mould (cond.) 7, W. C. Exell 8. For Advent Sunday.

WARSOP, NOTTS.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Minor (Single Oxford, St. Clement's): A. D. Rooke 1, Miss A. C. Rooke 2, J. T. Rooke 3, G. Challans 4, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 5, D. H. Rooke 6. Birthday compliments to the ringers of 3, 4 and 5.

SIXTY YEARS AGO

The report this week of a Masonic Peal rung for the Earl of Scarbrough is of particular note to Freemasons. It is 60 years ago that the first peal was rung by Freemasons and was recorded as under.

Nisi Dominus frustra.

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On Thursday December 4, 1919, Ten Members of the above rang on the

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Bro. W. H. Hollier (London), M.M. Vitruvian Lodge No. 87 2
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Bro. J. H. B. Hesse (Major) (Haslemere) M.M. Carma Lodge No. 2105 ... 9
W. Bro. W. H. Judd (Southend), Trinity Lodge No. 1734, P.M., P.P.G. Std. B., Essex. P.Z. ... ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Bro. G. R. Fardon, M.M.

Bro. Rev. W. Pennington-Bickford, M.A., M.M. Chap. St. Clement Danes Lodge No. 1351 ... ... Rector

This is the first peal ever rung by Freemasons. It was rung as a Peace peal to celebrate the conclusion of the Great War.

CORRECTIONS

"Ringing World", page 969, end paragraph, line 2: for "Administrative success-staff" read "administrative successor-staff". (A. Y-B.)

"R.W.", page 887: Coventry Guild Dinner, attended by 180 (not 80).

The peal of D.N.C.B. Major by J. Topp on page 960: the 17th course end is 43256 not 42356; the 18th course end is 52346 not 53246.

The Editorial Note added to the Belfry Gossip about the peal rung some years ago by a band comprising ringers who had completed 1,000 peals gave the church as North Stoneham. It was, in fact, at St. Olave's, Hart Street.

Perhaps contributors, as well as ourselves, may be forgiven for getting the Rothera family names mixed a little. We learn that Susan Rothera is married to Philip J. Rothera and Susan J. Rothera is married to David E. Rothera. It was the former, Susan, and not Susan J. who rang the 3rd at All Hallows', Tottenham ("R.W.", page 952).

BELFRY GOSSIP

The Peterborough Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers have issued their "Guild News — No. 3", dated December, 1969. It is an interesting collection of items, reports, touches, poems and quotations, and its editor is Mr. B. R. Care, of Moulton, Northants. He is to be congratulated on his presentation of such a readable circular.

The first for 31 years by Mr. G. A. Taylor and the first ever at first attempt for Mr. K. A. Garrod (aged 54), when a peal of Minor was completed at Ditchingham, Norfolk, to welcome the new rector on October 20th. The new band at Ditchingham is making good progress, we learn.

Two members of the Brinklow, Warks, band have gained their Girl Guides' bell-ringers badges. They are Patsy Howes, who is just 12 and has been ringing for about four years, and Philippa Garrard (14), who rang her first quarter on November 5th.

Enclosing a personal gift to the Tom White Testimonial, a ringer adds: "He has done a grand job, on many occasions in difficult circumstances. He has well earned a retiring gift." (We quite agree and urge you to send **your** donation now.—Ed.)

In 1925 Mr. Jack Bray conducted the first peal at Kirton-in-Lindsey, Lincs, and he conducted another peal on December 6th, 1969. This is only the third peal on the bells of Kirton.

"Consider the Lilies". — A well-known Guildford Guild ringer about to take part in Sung Eucharist one Sunday recently opened his red-bound hymnal and found it was holding his Gardener's Encyclopædia! He put the blame on his wife!

This week's new methods include Moorgate, at Barnes; Delight Major, Chalfont Surprise Major, at Harrow Weald; Higham Ferrers S. Major, at Higham Ferrers; Wembley S. Maximus, at Birmingham; Moorhouse, Lound, Langford and Budby T.B. Minor, at Orston; Bedwardine S. Major, at Bedwardine; Clifton Surprise Maximus and Fulham S. Maximus (on handbells), at Watford.

100 years old.—Mrs. Mary Hibbert, of Steeple Ashton, Wilts, had a quarter rung in honour of this very special occasion.

Because he is leaving Shropshire to live in London, Mr. Bryan D. A. Woolley had a peal of London S. Major rung as a farewell on December 6th.

Brethren from 12 Masonic Lodges—one very old (No. 355), one very new (No. 7458) —rang an "in memoriam" peal of Grandsire Cinques on November 8th for the Earl of Scarbrough, who died earlier this year.

"En route for U.K." reads an air letter to the Editor, and goes on: "Tony, Heather, Patrick and Alison Mann, from Perth, W. Australia, should arrive on January 2nd." Ringing friends in England will give them a hearty welcome and look forward to renewed acquaintanceship. Tony was for some time at the R.A.E., Farnborough, Hants.

En route for Australia.—Ann Carpenter, who rang in the peal arranged as a farewell at Cholsey in October, and Mrs. Anderson (Miss Jean Scrutton, formerly of Ealing), whose many West London friends wish her and her family every happiness in their new life. They left on December 5th.

Two new peal conductors are D. J. Orledge (at Knowle) and T. E. Spight (at Quidenham) and we wish them further success as such.

First peal congratulations to Carol J. Arscott (previously mentioned), Frances M. Templeman (also for her 21st birthday), Judy Brough, Edward J. Peett (at his 52nd attempt!), Michael J. Buckby; Miss M. Christopher, Jack Harris and Reginald Wooldridge (all three together), Anthony C. Freeman, Rev. G. C. Smith; Janet Price and Christine Manns (together).

"I regret I must discontinue the 'R.W.' from the end of the year! I am 75 and no longer take part in ringing activities," writes a correspondent. He goes on to tell of difficulties in recruiting young people. We suggest the officers of branches where this sort of thing is happening should do something to assist the older ringer but realise at the same time that such attempts are often rebuffed and considered as interference.

The first quarter peal on the new 12 at Solihull, Warks, was rung for evening service on December 7th (1,253 Grandsire Cinques). The ringing was good throughout and was the culmination of perseverance during recent months. Special mention is made that the ringer of the treble, William H. Leeson, was **84** last September. A truly remarkable achievement for a man to ring his first quarter peal of Cinques at that age.

Nearly 80 years have elapsed since St. Peter's Society at St. Albans have rung a handbell peal, and we trust it will not be many **weeks** before another is reported. Kenneth J. Darvill conducted Plain Bob Major.

Fifty to go to reach his 1,000, Mr. A. R. Pink rang his 950th peal at Hurst, Berks, on December 6th.

Variety, we are told, is the spice of life, and 26 varieties of Surprise Major methods —one for each letter of the alphabet—has been attained by yet another ringer, Mr. R. K. Russ.

There was considerable activity in the Derby diocese, particularly in the belfries, when the new Bishop was enthroned on November 22nd. Several quarter peals were rung and a peal of D. Norwich is recorded this week at Clowne and another (Yorkshire) at Dore for the Yorkshire Association.

The elderly and the very young were included in a peal at Wallasey in November, when birthday congratulations were expressed to 87-year-old Mr. Lester Gray and to the newborn son of Jeffrey and Janice Fox. In between was an engagement compliment too!

What should have been a Maximus peal attempt on November 29th eventually was rung as Bristol Major. Casualties were caused by snow—and British Rail.

Andover District ringers have added another first to their laurels—London Delight Minor, at Woolton Hill on December 9th, by the Highclere Sunday service band. London Surprise is next on the list for 1970, followed by a Seven Surprise Minor peal. It is hoped that the present enthusiasm will continue for a long time.

Of especial interest is the peal at Evesham, Worcs, on Sunday, November 16th, for the Rev. Albert Webb rang the 4th for the first peal by his curate (Rev. G. C. Smith). We trust there are other clergy in the parish for parochial matters so that these two clerical ringers may "get around" together and score many more.

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The last issue (December 19th) of "The Ringing World" was produced under handicap because of influenza. Mr. and Mrs. Lucas were victims and Mr. White was also indisposed for two days.

The result was that a duplicate batch of wrappers went into the post and about 200 readers will have received a second copy, whilst some may not have had theirs. We would be grateful if any spare copies received are returned to us at Seven Corners Press, Guildford.

RINGING AT MIRFIELD

The peal at Mirfield, Yorks, on December 6th, was made possible by the work of members of the Ossett band, especially Eric Robinson and David Lockwood. Permission had originally been granted for an attempt in October, but an inspection revealed fractured gudgeon pins on the sixth. With the Vicar's permission, Eric and David replaced the damaged parts and rehung the bell, which functioned perfectly throughout the peal.

It was generally agreed that the "go" of the bells was much better than we had expected and a very steady and satisfying peal was scored. A peal at Mirfield is a rare event, the last having been rung exactly eight years previously. David Lockwood and Pat North were also ringing on that occasion. R. B.

COLLEGE YOUTHS OFFICERS

At the business meeting of the Ancient Society of College Youths on December 2nd Mr. A. R. Kench was elected master. The other officers elected were: secretary, Mr. J. G. A. Prior, 21a, Fieldhouse Road, London, S.W.12; treasurer, Air Commodore J. S. Mason, C.B.E.; senior steward, Mr. D. E. Rothera; junior steward, Mr. A. R. Patterson; trustees, Messrs. J. F. Smallwood and W. Williams; librarian, Mr. W. T. Cook.

YET ANOTHER THEFT!

"The difficulty is that St. Mary's, Wherstead, stands about a quarter-of-a-mile from the nearest house and is very vulnerable. Thieves can operate without anyone hearing them.

"I think other churches may have to consider similar action to that which I am proposing. They will have to offer their bells to museums and similar institutions to keep them safe from thieves."

This statement was made to the Press by the Rev. R. Godfrey, Vicar of Stoke and of Wherstead, Ipswich, recently, following the theft of one of the three bells in the belfry of St. Mary's Church. He added: "It is tragic that for three centuries or more these bells have been calling folk to worship and the church has remained open day and night. Now we keep the church locked up, yet still one of our bells is taken. I am seriously concerned for the safety of the two remaining bells."

The thieves first entered the church by forcing the main door on Friday night. They removed the bell from its mounting and left it in the belfry. The discovery was made on Saturday and the police were informed—but on Sunday night the gang returned and this time took the bell, together with a lawn mower worth £35.

"We have done all we can to safeguard the church, which has now been broken into three times in six months. On police advice we had special locks fitted to the doors," said the Vicar.

Mr. Claude Rush, of Felixstowe, who sent this information, informs us:

"The three bells are presumably the same as the three referred to in Raven's 'Church Bells of Suffolk, 1890. Apparently the treble has been stolen—it is inscribed 'John Darbie made me 1675, Richard Goodinge C.W.' The other two, in process of being removed elsewhere for safety, are a Miles Graye, 1622, and (the tenor) pre-Reformation."

"WREXHAMSHIRE" TOURED

In spite of snow and a freezing night, 21 people attended this, the first U.C.W. Society function of the "year".

The first tower was at Llangollen. The main party, from Aberystwyth, arrived ten minutes late after having to defrost the Land Rover. This novel means of conveyance was a great success and afforded the opportunity of handbell ringing and "lapping" en route.

We rang at Ruabon, Overton, Holt and Gresford (a lovely eight) and we were given tea by ladies of the parish afterwards. Hope also provided a nice six to finish the day, after which we visited Mold for refreshment before making our way home.

The only disappointment was that we had to circumvent Wrexham itself as we were not permitted to ring there.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, ringers who rang Stedman Cinques for Christmas Day bells broadcast (and which were recorded beforehand) were: B. D. A. Woolley 1, M. Reay 2, M. F. Edwards 3, S. O'C. Holloway 4, J. A. Anderson 5, T. R. Hampton 6, R. W. Pipe 7, N. J. Goodman 8, E. T. Lloyd 9, H. H. Fearn 10, G. E. Fearn 11, W. T. Froggatt 12.

CORRECTING SOME FAULTS

"I refer to the article on page 944 under the heading 'Badge of Office for Master'," writes G. A. Bacon, of Southend.

"Firstly the Guild is the Southend and District Guild of Church Bellringers and not the Southend-on-Sea Guild; secondly the badge was made by Peter Sloman not Peter Solman as printed; thirdly the badge was dedicated by Rev. S. T. Erskin not Rev. S. T. Enskine; and lastly the handbell band was the Octavius Wigram Handbell Band from Prittlewell, under the leadership of Philip Bedford, not the Octavius Wigrum Choir from Brentwood area, under the leadership of Peter Bedford."

LANE END WEDDING

A happy wedding picture taken in the belfry of Holy Trinity Church, Lane End, Bucks, following the wedding in October of Miss Pauline M. Edwards and Mr. Colin H. Hagger (tower captain). The bellringers also acted as choir for the service. In the photo are: (Back row) C. Meakes, Tim Wright, T. Wright, L. Wright, W. Avery, A. Bailey, R. Hazell; (front row) Mrs. G. Hazell, D. Gutteridge, S. Smith, C. Meakes, Mr. and Mrs. Hagger, S. Smith.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
HACKNEY, London, E.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Nov 1. 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in F.

John R. Ketteringham	Treble	George E. Bonham	5
David C. Brown	2	Graham W. Elmes	6
Rodney H. Yates	3	Andrew W. R. Wilby	7
Anthony R. Carter	4	George E. Thoday	Tenor

Composed by Geoffrey Bridges. Conducted by George E. Thoday.
332nd Dinner Day Anniversary.

BARNES, London, S.W.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Nov. 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 MOORGATE DELIGHT MAJOR
Humphrey's 24-course block reduced. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in G.

Frank Reed	Treble	Ronald K. Russ	5
John R. Ketteringham	2	Geoffrey Bridges	6
James E. Andrews	3	Nigel Thomson	7
William Birmingham	4	Timothy G. Pett	Tenor

Conducted by Timothy G. Pett.
First peal in the method. First of Delight by all the band except Geoffrey Bridges.

MOORGATE DELIGHT
—38—18—56—16—12—58—56—18. c, b.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
PORLOCK, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Dubricius.
On Sat., Nov. 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being an extent each of Double Oxford, Thelwall, Grandsire, St. Clement's, Childwall, Rev. Canterbury and Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt.

*Carol J. Arscott	Treble	Leslie H. Arscott	4
Adrian F. Arscott	2	Mervyn A. Arscott	5
John Cornelius	3	Raymond F. Arscott	Tenor

Conducted by Raymond F. Arscott.
* First peal, first attempt.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
NOTTINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Peter with St. James.
On Sat., Nov. 22, 1969, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in E flat.

Jenny Field (Newnham)	Treble	R. L. Underwood (P'house)	7
R. A. G. Inglis (Selwyn)	2	F. E. Haynes (St. Cath's)	8
D. Barton (Selwyn)	3	V. Nutton (Selwyn)	9
A. T. Winter (Christ's)	4	A. F. Scholfield (Clare)	10
A. R. Heppenstall (Selwyn)	5	W. T. Perrins (Selwyn)	11
B. R. M. Johnson (Jesus)	6	M. J. Pickup (Churchill)	Tenor

Arranged by J. M. H. Hunter (Trinity). Conducted by Richard Inglis.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
WALLASEY, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary, Liscard.
On Sat., Nov. 22, 1969, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in F.

Gillian M. Morrison	Treble	*John L. Birdsall	5
Donald Peers	2	Geoffrey C. Sparling	6
Charles F. Pocock	3	Robert Peers	7
F. Leslie Coventry	4	Eric J. Gilbert	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Robert Peers.
* First peal of Major. First as conductor on tower bells.
Rung as an 87th birthday compliment to Lester L. Gray, an engagement compliment to Charles F. Pocock and Donata De Reus, and as a compliment to Jeffrey and Janice Fox on the birth of a son.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
CLOWNE, Derbys.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Mon., Nov. 24, 1969, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 NORWICH SURPRISE MINOR
Being two 2,160's and one 720. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in B flat.

John Arkwell	Treble	Timothy Wylie	4
Susan E. Banton	2	*Christopher J. Groome	5
Andrew R. Queen	3	A. Colin Banton	Tenor

Composed by Rev. E. Bankes James. Conducted by A. Colin Banton.
* First peal in the method.
Rung for the enthronement of the Bishop of Derby in Derby Cathedral on November 22nd, 1969.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
WILBURTON, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Nov. 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Beverley, Surfleet, Bourne, Netherseale, Norwich, Ipswich and Cambridge.

Donald F. Murfet	Treble	Brian B. Hullah	4
*Georgina C. M. Carter	2	Geoffrey A. Lucas	5
Alan M. Barber	3	George E. Thoday	Tenor

Conducted by Alan M. Barber.
* First peal of seven-Surprise. Tenor 6 cwt. 93 lb. in B.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
BRISTOL.—At the Church of the Holy Nativity, Knowle.
On Sat., Nov. 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in G.

T. W. Harris	Treble	P. J. Rigby	5
J. Brain	2	A. F. Howard	6
A. F. Lee	3	B. G. North	7
Susan A. Moore	4	D. J. Orledge	Tenor

Composed by C Middleton. Conducted by D. J. Orledge.
First peal as conductor.
Rung half-muffled for the Feltham Memorial.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
READING, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Laurence.
On Sun., Nov. 23, 1969, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 23 cwt. 20 lb in D.

A. Patrick Cannon	Treble	*‡Alan D. Flood	7
Beryl R. Simpson	2	Norman Summerhayes	8
Joyce A. Parsons	3	§Peter J. Munday	9
*Rowan S. Bradley	4	‡§W. John Couperthwaite	10
†Roy D. Mills	5	*Michael J. Church	11
†Alan D. Elsmore	6	David E. Parsons	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Michael J. Church.
* First peal of Surprise Maximus. † First of Maximus. ‡ Has now completed the Cambridge "family." § First on 12 bells. First on 12 bells as conductor. First of Maximus rung for the Guild and the first 12-bell peal to be rung by a resident band.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
SAWBRIDGEWORTH, Herts.—At the Church of Great St. Mary.
On Sat., Nov. 22, 1969, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 12 lb in D.

Gillian R. Brearley	Treble	Andrew W. R. Wilby	5
Keith W. Walpole	2	Frederick W. Ellis	6
*Frances Dodds	3	James A. D. Woolford	7
Kenneth R. Newman	4	A. Patrick Cannon	Tenor

Composed by Arthur Craven. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
* First peal of Surprise Major "inside."

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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
CHERITON, Kent.—At the Church of St. Martin.
On Sat., Nov. 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in A.

*John A. Hemsley	Treble	*Pamela Court	5
*Peter Richardson	2	*Brian C. Johnson	6
*Philip R. Staples	3	Mark S. Lancefield	7
*Richard A Birch	4	Crawford T. Hillis	Tenor

Composed by C. H. Hattersley. Conducted by Mark S. Lancefield.
* First peal in the method.

LEEDS, Kent.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Nov. 22, 1969, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 14 methods, comprising 448 Bristol, 384 each of Ashtead, Cambridge, Cassiobury, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Uxbridge and Yorkshire and 192 each of Cornwall and Cray, with 130 changes of method. Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. in E.

Jane Reynolds	Treble	Martin L. Howe	5
D. Paul Smith	2	Thomas Cullingworth	6
Alexander Waddington	3	Simon A. B. Wigg	7
Christopher T. Osenton	4	Peter S. Muchlinski	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Simon A. B. Wigg.
First peal of spliced by all except the ringer of the 6th.

CANTERBURY, Kent.—At the Church of St. Dunstan.
On Sat., Sept 27, 1969, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in F sharp.

Derek C. F. Chatfield	Treble	Leonard A. Huckstep	4
*Frances M. Templeman	2	Cyril W. J. Beeching	5
John W. Drage	3	David L. Cawley	Tenor

Conducted by Cyril W. J. Beeching.
* First peal.
Rung as a farewell peal for the ringer of the third, and a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the second (also her first peal).

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
MANCHESTER.—At the Cathedral and Ancient Parish Church of the Virgin Mary, SS. George and Denys.
On Sat., Nov. 8, 1969, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 27 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in D.

Celia D'Aeth	Treble	Martin E. Snape	6
Frank Reynolds	2	Geoffrey O. Sanders	7
*Peter Dyson	3	*Stuart I. Bamforth	8
I. E. Margaret Manby	4	Alan Ward	9
†Denis R. Jones	5	Peter G. Bellamy-Knights	Tenor

Composed by H. J. Tucker. Conducted by Alan Ward.
* First peal of Royal. † 50th peal for the Association.
Rung as a 50th birthday compliment to Frank Reynolds.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Nov. 22, 1969, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

Michael D. Fishwick	Treble	B. Michael Boardman	5
Christine Broadley	2	Peter J Malloch	6
Margaret Wright	3	Michael H. Tompsett	7
Margaret P. Booth	4	David W. Howarth	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Michael Fishwick.

HAMER, Rochdale, Lancashire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sun., Nov 23, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt

B Michael Boardman	Treble	Michael H. Tompsett	4
Michael D. Fishwick	2	Richard S. Starkie	5
F. John Nelson	3	David W. Howarth	Tenor

Conducted by F. John Nelson.
Rung to mark the centenary of the bells.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
SOUTHWELL, Notts.—At the Cathedral and Parish Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Nov. 22, 1969, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in D.

Mrs. P J. Staniforth	Treble	A. James Poynor	7
*Alec R. Jones	2	Alfred Ballard	8
Ernest W. Rawson	3	John Bramley	9
David F. Moore	4	G. Stedman Morris	10
Rupert A. Clarke	5	Peter J. Staniforth	11
†Derek J. Tranter	6	Russell S. Morris	Tenor

Composed by F. H. Dexter. Conducted by Peter J. Staniforth.
* First peal on 12 bells. † 50th peal.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Thurs., Sept. 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 EASTCOTE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

G. Ronald Edwards	Treble	Roland H. Cook	5
John M. Jelley	2	R. Brian Mills	6
Monica M. Jelley	3	John E. Cook	7
Christine L. J. Mills	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by Derek Ogden. Conducted by John M. Jelley.
First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Thurs., Nov. 13, 1969, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5376 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

Monica M. Jelley	Treble	Martin Green	5
Roland H. Cook	2	R. Brian Mills	6
Christine L. J. Mills	3	G. Ronald Edwards	7
W. Ernest Rawson	4	John M Jelley	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by John M. Jelley.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
SURFLEET, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Laurence.
On Sat., Nov. 22, 1969, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb. in F.

Beryl N. Reed	Treble	Phillip C. Pitchford	6
Susan E. Smith	2	†John H. Parker	7
John Freeman	3	†Arthur Pashley	8
*Phillip H. Reynolds	4	Jack L. Millhouse	9
Walter Tomlinson	5	Geoffrey R. Parker	Tenor

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley. Conducted by John Freeman.
* First peal of Royal. † First of Cambridge Surprise Royal.

THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.
BIRCH-IN-RUSHOLME, Manchester.—At the Church of St. James the Apostle.
On Sat., Nov. 22, 1969, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5376 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in F.

*Hamish M. McNaughton	Treble	†William M. Taylor	5
Peter G. Bellamy-Knights	2	Paul Reading	6
*Margaret L. Ellwood	3	*Marcus C. W. Sherwood	7
*Lynda M. Deebank	4	Christopher L. J. Munday	Tenor

Composed by S. Humphrey. Conducted by Christopher L. D. Munday.
* First peal in the method. † First of Surprise.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
HARROW WEALD, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Thurs., Nov. 20, 1969, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 CHALFONT SURPRISE MAJOR
27-course block reduced. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.

Joan Hooton	Treble	H. George Hart	5
Elsie K. Hart	2	Alick Cutler	6
G. William Critchley	3	Frank Reed	7
Claudia A. Critchley	4	Thomas J. Lock	Tenor

Conducted by G. William Critchley.
First peal in the method.

CHALFONT SURPRISE MAJOR
—.58—14—58—38—34—38.14—34.78. I.e. 3527486. Corrigan No. 60.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
QUIDENHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1969, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

John Dowe	Treble	Wilfred G. Saunders	5
Anthony H. Roberts	2	Henry Tooke	6
*Ian Lowther	3	Thomas E. Spight	7
*Adrial Walton	4	†Frank C. Arnold	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Thomas E. Spight.
* First peal on eight bells † 300th peal for the Association.
First as conductor.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
BANBURY, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Nov. 22, 1969, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5000 BANBURY SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in E.

David P. Hilling	Treble	Alan A. Paul	6
David C. Brown	2	Christopher H. Rogers	7
Andrew N. Stubbs	3	Graham C. Paul	8
Patrick I. Chapman	4	Michael P. Moreton	9
Barry E. Saunders	5	John R. Mayne	Tenor

Arranged by J. R. Mayne. Conducted by David P. Hilling.
First peal of Banbury Surprise Royal for the Guild.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(North Berks Branch.)
CHOLSEY, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Oct. 18, 1969 in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's 12-part. Tenor 10 cwt.

*Judy Brough	Treble	Paul Dye	5
†John Hodgson	2	Anthony Beaumont	6
†Ken Johnson	3	Bill Irvine	7
Ann Carpenter	4	Harold Eccott	Tenor

Conducted by Anthony Beaumont.
* First peal. † First of Triples.
Rung as a farewell to Ann Carpenter on her departure (October 20th) for Australia.

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Ebbe.
On Mon., Nov. 3, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 PUTNEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 4 cwt.

*Harold W. Badger	Treble	*Peter Pearce	5
Alan R. Pink	2	*G. John Collett	6
*Terence J. Hester	3	*D Kay Adkins	7
Charles Coles	4	*Bertram J. Coggins	Tenor

Composed by E. W. Tipler. Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.
* First peal in the method.

STOKE POGES, Bucks.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Wed., Nov. 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Sir A. P. Heywood's transposition of Thurstans' four-part.
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in F sharp.

Gladys E. Barker	Treble	Ernest E. Gosling	5
*Jean Kelly	2	William Birmingham, sen.	6
Arthur D. Barker	3	Wilfrid G. Wilson	7
†Leonard Stilwell	4	‡Edward J. Peett	Tenor

Conducted by Arthur D. Barker.
* First peal of Stedman. † 200th peal for the Oxford Diocesan Guild. ‡ First peal and 52nd attempt.

WEST WYCOMBE, Bucks.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.
On Sat., Nov. 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

Roland Biggs	Treble	Richard E. Dean	5
Sydney M. Bailey	2	Walter Lee	6
Roy Woodruff	3	John Young	7
Paul R. Dean	4	David A Cornwall	Tenor

Composed by G. Williams. Conducted by David A. Cornwall.
Rung as a compliment to John and Bridget Young on the birth of a daughter, Lyn.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
HIGHAM FERRERS Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Nov. 22, 1969, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 HIGHAM FERRERS SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb. in E flat.

Antony D. Sansom	Treble	John G Mitchell	5
J. Malcolm Tyler	2	Edward C. Buckby	6
Murray A. Coleman	3	Richard J. Cowley	7
Barry R. Care	4	Raymond H. Daw	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Murray A. Coleman.
First peal in the method.

HIGHAM FERRERS SURPRISE MAJOR
—38—14—1258—36—14—38.14.36.14.78. Group B. f.c.h. b.d.

WHILTON, Northants.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sun., Nov. 2, 1969, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in four methods, viz.: One extent of Oxford T.B. and two extents each of Kent T.B., St Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

Harold Haynes	Treble	John S. W. Townley	4
Iris R. D. Webb	2	Malcolm J. V. Chown	5
Harry Wooding	3	John K. Foot	Tenor

Conducted by Malcolm J. V. Chown.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Millie Elizabeth Townley, grandmother of the ringer of the 4th.

CORBY, Northants.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Tues., Nov. 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in B flat.

*Michael J. Buckby	Treble	Barry R. Care	4
Raymond Henman	2	Richard J. Cowley	5
Murray A. Coleman	3	J. Malcolm Tyler	Tenor

Conducted by J. Malcolm Tyler.
* First peal at first attempt.
Rung to welcome the Rev. E. Orland, president of the Peterborough Guild, as Vicar of the Parish of SS. Peter and Andrew, Corby.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
ASTON, Birmingham.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Nov. 8, 1969, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 24 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in D.

John N. Lindon	Treble	Robert E. Hardy	7
Richard J. Tibbetts	2	Stephen W. Barton	8
*Katherine S. Hardy	3	Maurice F. Edwards	9
Neil Donovan	4	James W. Belshaw	10
Bryan D. A. Woolley	5	Clifford A. Barron	11
*David Nichols	6	John McDonald	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by John McDonald.
* First peal of Cambridge Maximus.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.
On Thurs., Nov. 20, 1969, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 WEMBLEY SURPRISE MAXIMUS

John N. Lindon	Treble	Clifford A. Barron	7
Muriel Reay	2	Terry R. Hampton	8
Norman J. Goodman	3	James W. Belshaw	9
Roderick W. Pipe	4	George E. Fearn	10
James Insley	5	John A. Anderson	11
Maurice F. Edwards	6	Peter Border	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Peter Border.
First peal in the method. Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.
On Sat., Nov. 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in G.

Margaret A. Thow	Treble	Norman J. Goodman	5
Muriel Reay	2	Roderick W Pipe	6
Elizabeth Stevens	3	George E. Fearn	7
Terry R. Hampton	4	Richard C. Stevens	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.
On Thurs., Nov. 13, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in G.

Norman J. Goodman	Treble	Terry R. Hampton	5
Roderick W. Pipe	2	George E. Fearn	6
James Insley	3	James W. Belshaw	7
Maurice F. Edwards	4	Clifford A. Barron	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
BRADFORD-ON-AVON, Wiltshire.—At Christ Church.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's No. 2. Tenor 12 cwt. 7 lb in G.

Charles F. Andrews	Treble	Phillip Gaisford	5
Edgar C. Shepherd	2	Laurence E. Hitchins	6
Eric J. Hitchins	3	Frederick S. Slatford	7
Norman G. N. Knee	4	Robert J. Purnell	Tenor

Conducted by Frederick S. Slatford.
Rung in memoriam William C. West, president of the Guild.

LYTCHETT MINSTER Dorset.—At the Parish Church.
On Tues., Nov. 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In four methods, being one extent of London and two extents each of Surfleet, Beverley and Cambridge Tenor 11 cwt. in F sharp.

*Michael J. Dew	Treble	Melvyn J. Hiller	4
Mary E. Elmes	2	Timothy F. Collins	5
David Wilson	3	Graham W. Elmes	Tenor

Conducted by Timothy F. Collins.
* First peal of Surprise and most methods to a peal.

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THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
NORTH MUSKHAM, Notts.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.
On Fri., Oct. 24, 1969, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each Oxford T.B., Kent T.B and Single Oxford and one extent of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb.
Grace Burchnall .. .. Treble | A. Harry Hawcroft 4
Katharine Burchnall .. .. 2 | F. William Midwinter .. 5
Margaret E. Snyder .. .. 3 | Harold Denman .. .. Tenor
Conducted by Harold Denman.
Rung in memoriam Mrs E. Copp, wife of Mr. C. J. Copp, churchwarden and tower captain at this church, who died on October 6th, 1969.

BRANT BROUGHTON, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Helen.
On Sat., Nov. 8, 1969, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
42 extents, 10 callings. Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in E flat.
Elaine M. Rolfe .. .. Treble | *Frederick Derry 4
Derick E. Kirton .. .. 2 | Philip C. Pitchford 5
J. Edward Brown .. .. 3 | Frederick G. Hooper .. Tenor
Conducted by Frederick G. Hooper.
* 25th peal on the bells.
Rung half-muffled for Armistice Day.

BASSINGHAM, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 VICTORY MINOR
Being seven methods in seven extents: (1) New Mill Victory Delight. (2) Ringers Victory Delight. (3) Nelson's Victory T.B.. (4) Rodney's Victory T.B., (5) Walsh's Victory Delight, (6) Woodcock's Victory T.B.. (7) London Victory Delight. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in G.
Christine L. J. Mills .. .. Treble | R Brian Mills 4
William L. Exton .. .. 2 | Denis A Frith 5
Peter A Slight .. .. .. 3 | Simon Humphrey .. .. Tenor
Conducted by Simon Humphrey.

ORSTON, Notts.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Fri., Nov 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED TREBLE BOB MINOR
Comprising 210 methods in seven extents. All extents as peal at Holme Pierrepont, Notts. on October 24th, 1969, with the following exceptions: Extent 1, substitute Moorhouse for Fledborough. Extent 2, substitute Lound for Woodborough. Extent 3, substitute Langford for Winkburn. Extent 4, substitute Budby for Littleborough
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr 18 lb. in A flat.
Peter A. Slight .. .. .. Treble | William L. Exton 4
Christine L. J Mills .. .. 2 | Denis A. Frith 5
Simon Humphrey .. .. 3 | R. Brian Mills .. .. .. Tenor
Conducted by R. Brian Mills.

Moorhouse:	—56—14 56—12.36 12—34'.56.	l.h. 16.	64523.
Lound:	36—36.14.56—12.36.12—34.56.	l.h. 12.	56342.
Langford:	34—36 14 56—12.36.12—34.56.	l.h. 16.	34625.
Budby:	—36—14.56—12.36.12—34.56	l.h. 16.	46532.

GAMSTON, Notts.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Nov 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Single Oxford Bob and one extent of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in A flat.
Ruth Blackshaw .. .. Treble | Maurice W. Harrison .. 4
Katherine Burchnall .. .. 2 | F. William Midwinter .. 5
Grace Burchnall .. .. 3 | *Harold Denman .. .. Tenor
Conducted by Harold Denman.
* 375th peal.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
CODSALL, Staffs.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Oct. 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in G.
S. Illidge .. .. Treble | Miss G B. Smith 5
Miss A C. Simkins .. .. 2 | D. Head 6
A. D Collins .. .. .. 3 | P Johnson 7
P. Bryan .. .. 4 | H. E. Green .. .. .. Tenor
Conducted by A. D Collins.
The band would like to associate the name of Mr. A. G. Richards, captain of the Codsall ringers (in hospital), with the above peal.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
UFFORD, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Nov. 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 JOHANNESBURG SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb in F sharp.
Walter W. Miller .. .. Treble | Ernest G. Pearce 5
Katherine M. Thorley .. 2 | Alan G. Feaver 6
Dorothy M. Durrant .. 3 | J. Martin Thorley 7
*Muriel R. Page .. .. 4 | *Leslie G. Brett .. .. Tenor
Composed by C. J. Sedgley. (No 26.) Conducted by Leslie G. Brett.
* 100th peal together. First in the method by all and for the Guild.

HORRINGER, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Leonard.
On Sat., Nov 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 BURNABY DELIGHT MINOR
Being a 2,160 and four extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 lb. in A flat.
Alan M. Barber .. .. Treble | Jennifer M. Whittell 4
Georgina C. M. Carter .. 2 | Brian B. Hullah 5
Neville F. Whittell .. .. 3 | Donald F. Murfet .. .. Tenor
Conducted by Alan M. Barber.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
GULVAL, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Gulval.
On Sat., Nov. 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.
Geoffrey Taysom .. .. Treble | *Jack Harris 4
*Miss M. Christopher .. 2 | *Reginald Wooldridge .. 5
Victor G. Wood .. .. 3 | John Williams .. .. .. Tenor
Conducted by Geoffrey Taysom.
* First peal.
Rung to celebrate Gulval Feast.

PAUL, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Pol de Leon.
On Sat., Nov. 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being four methods—Newark Antelope, Wollaton and Grandsire—and 60 variations Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. in F.
Alan Carveth .. .. .. Treble | F. Malcolm Bowers 4
Robert Peel Pearce .. .. 2 | Timothy J. Bell 5
Anthony J. Davidson .. 3 | W. Reginald Curtis .. .. Tenor
Conducted by Anthony J. Davidson.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
LONDON, S.W.—At the Church of Christ, Mitcham.
On Wed. Nov. 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In 10 methods: Queen Mary, King Edward, Primrose, Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Bourne, Beverley and Surfleet.
Tenor 7¾ cwt. in B flat.
Julian C. West .. .. .. Treble | James E. Andrews .. 4
Jennifer A. Dunning .. 2 | Peter G. Holden 5
*Graham G. Firman .. .. 3 | A. Keith P. Poole .. .. Tenor
Conducted by A. Keith P. Poole.
* First peal of Surprise

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
NORTH STONEHAM Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Nicolas.
On Mon., Nov. 17, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5075 ERIN CATERS
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in G.
Thomas H. Francis .. .. Treble | *Robert E. J. Dennis .. 6
*Derek C. Jackson .. .. 2 | *John S. Croft 7
Katharine J. Maundrell .. 3 | Charles H. Kippin 8
*David J. Forder .. .. 4 | *R. Roger Savory 9
*George E. Evenden .. 5 | *Michael J. Thomas .. .. Tenor
Composed by J. M. Hadley Hunter. Conducted by Robert E. J. Dennis.
* First peal of Erin. First of Erin Caters by the Guild.

NORTH STONEHAM, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Nicolas.
On Sat., Nov. 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5200 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in G.
*Philippa M. Tubbs .. Treble | †Melvyn J. Hiller 6
†Ross G. W. Robertson .. 2 | †‡Timothy F. Collins .. 7
†Katharine J. Maundrell 3 | †‡Graham W Elmes .. 8
†‡Mary E. Elmes .. .. 4 | Frederick E. Collins .. 9
†David Wilson .. .. .. 5 | Ronald N. Marlow .. Tenor
Composed and Conducted by Timothy F. Collins.
* First peal of Royal and of Kent T.B. † First of Royal in the method. ‡ Has now completed the Kent T.B. "family" from Minor to Maximus. Has now completed the Kent T.B. "family" as conductor.

ALVERSTOKE, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Sept. 13, 1969, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F sharp.
Betty J. Daysh .. .. .. Treble | Richard Green 5
Edward W. Colley .. .. 2 | Patrick Page 6
George E. Evenden .. .. 3 | John H. Hunt 7
Thomas H. Francis .. .. 4 | David J. Forder .. .. Tenor
Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by David J. Forder.

EAST TYTHERLEY, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Nov. 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt 1 qr. 25 lb. in F
*Graham W. Elmes .. .. Treble | Ross G. W. Robertson .. 5
†Melvyn J. Hiller .. .. 2 | Timothy F. Collins 6
Mary E. Elmes .. .. 3 | David Wilson 7
Katharine J. Maundrell .. 4 | Brian J. Woodruffe .. .. Tenor
Composed by J. S. Wilde. Conducted by Timothy F. Collins.
* Completes the circle to peals. † First peal of Major in the method.

BARTON STACEY, Hampshire.—At the Church of All Saints
On Wed., Nov. 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 21 extents Grandsire and 21 extents Plain Bob, with six changes of method. Tenor 7 cwt.

Jack C. Wimlet	Treble	Robert G. Crocker	4
Geoffrey K. Dodd	2	David Goss	5
*Christopher Kendal	3	†Frank R. Tonge	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

* First peal away from the tenor. † Has now "circled the tower" three times.

Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. T. Llewellyn.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
WORCESTER.—At the Cathedral Church of Christ and the Blessed Virgin Mary.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1969, in 3 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 49 cwt. 2 qr. in B.

*John J. Stanier	Treble	Geoffrey R. Drew	7
Arthur D. Cook	2	Thomas W. Lewis	8
Robert Edwards	3	J. Alan Ainsworth	9
†Paul Cattermole	4	Arthur C. Berry	10
‡David G. Franklin	5	David Beacham	11
‡Martin Powell	6	John C. Slater	Tenor

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

* 50th peal for the Association. † First on 12 and in the method. ‡ First of Stedman Cinques.

Rung to mark the centenary year of the founding of the original ring of 12 (recast 1928).

WORCESTER.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist in Bedwardine.
On Sat., Aug. 23, 1969, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 BEDWARDINE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in F.

Thomas W. Lewis	Treble	Arthur C Berry	5
John Clements	2	Peter S. Robertson	6
Shirley M. Drew	3	David Beacham	7
Valerie Willard	4	Geoffrey R. Drew	Tenor

Composed by H. Poyner. Conducted by Geoffrey R. Drew.

First peal in the method.

BEDWARDINE SURPRISE MAJOR
—38—14—12—1238—14—38—1256—7. l.h. 12 B.

NORTON, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Egwin.
On Wed., Nov. 12, 1969, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 GRANDSIRE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt in F sharp.

Valerie Willard	Treble	John Clements	5
Shirley M. Drew	2	Christopher Hims	6
Roger H. Hunt	3	Hugh Evans	7
Roman Sadowski	4	Geoffrey R. Drew	Tenor

Composed by W. Eversfield. Conducted by Geoffrey R. Drew.

ASHTON-UNDER-HILL, Glos.—At the Church of St. Barbara.
On Sat., Aug. 30, 1969, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 11 methods: (1) S. Oxford, (2) Oxford T.B., (3) D. Oxford, Thelwall, Pinehurst, (4) Cambridge S., (5) St. Clement's, Childwall, Buxton, (6) Kent T.B., (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in A.

Elizabeth Pouncey	Treble	Shirley M. Drew	4
*Christopher Hims	2	Geoffrey R. Drew	5
Valerie Willard	3	Arthur C. Berry	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey R. Drew.

* First peal in more than one method.

SUCKLEY, Worcs.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Oct 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. in F.

M. Frederick Stallard	Treble	Jack Cale	4
James Ranford	2	Leslie F. Smith	5
Raymond C. Sayers	3	John Clements	Tenor

Conducted by John Clements.

EASTHAM, Worcs.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Nov. 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5400 PLAIN BOB MINIMUS

Being 225 extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in A.

*Anthony C. Freeman	Treble	Roger H. Hunt	3
Christopher J. Pickford	2	Christopher Hims	Tenor

* First peal. First of Minimus for the ringers of 2, 3 and 4. First peal on the bells.

EVESHAM, Worcestershire.—At The Bell Tower.
On Sun., Nov. 16, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 16 lb. in G sharp.

*Rev. Geoffrey C. Smith	Treble	Rev. Albert Webb	4
Geoffrey J. Hemming	2	Geoffrey R. Drew	5
Shirley M. Drew	3	Roger H Hunt	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey R Drew.

* First peal.

Rung for Evensong and to enable the Rev Albert Webb and his curate, the Rev. Geoffrey C. Smith, to ring a peal together in their own tower.

WELLAND, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sat., Nov. 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being eight extents of Plain Bob, six of April Day, three each of Hudibras and Seighford, two of Old, five each of Rev. St Bartholomew, Bluebell, Daffodil and Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt.

Frank Lawrence	Treble	*Christine Manns	4
*Janet Price	2	Bernard Spiers	5
Martyn Hawkes	3	Leslie Dovey	Tenor

Conducted by Martyn Hawkes

* First peal at first attempt.

Rung as a compliment to the Vicar, Canon C. J. Kay, following his installation as an Honorary Canon of Worcester Cathedral.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
WAKEFIELD, Yorkshire.—At the Cathedral Church of All Saints.
On Sun., Nov. 2, 1969, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5005 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 35 cwt. 1 qr. in C.

*R. Anne Johnson	Treble	*Rev. Nicholas Webb	7
*Gail Cater	2	Ian G. Campbell	8
Wilfrid F. Moreton	3	Ronald Ducker	9
Patricia North	4	Stuart Armeson	10
Ian North	5	Trevor Tarbatt	11
*Robert Cater	6	John N. D. Chaddock	Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.

* First peal of Stedman Cinques.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

HALIFAX, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sun., Nov. 2, 1969, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 28 cwt. 14 lb. in D.

Christopher J. Easton	Treble	Robert H. Jordan	6
A. Pattie Clapham	2	Peter H. Gardner	7
Rosamund M. Brown	3	Graham J. N. Colborne	8
John J. Durham	4	Robert A. Beresford	9
Michael G. Dodson	5	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

First peal of Lincolnshire Surprise Royal by all.

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Nov. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 4 lb. in F

Robert A. Beresford	Treble	C. Barrie Dove	5
*A. Pattie Clapham	2	Graham J. N. Colborne	6
*Rosamund M. Brown	3	John J. Durham	7
*A. John Macefield	4	David Featherstone	Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

* First peal of Lincolnshire Surprise Major.

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Mon., Nov. 3, 1969, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 WYCHWOOD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 4 lb. in F.

Robert H. Jordan	Treble	Peter H Gardner	5
Rosamund M. Brown	2	Robert A. Beresford	6
Christopher J. Easton	3	C. Barrie Dove	7
John J. Durham	4	Ronald R. Warford	Tenor

Composed by D. Knox. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

First peal in the method by all.

SOWERBY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Nov. 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. in F

Gail Cater	Treble	*Michael Johnson	5
Patricia North	2	David S. Lockwood	6
Robert Cater	3	*Guy Cox	7
*Margaret White	4	Ian North	Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by Ian North.

* First peal of Double Norwich

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DEATH

HEATH.—In Chippenham Hospital, on December 11th, 1969, Edith Emily, dearly-loved wife of Harry, 89, London Road, Chippenham. 8352

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

GALLEY.—From January 1st Giles will be pleased to see or hear from you at St. Michael's Vicarage, Orchard Park Road, Hull, Yorkshire. Tel.: 0482 853252. 8375

PETT.—Tim and Gillian have moved to 3, West Drive, Aldfield Estate, A.E.R.E., Harwell, Didcot, Berks. Tim's work number is Abingdon 1900, Ext. 533. 8361

NEW YEAR'S GREETING

Best wishes for 1970 to all my friends.—E. T. Paul Field, 17, Stonehill, Stoke-sub-Hamdon, Somerset. 8364

PERSONAL

"For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit which are God's."—1 Corinthians vi, 20.

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MISCELLANEOUS

BUSHEY, St. James'.—Restoration work due to start December 29th. No ringing from this date until further notice. (Estimated time three months.)—C W. Woolley. 8369

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Nominations and notices of motion for the A.G.M., 1970, must reach me by February 1st (Rules VI and IX).—P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Bell Hill, Danbury, Chelmsford. 8355

LADIES GUILD.—Central District.—Ringing week-end, March 21st and 22nd, 1970, in Ringwood area. An invitation is extended to anyone wishing to participate but priority will be given to Ladies' Guild members. All enquiries to me, please, by January 31st, latest. Please enclose s.a.e.—Mrs. J. Hooton, 14, Ranmoor Gardens, Harrow, Middlesex. 8374

New Style Peal Forms are now available from "R.W." office and will be sent on receipt of stamped addressed envelope (4"×9").

NEWHEY Lancashire.—January - March, service ringing, 9–9.30 a.m. and 3–3.30 p.m. Practice as usual, Tuesdays, 7.30–9 p.m. Evensong ringing reverts to 6–6.30 p.m. in April. All visitors most welcome.—Mike Fishwick, Tower Captain

EVENING MEETINGS AND PRACTICES

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the Lord Raglan, St. Martin's-le-Grand, E.C., on Dec. 30th at 8.15 p.m. Practices: Dec. 30th, St. Paul's Cathedral; Jan 6th, St. Michael's, Cornhill; Jan. 13th, St Lawrence Jewry; Jan. 20th, St. Giles', Cripplegate; all at 6.30 p.m.—J. G. A. Prior, 21a, Fieldhouse Road, London, S.W.12. 8351

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—Practice meeting, Chippenham, St. Andrew's (8), Wednesday, Jan. 7th, from 7.30.—M. E. Stracey, Dis. Sec. 8353

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Advanced practice, Guildford Cathedral Monday, Jan. 5th.—S. J. Tate-Mitchell, Dis. Sec. 8385

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting, St. Giles-in-the-Fields' (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station), Monday, Jan. 5th, at 7 p.m. 8372

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Visit to Hampton on Thursday, Jan. 8th. Surprise Royal practice, Hillingdon, Monday, Jan. 12th. District annual meeting will be on Jan. 24th. Committee meeting on Jan. 16th.—M. J. Palmer. 8389

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Evening meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 7th, at Woodstock.—E. Venn, Branch Sec 8380

AFTERNOON MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—Annual meeting on Jan. 3rd, St. Michael with St. Paul's (8). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting, at which a new branch secretary will be elected. Abbey bells after meeting. Names for tea, please, to J. Hobbs, 21, Hill View Road, Larkhall, Bath.—Alan Lee. 8300

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Monthly meeting, Hensingham, on Saturday, Jan. 3rd. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Own arrangements for tea.—Miss D. Gibson, Sec. 8386

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Annual general meeting, ELY, Saturday, Jan. 3rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting and further ringing until 8.30 p.m. 8347

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Annual District meeting, Coggeshall, Jan. 3rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. C. Turner, Starlingleeze Cottage, Coggeshall. 8340

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Eastern District.—Annual general meeting, Writtle, on Saturday, Jan. 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. All welcome.—R. J. Harrison, Dis. Sec. 8334

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—N.E. Branch.—Annual meeting, Tiverton, on Jan 3rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business after. Names to G. Hollis, 26, The Avenue, Tiverton. 8338

HALIFAX ARCHDEACONRY GUILD.—Next meeting at Sowerby, Jan. 3rd. Bells (8) 2.30–9 p.m Service 4.30 p.m. Cups of tea only; please bring own food. 8387

HEREFORD GUILD.—Kington District.—Meeting, Lyonshall, Jan. 3rd. Ringing 3–4.30, followed by service, tea, meeting and ringing. Names for tea to J. Wilce, Bullocks Mill, Kington. 8314

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A.D.M., Hitchin, Saturday, Jan. 3rd. Ringing, Great Wymondley (6), 3–4.15. Service at Hitchin, 4.30. Bells (8) after meeting. Names for tea, please.—Mrs C. A. Agg, 76, Wymondley Road, Hitchin. Tel.: 3612. 8381

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Quarterly meeting, Jan. 3rd, Sevenoaks (8). Bells available for general ringing from 3.45 p.m., followed by service, tea and meeting. Names for tea to Miss D. Colgate, 30, Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks. 8313

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Meeting, Morecambe, Saturday, Jan. 3rd. Bells available from 2.30–5.30 p.m. only. 8365

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Meeting, All Saints', Rainford (8), on Saturday Jan. 3rd, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, to Mr. T. Singleton, 84, Church Road, Rainford, St. Helens, by **Tuesday, Dec. 30th.** Special method, Rutland. All welcome.—C. D'Aeth, Hon. Sec. 8367

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—The annual District meeting will be held at Wigston Magna on Jan. 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by annual meeting. Names for tea to Mr. J. Harrold, 38, Central Avenue, Wigston Magna, Leicester, by Wednesday, Dec. 31st.—Ron Hughes, Dis. Sec. 8383

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oundle Branch.—Annual meeting, Oundle, on Jan. 3rd. Names for tea to A. H. Hinton, Police Station, Warmington, Peterborough, by Dec. 31st. 8354

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.—A.G.M. to be held on Saturday, Jan. 3rd, in the Parish Hall of St. Martin at 4.30 p.m. Cathedral bells available 3.30–4.20 p.m., and also St Martin's after meeting.—R. J. T. 8390

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—A.G.M., Swanage, Jan. 3rd. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Further ringing after meeting. Names for tea to Mrs. M. Howitt, Swanston, Russell Avenue, Swanage, by Wednesday, Dec. 31st. 8312

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The annual meeting of the Branch will be held on Saturday, January 3rd, at Holy Trinity (8), Bradford-on-Avon. Ringing commences at 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30 followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea, please, to Mr G B. Davis, 18, King Alfred Way, Winsley, Bradford-on-Avon, Wilts, not later than Jan. 1st. 8231

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan 3rd, St. Mary's, Nottingham. Bells (10) from 3 p.m Tea in St. Mary's Church Hall, Barker Gate, for those who notify Mrs. E. Beardsley, 139, Surgeys Lane, Arnold, Nottingham, by Dec 31st. Business meeting after tea.—S. Adams. 8332

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Annual meeting, Frome, Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 8368

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Annual meeting will be held at Maulden (8) on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Arrangements: Ringing from 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30, followed by tea and biscuits in the Church Hall, prior to the business meeting. Further ringing available afterwards. A **buffet social** (complete with bar) at 8 o'clock in the Hall. **Tickets (5/- each)** are obtainable before the day from chairman, secretary or ringing masters. Anyone of any age made welcome. 8357

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Michael's (12), Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. (nearby cafés). Short meeting in belfry 6 p.m. Ringing till 9 p.m. 8373

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Annual District meeting at Cambridge, Jan. 10th. St. Bene't's also Great St. Andrew's 3–4.15 p.m. Service, St. Michael's Hall, Trinity Street, 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Great St. Mary's, 7–8 p.m.—J. S. 8371

HEREFORD GUILD.—Bromyard District.—Annual meeting, Jan. 10th, Bromyard, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Reservations, please, to R. L. Price, 18, New Road, Bromyard, by 8th. 8370

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting, Staplehurst, Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss F. Tomlin, Lime Trees, Staplehurst. District advanced practices first Tuesday in each month: Jan. 6th, Aylesford; Feb. 3rd, Leeds; March 3rd, Linton. 8356

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, Jan. 10th, at Flookburgh. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. T. F. Metcalfe, 49, Station Road, Flookburgh, Grange-over-Sands.—T. F. Metcalfe. 8366

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at Our Lady and St. Nicholas Church, Pierhead, Saturday, Jan. 10th, Bells (12) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss M. E. White, Mildmay, Blackburne Place, Liverpool, L8 7PQ, by Wednesday, Jan. 7th. No name, no tea. Everyone welcome.—G. K. A.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. — Annual Branch meeting, Saturday, Jan. 10th, Heywood. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Business 6 p.m. Names for tea (6/6 each, approx.) to Miss C. Broadley, 6, Marcliffe Drive, Rochdale, by Wednesday, 7th. No name, no tea.—G. Cheetham, Branch Sec. 8326

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—The District A.G.M. will be held on Saturday, Jan. 10th, at Whitwick. Ringing: Hugglescote (8), 3–4 p.m.; Whitwick (8), 3.45–4.30 p.m. and evening. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, followed by business meeting in the Church Hall, 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Beniston, 171, Hall Lane, Whitwick, Leicestershire, by Wednesday, January 7th.—H. S. W. W., Dis. Sec.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—The District annual meeting will be held at Syston on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea to Mr. J. Rickaby, 1044 Melton Road, Syston (Tel., Syston 2819), by Jan. 7th. 8376

NORWICH ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch.—Monthly practice meeting, Lyng (5), Saturday, Jan. 10th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. and ringing at Salle (8). Names for tea to Rev. P. Kelly, Reepham Rectory, Reepham, NOR 69X (Tel.: Reepham 220). 8282

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Annual general meeting at Daventry (10), Saturday, Jan. 10th. Names for tea to H. Johnson, Greenford, Badby Road West, Daventry, by Wednesday previous. 8377

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Dorchester Branch.—A.G.M., St. Peter's, Dorchester, Jan. 10th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. R. H. Duke, 2, River View, St. George's Close, Fordington, Dorchester, by Wednesday previous. 8327

SUFFOLK GUILD. — North West District. —Ringing meeting, Mildenhall (10), Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells from 2.30 to 8.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting follows. Names for tea, **please**, to Mr. P. Goodwin, 15, Brandon Road, Mildenhall, Suffolk.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—A.G.M., Highclere, Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. K. Dodd, 7, White City, Woolton Hill, Newbury, Berks. 8315

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. —A.G.M. Orsett (6), Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Further ringing after meeting. Names for tea, please, to Mr. F. Blatch, 103, High Road, Orsett, Essex. All welcome 8360

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting, SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Shorne, on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. J. Beer, 14, Warren View, Shorne, Gravesend, by previous Wednesday, please.—D. P. Leworthy 8388

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Annual meeting, Spalding Parish Church, Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by the annual meeting. Names for tea to Mr. J. Porter, 12, Exeter Drive, Spalding (Tel.: 4462), by Wednesday, Jan. 14th. 8343

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. — Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 17th, St. Martin-in-the-Fields'. Ringing details later.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch. — Quarterly meeting, St. Thomas's, Stourbridge, on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. and after meeting. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea, which are essential to avoid disappointment, to me by 14th.—M. D. Fellows, Branch Sec., 14, Western Road, Stourbridge, Worcs. 8325

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, Jan. 10th, ANNUAL NOMINATION MEETING. Afternoon ringing, St. Mary's, Barnes, 2.30–3.45 p.m. Tea and business at Fulham Parish Hall, Fulham High Street, 4. Evening ringing, All Saints', Fulham, 6.30–8.30 p.m. Nominations for election to office in the Association to be received at this meeting. Advanced notice: A.G.M., Saturday, Feb. 14th. Annual dinner, Feb. 28th. 8339

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

GENERAL MEETING at WAKEFIELD

On Saturday, January 17th, 1970.

Service in the Cathedral at 4 p.m.

Tea in the Youth Centre, Zetland Street, at 4.30.

The General Meeting will follow tea and be on the same premises.

Voting will take place on the important propositions on the alterations to the Rules.

Names (not just numbers) for tea to W. F. Moreton, 6, Bar Lane, Wakefield, by Tuesday, January 13th.

Tea tickets will be sent to those who enclose a s.a.e. and given (at the Cathedral between 3.15 and 3.45 on 17th) to others who book.

Towers will be open as follows:
Darrington (6, vertical ladder), 10.30–11.30
All Saints', Pontefract (8), 11–12
Wragby (6), 12–1
Ossett (10), 2–3.30
Wakefield (12), 2–3.45 and in the evening
East Ardsley (8), 7–8.30
Crofton (6), 7–8.30

W. F. MORETON. 8310

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)
ECCLESFIELD, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
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Christopher Newton	Treble	*Malcolm S. Turner	5
*Margaret White	2	Philip Charlesworth	6
Patricia North	3	Stuart Armeson	7
Alec Beaumont	4	Ian North	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Stuart Armeson.
* First peal of Surprise Major "inside."

MIDDLEHAM, Yorkshire.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Alkelda.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Fred Hodgson	Treble	*Stephen R. Munday	5
Enid Lawson	2	*David Farrar	6
Thomas Cooke	3	*Stephen L. Green	7
Tom M Cox	4	Frederick A. Munday	Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Frederick A. Munday.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 18 cwt. 8 lb. in E.

DORE, Yorkshire.—At Christ Church.
On Sat., Nov. 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 24 lb. in G.

Jean M Bower	Treble	M. Alec Beaumont	5
Patricia North	2	David Nichols	6
Ian North	3	Trevor Tarbatt	7
Richard Farnsworth	4	J. Henry Fielden	Tenor

Composed by C. P Starbuck. Conducted by J. Henry Fielden.
Rung to mark the enthronement of the Bishop of Derby.

WRAGBY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and Our Lady.
On Wed., Nov. 12, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN MINOR
Being seven extents in seven methods: Double Bob, Single Court, Double Court, Oxford Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in G.

Anne E. C. Whittaker	Treble	Peter Carbutt	4
Gail Cater	2	R. Gordon Corby	5
Robert Cater	3	Wilfrid F. Moreton (cond.)	Tenor

THE ANTIENT FRATERNITY OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF ENGLAND.
EVESHAM, Worcestershire.—At the Bell Tower.
On Sat., Nov. 8, 1969, in 3 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5081 GRANDSIRE CINQUES
Knight's. Tenor 35 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in C sharp.
Bro. Herbert C. Spencer, No. 2659—Northcote Lodge .. Treble
Bro. William A. Theobald, No 1604—Wanderers Lodge .. 2
Bro. E. Trevor Newbury, No. 6949—Mythe Lodge .. 3
Bro. W. Bertram Kynaston, No. 355—Royal Sussex Lodge .. 4
W. Bro. Richard C. Ingram, No. 4993—Orion Lodge .. 5
W. Bro. Rev. Albert Webb, No. 7458—St. John in Bedwardine 6
Bro. Fred Price, No. 3180—Rowena Lodge .. 7
W. Bro. William H. Coles, No. 3174—Hillingdon Lodge .. 8
Bro. D. Kay Adkins, No. 7240—Buttercross Lodge .. 9
W. Bro. Peter J. Staniforth, No. 4835—Highcross Lodge .. 10
Bro. Frank C. Price, No. 5634—Hanworth Park Lodge .. 11
Bro. Thomas J. Setter, No. 5007—Progressive Science Lodge .. Tenor
Conducted by Bro Frank C. Price.
Rung in memoriam M.W. Bro. Rt. Hon. the Earl of Scarbrough, K.G., G.C.S.I., G.C.I.E., G.C.V.O., T.D.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
BROMBOROUGH, Cheshire.—At 35, Croft Avenue.
On Fri., Nov. 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Charles F. Pocock	1–2	*Eric J. Gilbert	5–6
Robert Peers	3–4	F. Leslie Coventry	7–8

Composed by C. K. Lewis. Conducted by Eric J. Gilbert.
* 200th peal and first as conductor in Major.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
WATFORD, Herts.—At 15, Harford Drive.
On Mon., Nov. 24, 1969, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MAXIMUS
In ten methods, comprising 960 of Newgate, 720 of Yorkshire, 480 each of Clifton, Ealing, Fulham, Leatherhead, Londinium and York, and 240 each of Leicestershire and Wigston; 104 changes of method.

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	1–2	Martyn L. J. Jordan	7–8
John R. Mayne	3–4	Julia A. Fellows	9–10
Roger Baldwin	5–6	Frank C. Price	11–12

Composed and Conducted by John R. Mayne.
First peal of Spliced Surprise Maximus in ten methods by all the band and for the Association. Tenor size 15 in C.

CLIFTON SURPRISE MAXIMUS
mx—56—14—78—36.14.9T.14.58.9T.14.9T.70—56—9T—78—1T.

FULHAM SURPRISE MAXIMUS
mx.56—56.14—5T—36.14—14.5T—14—3T—34—3T—34—1T

(St. Peter's Society, St. Albans)
ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire.—In St Peter's Church belfry.
Sun., Oct. 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Kenneth J. Darvill	1–2	Harold V. Frost	5–6
*Frances Dodds	3–4	Elizabeth Forster	7–8

Arranged by B. J. Woodruffe. Conducted by Kenneth J. Darvill.
* First peal on eight handbells. First handbell peal by the St. Peter's Society since 1890. Tenor size 16 in B.

ST. ALBANS, Herts.—At 23, Culver Road.
On Sun., Nov. 9, 1969, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

*Katherine S. Hardy	1–2	Julia A. Fellows	5–6
Gerald Penney	3–4	Keith J. Walpole	7–8
*Robert E. Hardy	9–10		

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Gerald Penney.
* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal. Tenor size 16 in B flat.

WHEATHAMPSTEAD, Herts.—At 13, Tudor Road.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Kenneth J. Darvill	1–2	*Roger D. R. Brown	5–6
Keith J. Walpole	3–4	†Andrew W. R. Wilby	7–8

Composed by W. Hudson. Conducted by Kenneth J. Darvill.
* First peal in the method. † First of Treble Bob.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
FRINDSBURY, Kent.—At 12 Hever House, Cypress Court.
On Wed., Nov. 12, 1969, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 10 in A.

Trevor A. Cross	1–2	Christopher T. Osenton	5–6
Frank J. Matthews	3–4	Peter S. Muchlinski	7–8
Stuart Sandford	9–10		

Composed by H. J. Tucker. Conducted by Trevor A. Cross.

HE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Bettyfold.
On Fri., Nov. 14, 1969, in 1 Hour and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 18 methods in the following extents: (1) Yaxley Alliance and Little Bob, (2) Cumberland and Horsmonden, (3) Single Oxford, Single Court and Original, (4) Ennerdale and Killarney, (5) Reverse, St. Clement's College, College, Double and Plain, (6) Hereward and Double Oxford, (7) Double Court and London Tenor size 14 in D.

Joseph Whalley	1–2	Mary W. Whalley	3–4
Kevin M. Price (cond.)	5–6		

First peal in 18 methods by all.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
LEICESTER.—At The Wayside, 150, Narborough Road South.
On Wed., Oct. 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor size 15 in C.

Mrs. P. J. Staniforth	1–2	Alfred Ballard	7–8
*Julia A. Fellows	3–4	David F. Moore	9–10
Peter J. Staniforth	5–6	*Rupert A. Clarke	11–12

Composed by F H. Dexter. Conducted by Peter J. Staniforth.
* First peal of Stedman Cinques "in hand."

THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.
MANCHESTER, Lancashire.—At Room A24, St. Anselm Hall, Victoria Park.
On Wed., Nov. 5, 1969, in 1 Hour and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

Margaret L. Ellwood	1–2	Hamish M. McNaughton	3–4
*M. C. W. Sherwood (cond.)	5–6		

* 100th peal. First on handbells by all.

MANCHESTER, Lancs.—In Room A24, St. Anselm Hall, Victoria Park.
On Wed., Nov. 19, 1969, in 1 Hour and 26 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

Margaret L. Ellwood	1–2	Hamish M. McNaughton	3–4
M. C. W. Sherwood (cond.)	5–6		

Conducted by Marcus C. W. Sherwood.

MANCHESTER, Lancs.—In Room A24, St. Anselm Hall, Victoria Park.
On Wed., Nov. 26, 1969, in 1 Hour and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Seven different extents in two methods, being two extents of Double Bob and five of Plain Bob. Tenor size 15 in C.

Margaret L. Ellwood	1–2	Hamish M. McNaughton	3–4
M. C. W. Sherwood (cond.)	5–6		

Conducted by Marcus C. W. Sherwood.
First peal in two methods on handbells for all.

WEMBURY, DEVON.—On Nov. 24th, 1,607 Cambridge Surprise Minor: D. Pearce 1, S. Peirce 2, J. Steer (first in method) 3, A. Frost 4, G. Mudge 5, N. Mallett (cond.) 6. To mark the 50th anniversary of the South West Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers.

WENTWORTH, YORKS. — On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (seven methods): T. Cairns 1, R. R. Nalliah 2, D. Hunton 3, A. King 4, M. King (cond.) 5, R. Grundy 6. Rung by the local band for Advent.

WEST TARRING, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Linda Goode (first Minor) 1, Brenda I. Cox 2, D. A. Smith 3, G. R. Hills 4, A. M. Horn 5, R. M. Cox (cond.) 6.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,440 Grandsire Minor: K. Gamm 1, W. A. Hughes 2, L. W. G. Skinner 3, W. A. Hollamby 4, A. S. Richards (cond.) 5, S. H. Gay 6. First Grandsire Minor for all.

WIMBLEDON, S.W. — On Nov. 23rd, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: D. C. Budd 1, Deborah Bishop 2, Caroline Bagworth 3, F. Seabright (first Surprise) 4, A. S. Bishop (cond.) 5, A. E. Bagworth 6.

WOOD GREEN, LONDON.—On Nov. 24th, 1,280 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): Janice Hawes (first quarter) 1, Stephanie M. A. Green 2, D. F. Willcocks 3, W. C. G. Wainwright 4, A. G. Spreadbury (cond.) 5, N. J. Peters 6. A 25th birthday compliment to the ringer of 3rd.

WORLE, SOM.—On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): W. Lovell 1, H. Hooper 2, G. Prescott 3, J. Coombs (cond.) 4, S. Lewis 5, W. Kingsbury 6. Rung for the golden wedding anniversary of Mr C. Norman (churchwarden) and Mrs. Norman.

ADLESTROP, GLOS. — On Sept. 20th, 1,260 P.B. and Grandsire Doubles: R. Philpott 1, R. Williams (cond.) 2, R. Huddleston 3, J. Long 4, D. Huddleston 5.

ALDERSHOT, HANTS. — On Nov. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Brenda Clist (13, first quarter) 1, Miss S. J. Tate-Mitchell 2, W. Viggers 3, R. Clist 4, Edna Siggery 5, D. P. Elsmore 6, T. Page (cond.) 7, L. Moody 8. Also on Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Moody 1, W. Viggers (cond.) 2, Miss S. J. Tate-Mitchell 3, Miss E. Stewart 4, Edna Siggery 5, R. Clist 6, T. Page 7, W. Siggery 8. Also on Nov. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Moody 1, Miss E. Stewart 2, Miss S. J. Tate-Mitchell 3, Miss A. Freeman (first Triples) 4, W. Viggers 5, T. Page 6, D. P. Elsmore (cond.) 7, L. Moody 8. Also on Dec. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Stewart 1, Edna Siggery 2, Miss J. Edmunds 3, Miss S. J. Tate-Mitchell 4, D. P. Elsmore 5, R. Clist 6, T. Page (cond.) 7, W. Siggery 8.

QUARTER PEALS

APPLETON, BERKS.—On Dec. 8th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: P. H. Leslie 1, B. R. White (cond.) 2, F. A. H. Wilkins 3, V. J. White 4, J. R. Mitty 5, F. White 6, D. A. Leslie 7, F. C. White 8, F. A. White 9, H. White 10. Half-muffled in memoriam Cyril J. Hibbert.

BATTERSEA, LONDON.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Susan D. A. Trousdale 1, M. Herbert (first "inside") 3, Margaret A. Robinson 4, J. Rea 5, Sandra C. Thexton 6, R. J. Cooles (cond.) 7, D. R. Tipler 8.

BEVERLEY, YORKS. — At St. Mary's Church, on Oct. 29th, 1,264 Plain Major: W. Atkinson 1, D. Garner 2, G. Try 3, J. Atkinson 4, P. Church 5, A. Shingles 6, J. Chaddock (cond.) 7, J. Brook 8. Also on Nov. 9th, 1,120 P.B. Major: C. Rose 1, A. Treble 2, W. Atkinson 3, H. Goode 4, G. Try 5, J. Atkinson 6, J. Brook 7, J. Chaddock (cond.) 8. Welcome to the Archbishop of York.

BISHOPSTOKE, HANTS.—On Nov. 30th, 1,320 P. Bob Doubles (on middle five): Janet Anstey (first quarter) 1, Anna Tobias 2, Pip Menniss 3, I. M. McCallion 4, J. P. Colliss (cond.) 5, T. J. Frodsham 6, R. Le Marechal 7. For St. Andrew's Day and Pip Menniss's parents' silver wedding.

BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS.—At St. Peter's Church, on Dec. 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay 1, D. Grimwood 2, Kathleen E. Fletcher 3, D. T. Matkin (cond.) 4, E. Booth 5, R. Pike 6, C. Conway 7, J. Keeler (first Stedman) 8.

BRACKLEY, GLOS.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Andrews 1, Wendy Meadows 2, R. Philpott (cond.) 3, R. Brewer 4, J. Long 5, L. Meadows 6.

BRAFIELD-ON-THE-GREEN, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. R. Jones 1, L. Battison 2, S. Griffiths 3, Anne Henman 4, P. Jones 5, D. J. Morgan (first as cond.) 6. To welcome Rev. John Gwinnett.

BRAY, CO. WICKLOW. — On Dec. 6th, 1,500 Doubles (Rev. Cant., Plain Bob): H. J. F. Hynes 1, C. A. Lewis (cond.) 2, Mrs. G. E. Lewis 3, J. Shields 4 R. Corson 5, A. R. MacKenzie 6.

BRINKLOW, WARKS.—On Dec. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Patsy Howes (first quarter) 1, B. Elliott 2, Betsy Mountford (first "inside") 3, G. Pluckrose 4, D. Mountford 5, G. Pratt (cond.) 6. A compliment to ringer of 1 and Philippa Garrard on gaining their Guides' bellringing badges.

BRISTOL.—At St. Mary's, Redcliffe, on Nov. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Nicoll 1, N. P. Hancock 2, Miss J. Murrell 3, J. Price 4, W. Adams 5, S. Badman 6, E. F. Hancock (cond.) 7, T. Bradley 8. First quarter 1, 8. For the engagement of Norman Peter Hancock to Sheila Ann Tudor.

BRISTOL.—At St. Michael's, on Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (11 m/v/s): Clare Jarvis 1, I. Newell 2, J. Drage 3, R. H. Youdale 4, S. Royal (cond.) 5. Also at 24, The Mall, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: P. C. Randall (cond.) 1-2, M. J. Platt 3-4, P. J. Kingscote 5-6.

BURFORD, OXON.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Prince 1, B. W. Hall (cond.) 2, R. Grange (first Triples) 3, M. Collett 4, J. Collett 5, T. Hester 6, T. Timms 7, W. Dixon 8. For Confirmation.

CARDIFF.—On Nov. 30th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. G. Evans 1, M. Pilgrim 2, Mrs. A. Pilgrim 3, P. Thomas 4, P. Williams 5, W. Harford 6, F. Cornley 7, J. Clatworthy 8, M. J. Pryor (cond.) 9, T. T. Yeomans 10. For Confirmation, also an 81st birthday compliment to Mrs. L. Witchell, church caretaker for 26 years.

CASTLE CARY, SOM. — On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. L. Andrews 1, W. A. Osborn 2, Mrs. L. Sherrell 3, W. J. Tiley 4, K. L. Laver (first as cond.) 5, W. Sherrell 6.

CHIGWELL, ESSEX.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: A. F. Crowson 1, Leslie C. Tibbitts 2, Marion A. Cass (first as cond.) 3, Maureen J. Carruthers 4, J. E. Murfitt 5, P. D. Austin 6.

COMPTON BISHOP, SOM.—On Nov. 30th, 1,320 St. Andrew's Doubles: Gwen Hooper 1, S. Lewis 2, Susan Stott 3, C. Fields 4, H. Hooper (cond.) 5, B. Dodds 6. First quarter of this method to be rung for Axbridge Branch. For St. Andrew's Day.

CONSTANTINE, CORNWALL. — 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Barbara Duck 1, P. Mossop (first "inside") 2, Rosemary Guy 3, L. Allen 4, Mrs. P. Mossop (first as cond.) 5, Susan Bell (first quarter) 6. For the 100th birthday celebration of John Warren, of Port Navas, Constantine.

DUBLIN. — At St. Patrick's Cathedral, on Nov. 22nd, 1,260 P.B. and Grandsire Doubles (on middle six): Jane Potter 1, W. D. Saarsteiner 2, D. A. McEndoo (cond.) 3, C. J. Reede 4, J. P. O. Barry 5, P. J. Pardoe (first quarter) 6. A compliment to Mr. Tom White on his retirement and Mr. Johnny Walker for his work on the bells.

EARL'S CROOME, WORCS.—On Dec. 5th, 1,272 Allendale Surprise Minor: F. Lawrence 1, Miss V. Willard 2, B. Spiers 3, M. Hawkes 4, D. Price 5, J. Clements (cond.) 6. First in method by all.

CLUES

ACROSS

1 Secure with a coup de main? (8)
5 Peter sounds like a lodger (6)
9 It's difficult to understand what is this (3, 5)
10 People sit in these strangely enough (6)
12 Sometimes provided for the tenor man's toes (5)
13 Ten came with the New Testament to make law (9)
14 Wise precaution for an old man's side pain (6, 2, 4)
18 Learners (12)
21 Tense with faults (9)
23 Home for most ringers means this (5)
24 Went with Pipe's Pilgrims perhaps (6)
25 Takes the tenor away? (8)
26 Bob can make the hunter into this (6)
27 Stated to be a lock returned to Edward (8)

DOWN

1 Free from fraud (6)
2 The essence of the thing (6)
3 She left her needle on the Embankment (9)
4 Sometimes these are noted in peal footnotes (7, 5)
6 In the tower a major band makes one (5)
7 Refrain from sin (2, 2, 4)
8 They result from selective employment tax in an upset shop (8)
11 They may be the bell variety for certain belles (7, 5)
15 One can only head South from here (5, 4)
16 It's printed without it being necessary here (8)
17 This interest is not simple (8)
19 Least adulterated (6)
20 Annoyed but sedate to begin with (6)
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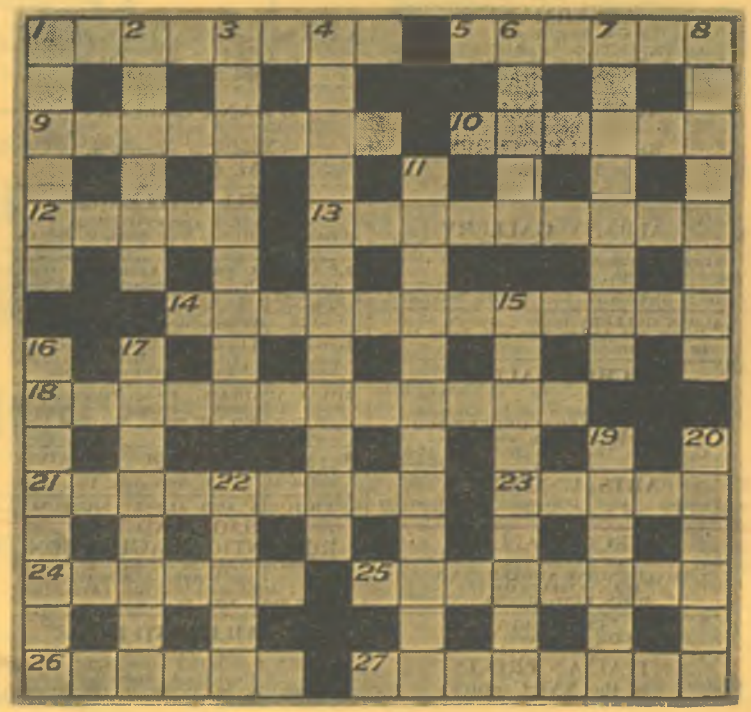

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Ilkley, May 26th, 1970

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